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All this, because the evidence is also mounting that the nicotined bliss of strangers long departed can affect the innocent.

Mr Desmond drew stern reference yesterday to "passive smoking", that situation in which non-smokers are threatened by breathing the air polluted by the addicts around them. "While the health risks due to passive smoking are still being researched, it is clear that people suffering from certain forms of heart disease, angina, emphysema, bronchitis, asthma and chronic lung disease are all adversely affected by being exposed to an atmosphere filled with smoke."

Initiatives such as Jurys were to be welcomed, Mr Desmond said, and he was also very pleased about the decision of Superquinn to declare "No Smoking" areas in their supermarkets. Quite apart from the health gain, there were financial assets.

"I know of one hospital that reduced its maintenance costs by 15 per cent simply by banning smoking," Mr Desmond said.

Just the same, he observed, it will be interesting to see what happens when the Bill finally hits the Dail floor.

There are no penalties if a resident of the eighth floor of Jurys does go mad and light up; no-one has provided for citizen's arrest or anything. But Mr Glynn said it was definite hotel policy to turn away a smoker if there were no other rooms left except one in the non-smoking area; in other words Jurys is prepared to sacrifice profit. Now that's commitment.

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to sales from his Cork tea firm [illegible] eties of unlabelled tea. If Barry McGuigan comes up with the right answers then there is a genteel and assured future for him when he finally hangs up his gloves.

Mr Barry's party at the fight included his wife, Margaret, two Foreign Affairs officials, Mr Michael [illegible] and Mr [illegible] Rowan, who is also a former Ulster juvenile boxing champion, and an SDLP Belfast city councillor, Dr Joseph Hendron.

Parnell bust for Commons

A group of Irish businessmen in London have put up money to erect a bust in the House of Commons to Parnell. The leader of the SDLP, Mr John Hume, MP has asked the Speaker and the Services Committee of the House of Commons to find a spot for the statue cast in bronze by Breton sculptor, Mr Renard Yann Goulet, who lives in Bray, Co Wicklow.

The group which raised the money is led by Dublin architect, Mr Sam Stephenson, who now lives in London and includes publisher, Mr Kevin Kelly, and businessman Mr Pat Doherty.

Mr Hume said yesterday: "Parnell was one of the greatest politicians of his age and it is right that his memory should be marked in this way."—(PA)

FG man to chair Cork Co Council

Mr Michael Broderick (FG) was yesterday elected chairman of Cork County Council, defeating the outgoing Ms Vivion O'Callaghan (FF) by 22 votes to 21. Mr Broderick, a farmer from Buttevant, takes over after two years of Fianna Fail rule.

Labour voted for the Fine Gael candidate while Councillor Joseph Sherlock (WP) voted for Councillor O'Callaghan. Councillor Patrick McAuliffe (Ind.) abstained and Councillor Noel Collins (Ind.) voted for the Fine Gael candidate.

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Confirmed by both British and American attachés that the alleged object was NOT released by a naval vessel of either Navy. Both expressed concern at the report and were appreciative that the object might be an anthropoid device. No further info available from Garda Sources at this time.

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ALLEGED SIGHTING OF FLYING PROJECTILE, FALCARRAGH, CO DONEGAL – 09 May 84.

Sir,

1. ~~Tele conf to Op Int Sec re~~ above refers.

2. Initial Report

The first Report on the above occurrence came when a Reporter from Radio na Gaeltachta Rang Tirdel Camp at 091245 May 84 asking for any info on the sighting of a V-Shaped Rocket by two men in a boat near Falcarragh, Co Donegal on the previous

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3. IO 28 Dmf Bn was instr to investigate and the following points emerged

a. The alleged sighting was made by a Garda who in company with a civilian had just arrived at a bog adjacent to FALCARRAGH.

b. The Garda was extremely reluctant to be interviewed on the matter but after assurances that his identity would NOT be revealed even to GS authorities he gave an account of what he saw.

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c. The Garda & the civilian it appears, had just arrived at the bog & were unloading tools from a car. The GS was unable to pinpoint the loc of the body on the map but it appears to be near GR B900 300 SW of Goltahoak.

d. as the two were unloading the car they both heard a "gushing" sound like a strong wind. The civ kept looking downwards but the GS looked up & saw an object which appeared to be grey in colour passing

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overhead. He described the item as follows

Shape: Like the bottom of a domestic (pressing) iron, with fins at the back. (See sketch attached, from IO 28 Inf Bn)

Length: 1½ ft. but difficult to be sure, on account of the height

Height: 600 to 800 ft up.

The time of the sighting was 081128 May 84

e. The object flew directly over their heads at high speed.

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It seemed to come from between TORY ISLAND GR B860 465 and HORN HEAD GR C013 418 and was headed roughly SW towards TAOBH AN KEITHID Mtn. (See sketch attached)
The GS felt the object was going to hit the mountain but it disappeared from his view quickly. He estimates that he observed the object for a total of about 30 secs.

The three gunners approached the Army person who saw the object but the civilian with him heard the sound and it seems that

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another person may also have heard the sound (name NOT readily available).

4. Concluding Points.

a. It seems fairly definite that Ko Banda did see some type of object in flight. This is likely to have been either a missile fired from either land or from a ship off-shore or else some form of drone launched for the purposes of ~~[illegible]~~ (friendly ships) ~~[illegible]~~ control.

b. Some consideration must be

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given to the possibility that the object was launched by SVs for trg purposes. a map study of the terrain would indicate that it's general configuration makes it suitable as a "range" for firing family long range projectiles. SVs however would surely have been aware of the likelihood of such trg being casually observed even though the general area is thinly populated. Around dawn on a Sunday (non working day) morning would be a much more likely Time for ~~ass~~ planning

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c. If the object was travelling out of control ~~to~~ and struck same down at the end of the runs on the flt path. Then some evidence of this may emerge in due course.

d. A heli search was carried out by the Aer Corps on the afternoon of 15 May but nothing was discovered.

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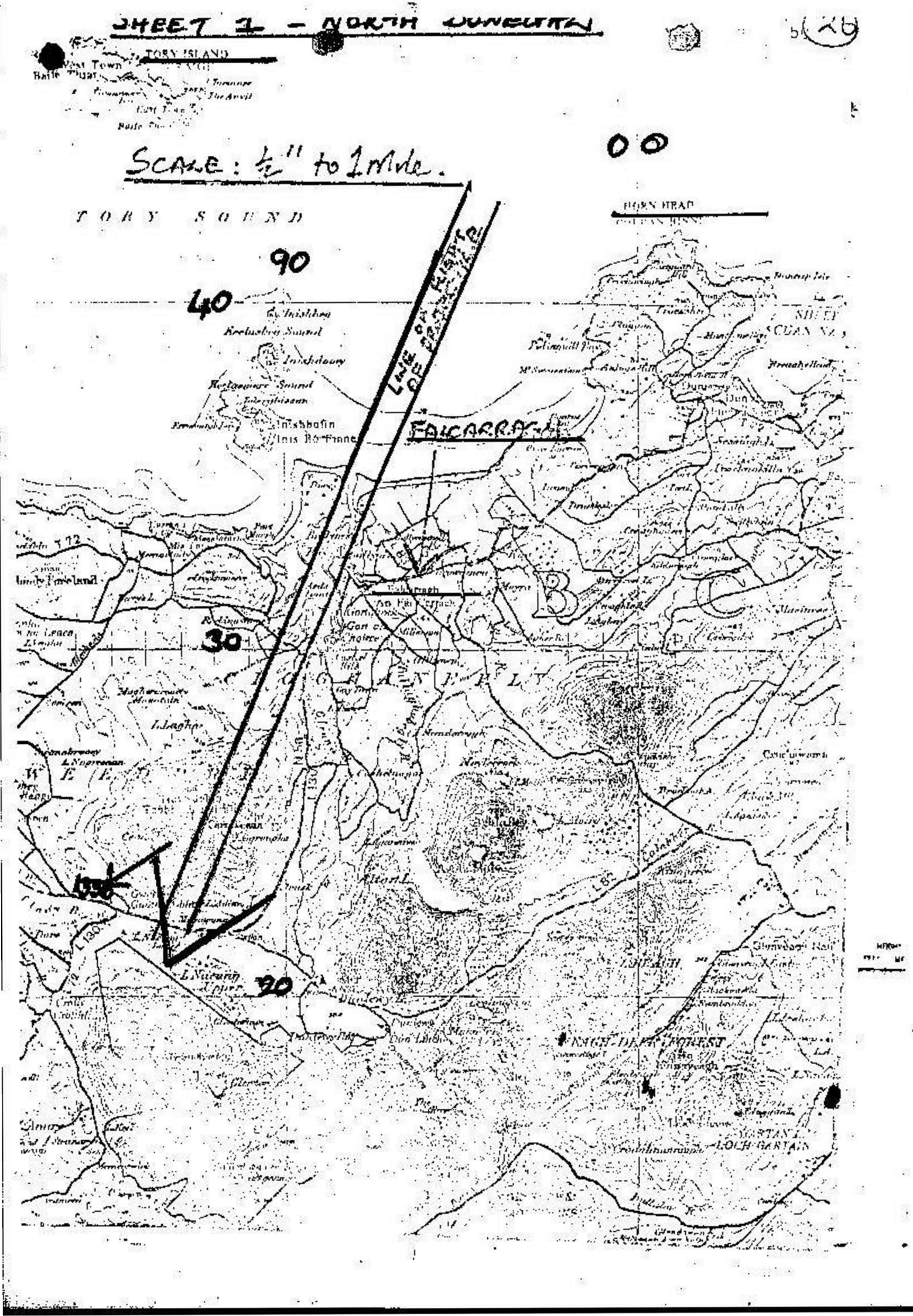
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TORY ISLAND
West Town
Bailé Thuaidh
HORN HEAD
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LINE OF FLIGHT
Inishdooey
Inishbofin
Inis Bó Finne
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ROUGH SKETCH
OF PROJECTILE

U.F.O.

On 11 MAY it was reported that an U.F.O was sighted ~~[illegible]~~ flying over the Donegal Coast from a post in North of Tory Island by a Garda and a farmer. The object was described as being V shaped and flying at 600 to 1000 ft. ~~[illegible]~~ It was suggested locally that the object came from a submarine though none was sighted. This suggestion was endorsed by Mr. Pat (the Cope) Gallagher TD, who said that he would be pressing the Ministers for Defence + F.A for statements. The description of the object leads one to suspect that it may have been a target drone or an RPV. some of which are V shaped, and travel in excess of one hundred knots with endurances of 2 or 3 hours. It is possible that one of these drones or RPVs was lost by its mother ship or an

AA exercise or intelligence gathering mission in the G.I.U.K. gap. ~~which went wrong.~~ The nearest Irish Naval Unit to the area at the time was Aisling which was at Eagle Island about 80 miles away. She saw nothing unusual.

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TELEDYNE RYAN MINI-RPV

DESCRIPTION:

Teledyne Ryan announced a mini-RPV for a broad spectrum of applications for all branches of the armed services in the latter part of 1974. The delta-shaped, ducted-propeller driven vehicle, complete with fuel, will weigh between 54 and 64kg, depending upon mission. The makers describe it as a multi-mission design capable of providing, in addition to target acquisition and designation functions, a flexible range of surveillance, reconnaissance, weapons delivery, and Elint applications, but clearly the extent of these capabilities must be related to the ratio of payload to all-up weight that is achieved.



Close-up of the Teledyne Ryan Mini-RPV



Portability of Teledyne Ryan's new Mini-RPV, demonstrated by two-man handling, is a prime fe addition to advanced technology that rigidity limits enemy detection through low radar cross- visual, acoustic, and infra-red signatures. Prop-driven vehicle measures approximately 2.28m fr tip. System may use conventional landing gear or shoot rail launch and automatic net recove

While launch and recovery operations for many tactical applications, including land and sea-based operations, would involve the use of a trainable launcher-cum-catapult with a net recovery system, other versions could be configured with conventional landing gear. Employing their experience with the numerous other drone and RPV activities with which they have been involved, Teledyne Ryan has achieved a very low radar cross-section. S about 120 knots.

STATUS:

Feasibility studies and initial developmer ing began in September 1974.

MANUFACTURER:

Teledyne Ryan Aeronautical, San Diego nia 92112, USA.

DESCRIPTION

Under various Department of Defense contracts beginning in March 1972, Aeronutronic Ford's Aeronutronic Division has designed, developed, and produced small, low-cost 'Mini-RPV's' for battlefield reconnaissance, target acquisition, and laser designation. Both day and night versions have been, and continue to be, developed. Praeire IIB, the day version currently being manufactured, features an all fibreglass/polyurethane foam construction. The conventional wing/tail/body design utilises a mid-engine pusher configuration to clear the nose area for the TV sensor payload. Power plant is a Kolbo Korp 8HP opposed twin cylinder engine giving a top speed of 137km/h (85mph) at 1500m (5000ft). Stall speed is 61km/h (38mph). Gross weight is 54kg (120lb). Guidance is by radio command. An earth's electric field autopilot provides attitude control when out of sight of the pilot.

The TV sensor package also developed by Aeronutronic Ford contains a high resolution camera with 4:1 zoom capability sightline. Pointing and stabilisation is provided by a coelostat mirror optical system which provides 360° azimuth and +5° – 75° elevation coverage. An International Laser System's miniature laser provides target ranging and designation through a common optical path with the TV. Total weight of the sensor system is 11.3kg (25lb). The Praeire IIB carries the sensor system in a nose module which rotates 180° after runway or catapult takeoff of the aircraft to place the optical dome underneath for viewing. The dome is made of plastic. Night versions of Praeire are called Calere and utilises FLIR (Forward-Looking Infra-Red) for full night time capability. To meet the needs of future Mini-RPVs, Aeronutronic Ford has developed a miniature FLIR sensor which weighs only 2.7kg (6lb) and includes three fields of view. Aeronutronic Ford has also developed an electronic warfare payload for the Praeire Mini-RPV for tactical communications intercept and jamming.

CHARACTERISTICS:

Praeire IIB:
Gross take-off weight: 54kg
Wing span: 39.6cm
Length: 33.5cm
Mission duration: 4hr



Aeronutronic-Ford Praeire IIB mini-RPV carries a stabilised TV sensor and laser target des former is housed in the round turret on the forward fuselage. After take-off this part of the fusela so that the TV sensor is directed downward

Maximum altitude: 3000m
Maximum speed: 137km/h at 1500m
Minimum speed: 61km/h at 1500m
Mission radius: Radio line-of-sight

STATUS:

In December 1975 it was revealed that a Praeire IIB mini-RPV had been used successfully in recent tests of the US Army's new Cannon-Launched Guided Projectile (CLGP) (2537.111) at the White Sands Missile Range. The Praeire laser target designation system enabled gunners to pinpoint the tank target and accurately fire a laser-seeking artillery 'smart shell'. The mini-RPV loitered near the tank at an altitude of about 600m, acquired the target in its television sensor system, which displayed the target on a ground-based console operator at the console then directed from the RPV to the tank, and the artill fired from a 155mm howitzer at a rang miles). A direct hit on the turret was sco

Praeire IIB is the fourth in a series developed by Aeronutronic. It wa designed and developed under DoD AF ship, with further developments carrie US Army as part of its RPAODS (Rem Aerial Observer/Designator System) pr

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Teledyne Ryan announced a mini-RPV for a broad spectrum of applications for all branches of the armed services in the latter part of 1974. The delta-shaped, ducted-propeller driven vehicle, complete with fuel, will weigh between 54 and 64kg, depending upon mission. The makers describe it as a multi-mission design capable of providing, in addition to target acquisition and designation functions, a flexible range of surveillance, reconnaissance, weapons delivery, and Elint applications, but clearly the extent of these capabilities must be related to the ratio of payload to all-up weight that is achieved.



Close-up of the Teledyne Ryan Mini-RPV



Portability of Teledyne Ryan's new Mini-RPV, demonstrated by two-man handling, is a pri addition to advanced technology that rigidly limits enemy detection through low radar c visual, acoustic, and infra-red signatures. Prop-driven vehicle measures approximately 2.2 tip. System may use conventional landing gear or short rail launch and automatic net re

While launch and recovery operations for many tactical applications, including land and sea-based operations, would involve the use of a trainable launcher-cum-catapult with a net recovery system, other versions could be configured with conventional landing gear. Employing their experience with the numerous other drone and RPV activities with which they have been involved, Teledyne Ryan has achieved a very low radar cross-secti about 120 knots.

STATUS:

Feasibility studies and initial develo ing began in September 1974.

MANUFACTURER:

Teledyne Ryan Aeronautical, San D nia 92112, USA.

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Mystery missile causes concern

Following the sighting on Tuesday last week of a missile-shaped object which flew speedily through the sky over Castlefinn, Co. Donegal, that foreign powers might be using the area as a training ground for their fighter aircraft, has been confirmed by a spokesman for the Department of Defence.

Fatersough farmer Patrick Connolly claims he has seen the missile to be propelled with a distinct burning sound over Ardsbeg, Glendaff, and disappeared over the mountains.

While we now know it to almost certain Gallagher has not been undergoing an intensive training course, Sgt. Paul Bradley, of Fatersough Garda Station, confirmed the report and also stated that Garda Gallagher was "completely wrong thing flying in the sky". He explained that Garda Gallagher was still suffering [illegible] Monday evening when the report was made by a farmer of Ballybrack.

But sources in Donegal have denied that the missile was fully but such is the case of the matter.

area, the reports of finding it have yet been denied. The night after the sighting was discussed Garda Gallagher and Mr Connolly both looking for a missile's path, but the Gardai and as there is no confirmation of the episode having been reported it was thought that the latter was a mistake.

Deputy Gallagher said that he would record up with a full report to find out a golf ball or a missile was [illegible] and stated that "I would by a missile. I'm sure that figured it was able to [illegible] from the [illegible] Gallagher said that he [illegible] Deputy Gallagher said that the [illegible] Another point was [illegible] Mr Gallagher said he [illegible] a really possible and he called a question which is expected to be answered today, Thursday, in the Dail by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The question asks the Minister to make a statement about an incident in which "an object resembling a missile was fired from a point north of Tory Island and which passed over Co. Donegal". So far, Deputy Gallagher's requests for a statement from the Minister for Defence has received no response.

Deputy Gallagher said that the incident should not be overlooked and expressed his concern that foreign powers might be testing military equipment over the area. He said the object, by a estimate of a person, there should have been destruction.

'War games' fear after U.F.O. sighted

Derry People 19/May 84

THE REPORTED SIGHTING of a missile-shaped object flying through the air near Carnahurk last week has increased fears that foreign powers are using the area off Ireland for training war crews.

There has been no official comment so far from the Irish Government on the incident, but an Irish helicopter combed the observed track of the object into the mountains from the coast on Tuesday.

The incident was highlighted by Deputy Pat The Cope Gallagher over the deployment of the helicopter following a [illegible] between deputy Danny McGinley and the Defence Minister, Mr. Patrick Cooney, who had been unaware of the report until Deputy McGinley mentioned it to him.

The flying object was seen by an elderly Gaelic [illegible] Gallagher, from Fair respite as he was passing [illegible] Ardsbeg Mountain [illegible] Peadar Cook who was [illegible] Gallagher [illegible] Garda [illegible] was passed on [illegible]

Deputy Gallagher had to [illegible] from his colleagues about "strange" [illegible] but he made a [illegible] what he had [illegible] about the object. It was [illegible] saw the cylinder shaped object smashing overhead at about eight [illegible] but said he thought it would crash into the mountains but it did not appear to do so.

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REPORTS of Unidentified Flying Objects and little green men in flying saucers visiting the earth have become almost too numerous to count.

But everybody is not putting these strange allegations down to being twinkling meteorites, flickering aeroplanes or the work of hoaxers or those suffering from major hallucinations.

Two Irish peers who sit in the House of Lords are so sure that there is life on other planets that they are demanding a full debate on UFOs.

And they are supported by a Dublin-based group of sky watchers who believe we are the victims of a great cosmic cover-up.

TOP SECRET!

Now two Irish peers demand a full debate on UFOs!

THERE is a race of superior beings up there somewhere and they are keeping a very, very close eye on each and everyone of us.

That's the firm belief of two Irish peers, Lord Clancarty and the Earl of Cork and Orrery, who say that Governments throughout the world are operating a massive cosmic cover-up.

Full story supported by a Dublin-based organisation called Spectrum, whose findings are based on the accounts and observations of the first recorded UFO sighting in Ireland.

The two peers, who sit in the House of Lords, are convinced that flying saucers and other alien beings are dealing us on a regular basis.

They are so positive about this that they are pressing for a full House of Lords debate on UFOs.

Weighing in behind them is Dublin-based group Spectrum, whose director, Paul McGuire, claims that Spectrum has amassed the greatest possible amount of data about the true extent of UFO sightings around the world ever found to date.

Spectrum, which is in contact with Government officials in Ireland, Britain and America, claims that governments are not our overall Lords.

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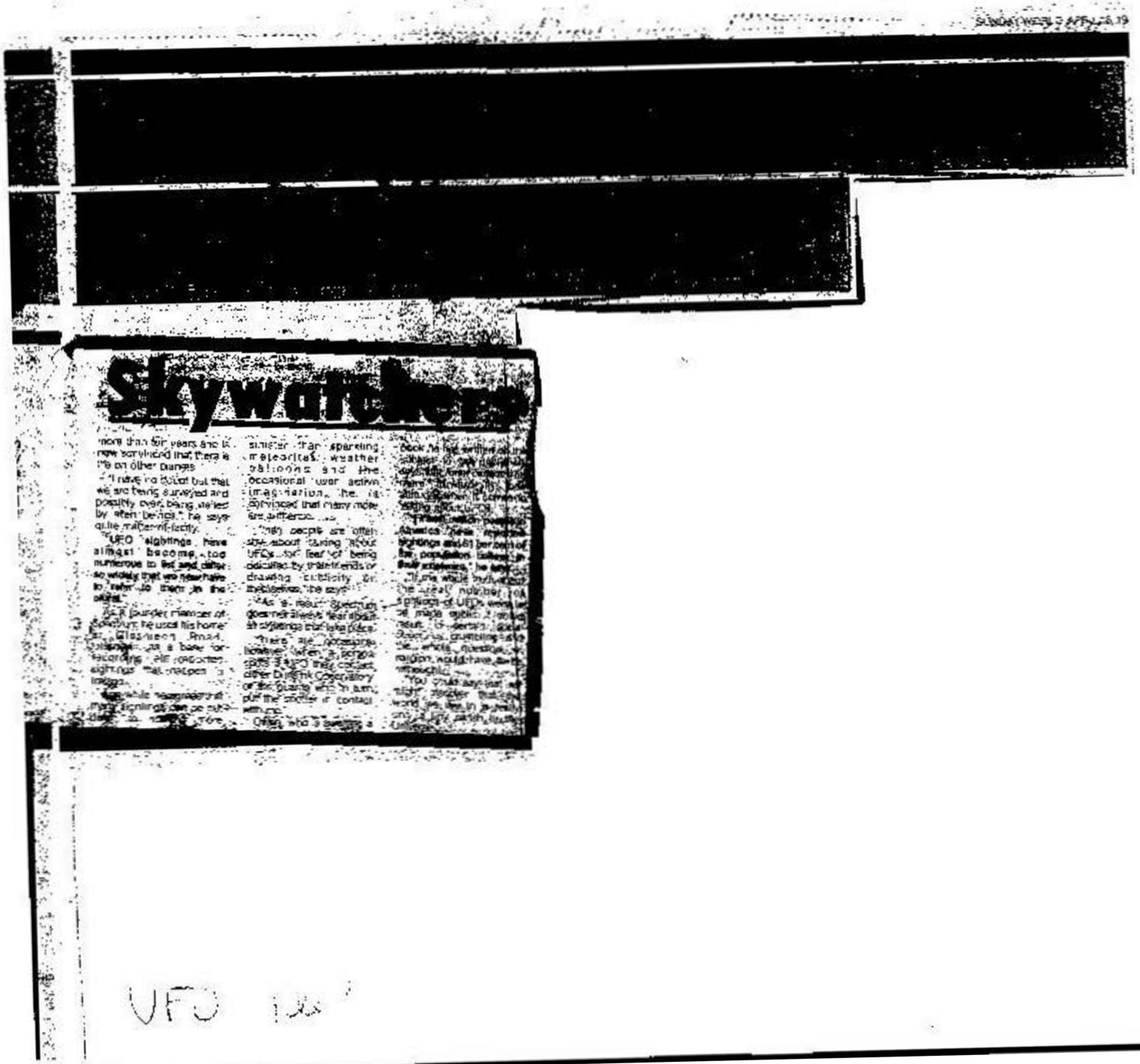
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By CATHAL [illegible]





SUNDAY WORLD 4364



Skywatchers

more than four years and is now convinced that there is life on other planets.

"I have no doubt but that we are being surveyed and possibly even being visited by alien beings," he says quite matter-of-factly.

"UFO sightings have almost become too numerous to list and date so widely that we now have to refer to them in the plural."

As a founder member of Contact, he used his home in Glasnevin Road, Dublin, as a base for recording all reported sightings that crossed his desk.

"While researching all these sightings one can only come to the conclusion that there is something out there. Many of the sightings are quite simply explainable as misidentification of natural phenomena, such as meteors, satellites, aircraft, planets, stars, etc.

"However, there are a number of sightings that cannot be explained away so easily. These are usually made by people who have had some experience of flying or navigation and are familiar with the night sky. They are quite capable of identifying normal objects and are not easily fooled by anything ordinary.

"Many of these sightings are made by more than one person and are usually corroborated by ground radar. Some of these sightings are made by pilots and navigators of commercial airliners and military aircraft.

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full debate on UFOs!

By CATHAL O'SHEA



▶ IS IT OR ISN'T IT? It can't. This purported sighting turned out to be a fake.

...Spectrum, who says "If the general public knew the true extent of UFO sightings around the world there could be panic.

"People would quickly realise that Governments are not our overall Lords."

The widespread belief in the existence of UFOs cuts across social and class barriers.

William Brinsley Le Poer Trench, the eighth Earl of Clancarty, who grew up in Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, says that he is positive that beings in flying saucers landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California in 1953.

"When they landed they met with President Eisenhower and a United States Air Force pilot who was there as a technical adviser," the 70-year-old peer says in all seriousness.

"I have spoken to the pilot about this encounter and have absolutely no reason to disbelieve him," he says.

Lord Clancarty, who now lives in London's fashionable Belgravia, maintains that the beings arrived at the air base in five flying saucers and they demonstrated their super-natural abilities to become invisible then reappear.

He says: "It was agreed at the meeting that this encounter should be kept a secret as it might prove too much of a shock for mankind.

"It was decided that the news should only be broken to the general public over the course of many years.

"I believe this has been done with the making of the film 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind.'

Before you start laughing at Lord Clancarty's beliefs, you must realise that he has spent 30 years researching UFOs, written seven books about their existence and has had countless talks with UFO spotters and scientists.

"I am an expert on the subject and know exactly what I am talking about", he says. "I am positive the British Government and indeed other Governments throughout the world are keeping files on thousands of sightings, but they are being stamped "Top Secret" for fear of their contents frightening the public at large.

Policy

The sky-watching peer continues: "There are literally hundreds of sightings in Britain alone every year, and I accept that the majority of them can be explained by aircraft, balloons and tricks of the light.

"But there is still a solid body of unexplained evidence which cannot be dismissed lightly.

"It is Government policy to try and ignore these sightings and keep news of their seriousness secret."

A colleague of Lord Clancarty, the Earl of Cork and Orrery, who is descended from the Boyle family of Lismore Castle, Co. Waterford, is also vigorously pursuing the subject of UFOs.

A fortnight ago in the House of Lords he asked was there a cover-up of reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects.

But much to the earl's disappointment he was told that no sightings of UFOs were classified for security reasons.

...says the 42-year-old father of two. He says he has studied the subject of UFOs for

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Flaming objects in sky sighted

A giant [illegible] meteorite was seen [illegible] around the country [illegible] it had the [illegible] harvest moon, according [illegible] meteorologist [illegible] Clare-morris [illegible].

The [illegible] Dunsink observatory, [illegible] Mr. Weyman said [illegible] calls about a [illegible] object travelling in a northerly direction.

"From descriptions it would appear to be something like a meteorite or fireball. It is surprising how low one can see the object travel across the sky. It can appear to be coming in a horizontal plane."

Irish exam

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FLYING SAUCERS

ON reading your headlines of Saturday concerning the flying saucers, I would like to tell you that I saw a brilliant white orb of light travelling rapidly across the sky due East from Knocktopher on Saturday, 2nd inst., at 4.10 in the afternoon. It had every appearance of a meteorite, but it must have been exceptionally large to have been so brilliant in the afternoon.—*J. F. HOOD, Boher, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.*

E. HERALD. 14/11/50.

Was It A Flying Saucer?

FOUR people who saw a bright object flying at a great speed across the sky over Westport last night are wondering if it was a Flying Saucer.

Hugh Berry, B.E., a young engineer, said that about 8.15 o'clock he and his brother, Patrick, and Miss Lizzie Nellis, Quay Road, Westport, and Guard Canning, were standing at the Octagan when they saw a "ball of fire" cross the sky.

"At first it was coloured red with a tail of fire out of it. It stopped in its flight, reversed its direction, turned blue and then suddenly flew straight up and disappeared.

"The whole flight lasted ten seconds," Mr. Berry added.

E. MAIL 30/11/50.

"Flying Saucers"

Sir—Reading so many accounts of Flying Saucers, I would like to give my opinion of same. It has been stated that they travel through space at 5 miles per second or 18,000 miles per hour. This statement I take to be true. There is no metal manufactured on this earth or any other that would stand up to this speed. Then if it not solid, what then? I believe what these people have seen are flying dead atoms.—**H. Owens,** Castleview House, Rathfarnham.

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FIVE ALL AT ONCE

Would You Believe It? Flying Saucers Photographed Over Dublin!



Gleich fünf Teller auf einmal. Die Aufnahmen eines Beobachters bei Dublin. Gestaltet wie Kriegsflugzeuge sausten sie in Wolkenhöhe über ihn hinweg

This is a translation of the German lines:

"The camera saw the strange appearance in the sky. Five saucers taken together by an observer near Dublin. They passed over his head at the same height as the clouds in formation like warplanes."

"Herald" Staff Reporter

FLYING Saucers have been in the news for some time and have been reported seen over all the capitals of Europe—with the possible exception of Dublin.

A German illustrated weekly, "Weltbild," published in Munich, has repaired the omission.

It prints what it says is a photograph of flying saucers in the sky over Dublin.

There is no clue as to when the photograph was taken. Did you see any flying saucers lately?

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Though many plausible theories have been advanced to account for the strange phenomena known as flying saucers, the origin of these mysterious missiles—or vessels, or what-have-you—remains one of the greatest mysteries of the age, and may remain so forever.

Though it is only of recent years that reports of the sighting of these swift-moving objects in the sky have been at all widely circulated, the history of the phenomena—or delusion—goes back at least to 1878, when a farmer named John Martin, living near Denison, Texas, saw "a dark object" high in the sky, moving at a pecular velocity, and likened to "a large saucer."

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The first indication that they were something more than that, or that they might be originating in some other part of the world —if not some other world entirely —came in 1947, when reports were received from San Francisco, Mexico and Sydney, Australia

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Hence the theory, which quickly developed, that these strange craft, if they were not a secret invention involving an entirely new principle, must be of extra-terrestrial origin.

Current experiments in rocket propulsion in America lent some credence to the first speculation, which was officially denied.

As for the second, more than one man is prepared to stake his reputation on it.

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This investigation, however, led to a very different conclusion. It was: "Air Force studies of 'flying saucers' lend no support to the view that they come from another planet.

After two years the technicians and intelligence officers engaged on the problem were inclined to put the whole business down to one of three things, or a mixture of all three: hoaxes, "mass hysteria," or misunderstanding of perfectly natural phenomena.

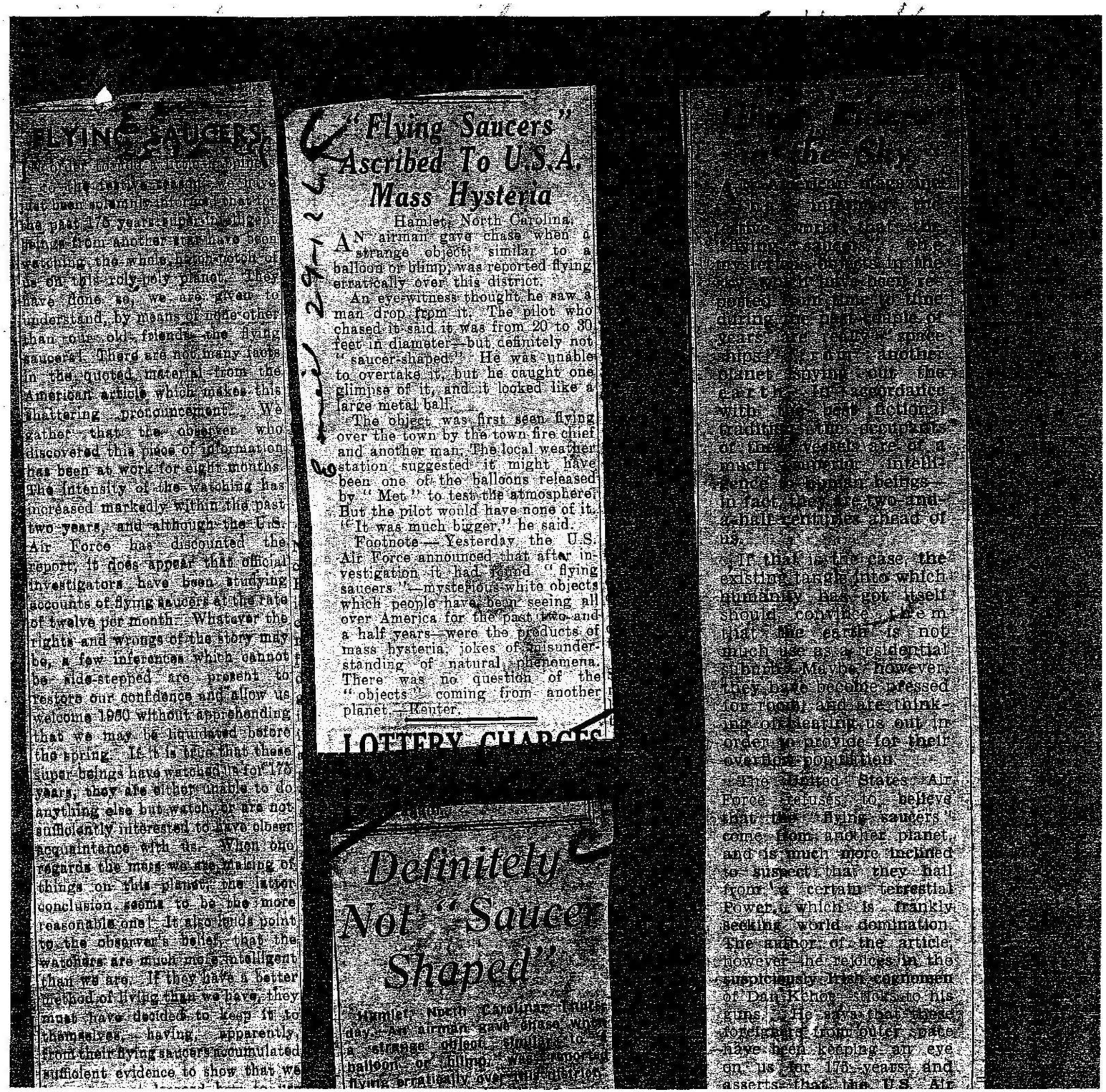
Subscribers to this view include the British Astronomer Royal, Dr. H. Spencer Jones; and Professor Auguste Piccard, who has been up in the stratosphere to a greater height than most men and who regard the "Flying Saucer" as a phantasy.

Other scientists have held that they are nothing more than optical illusions or "spots before the eyes."

To the psychologist, at least, it is one of the most interesting phenomena ever recorded.

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FLYING SAUCERS

"Flying Saucers" Ascribed To U.S.A. Mass Hysteria

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LOTTERY CHARGES

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[illegible] mysterious objects in the [illegible] have been reported from time to time during the last couple of years [illegible] space ships [illegible] another planet, [illegible] our [illegible] earth. In accordance with the best fictional traditions, the occupants of these vessels are of a much superior intelligence to human beings—in fact, they are two-and-a-half centuries ahead of us.

If that is the case, the existing tangle into which humanity has got itself should convince them that the earth is not much use as a residential suburb. Maybe, however, they have become pressed for room, and are thinking of clearing us out in order to provide for their overflow population.

The United States Air Force refuses to believe that the "flying saucers" come from another planet, and is much more inclined to suspect that they hail from a certain terrestial Power, which is frankly seeking world domination. The author of the article, however, the pedigree of the suspicions by Irish gentlemen of Dan Kehoe, sticks to his guns. He says that these foreigners from outer space have been keeping an eye on us for 175 years, and asserts that the U.S. Air

that we may be liquidated before the spring. If it is true that these super-beings have watched us for 175 years, they are either unable to do anything else but watch, or are not sufficiently interested to have closer acquaintance with us. When one regards the mess we are making of things on this planet, the latter conclusion seems to be the more reasonable one! It also lends point to the observer's belief, that the watchers are much more intelligent than we are. If they have a better method of living than we have, they must have decided to keep it to themselves, having, apparently, from their flying saucers accumulated sufficient evidence to show that we have not yet learned how to use sensibly the good things that have been vouchsafed to ourselves.

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It is strange that none of the visitors seems to have crashed in the earth's atmosphere. Of course, they may have perfected a much safer method of flying than we have yet evolved, but our advice to the public is not to worry until it is proved beyond doubt that these "saucers" contain living entities. Above all, they should refuse to be stampeded by scare stories over the radio, as happened a few years ago when Orson Welles threw an outsize scare into a large part of the United States by this means.

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GARDA SIOCHANA

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CRIME BRANCH
SECTION 3
20 AUG 1947
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Garda Siochana

Dear [redacted]

Attached copy correspondence from Tralee, together with cutting from "Cork Examiner" referred to therein, is forwarded for your information.

We do not propose to make any special inquiries in the matter here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Director of Intelligence,
Dept. of Defence,
Parkgate,
DUBLIN.

Read by the Minister who does not intend to take any action

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An tOifigeach i bhfeighil,
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Tá ordaithe dhom ag an gCoimisinéir an cómhfhreagarthas a ghabhas leis an mhiontuairisc seo a chur chughat mar eolas.

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ARD-CHEANNPHORT.

AN GARDA SIOCHANA.

K.E.2613/47. Superintendent's Office,
Killarney.
18th August, '47.

The O/Supt.,
Tralee.

Reports-like Objects seen by Juniors.

Submitted please. With reference to the attached Press report of the Cork Examiner dated August the 4th 1947, I beg to state that at 10. 30.p.m. on the evening of the 11. 7. '47, the date in question, I was in Rathmore and when leaving the village I saw the object in question flying through the air at a great height and at a great speed going from East to West and it seemed to fall from a height of about 1000 feet over Killarney mountains. The object had a head like a ball of fire and a trailing tail of fire six or seven feet long diminishing in intensity towards. I am satisfied that this was what has been commonly known in the country as a shooting or falling star, but it was a remarkably bright one. In the past I have seen somewhat similar objects flying through space and have regarded them as shooting stars.

In my opinion the Pressmen in Killarney like to keep abreast of the times and now that the age of "Flying Saucer" has arrived they like to key in the news, particularly where any money can be made out of it.

I have been in touch with the Supt. at Waterville who is making a separate report on the matter

[redacted]
Supt.



Coimisinéir "A" Branch.

Superintendent, Tralee, to see overleaf report from the Chesnaphort at Killarney in reply to the attached Press cutting "Cork Examiner" dated 4th August 1947.

The Chesnaphort at Cahirsan reports that [redacted] stayed at the Butler Arms Hotel Waterville on the night of the 30-31.7.1947 and did not report to any person [redacted] Hotel [redacted] went to 23, Rees Road, Dublin.

I am inclined to agree with the report made by [redacted]

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THE CORK EXAMINER, MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 1947.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

ROCKET-LIKE OBJECTS

Seen By Priests In County Kerry

Fr. Patrick Begley, of Carlisle, who is at present staying in Killarney, reports (says an "Examiner" correspondent) that on Thursday evening when going to Ross Castle he saw an object floating through the sky.

It looked like a rocket, and fell into the Lower Lake, at Ross Bay. When the object hit the water a blue light lit the sky. He was accompanied by Fr. Michael Begley, of the Mill Hill Fathers.

On the same evening Fr. J. Kitt, of the Kiltegan Missions, Cork, was sitting outside his hotel at Waterville, and saw an object in the sky coming in from the sea. It was travelling at a fast pace.

Both priests are now in Killarney, and wonder if there is any connection between their two experiences.

The Superintendent states that although he cannot be certain whether the story be true or else he himself does not believe it.

M.H.

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Ref. S/no 29

Southern Command Headquarters,
Collins Barracks,
Cork.

17th July, 1947.

To:

Director of Intelligence,
Department of Defence,
Parnell Square,
Dublin.

Alleged appearance of "Flying Disc" at Caherciveen, Co. Kerry on 11th July, 1947.

Sir,

With reference to the above I have the honour to forward herewith a report from Garda Sergeant [redacted], together with statements taken from the individuals concerned.

No action is being taken in this end pending your instructions on the matter, as it is understood that the Superintendent's report will be sufficient evidence on which to base any action that may be taken.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

[redacted]
LIEUT. COLONEL,
for OFFICER COMMANDING,
SOUTHERN COMMAND.

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AN GARDA SIOCHÁNA.

Uimh. 9384/47.

Oifig an Cheannphuirt,
[redacted]
15ú Iúil, 1947.

An Coimisinéir "G.".

Maidir le rud ar Seanbhaile Plóitín (Mise) a Deirtear go bhfachthas san aer ag Gaothair Saidhbhín, Co. Chiarraighe, ar an 11ú Iúil, 1947.

Cuirtear fé'r bhráid, leat thoil.

Ar an 10.15 i.n. 11/7/47 bhí an Gárda [redacted] 4008, ar dúthaí i Gaothair Saidhbhín nuair a chonaic sé [redacted] as Gaothair Saidhbhín air agus d'iarr sé dó go mbeadh trí thréar dúthúil rud éigin ar seachrán plóitín (díse) ag teilgint fríd an aer os cionn an bhaile mhóir ar timcheall a 6.30 i.n. an tráthnóna sin. Chuaidh an Gárda láithreach chuig an trí thréar seo i gceist agus do cheistnigh sé iad i dteanga an ngéil. Is iad a n-aonreacha na bhfuair i gceist ná [redacted] Gaothair Saidhbhín, [redacted] Gaothair Saidhbhín, agus [redacted] Gaothair Saidhbhín.

Ar an 12/7/47 tógadh ráiteas ó gach duine de'n trí thréar. Tá cóipeanna de na ráitis seo greamaithe. Deir [redacted] agus [redacted] bhfaca siad éigin leathan a raibh déanamh cruinn air ag teilgint fríd an aer os cionn an bhaile ar timcheall a 6.30 i.n. ar an 11/7/47. Deir [redacted] nach bhfaca sé féin tada acht go raibh sé i láthair nuair a dubhairt duine éigin: "Look at the thing flying in the air" agus é ina sheasamh leis nach i lár an bhaile.

Bhí giotaí sna páipéaracha nuachta cúpla lá roimhe sin a ráth go raibh "flying saucers" dá bhfeiceáil ag teilgint fríd an aer ins léin áiteacha ag áireamh Tuaisceart Éireann acht b'fhéidir nach raibh an t-eolas seo faighte ag na daoine seo ar an 11/7/47. Dá mbéadh is aisteach nach mbéadh ní-ré níos mó faoi an rud atá ráidhte go bhfachthas ar an 11/7/47. Bhí Gárdaí thart timcheall an bhaile mhóir i rith an tráthnóna - is aonaigh a bhí ann - agus is aistreach nár chuala duine faoi go dtí gur labhair [redacted] leo. Is aistreach, freisin, agus an oiread daoine agus a bhí ar an iomad nach bhfaca níos mó ná beirt an rud a deirtear a bhí thuas san aer. Ar an dtaobh eile fir dolaghdha ionadh an Súilleabhánach agus an Dubhánaeach agus ní'l an tiomrádh orra go bhfuil daoine tugtha d'innsint bréag.

Acht maidir le [redacted] ní chuirfeam theiris é nach ndéanfadh sé rud mar seo do shuaimhneas. Seriobhann sé giotaí i gcóir na bpáipéar nuachta anois agus arís agus dár mbéigh fiostar é ar son an méid a foilsighthear dó. Bíonn an scéal céadna ar siubhal ag a athair, [redacted] Timcheall dhá bhliain ó shoin seriobh [redacted] giotaí faoi tréithíri spáinneacha a bhí dar leis ag déanamh cirligh ar ionguaireacht thart timcheall ar chóstaí Cóige Mumhan agus nuair a rinneadh an scéal do thaighdiú fuarthas nach raibh aon bhunadhas leis. Tá mhras agus go seriobhfadh [redacted] rud sibhéiseach ar bith dá nglacfadh na páipéirí nuachta naidhe é agus mar sin tá seans ann gurabh é a chuir an Súilleabhánach amus [redacted] suas leis

Acht maidir le [redacted] ní
chuirfinn theiris é nach ndéanfadh sé rud nar aon do chum
Seirbhíseann sé glacaí i gcóir na bpáipéar nuaehta anois ag
eris agus dár mbíodh fiotar é ar son an méid a foilsíghtí
dó. Bíonn an oíbre céadna ar siúbhal ag a chéile.
Tiocfaidh dhá bhliain ó shoin seirbhís [redacted]
[redacted] gcóta faoi tráilírí spáinneacha a bhí dar leis ag
déanamh airligh ar leagaíseacht thart timcheall ar chéad
oíligh Dumhan agus nuair a rinneadh an scéal do thaighdeá
fuaithna nach raibh aon bhunadhas leis. Tá mhras agus go
seirbhíseadh [redacted] rud aibhéiseach ar bith dá scaoil
na páipéirí nuaehta maidir é agus nuair sin tá geanna ann gu
é a chuir [redacted] agus [redacted] anam leis
an scéal fós a chumadh. Ar an dóigheir sin ní féidir lia
a bheith cinnte pé acu a bhfuil an scéal fíor nó bréagach,
sant ní chreidim féin é.

Cuireadh an scéal i n-iúl do lu
an Airm i gCorcaigh thar an ghuthán ar an 11/7/47.

Mowsondale. Ceann
[redacted]

Oifig an Cheannphuirt,

[redacted]

15ú Iúil, 1947.

An tOifigeach i gCeannas,
Ceannsaíocht an Deiscirt,
Dún Ó Cuileáin.

CORCAIGH.

A Chara,

[redacted]

Is mise,

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Statement of [redacted]
Caherciveen, taken at his residence [redacted]
on the 12th, July, 1947.

I remember yesterday evening I was standing near the Library at the junction of the Bridewell Road, New Market Street, Church Street, and Fair Field, about 8.30 p.m. Summer Time. I was speaking to [redacted] There were several people in the vicinity at the time. We were both looking North towards Castlequin, when suddenly an brother-in-law called my attention to an object which was flying in the air. Immediately I noticed the object flying in the air. It was like a large plate, I would say about 12 feet in diameter, with a dark rim and silvery white in the inside. It was flat in the air, and came in a North Westerly direction towards the town, and passed over the old R.I.C. Barracks, and went in a South Easterly direction after passing the town and disappeared in the clouds. I had a view of this object for less than a minute, I would say it would be travelling at the same speed as a motor car. It was very calm at the time and it was quite bright and visibility good at the time. I did not notice anything hanging from it or no light from it. It attracted the attention of a big crowd at the time, and they were asking me where it was and it had disappeared before a lot of them could see it. I did not notice who the people were at the time, as my attention was taken up by this flying object. This was the first of its kind that I ever saw. I often saw the Balloons from the Observatory and I am satisfied it was not any of the Observatory Balloons.

I have heard this statement read over to me and it is correct.

Signed: [redacted]
Witness: [redacted] Gda.
Date: 12/7/47.

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Statement of [redacted],
Caherciveen, at his residence on the 12th June,1947.

I reside at the above address. I am a shopkeeper and farmer. I remember yesterday evening, 11/7/47, About 8.30 p.m. Summer Time, I was standing at the cross outside the Caherciveen Library. I was speaking to [redacted] from [redacted] and [redacted] There were several people passing up and down at the time, it being Fair evening. As I was looking towards Castlequin I saw a circular object moving along in the air. It was moving from North East towards the Town and was very low, I would ay lower than Cloghanlinehan Mountain. It was moving fairly fast, I would say faster than a motor-car,and it was flat and was like a big wheel or large plate. I would say that the rim was white and it was hollow in the centre. There weren' t any lights or anything hanging from it. It was moving along in a circular motion. I had only a view of it for a few seconds. It was I that drew the attention of the other people to it as it was I that saw it first. It was very calm at the time and was bright and visibility was good. It came along over the old barracks and in a S.E. direction towards Teeromoyle. It disappeared into a bank of fog. There wasn't any noise from it. I have heard this statement read over to me and it is correct.

Signed:- [redacted]
Witnessed by [redacted] Gda. [redacted]
Dated this 13/7/47.

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Statement of [redacted], taken, at his residence at [redacted] on the 12th July, 1947.

I reside at the above address. I remember yesterday evening about 6.30 p.m. I was standing outside the Cabereivean Library. I was speaking to [redacted], and [redacted], and I was also speaking to [redacted] and [redacted] I heard some one in the crowd saying "Look at the thing flying in the air". I started to look in the direction in which they said they saw it. I could not see anything. I heard some of the people saying they saw it. I cannot say who said they saw it. There were a lot of people passing up and down at the time.

I have heard this statement read over to me and it is correct.

(Signed). [redacted].

Witness:- [redacted] Gárda [redacted]

12/7/47.