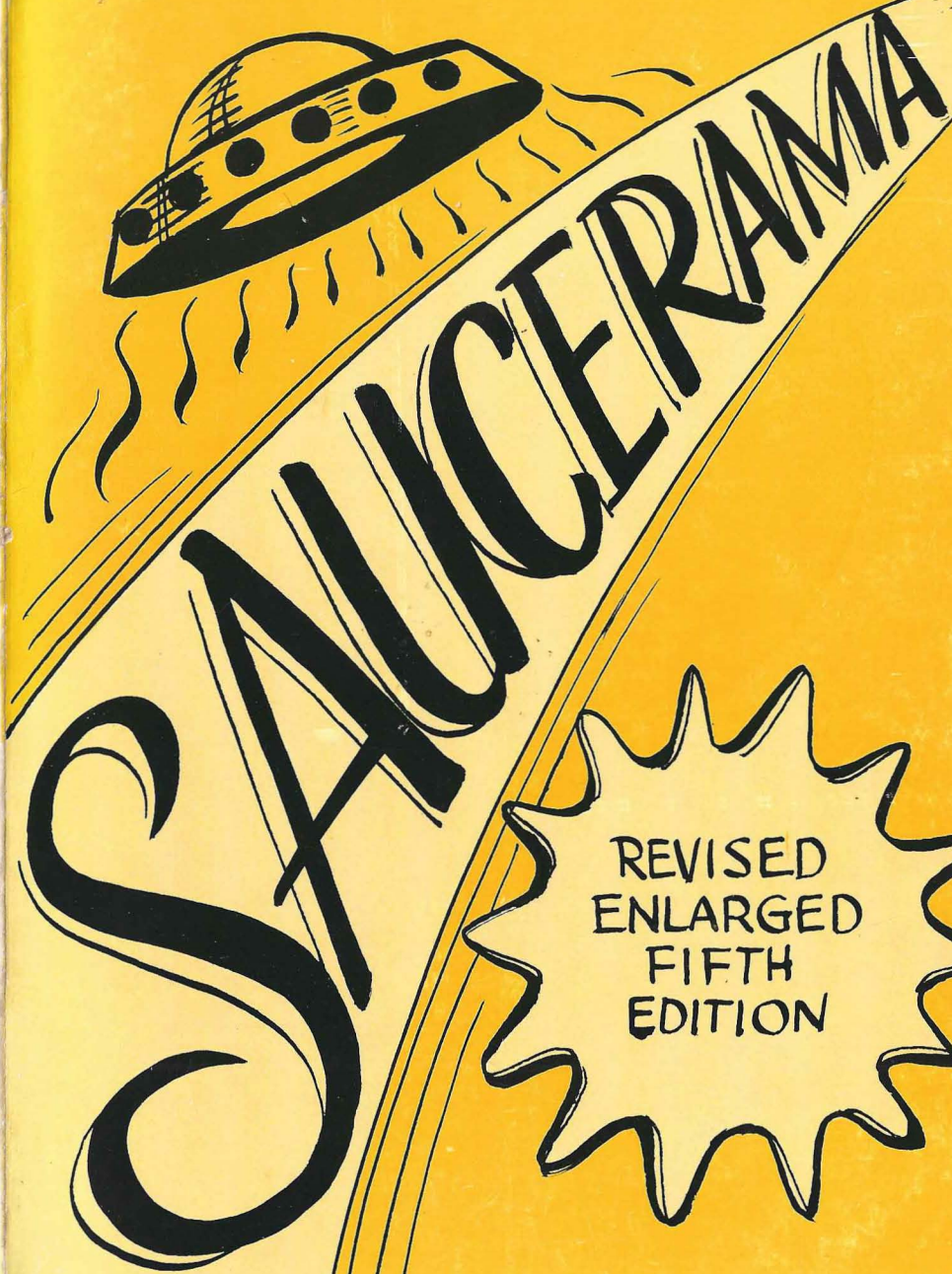


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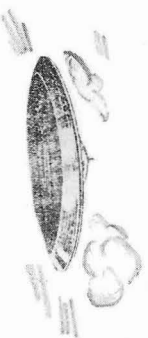


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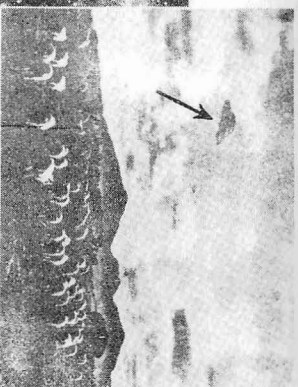
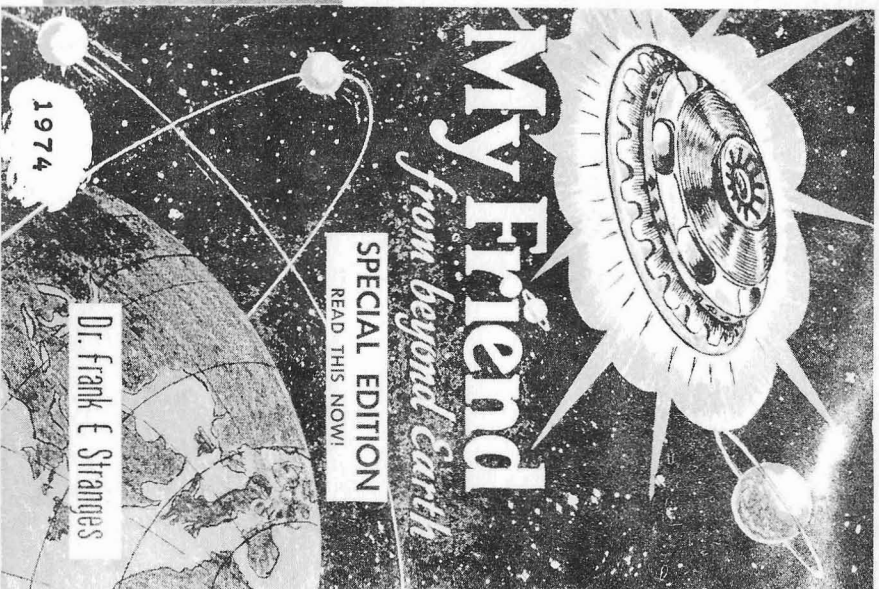
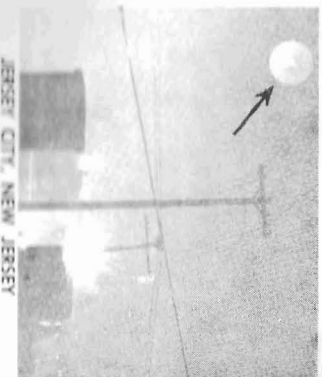
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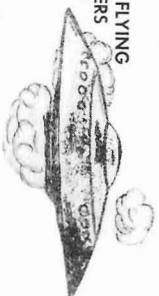
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FOREWORD TO THE FIFTH EDITION

We have successfully placed man on the Moon and have (by the Grace of God) brought him safely home. The next step now underway by NASA is to attempt a long-range program that will result in a visit to far flung areas in the mysterious domain of deep space, . . . to explore planets that have posed many questions as well as mysteries for many years.

Will he succeed? Some say "NO". . . . While others dare to say . . . Maybe. Unidentified Flying Objects "could" be coming from these regions. They could have been visiting us for many thousands of years and could have had us under their close observation all of this time.

UFO sightings, contacts and communication have been the topic of many a front page of International Newspapers for the past year. The U.S. Air Force still denies any interest in UFOs even though many citizens continue to report seeing them. The final chapter of this book has been lifted by special permission, from the U.S. Air Force Cadet Text Book to show you just how serious some people are in their quest for knowledge regarding Unidentified Flying Objects. Read it and you will see what direction we might be headed . . . before your next birthday.

Dr. Frank E. Stranges

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FOREWORD TO THE FOURTH EDITION

One of the most powerful and influential weapons against Fear and Superstition is Not guesswork or speculation . . . but pure 'Truth'.

The Mystery of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) has presented many questions over the years. Questions that have been by-passed, sidestepped, evaded, unanswered and also deliberately shunned by the 'experts'.

If unknown objects are patrolling our skies, the people who make up these United States have a perfect right within the framework of our Laws, to know the Truth about the entire matter. This, of course, providing that the Security of this Nation is not violated.

To date, the evidence has been quite conclusive that unknown craft have been reported sighted, contacted and photographed by the military of a number of Nations.

Still, the 'conspiracy of silence' prevails. It is the opinion of this author that all the facts should be carefully presented to the public in the hopes that all Fear will be relieved and the public will rest easy.

Freedom is more than just a word . . . it is a privilege enjoyed by people whose chains of fear and uncertainty have been destroyed by a Declaration of Pure 'Truth'.

DR. FRANK E. STRANGES

FOREWORD

For many hundreds of years the planet earth has been under constant observation. Unknown forces have been responsible for producing strange aerial phenomena. Many objects have been seen with the naked eye as well as tracked by military radar. These objects have taken on unusual shapes, sizes and colors. Some have appeared fuzzy or blurred, while others have been as bright as a star. Still others were self-luminous or dull, reflecting or even transparent at will.

A great number of opinions concerning their shapes have been reported, such as round, square, triangular, saucer-shaped, or bell-shaped. Many objects have been accompanied by fire of various colors, depending on the speed of the Unidentified Flying Object. Viewings have taken place in every nation under the sun. They have been sighted both day and night as they traveled at above supersonic speed, while others moved slowly, deliberately and mysteriously across the horizon.

Much speculation and mere guesswork have been employed to explain the origin and mission of these unknown objects; also several people have attempted to "spiritualize" the Unidentified Flying Object. In this book I would like to explain and illuminate what has previously been shrouded in the darkness of mystery, fear, and plain superstition.

Man naturally fears that which he does not understand. However, if we can intelligently inform the public by the use of facts and reason, always supported by the sacred Scriptures, my purpose will have been accomplished.

The term "flying saucers" is not unknown to many today.

During the past ten years, I have carefully studied and investigated the mystery with an open mind. After conversing with such men as Major Donald E. Keyhoe, Director of The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena; Leonard H. Stringfield, UFO researcher; August C. Roberts, researcher and photographer, and many others, I have indeed gathered a wealth of valuable knowledge. It is my intention to publish the *truth*. The people of this planet ought not to be kept in darkness.

This is a subject full of mysteries and perplexities. Dozens of books have already been written about it, and nobody knows just how many hundreds more are now being written. Numerous individuals have claimed contact with space people; others have stated that they have been alerted for space travel.

A leading author has estimated that 20,000 sightings have been reported. A military expert has declared that no agency in this country or in Russia is able to duplicate at this time the speeds which these objects are able to achieve, and there are signs that a superior intelligence directs them.

Government officials report many unsolved cases but furnish scant information to clarify the mystery. Security requirements may account for some reluctance by officials to share facts with the taxpayer, but despite censorship much documentary evidence is now on the public record.

Hundreds of detailed reports of the so-called "flying saucers" have been published in newspapers, magazines and books. These reports have come not only from the rank and file of men and women but also from technically trained pilots, professional and amateur astronomers, radar men, engineers, and other fully qualified observers. Anyone may examine the evidence.

A candid survey of this evidence proves that the flying-saucer problem is a serious one. Reports indicate that men have been killed chasing saucers, while others have disappeared completely—plane, crew and all. Terrifying near-collisions have been reported.

Documentary color movies of flying saucers have been widely exhibited in theaters, further accentuating the reality of the problem and the need to know the facts.

If the thousands who declare they have seen UFOs are mistaken, the reason should be made known. The nation should be aroused to the possibilities of danger, if nothing more. Deliberate deception should be exposed.

On the other hand, if "intelligent beings" from other planets are visiting earth, we ought to become acquainted with them. Is it too much to expect that "intelligent beings" on earth can solve this mystery? What steps can be taken toward solving the riddle?

Confronted with a problem of this nature, many are indifferent. Others resent threats to their way of life. Some think it is morally wrong to look beyond orthodox science and religion. A few search diligently and sincerely for authentic information.

The history of progress proves that dedicated minorities often change history itself.

Men believed for centuries that the earth was flat. Later, Galileo and others concluded the earth was round; but men refused to accept this premise until Columbus set foot on the shores of the New World. Madame Curie postulated tremendous potentialities in the atom, but it took years and billions of dollars before her theories were proved objectively.

In the Bible we find Pilate asking: "What is truth?" as Jesus stood before him. Pilate listened to the evidence—at least that much can be said in his favor! Jesus had *lived* the truth before men openly; and finally, Pilate had to answer his own question: "I find no fault in this man."

There is no fault in truth, and there is no fault in seeking truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Chapter One

IMAGINATION OR REALITY?

Our sun is a small star. If we consider the twenty brightest stars in the sky, our sun would be the least luminous. The star which is nearest to the sun is called Alpha Centauri. It is a little more than four light-years from the sun and is about one-third brighter than the sun.

The next nearest star among the twenty brightest is Sirius, which is eight light-years from the sun and thirty times brighter. Then we would have to go out into space eleven light-years to find Procyon, which is about seven times brighter than the sun.

Vega is twenty-seven light-years from the sun and sixty-three times more luminous. In order to take in all twenty of the brightest stars, we would have to go as far as five hundred and forty light-years into space, where we would find Rigel, which is twenty-one thousand times more luminous than the sun.

These distances become somewhat fantastic when you consider that one light-year is 5,800,000,000,000 miles.

Two of the twenty brightest stars have surfaces that are comparatively cool and so give off very little light. The reason they are among the twenty brightest stars is their tremendous size. Betelgeuse is larger than the orbit of the earth. It is three hundred light-years away. When you consider that the nearest star is about twenty-three trillion miles away from the earth, and most of the stars many times that, you begin to see how isolated is our solar system.

For any being on a planet near any star to find our earth is like looking for a needle in a haystack. In the universe, our earth is a tiny speck. When the Bible speaks of "a new heaven and a new earth," it must be talking about something much nearer than the nearest star. Even in our own solar system, distances may become fantastic.

If you were on one of the more distant planets, such as Uranus or Pluto, the sun would appear as a very tiny star. It would give no light or heat, yet that tiny star throws out such a tremendous magnetic field that it holds the planets captive and controls their movements.

Scientists are now making extensive investigations to determine, if they can, how this power can be used to counteract or reverse gravity, thereby making interstellar flight possible. This investigation has been sparked by the thousands of reports of unidentified flying objects in the sky.

The planets nearest the earth are Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Mercury is so close to the sun that we can learn very little about it. The same is true, to a lesser extent, of Venus. Those two planets have orbits smaller than the earth's. They travel between the earth and the sun.

We can see Venus when it rises a few minutes before the sun or when it sets a few minutes after the sun. Therefore, sometimes it is the morning star, and sometimes the evening star. It is about the same size as the earth. It travels around the sun in 225 days. Venus is the only star mentioned in the Bible by name in connection with the new heavens and the new earth. "And I will give him the morning star." (Rev. 2:28) This would suggest that something is going to happen on Venus in connection with the new heaven.

Mars has an orbit larger than that of the earth, so Mars is an easier planet to study. Instead of looking toward the sun when we look at Mars, we are looking away from the sun. The orbit of Mars is one and a half times larger than the orbit of the earth. When Mars and the earth are on the same side of the sun, then Mars is only half the distance to the sun away from the earth (about 45 million miles).

The orbits of the planets are not perfect circles, but are somewhat elongated, so there are times when Mars is even nearer the earth. When two heavenly bodies are in close proximity, they are said to be in "conjunction."

Mars is about one-half the size of the earth. It moves around the sun in 687 days. It is in conjunction with the earth every twenty-six months. At rare intervals, the conjunction comes at a time when the earth is farthest away from the sun and therefore nearest to Mars.

It is at these times that astronomers become very excited about the opportunities of studying the surface of Mars. Telescopes have been improved, and the great new discoveries of the amplification of light will make it possible, eventually, to bring Mars so close to the earth that it will be possible to determine whether life exists there.

The interest in Mars has been heightened by the appearance in the sky of flying objects unknown in this world. These have come with greater frequency each time Mars approaches the earth.

The discovery of a means to amplify light is probably the greatest invention of our day, if not of all time. Light may be amplified as much as twenty thousand times. Brilliant pictures can easily be made of objects that are in almost total darkness.

The efficiency of telescopes may be increased hundreds of times. We will know with certainty what is going on in the heavens. Whenever the possibility of life on other planets is discussed, the principal factor has always been the matter of atmosphere—whether or not there is air in sufficient quantities to support life.

Earthlike conditions do not exist on Venus or Mars, and, therefore, it has been supposed that life could not exist on those bodies. But, as we shall see, such conditions are not necessary for life. They only raise the possibility that a different kind of life exists.

At an extension course in astronomy held in Duluth by the University of Minnesota, the instructor was once dis-

cussing the theory that flying saucers are coming from some planet farther away than Mars.

In some amazement, Rev. A. E. Bloomfield, editor of the *Prophetic Ensign*, asked: "But the astronomer *believes* in flying saucers?"

"Oh, yes," she said. "His only question was where they were coming from."

Reverend Mr. Bloomfield said: "You mean he talked of flying saucers as though they actually existed and were coming from outer space?"

She answered: "He thought they were too perfect to be coming from some place as near as Mars. If they had been coming from Mars they would have gotten here before they had been brought to their present state of perfection."

One of the strongest pieces of evidences in favor of the reality of flying saucers is the attempt by the government to keep information from the public. There is a stiff penalty for any member of the armed forces who reveals a saucer report without authority. (This does not apply to civilians.)

There is every evidence that the armed forces take flying saucers very seriously. This can be seen in the reports that follow. You will notice that there is usually an "explanation"; but the "explanation" never *explains* what the people saw.

All St. Louis saw a flying saucer a few months ago. It was then called a "weather balloon"; but listen to the report as it appeared in a St. Louis newspaper and see if *you* think it was a balloon.

Strange Shining Globe Sighted In Sky Here
(St. Louis Newspaper)

It was a weather balloon.

That's the conclusion reached by cooler heads on the round object that glowed about 90,000 feet above St. Louis for about 2½ hours late yesterday.

But before the verdict was reached, there was considerable scratching of heads among weather experts, military men, astronomers and hundreds of amateur stargazers.

At least two jet planes from the Air National Guard at Springfield, Illinois, went up to look at the mysterious object.

The Naval Air Station here said jet interceptors were sent up by Scott Air Force to identify the object. Scott officials refused to confirm or deny the report.

The glowing ball appeared in the sky north of the city late in the afternoon and stayed there until it turned a ruddy crimson and disappeared at about 8:20 P.M.

Hundreds of area residents who watched it from sidewalks and back yards agreed it looked metallic. But there was sharp difference of opinion as to what it was.

One viewer said it looked like a "big washtub"; and another said it looked like the traditional three-ball symbol of the pawnbroker. A third insisted it had a blue nose and two yellow jet streams. And the "flying-saucer" theory was widespread.

The jet pilots who went up from Springfield for a closer look—from altitudes around 50,000 feet—said the object was about 30,000 feet higher and looked like a weather balloon.

Their findings got apparent confirmation from the weather bureau here. Meteorologist Wesley Griffith said the bureau watched the balloon through a telescope and established its altitude and location by correlating data with the Springfield bureau.

Their conclusion: the object was about 90,000 feet in the air and it passed about twenty-eight miles north of St. Louis on its northwest-to-southeast course. And it was a weather balloon.

Weather balloons are rather familiar objects—but not when they are seventeen miles high! How big must it have been to look like a metallic washtub 90,000 feet in the air?

And does the newspaper mean to tell us that the Air National Guard at Springfield sent up two jet planes to look at a weather balloon?

And after it had been determined to be a weather balloon,

why would the Scott Air Force Base send up jet interceptors?

And, strangest of all, if it was a weather balloon, why would they refuse to confirm it?

By the way, how did the Air National Guard at Springfield hear about it? And why would they be interested in a weather balloon over St. Louis, Missouri?

It is described as "a glowing ball." Would a weather balloon appear as a glowing ball 90,000 feet up, and also "turn a ruddy crimson"?

It should also be noted that the jets and interceptors which went up did not get within 30,000 feet of it. They did not say it *was* a weather balloon; they said it looked like a weather balloon.

Two air force bases would not send two jets each into the air to examine a weather balloon unless they were jittery. If they know that there is no such thing as a flying saucer, they would not be chasing balloons.

Balls of Fire Stir Kansas
(From an Indianapolis Newspaper)

The Kansas highway patrol today said "a ball of fire traveling east at high speed has been picked up by radar at the Hutchinson (Kansas) naval air station."

The patrol said it had been asked to try to observe the "phenomena" near El Dorado in south central Kansas.

It also reported a B-29 bomber was being sent from the McConnell Air Force Base at Wichita to investigate "brightly illuminated flying objects" in the skies over Arkansas City, Wellington, and El Dorado, Kansas.

City Editor Brian Coyne of the *Arkansas City Daily Traveler* said: "A brilliantly lighted, tear-shaped object with prongs or streams of light spraying downward was sighted shortly after midnight."

A second "flying object" was sighted early today, Coyne said.

Accompanied by Trooper Dick Hadsall and city police

from Arkansas City, Coyne observed the "flying objects" from various locations.

He said they "did not appear to move rapidly, but did move vertically and horizontally over a wide area of the sky."

"The prongs, or streams of bright light," Coyne said, "also were observed first as directed towards the earth and then extending from the sides of the object."

He described the head of the object as being "green in color or bluish green."

Mystery Lights Persist
(From a Saginaw Newspaper)

Seen any ghosts lately?

Neither have the 217 residents of this southern Colorado mining town. But many of them claim to have seen the next best thing.

They're eerie blue lights, about the size of baseballs, that dance furtively each night in Silver Cliff's old cemetery, one half-mile south of town.

An unidentified passerby first reported the mysterious ghost lights April 6. Intrigued by his story, crowds of curious residents have swarmed to the cemetery each night since then. And they've not been disappointed.

"You can see 'em every night," said Ray Dewall, publisher of the *West Mountain Tribune* at Westcliffe, one mile west of here.

"Last Saturday night, there were at least 50 people in the cemetery and everyone saw the lights. Some of us have tried to catch them, but as we approached, they suddenly would disappear, only to show up farther ahead in some other part of the cemetery."

Dewall said the lights appear bluish in color, and seem to pulsate and move slowly about.

"The noticeable thing is that they hover about the tops of the tombstones. Depending on how tall the tomb-

stones are, I've seen them near the ground and up to head-high."

Dewall said no absolute explanations have been offered thus far, "but everyone has his pet idea."

Among them, he said, are these:

Reflections from stars. This explanation is deflated, Dewall said, because the lights have been seen on cloudy, overcast nights.

Reflection from mercury-vapor lights in Westcliffe, one mile away. This is Dewall's favored view, although "some old-timers down here tell us now that they've seen the lights in the cemetery long before the streetlights were installed."

Radioactive ores. Geiger counters brought to the cemetery by miners have failed to bear out this suspicion, however.

Dewall said the strange lights make no noise at all, and have made no untoward gestures.

"Nobody will admit to being scared," he said, "but one thing I've noticed about them when they visit the cemetery: They all go in a bunch."

Pick Up Venus "Radio"
(Newspaper)

Columbus, Ohio—New radio signals "which presumably originate on Venus" were reported by an Ohio State University radio astronomer.

The findings were made by Dr. John D. Kraus, director of the university's radio observatory. Earlier this month, Dr. Kraus reported radio signals resembling static from terrestrial thunderstorms were received from the planet Venus—sometimes referred to as earth's "twin."

The astronomer said the new signals, of a distinctly different type, resemble radio telegraphy in many ways.

"Whatever phenomenon is responsible for the signals must be of rather complex type," Dr. Kraus said.

This type of radio emission has "many of the characteristics of signals from a terrestrial radio telegraph transmitting station," he said.

Sufficiently numerous and varied observations of the signals have been made to make it appear very likely that they do come from Venus, Dr. Kraus added.

"Flying Saucer" Reports Increase As Mars Nears
(From a Fort Wayne, Indiana, Newspaper)

This may be the year to learn whether there is life on Mars.

Professor John B. Irwin of the Indiana University Astronomy Department said the glowing, ruddy orb in the southeast sky which many Hoosiers have mistaken for the flying saucer is actually the planet Mars approaching its closest position to earth in 32 years.

It will be three times as large in September, but already people are calling newspapers to report everything from a Russian attack to an invasion from outer space.

Irwin said we may now be able to answer questions which have been around far longer than speculation on flying saucers. With the use of larger telescopes and faster photographic film, astronomers may be able to settle for good the question of life on Mars.

"Flying Saucer" Viewed by Harrisville Residents
(Newspaper)

The elusive "flying saucer," the unknown phenomenon vexing area people this past week, was reported seen Wednesday night by several residents of Harrisville.

The viewers, Mike Wass, Joe Cunningham, Sharlene Wass, Sara Davisson, Dorothy Wass and Fred Wass, described the object as a "red ball" and its direction as east from Harrisville. The time was around 8:30 p.m.

Mysterious Aerial Object Sighted in Sky Over Parkersburg
(From a Parkersburg Newspaper)

Who saw the mysterious aerial object (flying saucer is a naughty word) at about 9:30 last night?

Reliable observers reported a sighting of the "things" at about that time or a little before. Mr. and Mrs. Arch Roberts, 622½ Avery St., were reported to have observed the object for some length of time.

A *Sentinel* reporter and his family had a fifteen-second view before the mystery light fled rapidly to the east.

Weather conditions: Clear, no clouds.

This description has been given so far:

The object appeared round, with an "orange-silver" color considerably brighter than the stars. Size and altitude could not be determined. It appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed and made weird, un-aircraft-like movements. There was no sound, either.

The *Sentinel* observer said it came from the north and was visible (from a north-end location in the city at about a 45-degree angle. It looked like a shooting star at first, then suddenly darted to one side and went east at a high rate of speed (it seemed). It looked like a very short time.

Who do we have not afraid to say they saw it, too, and can verify this sighting? No jokers, please.

Refuse to Believe 'Saucer' Was Plane
(Newspaper)

Sunday's "mystery of the flying saucer" has been "solved" by Wood County Civil Defense Director J. J. Omerberg, who maintains that what people saw was an air refueling operation by an Air Force C-127 "Flying Tank-car."

Perhaps as many as a score of area observers, however, saw something which hardly fitted that description—in

fact, was as unlike planes and aircraft known today as the Wright brothers' first ship compared to a jet.

Persons who saw that strange sky object Sunday will not be convinced that they saw anything but a radically new kind of aerial device. Man-made or from the depths of outer space, it was something new.

Opinions to the contrary invite derision. Just because football season is approaching, one saucy saucer convert said, doesn't mean what was sighted was a flying tackle, either.

Two confirmed sightings were reported Monday by sober, sane and reliable observers. Since then the *Sentinel* has received confirmation from five other people in Vienna, Belpre, Williamstown and Harrisville. Are there more?

Due to the rash of sightings in the late forties and early fifties, most people believed the objects to be secret government balloons or rocket projects, but saucer believers point to hundreds of reports of sightings over Europe and America since the fifteenth century, little publicized because of lack of rapid long-distance communications.

The nonbelievers largely outnumber the believers at this stage of the game, mainly because the large majority of people have never seen these objects. Many feel they would like the saucers to be real, but understandably want some proof before admitting their belief in a subject so fantastic. Rare is the actual spotter of a light, twisting and shooting through the sky at indeterminable speed, who is not convinced that people from other planets have found a means to conquer space.

Photographs of the strange ships show them to be of two general types—the larger, a long cigar-shaped "mother ship" which launches the smaller, more well-known "disks."

The disks are not flat, but more pyramided in shape. The "control room" is situated in the middle, with the "wings" sloping circularly around it. Three spheres make

a triangular landing gear. A strong searchlight under the ship is thought to be the light seen by observers.

These photos, giving a pretty fair view of the "saucer," were reportedly made by an amateur scientist on Mount Palomar, California, and by a serviceman a few hundred yards away. Whether these photos are real or "doctored," or if real, the ships are from our planet or another, are part of a mystery that should unfold possibly in our lifetime.

A popular belief among "saucer" believers is that the ships come from all the planets and even use our moon as a base for watching earth activities. Scientists have reported observing bright lights on the surface of the moon that change positions, and recently noted what seems to be a man-made bridge, several hundred miles long, that hadn't been seen at the same spot before.

Belief—or even better, guessing—has it that the visitors from other worlds are not warlike, borne out by the assumption that if they are far enough advanced to build interplanetary craft, they would also have super weapons to destroy us if they wished. Never has any form of violence been observed, even when "chased" by jet or commercial pilots. Many believe, though, that they are afraid to land because of the violence that would be shown by terrified earthmen.

All this opens before us a world of limitless imagination and fantastic possibilities. By now, of course, we know that if something is unknown to us, it is not necessarily impossible. On the other hand, until additional proof can be given, it might be wise to remember the nations of this world, desperately struggling to survive, could have some amazing aces up their own sleeves.

"Flying Saucers" Reported Seen Over Tokyo Area

Tokyo—"Flying saucers" have been reported over Japan. The English-language *Uomiuri Japan News* said yesterday mysterious objects in the sky were reported seen

Wednesday by three persons in the Tokyo area. Mitaka observatory experts said the objects may have been meteors.

Flying Saucers

(From a Foxboro, Massachusetts, Newspaper)

"I never knew him to lie," declared Colonel George H. Phillips, late of the Royal Canadian Air Force, who was telling us about his brother who had a hair-raising experience with a "flying saucer" on his farm at Laurel, Ontario, last February.

Colonel Phillips, well known in Canada as a squadron leader in World Wars I and II, is now superintendent of the Algonquin National Park, and was our host recently during our tour of Ontario with twenty-five U.S. editors.

His obvious sincerity impressed us, and particularly so when he recounted the unusual experience of his brother, whom he described as a most conservative individual. By now, our readers must know of our interest in UFO (unidentified flying objects), so we obtained a copy of the *Orangeville Banner* of February 9, which contained the well-written story of the encounter as follows:

"A 'flying saucer' visited the farm of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Phillips, R.R. 1, Laurel, a couple of weeks ago, and left Mr. Phillips' previous skepticism as to the existence of such things considerably shaken.

"Mr. Phillips was walking from the house to the barn for a final checkup one bright, moonlight evening, when his attention was arrested by a shadow on the barn roof. Thinking a huge bird was soaring overhead, he looked up in time to see an oblong object banking in a circle about the barn.

"As he stood watching in amazement, the object halted about 100 feet from him and about forty feet off the ground and remained suspended in air for ten or twelve seconds.

"Recovering himself, Mr. Phillips started for the house

to call his wife so that she might have a look at this strange object, when, without a sound, it started to ascend in narrowing circles until, all at once, it seemed to disappear into the sky. As it started to move, the barn and surrounding field were bathed in a bright glow, just as if a powerful light had been turned on inside.

"When Mr. Phillips first caught sight of the visitor, he stood rooted to the spot, trying to peer into the dark core which formed the center of the saucer. The dark core seemed to be surrounded by a shadowy area, and this in turn was enclosed by a nimbus of light. The whole, said Mr. Phillips, was like a disk, slightly flattened on two sides.

"As the saucer spiraled upwards, there appeared, always in the center of the narrowing circles, one very bright star. It was almost as if that star were a guide, or a base, for the mysterious 'thing.'

"At no time was there a hint of any kind of sound. This was perhaps the most uncanny thing about it. Mr. Phillips makes a point of watching and observing aircraft, probably because of his interest in his brother George H. Phillips, well-known squadron leader in the R.C.A.F. in World Wars I and II and, more recently, superintendent of Algonquin Park. This, he said, was unlike anything he had ever seen before.

"An intelligent, well-read person, Mr. Phillips has had little patience with the 'flying-saucer' stories reported in the news at various times, but, suddenly, he has been confronted with—as he describes it—'something out of this world,' and he is quite keen now to find out more about these phenomena.

"Both Mr. and Mrs. Phillips listened with special attention to newscasts and watched daily papers carefully for the next few days but saw and heard nothing to indicate that anyone else had seen it too."

Colonel Phillips told us that later investigation revealed that, on that same night, two sightings miles apart were reported.

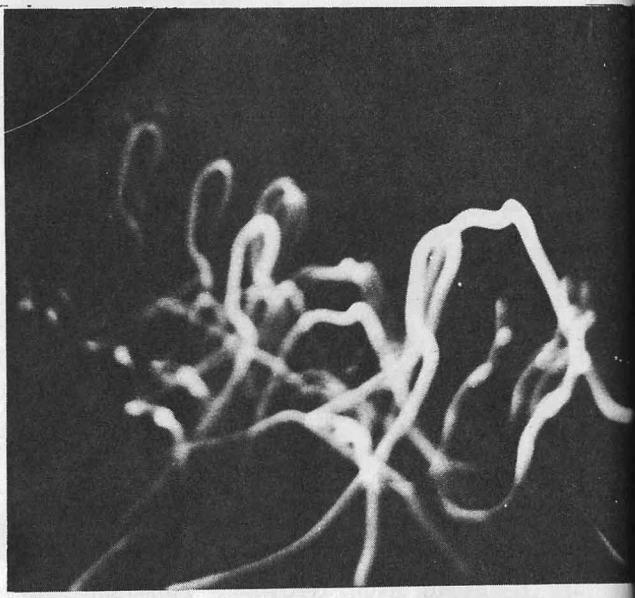
This is the sort of story you can either believe or file



"Long John" Nebal on "Party Line" heard nightly over radio station WOR, New York, at 12 midnight.

Professor Luther Hawthorn of Seattle, Washington, points to two holes in the Dome of his observatory, made by the impact of two fireballs which descended from Outer Space. He takes it as a sign from God. (Photos by August C. Roberts)

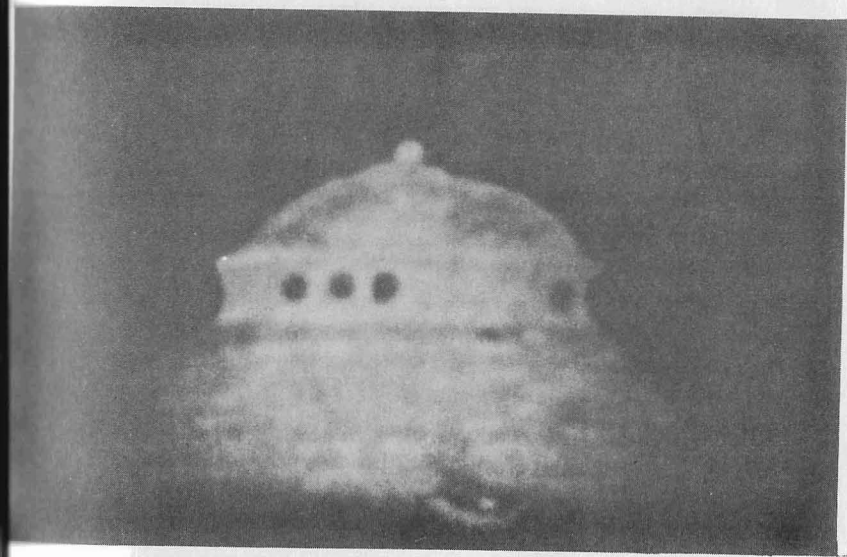
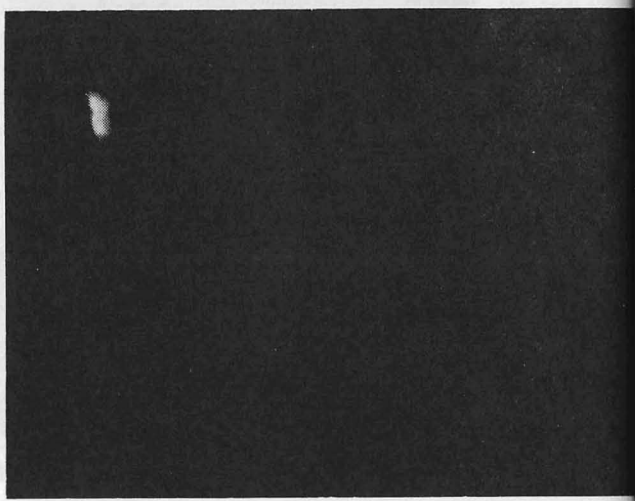




The photographs, top and bottom, by August C. Roberts of Jersey City, are the first ever taken, on the East Coast, of a flying saucer. The story of Mr. Roberts' fascinating experience and of the photographs appears on pages (33) - (42)

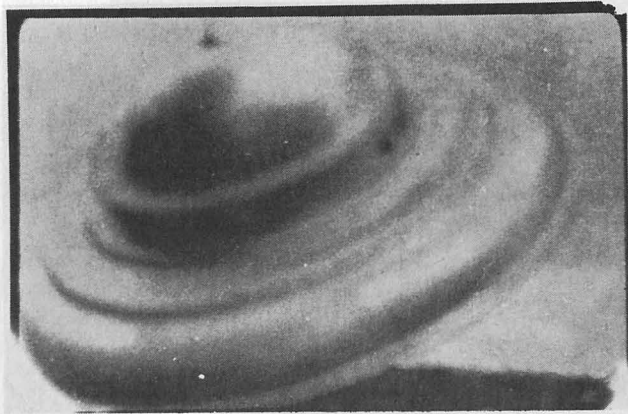


The unusual photograph in the center was taken by Ralph Nicholson in December, 1957. (Courtesy of August C. Roberts)

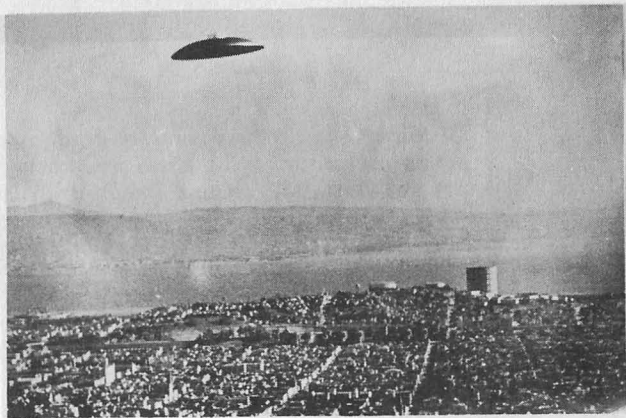


All photos on this page, taken by Howard Menger, of New Jersey with 8mm camera.

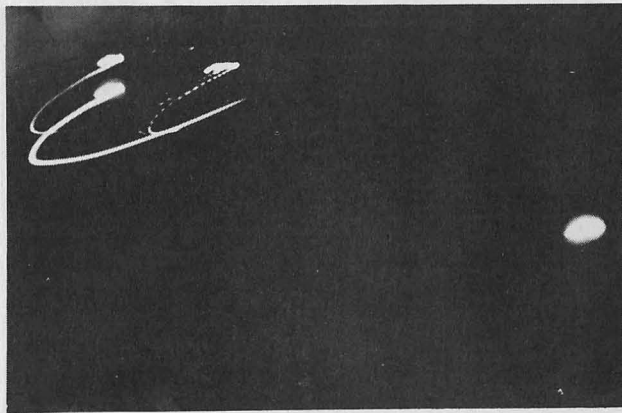




London, England



San Francisco, California



Honolulu, Hawaii



UFO—Northwestern Oregon

Shell Alpert, seaman at the Salem, Mass., Air Station, made this photograph at 9:35 a.m., July 16, 1956. The U.S. Coast Guard in Washington released the picture on August 1. (Courtesy of August C. Roberts)



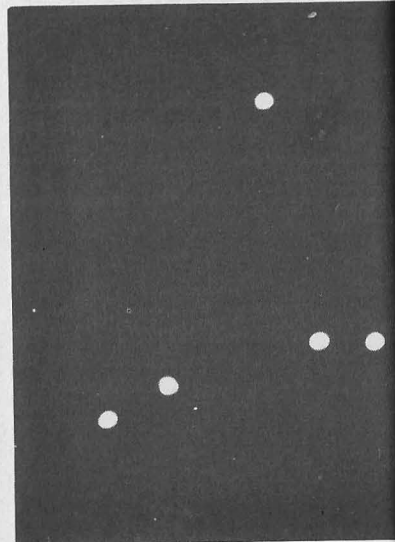


"Seattle, Washington????"



Howard Menger, as he told a group of his meeting with space people from Venus and other planets, during the summer of 1956. (Photo by August C. Roberts)

A space ship from the planet Venus visits Earth. This photo was taken by Howard Menger and copied from a projected slide. (Courtesy of August C. Roberts)



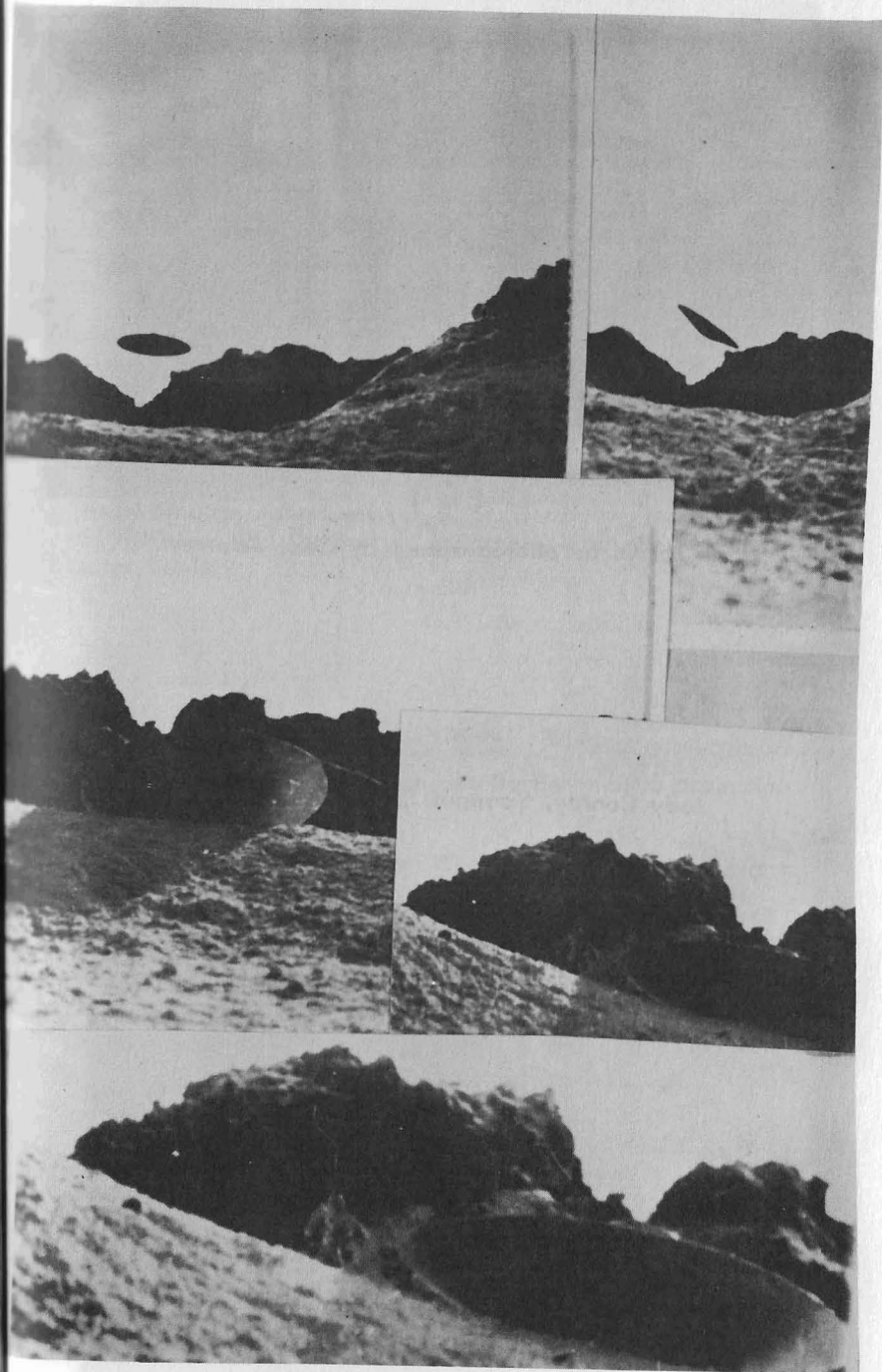
Albert K. Bender, the founder of the International Flying Saucer Bureau, was visited by three men in black; the visit resulted in the discontinuance of the I.F.S.B. Gray Barker tells the story in *They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers*. This photo, by August C. Roberts, is one of the very few ever taken of a man whose name is a legend with everyone interested in UFO.

"West Virginia Monster"

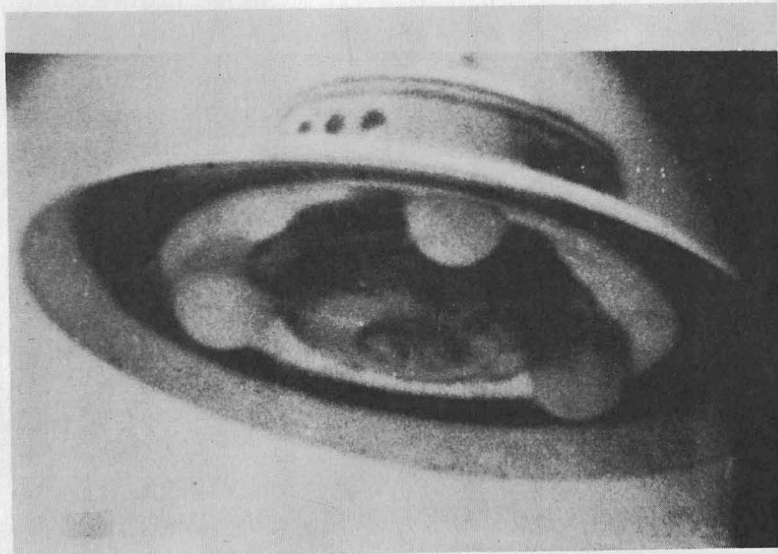




Two photos taken by G. Stock, Passaic, N.J.



"Photos by Mr. Monguzzi, near Rome Italy"



"U.F.O. as photographed by Geo. Adamski."

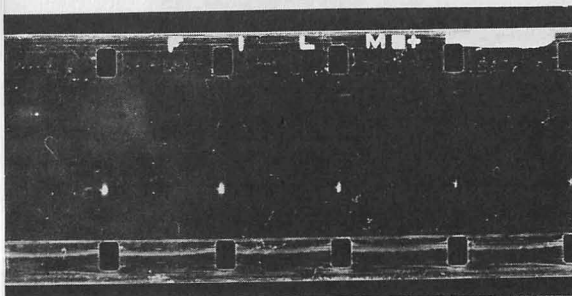
Judy Conroy, Youngest UFO Researcher in the U.S.



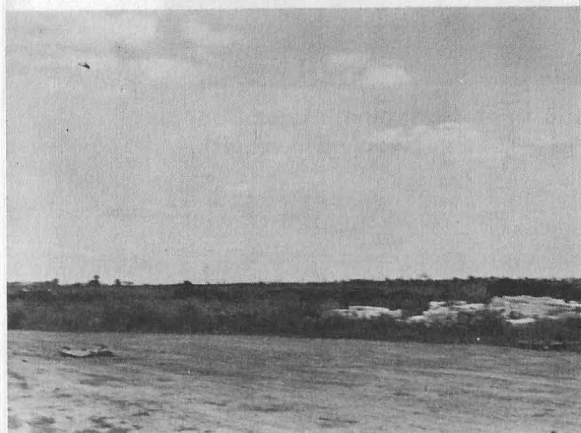
"Andy Sinatra, John Lester, J. B. St. Germaine, Major Donald Keyhoe, John Du Barry, Long John Nebal, Ben Isquick, Lester Del-Ray."

"Andy Sinatra, the Mystical Barber, astro-projection expert."

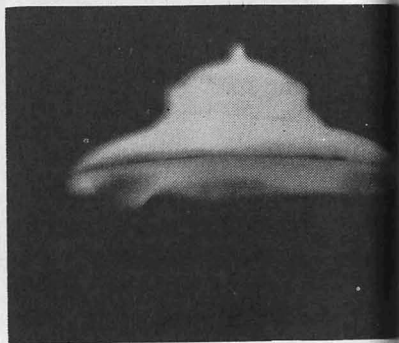




This bit of a movie film strip shows UFO caught by Ralph Meyer in Florida. (Photo of film strip by August C. Roberts)



Is it from Russia or from Outer Space? (See Chapter Six, example E)



A Flying Saucer in flight? (See Chapter Six, example J)



Sign in the night sky. (See Chapter Six, example G)

Can it be extra-terrestrial? (See Chapter Six, example D)

All the photographs described at the end of Chapter Six excepting C were made by August C. Roberts.

Pour yourself a cupful of mystery. (See Chapter Six, example C) This is the so-called "Teapot Photo." The original film was sent to a photo lab to be developed. A friend of Gray Barker saw it and sent him a copy. Mr. Barker later sent it to August C. Roberts, through whose courtesy it appears here.



Is this a distant neighbor? (See Chapter Six, example A) Judith Ann Conroy, the photographer's niece, holds a sketch of a supposed "little man from space".

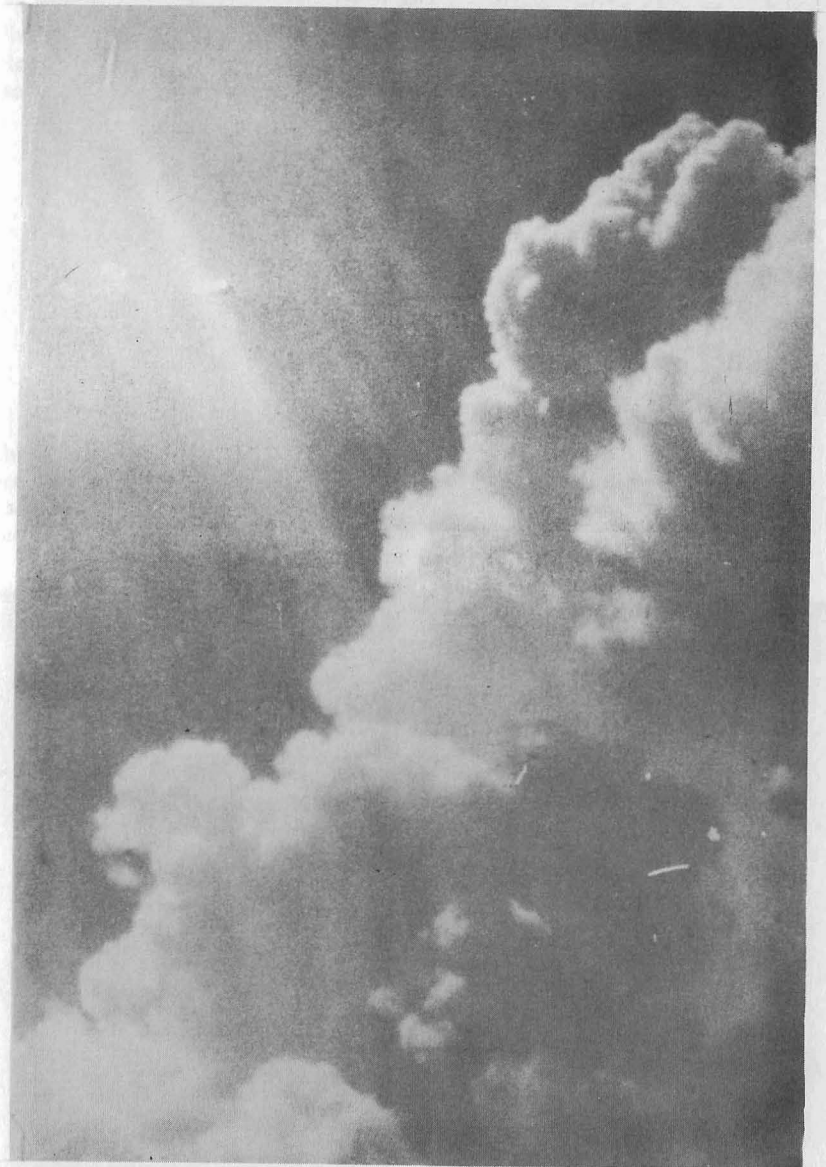
Is it a U.S. secret weapon?
(See Chapter Six, example
F) Against a background of
clouds, a mysterious flying
object appears, clear and
distinct, in broad daylight.



Is it from Russia or from China?
(See Chapter Six, example
G)



Three good reasons why they
believe in flying saucers.
(See Chapter Six, example
H) These alert young Ameri-
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before their eyes.



"Taken by Shinichi Takeda — Japan."

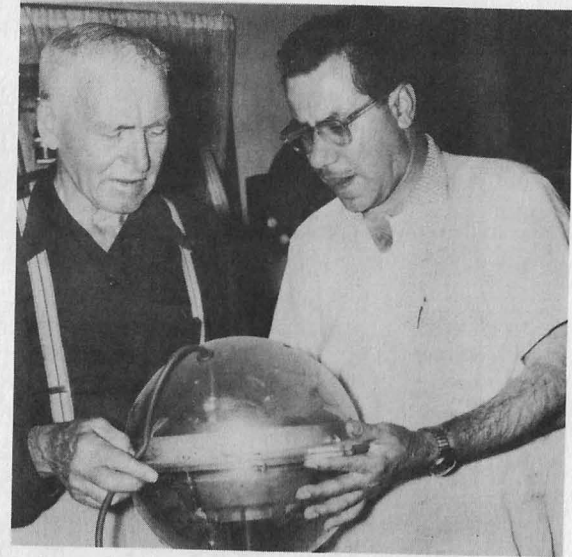


This is the photograph described in Chapter Six, example L. What are these mysterious luminous objects in the sky above a busy American city?

The distinctive shape of this object in the sky challenges its identification as a cloud formation. Could it be a space ship? (Courtesy of August C. Roberts)



Photo of Prof. Luther Hawthorn with August C. Roberts holding one of first satellites.

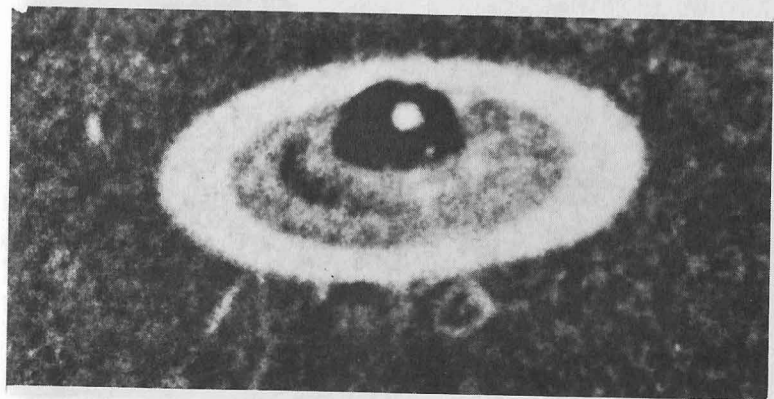
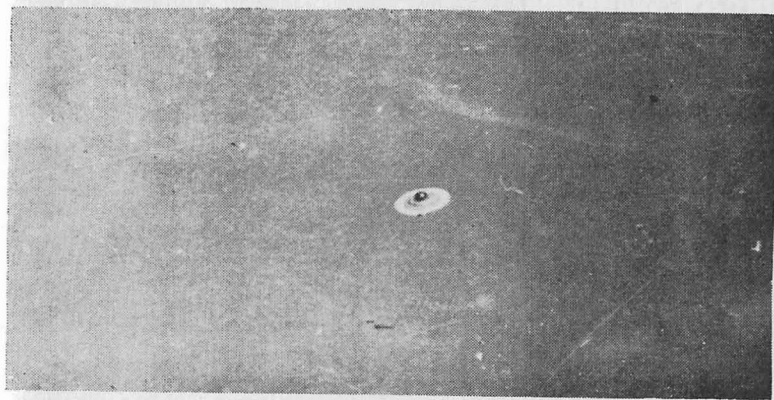
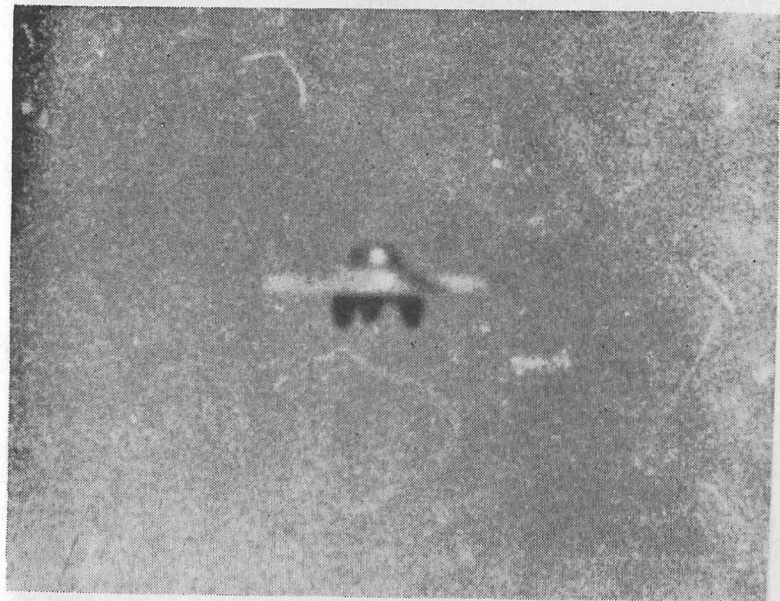
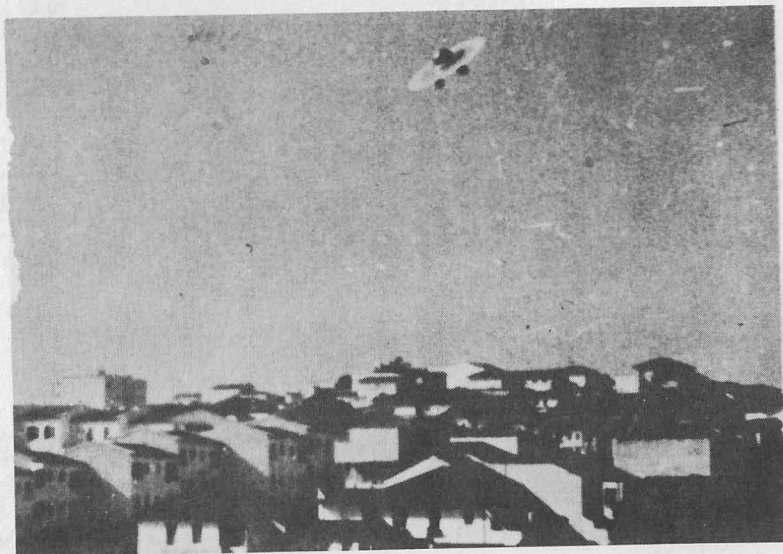


At about 11 o'clock of a morning in 1956, Bert Bula snapped this picture as three luminous egg-shaped objects came into view. Mr. Bula sent copies of the picture to the United States Air Force. (Courtesy of August C. Roberts)





This sequence of five photos is known as the "South African series". As can be seen, it presents some of the clearest and most convincing pictures of a UFO. Note particularly the detail in the photo at the top of the next page. (All photos by courtesy of August C. Roberts)





The universality of the appearance of "flying saucers" is further attested by the photographs on this page.

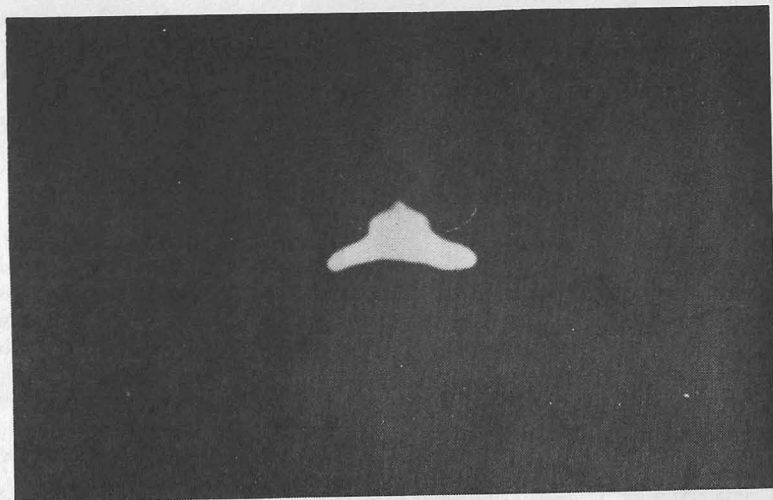
The upper photo was taken in Sicily, in 1954, when two UFO's were seen. (photo by August C. Roberts) The lower photo shows the "petrol tank" UFO, photographed by W. C. Hall at his ranch in Australia, in 1954. Mr. Hall thought the strange "ship" resembled a petrol tank, hence the name. (Courtesy of August C. Roberts)



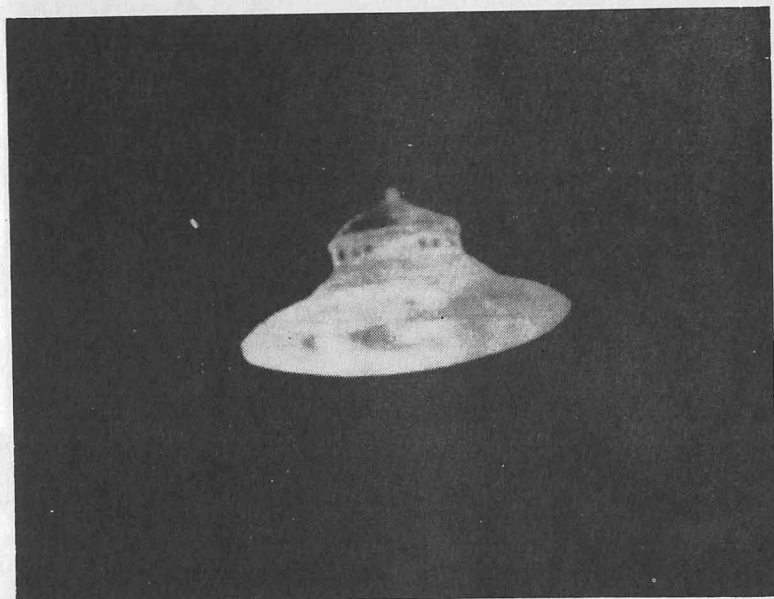
George Van Tassel, author of *I Rode a Flying Saucer and Into This World and Out Again*, appears on "Long John's" Party Line. (Photo by August C. Roberts)

Ralph E. Nicholson got this picture below in November, 1957, as he sought to photograph a sputnik. It is interesting to note that Mr. Nicholson was not attempting to prove any point, but a study of the Nicholson photos reproduced in this book reveals unusual formations (objects?) which must challenge the observer. (Courtesy of August C. Roberts)

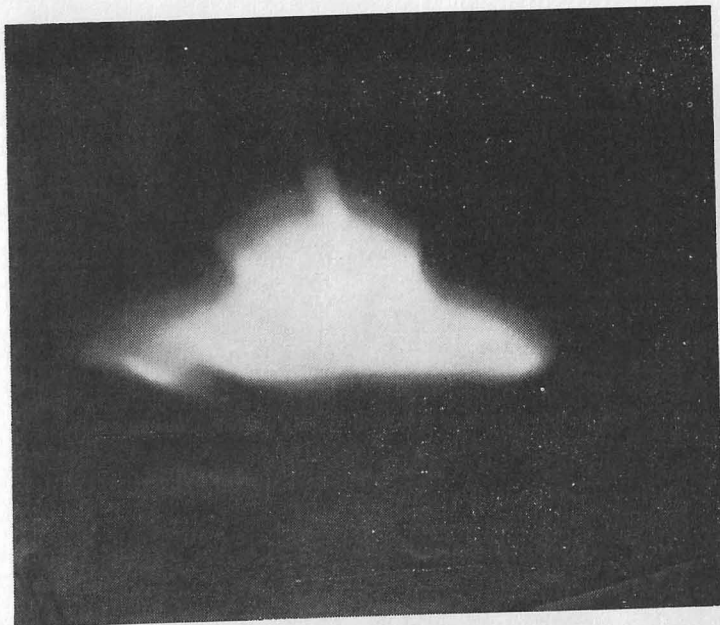




Three photographs on these two pages were taken by Howard Menger. They show a space ship from the planet Venus. The picture at the top of the opposite page shows an occupant silhouetted against the luminous body of the ship. It was on a ship like this that Mr. Menger took a ride in the summer of 1956.
(Courtesy of August C. Roberts)

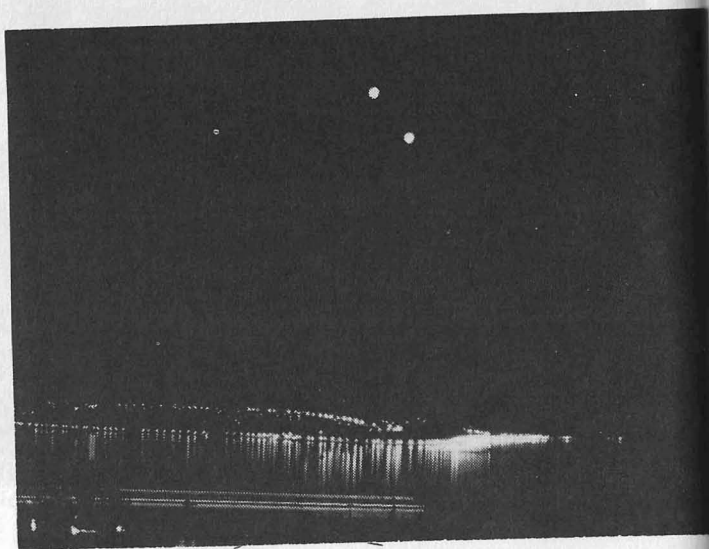


Coming in for a landing? (See Chapter Six, example M) The familiar shape of the conventional flying saucer is plain in this picture of a UFO in motion.



It glowed in the darkness! (See Chapter Six, example M) This object seems to be trailing a brilliant luminescence as it comes in for a landing.

Twin moons. (See Chapter Six, example K). This photo was taken before Lunik and it is much too clear to be a picture of a man-made satellite, in any case.



away in some other category. However, judging from the character of the individual and the colonel's estimate of his brother, we are very much inclined to believe that Mr. Phillips did actually experience this strange encounter.

Before one dismisses such a well-authenticated story, it is well to remember that fifty years ago, if you told someone that you could hear voices and music in your living room from miles away, see actual happenings on a screen, and that substance would be discovered that could wipe out the world, you might have found yourself under treatment.

Kwajalein, Marshall Islands
(From the *UFO Reporter*)

"My buddy and I were lying on the baseball bleachers sunning—a quiet day—the wind was blowing approximately fifteen to twenty m.p.h., not unusual for the island. We spotted an extremely bright object almost directly overhead. I then started looking intently to find other bright spots which could be stars, as they are sometimes visible during the day. The time of day was between noon and 2:00 P.M. There were no other spots we could see; the object we did see was motionless. After a while I discarded the possibility of an airplane; there are many in the area, but they just don't stand still. The next thought was a helicopter with a bird's-eye view of the Pacific and the islands below. There were none stationed on the island, but we considered it. A balloon would have been a fine suggestion, except we had then been watching and talking for ten minutes, possibly longer, but I'm trying to be logical. There was a tree nearby and some of the foliage was in the area of vision. Also, there were two light wires running angled across the line of sight. With this time lapse and the wind blowing, the object still could be located in its initial position. It would seem that this condition would surely affect a balloon's position.

"By this time we were taking into account the object's

background. Sometimes the clouds would hide it, and at other times you could see it and clouds beyond. It was windy up there, the clouds moved rapidly. I had two pairs of binoculars in my locker in the barracks, so I told my buddy to watch it and I would get them for us. After returning, I put the 7 x 50 pair on the object; it was still in the same place, still as bright. The object was round, uniform brightness all over, vivid white but not a glare. I could see the outer edge clearly, sharply defined, not hazy or fuzzy. There were no other lines or marks visible. We would change glasses (other pair is 8 x 30) but the appearance of the object remained the same.

"Shortly, with both of us looking through glasses, a cone-shaped mist, exhaust, or whatever it was, appeared on the leeward side of the object. The object seemed to move. I could have shifted my glasses, but at any rate I lost sight of it. I said: 'What happened to it? I can't see it.' Jones (my buddy) said: 'It looked to me like it went straight up.' With the naked eye again, we could still see the mist drifting off. It soon dissipated. The time we spent using the glasses must have taken another ten minutes."

The Utah Pictures

There is some disagreement within the Air Force about how much flying-saucer material should be kept secret. People are going to find out sometime; and, if possible, they should be conditioned gradually. This may be the reason why the Air Force released some vital information, including the now famous Utah pictures. This available information has been used in a documentary film, somewhat dramatized, but all true.

The moving pictures were taken by Warrant Officer D. C. Newhouse. The camera used was a Bell and Howell Auto Master with a telephoto lens. On July 2, 1952, Newhouse and his wife were driving from Washington, D. C. to Port-

land, Oregon, when his wife noticed a group of objects in the sky. Newhouse stopped the car for a better look.

He opened the luggage compartment, got his movie camera out of a suitcase, and proceeded to take pictures. These pictures have been studied by the Photo Reconnaissance Laboratory, Wright Field Development Center, and by the U. S. Navy Photo Interpretation Center. The laboratories were of the opinion that these pictures would be very difficult to fake.

Here are the findings of these laboratories, in brief:

1. They appear to be a light source rather than reflected light.
2. The size could not be determined, but they appeared to be all the same size.
3. They appeared to be circular.
4. If they had been within a distance of five miles they could have been identified. If they were beyond five miles their speed was too great to identify them with any known planes. (At 7½ miles the speed would have been 980 m.p.h.)
5. They were not balloons. With a telephoto lens, weather balloons within five miles could have been identified. At even 2½ miles distance, the speed of the objects would have been 325 m.p.h., which is in excess of any wind-blown balloon.
6. They were not aircraft. Within five miles, an airplane could be identified. At over five miles, they were going too fast for any known aircraft to maneuver as they did.
7. These things would stop almost instantly and turn and change direction as no airplane could at that speed.
8. They were not birds. They appeared to carry their own light. If it was a reflected light, no bird would have that reflective capacity.

The Air Force ended the picture by saying: "We do not know what they are." Then the Air Force added: "We are getting credible reports of incredible things."

In the light of the foregoing statements and official reports, we must conscientiously conclude that these unidentified flying objects cannot all be accredited to the imagination of men

and women. There is something in the sky. The United States Army Air Force has seen fit to encourage a hush-hush campaign in order to keep the general public from becoming unduly alarmed, yet Lieutenant Colonel John O'Mara, Deputy Commander of Intelligence, made the following statements:

1. Average of 700 sightings are reported to the Air Force a week.
2. Over 1,000 of the nation's leading scientists are working on governmental U.F.O. projects.
3. Secretary of the Air Force Talbot's aircraft was paced by an "unidentified flying object" of Fresno, California in March 1954.
4. The material used by Major Donald Keyhoe in his recent book was not officially cleared through channels; they said certain information was incorrect and that the rest was from Major Keyhoe's imagination.
5. The famous Tremonton film (U-Pictures) was non-existent.

However, according to Mr. Leonard H. Stringfield, Major Donald Keyhoe has proof that the material used in his recent best seller, *Flying Saucers from Outer Space*, was officially released from the Defense Department—in black and white, with the signature of Albert M. Chopp, former Chief of Air Force Press Desk. From other evidence which Mr. Stringfield has personally in his files, he can prove that much of the material used, including the Tremonton film, is not from Keyhoe's imagination.

Furthermore, I invite you to examine the following letter sent to Mr. Stringfield, Director of the Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects.

Dear Mr. Stringfield:

For the past four months, our entire world has been under constantly increasing surveillance by the unknown race which controls the "flying saucers." During this same time, the "silence group" in the Air Force has fought to

keep the truth from the public. Hundreds of UFO's, operating singly and in formations, have been sighted by our military and airline pilots, all over the world. But the threat of court-martial if reports are made public keeps military pilots silent; and only a few airline pilots have risked official anger by publicly reporting these dramatic encounters. . . . Through CRIFO you are doing a valuable public service, helping to expose this conspiracy of silence.

Sincerely,
Donald E. Keyhoe
Major, U. S. Marine Corps, Retired

Flying Saucers Real, Admiral Announces

Washington, January 16—Retired Rear Admiral Delmer S. Fahrney, once head of the Navy's guided-missiles program, said today reliable reports indicate that "there are objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds."

Fahrney told a news conference that "no agency in this country or Russia is able to duplicate at this time the speeds and accelerations which radars and observers indicate these flying objects are able to achieve."

Fahrney said he never has seen a flying saucer, but has talked with a number of scientists and engineers who reported seeing strange flying objects.

He added there are signs that "an intelligence" directs such objects "because of the way they fly."

"They are entirely actuated by automatic equipment," he said. "The way they change position in formations and override each other would indicate that their motion is directed."

An Air Force spokesman said that service is still investigating all reports but has found absolutely no concrete evidence that there are flying saucers. He said that a majority of the reports are found upon checking to have

some logical explanation, but that a percentage remains unexplained.

Fahrney told reporters he has no information or pre-conceived ideas as to whether the unidentified flying objects are from outer space, but believes they involve "a tremendous amount of technology of which we have no knowledge, and that their development must have taken a long period of time."

Flying Object Seen in Florida for Second Time

Air Force officials said today that continuing reports of an unidentified flying object near the Cape Canaveral guided-missile test center were under investigation.

The object, a whitish light, oval in shape, showed up for the second time last night. At least twelve persons at a nearby roller-skating rink reported seeing it.

One of the observers was Al Leonard of radio station WKKP. "I hate to say this, but it sure looked like what you might call a 'flying saucer,'" he reported.

The radio station received hundreds of calls from persons who sighted a similar object last Friday night between 10 P.M. and 12:30 A.M.

A check with Patrick Air Force base at Cocoa Beach, Leonard said, indicated there was no guided-missile testing at the time which would account for the object overhead.

We must herein conclude that to say the flying-saucer question is mere imagination, unworthy even of mention, is as far removed from the truth as the east is from the west. Men from all walks of life, from almost every nation under the sun, have reported seeing and, in many cases, having actual contact with the flying saucer. Remember, it takes an honest man to admit the truth—especially when there is a truth to admit!

As I mentioned at the beginning of this book, among those who have greatly aided me in my research is my good

friend August Roberts, of Jersey City, New Jersey. He also saw and photographed a flying saucer. He, like several others, is not afraid to go on record as stating this, even in the face of adverse criticism. Many have attempted to take advantage of his good nature. I wish to state that I deeply appreciate his sincerity and truthfulness in all matters pertaining to the flying-saucer mystery.

Now here is his story:

I Saw and Photographed a Flying Saucer

What first aroused my interest in flying saucers was the lack of information on the subject. I had been following the case right along with mild interest: most of the meager information coming from the newspapers, magazines and books. Who was right regarding the flying saucers seen in the sky? Was it the responsible and intelligent person who supposedly spotted them, or the United States Air Force, which endeavored to "explain away" what they saw?

Almost everyone by now knows or has read about the following cases:

1. Kenneth Arnold's sighting of nine flying disks in the state of Washington in 1947.
2. The Tacoma affair, in which two men were killed in the crash of a B-25 carrying what was supposed to be parts of a flying disk.
3. On January 7th, 1948, Captain James Mantell, with a flight of three F-51's passing near Goodman Air Force Base in Kentucky, was requested by the field control tower to investigate a strange object over the field, and in so doing was killed and his plane demolished.

What really happened? The United States Air Force decided that Captain Mantell unknowingly was chasing the planet Venus—which is a fairly good explanation, except that Venus was not in that vicinity at that particular time. There are hundreds of more cases of the sighting of

flying disks on record. I could go on for pages, but since time and space does not permit, I will cite only a few of the more interesting ones.

First, a New Jersey pilot with years of experience fired his guns at a flying disk, but no reasons were given or information concerning the outcome. Why? Then, an Eastern Airlines captain and his co-pilot, on their early morning flight, were amazed when a huge, wingless, tube-shaped aircraft traveling at tremendous speed zoomed past them and disappeared into a cloud, trailing a red-orange exhaust flame thirty feet long. Its wash rocked their DC-3. Was that Venus too? Another time, Lieutenant George Gorman chased a mysterious light in the sky in a twenty-minute flight at speeds varying from 300 to 400 miles per hour, outmaneuvering him at every twist and turn. Was this his imagination? The one I liked best, and which stimulated my interest in the subject, happened on July 10th, 1948, in Phoenix, Arizona. William A. Rhodes took two photographs of a disk flying overhead, using an ordinary box camera. After they had been printed in the newspapers, not another word was mentioned about flying saucers for a long time. As the story goes, the F.B.I. sent investigators to Rhodes' home and requested the negatives. Three days later, when he asked for their return, he was told that they had lost them. What I could say about this particular incident is not fit to print. I am wondering how they are going to explain away my own flying saucer photographs.

Two years ago I signed up with the Civil Defense in Jersey City as a ground observer (plane spotter). I thought my chances of seeing a disk would be much greater by doing so, although flying-saucer reports were few and far between—until early this year, when they began coming in from all about us. I began to take my camera with me whenever on duty and was at the observation post every spare minute, especially when a flying

saucer was reported nearby. By now almost everyone at the post was flying-saucer conscious.

During June, 1952, Jersey City Police Inspector Joseph B. Foley, supervisor of the Jersey City Ground Observation Post, had us on a "dry run" for a month getting us properly trained for twenty-four-hour active duty, which commenced July 14th.

On July 19th, 1952, I read in the newspaper that a Mrs. Josephine Hetzel, 17 West Street, West Brighton, Staten Island, had spotted five flying disks. The newspaper clipping said: "I almost fainted when I saw what looked like five large dinner plates flying through the sky. They were in a V-formation." Mrs. Hetzel's neighbor, Frank Gondar, of 15 West Street, described the objects as "flying like geese, bright in color, as fast as jet planes."

When I read the article, I called our observation post to see if anything had been reported in our area. It was then I learned that we had seen them too. When I checked the time, I found out it was only five minutes from the time Mrs. Hetzel had seen them.

I asked Leo Murphy, a spotter, what he had seen, and he told me he had only seen four, but about a mile behind them was another going in the same direction. He said he had not been too sure what it was, so he had not recorded it. It was listed like this in our logbook: "20:10—four flying saucers spotted by Observer Leo Murphy flying in a straight line one-half mile apart."

The following Sunday, a friend and I went to see Mrs. Hetzel and hear her story firsthand. In this way, we planned to compare reports. She said, "I was sitting in front of my house when suddenly five silver-colored disks with dark red rims, about as large as dinner plates, came right over the trees over my head. I thought they were going to hit me, so I screamed. They flashed by, and my neighbor, Frank Gondar, who also was sitting in front of his house, came over to aid me. I was so shaken up by

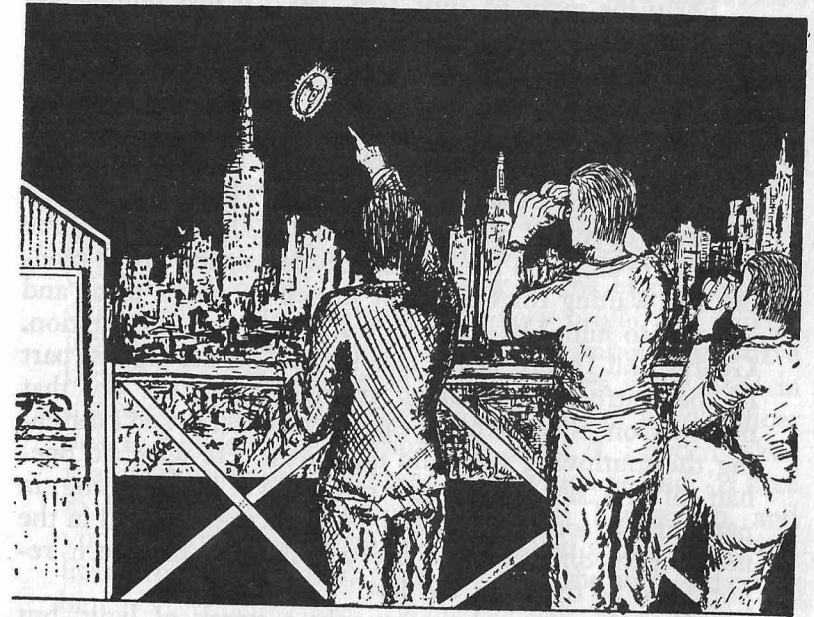
what I saw!" She said she had never believed in flying saucers before, and never again wanted to see them. From now on, she was convinced they really existed.

When the reports of saucers became localized, the *Jersey Journal*, our local newspaper, sent reporters to visit our post and get a story about flying disks for publication. Someone told them I was there with my cameras, a 3¼ x 4¼ Speed Graphic and a Leica. Since it is a job of "Operation Skywatch" to protect some of the most valuable real estate in the country—Manhattan, as well as neighboring Jersey communities—anything that would happen on the eastern seaboard would eventually break loose here and anything sighted is reported. They then published a small item about my waiting to see and photograph this phenomenon or disprove its existence, since it had been questioned considerably.

On July 24th, 1952, George Conger, an observer, spotted a disk overhead heading for New York. Thus it was listed in our logbooks: "10:05—flying saucer spotted by Observer George Conger. One—unknown—high overhead—flying southeast—looked like a shiny new dime." Detective Ray Blascak, who was on the tower at the time using the phone, was called to come and look. However, it disappeared in about four or five seconds, before Detective Blascak could get there, so Conger was the only one who saw the object that morning.

As soon as I learned that Conger had spotted a saucer, I went to see him on the tower during his next shift. I asked him how he had come to spot the "unknown object." He said he was looking straight overhead when he noticed the glint of the sun on a metallic object in the sky. It was definitely round, and appeared about the size of a dime. As it flew along it was in a "tilted" position—i.e., with the lowest edge leading in its flight. There was absolutely no sound and no vapor trail. I asked if it could possibly have been a jet plane; and he said he could easily have identified any known type of aircraft. Furthermore,

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Drawing by Dominick C. Lucchesi

(l. to r.) George Conger, Jim Leyden, August C. Roberts
Courtesy of August C. Roberts

he said no jet plane or any other kind could ever move with the tremendous speed of the disk. (I would like to point out, for the benefit of the skeptical, that George Conger is also a section leader of the Civil Defense Organization, a thoroughly qualified aerial observer.)

I had spent quite a few week ends at the tower, including all-night shifts from 9:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. since the reports of flying saucers had begun to come in from nearby localities. Inasmuch as Conger was now more than interested, having seen a saucer himself, I invited him to join Jim Leyden, another spotter, and myself on some

night watches. He was happy to do so. Nothing was seen for three nights.

Early the night of July 27th, 1952, it was raining. So as not to get my cameras wet, I left them home. I arrived at the tower about 10:00 P.M., and Leo Murphy, who was just going home, gave me his camera, a F3.5 Lens 120 folding, with a bad shutter which stuck on slow speeds. James Leyden came on duty a little before midnight and George Conger at midnight. The shift supposed to be on duty did not arrive until 12:20 A.M. The three of us were alone on the tower—Leyden sitting inside reading and waiting for Conger or myself to spot a plane and call out to him. He, in turn, would call the filter station. George and I were sitting side by side on the highest part of the platform, he looking at anything in the sky that moved from the northeast, east, and southeast, and I watching the southwest, west and northwest. He watched one-half of the sky and I the other. We had nothing in particular to look for, since the reports we had read in the newspapers differed, and every disk seen had been reported to be traveling too fast.

We half expected to see only a streak of light—but not anything like what we saw at 12:11 A.M., Monday, July 28th, 1952.

We were sitting there chatting when George suddenly said, "Hey, Roberts, lend me those glasses a minute. I've been watching a light there in the east by the Empire State Building, and it is acting funny. It doesn't resemble a plane." After studying it through the glasses, he called out, "Hey, Jimmy, come out and take a look at that damn light out there," and started walking towards him. He handed Jimmy the glasses. Looking at the object, Jimmy said, "What the devil is it?" We thought it might be a light from a building, since it just hung there brightly. Then Jimmy handed me the glasses, and I too took a look. We did not know how to explain what we had seen, except to define it as a "flying saucer," but George sug-

gested we call it in any way. Perhaps the filter station could confirm it. While he was talking, I had taken Leo's camera out and was balancing it on the railing. Just as I opened the shutter of the camera, Jimmy jumped the three steps into the tower and jarred the whole platform railing. George raised the glasses again and remarked that it was the oddest-looking thing. When Leyden got the filter station on the phone, instead of calling in the message in a routine manner, he told them he did not know how to explain what we had just witnessed, except to say that there was a ball of light hovering in the east, orange in color, with a dark-brownish rim, very bright and flickering. The person on duty at the filter station must have checked his list and found that no planes were listed in that area, because he immediately had an Air Force officer talk to Leyden and question him about it. Leyden asked if any other reports had come in, to which he said, "Three so far—one from Plainfield, one from Tarrytown, and yours." Leyden hung up and was called right back, I believe from an air base, from the way the man talked to him.

George kept watching the object while I was trying to look at the back of the camera in order to turn the film. It was too dark to see, so I just spun the knob a few times, placed the camera on the rail, called to the boys to stand still a few seconds, and took the second photo of the disk as it moved upwards a distance of its own length, as if undecided which way to go. Conger noticed that a searchlight beam was trying to catch it. Van, inside the tower, grabbed the phone from Leyden and told them about it. I took the 9 x 35-power binoculars and watched it until it was out of sight. I have already mentioned that it had a reddish-brown dot in the center and the rim was the same color. As it started to move a little faster to the southeast, the rim turned to a brighter red, like glowing metal. It moved up and away from us at the same time. As it turned, I got a good look at the depth of its edge,

which I will mention later on. George, standing next to me, tried to find it, but it went into a cloudbank and was gone. When I asked him if he had seen it leave, he replied negatively. Leyden, still on the phone, told them we could no longer see it.

Shortly afterwards, I suggested to the fellows that we call the *New York Daily News* and find out if they had seen it, as it had been so close to their building, and also learn whether they had received any other reports. Leyden called. He was told that they had received two reports but were not interested in any more. He did not mention that we had seen it or had taken photographs. I suggested to Leyden that he record this in our logbook as soon as he could. (I have a photograph of the item as it appears.) Just about that time, the next group came upstairs. We told them what we had seen. They said they had been chatting together downstairs for a while before coming up and were sorry not to have come up on time at midnight, as they would have liked to have seen it too. We stayed on a while, hoping to see it again, but it never returned. At 3:00 A.M., two of the three recent arrivals went home, but one stayed on, thinking it might become visible again. At 3:30 A.M., we called in a plane which was zigzagging back and forth at about the same spot where we had seen the disk over New York. Nothing else happened, so I went home about 6:00 A.M. to develop the film.

Everyone was asleep, so I tried not to make any noise as I went into my darkroom and developed the film, which was Kodak Super XX 120. The developer used was Kodak M.Q., eight ounces in a tray slightly warm, and I allowed the film to develop for seven minutes.

I planned to overdevelop in order to get as much out of the film as I could. I used a green light to see the film, but between overdeveloping and getting too close to the safe light, the film fogged up a little. I am not used to handling roll film, and it twisted up on me until it got

wet and soft. Anyone who has ever tried to develop roll film will realize what I mean.

When I saw what the film contained I felt heartsick—one frame was of a dancing light and the other registered just two spots, but I made a few prints anyway after washing the film. They did not look as bad as I first thought. I went back to the tower, arriving before Leyden and Conger went home. When they saw the prints, they were surprised that they had turned out as well. Detective Blascak asked what the pictures were about. The boys had never mentioned them, because they had not expected them to come out. When Detective Blascak saw them, he immediately phoned Inspector Foley, who said he would come over as soon as he could.

Shortly afterwards, I left for home again to get some sleep, asking Leyden to warn me by phone if the Air Force came and "requested" the negatives, so that I could make a dozen or so prints before they took them over. Detective Blascak phoned the Air Force, and they sent a man out immediately to pick up the prints. I had been in bed only a short time when Jimmy called, telling me to work fast if I wanted those extra prints before the Air Force arrived. I made ten copies of each; and since I figured I would not get much sleep, I went back to the police station and gave them a better set of prints. (The first ones had been made with wet negatives and done hurriedly.)

Told that they wanted the negatives, I was taken home by radio patrol car to get them. We went to the main police headquarters, where the police photographers checked the negatives and made a few prints for the newspapers. I was then driven back to the tower, where I had left my car, and headed for home and a little sleep.

In the afternoon I went back to the tower. Two men from our local newspaper came up with my prints, which they checked with the New York skyline. They told me

they were double-checking the prints and had discovered that I had made the mistake of printing the negatives backwards. I told them I had better copies at my home. Naturally, they wanted the better ones, so we set out to get them. Once they saw them, they tried to talk me out of every one I had made. When they left, I was told I would be paid for the use of the prints—but I never have been.

Back at the tower, one of the newspaper men phoned me and asked if I had a camera. After replying in the affirmative, he told me to take a few photos of New York and bring the film down to him; the paper would then develop and print the film. This I did. When I tried to leave the newspaper office, I was detained until the prints were made. While waiting, another newspaper called to see if a spare flying saucer print could be secured. The fellow answering the phone said, "No"; and when I quite loudly stated that I had one, and held it up, I never saw anyone move so fast to "shut me up." This newspaper had the only really good prints, and did not want any other paper to share the scoop or know that I, the photographer, was there. All the papers were trying to reach me, but without success. The prints of New York were not too good, so they took a few pictures of me with the Leica; and about midnight, after retelling the whole story in detail, having been informed not to talk to any other reporter, I was allowed to go home to bed.

The next day the story broke in the newspaper. From then on for a few days the family lived in a nightmare. The phone never stopped ringing. Everyone was calling—newspapers, radio, television, newsreels, and magazines. You name it—we had it.

About 48 hours after the negatives had been taken from me, I asked for them. Inspector Foley returned them, and I still have them now.

One evening a week later, while we in the tower crew were filming a television newsreel, a call was received

about 10:00 P.M. from the filter station stating that another disk had been sighted. A few of the cameramen dashed upstairs to the tower with movie cameras but could see nothing.

When the strain got too much for me, I called a friend of my sister's in Westwood, New Jersey. I wanted to spend a few days out there fishing and resting—just to get away from all the hectic times I had undergone. She told me my sister had not yet returned from Florida.

While chatting with her, I learned that she had been driving with her sons toward River Edge, and they had seen a disk a few days before we had seen it here. It was early in the evening. Suddenly her oldest son told her to look up—and there she saw an orange ball, twice as large as a silver dollar but with a darker rim, moving towards New York. They saw it only about four seconds when the light suddenly blinked out. Although they looked hard and long, they did not see it any more.

Later, while speaking to a friend of mine, he mentioned a lady who had seen a disk about 9:30 P.M., July 27th, 1952. When I spoke with her, she said she just happened to be looking up when she saw this large orange ball of light moving towards New York. I did not place too much stock in it then; but later, when another person, an auxiliary policeman, told me he had seen a large orange ball of light going overhead as large as a silver dollar—also on the night of July 27th, 1952, at about 9:30 P.M.—it set me to thinking. These people do not know each other although they live five blocks apart, and yet each had seen the same thing at the same time.

On July 31st, 1952, my married sister (with whom I reside) told me that she, my brother-in-law, and a friend had been driving in the vicinity of the Palisades Amusement Park when she spotted an orange ball in the sky. Jokingly, she exclaimed, "Oh, look, a flying saucer!" Was *she* surprised when it faded out about six seconds later in a cone-shaped manner similar to firework displays! This

had happened about 8:45 P.M. When she returned home, at about 11:30 P.M., she called the New York *Daily News* to find out whether they had received any other reports. They confirmed her suspicions, stating they had had four reports from different vicinities for the same time, and all the disks had been sighted over the same area.

The following week I entered St. Mary's Hospital, in Hoboken, New Jersey, where I had to undergo an immediate operation, because of a condition aggravated by staying up on the tower in the dampness and cold of all-night sessions. After my release six days later, I went away for a rest to my sister's home in Westwood. I was told later that the Air Force had been looking for me on two different occasions. I suppose they wanted to look at the negatives, but no member of the Air Force or anyone of importance has sought me at any time since.

A few weeks later, I received an observer questionnaire, which I answered as best I could and returned to them. One question—which I believe had been answered wrong—was about the changing color of the disk. At the conclusion of this article, I shall describe the disk as I saw it.

The next report I received was a letter from Mrs. Josephine Hetzel of Staten Island, stating she had read in her local paper, *The Advance*, on October 6th, 1952, that three men had seen two saucers at 7:10 P.M. the evening before.

The latest event happened while I was at our skywatch post. Our logbook records it as follows: "At approximately 20:00 hours on October 14th, 1952, John Stemming, Irving Edersheim, and I saw a missile fly through the sky from the northeast to the east, then to the west at a height of 1,000 to 1,500 feet. It traveled in a flat trajectory and almost passed over our post. It resembled a very bright ball resembling a tracer bullet, but was many times larger. At the time we saw this missile, a plane, which we believed to be a single-motor military plane,

was traveling northeast and seemed to be about one-quarter mile from the missile. Same reported to the filter station. (Signed) Andrew J. Gisondi."

Although at the tower that Tuesday evening, I was not upstairs at the time I was informed of it. I noted that the time was about 7:39 P.M. not 20:00 (8:00 P.M.), as was written in the logbook. I told Andy to make a note of it, so that it could be written in the book, but he must have put down the time he wrote the item instead.

The next day the *Daily News* ran the following story:

Blue Flame Still Mystery

The Civil Aeronautics Administration yesterday still lacked an explanation of the "blue flame" that reportedly flashed over International Airport at high speed at 7:33 P.M. Tuesday. Katherine Barry, Assistant Astronomer at Hayden Planetarium, said it probably was "the fire ball of a tremendous meteor."

Several North Jersey communities reported seeing a "fiery white ball" passing overhead a few minutes after the phenomenon had been sighted from the airport.

On October 18th, 1952, there was a *skyquake* over Glen Cove, Long Island, that broke windows, split sidewalks, and knocked children off their feet. It could have been a jet plane breaking through the sound barrier, but all air fields reported their planes had been accounted for; or it could have been a experimental plane which was not listed. If you were to go back a few years, you would find that on February 18th, 1948, in Stockton, Kansas, there also was a skyquake which has never been explained—but a disk was seen just before the explosion!

Now for the description of what the disk looked like to me. It was clearly circular in shape, slightly smaller than a ten-cent piece to the naked eye. Through my binoculars, however, it approximated the size of a half-dollar. Also,

it had depth—about the best way to describe it is to visualize two half-dollars held together at arm's length, turning them slightly to see the edge. The rim appeared to be as thick as the edge was wide; the whole disk was flat. It appeared to be anywhere from 50 to 100 feet in diameter. (Note: A plane in the same area appears to us to be about the same size, including wingspread.)

When I first saw the disk, the rim (outside, top, and a small part of the inner surfaces of the rim) was a brownish color. The inner part of the disk was a bright orange color, with a dot in the exact center, of the same brownish color at the rim. It was like looking at a small moon with a rim around it, and just as bright. The whole object was glowing and flickering. Through the 9x35-power binoculars, it could be seen clearly that the rim was spinning in a clockwise direction. As the disk moved, the outer rim began to change color to a reddish brown, and the dot in the center changed color along with the rim, while the center became a lighter orange color. I noticed that while the rim was spinning there was less flickering. When the thing finally departed, the colors changed again somewhat—the rim and dot in the center became a glowing red, and the orange color in the center became a still paler orange. As it left, it turned so that the outer edge was facing us, and I could see the thickness of it very clearly. During the three to five minutes that the disk was visible, it was "standing on edge" in the sky. I only saw light on two sides—that is, on one side and the rim. I never saw the opposite side of the disk, for it never turned towards me.

While watching it, I had an odd feeling in the pit of my stomach that here was something everyone was searching the sky for, and I had a "box seat." I have seen quite a few planes as a spotter, but this machine certainly beats them all. It did not make a sound, and looked powerful and deadly, if it chose to be so, although it appeared to be just observing.

I do not believe the Air Force has a flying disk—and I feel they are not revealing all they know for very good reasons. If the disks do not belong to any country on the earth, then they must come from outer space; and if they do, can you visualize what would happen if Washington suddenly announced we had visitors from outer space? It would probably cause quite an outbreak of nerves. In a few years we may learn the answer. The government may be conditioning us now for the big news later on, and then the shock might not be so great. Already there is talk about putting a space platform seventeen hundred miles out in space as a jump-off station to reach the moon. In time, it may materialize; but right now, the one prohibiting thing is a lack of funds for such a project. If we could accomplish this in a few short years, what is to keep another planet from doing the same thing?

Many years ago, things were seen in the sky. On pages 361 and 362, in the book *Altai-Himalaya* by Nicholas Roerich, the author says that while on an expedition in 1926 he saw a large oval object in the sky moving at a great speed. He spent time watching it through field glasses. If he had not seen it, why would he write about it? This is just one case, and many more have happened throughout the years. Many more cases are yet to come.

Should anyone like to see a "flying saucer," just join your local Skywatch Station if your city has one. There you will have a chance to help your country, which needs help NOW for plane-spotting in case of an enemy attack.

Well, there you have August Roberts' account of his viewing and photographing a flying saucer.

Now examine the Luther Hawthorn case. In Seattle, Washington, late in the year, this astounding incident took place in Hawthorn's observatory. He is an astronomer and weatherman for Seattle and local areas. While working late

one night, without any warning whatsoever, from out of the black skies came two "fireballs" crashing through the dome roof. They whizzed around in the domeroom, then landed upon some papers which were part of a project he was working on. The balls of fire just narrowly missed striking him. If they had, he would have lost his life. Mr. Hawthorn, being a God-fearing man, as well as a student of the Bible, believes to this day that the fireballs were a direct message from the Almighty to cease all work on the project in which he was involved. He still has in his possession parts of the burnt papers as a reminder of this "heavenly warning."

With cases such as this on record, we must ask ourselves again: Are these people all imagining such things? But again, our reply must be: No. Men and women of high repute would hardly perjure themselves for the sake of notoriety. Therefore, we are forced to conclude this chapter by admitting that the UFO is not a figment of the imagination.

I want to mention here that there are fearless men in the world who are open-minded enough to sit down in public places and enter into a frank discussion concerning the flying-saucer mystery. In my travels, I have spoken to a number of men who "clammed up" at the very mention of flying saucers. They seem to fear what the public would think if it were ever known that they had even discussed such "childish things."

On the other hand, my interest in the flying-saucer mystery was spurred by one our most popular radio programs, "Long John's Party Line." This program is directed by "Long John Nebal," and heard over the Mutual Network each evening at 12:00 midnight.

When my evangelistic services have permitted me to be in the New York area, I have tuned in as often as possible. On several occasions, I have heard the flying-saucer mystery discussed; and needless to say, it was good to listen to an intelligent conversation taking place on the subject of the UFO.

For a time, even other ministers and evangelists across the

world ridiculed anyone who brought the subject before the church world. However, I for one, despise ignorance. I firmly believe in an open mind on all matters relative to the human family. Ignorance breeds fear and superstition. Education in all things will create better understanding of life here on earth.

Chapter Two

UFO—RUSSIAN SECRET WEAPON?

As we begin the exploration of this question, we must first be ready to admit that there *is* something to talk about hovering above us in the skies.

The saucer mystery has in many cases pierced the Iron Curtain. Many letters to Russian newspapers, quoted by *Agence France Presse*, told of a "flying cigar" sighted by many Soviet citizens, and "colored lights" spotted by inhabitants of Gomel. (Note: The newspapers printed the letters but warned their readers severely about the "power of the imagination." Mr. Stringfield, editor of the *C.R.I.F.O.*, stated that this incident leaves much to be said for United States weapons.

The long arm of Russian intelligence misses little or nothing. As a matter of fact, their agents have stolen top-secret "stuff" in the Atomic Energy Commission, where the security is the strictest. Paralleling A.E.C. security is UFO research; but while the American public is occasionally taken into confidence on nuclear matters, it has not been officially informed concerning the flying-saucer mystery. It seems almost unfair that John Q. Public must get his information from indirect sources, even for a time, from cheap girlie magazines. This is one of the main reasons why Christians today are not in the "know" when it comes to UFO information. During my travels through the United States and Canada, I have

found but a handful of Christians who are informed on this subject.

I am very happy that many bold writers have ventured forth to join the ranks of those who are not afraid to speak up on the subject of flying saucers. It is gratifying to realize that men of intelligence and men of courage are writing and commenting on the UFO mystery. Yes, these men are *not* silent!

However, silence on the part of the authorities has lulled many into believing saucers are entirely American. On the other hand, a closer look at the facts, relative to the "Russian menace," should rule out, once for all, this fallacy. (1.) Saucers have been on parade, in clear photographic view, over *every nation on earth* since 1944 and earlier. Let me ask: Why advertise a super-secret device when the testing could have been confined to the western states, the central Pacific, or, if need be, the interior of Australia? (2.) Saucers on parade would suggest a flagrant violation of the world's sensitive national boundaries. (3.) Saucers on parade, if secret, would act as a tipoff for Russian espionage agents, already successfully at work. (4.) Saucers on parade, if executed as bait for Russia, would represent a slap in the face to Americans, honest and qualified, who are ridiculed for sighting something that is theirs to begin with.

Then again, if the U.S.S.R. were in command of flying saucers, isn't it probable that they would have destroyed America by now? Let's examine the power of the UFO.

It has been given such names as: cosmic ships; extra-terrestrial vehicles; outer-space rocket ships; flying saucers; and (the name given by the U.S. Air Force) Unidentified Flying Objects.

The speed of the UFO has been clocked at about 19,000 m.p.h. Electromagnetic or electro-gravitational force fields, according to most scientists and researchers, have the greatest potential for future space travel; and they seem to indicate that this type of propulsion is now directly related to the various characteristics of flying saucers.

Observations suggest that flying saucers are capable of transcending the force of gravity. It is doubtful, at this writing, that anyone on earth has found the means to do so. Then again, if the UFO were a Russian secret device, it is hardly likely that the risk of allowing one to be shot down and captured by the Americans would be taken. The possession of a UFO would make it possible for the Russians to build gigantic telescopes in the universe which would magnify a millionfold. Placed at a height of 26,400 miles above the center of the earth, they would take exactly one day to circle the earth once. They could bring the earth's surface to view as near as forty miles and entirely replace reconnaissance flights over large American cities and arms centers. The safe workings of the UFO, attested by a long series of reports, clearly indicate a very old invention which has disposed of the troublesome "bugs" of early stages of development. It is a space machine capable of outdistancing and outmaneuvering any earth-inspired aerial device or vehicle.

Russians have gone on record as declaring themselves (for the most part) atheistic in their beliefs. The teachings of communism clearly point where they stand on the Bible and Christian teachings. They claim that the Bible is a pack of lies, the Christian is grossly misled, and that the church is an obstacle. On the other hand, the Bible speaks for itself in Hebrews 4:12—"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

It is the opinion of this writer that Russia is absolutely *not* the answer to the riddle of the flying saucer.

Chapter Three

UNITED STATES SECRET WEAPON?

On January 19, 1949, the United States Air Force made a declaration in a bulky folder, "Official statements on flying saucers." This is what they said then: "We have no experimental craft of that nature; we're completely mystified."

Former Secretary James Forrestal reversed this Pentagon policy, and it was decided to let the facts leak out gradually in order to prepare the American people. This was the reason for the April 27, 1949, report, with its suggestions of visitors from outer space.

Major Donald Keyhoe was of the belief that the Air Force was still investigating the saucer sightings, either through the Air Matériel Command or some other headquarters. It is possible that some Air Force officials fear a panic when the truth is officially revealed. In that case, Major Keyhoe states, we may continue for a long time to see routine denials alternating with new suggestions of interplanetary travel.

Meanwhile, other answers hit the headlines. The first came from Henry J. Taylor, radio commentator. The saucers, said Taylor, were American devices whose purpose he could not reveal. Some were guided, some just flew around aimlessly. Most of them were made to disintegrate in mid-air, even the big ones. However, they were harmless. In size, they varied from a few feet to the length of a city block. "And that's very big," said Taylor. But the Air Force, along with the White House, joined together and blasted the "secret-

weapon" claims. Some of the public believed the denials; others called them a cover-up. In any case, the sightings continued. . . .

St. Paul, Minnesota, April 29, 1958—A UFO similar to the one reported in the east on April 21 was sighted by control-tower operators at Wold-Chamberlain Airport and by other observers. The CAA men said the UFO did not resemble a meteor or any other known object but that it moved west to east at high speed on an even path, without climbing or descending. It was described as emitting sparks from its glowing nose before its abrupt disappearance. The UFO also was seen by NICAP member H. T. Sherman, insurance underwriter and astronomer, who reported it to an Air Force Captain Nueman at Wold-Chamberlain. The captain first suggested Venus, which Sherman as an astronomer, quickly ruled out. The captain then suggested a meteor.

"Too slow," stated Mr. Sherman. "A parallel path and the UFO's appearance rule that out."

Finally, Captain Nueman suggested a new anti-collision light on a plane, but Sherman pointed out these items:

When the light went out, no plane was visible in the sky, which at 9 P.M. was still fairly light.

He would have heard any aircraft.

No pilot in his right mind would approach a field with such heavy traffic at such high speed and suddenly at low altitude turn out all lights.

The Air Force captain had no other suggestions, and the sighting was officially recorded.

The following is from the *UFO Reporter*, edited by M. K. Jessup, a scientist.

You may have questioned whether there is a blackout of saucer news at various places around the world. The *UFO Reporter* would not be a reliable instrument of mass

communication if it did not take cognizance of such things. We have firsthand indisputable information that a new and active Saucer Investigation Club which was issuing interesting pamphlets in Asia has been forced to discontinue its operations and disband its personnel. Copies of the small pamphlets have reached our staff, and we find them to be conservative, well written, and apparently factual. What is this blackout? Where does it originate? What is it concealing?

One of the descriptions of UFO appeared also in an Asian native-language newspaper; and we quote it anonymously, in order to avoid further inconvenience to both paper and pamphlet. We also omit reference to the country involved for the same reason, but the reports can be inspected at our staff offices if necessary.

"In Songkhla Province, at 10:10 A.M. on June 20, 1955, the people of Amphur District, Sadau, saw a startling strange object flying over the district, round in shape and white in color. It was rotating, and flew from southwest to northeast at great speed. The people watched it fly in the distance for about one minute. There was a long trail of smoke stretching behind for many hundreds of miles."

There can hardly be serious doubt that some types of UFO are interested in the sites of our mineral resources, and this is not confined to the United States. Another Asian report tells of sightings over the tin mines in Thailand. One is mentioned particularly on July 22, 1955. The object, sailing above some scattered clouds, was "round but elongated"; traveled with the speed of a meteor; and made a noise like a coughing motor. Some observers said its appearance was similar to a wide-brimmed hat which had a small crown like a coffee cup on top. This was not the first appearance of such a thing, although previous apparitions had been seen by smaller groups of witnesses.

Another East Asian report comes from a flying instructor who had a thrilling encounter with an orange fireball

about six feet in diameter. It appeared about 1,500 feet ahead of the plane, approaching on a parallel course, at equal altitude, and was moving at an estimated speed of 1,000 miles per hour. While making a 180-degree turn in order to keep the UFO in sight, it was noticed that there was a smaller fireball, colored blue, which was either attached to, or closely adjacent to, the large one. They moved together, at any rate. Before they could complete their turn, the UFO made a rapid half-circle, took up a position about 600 feet behind the plane, and accompanied the plane for a while. It thus exhibited the same versatility of speed and control which has been so puzzling to observers all over the world. At this close range, it appeared that the center of the orange fireball was dark, whereas the orange-colored light, glowing like an extremely powerful electric light, appeared to be around the rim of whatever it was that made up the center. The glow, as so frequently reported, was so bright that it was impossible to make out the basic shape of the structure. After pacing the plane for about twenty seconds, the object spurted ahead and made a right-hand climbing turn at such speeds that the plane could not again get near it. All of the familiar characteristics of U. S. flying saucers are here, and particularly as regards repeated sightings in the area of Miami and south Florida in general.

Farmer Sees "Windows" in Flying Saucer

Westbrook, Minn.—Harold Thompson, 38, a cottonwood farmer, told the *Worthington Globe* he saw a flying saucer and studied it for several minutes through binoculars.

"My wife and I were laughing about these reports of flying saucers in South Dakota," said Thompson. "I'm not laughing now. I believe them."

He said he was just leaving the barn about 10 p.m.

when he spotted a bright object hovering 300-400 feet above the ground.

He dashed into the house for his binoculars to get a better look. At first he thought it was an airplane, but found it saucer-shaped when he studied it through the glasses. He said it appeared to have a number of little windows.

The object, which changed colors rapidly, shot into the air and disappeared. He said it was light red, cherry red, purple and green during the short time he watched.

Farm Woman Sees Strange Object in Sky

Mayhew Lake, Minn.—A farm woman said she saw a mysterious object of changing color in the sky over her home this morning.

Mrs. Joseph Fleegel watched the object about 4 a.m., she said. She said it first was bluish-green, but became red and moved up and down.

Mrs. Fleegel didn't awaken her family, but went back to bed. She kept thinking about the strange object and got up to check. It was still there, high in the sky, she said.

The weather bureau in St. Cloud, nine miles southwest of here, said the object couldn't have been one of its balloons. The bureau said it sent up a weather balloon at 3 a.m., but it was watched going south until it reached 13,000 feet. That balloon could not have been over Mayhew Lake, the weather station said.

For the past couple of weeks, there have been numerous reports of strange objects seen over South Dakota and over Ortonville and the Twin Cities, in Minnesota.

Low-Flying "Saucer" Spotted in S.D.

Pierre, S.D.—Two state employees, including a state highway motor patrolman, early Sunday saw a strange

object in the sky and said firmly, "We know it wasn't a plane."

Patrolman Don Kelm and Jack Peters, dispatcher for the state police radio system, said they got within a block of the thing and attempted to take a picture of it.

The "saucer," or whatever it may have been, was seen at 12:43 A.M. Sunday in a gully about twenty-three miles east of Pierre on state 34.

The two estimated that the bright red object was hovering about 50 to 100 feet about the ground. They watched it for more than a half-hour.

"It was deep red in color, changed to light red as it rose to an altitude of about 7,000 feet," Kelm and Peters said.

The two were looking for a stolen pickup truck when they spotted the object.

They reported they watched the thing for a while and then started back to Pierre. It appeared to be following them, and they messaged Patrol Captain Don Sheppard, who was patrolling west of Fort Pierre. Before Sheppard could reach the area, the object had moved out of sight to the west.

"It was shaped like half an eggshell, with the bottom round," Peters said.

"It appeared like someone was shining a red light on a mirror. There was enough light from it to make the center lines of the highway gleam."

Kelm said the object appeared about the size of an "ordinary car."

Peters said he took several pictures of the object, using a fence post to steady the camera. The negative, developed by the state law-enforcement laboratory, appeared to show a dot of light in the dark. There was no rectangular shape, as the men had reported the object appeared to have to the naked eye.

Kelm and Peters said there was no sound from the object.

At Rapid City, it was reported radar screens had picked up a strange object in the vicinity of Hot Springs. Interceptors were sent aloft to try to contact the unidentified objects, according to word received at Pierre.

Mystery "Fireball" Baffles Air Force, Eludes Radar

Kalispell, Mont., September 4—An unexplained mystery object, described by separate witnesses as a "shining triangle" and an "orange ball," hovered in the sky near here nightlong and then disappeared westward early today.

Five starfire jet interceptors from Malmstrom air force base here "scrambled" in an attempt to sight the object but were thwarted by low clouds. The planes were equipped with radar.

Air Force and civilian officials viewed the object and were unable to explain it away as a natural phenomenon.

Radar was unable to pick it up, but it was plainly visible to the eye.

The Helena, Mont., air force filter center said Sgt. Carl Clark, Kalispell, told them it appeared to be triangular in shape and was surrounded by a bright yellow glow.

"It remains a mystery," an airman said.

From the Honolulu *Star-Bulletin*, Honolulu, T. H., U.S.A., Tuesday, February 12, 1957:

Mystery Objects Reported in Isle Sky

Two Kaimuki housewives have reported to police they witnessed two strange-looking unidentified objects cavorting in the sky high above St. Louis Heights yesterday.

Mrs. Winifred Anderson, 3365 Maunaloa Avenue, said she saw the first "glowing" object just before noon as it appeared to be diving straight toward earth.

"It had a shiny tail, like aluminum, that looked like a streak of lightning."

The main body of the object, Mrs. Anderson said today, glowed as though it had an electric light in it. The body was described as a "half-ball" dome.

The object streaked off on a slant and disappeared into a cloud.

Mrs. Anderson called her sister-in-law, Mrs. Helen Anderson, of 3365-A Maunaloa Avenue, and as both women watched from the patio, the object suddenly reappeared.

"This time we saw two of them . . . the second one was a little smaller and traveling below the big one," Mrs. Winifred Anderson said.

The objects, she said, zoomed off toward Koko Head and vanished into the clouds.

Mrs. Anderson said the flying objects were too high for kites and changed directions too fast for jet planes.

"I've never seen anything like this before."

Motor Patrolman Richard Boyd was sent to investigate. He scanned the sky but couldn't see the objects.

Air Force Asks NICAP For Its UFO Reports

July 9, 1958—In an official Air Force letter which admits serious interest in Unidentified Flying Objects, NICAP has been asked to turn over to the Air Force specific cases showing that UFOs are under intelligent control. Dated June 12, 1958, the letter indicates a concern which is in plain contradiction of its public claims that UFOs do not exist.

Referring to NICAP's letter to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which drew on admission of "technical difficulties" regarding communication with UFOs, the Air Force letter reads as follows:

"Your statement that you possess a number of important UFO sightings fully verified, which prove the absolute reality of UFOs as machines under intelligent control, is most pertinent.

"The Air Force has the responsibility for investigating and evaluating the UFO phenomena. This can only be done properly and without endangering the national security if responsible citizens report all evidence and intelligence on the subject to the authorities charged with this responsibility. It is requested, therefore, that any specific cases of the nature mentioned above be forwarded to the Office of Information Services HQ USAF, Washington 25, D. C., for submission to the Air Technical Intelligence Center for analysis and official evaluations."

By an odd coincidence, NICAP at the same time received a signed statement from a missile engineer who was curtly brushed off by the Air Force when he tried to report sighting three UFOs. The witness, Mr. Harold Lamb, Jr., is one of four Rocketdyne engineers who observed a large oval-shaped object and two smaller UFOs near the Rocketdyne plant in Canoga Park, California.

Lamb, a former skeptic now convinced of UFO reality, says he was rebuffed when he called the Air Force and was "told to call the police."

In this case, as in several others, the Air Force apparently was seriously concerned, but wished to mask this concern because Lamb and the other engineers would not be easy to silence. But no matter what the excuse, such a rude brush-off will not encourage "responsible citizens to report all evidence" to the Air Force. Such treatment suggests that the AF request for NICAP's reports should be carefully weighed.

It may be a bona fide request, though the Air Force already has a mass of conclusive UFO evidence—enough for ATIC to decide in 1948 that the objects were interplanetary space ships. (Documentary evidence in NICAP possession proves that AF denials of this 1948 conclusion are untrue.) But it could be an attempt to discredit NICAP if our reports are withheld from the Air Force.

In a number of cases, NICAP has promised to keep its sources confidential. To release these reports would not

only break a promise, it could lead to legal action for invasion of privacy. Some of these sources are in the armed forces, the airlines, the CAA and other agencies. Though none has violated security, if NICAP revealed their names it could cause them trouble.

Since the Air Force has refused to release its own UFO reports to avoid "invasion of privacy," NICAP feels justified in adopting the same policy. If permission is granted by witnesses in important confidential cases, we shall offer the reports to the Air Force under a plan of mutual co-operation and exchange of UFO information.

Cigar-Shaped "Airship" Surveys United States—1897

The writer has reviewed each of the following incidents in their complete coverage, but likes the concise, itinerant chronicling superbly handled by the *Reader's Digest* in their July, 1952 issue: We quote: "In April 1897, U. S. newspapers from coast to coast gave front-page space to a huge, cigar-shaped 'airship' cruising around Chicago. Late in March, dispatches from the west had described a 'cigar-shaped' object, with no motive power, 'certainly not steam,' first reported near Sacramento, then Denver. On March 29, according to the *New York Herald*, it was seen 'by a majority of the residents of Omaha. It was in the shape of a bright light, too big for a balloon.' The *New York Sun* stated that 'Kansas City trolley cars stopped' and soon the whole population was watching it from the street and rooftops. The light was as big as that produced by twenty stars. Stories poured into the *Chicago Tribune*. 'Reputable citizens (of Eldora, Iowa) say they observed the gigantic airship. One man said it resembled an immense bird of polished silver. In Milwaukee thousands of people saw it. The machine floated over the City Hall, where it stopped for a quarter of an hour.'"

Mr. Len Stringfield is to be commended for his unselfish attitude and wonderful co-operation in helping me track

down information that will help you, the reader, to form your own intelligent opinion of the flying-saucer mystery.

Yet the question still burns in our minds: Could these vehicles have been originated by our own American technicians? I really do not believe that the American government has such craft.

For a more simple reason why the flying saucers could not be secret weapons of the United States, let us turn to the laws governing aerial flights made by *all* aircraft in America. It is my understanding that, just as we have traffic lanes governing the side of the road on which the motorist is to drive, we have laws under the supervision of other government agencies whose responsibilities include the establishment of air traffic lanes. Thus, no pilot, military or civilian, can fly "all over" the sky. Flying saucers have invaded established air lanes and have endangered the lives of many Americans, both military and civilian. Property has also been interfered with by the Unidentified Flying Objects. I feel secure in the belief that the United States would never permit a UFO (of its own making) to endanger so many thousands of lives. We can safely conclude that the UFO is not an American secret weapon.

Chapter Four

THE OUTER-SPACE QUESTION

Let us now venture forth into the "outer-space" question.

It is difficult to bring ourselves to realize that, in spite of all the opinions of severe critics, there is a possibility that flying saucers may well be our first introduction to beings of another world. In war, clouds of smoke are often laid in order to hide certain activities—troop movements, battle maneuvers, etc. In the case of the flying saucer, the U. S. Air Force has really overdone itself in attempting to disprove that which actually exists.

With Lieutenant Colonel John O'Mara, Deputy Commander of Intelligence, reporting that there are 700 saucer sightings weekly, we wonder how long the contradiction can continue. Nevertheless, let me report several of these sightings for your own investigation and good judgment.

Supporting Mr. Stringfield's opinion and the views of many others, it may interest you to know that General Douglas MacArthur voiced sober, thought-searching words before visiting Achille Lauro, Mayor of Naples, on October 7, 1955 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York. The mayor revealed the general's words to the *New York Times* as follows:

"He thinks that another war will be double suicide, and

that there is enough sense on both sides of the Iron Curtain to avoid it. . . . He believes that because of the developments of science all countries on earth will have to unite to survive and to make a common front against attack by people from other planets. . . . The mayor also added that, in the General's opinion, the politics of the future will be cosmic or inter-planetary."

This, in my humble opinion, is certainly a statement to read and read again, carefully considering the fact that a man such as General MacArthur would not make wild statements, thus jeopardizing his standing as a soldier respected both for his military prestige and his civilian leadership.

Amidst the denials of the Air Force, there are several officials who permit enough information to leak through the Iron Curtain of strict security. During the next few pages you will read about several encounters that the Unidentified Flying Objects have had with the Army Air Force.

Why Flying Saucers Are Not All Earth-Made Devices

To begin, we know for certain that mysterious, material entities have pervaded earth's atmosphere from pole to pole. These entities, known popularly as "flying saucers," have been witnessed, encountered, photographed and tracked by radar; and behind each true report stands a trained scientific observer or one of thousands of honest citizens with 20-20 vision. Among these masses perhaps a few, with top security clearance, know the full, dramatic story. The others burn with curiosity; but not having many facts, they just guess wildly. Still others, much fewer in number, have many facts, and with equal logic claim that the flying saucer is either an earth-made device, an extra-terrestrial space machine—or both!

To any serious researcher, the term "flying saucer" is a misnomer. Applied loosely, it is tagged on any aerial object that cannot be explained by its observer. Unwittingly, it is sometimes a balloon, meteor, or a searchlight's beam playing

on cloud strata. However, in more cases than a thousand and one, it is the true ellipsoidal, metallic device of undetermined origin!

But here, despite its birthright title, this same ellipsoid—like its sighter—is prone to public ridicule; and the object itself, because of its funny name, will not be recognized by the Air Force—that is, publicly. By cunning Air Force definition, any ellipsoid, disk, globe, or fireball reported as a “flying saucer” does not exist. Officially, the Air Force prefers classifying these objects as “Unidentified Flying Objects.”

Summarily, our government—and all world governments and their military agencies—recognize the UFO. Each nation, knowing its own secret project developments in respect to aircraft and rocketry, also knows that the UFO is none of them. Therefore, in common international terminology, the UFO is a “separate entity.” The picture is clear: material entities known as UFOs *do* pervade all the earth’s skies; and world governments, without exception, recognize the fact that it is a novel machine not manufactured on earth!

Through the years, Mr. Leonard H. Stringfield has heard all the rumors and many “proofs” that UFOs are secret United States products. This supposition does not coincide with all the facts, most of which are hidden from public view. To help clarify some recent public befuddlement, I will endeavor to single out certain of these facts, usually glossed over, and present them for logical evaluation. In these facts, possibly, lies proof that UFOs (saucers) are not American secret devices, nor those of any other nation on earth, including Russia, nor are they a figment of the imagination. Flying saucers are *real!*

Strategic Air Command Report Hints SAC Knows UFOs Are Interplanetary

From several radar-tracking cases admitted by the Strategic Air Command, there is strong evidence that

SAC’s chief, General Thomas Powers, knows that the UFOs are interplanetary space craft.

In one significant case General Powers withheld the usual “scramble” order when radar showed a formation of unknown objects approaching the Pacific Coast. Had there been any question that the objects were Soviet planes, the SAC commander would have swiftly dispatched H-bombers prepared to retaliate.

Radar blips of the mysterious formation were picked up by United States picket ships, by radar patrol planes over the Pacific, and later by stations ashore. Previously, similar radar warnings had caused “numerous dispatches” of SAC bombers, according to an official release. This admission by SAC was cleared by top level Air Force and Defense Department censors and published by United Press President Frank H. Bartholomew on April 7, 1958.

In at least one case, said the Pentagon-cleared article, SAC bombers were scrambled when defense radar picked up strange objects flying toward the United States in precise formation. The bombers were recalled by special code signals when the Air Force realized the objects were not Soviet planes. These mysterious formations, said SAC, have never been explained.

But in the Pacific coast case—when an identical formation was tracked—General Powers said, “Wait.” Radar reports continued to pour in from the picket ships, DEW (Distant Early Warning) stations, and radar planes. Still General Powers waited. The UFO formation had almost reached the coast—in quick striking range of West Coast cities and bases—when the radar blips suddenly disappeared from the scopes.

Through previous identical informations were listed by SAC as unexplained, this report was explained away as due to false radar blips.

Why weren’t the SAC bombers dispatched as in the other cases?

If General Powers had believed it even remotely possible that the objects were Soviet planes or missiles, hundreds of SAC bombers would have roared aloft from United States bases within minutes.

*"Flying Saucers" Invade Local Area,
Grayville Man Reports*

"It flashed down just over my car and the bright light almost blinded me."

This is how Dr. L. G. Chalcraft, Grayville veterinarian, describes his Thanksgiving-night encounter with what he believes was a "flying saucer."

Dr. Chalcraft said he, his wife, and several other persons observed the antics of the "disc-shaped" flying object between Grayville and Albion for more than an hour. About 8 P.M., it disappeared in the direction of Evansville, Indiana.

En route home from Albion, Dr. Chalcraft and his wife first sighted the mysterious object about 7 P.M. while they were driving on route 130 near Red Top curve. He said the craft swooped low over his car.

"Just so people wouldn't think I was crazy, I stopped at the James Roosevelt farm and asked them to come outside and watch," Dr. Chalcraft asserted. "About five or six persons there saw it."

Following the "saucer" to Grayville, Dr. Chalcraft said he and his wife watched it circle for several minutes over the Wabash River before it sailed away in the direction of Evansville.

The veterinarian said Deb Johnson, Glenn Hassell, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boutwell also observed the object here.

Dr. Chalcraft described it as flat and disc-shaped, with a brilliant white light trailing out behind. He said it kept circling to the left, while traveling in a southeasterly direction.

"I believe if I'd had my high-powered rifle with me I would have taken a shot at it," the Grayville man declared.

The Minnesota Poll of Public Opinion

A Minnesota newspaper conducted a poll of the public after so many reports were sent in from the Northwest. The poll itself is valueless, because the opinions were not based on knowledge. But in the report the paper said:

"Flying saucers broke into the news about five years ago. They have been sighted with varying frequency since that time—several as recently as last October—in the vicinity of Minneapolis. Reports about mysterious aerial objects also have come from other countries.

"The U. S. air force is said to be taking a much more serious view of the still unexplained phenomena than it did originally, and is making an extensive investigation of the reports."

*Airliner Reports Near Collision With Unidentified
Object At Sea*

(From a St. Louis Newspaper)

A Pan American Airways pilot reported his plane almost collided with an unidentified object at the halfway point of his flight from New York to San Juan today.

Captain Mathew A. Van Winkle said the object came directly toward his plane and he had a hard time trying to avoid it.

The pilot of a Trans-Caribbean plane said he also saw the object, and said he thought it could have been a meteor.

Stewardess Julie Santiago Rodriguez and three passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Gitlow and Monserrate Soto, were taken to hospital with shock and concussion, apparently due to Van Winkle's evasive maneuvers.

A Pan American spokesman said other planes on the same route saw more than one object.

Van Winkle said the object appeared to be flaming. His first impression was that it was a jet plane, but when it got closer, he said it seemed to be of a different shape. To avoid it, he said, he climbed almost 1,500 feet.

The Gitlows were listed as from Philadelphia. In addition to shock and lacerations, Mrs. Gitlow also was reported suffering from possible rib fractures.

UFO Sighted by Rev. Arthur E. Bloomfield
(Editor of *Prophetic Ensign*.)

I had never seen a flying saucer until the evening of April 29th. The sun had set. It was about 6:00 P.M., CST. The sky was still light. It was a very clear night. About halfway between the zenith and the horizon there appeared an object which looked to be about the shape and color of a link sausage. It was moving slowly, followed by a long vapor tail, pure white. At first I thought it was a sky writer until it slowed down and stopped. I could not detect any motion whatsoever for several minutes. The tail gradually disappeared. It did not widen out like sky writing; it just disappeared. Then the thing turned downward. It was not ridged. The head turned down first, making the shape of an "L," then the rest of the body followed around the right-angle turn. It turned as a snake would turn. Then it looked as though they turned on the lights. It became radiant with an amber color, and it was exactly the shape of a plate turned, so I could see a part of the flat side.

The color was amber, very brilliant. It shone like nothing I had ever seen. Then it started to move toward the west, away from me. I do not know how fast it moved, because it was moving away from me. It appeared to be getting smaller until it finally disappeared.

This was seen by a number of people and was re-

ported in the newspaper the next day. One man thought it was about fifty miles away. If so, it must have been tremendously large.

I was sorry it moved away from me; if it had moved toward me it would have been a gorgeous spectacle.

The only time I have seen anything as brilliant in the sky is sometimes when the sun is setting behind a cloud and gives forth a brilliant red at a point where the sun is almost breaking through. This flying saucer was almost as brilliant as that. The brilliance could have been caused by the setting sun, but there had to be something very bright for it to reflect against.

It is quite evident that the white vapor tail was not caused by an exhaust such as might follow a plane. Neither was it a reflection of the sun on the clouds. A flying saucer was reported the night before in this same locality in the middle of the night.

Something has happened—we do not know what—but there is somebody in the sky who does.

Flying Objects Again Reported in South Dakota

Hot Springs, S.D., November 26, 1957—Two more unidentified objects sighted over South Dakota brought back reports of "flying saucers" today.

Hot Springs residents spotted one near here yesterday at the same time that a jet interceptor from Ellsworth Air Force Base reportedly registered an unidentified "blip" on its radar screen.

Earlier yesterday, two men in the South Dakota state motor patrol told of seeing a "salad-bowl"-shaped object swaying back and forth across a road near Pierre, South Dakota, about 300 miles east of here.

Donald Kelm and Jack Peters said the floating object was deep red in color, and that it was between 50 and 100 feet off the ground. There was no noise, Peters said.

Sheriff Allen Coates and his son Robert said the Hot

Springs object was brilliantly illuminated and bobbed up and down in the sky. Young Coates described it as flashing red, green and yellow.

Robert said a jet interceptor made three passes at the object, and on the third, he heard over the police radio the pilot's report that a "blip" registered on his radar screen.

Expert Says 'Flying Saucer' Facts Are Kept Under Wraps

Columbus, Ohio (UP)—A "flying saucer" expert said Thursday night vehicles from outer space have reached earth but fear of public hysteria has prevented the Air Force from releasing information about the unidentified flying objects.

Donald Keyhoe, a retired Marine Corps major and pilot, said the Air Force was ready to release information on flying saucers in 1948 and again in 1952.

"But each time the lid went on," he said, apparently because National Security Council or the Central Intelligence Agency feared public hysteria would result. He said several persons had been killed while trying to check on the objects.

The Air Force has investigated many reports of flying-saucer sightings and has said repeatedly that practically all resulted from visual illusions, mirages or other explainable causes.

However, Keyhoe, director of a Washington, D. C. organization called the "National Investigations Committee of Aerial Phenomena," said in a speech before about 3,000 persons that "There has been interstellar travel."

He said that although many of the saucers reported sighted apparently came from the planet Mars, some may have come from starry regions beyond our planetary system and Mars might be only a space base.

Keyhoe said he believed most of the flying objects

were some sort of observation craft that did not originate on earth.

Perhaps if more men in places of authority would freely voice their opinions like Major Keyhoe, the American public would stand a much better chance of preparing for what seems inevitable.

Late in 1957, all of Brazil was astir about the modestly hesitant claim of Professor Joao Guimaraes, 48, a highly respected and wealthy teacher of Roman law at Santos' Catholic University. The professor stated matter-of-factly that he had taken an hour-long trip through outer space in a flying saucer, and to a nationwide Brazilian television audience, the highly reputable law instructor released some details of his trip. The Brazilian Air Force thought sufficiently of his claim to put immediately a fighter cover over the strip of beach whereon the saucer was reported to have landed. Some dispute the professor's story; but those who know him as a father of four, a community pillar and a model of rectitude, state flatly that he is incapable of a lie, and that his character testifies to what must be the absolute validity of his story. Here is that story, as reconstructed by *True or False Magazine* reporters from the facts related by Professor Guimaraes.

"I have kept this incident to myself for over a year, because I am aware of what the relation of the facts to the public might mean to me and to my family. I have an established position in my community. I am in fact a conservative man, a professor of law at Santos' Catholic University in Brazil. I have a degree of wealth, and I have no need or desire for notoriety. But I cannot refuse to divulge the facts any longer for these personal reasons. It would be cowardly, and I am not a coward. I state truthfully, unequivocally—I have flown aboard a flying saucer that came to earth from outer space. Here are the unembroidered facts. . . .

"I was vacationing in July of 1956 at Sao Sebastiao. I was lolling on the sands of the beach when very suddenly a sixty-foot flying saucer appeared before me. It was a disk-shape, about eighteen feet high, and for landing gear it rested on a pawnshop-type arrangement of three balls. Presently, two tall men who looked very much alike descended from the saucer. They were blond men and they both had green eyes.

"Startled, I attempted conversation with them. I spoke to them in French, Spanish, English and Italian but got no response. Then without speech I began to understand them. They were communicating with me telepathically. They were inviting me aboard. I responded to their invitation and I went aboard.

"Immediately, we got underway. At one point I felt a distinct and unnerving vibrating sensation. One of my hosts, evidently seeing my discomfort, reassured me telepathically by informing me that we were leaving the atmosphere of my planet and that I was to have no fear. An hour later the saucer landed back on the beach of Sao Sebastiao. I descended from the saucer, in somewhat of a daze at my experience, and the saucer with its pilots whirled away. That is a true account of my experience. Some of the details I remember I feel it wiser not to divulge to the public at this time, for fear of spreading panic. I have divulged these details to the proper authorities."

True or False, ever alert to the potential significance of an account as meaningful as this one, has consulted with recognized saucer experts throughout the world concerning other saucer reports as well as this single revealing saucer report by Professor Guimaraes. The results of our objective, unbiased investigation are disquieting to those who are in the mental habit of being critical without logical analysis. Here are a few expert opinions concerning flying saucers:

Donald E. Keyhoe, author of *The Flying Saucer Conspiracy* (Holt), claims there is no doubt about the truth of the existence of flying saucers. From Air Force files, which have a worldwide reputation for their unbiased objectivity, he reports the following: "A B-29 clocked three formations of flying objects at 5,240 m.p.h. over the Gulf of Mexico. Then a giant machine showed up on the B-29's radar scopes. The three mysterious formations converged toward the big object and then disappeared into it. Then it raced off at 9,000 m.p.h. At Kimross, Michigan, an Air Force F-89 took off from the base to chase an unidentified flying object that had been picked up by ground radar. On their radar screens the radar men could see the fighter's blip merge with the unidentified blip. Then both disappeared and the F-89 never returned. To this day no trace of that F-89 or its pilot has been found."

Keyhoe is critical of the Air Force, and claims many startling reports of the sort mentioned are being held back from the public, possibly because the Air Force fears a spread of nationwide hysteria if these reports are released. Keyhoe concludes that the saucers are neither American nor Soviet secret weapons, since no metal we know can withstand the heat created at such speeds within our atmosphere. Keyhoe feels that the objects may be using the anti-gravity field principle as reported by Ansel Talbert, the military and aviation editor of the New York *Herald Tribune*. Under this principle of motivation, now under study at Princeton's Institute for Advanced Study, electricity and magnetism are related to gravity in definite ways never before known. A machine theoretically could use electrical and magnetic force to overcome gravity. Where could such craft come from? Keyhoe and others say the finger of fact points in only one direction: outer space.

Some sources bring the saucers back to earth—or bring some of the saucers back to earth—by pointing toward the Soviet Union. The weekly magazine *Aux Ecoutes* of

Paris predicted that within weeks Russia will announce that she has been in fact building and flying saucers for the past four years. The paper stated that a Professor Sonstein directs the flying-saucer research tests near Moscow, and that he is assisted by German scientists who perfected the "V" rockets of World War II. Sonstein personally has described, in a Soviet science magazine, what he called a practical version of a flying saucer. In his article, Sonstein said he would not be surprised if one or more of these saucers had been seen in the skies.

What of other sightings? There are many reported by respected and reliable people whose integrity cannot be doubted. From the Air Force's *Blue Book*, an until recently confidential file of saucer sightings, *True or False* lists, in the public interest, the following attested-to legitimate sightings:

"*Case V (Serial 0565.00 to 0565.03)*. A pilot and co-pilot were flying a DC-3 at 0340 hours on July 24, 1948, when they saw an object coming toward them. It passed to the right and slightly above them, at which time it went into a steep climb and was lost from sight in some clouds. Duration of the observation was about ten seconds. One passenger was able to catch a flash of light as the object passed. The object seemed powered by rocket or jet motors shooting a trail of fire some fifty feet to the rear of the object. The object had no wings or other protrusion and had two rows of lighted windows."

"*Case LV (Serial 4599.00)*. A part-time farmer and a hired hand were curing tobacco at midnight on July 19, 1952, when they looked up and saw two cigar-shaped objects. One hovered while the other moved to the east and came back, at which time both ascended until out of sight. Duration of the observation was three to four minutes. Both had an exhaust at one end, and neither had projections of any kind. It was stated that they appeared to be transparent and illuminated from the inside." Note: Sightings of this particular type of object have been re-

ported reliably for over 200 years, which would indicate that the earth has been under observation by intelligent beings from outer space for at least two centuries. [See author's foreword.]

"*Case I (Serial 0573.00)*. Two men employed by a rug-cleaning firm were driving across a bridge at 0955 hours on July 29, 1948, when they saw an object glide across the road a few hundred feet in front of them. It was shiny and metallic in construction, about six to eight feet long and two feet wide. It was in a flat glide path at an altitude of about thirty feet and in a moderate turn to the left. It was seen for only a few seconds and apparently went down in a wooded area, although no trace of it was found."

"*Case X (Serial 1119.00)*. An employee in the supersonic laboratory of an aeronautical laboratory, and some other employees of this lab, were by a river 2½ miles from its mouth, when they saw an object. The time was about 1700 hours on May 24, 1949. The object was reflecting sunlight when observed by naked eye. However, he then looked at it with eight-power binoculars, at which time there was no glare. It was of metallic construction and was seen with good enough resolution to show that the skin was dirty. It moved off in horizontal flight at a gradually increasing rate of speed, until it seemed to approach the speed of a jet before it disappeared. No propulsion was apparent. Time of observation was 2½ to 3 minutes."

"*Case II (Serial 4508.00)*. A naval aviation student, his wife, and several others were at a drive-in movie from 2115 to 2240 hours on April 20, 1952, during which time they saw several groups of objects fly over. There were from two to nine objects in a group and there were about twenty groups."

"*Case VI (Serial 4822.00)*. An instrument technician, while driving from a large city toward an Air Force base on December 22, 1952, saw an object from his car at

1930 hours. He stopped his car to watch it. It suddenly moved up toward the zenith in spurts from right to left at an angle of about forty-five degrees. It then moved off in level flight at a high rate of speed, during which maneuver it appeared white most of the time, but apparently rolled three times, showing a red side. About halfway through its roll, it showed no light at all. It finally assumed a position to the south of the planet Jupiter at a high altitude, at which position it darted back and forth and left and right, alternately. Total time of the observation was fifteen minutes. Apparently, the observer just stopped watching the object."

Other sightings of more than usual interest include that of George Van Tassel who, on August 24, 1953, was sleeping near Giant Rock near Yucca Valley, California. Suddenly he was awakened by a spaceman who asked if he would like to inspect his flying saucer, which Van Tassel noticed was hovering nearby. *Life Magazine* reports that he was elevated inside the machine through an anti-gravity force, and that once inside he was shown instrument panels and other inventions, including a closet that cleaned clothing by means of light.

Howard Menger, of High Bridge, New Jersey, states that in 1956, while walking in the woods, he was invited aboard a saucer by a group of beautiful people with very long hair. Aboard, they showed him pictures of their planet on a TV-like screen. He saw, he reports, an idyllic scene of domed houses and winding streams.

In Levelland, Texas, on November 3, 1957, a glowing egg-shaped object was reported by thousands of persons to have streaked over west Texas and part of New Mexico. One man, James A. Lee, a member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, reported that he saw it sitting on a highway.

The object, three motorists reported, killed the engines of their automobiles and put out their headlights. Jesse D. Long, of Waco, Texas, one of the motorists whose car

was put out of commission, said the object appeared to be about 200 feet long and landed in the highway in front of his car. When he got out to investigate, the thing took off straight up, he said.

Flying Saucer Reality Endorsed by General Mills Research Chief

That flying saucers are probably space ships was publicly suggested on April 10 by General Mills Research Director John L. Cramer. The latest in a growing number of scientists to speak out on UFOs, Cramer said that we ourselves will be "all over the universe by the year 2000."

"Someone in the universe may be years ahead of us," he told the *Minneapolis Tribune*. "Someone may have solved the problems of flying through space and may be visiting us."

UFO Crashes Off German Coast!

On a tiny island in the North Sea off the German coast, a secret investigation is in progress to determine whether hydrogen-bomb explosions in the Pacific Ocean knocked a flying saucer to the earth. Preliminary findings were revealed recently in Oslo, Norway, by Dr. Hans Larsen Loberg, a retired Norwegian scientist, who said investigators have already made some startling discoveries.

In his report, Dr. Loberg said the mysterious cracking and shattering of automobile windshields in several U. S. cities a few months ago may be explained when results of the investigation are in. Because, he added, the grounded saucer is reported to carry firing instruments capable of shattering glass with magnetic rays.

The saucer came down on Heligoland, a small island which the Germans used as a U-boat base during World War I. Since the island is only a speck of land in a large body of water, Dr. Loberg believes the disk was forced

to earth when H-bomb blasts created conditions of atmospheric pressure that made flight impossible.

It was not a crashup, and investigators found most of the saucer's instruments in good condition. On the ground surrounding the ship were found the bodies of seven men, all burned beyond recognition. They may, or may not, have been passengers aboard the weird flying craft.

Dr. Loberg, one-time winner of the Hungarian Physics Award, said descriptive details of the saucer were told to him by a fellow-scientist who is with the investigating team on Heligoland.

If magnetic rays from the flying saucer shattered auto windshields, then police in several American cities will close the books on a case which drove them to the boiling point a few months ago.

It all began in a little city of Bellingham, Washington, where horrified citizens learned that, in one week's time, 1,500 automobiles had turned up with cracked windshields—and no one could explain the reason why.

The windshields at times cracked up while cars were in motion, but no one could pin down a cause.

Then windshields began falling apart in Wyoming, in Oklahoma City, in Pittsburgh, and finally in New York City. Nobody, not even glass experts, could come up with a reasonable explanation.

The saucer's magnetic ray gun, which Dr. Loberg believes responsible for all the disintegrating glass, may have even graver powers. What, for instance, is its effect upon the human organism?

It is well known that man-made radiation can cause sterility. What may the weapons of the saucer people—even if not used with any intention to harm—do to the sexual, digestive, and growth functions of man?

That these weapons are indeed powerful seems attested by another mystery—an airplane crash near Fort Knox, Kentucky, on January 7, 1948.

On that day an unidentified object was sighted over

Goodman Air Force Base at Fort Knox by both military and civilian observers. Air Force Captain Thomas K. Mantell, flying his plane over the base, radioed the Goodman Tower and reported the object was traveling at half his speed.

"I'm closing in now to take a good look," he reported. "It's directly ahead of me and still moving at about half my speed. This thing looks metallic and of tremendous size. . . . It's going up now and forward as fast as I am. That's 360 miles per hour. I'm going up to 20,000 feet, and if I'm no closer I'll abandon chase."

The time was 1:15 P.M. And that was the last radio contact Mantell had with the Goodman Tower.

Several hours later, his body was found in the wreckage of his plane near the base.

If the Heligoland saucer's magnetic ray gun is in good condition, it may reveal the power to shatter airplanes as well as glass.

Dr. Loberg contends the craft apparently landed under guidance of its own instruments, and the investigators studied it at a distance for two days before risking closer observation.

The area where the saucer came down was bombarded with cosmic rays, Geiger counters, and other protective devices before investigation began.

The seven charred bodies found around the saucer are yet unidentified.

Their clothing was burned away completely, and there were no clues to indicate whether they were passengers aboard the craft or whether they were Heligoland residents venturing too close to the saucer too soon.

Curiously, all seven men seemed to be from twenty-five to thirty years of age and of the same height—about five feet eight inches. All had excellent teeth.

Investigators have one theory: That the seven were passengers who were consumed by fire inside the descending ship. The blaze probably had been caused by sudden

changes in atmospheric pressure conditions inside the saucer's hermetically sealed cabin.

Atop the craft was a trapdoor through which the seven bodies could have been thrown by the impact of landing.

Even more curious were the ship's measurements. It was ninety-one feet in diameter and the cabin was seventy feet in height. In fact, all the dimensions were divisible by seven.

On the control board were a series of pushbuttons, but the investigators are still studying the interior mechanism to learn what propelled the saucer in flight.

Dr. Loberg's theory is that the disk may have traveled by harnessing magnetic lines of force which scientists know encircle the nine planets of the solar system.

He points out that there was no motor and no propeller; but if magnetic force is involved, the saucer would move just as a nail moves when approached by a magnet.

The landing gear resembled a tripod of three metal cylinders which could revolve in any direction. There were no bolts, rivets or screws on the saucer, and in the construction were found two metals which are entirely unknown to scientists.

Outer metal of the ship was light in weight and resembled aluminum, but it was so hard that even 15,000 degrees Fahrenheit could not melt it down.

Two men could easily lift one side of the saucer.

Although it was not immediately established that the seven burned men were former passengers of the ship, investigators found equipment inside which definitely resembled living quarters!

Wall-enclosed bunks were ingeniously placed on one side of the cabin's interior.

A liquid resembling water, but almost three times as heavy as normal drinking water, was found in two small containers. On a wall bracket was a tube filled with a large number of pills, possibly capsuled food.

The saucer's radio, which had no tubes, no wires and no aerial, was about as small as a king-size cigarette pack.

Pamphlets and booklets, which seem to deal with navigation problems, were also found; but investigators are still trying to decipher the script used in the text.

Dr. Loberg emphasized that when the Heligoland investigation is completed, the report will add a new chapter to flying-saucer history.

Now, when the findings are complete in this case, it will no doubt be reported to people all over the world. A man such as Dr. Loberg might readily be accepted as one who has both examined and exploited, then reported, all the facts of the case.

From all indications in this foregoing report, the flying saucer seemed to be of interplanetary origin. Perhaps the day will soon dawn upon us when these many questions will be answered, if it be God's will.

There are a number of books published by reliable concerns dealing with flying saucers. *Life Magazine* recently published an article with pictures on the subject. Newspapers and newscasters mention them off and on. We have thus far concluded that, if the government services know anything about UFOs, they have not as yet officially released the news to the public.

All expert reports leave a very definite impression that the flying saucers resemble nothing ever made or contemplated here on the earth. Their speed, and especially their maneuverability, their ability to stop in mid-air abruptly after going at above supersonic speeds, would absolutely crush anyone on board—that is, as we know man to be.

Then again, the Bible does not state that there is life on other planets; the Bible does not say that there is no life on other planets either. It seems reasonable that God, who created the universe in the first place, is certainly not in the least obligated to tell man the secrets of His creation.

Is it possible that man, as we know him, is occupying

have had an unusual experience at our Nations Capitol which proves to me that there are forces who are alarmed at the very possibility that the American people might learn

other planets? Is it further possible that the creatures of other planets did not sin, as the earth-bound man did in the Garden of Eden? These are questions that are sidestepped by many because the true answer may upset their dogmatic theology . . . and that just would not do. Nevertheless, I believe that nothing is impossible with God.

It seems unfair to attempt to explain casually away the outer-space question with a handful of carefully worked-out theories. Are we guilty of trying to fathom the depths and the heights of the mysteries of the Universe with our finite minds?

Remembering that God is infinite, would it be too much for Him to have carefully planned for other populated planets in this gigantic universe? Are we guilty of attempting to squeeze God into the limited test tube of our feeble wisdom and understanding? Let us remember that God is the creator, and that we are His creation. Man's mind is incapable of grasping the vastness of this universe; and consequently man, for the most part, must be governed by the human intelligence that he has been endowed with.

The flying-saucer mystery will remain a mystery until man finds the answer that will act as a key to unlock the door that will perhaps open the future. Yes, but the future of *what?*

In the meantime, there will be sightings and more sightings. Reports will continue to come in concerning contact stories. Many of these will be true, while others will be false. It is a wonderful feeling to realize that the Good Lord watches over those who have placed faith and confidence in Him. Furthermore, when these things come to pass, the Christian is instructed to "Look up, for thy redemption draweth nigh."

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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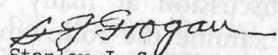
Dr. Frank E. Stranges
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Dear Dr. Stranges:

Allen W. Dulles, Director of Central Intelligence, in reply to your letter of 1 August 1961, asked me to advise you that the Central Intelligence Agency does not make public any information concerning Unidentified Flying Objects.

It may be that you would secure some information by writing to the United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely,


Stanley J. Grogan
Assistant to the Director

As citizens of the greatest nation on the face of this Planet, we are faced with many major problems. While many individuals shirk their God-given rights of free speech and expression, others open their mouths in objection to the forces who tend to keep out the light. Light that would indeed cause teeming millions who are walking in the darkness of fear, doubt and superstition . . . to find rather a lighted pathway. Millions today are in fact, stumbling over obstacles inspired by the "silence group". The Central Intelligence has in the above letter, denied the American public, the privilege of knowing the truth concerning unidentified flying objects.

Since writing the first edition of *Flying Saucerama*, I have had an unusual experience at our Nations Capitol which proves to me that there are forces who are alarmed at the very possibility that the American people might learn

the truth. One outstanding military man has even admitted that the Air Force Intelligence fears "mass hysteria" might sweep the nation if UFO reports are made public. The 1938 Orsen Wells incident was used as an example.

Yet, here we are in 1962, and I have yet to see too many people running for their lives because of fear of outer space beings landing in their back yards.

As a matter of actual fact, we have questioned thousands during our mass meetings across the United States and posed the question: "How many of you firmly believe that UFOs or Flying Saucers are from other Planets"? Their answers are quite uniform. The majority about 98% of all who we asked this question answered "Yes, I do."

WHY SECRECY ??

The old shop-worn question that has been the topic of discussion at many UFO lectures and Church meetings. Examine the following theories:

1. Fear of Mass Hysteria
2. Upset of Balance of Power
3. Religious Unbalance
4. Cover-up of Blunders

Let us examine these one at a time.

1. It has been said that there are leaders . . . and there are followers. Many books are written today to prove that you can become a leader. Yet at the rate many authors claim to be making leaders out of the population, one wonders if the day will come that there will be no followers left. One Air Force officer told me in San Diego, California that people have a tendency to follow a fanatic rather than one who is not. He also referred to the manner in which the German population turned out in force when one Adolph Hitler began his ranting and raving that he indeed WAS the long awaited 'Fuhrer'. There is nothing worse than a mob. It is believed in Washington that if one would spearhead a hysterical movement bent on leading an army of unruly men and women running from the "Flying Saucer Mystery", they

might destroy anything or *anyone* who would dare stand in their way. It is further feared that in the wake of such a movement, many suicides may result as was the case during the famous Orsen Wells scare of 1938.

2. The Balance of Power in the Government of the United States has shifted back and forth during every election year. There is a bid for the most influential positions in Government. Normally speaking, the balance of power lies in the hands of those who control the money of the nation. With a collapse of the money system the entire nation would suffer serious setbacks as well as economic explosions . . . this is, of course, unless there is another money system introduced that could replace the present system. Let us go one step further. If one race of beings, from any other planet of any solar system, has mastered space flight, and they have been visiting our planet for all of these years, and have brought with them a superior knowledge . . . not just of religion, but of all of the arts and sciences . . . is it possible that such a race would be received by the 'powers that be'? OR . . . , would there be action brought to bare to keep this even secret from the entire world. If they bring knowledge concerning the defeat of sickness, disease or even death, would members of the medical profession and undertakers associations be up in arms??? Of course, these are only questions. Here are several more questions for your consideration. Why have there been so many unexplained "strange" fires in the 'fireproof' files inside the walls of the Pentagon? Especially in the files labeled "Top Secret" UFO Special Reports—"UFO Photos—Secret", etc., etc. Why was the fact denied that former President Eisenhower saw and spoke with outer space visitors? Why does Harry Truman emphatically say "NO COMMENT, NO COMMENT" when questioned about the validity of Flying Saucers??? Is it possible that the messengers from the skies bring us an everlasting message of Peace from the Throne of God and

that the mass of people would turn to God in order to find a more perfect way??? Questions . . . yes, many, many, many questions. But, when will they be answered?

3. In the field of Religion, as a minister, I am sorry to report to you that many people are religious because they FEAR not being anything else. The very foundation of the teachings of Jesus Christ are based on Love, not fear. Love for God and Love for fellowman. Many religious systems are bent on destroying the very will of men. In the end, these religions will succeed . . . that is, they succeed in destroying themselves because people cannot be deceived for all time. The coming of the Saucers have caused many to look to the skies for help and safety. Many ministers, priests and rabbis have listened to my lecture and many of them have confessed to me that if the people were given too much liberty they would start thinking for themselves and possibly get into trouble. There is another fear among many clergymen that if members of their flock begin to frequent so called "Flying Saucer Clubs", they might begin to spread stories that border on the fantastic as well as the wierd, and thus cause confusion in the Church. It is the opinion of this writer that all members of the clergy, who believe that they have been entrusted with the Spiritual guidance of their flock, determine in their hearts to learn all they possibly can on the UFO subject. They owe it to themselves as well as to their followers. They must determine through research and spiritual guidance, what is true and what is false. If they deter from this, they will find their congregations growing smaller and smaller because people who are walking in darkness are searching for the Light. When the people find the Light, they will cease to look any further. God help us all to be lovers of Light . . . rather than dabblers in darkness.

4. The terms "Top Secret", Confidential, "Top Priority", "Secret", have been employed in many instances to

cover up mistakes and blunders. This fact was verified to me by a personal friend who is employed by the Pentagon in Washington, D. C. I can think of no more thorough term to stamp a project until it was completed. Thus, if it was a success, it would be widely acclaimed. But, if it were a failure, the lable of Top Secret would cover up the mistake. In the field of UFO research, there is much that has been covered up. The last words of Capt. Mantell, whose plane was demolished over Godman Field in Kentucky, while in pursuit of a UFO was never made public by the authorities. The former Air Force spokesman, Lt. Col. Tacker, tried in vain to cover up the case involving three UFOs over Red Bluff, California. The two State policemen involved, according to Mr. Tacker, did not in fact see any UFOs, but rather a reflection of the Planet Mars, and two bright stars Aldebaran and Betelgeuse. However, a special check by a private UFO organization proved beyond doubt that Mars did not appear until one full hour after the reported UFOs, while the two stars appeared much later. From every indication, the Air Force thought that no one would take the time to check the planet or star positions in question. Further, Congressman Edgar W. Hiestand, Calif., asked Air Force Secretary Dudley Sharp in a letter that Air Force Policy on UFOs be re-examined, with a change to "complete frankness". "After all", he continued, "although UFOs are unknown devices, there seems to be enough evidence available to convince that they are real rather than imaginary . . . therefore, what harm could complete frankness do"?

*20,000 Photographs Show "Something Alive" on Mars
Reported to Len Stringfield, December 1954.*

Because you have asked for the following report to be placed in this book, I am herewith presenting it the way it was received. Out of the Censored silence and nearly smothered from public airing comes the climatic news . . .

LIFE ON MARS. Thanks to newscaster PAUL HARVEY, who sent the news release, it is possible to quote the tense but epochal statement made by Dr. E. C. Slipher. A professional astronomer, Dr. Slipher headed the scientific team, the Mars Committee, sponsored by Lowell Observatory of Flagstaff, Arizona and the National Geographic Society. Working out of Bloemfontein, South Africa for six months, where Mars appeared, armed with 20,000 photographs. These photos, says Dr. Slipher, have firmed his conviction—there is something alive on Mars.

Needless to say, Slipher's evidence marks the end of an astronomical dark age, or more aptly called the Terrestrial Age. Since Sir John Herschel first described Mars as a world of "continents and seas" in 1830, astronomers bitterly contested Martian Life. Conservatives argued that the "canals" were illusions — an optical trick to the eye and brain. Others say that Mars is oxygen starved, that the extremes of day and night temperatures and the exposure to devastating sandstorms and the harsh glare of the unshielded sun surely rule out life. And so with each new discovery came the rebuff, the counterclaim.

The Passing Terrestrial Age:

Looking back into the early phases of the Terrestrial Age, it was not until 1877 that the Martian "dream" found substance. While Aspah Hall found two tiny Martian moons that year, the Italian astronomer, Giovanni Schiaparelli, caused the international stir when he announced he discovered surface features on Mars which were "drawn with absolute geometrical precision, as if the work of rule or compass." Three year later, Sir Norman Lockyer summarized his findings: "Mars has not only land, water and snow like Earth, but also clouds and mists." In 1892 the distinguished Samuel Langley tried to explain the redness of the planet, thus: "Is it that vegetaion on Mars may be

red instead of green! There is no intrinsic improbability in the idea, for we are even today unprepared to say why vegetation is green here and it is quite easy to conceive of atmospheric conditions which would make red the best absorber of solar heat."

Lowell's Martian "Dream"

It was not until the discoveries of Sir Percival Lowell — a name synomous with Mars — that the world learned the simple truths about the red planet. Lowell became convinced early of the probability that life existed there, and with his own fortune, erected a large observatory in Arizona. Conversely, Lowell was the first to refute the one strong theory backing his Martian "dream." He observed the canali crossing the "seas", proving the aridity of the planet. But Lowell did not abandon his work; instead he set out to prove a co-existent Martian life. According to Lowell: the desert planet conserves its water . . . irrigation canals feed water from the melting polar snows . . . vegetation along their borders renders them visible . . . their regularity proves the existence of intelligent life . . . and, seasonal changes in the dark markings are considered as proof of vegetation.

Leaving Lowell and the Terrestrial Age we turn now to a new age — the Interplanetary Age. Cognizant of its implications are the world governments and their findings relative to the flying saucer. In the center of it all and as arch-investigator is the U.S. Air Force Intelligence. Supporting this Agency are the top brains of the scientific world, including most professional atronomers. For instance, when this writer recently interviewed a prominent Cincinnati astronomor he asked for "security clearance".

Saucer Evidence and Martian Photos — A Link?

It is this writer's belief, now, that our Air Force is withholding all its saucer evidence (behind a jargon of excuses)

was at the same time waiting for the confirmation of Martian life. Now, backed by photo-evidence from South America (and Mt. Palomar) they have their proof-positive — their logical and technological tie-in with the UFO.

With these facts they will soon tell the world the true dramatic story of the saucer of Mars and the high probability of universal life. "We are not alone," says Dr. Harlow Shapley, famous Harvard astronomer. There are probably 100 million planets which could support life in high forms. And, he adds, there is no reason to assume that man or the animals or birds on Earth "are the best that biochemistry and the star shine" can produce. Shapley further discloses, and significantly that evidence has been found for a huge planet circling around a star named 61 Cygni which is about 11 light years away.

Returning to Mars and back to earth, this writer believes that Mars will be treated fully and kindly in the big pronouncement. They may explain the blue Martian clouds, the vaporous atmosphere and why it sustains life; they may explain the mysterious atomic-like explosion discovered by the Japanese astronomer, Tsuneo Saheki; they will tell us that the canal follows the great circle paths which indicate that they were the herculean workings of an advanced intelligent race: they may explain to us the Martian moons, Deimos and Phobos, and that one or both are actually artificial satellites of that planet (not to be confused with the two circling earth) and then they may just tell us about what the eyes of the 200-inch telescope at Mt. Palomar have witnessed moving in space between Mars, the moon and Earth.

Twenty-thousand photographs: They must have shown a lot! Summarily, we can understand why Drs. Slipher and Shapley are convinced . . . which reminds one of Dr. Robert S. Richardson's discerning article, appearing in *This Week*, June 20, '54. We quote: "Astronomers hope to obtain pho-

tographs which will show the markings on Mars so clearly that we can determine whether the canals are natural or artificial in origin. On a planet as smooth as Mars it seems reasonable to suppose that real canals would be built along what are called "great circle" paths, the name sailors give to the shortest distance between points on the surface of a sphere. *If photographs show that the canals always lie along great circle paths it would be an indication that they are the work of intelligent beings. . .* From this point of view, as Lowell said, the canals, although trivial objects in themselves, must be reckoned as the most astounding sights in the heavens . . . "fine lines and little gossamer filaments cobwebbing the face of the Martian disk, but threads to draw one's mind after them across millions of miles of intervening void".

*Former Central Intelligence Director States UFOs
Under Intelligent Control*

Vice Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter, former CIA Director has stated that the "unknown objects" are operating under intelligent control. He stated that it was high time the secrecy was ended. He further stated that it is imperative that we learn where the UFOs come from and what their purpose is. Commenting on official sighting reports in World War 2 and the years immediately afterward when he headed the CIA, he added, "I know that neither Russia nor this country had anything even approaching such high speeds and maneuvers".

My thanks to Paul Harvey for his tireless effort to bring truth before the American people. If you have not already read the special report of the Mysterious visitor who appeared before the United Nations, please write the Author and I will send you information on how you can receive these unusual reports of great, outstanding events that are taking place in our Nations. Events that many 'powers' are

During my personal investigations about the saucer, which

attempting to keep from the general public. Keep looking toward the skies. The next chapter deals primarily with one of the greatest drawbacks in this great work . . . that being, the ever present menace of Fakery.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

14 November 1961

Dear Dr. Stranges:

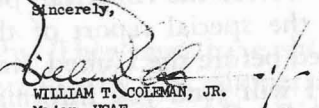
Your letter of November 7th regarding unidentified flying objects is in hand.

With regard to your question concerning security, I would like to point out that the Air Force has a tremendous task in defending this country against weapon systems which we know actually exist and are in the hands of our potential enemies. To divert more men and money away from this most serious mission into a greatly enlarged program for the investigation and defense against UFO's -- objects about which we have been unable to discover one iota of tangible scientific evidence -- would seriously jeopardize the security of this country against a known, proven threat; would be allowing those not qualified to do so to dictate our defense policies; and would, in our opinion, lay ourselves open to the charge of gross imprudence.

The Air Force does not deny that unknown objects have been seen by responsible people. It is in the interpretation of these sightings that we are questioned. From our investigation covering the last 14 years, the Air Force contends that when the evidence of these sightings has been sifted through the scientific criteria it has led to the conclusion that the objects were not space craft and they did not constitute a threat to the security of this country. As an act of faith, the UFOs can be considered manned or unmanned extraterrestrial craft, but as a scientific fact there has been no authenticated scientific evidence presented to or discovered by the Air Force to support this conclusion.

I trust this information is helpful.

Sincerely,


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Chapter Six

FAKES, FRAUDS, FORGERIES AND FOOLISHNESS

It is very distasteful to a UFO investigator to learn of the existence of unscrupulous operators who pretend to be overly interested in the flying-saucer mystery while, on the other hand, they have one sole interest motivating their actions. That is to trick the honest enquirer into purchasing so-called "authentic" stories and photographs. These fakes are products of their own imagination. Trick photography has often been employed in order to mislead many into believing that they have received something genuine.

Please bear in mind that, despite the forgeries and frauds, there *are* in existence today genuine photographs which have been taken by men of high repute and esteem. Yet we cannot forget that, where there is a counterfeit, there must be a genuine.

The subject of flying saucers has created keen interest among a great number of curious investigators over the years. Because of the world-wide interest, many honest men and women are tricked and taken in.

The U. S. Army has not helped matters much by denying the existence of the UFO, thus seemingly creating a shortage of information as well as photographs. Therefore, slick operators, knowing that this information is secret, find an open market to peddle "phonies." Man is naturally gullible.

During my personal investigation of the mystery, which

took place in many states on my evangelistic travels, I came upon many unusual incidents which supplied me with much to think about.

Among my many interviews, I spoke with a bookstore proprietor in Newark, New Jersey. He stated that many would come into his establishment and enquire about the possibility of obtaining photographs of flying saucers. They were told that these photos, and also film strips, might be available, but at great price.

The price was no object. Therefore, one week later, the buyer returned to the store and received his set of "authentic" UFO photographs. The price—\$35.00 for twelve photographs! Bear in mind that there was strong indication to the buyer that these were genuine U. S. Army photographs.

It may interest you to learn that the "seller" laughingly told me that he had made these pictures himself. His equipment consisted of several flying-saucer models painted with luminous paint so they would glow in the dark and thus produce a UFO in flight. Other equipment included cameras, lights, and other gadgets which provided a very interesting "sideline," as he called it.

Year after year, people fall for this scheme. The seller also stated that one person would tell another, and the chain of interested parties is not growing any shorter. It is sheer foolishness for people to spend their hard-earned money on frauds such as this. But, as Barnum put it, "There is a sucker born every minute."

Let me add that, as of this writing, I cannot offer a solution to this problem. Perhaps, in the near future, the entire flying-saucer mystery will come to light, and then no one else will be taken in by these schemers.

In the meantime, let me warn all UFO researchers and investigators to shun unproven accounts and "trick-shot" photographs. Many times it is more advantageous to stand in reserve on certain questions than to act as a dogmatic authority, later to be proved wrong.

The following listed photographs are fakes; however,

many have been passed off as the real thing. I am devoting these pages to inform you of what they really are.

A. Is this a distant neighbor?

No. This is not a creature from another planet. It has been passed off as a little man from space. It is nothing more than a devilfish cut down to look like a little man. Thanks are due to Judith Ann Conroy for holding the picture.

B. Saucer leaving mothership?

Not quite. This photo is actually a result of an excited young lady taking a picture of the floodlights at the circus.

C. Pour yourself a cupful of mystery!

This is called the "teapot" photo. Very little is known about it, except that it is believed to be a fake. Quite a story could be built around this photo. However, shall we let it go at that?

D. Is it extraterrestrial?

No! This photo is a direct fake. A model was used.

E. Or is it from Russia?

No! This is strictly a hoax, made in the good old U.S.A.

F. Or is it a U. S. secret weapon?

No! Though it was carved in America, tossed into the air and photographed, there is nothing destructive about it except when used as an instrument of deception.

G. Sign in the night sky.

No! This photo is a direct fake also—a product of the darkroom. It's all in knowing how.

H. Three good reasons why they believe in flying saucers:

This photo is a double-negative fake. The Passaic negative #5 was used as the saucer three times, in a multi-negative series.

I. The little man from outer space.

Hardly. This is a photograph of a shaved monkey. It was claimed by many that it was a little man who landed in a flying saucer, then was killed before he could get safely back into the saucer.

J. A flying saucer in flight.

This photo is a fake. It was made by using a small model of a flying saucer. It was then treated with a solution of glowing paint to give it this effect.

K. Twin moons.

Yes—that is, after a fashion. This photo was made by August C. Roberts, of Jersey City, New Jersey, while he was visiting Seattle, Washington, in August 1957. The effect was created when his camera was set on time. With a photo of the city and a double-take of the moon, this is the result.

L. Flying streetlights.

Yes, indeed! Set your camera on time exposure, and you also will be able to duplicate this fake photograph. It is simply a photo of ordinary streetlights.

M. Coming in for a landing.

This photo is also a product of the darkroom. It is a fake.

N. It glowed in the darkness.

Yes, it did! It glowed in the darkness of someone's darkroom. The model, like the others, was treated with glowing paint to produce this effect. It is a fake.

You see how easy it is to produce a number of photographs which can be passed off as the genuine article. It pays to investigate thoroughly all UFO photos. If you are interested in additional information concerning photos in this book, feel free to write Mr. August C. Roberts, 23 Barnsdale Road, Wayne, New Jersey.

Chapter Seven

WORLD UFO ROUNDUP

This chapter is devoted exclusively to a world roundup of Unidentified Flying Object reports. I have collected as many reports as I deemed necessary to prove to you that the flying-saucer problem demands international investigation and world-wide interest. Again, we must seriously discount the possibility of the peoples of these nations imagining things when they report having seen flying saucers in their skies. Examine these accounts very carefully—notice the variety of people from whom this information has been gathered.

ARGENTINA

*Argentina Officially Clears "Saucer" Incident for CRIFO,
While International Hush-Hush Persists*

Recently, the London *Sunday Dispatch* reported: "The Air Ministry stated that the results of their five-year investigation of UFOs is not to be made public. It is to be locked away and may not ever be released, for the Air Ministry is afraid it will encounter or promote much scepticism." With this report, sent in by Harold Fulton of New Zealand, is another from Pretoria, South Africa, where it was announced by the Defense Department that all information about "flying saucers" seen in that country, were labelled: "Top secret, not to be divulged." Equally hushed, but less blunt, is the U. S. Defense Department. We quote from a letter, dated May 20, 1955, signed by Captain R. C. White, in reply to

the writer's request for clearance of sighting data: "I know of no plans to release information on individual sightings and doubt that such will take place, since we still have the same shortage of investigative personnel."

But the bombshells were exploding. On May 23, INS reported Dorothy Kilgallen's dispatch from London, which quoted a British official of cabinet rank as saying, "We believe, on the basis of our inquiries thus far, that the saucers were staffed by small men, probably under four feet tall. It's frightening, but there is no denying the flying saucers come from another planet."

GERMANY

Rhineland Village, Germany—June 9, 1955

A Sabre jet carrying a full load of ammunition exploded, killing the pilot, a German citizen and injuring four others. Flaming pieces of the plane struck two automobiles on a holiday-crowded highway. Three houses in the village of Rhens, five miles south on the same highway, were set afire. The USAF said the planes were on a "scramble" mission to intercept an unidentified plane at the time of the mishap. Lieutenant General Robert M. Lee, commander of the 12th Air Force at Ramstein, announced, "The Sabre jet was one of two scrambled to intercept the plane and investigate the (radar) report. The two jets were a part of a group of aircraft kept on the alert for such things." The general added, "It is not yet known whether it was an enemy plane. We frequently scramble to intercept unidentified aircraft picked up on radar. Sometimes they are just aircraft whose flight plans have gone astray."

PORTUGAL

Coimbra, Northern Portugal—July 1, 1955

Eight jet planes of the Portuguese Air Force, part of a formation of twelve, crashed on Carvalho Mountain—the

cause, bad visibility or a mid-air collision, military authorities were not sure. The aircraft were taking part in Air Force Day celebrations, which were cancelled after the crashes. Military authorities closed the crash area to reporters.

THAILAND

*Pilot of Royal Thai Air Force Describes Encounter
With UFO Over Korat
Korat, Thailand—May, 1954*

CRIFO's Asian correspondent, J. N. Crockett, of Korat, Thailand, sends us this excellent report, written by Captain Uthai Lunayattjata.

"In May, 1954, I was an instructor in the Royal Thai Air Force in Korat. That month, the advanced training course was instruction in night flying. Three T6's with students went up one night; the night was clear, with no moon or clouds.

"About midnight my student and I took off and climbed to 3,000 feet. After leveling off we set a course to the west . . . later making a 180-degree left turn to the east, and flew direct toward the town of Korat. When we had almost reached the town, I saw something strange in the sky. It appeared to be an orange fireball about six feet in diameter. I first saw it about 1,500 feet ahead and approaching our plane on a parallel course to our right, and at the same altitude. The fireball seemed to move at a very great speed; and when it passed our plane, I calculated its speed at 800 to 1,000 m.p.h. Thinking that it may have been another kind of plane, I phoned the control tower and was told no other planes were in the area. To make sure I had seen something I asked my student if he saw the fireball, and he replied that he had.

"In order to keep the fireball in sight we began making a 180-degree right-hand turn, and it was then that I noticed a smaller fireball, blue in color, which appeared to be attached to the right side of the large orange ball. Both appeared to move together. Before we had completed our turn, the fire-

ball made a fast half-circle and appeared about 600 feet off our tail. It reduced speed and accompanied us for a short distance. Our normal speed was about 140 to 160 m.p.h., and it seemed very strange that this ball of fire could travel at such a tremendous speed and then reduce to a slow speed.

"At such close range we were able to see that the center of the orange fireball was quite dark, as though nothing were there, whereas the blue-colored light appeared to be round the rim of whatever was in the center. The glow was too bright to determine any shape or substance. After twenty seconds it increased its speed and flew ahead and made a right-hand climbing turn. I followed with full throttle and gave chase up to 5,000 feet, but could not get near it. I had to turn back because I had no oxygen mask. The object continued to climb, and it appeared to gain speed until it became invisible to the eye."

Shades of Lieutenant George Gorman and his classical dogfight with a "thinking light" over Fargo, North Dakota! According to Crockett, UFO activity is increasing over Thailand. He writes, "All reports, to date, reveal that 'saucers' appear interested in the southern part of Thailand, a rich tin-mining area."

LANCASHIRE, ENGLAND
Observatory in Abbeylakes, Lancashire, England
July 8, 1954

Contrary to the oft-told charge that astronomers have never seen a "flying saucer," we wish to quote, in summary, a case of tremendous significance from *Vega*, Vol. 2, No. 25. Mr. Harold Hill, the observer, is a well-known lunar astronomer of more than twenty years and is a member of the British Astronomical Association.

On July 8, near 20^h 30^m U.T. at his observatory in Abbeylakes, Mr. Hill suddenly noticed at an altitude of about fifty-five degrees in the southern sky a bright, apparently stationary, starlike object. With 33x and 50x on a 12-inch

reflector, the "star" was resolved into a bright silvery object of indefinite shape, accompanied to the left by a loose cluster, with perhaps fifteen or twenty members of what appeared to be minute stars of varying magnitudes. These were constantly moving about, a "hive of activity." After a short break caused by clouds, Mr. Hill saw two bright objects close together. The cluster had vanished, though perhaps merely outside the field of view of the telescope. "My attention was directed to the two bright objects which showed sensible motion. They were separating as I watched, and not only appeared to be gyrating and flashing but also exhibited a slow pendulum movement about each other in a manner similar to dancing partners! The increased movements of the objects made it difficult to follow with the twelve-inch, and they passed out of the field, as an adjustment had to be made of the telescope."

Mr. Hill adds, "The two principal members defied description; they flashed as they gyrated as though metallic surfaces were reflecting the rays of the sun (now below the horizon). Probably the closest analogy to what was seen is to be found in the flashing of the facets of a diamond as it is turned in strong light."

Mr. Desmond Leslie, of London, inquired into the case and received the following reply from Mr. Hill, and we quote: "What I could not understand was why the principal silvery object I first saw appeared double in the later stages of my twenty-five-minute observation. It was much later that same night when I hit on the feasible explanation. I believe that what was seen was a cylindrical or cigar-shaped object, viewed end-on at first. In the later stages, the craft turned sideways, so that I could see both ends, which were either illuminated or reflecting the light of the setting sun, giving the impression of two separate objects. The much smaller 'stellar' objects might well have been the so-called scout craft having a rendezvous with the mother ship."

Mr. Hill's report parallels others on file, and, moreover, bears similarity in certain details to one singular case known

to the writer whose facts are so startling and incontestable (and confidential) that if all other cases were dismissed, it would prove that flying saucers are intelligently controlled devices, peculiar to earth!

NEW ZEALAND

Mystery Light Tails New Zealand Airliner— Causes Heated Debate

Wellington to Auckland, New Zealand—October 31, 1955

A bright "flying light" traveling alongside a National Airways DC-3 completely ignored the recent U. S. Air Force statement blacklisting saucers. The object was seen by the pilot, co-pilot and several of the passengers. The *New Zealand Herald* reported the incident as follows, "The plane was piloted by Captain W. T. Rainbow: his co-pilot, S. G. Trounce. Rainbow described it as an 'eerie experience' and, 'definitely not a comet or meteor. . . . We see them often on night flights.' The mysterious light was first seen well behind the aircraft. It was flying along the coast on a parallel course and gradually overtook the aircraft, flew alongside it but fifteen miles distant for a short period, and then disappeared ahead. In the five minutes it was in view, it traveled from Waitara to the Waikato River mouth, a distance of about seventy-two miles. 'It was just above a layer of cloud, and we could see it traveling against the white mass,' said Rainbow. 'The night was clear and visibility excellent.' The light was fluctuating in intensity and changing from red to yellow and orange. A call to flight control in Wellington confirmed that there were no aircraft in the area, but the speed of the object, estimated at 850 m.p.h., ruled out aircraft. An ex-pilot passenger commented, 'I have never seen anything like it before.'"

In a separate item, the *Herald* reported, November 2nd: "Two men fishing on the upper reaches of the Raglan Harbor late Monday night claimed to have sighted a mysterious light

hovering close to an aircraft that passed over them. . . . Immediately, they noticed a bright white light waving from side to side around the aircraft and keeping pace with it. Mr. Dryland, one of the sighters, said he was astounded to read that a similar light had been seen by a National Airways DC-3 crew. No N.A.C. aircraft were over Raglan at 11 P.M. on Monday, but a Tasman Airways DC-6 was diverted from Auckland to Ohakea and was in the vicinity of Raglan about 10:30 P.M."

But the plot thickens. It turned out that Air Commodore R. J. Cohen was aboard the N.A.C. airliner—fast asleep! Concerned, the Royal New Zealand Air Force called on the commodore as a star witness in the top-level inquiry. Said he, "I was asleep when the pilot, Captain Rainbow, shook me awake. He told me he had seen something strange. I looked out . . . and told him it was a planet—and promptly went back to sleep." The air commodore slept on. When he landed, he checked with reference and decided positively that what he saw was Venus low down on the horizon. In the meantime, however, the Minister in charge of civil aviation, Mr. Shand, had ordered an inquiry, while the acting Minister of Defense, Mr. Halstead, instructed that the Air Force co-operate.

The *Herald*, November 7th, reported: "The Air Force intelligence officers have spent hours probing reports, and their only conclusion so far is that the object was not the planet Venus. Not only had Venus retired for the night at the time of the sighting—even taking into account the height of the plane (8000 feet)—but low clouds on the horizon would also have obscured her for minutes before that. During investigations, it turned out that the air-traffic control officer at Hobsonville was also on the N.A.C. plane, and he too had observed the object. The officer, Mr. A. R. Tuckett, a pilot with 2,500 hours in his flying log, said the object appeared 'orange red at first, then it turned steel blue.' It moved away quickly and disappeared in a moment. 'In all my flying, I've never seen anything like it,' he said."

ENGLAND AND SWEDEN

Air Disasters with "Missing Links"—January 21, 1956

In a January 21st report from London, the RAF announced the fourth military crash in Britain in twenty-four hours. In all crashes six persons were killed and twenty-five injured. The worst of the three was at Wadhurst.

The series of crashes by themselves show no reason to suspect UFO foul play; but another report from Arjeplog, Sweden, same date, may supply a tie-in. We quote from the *Newark Star Ledger*: "A mysterious explosion rocked more than 100 square miles of sparsely populated Swedish Lapland along the Arctic Circle. Scientists believed a meteor had crashed into earth. No aircraft was reported missing, and there was no other explanation for the blast. The source of the explosion was believed to be near Arjeplog, a village of 850 residents, two miles north of Stockholm. Residents said the 'meteor,' if it was that, apparently crashed into a nearby mountain. One observer said he thought his house was blowing up. Rushing outside, he saw nothing but 'a sort of lightning over the south horizon.' The sky was clear."

MEXICO

*Cigar-Shaped UFO Seen By Pan American Crew
(Over Gulf of Mexico, "abeam" New Orleans—
January 22, 1956)*

William B. Nash, commercial pilot who resides in Miami, Florida, sent CRIFO the following report: "At 8:30 P.M., Flight Engineer Robert Mueller, of Pan American Flight from Houston, Texas to Miami, Florida, was seated in the co-pilot's seat. At the moment of the sighting, the captain was aft, and co-pilot Tom Tompkins was in the left seat. Tompkins had his head bent low over the pedestal adjusting the radio direction finders, and did not see the object because the

engineer was so stunned by what he saw that the object was gone before he called out. He saw the object which he sketched. In his opinion, it was something very solid. There were a partial moonlight and only small wisps of high cirrus. There was a front visible over the southern United States to the left. The object must have been very large, he said, and it crossed from the southern horizon to beyond the front in about six seconds. It was only about thirty degrees up from level sight, traveling from SSW to NNE. Prior to this sighting, Mr. Mueller was a complete skeptic regarding UFOs. There was no trajectory to path of object."

The sketch, drawn by Mueller, shows a partial cylindrical object, the forward end amorphous; the body, pale-blue luminescent. The tail or exhaust from the cylinder looks like a jet flame, bullet-shaped. The exhaust portion nearest to the cylinder is marked: "spurts of yellow flame or light." The bulbous portion of flame is marked: "pale yellow envelope of flame or light," while behind the exhaust is marked: "yellow flickering of light."

ISRAEL

Saucers know no international boundaries. The *Jewish Exponent* reports saucers spotted twice over Israel, late October, causing considerable excitement. Inhabitants of Mahne Yehuda saw theirs about 300 feet above the market area. It was described as a "round house with smoke pouring from its windows flashing toward the Mediterranean. . . . The second, cigar-shaped, was seen over Jerusalem moving with great speed toward the sea."

HONOLULU TO SUVA

March, 1955

The *Orsova* of the Orient Line reached Auckland, March 4, fresh from a record-breaking run between Frisco and

Honolulu. Steaming for Suva, crew members reported sighting a bright luminous oval object darting through the sky at great speed. It appeared to swing around in an arc, disappeared behind a cloud, emerged again, then vanished into a cloud (H. Fulton, N.Z.: C. Chapman, Aust.).

CUBA

Isle of Pines, South of Cuba—January 24, 1957

Reported by UP: "Two B-47 Stratojet bombers collided in flight south of Cuba, and three of its missing crewmen were rescued. Sister planes of the downed craft reported upon their return to Homestead AFB, Florida, that they saw a 'huge bolt of fire' and then saw flames shoot out in 'many directions' toward the sea. One of the first rescue planes on the scene radioed that 'fires spread over a wide area; and said there were signs of 'something' turning south of the Isle of Pines."

ROME, ITALY

February 13, 1955

A Belgian airliner carrying twenty-nine persons (four Americans) vanished a few minutes after radioing Rome's Ciampino Airport that it was preparing for a routine landing. According to the radio station (KGO-FRISCO), the pilot had radioed seeing a "fireball" in the sky. The next day, KCBS stated that the missing airliner reported "Flight O.K." at first, but four minutes later had started sending another message—which broke suddenly—no mention of its contents! Later the same day, ABC and NBC networks in Frisco told of the search operations, but kept mum on the UFO. Significant and sinister, on February 14, the French African short-wave station in Brazzaville reported the search for the airliner and added that due to the mysterious "orange-and-red spot in the sky" the departure of the Italian prime minister and foreign

minister (in another flight from Rome to London) had been delayed.

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

November 22, 1954

UFO events happening in South America are not always carried by our newswires, so Mr. Len Stringfield got this story from a contact in New Zealand, who in turn got it from the *Daily Sketch* in England. "The pilot of a Brazilian airliner reported a fleet of nineteen saucer-shaped objects that flew at tremendous speed . . . less than 300 feet from his plane. His passengers panicked. Members of the crew had to act most violently to overcome their fears."

CALCUTTA, INDIA

May 2, 1953

Five minutes after leaving Dum Dum airport, the Comet Jetliner G-A1YV crashed and burned, killing forty-three passengers. While the press blamed it on structural failure, the real facts were hidden from the general public. On May 20, the Civil Aviation Ministry reported to the United Press: "A B.O.A.C. Jetliner was struck 'in the air by a fairly heavy body' before it crashed and burned early this month. A preliminary investigation did not indicate the failure was due to poor construction or workmanship." Also ruled out was the liner's possible collision with another aircraft or lightning. Later, January 20, 1954, Dr. P. B. Walker, chief of the structural department at the royal aircraft establishment for research at Farnborough, said that the examination of the starboard and port of the airliner and the tailplane gave the impression as "if they had all been torn off by a giant." Can we call this "imagination"? Or may we assume that it collided with a U. S. secret weapon, or a Russian device. . . . Or did the Jetliner accidentally cross the path of a distant neighbor?

AUSTRALIA

Wilcannia, Australia—November 3, 1954

This was reported: Three station employees told police they saw a saucer as "big as a woolshed, hovering 500 feet up and making a terrific noise." A police sergeant said the men had taken photos which had been sent to the Civil Aviation Department. It was later learned that the C.A.D. in Sydney confirmed the receipt of three photos. These photos, he says, have been subjected to microscopic examination by photographic experts; and, according to Civil Aviation Regional Director, show an object like an "inverted saucer with an inverted teacup on top." Fulton adds, "There was no mention of suspicion in the C.A.D. statement or suggestion of fakery."

EAST AFRICA

Saucer visitations over the coastal countries of the Indian Ocean have been heavy—so heavy, in fact, that it led one astronomer, G. Duncan Fletcher of Kenya, to comment, "Visitors from outer space are probably observing and mapping the earth and have been directing their recent attentions to East Africa."

Reports backing up Fletcher's statement have flooded newspaper offices in three East African territories—Uganda, Kenya and Tanganyika. Says the dispatch: "Europeans, Asians and Africans all have claimed to have seen objects in the sky—stationary, zooming over horizons, changing color, elliptical in shape, and elongated with upright projections at either end."

First reports came from Dar-es-Salaam, capital of Tanganyika, and were followed by sightings at Mombasa, Kampala and Nairobi. In Nairobi, citizens phoned local police stations to report saucers circling the suburbs. More than one police car, sent to investigate, reported following the course of

"mysterious bright objects." Two Europeans on duty at the international airport observed objects through binoculars.

NAIROBI, KENYA

November, 1954

Astronomer Fletcher, too, with four friends, has witnessed a saucer from his well-equipped observatory. He says: "It was about 7:40 P.M. when, very low and towards the east, there appeared a large light in the sky which had no relationship to anything astronomical, to Very lights, or to the aircraft which had just landed at the airport." When first spotted, according to Fletcher and companions, the stationary object was about 2,000 feet in altitude, emitting a "bright orange light." Then it brightened and rose, dropped and then rose again, finally disappearing through the clouds.

Chapter Eight

ANGELIC VISITATION

In the concluding chapter of this volume, let us explore one more avenue of thought in order to shed more light on the origin and mission of the flying saucers.

As a Bible expositor, I've studied the Scriptures for many years. Within the confines of the sacred Scriptures, we find the answers to the ills of this world. We find the key that is capable of unlocking the secrets of the universe itself. Now, if this is true, perhaps the Bible will give us the answer to the flying-saucer riddle.

To begin with, the Bible teaches that there are four main classes of Angels. They are: (1) Ministering Angels; (2) Guardian Angels; (3) Fallen Angels; (4) Angel Reapers.

(1) Ministering Angels, as recorded in Hebrews 1:14: "Are they not all ministering [angels] spirits, sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

(2) Guardian Angels, as recorded in Psalm 91:11: "For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

(3) Fallen Angels, as recorded in Jude 6: "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."

(4) Angel Reapers, as recorded in Mark 13:27: "And then shall He send his angels and shall gather together His elect

from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven."

There are numerous accounts in the Bible concerning Angelic visitations. If we recognize and believe in the total inspiration of the Bible, we must also accept the fact that these visitations actually took place.

Now, is it wrong to assume that the affairs of men on earth have gotten so far out of hand that the Divine Creator has dispatched His Angels to help us during this crucial period?

There have been many cases of men on earth who have testified of being aided by an unseen force or power in times of danger and distress.

I wish to relate what took place in my own life not too long ago. As it was my own personal experience, I can certainly attest to the presence of my Guardian Angel. On the night of January 14, 1958, while driving south on Highway 301, at about 10:15 P.M., this unusual incident took place. I had been traveling since early morning trying to put the miles behind me, because of my eagerness to arrive at a ministerial convention in Sarasota, Florida. Not quite aware of the drowsiness that had overtaken me, I completely relaxed, closed my eyes, and consequently slipped off to sleep. At that time the car was going about sixty miles per hour. My driving position was so comfortable that my hands remained on the steering wheel. The next thing I knew, my car swerved sharply to the left, throwing me off balance. Both my hands were on the seat next to me. I heard a loud rumble of a motor, which I later discovered was a large moving van. My steering wheel was turning by itself and the car was in the process of passing the large truck! My hands still were *not* on the steering wheel! As I told the convention later, I was very frightened at first. However, as I grasped the situation, a deep peace came over me, accompanied by a strange feeling that I was not alone in the car. I then placed my hands back on the steering wheel and proceeded along the highway as the headlights of the truck behind me slowly faded in the distance.

Immediately following this incident, I noticed a strange light in the field on the left-hand side of the road. It seemed to travel very slowly at first, leaving the earth and going into the sky, gathering speed as it went. It let off a bluish haze as it faded in the distance. I do not know if these incidents are related or not. But if they were, who could disprove it?

About a half-hour later, I was fortunate enough to see a red flashing light on the right side of the road, outside of a motel, that read "Vacancy."

The peoples of this earth today are, for the most part, incompatible. The human race is divided into nations, races, creeds, colors, and religions. Many individuals are attempting to live as an island unto themselves. From the youngest to the oldest, members of the human family rebel against authority.

As nations, there is some co-operation—however, only when there is a guarantee of receiving something in return. In the midst of the race for space supremacy, there are marked indications that the nation who gets there first will have somewhat of an edge in affairs on earth. Life on earth itself seems to be one big race. Many businessmen have testified that life is a "dog-eat-dog" affair. Each one is out for himself, with ambition to get to the top, no matter who may be stepped on during the process. I personally believe that competition is good—as long as God-fearing principles are employed. But when man acts in such a way that would tend to identify him as an animal, the line should be drawn. Working together, giving a little, taking a little, would result in harmony. By observing godly principles, this generation could easily develop into maturity, ready and willing to face the problems of the day, and together overcome the obstacles confronting humanity. All this can come to pass under the hand of Almighty God.

As religions, each denomination, each sect and cult, is laying claim to private revelations concerning forms of worship, church rituals, and manner as well as formula of baptisms. It seems strange that there should be so many hundreds of religions, each one claiming to be the right one. God is not

the author of confusion. Many sects have taken the attitude of contention, malice, and even hatred for the others. This leads one to question the validity of their beliefs. The reason? The Bible teaches that God is love. Those who are constantly wrangling are completely devoid of love and compassion for their fellow man.

On the other hand, a religion that upholds the love of God above all else, and daily pursues the teachings of the Bible, is a great asset to the promotion of peace, joy and happiness on this Earth.

Of course, there is the rank atheist. He denies the very being of God, even His wonderful attributes and blessings. He must also find his place in the scheme of things and await the day that will prove all things.

I am certain that the following passages of Scriptures will have a greater influence upon you than the words of any writer. This is found in the second letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to Timothy, 3:1-7:

"Mark this, there are hard times coming in the last days. For men will be selfish, fond of money, boastful, haughty, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, irreverent, callous, relentless, scurrilous, dissolute, and savage: they will hate goodness, they will be treacherous, reckless and conceited, preferring pleasure to God, for though they keep up a form of religion, they will have nothing to do with it as a force. Avoid all this. Some of them worm their way into families, and get hold of womenfolk, who feel crushed by the burden of their sins, wayward creatures of impulse, always curious to learn and never able to attain the knowledge of the truth" (James Moffatt translation).

Let us also consult the writings of Saint Luke, the noted physician, 21:25-28:

"And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, while on earth the nations will be in dismay, bewildered at the roar of the sea and waves, men swooning with panic and forboding at what is to befall the universe, for the orbs of heaven will be shaken: and then shall be seen the son of man

coming in a cloud with power and glory. But, when these things begin to happen, look up and raise your heads, for your deliverance is not far off" (James Moffatt translation).

An honest reader, one who is informed as to the news of the world, will readily admit that, thus far, world conditions are not improving. The world is not getting better and better, as some say. Relations with several foreign nations are far from being peaceful.

In the light of all these things, is it possible that God is again giving man a warning through Angelic visitations? Please bear in mind that, before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the Angel of the Lord was sent by the Almighty to speak to and warn Lot to gather his family together and escape from the doomed cities.

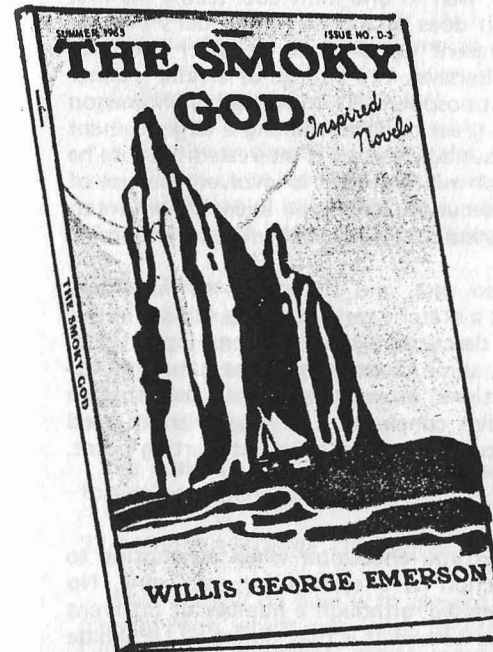
Almost every flying-saucer story is highlighted with warning to the effect that man is so sinful that he is not ready for visits to other planets. It has been stated by many that men may contaminate other planets with their greed, jealousy, hatred and perversions, as well as by many other attributes of the human family on this planet. This is a very sad testimony for a planet that has had ample opportunity to come into contact with the heart-searching, heart-cleansing power of our Supreme Father. It is indeed a direct judgment against "civilization" as we know it today. Yes, it is an indictment—perhaps from those of another world who have been carefully looking, investigating, even perhaps walking among a generation which is in dire need of help.

To those who may feel that there are hostile flying saucers, saucers that have been the cause of damage and destruction, remember also that it would be no difficult task for Satan to counterfeit or duplicate a flying saucer. With the help of his Fallen Angels or evil spirits (demons), Satan may cause havoc and confusion in the skies above.

We cannot minimize the powers of evil and darkness that constantly surround the Earth. Read in Ephesians 6:11-13: "Put on God's armour, so as to be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil. For we have to struggle, not with

blood and flesh, but with the Angelic rulers, the Angelic authorities, the potentates of the dark present, the spirit forces of evil in the heavenly sphere. So, take God's armour, that you may be able to make a stand upon the evil day and hold your ground by overcoming all the foe" (James Moffatt translation).

In conclusion, let me state that, as the writer of this book, I have attempted to bring to your attention information to enable you, the reader, to form your own opinion. I am convinced that an open mind is necessary to properly attain that higher intelligence and spiritual perception which God ordained for man in His divine plan of the ages.



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CHAPTER XXXIII

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

What *is* an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)? Well, according to United States Air Force Regulation 80-17 (dated 19 September 1966), a UFO is "Any aerial Phenomenon or object which is unknown or appears to be out of the ordinary to the observer." This is a very broad definition which applies equally well to one individual seeing his first noctilucent cloud at twilight as it does to another individual seeing his first helicopter. However, at present most people consider the term UFO to mean an object which behaves in a strange or erratic manner while moving through Earth's atmosphere. That strange phenomenon has evoked strong emotions and great curiosity among a large segment of our world's population. The average person is interested because he loves a mystery, the professional military man is involved because of the possible threat to national security, and some scientists are interested because of the basic curiosity that led them into becoming researchers.

The literature on UFO's is so vast, and the stories so many and varied, that we can only present a sketchy outline of the subject in this chapter. That outline includes description classifications, operational domains (temporal and spatial), some theories as to the nature of the UFO phenomenon, human reactions, attempts to attack the problem scientifically, and some tentative conclusions. If you wish to read further in this area, the references provide an excellent starting point.

3.3.1 DESCRIPTORS

One of the greatest problems you encounter when attempting to catalog UFO sightings, is selection of a system for cataloging. No effective system has yet been devised, although a number of different systems have been proposed. The net result is that almost all UFO data are either treated in the form of individual cases, or in the forms of inadequate classification systems. However, these systems do tend to have some common factors, and a collection of these factors is as follows:

- a. Size
- b. Shape (disc, ellipse, football, etc.)
- c. Luminosity
- d. Color
- e. Number of UFO's

Behavior

- a. Location (altitude, direction, etc.)
- b. Patterns of paths (straight line, climbing, zig-zagging, etc.)
- c. Flight characteristics (wobbling, fluttering, etc.)
- d. Periodicity of sightings
- e. Time duration
- f. Curiosity or inquisitiveness
- g. Avoidance
- h. Hostility

Associated Effects

- a. Electro-magnetic (compass, radio, ignition systems, etc.)
- b. Radiation (burns, induced radioactivity, etc.)
- c. Ground disturbance (dust stirred-up, leaves moved, standing wave peaks on surface of water, etc.)
- d. Sound (none, hissing, humming, roaring, thunderclaps, etc.)
- e. Vibration (weak, strong, slow, fast)
- f. Smell (ozone or other odor)
- g. Flame (how much, where, when, color)
- h. Smoke or cloud (amount, color, persistence)
- i. Debris (type, amount, color, persistence)
- j. Inhibition of voluntary motion by observers
- k. Sighting of "creatures" or "beings"

After Effects

- a. Burned areas or animals
- b. Depressed or flattened areas
- c. Dead or missing animals
- d. Mentally disturbed people
- e. Missing items

We make no attempt here to present available data in terms of the foregoing descriptors.

3.3.2 OPERATIONAL DOMAINS – TEMPORAL AND SPATIAL

What we *will* do here is to present evidence that UFO's are a global phenomenon which may have persisted for many thousands of years. During this discussion, please remember that the more ancient the reports the less sophisticated the observer. Not only were the ancient observers lacking the terminology necessary to describe complex devices (such as present day helicopters) but they were also lacking the

concepts necessary to understand the true nature of such things as television, spaceships, rockets, nuclear weapons and radiation effects. To some, the most advanced technological concept was a war chariot with knife blades attached to the wheels. By the same token, the very lack of accurate terminology and descriptions leaves the more ancient reports open to considerable misinterpretation, and it may well be that present evaluations of individual reports are completely wrong. Nevertheless, let us start with an intriguing story in one of the oldest chronicles of India . . . the Book of Dzyan.

This book is a group of "story-teller" legends which were finally gathered in manuscript form when man learned to write. One of the stories is of a small group of beings who supposedly came to Earth many thousands of years ago in a metal craft which orbited Earth several times before landing. As told in the book "These beings lived to themselves and were revered by the humans among whom they had settled. But eventually differences arose among them and they divided their numbers, several of the men and women and some children settling in another city, where they were promptly installed as rulers by the awe-stricken populace."

"Separation did not bring peace to these people and finally their anger reached a point where the ruler of the original city took with him a small number of his warriors and they rose into the air in a huge shining metal vessel. While they were many leagues from the city of their enemies, they launched a great shining lance that rode on a beam of light. It burst apart in the city of their enemies with a great ball of flame that shot up to the heavens, almost to the stars. All those who were in the city were horribly burned and even those who were not in the city — but nearby — were burned also. Those who looked upon the lance and the ball of fire were blinded forever afterward. Those who entered the city on foot became ill and died. Even the dust of the city was poisoned, as were the rivers that flowed through it. Men dared not go near it, and it gradually crumbled into dust and was forgotten by men."

"When the leader saw what he had done to his own people he retired to his palace and refused to see anyone. Then he gathered about him those of his warriors who remained, and their wives and children, and they entered into their vessels and rose one by one into the sky and sailed away. Nor did they return."

Could this foregoing legend really be an account of an extraterrestrial colonization, complete with guided missile, nuclear warhead and radiation effects? It is difficult to assess the validity of that explanation . . . just as it is difficult to explain why Greek, Roman and Nordic Mythology all discuss wars and conflicts among their "Gods." (Even the Bible records conflict between the legions of God and Satan.) Could it be that each group recorded their parochial view of what was actually a global conflict among alien colonists or visitors? Or is it that man has led such a violent existence that he tends to expect conflict and violence among even his gods?

Evidence of perhaps an even earlier possible contact was uncovered by Tshi Pen Lao of the University of Peking. He discovered astonishing carvings in granite on a mountain in Hunan Province and on an island in Lake Tungting. These carvings have been evaluated as 47,000 years old, and they show people with large trunks (breathing apparatus? . . . or "elephant" heads shown on human bodies? Remember, the Egyptians often represented their gods as animal heads on human bodies).

Only 8,000 years ago, rocks were sculpted in the Tassili plateau of Sahara, depicting what appeared to be human beings but with strange round heads (helmets? or "sun" heads on human bodies?). And even more recently, in the Bible, Genesis (6:4) tells of angels from the sky mating with women of Earth, who bore them children. Genesis 19:3 tells of Lot meeting two angels in the desert and his later feeding them at his house. The Bible also tells a rather unusual story of Ezekiel who witnessed what has been interpreted by some to have been a spacecraft landing near the Chebar River in Chaldea (593 B.C.).

Even the Irish have recorded strange visitations. In the *Speculum Regali* in Konungs Skuggsa (and other accounts of the era about 956 A.D.) are numerous stories of "demonships" in the skies. In one case a rope from one such ship became entangled with part of a church. A man from the ship climbed down the rope to free it, but was seized by the townspeople. The bishop made the people release the man, who climbed back to the ship, where the crew cut the rope and the ship rose and sailed out of sight. In all of his actions, the climbing man appeared as if he were swimming in water. Stories such as this makes one wonder if the legends of the "little people" of Ireland were based upon imagination alone.

About the same time, in Lyons (France) three men and a woman supposedly descended from an airship or spaceship and were captured by a mob. These four foreigners admitted to being wizards, and were killed. (No mention is made of the methods employed to extract the admissions.) Many documented UFO sightings occurred throughout the Middle Ages, including an especially startling one of a UFO over London on 16 December 1742. However, we do not have room to include any more of the Middle Ages sightings. Instead, two "more-recent" sightings are contained in this section to bring us up to modern times.

In a sworn statement dated 21 April 1897, a prosperous and prominent farmer named Alexander Hamilton (Le Roy, Kansas, U.S.A.) told of an attack upon his cattle at about 10:30 p.m. the previous Monday. He, his son, and his tenant grabbed axes and ran some 700 feet from the house to the cow lot where a great cigar-shaped ship about 300 feet long floated some 30 feet above the cattle. It had a carriage underneath which was brightly lighted within (dirigible and gondola?) and which had numerous windows. Inside were six strange looking beings jabbering in a foreign language. These beings suddenly became aware of Hamilton and the others. They immediately turned a searchlight on the farmer, and also turned on some power which sped up a turbine wheel

(about 30 ft diameter) located under the craft. The ship rose, taking with it a two-year-old heifer which was roped about the neck by a cable of one-half inch thick, red material. The next day a neighbor, Link Thomas, found the animal's hide, legs and head in his field. He was mystified at how the remains got to where they were because of the lack of tracks in the soft soil. Alexander Hamilton's sworn statement was accompanied by an affidavit as to his veracity. The affidavit was signed by ten of the local leading citizens.

On the evening of 4 November 1957 at Fort Itaipu, Brazil, two sentries noted a "new star" in the sky. The "star" grew in size and within *seconds* stopped over the fort. It drifted slowly downward, was as large as a big aircraft, and was surrounded by a strong orange glow. A distinct humming sound was heard, and then the heat struck. One sentry collapsed almost immediately, the other managed to slide to shelter under the heavy cannons where his loud cries awoke the garrison. While the troops were scrambling towards their battle stations, complete electrical failure occurred. There was panic until the lights came back on but a number of men still managed to see an orange glow leaving the area at high speed. Both sentries were found badly burned . . . one unconscious and the other incoherent, suffering from deep shock.

Thus, UFO sightings not only appear to extend back 47,000 years through time but also are global in nature. One has the feeling that this phenomenon deserves some sort of valid scientific investigation, even if it is a low level effort.

33.3 SOME THEORIES AS TO THE NATURE OF THE UFO PHENOMENON

There are very few cohesive theories as to the nature of UFO's. Those theories that have been advanced can be collected in five groups:

- a. Mysticism
- b. Hoaxes, and rantings due to unstable personalities
- c. Secret weapons
- d. Natural phenomena
- e. Alien visitors

Mysticism

It is believed by some cults that the mission of UFO's and their crews is a spiritual one, and that all materialistic efforts to determine the UFO's nature are doomed to failure.

Hoaxes and Rantings due to Unstable Personalities

Some have suggested that all UFO reports were the results of pranks and hoaxes, or were made by people with unstable personalities. This

attitude was particularly prevalent during the time period when the Air Force investigation was being operated under the code name of Project Grudge. A few airlines even went as far as to ground every pilot who reported seeing a "flying saucer." The only way for the pilot to regain flight status was to undergo a psychiatric examination. There was a noticeable decline in pilot reports during this time interval, and a few people interpreted this decline to prove that UFO's were either hoaxes or the result of unstable personalities.

There are a number of cases which indicate that not all reports fall in the hoax category. We will examine one such case now. It is the Socorro, New Mexico sighting made by police Sergeant Lonnie Zamora. Sergeant Zamora was patrolling the streets of Socorro on 24 April 1964 when he saw a shiny object drift down into an area of gullies on the edge of town. He also heard a loud roaring noise which sounded as if an old dynamite shed located out that way had exploded. He immediately radioed police headquarters, and drove out toward the shed. Zamora was forced to stop about 150 yards away from a deep gully in which there appeared to be an overturned car. He radioed that he was investigating a possible wreck, and then worked his car up onto the mesa and over toward the edge of the gully. He parked short, and when he walked the final few feet to the edge, he was amazed to see that it was not a car but instead was a weird eggshaped object about fifteen feet long, white in color and resting on short, metal legs. Beside it, unaware of his presence were two humanoids dressed in silvery coveralls. They seemed to be working on a portion of the underside of the object. Zamora was still standing there, surprised, when they suddenly noticed him and dove out of sight around the object. Zamora also headed the other way, back toward his car. He glanced back at the object just as a bright blue flame shot down from the underside. Within seconds the eggshaped thing rose out of the gully with "an earsplitting roar." The object was out of sight over the nearby mountains almost immediately, and Sergeant Zamora was moving the opposite direction almost as fast when he met Sergeant Sam Chavez who was responding to Zamora's earlier radio calls. Together they investigated the gully and found the bushes charred and still smoking where the blue flame had jetted down on them. About the charred area were four deep marks where the metal legs had been. Each mark was three and one-half inches deep, and was circular in shape. The sand in the gully was very hard-packed so no sign of the humanoids' footprints could be found. An official investigation was launched that same day, and all data obtained supported the stories of Zamora and Chavez. It is rather difficult to label this episode a hoax, and it is also doubtful that both Zamora and Chavez shared portions of the same hallucination.

Secret Weapons

A few individuals have proposed that UFO's are actually advanced weapon systems, and that their natures must not be revealed. Very few people accept this as a credible suggestion.

Natural Phenomena

It has also been suggested that at least some, and possibly all, of the UFO cases were just mis-interpreted manifestations of natural phenomena. Undoubtedly this suggestion has some merit. People have reported, as UFO's, objects which were conclusively proven to be balloons (weather and skyhook), the planet Venus, man-made artificial satellites, normal aircraft, unusual cloud formations and lights from ceilometers (equipment projecting light beams on cloud bases to determine the height of the aircraft visual ceiling). It is also suspected that people have reported mirages, optical illusions, swamp gas and ball lightning (a poorly-understood discharge of electrical energy in a spheroidal or ellipsoidal shape . . . some discharges have lasted for up to fifteen minutes but the ball is usually no bigger than a large orange). But it is difficult to tell a swamp dweller that the strange, fast-moving light he saw in the sky was swamp gas; and it is just as difficult to tell a farmer that a bright UFO in the sky is the same ball lightning that he has seen rolling along his fence wires in dry weather. Thus accidental mis-identification of what might well be natural phenomena breeds mistrust and disbelief; it leads to the hasty conclusion that the truth is deliberately not being told. One last suggestion of interest has been made, that the UFO's were plasmoids from space . . . concentrated blobs of solar wind that succeeded in reaching the surface of Earth. Somehow this last suggestion does not seem to be very plausible; perhaps because it ignores such things as penetration of Earth's magnetic field.

Alien Visitors

The most stimulating theory for us is that the UFO's are material objects which are either "Manned" or remote-controlled by beings who are alien to this planet. There is some evidence supporting this viewpoint. In addition to police Sergeant Lonnie Zamora's experience, let us consider the case of Barney and Betty Hill. On a trip through New England they lost two hours on the night of 19 September 1961 without even realizing it. However, after that night both Barney and Betty began developing psychological problems which eventually grew sufficiently severe that they submitted themselves to psychiatric examination and treatment. During the course of treatment hypnotherapy was used, and it yielded remarkably detailed and similar stories from both Barney and Betty. Essentially they had been hypnotically kidnapped, taken aboard a UFO, submitted to two-hour physicals, and released with posthypnotic suggestions to forget the entire incident. The evidence is rather strong that this is what the Hills, even in their subconscious, believe happened to them. And it is of particular importance that after the "posthypnotic block" was removed, both of the Hills ceased having their psychological problems.

The Hills' description of the aliens was similar to descriptions provided in other cases, but this particular type of alien appears to be in the minority. The most commonly described alien is about three and

one-half feet tall, has a round head (helmet?), arms reaching to or below his knees, and is wearing a silvery space suit or coveralls. Other aliens appear to be essentially the same as Earthmen, while still others have particularly wide (wrap-around) eyes and mouths with very thin lips. And there is a rare group reported as about four feet tall, weight of around 35 pounds, and covered with thick hair or fur (clothing?). Members of this last group are described as being extremely strong. If such beings are visiting Earth, two questions arise: 1) why haven't there been accidents which have revealed their presence, and 2) why haven't they attempted to contact us officially? The answer to the first question may exist partially in Sergeant Lonnie Zamora's experience, and may exist partially in the Tunguska meteor discussed in Chapter XXIX. In that chapter it was suggested that the Tunguska meteor was actually a comet which exploded in the atmosphere, the ices melted and the dust spread out. Hence, no debris! However, it has also been suggested that the Tunguska meteor was actually an alien spacecraft that entered the atmosphere too rapidly, suffered mechanical failure, and lost its power supply and/or weapons in a nuclear explosion. While that hypothesis may seem far fetched, samples of tree rings from around the world reveal that, immediately after the Tunguska meteor explosion, the level of radioactivity in the world rose sharply for a short period of time. It is difficult to find a natural explanation for that increase in radioactivity, although the suggestion has been advanced that enough of the meteor's great kinetic energy was converted into heat (by atmospheric friction) that a fusion reaction occurred. This still leaves us with no answer to the second question: why no contact? That question is very easy to answer in any of several ways: 1) we may be the object of intensive sociological and psychological study. In such studies you usually avoid disturbing the test subjects' environment; 2) you do not "contact" a colony of ants, and humans may seem that way to any aliens (variation: a zoo is fun to visit, but you don't "contact" the lizards); 3) such contact may have already taken place secretly; and 4) such contact may have already taken place on a different plane of awareness and we are not yet sensitive to communications on such a plane. These are just a few of the reasons. You may add to the list as you desire.

33.4 HUMAN FEAR AND HOSTILITY

Besides the foregoing reasons, contacting humans is downright dangerous. Think about that for a moment! On the microscopic level our bodies reject and fight (through production antibodies) any alien material; this process helps us fight off disease but it also sometimes results in allergic reactions to innocuous materials. On the macroscopic (psychological and sociological) level we are antagonistic to beings that are "different." For proof of that, just watch how an odd child is treated by other children, or how a minority group is socially deprived, or how the Arabs feel about the Israelis (Chinese vs Japanese, Turks vs

Greeks, etc.) In case you are hesitant to extend that concept to the treatment of aliens, let me point out that in very ancient times, possible extraterrestrials may have been treated as Gods but in the last two thousand years, the evidence is that any possible aliens have been ripped apart by mobs, shot and shot at, physically assaulted (in South America there is a well-documented case), and in general treated with fear and aggression. In Ireland about 1,000 A.D., supposed airships were treated as "demon-ships." In Lyons, France, "admitted" space travellers were killed. More recently, on 24 July 1957 Russian anti-aircraft batteries on the Kouril Islands opened fire on UFO's. Although all Soviet anti-aircraft batteries on the Islands were in action, no hits were made. The UFO's were luminous and moved very fast. We too have fired on UFO's. About ten o'clock one morning, a radar site near a fighter base picked up a UFO doing 700 mph. The UFO then slowed to 100 mph, and two F-86's were scrambled to intercept. Eventually one F-86 closed on the UFO at about 3,000 feet altitude. The UFO began to accelerate away but the pilot still managed to get to within 500 yards of the target for a short period of time. It was definitely saucer-shaped. As the pilot pushed the F-86 at top speed, the UFO began to pull away. When the range reached 1,000 yards, the pilot armed his guns and fired in an attempt to down the saucer. He failed, and the UFO pulled away rapidly, vanishing in the distance. This same basic situation may have happened on a more personal level. On Sunday evening 21 August 1955, eight adults and three children were on the Sutton Farm (one-half mile from Kelly, Kentucky) when, according to them, one of the children saw a brightly glowing UFO settle behind the barn, out of sight from where he stood. Other witnesses on nearby farms also saw the object. However, the Suttons dismissed it as a "shooting star," and did not investigate. Approximately thirty minutes later (at 8 p.m.), the family dogs began barking so two of the men went to the back door and looked out. Approximately 50 feet away and coming toward them was a creature wearing a glowing silvery suit. It was about three and one-half feet tall with a large round head and very long arms. It had large webbed hands which were equipped with claws. The two Suttons grabbed a twelve gauge shotgun and a .22 caliber pistol, and fired at close range. They could hear the pellets and bullet ricochet as if off of metal. The creature was knocked down, but jumped up and scrambled away. The Suttons retreated into the house, turned off all inside lights, and turned on the porch-light. At that moment, one of the women who was peeking out of the dining room window discovered that a creature with some sort of helmet and wide slit eyes was peeking back at her. She screamed, the men rushed in and started shooting. The creature was knocked backwards but again scrambled away without apparent harm. More shooting occurred (a total of about 50 rounds) over the next 20 minutes and the creatures finally left (perhaps feeling unwelcome?). After a two-hour wait (for safety), the Suttons left too. By the time the police got there, the aliens were gone but the Suttons would not move back to the farm. They sold it and

departed. This reported incident does bear out the contention though that humans are dangerous. At no time in the story did the supposed aliens shoot back, although one is left with the impression that the described creatures were having fun scaring humans.

33.5 ATTEMPTS AT SCIENTIFIC APPROACHES

In any scientific endeavor, the first step is to acquire data, the second step to classify the data, and the third step to form hypotheses. The hypotheses are tested by repeating the entire process, with each cycle resulting in an increase in understanding (we hope). The UFO phenomenon does not yield readily to this approach because the data taken so far exhibits both excessive variety and vagueness. The vagueness is caused in part by the lack of preparation of the observer . . . very few people leave their house knowing that they are going to see a UFO that evening. Photographs are overexposed or underexposed, and rarely in color. Hardly anyone carries around a radiation counter or a magnetometer. And, in addition to this, there is a very high level of "noise" in the data. The noise consists of mistaken reports of known natural phenomena, hoaxes, reports by unstable individuals and mistaken removal of data regarding possible unnatural or unknown natural phenomena (by overzealous individuals who are trying to eliminate all data due to known natural phenomena). In addition, those data, which do appear to be valid, exhibit an excessive amount of variety relative to the statistical samples available. This has led to very clumsy classification systems, which in turn provide quite unfertile ground for formulation of hypotheses.

It is obvious that intensive scientific study is needed in this area; no such study has yet been undertaken at the necessary levels of intensity and support. One thing that must be guarded against in any such study is the trap of implicitness assuming that our knowledge of Physics (or any other branch of science) is complete. An example of one such trap is selecting a group of physical laws which we now accept as valid, and assume that they will never be superseded. Five such laws might be:

- 1) Every action must have an opposite and equal reaction.
- 2) Every particle in the universe attracts every other particle with a force proportional to the product of the masses and inversely as the square of the distance.
- 3) Energy, mass and momentum are conserved.
- 4) No material body can have a speed as great as c , the speed of light in free space.
- 5) The maximum energy, E , which can be obtained from a body at rest is $E=mc^2$, where m is the rest mass of the body.

Laws numbered 1 and 3 seem fairly safe, but let us hesitate and take another look. Actually, law number 3 is only valid (now) from a relativistic viewpoint; and for that matter so are laws 4 and 5. But

relativity completely revised these physical concepts after 1915, before then Newtonian mechanics was supreme. We should also note that general relativity has not yet been fully verified. Thus we have the peculiar situation of five laws which appear to deny the possibility of intelligent alien control of UFO's, yet three of the laws are recent in concept and may not even be valid. Also, law number 2 has not been tested under conditions of large relative speeds or accelerations. *We should not deny the possibility of alien control of UFO's on the basis of preconceived notions not established as related or relevant to the UFO's.*

33.6 CONCLUSION

From available information, the UFO phenomenon appears to have been global in nature for almost 50,000 years. The majority of known witnesses have been reliable people who have seen easily-explained natural phenomena, and there appears to be no overall positive correlation with population density. The entire phenomenon could be psychological in nature but that is quite doubtful. However, psychological factors probably do enter the data picture as "noise." The phenomenon could also be entirely due to known and unknown natural phenomena (with some psychological "noise" added in) but that too is questionable in view of some of the available data.

This leaves us with the *unpleasant possibility* of alien visitors to our planet, or at least of alien controlled UFO's. However, the data are not well correlated, and what questionable data there are suggest the existence of at least three and maybe four different groups of aliens (possibly at different stages of development). This too is difficult to accept. It implies the existence of intelligent life on a majority of the planets in our solar system, or a surprisingly strong interest in Earth by members of other solar systems.

A solution to the UFO problem may be obtained by the long and diligent effort of a large group of well-financed and competent scientists, unfortunately there is no evidence suggesting that such an effort is going to be made. However, even if such an effort were made, there is no guarantee of success because of the isolated and sporadic nature of the sightings. Also, there may be nothing to find, and that would mean a long search with no proof at the end. The best thing to do is to keep an open and skeptical mind, and not take an extreme position on any side of the question.




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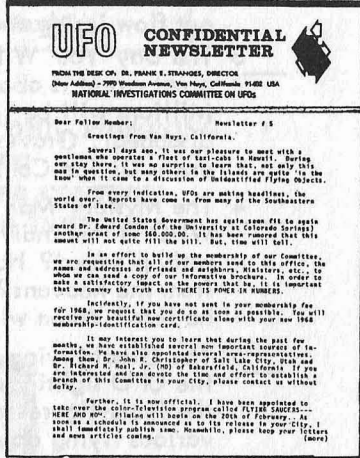
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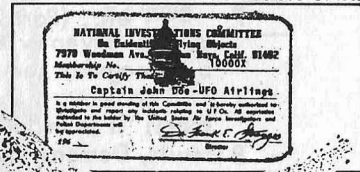
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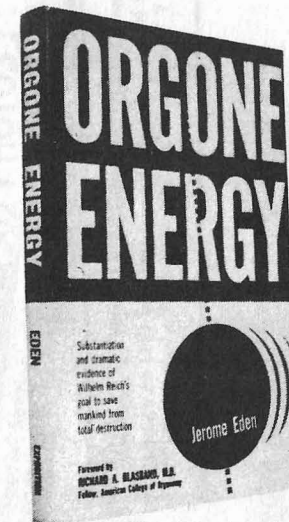
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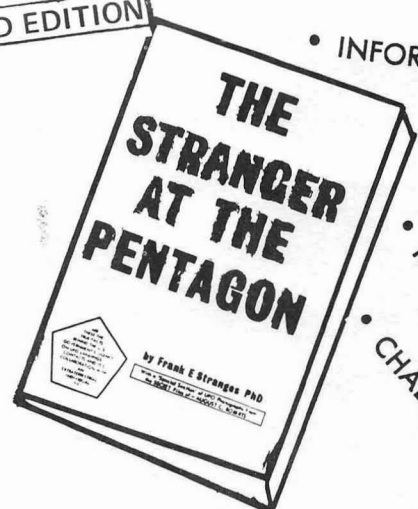
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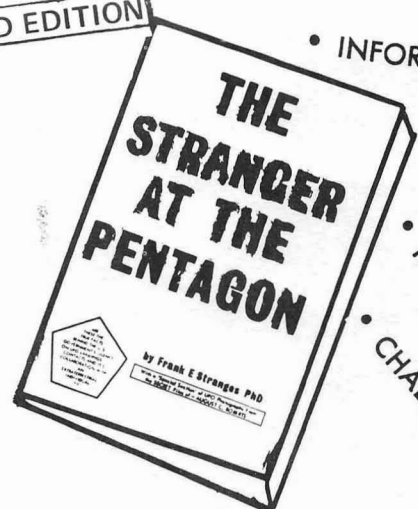
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