

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP Summer 1964	2. LOCATION Detroit, Michigan
3. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	INFORMATION ONLY
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	This case was reported in March-April 1966. Since the actual sighting had occurred some time ago it is almost impossible to check it out. Also due to the time lag the pertinent data has probably become distorted. Therefore this case is considered <u>Information Only</u>.
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS	
☐ Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
☐ Yes ☐ No	

CHILD BURNED IN NEW MEXICO

One of the most sensational reports to come out of the spring and early summer flap in New Mexico was the case of Charles Keith Davis of Hobbs, New Mexico. The basic details:

On the 2nd of June at 4 p. m. Charles Davis was standing just outside the back door of his Grandmother's laundry in Hobbs. The door led to the boiler room where his grandmother, Mrs. Frank Smith, was cutting a cake in preparation for preparing lunch for herself and Charles. Suddenly Mrs. Smith was horrified to see an elongated apparently metal object swoop down out of the sky and hover above Charles. She was so frightened she couldn't cry out. The thing was there for only a few seconds then with a "whooshing sound" it elevated and disappeared upward into the sky. Mrs. Smith then ran out to Charles, and put her arms around him. He had begun to swell, and there was a sooty deposit on his face and neck and shirt.

The object, according to Mrs. Smith, was somewhat like a top, and gave off black soot and fire. The boy stood there with his eyes tight shut and his hair standing on end until the object went away.

Mrs. Smith said that one of Charles' ears looked "like a piece of raw meat." He was not "burned bald" as some reports declared, but he was swollen so badly that his nose was scarcely visible. His eyes were swelled shut.

Samples of the boy's skin and hair were taken, along with his T-shirt and his Grandmother's apron against which she held Charles, and were sent to an FBI laboratory.

Upon receipt of the initial news of the burn case, APRO contacted Mrs. Smith and obtained additional facts as well as the name of the Doctor who treated the boy. When the Doctor was contacted he yielded the following information:

The boy was treated at Lee County Hospital where he stayed for five days. The burns, which were second degree with some imbedded soot, were on the face, ears and neck and according to the Doc-

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Child Burned . . .

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tor were "nothing unusual"—except for one thing—Charles suffered no pain during his ordeal. The Doctor described Charles as a bright, friendly boy. Treatment of the burns consisted of sulphathiazol ointment applied directly to the affected areas. When Charles' burns began to heal it was necessary to administer a sedative because of the intense itching.

Although the Doctor was frank and readily answered questions, he preferred that his name not be publicized to prevent an influx of mail inquiring about the case. He, although he would offer no opinion as to the nature of the object or the cause of the burns, seemed to believe the story told by both the boy and his grandmother.

NEW MEXICO BOY BURNED BY UFO: A report from June 2nd, 1964, which has just come to our attention, tells of an 8-year-old boy in Hobbs, New Mexico, who was seriously burned by a mysterious flying object which sent police and medical authorities in a fruitless search for the cause of the burns. The weird incident occurred at about 4 p.m. The child's grandmother, Mrs. Frank Smith, who was standing only three feet from him, could offer no explanation, though she heard a sound "like something whizzing by real fast." The boy, upon being questioned in the hospital, said that he had seen a black fiery object coming toward him from the sky. There were no ashes found in the area, nor scorched marks of any sort, and no other witnesses to the strange UFO, though many people were questioned. The boy, named Charles Davis, received second degree burns which covered his face and left him bald.

Information Only

Source: American UFO Committee Review, Vol i, No 2, Sep 64

Sunnyvale, Calif.

2 June 1964

June 2; Sunnyvale, Calif.: A married couple sighted a brightly lighted UFO about 10:30 p.m. It was only 150 feet in the air and had a brightly illuminated rectangular section on the underside. Small "fluttering" projections around the rim of the rectangle seemed to be lighted from the inside. Shortly thereafter a second UFO appeared and both moved out of sight over the horizon.

NO CASE (Information Only)

Source: APRO Bulletin, Jul, Aug, 65

3 June 64

Flagstaff, Arizona

Hovering Object In Arizona Canyon

Mr. X, a Tucson Importer, was returning from a trip to Wyoming on the night of 3 June 1964 along the Black Canyon Highway when he spotted a UAO in a canyon. He had left Flagstaff at 8:30 and at about 10 p. m. when he was near Verde (Green) Road crossing he saw the "dirigible" shaped object hovering off the ground to his right in a canyon, clearly silhouetted against the hills. It had a "cold blue" glow surrounding it. As Mr. X came closer, he rounded a curve turning right, and his headlights caught the object whereupon it slowly ascended straight up, then headed southwest and disappeared in the direction of Buckeye. The entire sighting lasted about 15 minutes. The observer made a personal report to APRO Tucson and asked that his name be withheld. The observer is considered to be a reliable individual and said he didn't believe in UAOs prior to his experience.

Readers should note the similarity between this object and the object seen on the ground at La Madera in April of 1964.

NO CASE (Information Only)
Source: APRO Bulletin, Jul, Aug, 65

3 June 1964
Page, Arizona

Low Level Flights In Arizona

At 8:45 p. m. on Wednesday, 3 June 1964, Edward Coyle, mine foreman at Zontelli Western Mining Company, observed an egg-shaped object near Coppermine, 20 miles south of Page, Arizona. He notified Pat and June Patterson, owners of Coppermine Trading Post on the Navajo Indian Reservation and they watched the object for 15 minutes. The object was moving northwest to southwest and appeared to be at 500 and 1,000 feet altitude. It disappeared into the northwest. A second object, the description of which is similar to the object just described, was seen by Frank Howard, the night watchman at the mine who also observed the first one. The second object was further away and toward the south. Both objects had a white light at the leading edge and the entire object was surrounded by a red, mist-like glow.

Information Only
Source: FSIC

4 June 1964
Ashtabula, Ohio

More Large Fireballs . . . June 4, 1964, Estimated time - 11:00-11:30 P.M. EDST, Rte. 90, just a few miles E of Ashtabula . . . Two cars, containing Stow residents were traveling a half mile apart; they were friends and their destination was the same.

Mr. Shuman and his wife saw a large blue-white, very bright soft ball-sized object. It had no tail or trail, and was clearly outlined. It fell ahead of them and disappeared over the hill. Duration was given as 8 seconds - but he wasn't sure. Observers, Mr. and Mrs. Shuman.

The second party, Mr. and Mrs. Meyers (RH) saw it also. It was tear-drop in shape; it had a blue-white center, and the outside was very blue, like a gas flame. Mrs. Meyers said it fell straight down. "It was the size of a large grapefruit," she said. Duration: 8-10 seconds.

Mr. Meyers also said it seemed to be falling from just above them, slightly from right to left. It had a slightly yellow center which was intensely bright, and was surrounded by a shell of propane-blue. It wasn't exactly round, it gave off no sparks, it might have had a tiny tail. It was baseball sized, clean as a pin (no jagged edges). Duration: 3-5 seconds. Again no sound was heard.

Information Only

Source: American UFO Committee Review, Vol 1, No 2, Sep 64

Coshocton, Ohio
4 June 1964

June 4; Coshocton, Ohio: Numerous persons sighted a cone-shaped object about 10 p.m. and again early the next morning.

Information Only

Source: American UFO Committee Review, Vol. i, No 2, Sep 64

Parma, Ohio
5 June 1964

June 5; Parma, Ohio: A group of college students, in the early hours of the morning, sighted a strange, fast moving light accompanied by an unusual noise. They said the light seemed to explode several times and then reappear.
Ely, Nevada: Several persons observed a luminous balloon-shaped object estimated to be about 100 feet in diameter and 30 feet high.

Another recent incident involving small UFOs took place in Cleveland, Ohio on the night of June 5, 1964

In this case the principals involved in it were Miss Marlene A. Ventura and Mr. Donald Kupchick, Jr.

Massachusetts . . .

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Miss Ventura, a laboratory technician at the Polyclinic Hospital on Carnegie Avenue and Mr. Kupchick, a landscaper, residing at 15065 Ridge Road, were parked in the south side of the driveway of the Ventura residence at 4477 West 11th Street.

The time was 3:00 A.M.

The couple first became aware that something unusual was occurring when they saw the back yard light up.

Mr. Kupchick was the first to see that the light was from a glowing pinkish-red orb about the size of an orange which he described as resembling the glow of a lit cigarette. This round ball of light appeared in the sky above and to the rear of the house on the adjoining property to the north of the Ventura residence.

It made a slow, silent, apparently controlled, descent in a straight line at an approximate 45° angle without exhaust or vapor trail. As the light approached closer they could begin to discern details and saw that it was not one solid color as it first appeared at a distance but was composed of a round center, dull red in color, which looked to be transparent and two concentric colored rings, the inner of which was a bright orange and the outer one an equally bright yellow. Each ring blended together without showing sharply defined edges.

Following closely behind the brightly lighted object and in parallel formation were ten much smaller objects each of which radiated light in addition to being illuminated by the light given off from the leading object

Along the driveway of the property adjoining the Ventura's to the North is a row of tall shrubbery from 12 to 15 feet in height.

Coming in from the Northwest in the direction of Lake Erie, the objects cleared the top of this row of shrubbery in their descent path.

When directly over the north side of the Ventura's U-shaped drive at an estimated height of 5 to 6 feet above the ground and 50 - 52 feet from the observers, the objects paused and still maintained their 45° angular position, hovered momentarily.

During this brief pause the colors of the lead object became much brighter. They could then discern that there was a fourth ring of color around the object. This outer rim was of a yellow-gold color which had a sparkling metallic appearance.

At this point, which was the closest the objects came to the couple, they likened its size to that of a grapefruit when held at arms length. They estimated its actual size as being approximately ten feet in diameter. They could see that the ten little ones in its wake were oblong-shaped with translucent red domes and when compared to the size of the grapefruit held at arm's length were approximately two inches long. Their oblong sides had the appearance of being sub-divided into three sections each with diagonal lines crossing them, which created the impression of three identical pyramid-shaped sections which were bright yellow at the points and shaded to dark orange at the bases.

Suddenly from the lower edge of the larger object there shot out several finger-like projections of very bright bluish-white light. The longest of these 'fingers' emanated from the center of the lower edge and were approximately two-thirds the diameter of the object itself. The tips of each of these light fingers sparkled, creating an effect which the watchers likened to that of the sparklers used during 4th of July celebrations.

While this was taking place Miss Ventura and Mr. Kupchick noted that the light was so intense that they could see individual blades of grass in the nearby lawn and that the lower edges of the slats on the side of the house had the appearance of having been outlined, much the same as a child outlines a picture in a coloring book with crayon. Colors took on an opposite or negative effect, i.e., light objects appearing dark and vice versa.

They were of the impression that this period of extreme brightness lasted for several minutes since they had had time to note the above-mentioned details and because the entire sighting occupied a space of twenty minutes.

There followed a terrific flash of bluish-white light and then complete darkness. The flash did not have an affect of blinding them as both stated they could see in the darkness as before, but the objects vanished during it as if by magic. Miss Ventura's mother who was asleep in her bedroom was awakened by it. The couple searched the lawn but found nothing to indicate the presence of their nocturnal visitor. They then drove around the neighborhood but the streets were deserted and there were no other witnesses to the occurrence.

Miss Ventura later phoned the Cleveland police and related their experience to the individual who answered the call. After listening to her story this party displayed what Miss Ventura termed 'a tolerant, sarcastic attitude' and asked her

her if she had been reading any science fiction recently. She asked to have someone sent out in an unmarked car to investigate the matter and was told "Lady, you need the newspaper, not the police." The officer told her he would call the Cleveland Plain Dealer and have them contact her. That evening, since no one had called, she phoned them herself. She repeated her story to the Editor of Nightbeat who commented while her story had the ring of truth in it, his Editor did not believe in such things and therefore it wouldn't be printed. The Cleveland Press called her that evening and listened to her account but nothing about it was printed by either newspaper.

As a result of encountering this tolerant, apathetic and indifferent attitude on the part of both police and press, Miss Ventura and Mr. Kupchick joined the steadily growing ranks of those individuals who, like themselves, have encountered a similar attitude and disbelief and disinterest on the part of many officials in whom they attempted to confide vital information and, as a result, have withdrawn into silence.

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After reviewing these numerous and varied experiences, one cannot help wonder when, if ever, will the public, public officials and the press, awaken to the realization that such strange happenings are actually occurring—in many instances almost under their noses—and demand a full explanation of what is actually taking place from those in high governmental authority, such as the individuals who compose the super-secret "54/12 Group."

. . . Perhaps by the year 2000 as predicted by Jeane Dixon during her recent guest appearance on Cleveland Station KYW's radio program "CONTACT"!

5 June, 1964
Cleveland, Ohio

Cleveland, Ohio . . . June 5, 1964, 3:00 A.M. . . . The objects to be described were seen by Miss Marlene A. Ventura, and Donald Kupchick, Jr., from the driveway of the Ventura residence.

Mr. Kupchick saw the objects first. A red light was seen approaching. As time passed, it got steadily but slowly nearer. At the very first he thought it was a meteor but soon discarded that impression. The color resembled the glow of a lit cigarette, but as it drew nearer the following details were noted.

Eleven objects - 45° angle descent - very slow approach - never touched down - no sound, small, trail or exhaust, size remained constant, 10 min. duration. Disappeared instantaneously with a great flash of light. Weather - clear, cool, dark, no moon. Date: June 5, 1964 - Time: 0300 (A.M.) Observers: Donald Kupchick, Jr., and Marlene A. Ventura.

More facts:

The broken-line section in large object (I) grew brighter and brighter; the smaller objects reflected some of this light. These projections were thrown forward at the same angle as descent (45 degrees). Arm's length est. - orange size (Kupchick)

In hover position at 10' above surface - a very brief period. No EM interference noted. Radiation check - none found. During light flash both observers noted that white seemed grey or black

and dark colors seemed the opposite (negative effect). Both claimed they had no difficulty seeing after (immediately) being exposed. Miss Ventura's mother was awakened by the light flash, according to her daughter.

Miss Ventura and Kupchick investigated the area thoroughly. Then they drove around the whole area trying to find other possible observers. The area was quiet, no one was around . . . This was done before they called authorities.

Miss Ventura called the Brooklyn police; they in turn referred her to the Cleveland police. The Head Dispatcher there had her repeat her story; he said he'd send someone out. Later she called them again. Someone else answered and she was asked to repeat the episode. She asked them to come out in an unmarked car so as not to draw the attention of the neighbors; he replied, "The hell with your neighbors, lady, you need the newspaper not the police." He said he'd have the Cleveland Plain Dealer contact her. That evening, no one having called, she contacted the CPD herself. The editor of Nightbeat listened to her, then told her that her detailed account had the ring of truth in it. But he said that his Editor doesn't believe in such things, and therefore it wouldn't be printed. He suggested she call The Cleveland Press. By this time she had had enough and decided to do nothing. The Press contacted her the next evening; Mr. Jackson listened to her story. She hasn't

heard anything more since. She wrote NICAP; they sent her forms to fill out - nothing more . . .

The Universal Mehrlichtian Society heard of it through the grapevine and investigated the case, getting a tape recording in the process. Good work, Group!

Miss Ventura is a laboratory technician at Polyclinic Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Kupchick is a landscaper.

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Det. Wick 48208

Dear Sirs.

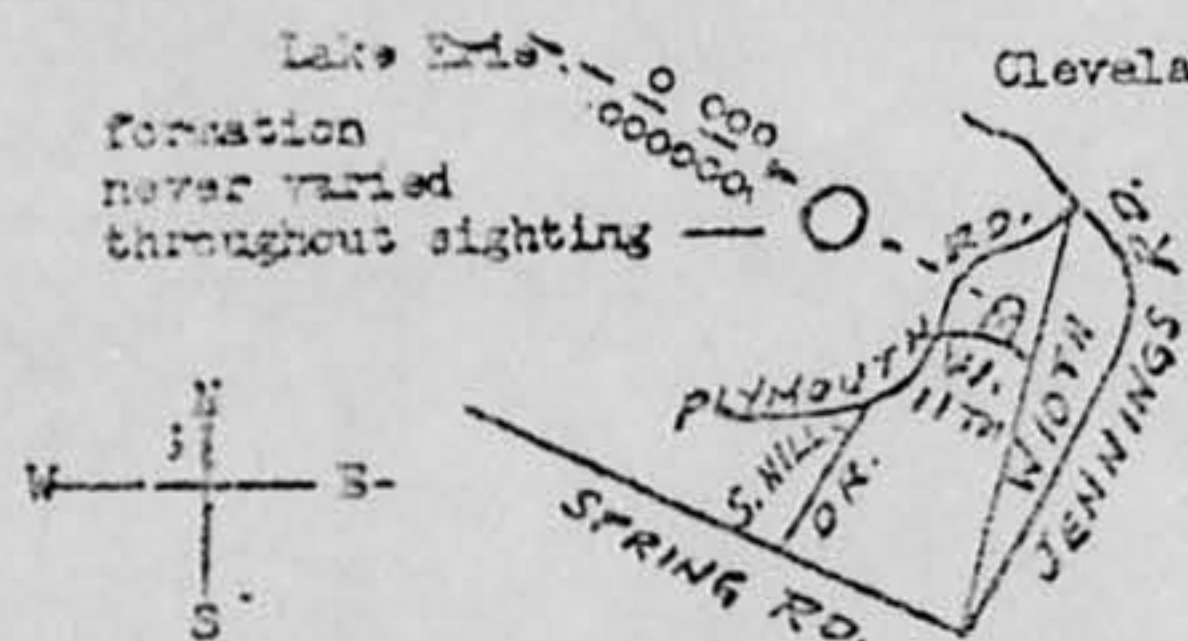
Been reading an article in our local paper about the Air Force and the UFO sightings.

Let me tell you what my husband and I saw on a Friday night of the summer of 1964. It was eleven minutes to ten p.m. & we were sitting on our front porch.

This object (and I mean object) came between the 2 trees across the street from us at a terrific speed and no sound. It was shaped like a big cigar, no wings & a pulsating light like a jet from the rear. It was going in a northwestern direction from our home. By the time we ran down the steps, it had disappeared. But this thing was not a plane. As it was about 1000 ft in the air. Absolutely no sound. It just happened that we glanced up at the time.

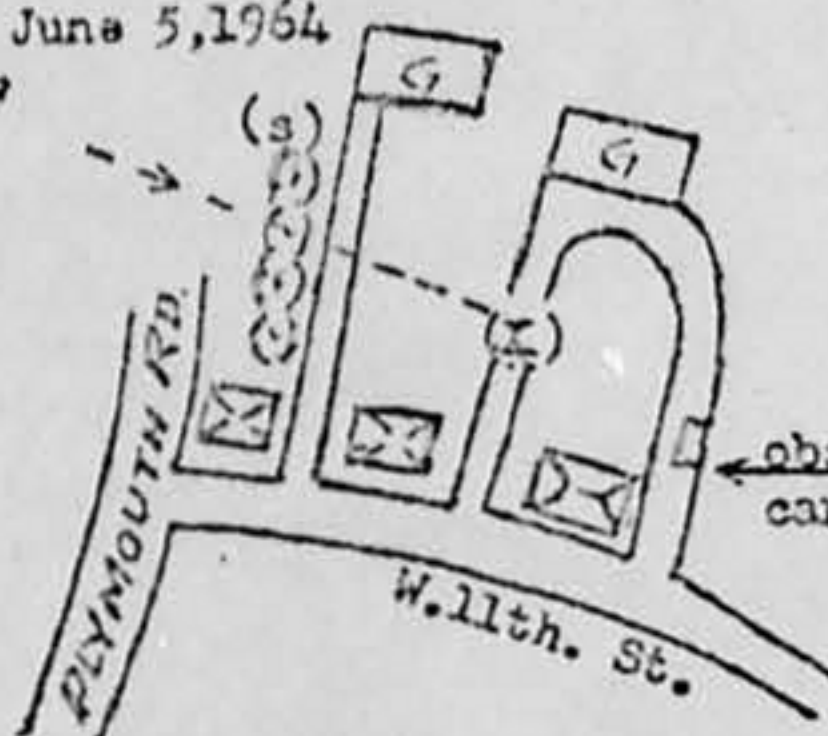
My husband called our police department & then put in a call to Selfridge Field in Mt Clemens. And whoever answered the phone told my husband that he received quite a few calls describing the same thing.

THE RUNAROUND



General view of area-Cleveland's Memorial Shoreway, the Cuyahoga R., and Lake Erie nearby.

Cleveland, Ohio June 5, 1964
0500 am

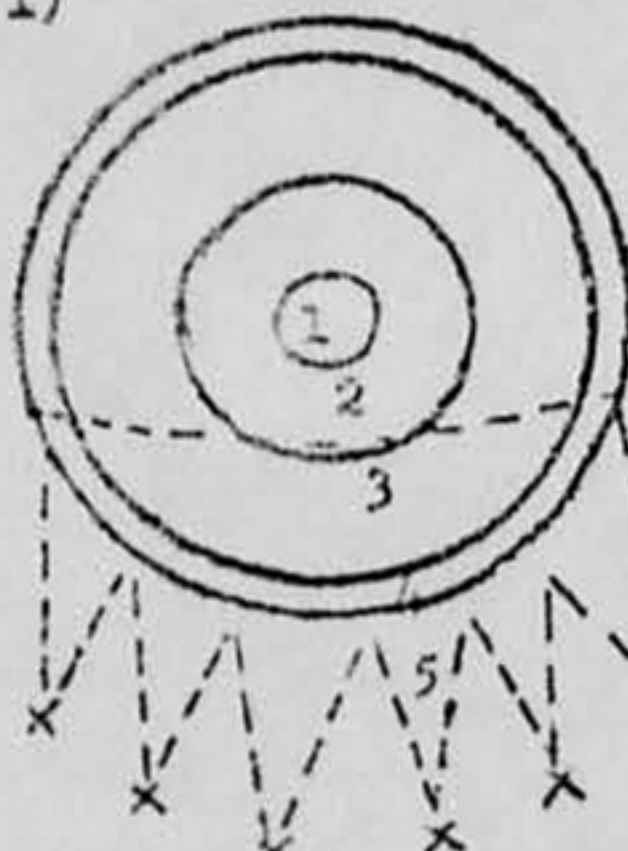


(s) - shrubbery 15' tall - objects cleared them

Close-up view-(X) is spot over driveway where objects descended to and where last seen after terrific flash of light. Objects hovered 10' above

Description - Large lead object:

(I)



Dia. Approx. 10'

Colors:
1. translucent red
2. " " orange
3. " " yellow
4. gold-metallic band

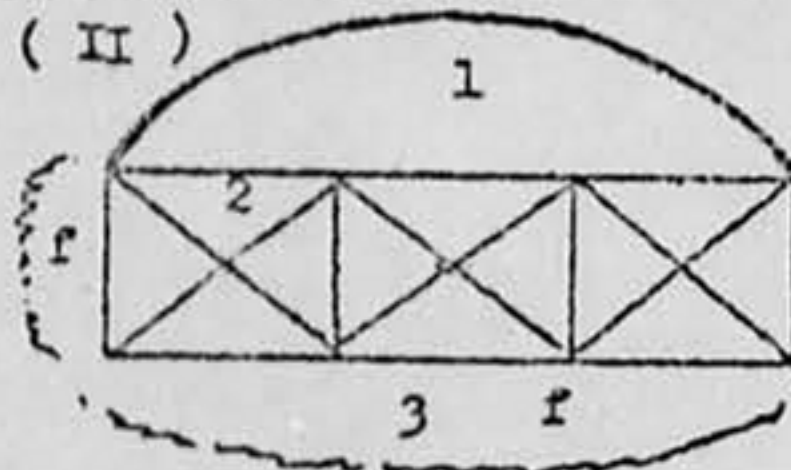
Colors blended with each other - outer edge not definite outline; "fuzzy"

5. very bright silvery white

(5.a) - ground - projections of "fingers of light" reached toward ground. Little sparks at end of these "fingers"

Description of objects : 10 smaller ones:

(II)



Length- approx. 3'- proportions as shown -
(2 in. at arm's)
(length est.)
(Ventura)

1. translucent red dome
2. 3 identical pyramid shaped sec.
3. sides & bottom "fuzzy"-no def. shape (f = fuzzy)
2. pyramid forms bright yellow at point fading to darker orange

5 Jun 64
Fiji Island of Taveuni

FIJI

Double explosion

Our correspondent in New Zealand, Mr. Ray Holden, has sent us this cutting from the *New Zealand Herald* for June 6: "A mysterious streak of bright bluish-white light, accompanied by a double explosion, was reported over the Fiji island of Taveuni early yesterday. Reports of the travelling beam, which lit up the sky, came from people throughout the 26-miles-long island, as well as from fishermen off the coast.

"One islander said: 'It was a strange and terrifying experience. Without warning the sky suddenly brightened and it seemed almost like daylight. We looked up and saw a bluish white light followed by sparks. It disappeared to the north-west of Vanua Levu.

"About three seconds later there was a loud double explosion and then everything was quiet."

"A report from Sydney says that two loud explosions and a tremor-like disturbance felt in a 30-square-miles area on the mid-north coast of New South Wales on Thursday are a mystery.

"Residents said that buildings vibrated, windows rattled and doors slammed, but the police at Taree and Forster said they had received no reports of damage."

6 June 1964
Not Stated

June 30, 1964

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This is in response to your letter of June 28, 1964, in which you request information on several Unidentified Flying Object sightings during the past months.

Inclosed is a summary of information on the Socorro, New Mexico sighting. We would like very much to be able to answer you in detail on all your questions, but unfortunately Project Blue Book does not have the resources available to reply at length to each and every letter received by the Air Force. It is for this reason that we have tried to make our Fact Sheet (copy inclosed) as detailed as possible. We also make it a policy to allow the news media and scientific researchers, at their request, to visit our project office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to examine the files. Press releases are also issued and summaries of information prepared as warranted.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Inclosures

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Bloomfield, Conn.

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BLOOMFIELD, CONN.



Office of UFO Information
The United States Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

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Bloomfield, Connecticut

28 June 64

Office of UFO Information
The United States Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

From time to time during the past two months, local radio and newspaper stories have reported on flying saucer sightings in other parts of the U.S. To date I have seen nothing official from the USAF regarding the final disposition of these reports tho, in most cases, the stories stated that the USAF was investigating them. Could you give me a rundown on the following reports? I shall list the date and location as given in the news stories - doubtless the details are familiar so I shan't list them. All dates 1964, of course.

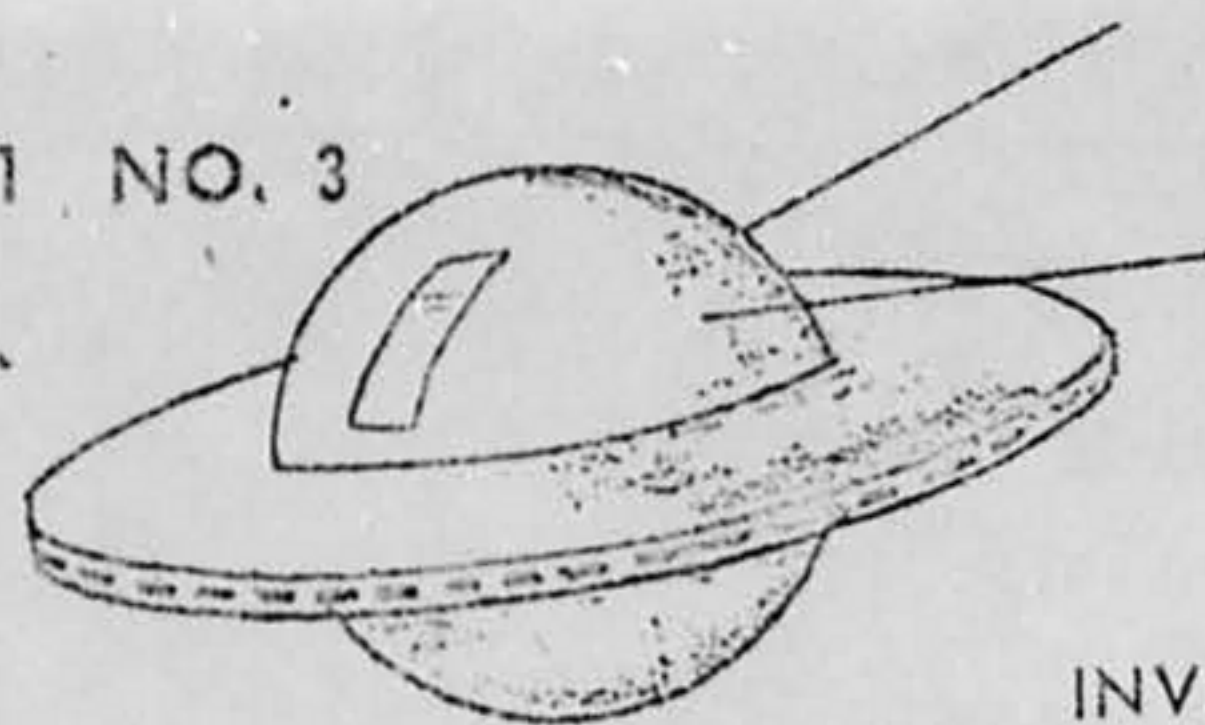
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April 24, Socorro, New Mexico; April 24, Newark Valley, New York; April 26, near ^{San Juan de los Rios} La Hadera, New Mexico; April 29, Canyon Ferry, Montana; Last week of April, Parma, Idaho; April 30, U.S. 91 near Baker, California; About May 1, Santa Ana, California; May 5, near Comstock, Minnesota; May 15, Interstate 90 near Geneva, Ohio; May 18, Hubbard, Oregon; May 22, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Now, one report which was not on a news broadcast but came as a telephone call to WBZ Radio (Boston) during a discussion of flying saucers. People can call in and the call goes on the air. This caller identified himself as a SAC Captain home on leave from Homestead AFB, Florida and said that two days earlier (which would be 6 June) he and other crew members had seen a UFO while in the air and that the object had also been tracked on radar by an NAA radar crew. He stated that the sighting was reported to SAC headquarters as well as to the White House. I didn't catch all that he said as radio reception from WBZ is spotty in this area and I lost some of it in static. I'd like your comments on this one, too, if you please.

I shall look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

very truly yours,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

..We have further information about the phone call received on June 8th by Boston radio station WBZ, supposedly from an Air Force pilot who had made a sensational saucer sighting. This incident is described on Page 20 of the September SAUCER NEWS. According to a transcript of the call made by saucer researcher Robert Forrest, the caller claimed to be Captain Roberts of the 319th Squadron of the Strategic Air Command, stationed at Homestead Air Force Base in Homestead, Florida. A letter of inquiry written by SAUCER NEWS to that base revealed that no such person existed, and thus the incident can be written off as a hoax.



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UFO HOVERS OVER MASSILLON, OHIO

Shady Grove Airport . . . June 8, 1964 . . . Three observers spotted a large unidentified light SE of Shady Grove Airport, which is 4 miles NW of Massillon, on Rte. 93. The object seemed to be over the city. The time was 9:25 P.M.

Ben Wolfe, the small airport's manager related this story. The object hovered for about 8 minutes. The elevation was about 20°. Suddenly the object increased to a great brilliance and sent shards of light in all directions. At that moment a fellow observer, James States, got a flare, lit it, and swung it about in a signalling fashion. Mr. Wolfe said that they seemed to realize that possibly this was an UFO. The object seemed to drift toward them for a few moments, then shot across the sky from S to NE in the eastern sky. The object took just a few seconds to disappear into the north. Its speed was described as tremendous by Mr. Wolfe. Details were noted nevertheless. He said that it had four lights, three white and one an orange-red color. The brilliant white lights were at the front, above and below the middle area, and the red-orange light was in back. The whole object's general shape was that of a diamond; the white lights formed a triangle. Its flight path from S to N was at about 20° elevation. (Weather - about 1-2 tenths scattered cloud coverage.) Along with Mr. Wolfe and Mr. States was Mr. Merle Williams.

Mr. Wolfe called the Akron-Canton Airport's traffic-control tower about the noiseless, trailerless object that had just mystified him and fellow observers. He was told by Mr. Gizzi, that he had seen a large jet plane trying out its landing lights. He was also told that the jet seemed to hover only because it was approaching head-on. Mr. Wolfe laughed at this explanation, and especially asked the good man what it was that had just gone by without sound or recognition by experienced observers? (Mr. Gizzi - control tower)

Wooster Paper Carries Story . . . An article on this sighting was carried by the Daily Record of Wooster on June 11, 1964. This is taken from that article: At least 14 people, including this writer, (Tom Douglas) observed what appeared to be a slowly moving light directly east of Orrville between 9:00 P.M. and 9:30 P.M. Too bright for a star, it moved erratically, growing more dim, then brighter, as it moved slowly in a northeasterly direction. It suddenly went dim and moved rapidly away to disappear suddenly.

One North Lawrence woman reported she and her husband were heading toward Ohio 93 when they saw what could have been the landing lights of an airplane. The lights seemed to hover and it was thought that the plane was going to land at nearby Shady Grove Airport. (Shady Grove is 15 to 18 miles directly east of Orrville's field.) It appeared to the North Lawrence couple to hover nearly overhead. The lights suddenly turned and were only slightly visible as it started to move away before suddenly disappearing. (No sound?)

An Orrvillite was looking over Massillon when he and his wife observed the phenomenon. He thought it moved slowly, speeded up, grew brighter, and then rapidly disappeared northeasterly.

The newspaper reporter, Tom Douglas, wrote that he was in Orr Park (Orrville), at the same time as the other sightings. He wrote, "I observed its movement, agreeing with the others on its actions. It appeared to be a light suspended from a balloon or parachute. Its movement was reminiscent of the movement of a parachute used to carry flares in Fourth of July fireworks celebration."

Telephone calls to Phil Gizzi at the Control Tower of Akron-Canton Airport brought out this information: There were no Army helicopters out from Akron, Tuesday night. It could be possible that what was seen were airplane landing lights which often appear very unusual at dusk. (He wasn't sure.) Mr. Gizzi knew of no blimps in the area.

Most probable explanation for what happened came from Gizzi who told of a little known fact, that parachuters will occasionally jump at night. Shady Grove was one of three jumping spots in the Stark County area Tuesday night where parachuters were working out, jumping from 15,000 feet and less.

It is necessary for a jumper to have a flash light or small beacon with him, or have some one on the ground shining a light on his chute to guide him to the ground.

Had this been the case, the light shining on the chute could have appeared to move slowly and grow more bright or dim. There was a brisk wind out of the WSW at 25 knots, which could have moved the chutes in a NE direction. Although cloud cover was at 4,000 feet, a beacon light reflected off the clouds could have appeared to be a light moving rather erratically as the chute followed on its course to the ground.

The sky-divers' light theory might be a disillusionment for many; however all phases of sighters' descriptions would be covered by the deduction.

Editor's Comment:

Congratulations to Mr. Tom Douglas for digging up the basic information relating to this sighting. But now we'll help Mr. Douglas by clarifying some facts unknown to him.

First of all, I refer him to the report submitted by an excellent source, Ben Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe is manager of Shady Grove Airport, an active parachutist himself, and is in touch with parachuting operations around the area. He told L. Moyers and myself that no jumping took place at his Port that night. The following facts are contained in an affidavit signed by Mr. Wolfe. It reads:

The following facts are submitted by the undersigned to refute statements found in the June 9, 1964, issue of the newspaper called the Wooster Daily Record.

1. No jumps were made on June 8th, 1964. Tapes at FAA at Akron-Canton A.P. can verify this. In the interest of safety, we notify the tower at Akron-Canton Airport one to three minutes before release of parachutists.

2. As members of PCA, we follow their regulations, one of which is that no jumps are to be made when winds are above 18 MPH.

3. Spotting your exit point is extremely tricky at night. At 25 knots it's almost impossible to pick an exit point. Because jumping is so extremely hazardous under those conditions, no responsible jumper would attempt it.

4. The light seen by myself and two fellow observers was of such magnitude that it would be impossible for such a source or beacon to be carried by a jumper.

5. We have a permanent NOTAM filed with FAA. This notice to Airmen is required. This lets them know that our jumps take place from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. This has not been violated by us at any time. . . .

Larry Moyers and A. E. Candusso witnessed the signing of the affidavit. I have talked to persons in North Lawrence who saw the light in the sky that night. The time correlated with the sighting in question.

NO BLIMPS

Checking with Russ Crosier of Goodyear's Flight Operations, these facts emerged: No blimp is based in Akron. One of two blimps was in Grand Rapids for at least the first 10 days of June, the other was in Houston, Texas.

These facts may be a disillusionment to many, including Tom Douglas. Mr. Douglas' nicely packaged analysis has fallen apart; and Mr. Gizzi's speculations are doomed by the records of FAA. This is another example of civilian authorities wittingly or unwittingly assisting in confusing the facts.

Fantasy at Felling

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne *Journal* in its June 9 issue devoted a considerable amount of space to incidents alleged to have taken place at nearby Felling. We leave it to our readers to decide whether some fact and much fantasy is involved or whether scepticism about saucers has at some stage distorted the sensational truth. The account reads:

"Flashes . . . loud buzzes in the night . . . little green men chasing each other around haystacks . . . egg-shaped flying saucers . . . No, the leprechauns aren't loose and it's no Irishman who is telling this tale—just the good people of Felling. For stories are going round Leam Lane Estate that flying spacemen in egg-shaped flying saucers are using the area for manoeuvres. So persistent are the reports that a full-scale investigation has been launched by one organisation.

"Centre of the activity is Hopedene Avenue where most of the residents have heard a loud buzzing noise, and so far, no one has come up with a logical explanation for them.

"One person who has seen the flying saucer is 13-year-old Keith Bell. He said last night: 'I was looking out of the window late one night when there was a terrific flash in the sky. Then a flying saucer, egg-shaped and giving off a bright glow appeared. I saw it twice before it flew off.'

"Keith's mother refused to believe him at first, but later saw the same flashes herself which lit up the whole of their front room. 'I was terrified,' she said.

"And the little green men? They were seen by 14-year-old David Wilson. He said: 'I saw several small green creatures, about two feet high running around a haystack on a farm near the estate.'

"But not everyone believes the stories. Last night Mr. M. Coates, headmaster of Roman Road junior school, denied that he had called a special assembly of pupils to discuss the little green men, or that he had told the children to stay away from the farm. He said: 'There is no truth at all in these silly rumours.'

"Investigations are being carried out by the Tyneside Unidentified Flying Objects Society who issued an interim report last night. Mr. J. T. Otley said: 'While we appreciate that

this thing has snowballed until there is a vein of pure fantasy involved, we nevertheless believe that these lights and the buzzing sound heard by so many people are somehow connected. Our investigators have found that many sensible people heard this noise and young David Wilson is described by his parents and friends as a truthful boy who would not invent anything of this nature.' "

Burlington sighting

The Wyoming *Sheridan Press* carried the following report in its June 10 issue: "A search of a deserted grazing area near Burlington on Tuesday produced no signs of a strange vehicle that several persons had seen, Big Horn County Sheriff L. C. Brinkerhoff said. Brinkerhoff was investigating the sighting which was reported by two Burlington youths on Sunday

and again by Brinkerhoff and three other men on Monday night.

"The boys, Gary Brown and Richard Briggs, told Brinkerhoff on Sunday they had seen three objects one of which appeared to be in trouble, while they were searching for cows in the deserted pasture. Brinkerhoff said he and the three Basin men accompanied the youths to the scene on Monday. 'We saw something very strange, but I couldn't say what it was,' he said.

"Harvey Baliso, a Basin publisher, said when a strong spotlight was turned on the object a strange bluish green light came from it, filling the sheriff's car with light. He said the light was 10 to 15 times stronger than the aircraft landing light Brinkerhoff uses for a spotlight.

"Brinkerhoff said they left when the light went off and stayed off. 'There was no sign of anything today' (June 9), Brinkerhoff said, 'but there definitely was something there'.

"Brinkerhoff said when they arrived at the scene on Monday night the object was going across the grazing land. He said his own car was going 60 miles per hour on the highway.

" 'No wheeled vehicle could have gone across the muddy ground that fast,' he said.

"The youths said they heard a shrill sound from the object on Sunday, but the noise wasn't repeated on Monday."

Information Only

Source: American UFO Committee Review, Vol i, No 2, Sep 64

Burlington, Wyo.
9 June 64

June 8: Burlington, Wyoming: A county sheriff and several other reliable witnesses observed an unidentified light moving on the ground in an inaccessible area. When the sheriff shone a spotlight on the object, it reportedly beamed back a bright light into the patrol car.

Lawrenceville, Illinois: Mrs. Helen Reed spotted a spinning UFO 10-15 feet above the ground in her yard at about 9:30 p.m. Only 50 feet away at its closest point, it had a dome which emitted blue, then red light.

Now they are no swamps around here.
We live right in the center of town.

The lights on the object were green & very bright fiery red. But absolutely no sound at all. And I know it to make an awful noise. We have been watching the skies practically every warm evening ~~the~~ since then but to no avail.

But I know what we saw. My only thought was I hope it belongs to our Government.

Thank you sincerely.

Mrs [REDACTED]

Information Only

Source: American UFO Committee Review, Vol. 1, No 2, Sep 64

Hamilton, Ohio
9 June 64

June 9; Hamilton, Ohio: A 12-year old boy reported seeing an unidentified light in the sky for about 1/2 hour starting at 9 p.m.

NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)
Source: UFO Investigator April-May 65

10 June 1964
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After several minutes, the lighted object speeded up, held position under Rued's left wing.

"In the vicinity of Benedict," he reports, "it gave off two large salvos of yellow light. They billowed out like cannon salvos, for at least 300 feet. I was apprehensive and kept my altitude until I reached Minot."

After the UFO disappeared, Rued landed and reported to the FAA. Next day, he was questioned by the AF, but there was no explanation for the UFO and the strange salvos.

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Elmore, Ohio
11 June 64

June 11; Elmore, Ohio: Police chief Richard Crawford armed with search light and radio, gave chase to a UFO suspended over Elmore about 2000 feet up. The UFO had three pinkish lights, which pulsed for 20 minute intervals.

UAO Over Electrical Power Complex

Hallam is 25 miles east of Melbourne, Australia and was the site of a UAO visitation at 5:55 p.m. on 12 June 1964.

While travelling on Dandenong Road five witnesses in two cars saw a stationary red light 40 degrees above the horizon. On turning off onto Hallam Road the light was still visible and the occupants of the first car stopped to see what it was.

The observers first thought the object was a light on top of a tower but shortly after they stopped the light accelerated suddenly and moved off to the East. At this time the outline was discernible and one witness described the object as "like a coin on its side" and another witness described the object as slightly domed on top and flat underneath. The brilliant red was at the leading edge and

One mile from the point where the UAO was seen to be hovering, the Main transformer lines from the Morwell-Yallourn power generating complex pass. These lines supply most of the power used in Melbourne and other areas."

Rumpf went on to cite Mrs. Lorenzen's theory concerning UAO reconnaissance of power supply, covered in her book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax."

ANOTHER

AUSTRALIAN

SIGHTING

Reprinted from the Flying Saucer Review,
Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society,
P.O. Box 43, Moorabbin, Victoria,
Australia.

AT 5:55 p.m. on 12th June 1964 a sighting of an unidentified saucer shaped object took place at Hallam, 25 miles east of Melbourne.

While travelling along Dandenong Road, five witnesses in two cars saw a stationary red light about 40 degrees above the horizon. On turning off onto Hallam Road, the light was still visible and the occupants of first car decided to stop in order to ascertain what it was.

At first they thought the light was supported by a tower, but a couple of minutes after they halted, the light accelerated abruptly and moved off in an easterly direction

in front of them. At this stage an outline was just discernible and one witness interviewed described the object as "like a coin on its side", whilst another stated that the object was slightly domed on the top, but flat underneath. The brilliant red light was at the "front" of the object and a pale yellow light was noticed on the "rear". The object was estimated by one witness as being "about the same size as a Viscount airliner" and to have disappeared towards Melbourne at a speed "greater than a Jet".

At no time was any noise heard, or any electro-magnetic or physiological effects noted.

AUSTRALIA

Hallam flying saucer

Clive Matthews contributed an article in the Mountain District and Knox Shire *Free Press* in its issue of June 17 concerning a UFO incident in the area. The account was as follows: "Four people from Belgrave South and Narre Warren North claim to have seen a flying saucer hovering over Hallam last Friday. The people were in two separate parties, but saw the object at the same time.

"This is the second 'flying saucer' report in the Dandenongs in recent years. A few years ago, a Patch woman reported having seen a long cigar-like object hovering in fog not far from her house.

"The four young people were travelling home to Belgrave South from Dandenong. They saw the object about 5.55 p.m. They were in two parties in separate cars.

"Robert Preston, 19, of Hallam Road, South Belgrave, was the driver of the first car. With him were Janette Stephenson, 17, of Emerald Road, Narre Warren North, and Dorothy Murfitt, 17, of Courtney's Road, South Belgrave.

"Preston, a mechanic with Repco in Dandenong, said: 'We were coming from Dandenong towards Hallam, along the highway, about 5.55 p.m., when we saw this red light in the sky. We didn't take much notice at first but when it remained stationary we pulled over and watched it for four or five minutes. Suddenly it took off like a flash across the sky, but when Dorothy wound the window down we couldn't hear any noise.'

"It had a bright red light in the front and a dim white light on the rear. Neither of them were flashing. It was about 800 feet up. It was the same size as a normal plane but it was going faster than any plane and didn't make any noise at all.'

"It went towards Melbourne. It moved from west to east, then gradually turned south.'

"It looked like a flat line when we saw it silhouetted against the skyline,' he added.

"Janette Stephenson, a stenographer with C. L. Godfrey, of Dandenong, said, 'As we were coming from Dandenong to Hallam there appeared to be a red light in the sky. I thought at first it was a helicopter hovering in the sky. As we turned into Hallam Road it came down towards us then passed in front of us.' As it passed in front of us it appeared to be dome-shaped and travelling terribly quickly but when we wound the window down we couldn't hear a thing.'

"At its nearest point it was about 800 feet away. It looked like a dinner plate turned upside down on a table but the bottom was slightly domed, too,' Janette said.

"Both agreed that they had never before seen anything moving in the sky at a similar speed.

"Arthur Gill, 21, a mechanic with Alan Coffey Motors in Ferntree Gully was the driver of the second car. He said he could not remember seeing anything but his passenger, Helen Stewart, 20, of Wellington Road, Clematis, saw the light.

"Helen said 'At first I thought it was a light on a tower or something but when we got closer we could see there was nothing underneath it.'

"I thought it was extraordinary because it was so bright and so low, much too low for an aeroplane.'

"*Free Press* contacted both Moorabbin and Melbourne Airports but both said they knew nothing about it. An official at Moorabbin airport said that the only red light on an aircraft that would remain unblinking would be a plane's landing gear but this would remain on only for six or seven seconds."

(Credit to Mrs. Sylvia Sutton of the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society)

K. Allen
13 JUN 64

August 18, 1964

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is in response to your recent letter concerning Unidentified Flying Objects.

We appreciate your forwarding the newspaper clipping with the photograph taken by amateur photographer [REDACTED]. However, we believe that the image on the film may have been created or caused by a freak in the developing process or some flaw in the film itself. This belief is further heightened by the photographer's admission that he observed nothing unusual during the time he was taking the photograph.

Inclosed is a summary of information on Project Blue Book, the program for the investigation and evaluation of Unidentified Flying Object reports. We believe this brochure will be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Inclosure

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Thurmaston, Leicester
England

HEADQUARTERS
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: Request for UFO Information ([REDACTED])

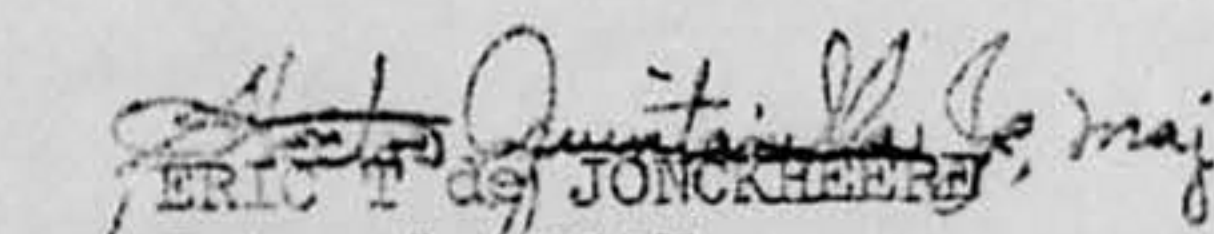
27 Jul 64

TO: Hq USAF SAFOI FB (Mrs Gaiser)
Wash D C 20330

1. Reference the Attached letter from [REDACTED] requesting information on a newspaper clipping. This letter is forwarded to your office for reply.

2. It is suggested that a Fact Sheet be sent to Mr [REDACTED] Comments regarding the photo of the (Space Man) - Mr [REDACTED] should note that the photographer, [REDACTED], observed nothing when the picture was taken. Possibly the image was created or caused by a freak in the developing process or some flaw in the film itself. In any event, the photographer indicates that he did not observe anything when the picture was taken.

FOR THE COMMANDER


ERIC T. de JONCKHEERE, Maj
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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YOU - THE NUCLEUS OF SECURITY!

17-6-64

Thurmaston, Leicester

ENGLAND

Dear Sir

In response to your request, for information regards flying saucers in the book written in 1953 by Professor Pringel, I enclose the press cutting, taken from the British daily newspaper the Daily Mirror date 13-6-64. Our own government discourage and play down, any reports in connection with the above, but I believe, this report will be received with more interest and encouragement by your department in the U.S.A. I am not a flying saucer enthusiast, but with all the

[REDACTED]

Washington D.C.
July 1st - '68

Dear Sir
Wm. L. Root
Washington D.C.

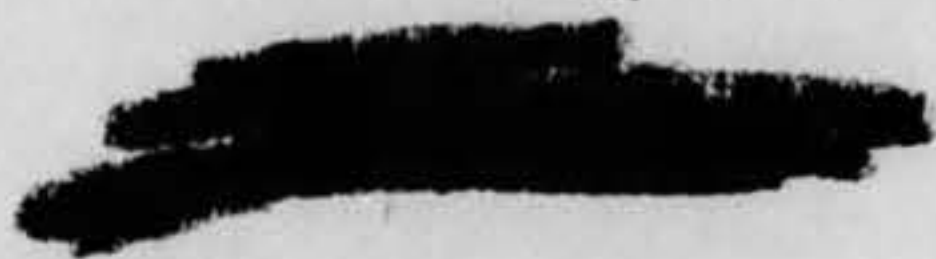
To whom it may concern I want to say
I read all that I can read and I have
the Air Force consistently considered
reports on night vision and other subjects
whenever they may be.

I was startled to see the article by
John Carr on the front page of the Saturday
Evening Post recently.

I have a cat who refuses to come in at
a reasonable hour at night but all the
middle of the night she goes up on the window
sill and scratches at the screen and I
know I must get up and let her in or she
will keep scratching until I do. I have tried
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increasing reports of sightings
and unexplained events, & myself
along with thousands of other
people are beginning to wonder.

Yours faithfully



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Pemberville, Ohio
13 June 1964

June 13; Pemberville, Ohio: Mrs. Karen Fahle reported to the Akron UFO Research Committee that she saw a brightly lighted object descend and apparently land about 200 yards away at 9 p.m. The lights dimmed and brightened, changing to a dark red as the UFO descended. They were arranged in a row on the perimeter of the object. After 5 minutes, the UFO moved away slowly, disappearing behind trees and buildings.

Tiffin, Ohio: A boy and his parents observed pink-lighted UFOs about 8:30 p.m....no other details given.

Carlisle
13 June 1964

The stranger in the photograph

Without necessarily suggesting that this strange occurrence has any connection with flying saucers, we quote, as a matter of general interest, the following item from the London *Daily Express* for June 13:

"On the lonely marsh beside the Solway Firth, Jim Templeton pressed the trigger of his camera. In front of

him was his five-year-old daughter Elizabeth. And in the distance the Chapel Cross atomic station and a Nato radar-tracking base.

"Jim, a 44-year-old Carlisle fireman, sent off his colour film for processing. Back it came with a note: 'Your best picture has been spoiled by a man in the background.'

" 'I don't know anything about spacemen, but there was definitely nobody in front of my camera except Elizabeth. There was nothing in sight for half a mile in fact—except for my wife and my other daughter. And they were behind me.'

" 'There wasn't even a tree or anything on the skyline which could have caused a reflection. The firm which made the film assure me that it must have been perfect.'

"Behind Elizabeth the picture showed a 'spaceman' in a white padded suit and helmet. He looked about 7ft. tall.

"Jim said last night: 'I took it to the Carlisle police. They were amazed.'

" 'The photograph was so good and clear I don't think it could have been a technical fault.'

"Carlisle police experts studied the picture. Detective Chief Superintendent Tom Oldcorn said yesterday: 'At first sight we thought it was a double exposure. But it's not. The picture shows someone in white, but Mr. Templeton says there was no one else about. It is very puzzling.'

" 'We're not taking it seriously. It must be some sort of freak picture.' "

All attempts made on behalf of the REVIEW to get in touch with Mr. Templeton proved unsuccessful. The reason may perhaps be found in a brief and practically unnoticed paragraph in the Daily Express of June 20 to the effect that both Mr. Templeton's film and camera had been sent to the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall. The photograph will therefore be either dismissed as a trick of light or we shall hear no more about the matter.

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Source: American UFO Committee Review, Vol 1, No 2, Sep 64

Lynn, Mass
15 June 64

June 15; Lynn, Mass: Two persons observed a dome-shaped UFO with a revolving red light on the underside at close range.

16 - 30 JUNE 1964 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
16	Washington, D. C.	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
18	O'Neill, Nebraska	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
19	San Jose, California	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
22	28.37N 89.33W (Gulf of Mexico)	[REDACTED] B	Other (MUNITIONS TEST)
23	Big Pine Key, Florida	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
23	Binghamton, N. Y.	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
25	Poulson, Montana	[REDACTED]	1. SATELLITE
			2. AIRCRAFT
25	El Paso, Texas	[REDACTED] (PHOTO)	BALLOON
26	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
26	Clairton, Pa.	[REDACTED] (PHOTOS)	1. Sighting (INSUFFICIENT DATA)
			2. Photo (INSUFFICIENT CLARITY)
27	Cincinnati, Ohio	[REDACTED]	SATELLITE
27	30.50N 175.40W (Pacific)	Military	SATELLITE
27	Maupin, Oregon	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
28	Anderson, S. C.	[REDACTED]	Other (BALL LIGHTNING)
28	Richmond, Missouri	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
Jun/Jul	Spencer, Indiana	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
23	Conyngham, Pa.	News Clipping	
24	Kalispell, Mont.	" "	
25	Ely, Nev.	" "	
26	Seaton Burn, England	" "	
27	Saint-Remy-des-Monts, France	" "	
29	Lavonia, Ga.	" "	

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... what the object was.

I am seventy years old and never before
or since have seen anything like it.

I suppose you ...
will say it was a "natural phenomenon".

Yours very truly

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By JOHN P. CORR
Of The Inquirer Staff

SUPPOSE a flying saucer...

But nobody wants to say—these two words—when they talk about the funny goings-on in South Jersey. After all, they say, it might be a hoax.

State Policeman Frank J. Caldwell says it may have been a meteorite. Or, maybe a piece of construction equipment made those markings—although it is unlikely.

He won't say it was... one of those things. Mrs. Carol Tischuk, 30, of 55 Stage Coach rd., Hampton Lake, refuses to mention it... refuses to speculate on what might have caused the strange markings.

She discovered a circular imprint on white sand in a clearing of a wooded area. The circumference of the circle is marked by a blackened, solid rim of fused sand.

The circle is depressed about five inches. It is 18 feet in diameter. It is "perfectly round" and has a deposit of odd, "crusty" material in the middle.

There is an inner circle of what also looks like burned, fused sand, about four feet inside the outer circle.

Mrs. Tischuk was interested but thought nothing of the strange circle until, one night, a friend told her a story.

The friend, Mrs. Lorraine Moore, 34, of 125 Main st., Vincentown, was driving home one morning about three o'clock. She was coming down Red Lion rd. when, suddenly...

"A NOVERSIZED platter," she said, appeared above her car, slightly to the front and traveling at the same speed as the car.

She speeded up, but the "platter" remained in the same position. If she had been

standing on the roof of the car, she said, she could have touched it.

It glowed. It had a sort of "cocoon" in the center. It had something like antennae and something like windows. It had a red light on it. Mrs. Moore went even faster. So did the "platter."

She pulled into her driveway and got out. There it was, above the car about tree top level. Mrs. Moore ran inside and got her husband. When they returned, however, it was gone.

Mrs. Moore said the thing was "flying," but she called it a platter, not... that other thing.

When some boys took a picture of the depressed circle in the sand, Mrs. Tischuk began to be "bothered." She took the pictures to the Red Lion Barracks of the State Police.

TROOPER CALDWELL looked at the picture, got into his patrol car and went looking for the circle. He took a dirt road off Holly rd. and found... it.

It had rained since the picture was taken but the circle was still there. Trooper Caldwell hitched up his belt and walked right up to it.

It was a perfect circle. If a meteorite had hit, the circle would not have been so well defined, he thought.

Maybe a piece of machinery, he thought. But there were no tracks leading to it or from it. Besides, he thought, what kind of machinery would make such a mark? What about the fused sand?

Also, there was no vegetation inside the circle.

The case is still "open," he said. He does not think it was a meteorite, or machinery or a hoax.

He thinks it was... "something else."

Air Force Seeks Sightings of Flying Saucers

WASHINGTON, July 12 (UPI).—The Air Force refused to get alarmed Monday over a rash of recent claims of flying-saucer sightings over Portugal, the South Pole, Japan and Latin America.

A spokesman for the Air Force, which keeps track of reports of unidentified flying objects (UFO's), said it had no evidence of unexplained activity.

NATURAL PHENOMENA

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INSTRUMENTS GO 'WILD'

Hall said that last Tuesday, British and Argentine scientists in the Antarctic reported a UFO which "sent their geoscientific instruments wild."

He also reported that last March 21 a Japanese airline pilot said that an unidentified object flew alongside his plane for 35 miles, violently affecting his craft's direction finder.

Witnesses in the Azores off Portugal reported seeing a UFO overhead at an altitude of 33,000 feet last week. There were reports that electromagnetic fields at Santa Maria Airport stopped for 10 minutes during an incident.

The reporter was quoted as saying the object was a "white cylinder which sometimes looked like a balloon."

Paraguay, French and British navy vessels in the area said they had launched no bal-

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Source:

Salisbury, Rhodesia
1 June 1964

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Ball of fire

From the *Salisbury Rhodesia Herald*,
June 2:

"What was the mystery 'ball of fire' seen spiralling down over the outskirts of Salisbury during the lunch hour yesterday? Mr. J. M. Lowe, a Mount Pleasant garage proprietor said he saw the 'ball of fire' outlined against dark cloud.

"It descended slowly and left a trail of smoke."

"It was also seen shortly after noon by a person in Second Street. Both witnesses said the object was some distance away in a north-easterly direction.

"A Department of Civil Aviation spokesman said: 'It was not an aircraft. None was in the vicinity at the time.'

"A Meteorological Office spokesman said: 'It is extremely unlikely that one of our hydrogen balloons would burn out like that. It may well have been a meteor,' he added."

CHILD BURNED IN NEW MEXICO

One of the most sensational reports to come out of the spring and early summer flap in New Mexico was the case of Charles Keith Davis of Hobbs, New Mexico. The basic details:

On the 2nd of June at 4 p. m. Charles Davis was standing just outside the back door of his Grandmother's laundry in Hobbs. The door led to the boiler room where his grandmother, Mrs. Frank Smith, was cutting a cake in preparation for preparing lunch for herself and Charles. Suddenly Mrs. Smith was horrified to see an elongated apparently metal object swoop down out of the sky and hover above Charles. She was so frightened she couldn't cry out. The thing was there for only a few seconds then with a "whooshing sound" it elevated and disappeared upward into the sky. Mrs. Smith then ran out to Charles, and put her arms around him. He had begun to swell, and there was a sooty deposit on his face and neck and shirt.

The object, according to Mrs. Smith, was somewhat like a top, and gave off black soot and fire. The boy stood there with his eyes tight shut and his hair standing on end until the object went away.

Mrs. Smith said that one of Charles' ears looked "like a piece of raw meat." He was not "burned bald" as some reports declared, but he was swollen so badly that his nose was scarcely visible. His eyes were swelled shut.

Samples of the boy's skin and hair were taken, along with his T-shirt and his Grandmother's apron against which she held Charles, and were sent to an FBI laboratory.

Upon receipt of the initial news of the burn case, APRO contacted Mrs. Smith and obtained additional facts as well as the name of the Doctor who treated the boy. When the Doctor was contacted he yielded the following information:

The boy was treated at Lee County Hospital where he stayed for five days. The burns, which were second degree with some imbedded soot, were on the face, ears and neck and according to the Doc-

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tor were "nothing unusual"—except for one thing—Charles suffered no pain during his ordeal. The Doctor described Charles as a bright, friendly boy. Treatment of the burns consisted of sulphathiazol ointment applied directly to the affected areas. When Charles' burns began to heal it was necessary to administer a sedative because of the intense itching.

Although the Doctor was frank and readily answered questions, he preferred that his name not be publicized to prevent an influx of mail inquiring about the case. He, although he would offer no opinion as to the nature of the object or the cause of the burns, seemed to believe the story told by both the boy and his grandmother.