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Iron County Deputy Sheriff James ~~Wicklund~~ Wicklund. Officer 3 1/2 years.
26 years old. ~~715-561-3800~~ (interviewed in sheriff's office ^(Hurley, Wis.) 5/11/75)
This happened night of March 13.

It was on Rt. 77 in Iron County near Ashland County line (This is east of Mellen, where UFO landing occurred) (What time of night?) 10:30 to 11. (What was it you saw?) They told us this thing was coming toward us and we went out and looked. (Who is we?) Victor Morella, a former deputy I used to work with and me. So, we went out there and looked in ~~the~~ ^{that} direction where they had seen this thing and it looked like a bright star, a real, real bright star, going from side to side and up and down. It looked like it was coming toward us. It was so far away it still had that, you know, it looked like a star. (But there was definite ~~movement~~ movement?) Oh, definitely! (Not the wavering like you're watching a star and it appears to be moving?) No, it would move up and down and from side to side, but in all that time it was just real bright and changing a little bit of color. It would get a little green and go back to normal white. (Could you estimate how far away it was from you?) No, I sat there and watched it and ~~then looked over towards~~ ^{then looked over towards} Birch Hill ((on US ² ~~R~~ about 14 miles due north))) and seen another one similar to the first one. We saw three that night. I followed it (((Watched it))) all the way back to the Sheriff's Office ((in Hurley, Wis.))) and it was still in the sky. As much as I could keep watching it while driving. It was still there when got back. (When you got back here did it appeared to be still changing colors?) No, I wasn't even sure if I had the right thing by that time. (You say you saw three that night) well, we seen one of them in the Birch Hill direction. Then while we were driving on Rt 77 going back east this thing came across the sky as quick as can be. We shut off the lights because we thought it was our movement that was making it look like it was moving. We shut off the lights and stopped the car and we could see it and all of a sudden it just disappeared. It was just like a shooting star except it was shooting

upwards.. But that was so far away, it looked like it burned up or something. (Is this off to the south or?) No, that was in an easterly direction (The first one you saw was--) Northeast more or less. (first one you saw was near the Ashland County line?) Yes. (Did you meet up with any deputies from Ashland?) Yes, there were two deputies and then they called their undersheriff and he looked at it also, George Ree. (Do you know who the other deputies are?) no. (What did the first one do?) It just seemed to dance around and, not that much movement, but it danced a little to the right, a little to the left, it started coming at us . . . but it was such a long distance away. Like I say, it was the brightest star in the sky and it was ~~it~~ just movin', that's the only difference. (But you could distinctly notice a change in colors?) Yes. I took two or three pictures of it but ~~it~~ ^{it} never showed up. (The second one you say you saw off toward Birch Hill?) That was in between trees. We even lined ~~it~~ it up with trees and it was dancing to the opposite side of the tree and up and down. I think they had somebody in the fire tower up there at the same time ((Ashland deputies Maynard Whitebird and John Le Mieux were in the Birch Hill fire tower part of the evening))) (You were near Tyler Fork on Rt 77?) Yes . . .

~~I didn't hear it~~ I didn't hear it over the radio but they did in the office when they heard a swooshing here, ~~the swooshing~~ going over Pete's car ((Ashland Deputy Pete Drolson, who was on a dirt road at the edge of Lake Superior approximately 5 miles northwest of Birch Hill, saw bright white light from UFO pass close overhead))) The radios went off for a split second. (they didn't go out in my car but they ~~didn't~~ went out here because one of the officers said he could hear two of them--the swooshing. But it didn't cut out on mine and this is a base station so I couldn't understand it. (Did you hear the whoosh?) No I didn't. I didn't. I didn't hear nothing and that's why I couldn't understand why they heard it (((the swooshing sound)))) and I didn't. Everybody else heard it except me. . . .

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(Where were you when Drolson heard/saw the UFO?) I don't recall. I think I was on my way back in to the office on Rt 77 . . .

. . . When I was in the Coast Guard we used to see things like this flying over Lake Superior (When was this?) People'd call us up and say there's so-and-so in the sky. A lot of times we'd see things that were moving, and real quick we'd call the Air Force (And what did the Air Force say to you?) The Air Force would never say anything. they had no planes up and they couldn't catch anything on radar (when were you in the Coast Guard ~~1966-1970~~ 1966 to 1970 (On the Great Lakes?) Lake Superior, Duluth , Bayfield, _____ (2 other places couldn't make out) (And you could see things over Lake Superior,} You could go sit out on the steps and see things going thru the skies. They did tell us when they (((Air Force))) were dropping flares off _____ Peninsula. They did tell us when they were doing that.

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John Baker, 13 (on 7/4/57)

Q. Where were you when all this happened?

A. I was upstairs listening to the ballgame with my brother and when all of a sudden my sister came running upstairs and said there was a flying saucer on the road and I went to the window in my mom and dad's room and looked out the window. I could see this thing. It was just real bright. It was a real big bright light, one big thing so bright it was burning your eyes.

Q. Any colors?

A. Yes, they were quite dull. Like green and blue and red around it, dull and then there was one big bright light that lighted up the whole thing.

Q. Were the red and blue lights individual lights?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you go downstairs and go outside?

A. I went downstairs, put my shoes on and my dad was going to go outside and I went with him down to our driveway and we walked about that far.

Q. Maybe 30 feet from the house?

A. Yes.

Q. You and your dad and who else?

A. My sister and Jeff too.

Q. Did you go into the road at all?

A. No, we just went into the driveway.

Q. Was it pretty cold?

A. Yes.

Q. What did you see from the driveway--did you get a better look at it?

A. Yes, a better look. You could kind of make out the shape. It was just like a dome like.

Q. Could you see the bottom at all?

A. No, the light was too bright. It was kind of shining up the snow.

Q. Was the area round the thing lighted--could you see the trees?

A. Yes, the trees that were close to it.

Q. When you got up a little closer in the driveway, you say dome shaped?

A. Yes.

Q. And what did the lights look like from there?

A. There was a big bright light, like in the middle of it, like a doorway.

Q. And light was coming from inside of this thing then?

A. Yes, in the middle of it.

Q. How big was this. Was it like a regular door or was it rounded

Q. In the corners or what?

A. It was quite big.

Q. As big as half the size of the object?

A. No, it was just a part of it. Just a door.

Q. But the light coming from that was bright enough you couldn't make out the bottom of the object?

A. I didn't really look at it like that.

Q. What kind of a noise was it making at this time.

A. Kind of a screeching noise.

Q. Did you hear the banging sound?

A. No, I was here with my dad when he was phoning the sheriff.

Q. You mean when it left. But your dad mentioned a banging sound, like someone was hitting something with a hammer.

A. Oh, yeah. My sister and my brother Monty heard the boom when it left. The rest of us were in here around the phone.

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A. (banging sound) Oh, yeah. Out toward the doorway there was a clanging ~~xxx~~ sound, a banging sound. Like tin hitting against tin.

Q. Were there very many of these clanging ~~noises~~ noises?

A. Oh yeah, like they were repairing something, it kept on doing it.

Q. How long did you stay outside watching this?

A. About 5 minutes.

Q. Was it pretty cold that night?

A. Yeah, very cold.

Q. But it was clear.

A. Yes, it was clear. you could see the stars.

Q. Was the moon out that night?

A. I don't know.

Self Maker, 11

Q. Where were you when this happened?

A. I was in the kitchen making a peanut butter sandwich.

Q. And Jane came in the side kitchen door?

A. Yes. She said there was something on the road.

Q. What did you do?

A. My dad up and went out and I put my slippers on and went out.

Q. What did you see?

A. Just a bright light, with a dome shape.

Q. Did you see the different colored lights around the side?

A. No, just the bright light.

Q. What kind of noise did it make?

A. Kind of a whining sound.

Q. Was there a banging sound in there?

A. Yes, a kind of tapping.

Q. When your dad went in to call the sheriff, where were you?

A. We were all inside then.

Q. Did you hear the noise when it left?

A. No.

Q. Did you go back outside after the phone call?

A. Yes.

Q. When the sheriff came, did you go up there to see what it was?

A. No.

Q. Did anyone go up there?

A. Just the sheriff.

Q. And he didn't see anything?

A. No.

Q. Did you go up there the next day?

A. Yes. The snow was all fluffed up and the bicycle tracks were erased.

Q. Any shape to this fluffing. Was the snow very deep there?

A. No.

Q. Whose bicycles, yours and John's?

A. Yes.

Q. Had you ridden up there the day before and this is what made the tracks.

A. Yes.

Q. And this thing had set down and erased the tracks?

A. Yes.

Q. Was there any shape to it or just fluffed up?

A. Just fluffed up.

Q. I think that you are to intercept in the basketball game in on radio to my much attention to that happened. That's -- but you were listening to:

A. The basketball game. Washburn and Jackson schools.

Q. You looked out the window, though, right?

A. Yes, I looked out the window and I came downstairs for a while but I didn't go outside. I guess I wasn't that curious.

Q. What did you see out there through the window?

A. At first I thought the hill was lit up. You could see something was there. I came back upstairs while my dad was on the phone and when I was back upstairs I heard a boom and I looked outside and it was gone.

Q. Who else heard the boom? Jane?

A. Yeah. We were the only ones.

Q. You didn't look out the window much at all?

A. No, I was on the wrong side of the house.

Q. So to look out at it, you had to go into your parents' bedroom?

A. Yeah,

Q. Did you go up there the next morning?

A. Yes, early the next morning.

Q. And what did you see.

A. At first I didn't see anything, but after looking a little while I could see one part. The sheriff's tracks were there but in one part the bicycle tracks had been wiped out.

Q. How far were they wiped out?

A. About 12 feet, 12 to 15 feet.

Q. How far did the sheriff go?

A. He went to the end of the road and came back.

Q. But you saw his tracks all the way?

A. Yes.

Q. And he'd gone right thru the spot where the bike tracks were erased.

A. Yes.

Q. How far does the road go beyond your house.

A. About half a mile.

Q. Nobody else lives on that road, right?

A. No.

Q. And your nearest neighbor up on Rt 77 is how far away?

A. About a third to half a mile.

Q. What year you in in high school

Q. Did anyone else come out the next day?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you lead them up there to see the tracks (yes.). And what did they see?

A. It was a little melted. It was a hot day the next day. Not real hot but enough to melt the snow.

Q. Was that George Lee or somebody else?

A. George Lee and several other guys, two college students and a guy from Civil Defense.

Q. Did they see the tracks?

A. Yes, they could see, it was partly visible.

Q. The guy from Civil Defense, would that be Bob Ante?

A. Yeah.

Mrs. Phil Chen: 44-3886-2701 (by phone 11/1/75)

I really didn't see too much because I just went to the door and I was locked out. I didn't see anything, really.

Q. Kitchen door?

A. Yeah. All I saw was lights and I heard the noise. I can't even describe the noise, it was so long ago.

Q. What did the lights look like?

A. Kind of flashing. I thought they were kind of greenish, or greenish-blue and reds. Alternating colors.

Q. Why didn't you go outside?

A. I don't know. There was a lot of snow--and I didn't know what it was, and it was kind of icky out. I just didn't feel like going out at the time. And I told Monty, and he said it was nothing, so I said, Ok, I won't go outside then.

Q. How long did you watch this thing?

A. Well, I more or less went to the door, looked at it for a while and then went upstairs and watched it from upstairs, watching the lights for a while. I didn't watch it all the time. I don't know why.

Q. Did you hear the noise it made when it left?

A. No, I didn't. I was down here by Phil, standing in the kitchen by Phil when he was talking to the sheriff. . . . Monty heard the bang when it left.

Q. Did this disturb you at all?

A. I don't know. It was kind of curious but I wasn't really too shook up. I was kind of excited about it but I wouldn't say I was really too nervous about it. I never even gave much thought about flying saucers or anything like that.

Q. What was your impression as to what this was--you didn't have any idea what it was, did you?

A. No, not really.

Q. Did you have any inclination to go up there or have someone go up there and see what it was?

A. No, I told everybody to stay away from it.

Q. Why did you say that?

A. I don't know, because I really didn't know what it was, and I was kind of hesitant about anybody else to go and see what it was. I can't really say. It was something different that I didn't know what it was.

Q. You heard the banging noise?

A. No I didn't. I was in the kitchen.

A. I'll tell you one thing. If it came back again, I think we'd be more careful and get a little closer. But you just ~~xxx~~ don't know how close you can go to something like that.

Bob Ante, 35, president of Ante's Inc., a transportation company (can companies, rental cars, bicycles, etc.) and commander of the local Search and Rescue Unit for of the CAP.

(describe Monty's description, etc.)

A. Yes, but I had a little handicap when I got there. a sudden thaw. But when we got there you could see the tire print had more or less disappeared from this one little area more than any place else. You could tell the snow had been originally the same all through the way through the whole area.

Q. He told me Ree had gone to end of road and back.

A. This is true, but the night before George--as George told me, I think I was looking to far down the road--since this time I have had several different sightings. . . .

A. I would say snow had diminished in this one particular spot 45 percent. we had a thaw when I got there and it was melting down. We had a lot of snow on the ground but this day we had a warm sun and it was melting down. . . .

Q. George went to the end of the road and came back. Would it have been possible that the bottom of George's car struck against the snow?

A. No, no, no.

Q. What time of day did you look at it ?

A. It was early in the day (out there 3 times)

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A. . . . Midway up the road is where we saw this one area where the snow appeared to be windswept, and this gave me to thinking if the thing sat down and didn't come to the ground, what ever force it emitted from below could have done just the same thing. even if it was a fast takeoff, because when it took off it apparently broke the sound barrier at ground level because it took off with a boom. It was just gone and disappeared completely.

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sidebar with professor

Bob Ante runs the Checker Cab Co. in Ashland.

He is also involved in the Civil Air Patrol there and a ~~UFO~~ buff. He is frequently in touch with Professor Lundholm who he assisted in UFO investigations last weekend.

"Once you've seen one, you're interested," Ante said, speaking of UFOs.

He saw his first one driving home from Madison several years ago.

There, ^{in the sky} at the top of Mellen Hill, ~~there~~ was a Mid State air commuter aircraft piloted by Tom Bouchard, being "escorted" by three unknown flying objects, he said.

Two of the objects "split -- and like fast, one to the west and one to the east. No vehicle I know of could move out like those things did. The third one seemed to hover and moved to the west and disappeared in the woods."

Ante proceeded north in the ambulance he was driving at the time and "one came right over the highway, right over us," ^{he said.} "The light was so ~~intense~~ intense that the person sitting on the other side (of the ambulance) looked like a negative ~~image~~ ~~image~~."

"Then it was gone; all I could see was spots. I had to stop the ambulance.

"Now would you become interested in UFOs if this happened to you?"

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Birnamwood - UFO

sidebar with objects

Norm Bowman, associated with the Capitol Insurance Associates ~~in~~ ^{here}, reports that his brother and mother say "the identical same thing" is happening in Birnamwood ^{near Wausau}.

There, he said, unidentified flying objects "zing around, scare the devil out of people, go straight up," etc.

His mother said she watched one for 18 minutes one evening with binoculars. And his brother, Howard, a deputy sheriff, is bewildered that the federal radar personnel five miles away in Aniwa continue to deny their existence.

Deputy Sheriff John Lemieux, Iron County, Hurley, Wis.

Q. where were you when these sightings were made--this was on the night of March 13. where were you?

A. We (Deputy Maynard Whitebird) were on the Birch Hill fire tower.

Q. You had heard something on the radio and had gone up there to see what you could see?

A. Yes.

Q. What did you see.

A. When we got up there we called in on our radio (had walkie talkie type radio) and asked where the other officers, and asked in which direction the other officers were looking. I believe they were looking west. The one we saw was over the lake. It was just like a group of three lights, close together, very close together. There was a blue I think--I can't remember, it's been so long, but they were different colored lights. They were changing. You couldn't really tell if they were rotating. They looked like they were more or less flashing.

Q. how far away would they have been?

A. The distance would be, I suppose, 15 to 20 miles out over the lake, they were fairly high. This was the one we were watching and it dropped straight down and just a few minutes later that's when Drolson said one came right over him. This would have been northwest of us at Birch Hill.

Q. You think this was the same one Drolson saw?

A. Yes, that's what I think. It didn't drop down toward him. It dropped down farther east of him.

Q. Did you see how far down it went or--

A. We lost sight of it.

Q. What was it doing before it dropped down?

A. This one was sort of flopping around, sort of figure 8s, I suppose. Did you see any others that night?

A. I saw one west of the tower. Tower is about 90 to 100 feet high. You can see quite a distance. This one was just as we were coming down off the tower just after the one went over Drolson. And we just watched it for a few minutes, and then came down. . . . later back at tower saw some lights off to northeast

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Iron County Deputy Maynard Whitebird (Hurley, Wis.,)

Q. What did you see on the night of March 13.

A. Just little funny lights. They moved around a little bit, but what we seen up in the tower, we seen only one that was supposed to be a UFO. but it was just a little light that was blinking around up there, like a star twinkling.

Q. Lemieux said after a while it just dropped straight down and disappeared.

A. I was looking the other way when he saw it. But what was there was gone when I turned around, so I couldn't really say what it did.

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A. We were monitoring Drolson over our portable radio on the tower.

Q. Did you hear the swooshing sound when it passed over him.

A. Well, we heard it but I don't know what it was. We heard a whooshing sound on the radio and then I heard our base after a while talkin to him. I couldn't hear him.

Q. Could you hear him talking before this?

A. He was on the radio before. That's what we were listenin to.

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A. Since we seen that we've been seeing a lot of things because we've been looking, but I'm not sure what we're seeing.

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A. Later on that night, from the tower, we seen an object moving across the sky at quite a distance . . .

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Deputy Peter Drolson, Ashland County, Wis., 715-682-4947 (works 6 pm to 2 am shift, central daylight time) 52/75

I was on Waverly Beach Road, (where ^{in Ashland?} oh 4 or 5 miles west of Birch Hill, (what time of night, can't remember offhand (roughly between 10 pm and midnight) it was after 10. got complaint from Baker family, undersheriff went down to check it out and then the sheriff sent us all out ~~in~~ to different locations to see if we could see anything. there were two officers up in the fire tower ~~x~~ on Birch Hill ^{Maynard} and Lemieux--everybody was seeing them ~~1~~ and

I wasn't until--they just looked like lights at first. when I finally did see them I was parked at the end of Waverly on the lake (superior) then when I finally did see them, I said they were way far away from me. they're way over by Saxon Harbor, I could see one of them. and then I lost sight of it. I didn't think much of it and I was looking

out over the lake and then the ground got real bright. I was talking on the radio to the sheriff at the time. I could hear this--it got bright, the ground, you could have read a newspaper, that's how bright it got. (how wide an area lit up) I don't know. I could see my shadow.

(you standing outside car?) yah, I was leaning up against it with

the microphone in my hand looking out over the lake, and what it did, it came behind me (from which direction) west of me, heading in an easterly direction (where lake?) north, ~~oh~~ came from left, going behind me. I saw the light and turned to my left to get a better look at it. all I could see was this bright glow (how far away from you was it?) maybe a couple of blocks behind me at tree-top level or a little higher.

see anything distinct? no, it was big, I can tell you that but I couldn't tell you what form or anything like that. (couldn't estimate size) all

I know it was pretty big to light up the ground like that. and when I went to turn to the left, the microphone cord became taut and I couldn't couldn't turn to the left any more so I turned to the right and quick

to look over my right shoulder and it had already gone over the tree tops. and all I could see was a big glow going over the trees.

(how long did it take to pass over, just seconds?) ya, maybe 10 seconds (not too fast then?) not real fast (did it pass directly over you or) it would have been directly behind me, maybe a block and a half or two blocks. it was perpendicular to me. I talked on the radio the whole time and they heard the whoosh on the radio, sounded like a big gust of wind coming thru the woods. they heard that, I just kept on talking and I lost radio contact, my radio went off but I didn't know it. they told me after (what noise did it make?) it was just like a big gust of wind going thru the woods. (did you feel anything?) no, nothing at all (how high?) a little over tree top level. (this pretty hilly area?) yes, it's wooded pretty bad. the road is just a road they cut to the lake. it isn't really a beach. (temperature) pretty cold, 20s. real clear (moon?) don't believe so. (what did you think?) I didn't think much, just thought about getting back on some highway /laughs/ I went back up to the highway and then I went up to Birch Hill and we observed two more up there (how far were you from birch hill tower?) 4 or 5 miles (~~where~~ is tower near lake?) well, you can see the lake and you can see ashland and all around because you're so high in the air) (how far ^{between} birch hill and ashland?) maybe 10, 11 miles (whitebird and lemieux already up in the tower?) yes, they were up in the tower the same time I was at the lake. (did they see what you saw?) yes, but no they didn't see the one that went over me. . . . (how tall tower?) maybe 90 feet . . . (back at tower you saw two more?) yes, they were way far off tho. they looked like a big bright light (white?) white and then they had some green and red on it . . . ~~you~~ you could see them real clearly, they'd go to the left real fast and then to the right and then they'd kind of bounce around, go down, back up. (how long you watch them do this?) a good hour or so

drolson--3

when we left they were still there (just moving around) yes (seem
to be operating independtly) ^{ea?} right (other sightings that night)
a lot of people seen them ^{that night.} as a matter of fact, we had people parking
up on the waysides, and after word got out the next couple of nights
there were people all over (more sightings following nights) not that
I can remember. . . . deputy 2 yrs, 24 yrs old. (on patrol that night)
yes. (feel any fear or anything when you saw that light) well,
it surprised me. I wasn't really ready for it (you could see a
distinct glow above the tree tops, wasn't partially obscured was it)
no, it passed over--you see, there's ~~t~~rees on both sides of the road
. . . (and all you could see was a glow, a very bright glow ~~that~~ that
lit up enuff to see shadow) right . . . (what were you telling the
office) what I was observing, but my radio went dead . . . (other
deputies) Ed Dunn was on 77, (did any other get as close a look as
you did) I don't think so. . . . I don't really know what it was
If it was an airplane or something I would have heard the noise.

(no such noise) no.

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Ashland County Undersheriff George Lee, Ashland, Wis., 715-682-2075
(home in Wellen, 715-274-5372) 5/2/75

neighbor Philip Baker called, said an object had landed on his farm. he was very excited. . . . I went over and by then it had gone. later on I went home, two more deputies came on the scene and . . . they went down Hwy 77 to look around. they ~~did~~ and spotted two objects in the air. they radioed back to the office and office called me out again, so . . . this occurred in Iron County near Ashland County, an Iron County car with 2 deputies came. another object came from south going in northerly direction. this was second one. this one was a little lower. we watched those two, lost track of time, maybe half an hour. then a third came from north going southerly direction. that one was the lowest. we could see the different colored lights on it. that one stayed in the air for approximately 10 or 15 minutes. (what doing?) moving, sort of doing the jig, going up and down making a big, big U, it would go up, down, and then in the meantime we had two more cars dispatched on US 2, that's on the Iron County-Ashland County line near Birch Hill, a very high hill, and I was transmitting to deputies location. 3 ~~deputies~~ were watching on Birch Hill when one of these objects took off at a very very high rate of speed. and I radioed a deputy and said it's going your way, and all of a sudden, the deputy saw it coming and said, 'I see it coming' and then his radio blanked out. it didn't knock out his radio, it just blanked it out for approximately, maybe 30 seconds. he was talking on the radio all the time, the sheriff was in the office, but it was just a blank . . . Deputies Peter Drolson, Maynard Whitebird and John Lemieux on Birch Hill (where, relation to Ashland,) easterly direction toward Harley, Wis and Ironwood Mich. (which one radioing) Drolson, car 12, (could read from light) yes (describe light) very bright white light.

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(did you see these objects) yes, we saw the fourth object. we all decided around midnight we were going to turn our cars around and go back into Weller and one of the deputies looked up and saw the 4th one, westerly direction out of Weller (where were you at that time) oh, we were still in Iron County east of Weller, just over the Ashland County line. two nights later, professor ^{Dr.} Lundholm--and some other gentlemen came down to my house, asked questions, talked to Baker, Iron County officers, ate and on the way back they stopped at Birch Hill on US 2, and they observed ^V they claimed 10 or 12 sightings. This was on a Thursday that I saw them, or Wednesday. and it was on a Friday night or early Saturday morning when A Lundholm saw them (can you describe ~~the~~ object, how far) just very bright lights (distance?) first one was very high, second a little lower, third one lower yet--the third one we saw came from the north going to the south and was the lowest and we saw the different colored lights. the fourth one was very high. (could see individual lights) on the third one, yes (color) to me they were red, white and blue. some of the deputies disputed me and said they were green. I don't know they said I was color blind. (number of lights?) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ first one 2 would flash on and it would change color it would flash red, white and blue, different flashes at different interval (row of lights) no (the lights would just change colors) yes (time) about 10 p.m. till midnight, (you went over to Baker's house and talked to him) right (what kind of mood or state of mind was he in) they were a frightened family. they were frightened. he said this object was down on the road and flashing, different colored lights, had a big halo around it and they just didn't know what it was, and all of a sudden, he said, it just started making a weird high-pitched sound and sound got higher and higher, to a higher pitch, the way he described it to me, and all of a sudden there was a boom, a bang, and it was gone.

(did you inspect spot where it came down? yes I did, myself, other deputies. there was Civil Air patrol, we had 3 or 4 men down there the following morning and there was nothing we could see. (nothing at all?) I inspected it that night with Mr. Baker. we drove down with the squad car (to the spot where he said it was? yes (snow on the ground then? yes (did you see anything in the snow? no sir (no evidence that anything had landed there?) no, sir, we could not (what do you mean? just a big large hill (miles from ashland?) about 15 (when went into Iron County, how far from Ashland) approx. 6 and 7 miles east of mellen, (where mellen? 25 miles south of ashland (four ashland deputy?) 3 and myself . . . (how long been an officer) 8 yrs. 53 yrs old (how far live from Baker) 3 to 3 1/2 miles (he called around 9 pm) yes (how long take to get over) 5 minutes maybe (he was pretty agitated) yes (how did he describe it to you on the phone) he said it was a ~~big~~ glowing object on the ground, had different lights, very bright . . .

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known Baker all his life. ^{he was} born right up there in that same area.

(any re--what you think of his story?) I don't know what to tell you.

no, I don't know. when I got there, those people were excited, the Mrs. was scared. (they were frightened) right (and wasn't faked at all?) I doubt it (something really frightened them then?) yes. when they called me on the phone, I told them, 'now, just, just take it easy. cool down. just tell me what it is.' he was ~~he~~ very upset. I said, 'Tell me, you know, I wanted to know what I'm getting into too,' so I

finally talked, finally made them realize not to get so doggoned excited, and then he told me the situation. so I went out there.

(Mrs. Baker quite frightened?) she seemed that way to me, she wouldn't come outside. (do you have any reason not to believe him?) no, I do not.

I think he's trying to tell us what he actually saw was true. I have no reason to disbelieve him. (he's a pretty reliable, dependable person then?) yes, yes (do you know his age) about mid-30s I would say.

... (Drolson--did you hear whoosh sound over radio?) I heard the

whish and the radio went blank, I was standing by the car. there were also two other cars--actually four squad cars, in Iron County ^{near} Ashland line (talked to Lundholm--saw objects go over--lot of sightings whole upper Wisconsin area) right, for a week to 10 days many many sightings. ~~sk~~