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"UFO Evidence" Response Mounts

Early response to "The UFO Evidence," including several review comments, was reported in the July-August UFO Investigator. Since then several Members of Congress and additional news agencies have taken note of the Report. Because of the campaigning in a Presidential election year, early Congressional action is not anticipated. However, a gradual build-up of interest could lead to hearings after November.

Sample Congressional Reactions

Senator Paul H. Douglas, Ill.—"Everyone is naturally interested in getting to the bottom of the innumerable reports of unidentified flying objects, and I am encouraged to see the concentrated efforts of NICAP to have all of the facts about UFOs brought out to the public. I will certainly offer my contribution of time and effort to get to the bottom of these reports."

Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr., N.J.—"The UFO Evidence Report is indeed an impressive document and should be given the most careful consideration. I have no doubts that as the NICAP forges ahead with its work, we will provide an even greater insight into the problems of unidentified flying objects."

Senator Joseph S. Clark, Pa.—"The subject of Unidentified Flying Objects is so interesting, that I have forwarded under separate cover a copy of your letter and the booklet "UFO Evidence" to the Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences. I am certain that they will give your proposal [for a Congressional investigation] every possible consideration."

Congressman Louis C. Wyman, N.H.—"I strongly favor a public hearing on UFOs and am most interested in the booklet, "Unidentified Flying Object Evidence." It seems to me that the cumulative inference from this publication is that the unidentified flying objects are manned and controlled from an extraterrestrial source."

Congressman Fred B. Rooney, Pa.—"I found your letter regarding the UFO controversy very interesting and I find that a number of my colleagues in the House are also increasingly disturbed by efforts to close off a reasoned inquiry on this subject."

Congressman Glenn Cunningham, Nebraska—"I noted a recent report on this subject and will study it more thoroughly at the first opportunity. Certainly if some of the facts are being kept secret it would seem the public is entitled to know the truth... I will discuss the matter with my colleagues."

Congressman John B. Anderson, Illinois—"I did examine the report on unidentified flying objects and passed it along to a friend. I think we must continue to try to get to the bottom of some of these unexplained happenings which have occurred and have been reported by reliable individuals."

Congressman Fred Schwengel, Iowa—"Checking with the Armed Services Committees of the House and Senate I find little disposition to hold hearings on this subject. This is a position which could be changed and I would assume your committee will persevere in efforts to have hearings scheduled."

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IMPRESSIVE EVIDENCE IN N.J. LANDING CASE

Thorough investigation by NICAP members and expert testimony about damage at the site have ruled out the possibility of a hoax in the most recently reported UFO landing case. Markings similar to those found in earlier landing reports (see previous issues) were discovered in a small clearing of an oak forest in Glassboro, N.J. September 5. A round, red UFO was reported above the wooded area over a period of several days.

NICAP member Ward Campbell was among the first investigators on the scene. His prompt action was important because it established facts which challenged the later Air Force conclusion that the incident was a hoax perpetrated by youngsters in the area. Mr. Campbell then assisted Dr. John Pagano, who obtained detailed information from police and witnesses. Most of this account is based on Dr. Pagano's thorough investigation report. Alphonse Zulli, a tree expert in River Edge, also submitted vitally important data.

Ward Campbell's two sons had been on an all day fishing trip Saturday, September 5, at a lake near the property of Frank Sergi in Glassboro. When Mr. Campbell picked them up about 5:20 p.m., they related the story that two men had emerged from the woods and told of seeing a red glowing object descend into
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A. Broken limb and Imprint at Site

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The Big Job Is Still Ahead

As you all know, we have made new, important advances in our struggle to end UFO secrecy. Publicity for "THE UFO EVIDENCE," the documented report on our seven-year investigation, is steadily growing. We have won new support in Congress, from the public, and members of the military - including AF officers up to the rank of colonel.

But the biggest fight is still ahead.

Since the AF cannot disprove our documented proof of UFO reality and censorship, it is again trying to discredit NICAP. The following official reply to questions about the NICAP Report shows how the AF UFO spokesman, Maj. Maston M. Jacks, avoids discussing our documented evidence:

"The AF feels that to attach undue significance to the UFO phenomena would only encourage private UFO organizations and provide grist for their claims and contentions."

Major Jacks' letter (copy at NICAP) also shows how the AF is trying to hide the powerful, unsolved AF cases cited by NICAP:

"The unidentified reports," states the AF spokesman, "remain active until they are identified and at that time they are removed from the unknown category."

Baffling cases more than 10 years old, which Project Intelligence officers and scientists fully admitted they could not explain, have now been written off by AF Headquarters as completely solved. How? By the mysterious discovery of allegedly new evidence - a decade after the UFO encounters.

It is clear the NICAP Report has the AF worried. Recently, an AF colonel told a NICAP member that our publicity should be stopped, in the national interest. Specifically, he said, our published UFO evidence was causing public suspicion of the military establishment, holding them up to ridicule.

This attempt at intimidation may be only a hint of an all-out attack on NICAP, to block UFO hearings. Any such attempt MUST be defeated! It can be - with all members' help.

We must get nationwide publicity for "THE UFO EVIDENCE."

We must make sure every Member of Congress realizes that this documented record PROVES official UFO secrecy.

Perhaps you, as a NICAP member, do not realize the powerful weapon now in your hands. There are over 5000 of us; we cover all 50 states. If we join in a determined effort, make the censorship facts nationally known, nothing can stop the American people from demanding the truth.

Here is how you can help.

First, keep these main points firmly in mind:

1. NICAP is a serious research organization dealing in facts. Our Board of Governors and consultants include veteran military men and technical experts on aviation, space, astronomy, intelligence analyses, etc. (See list in this issue.)

2. We have many hundreds of verified UFO reports from military and airline pilots, airport tower operators, radar experts, other competent, reliable observers, including over 275 AF reports released to Maj. Keyhoe before he became NICAP director. This documented evidence proves UFO formations maneuvers and speeds surpassing any machines made on earth.

3. NICAP has documented proof of UFO censorship, including the cover-up of fatal AF UFO chases and near-collisions with airliners in which passengers were injured.

4. All these documented records are now available in "THE UFO EVIDENCE," also the NICAP Board conclusion that the facts have been kept from Congress and the public. Dangers from the secrecy are growing, including the risk of accidental war from mistaking UFO's for a secret Soviet attack.

5. The NICAP Report has brought increased Congressional support for UFO secrecy hearings.

Local Publicity

Start your campaign now. Despite the flood of political news, some papers, broadcasters, are using NICAP Report items. After the election, follow up with all you've got. But please begin now!

1. Go to your local broadcasting stations. Show the Report to program directors. Concisely tell them the main points listed above. Stress the wide response to regular UFO programs - on WBZ, KYW, etc. If you can't go in person, please phone or write. But showing "THE UFO EVIDENCE" is ten times more effective. Tell them NICAP's director or Acting Director Hall will aid with a "beep" phone interview if desired. Give stations NICAP's address.

2. Show the Report to local newspaper editors, using the main points listed above. Besides trying for news stories, write up the facts for "Letters to the Editor" columns.

3. Place notices about purchasing NICAP's Report on bulletin boards at clubs, offices, other available places.

4. Try to get similar items printed in club or office newsletters, etc.

5. Place an ad to promote sales of "THE UFO EVIDENCE," giving NICAP's address. Or get several members to join in securing a larger ad - or a paid broadcast announcement.

6. Arrange for group discussions of "THE UFO EVIDENCE." Show your copy to everyone you can - believers or skeptics.

Congressional Support

Even brief appraisals of the Report have convinced additional legislators that the AF is hiding the UFO facts. Others have promised to study "THE UFO EVIDENCE" after elections.

It is vital that we get ALL legislators to study this documented Report. Please try to see your present Senators and Congressmen - also any newly elected (Report copies will be sent them.) If you can't see them personally, please write. Emphasize NICAP's competence, the documented evidence and secrecy. Ask them to appraise the Report seriously, when elections are over, and write you their opinions. Ask their support for hearings if they agree Congress and the American people should be given the facts. Try to get specific answers, then send us the signed originals. (We will return them if you so request.) Please try to get answers soon, so that all Congressional supporters can be listed in the next issue.

Donald E. Keyhoe

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the woods about 7:30 to 7:45 p.m. the night before. They claimed they had investigated and found markings on the ground, which they showed to the boys. The unidentified men then went on their way; continuing efforts to trace them have so far been unsuccessful.

Mr. Campbell went quickly to the scene, made notes and gathered physical evidence. He was instrumental in having the local police, state police, and finally Air Force personnel from McGuire Air Force Base investigate the incident.

"Upon going to the scene it was readily apparent that a very unnatural scene was evident in this natural wooded clearing," Mr. Campbell told NICAP. "Immediately evident was the crater in the ground, the scorched earth surrounding it, the broken tree limbs and partially uprooted tree, the two obvious holes of the three [NICAP Note: A fourth similar hole concealed by undergrowth was subsequently found by tree experts], and the white chemical and metal bits in and surrounding the crater."

(Mr. Campbell gathered some of the small metal bits, which he is having analyzed by a local laboratory. NICAP will publish the analysis report as soon as it is available).

The environment of the imprints was a small round clearing, about 20 feet wide and 35-40 feet long, in a heavily wooded oak forest on the property of Frank Sergi. The ground surface in the clearing is composed of moss, oak leaves, white sand, and small bushes from a few inches to about a foot in height. The sand was generally loose, and not hardpacked, but there was no evidence of any footprints or trampling of smaller bushes.

The central crater was conical, about 30 inches across and 19 3/8 inches deep. The diameter of the bottom was about 10 inches. The sides of the crater were smooth, hard-surfaced and scorched black. Surrounding the rim at ground level, gravel was piled up 3-4 inches high and extending about 11 inches from the rim in a perfect symmetrical pattern. "Note that the perfect piling of this was to me of great significance," Mr. Campbell stated, "because it would seem to be virtually impossible to have done this on purpose and duplicated it in the fashion as found."

"This ring of gravel which had been displaced from the hole," Campbell continued, "had eleven definite impressions about 4 inches in diameter and 1/2 inch deep impressed around it about equally spaced. Again this would seem inexplicable at this point, and I assure you caused much interest among the initial investigating officers. Imbedded in this upheaval and fused to the sand were globs of this most peculiar looking chemical substance, as well as numerous particles of a shiny metal substance. This same metal was also embedded in the hole itself at various locations of the sides and bottom. [The chemical substance] varies from a snow white to just a plain ugly purplish-black-green mass interposed with orange and red traces, as well as minute particles of metal."

Preliminary results of the metal analysis, Mr. Campbell said, indicate a high percentage of tin as a constituent of the melted metal.

The three imprints which Mr. Campbell found surrounding the central crater were all the same size and depth: About 9 inches square and 7-8 inches deep. The imprints gave every indication of being formed by extreme pressure or weight—rather than by digging—compressing the sides into a hard packed mass. A significant point discovered was that one of the imprints occurred at a spot covered with oak leaves; "The hole forced into the ground as mentioned was lined with the oak leaves and they were so compressed they took the configuration of the hole perfectly." Each imprint was inclined at a slight angle from the vertical toward the central crater, as if formed by supports for a large central object.

Bordering the markings on the north side was a partially uprooted 12-14 foot sassafras tree with three broken limbs. The breaks and abrasion marks were fresh, about 4 to 4 1/2 feet above the ground. The leaves bordering the nearby marking, however, were discolored and wilted, some totally curled and dead apparently from intense heat. There was no evidence of direct flame or charring on the leaves. The leaves on the same limbs facing away from the markings were fresh and green. Directly beneath the broken limbs, the ground was severely scorched.



B. Police Measure Unexplained Marking

The ground surrounding the crater for a radius of 2 to 2 1/2 feet was free of scorch marks. But from a point to the north, in an arc of 180 degrees to the south, and outward to the imprints was a severely scorched, black area. This included leaves, twigs, debris, and even moss and sand which was blackened. Small whitish, nearly translucent chunks of a third type of unidentified substance was found in the clear area. A small scrub pine in the scorched area was blackened from ground level up to two inches, but normal in all respects above that. All evidence indicated some sort of ground level blast of heat. A faint aroma resembling hydrogen sulfide lingered in the immediate area, but could not be traced to a distinct source.

Mr. Campbell's report is of unusual importance, because within the next few days thousands of curiosity seekers trampled the site, took away samples and souvenirs, and cluttered the area with debris. Air Force investigators did not arrive on the scene until September 10.

Dr. John Pagano, Fort Lee, first learned about the incident September 10 from a local radio station. He began a systematic investigation. He interviewed Frank Sergi, one of the first people on the scene along with Ward Campbell and Police Chief Everett Watson. Mr. Sergi confirmed the perfect formation of the conical crater and its glazed appearance. He also remarked about the sulphurous odor. All agreed that no vehicles of any kind could have been transported to the tiny clearing, except from directly overhead.

Chief Watson cooperated fully with Dr. Pagano, supplying the original police photographs of the site before it was trampled (see accompanying photographs), and police records of the incident.

On the night the markings were found, Dr. Pagano learned, Mrs. Freda Dufala saw a globular red object hovering over the

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wooded area not far from the clearing. Three nights later, Irene Ritter and Carol Smith told police they saw a bright orange-yellow spherical object descend and apparently land, emitting a red glow underneath. It made a dull, muffled "thumping sound." After a few seconds it rose just above the treetops, moved horizontally in a westerly direction, then landed a second time in a wooded area. (Official police report).

On September 10, police records show, Air Force investigators arrived from McGuire AFB. They were given pictures and samples. (By this time the site had been thoroughly trampled). By next day, the word was put out unofficially that the case was a hoax. The New York Journal-American, September 11, reported this as the official conclusion, adding that Air Force investigators had found "three bubblegum wrappers, the remains of a cherry bomb, and four footprints made by a pair of Ked sneakers, size 8 1/2..." The reporter further claimed that Air Force personnel, using elaborate camera equipment, had identified two teenage hoaxers by photographing the crowd watching them at work. Asked by NICAP about these allegations, Major Maston M. Jacks, Pentagon UFO spokesman, denied any knowledge of them.

UFO cases are analyzed at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, by the Air Force, based on evidence gathered at the scene by the nearest Air Force base. On September 30 newspapers reported the Air Force had called the case a hoax because they had found "tin foil" and "bits of firecrackers" in the holes. The absurdity of this conclusion is apparent.

On September 15 NICAP received a letter from Alphonse Zulli, of Avanti Tree Saving Service, Oradell, N.J., who had investigated the site. Mr. Zulli, a former U.S. Forestry Technician and a tree expert with 30 years experience, and Paul Gawanus, also a tree expert, examined the damage and submitted a report to NICAP.

Mr. Zulli's findings included these observations:

"The tree bent, if it were a hoax, would have required heavy machinery or the combined weight of ten men plus... The root system was sprung by a downward exerted pressure. There was a scar or bruise of recent origin at the very base of this trunk... if it were a hoax it would have had to be done by a powerful piece of machinery and a smooth metal cylinder. It was not inflicted by any known type of tool.

"The 'singed' leaves were actually seared to the last degree of being destroyed. An expert tree climber retrieved the leaves for us from a 40-foot oak. There was no evidence of disease, insect, fungus or any other known condition that could have caused this leaf burning. If it were a hoax it would have required some type of magnesium flame thrower such as is used by the Army, in very skillful hands to sear, but not to consume, the leaves.

"Other tree limbs broken at various levels, mostly out of reach of the ground, indicated a rough circle 30 feet in diameter...

"A pine seedling two feet tall was found on the site, uprooted and evidently blown free of every vestige of soil, roots intact. We do not know of any manner in which this could have been done except by air pressure..."

Mr. Zulli and Mr. Gawanus also discovered a fourth hole in the low weeds and brush, which had not been noticed by previous investigators. It was not as deep, was of about the same size as the others, and had a root mass beneath it. This hole apparently was dug by pranksters, since it was obviously dug out rather than forced into the ground like the three original imprints.

"Our unanimous conclusion, as tree experts," Mr. Zulli said, "was that a hoax was patently impossible to produce the damage we investigated on the trees."

SCIENTIST SUPPORTS UFO INQUIRY

A professional scientist has chided his colleagues for failing to study the UFO problem with an open mind. Writing in the September issue of PAGEANT Magazine, Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, Professor of Plant Physiology at Colorado State University, made the reference to UFOs in an article, "There Is Life on Mars!"

The following paragraphs by Dr. Salisbury are reprinted from PAGEANT Magazine, Copyright 1964, Macfadden-Bartell Corporation, with their permission:

"The reports of strange unidentified flying objects in our skies may also be significant... Perhaps because no 'official' contacts have ever been made between any occupants of these objects and the governments of the world, or perhaps because there is a group of obviously fanatic people who have reacted with religious fervor, many scientists have been quite unwilling to admit the possibility that the U.F.O.s might be extraterrestrial spaceships. Instead they have proposed a number of alternative explanations such as natural phenomena misinterpreted or hallucinations arising from some yet-to-be-understood psychological mechanism.

"I submit that very few scientists have ever taken the time or trouble to study the U.F.O. phenomenon with open minds. I initiated such a study about two years ago and now find it impossible to apply the easy explanations in every case. There are too many reputable witnesses who have nothing in common with the fanatics mentioned above. There are too many objective correlations, such as that between the number of sightings and the closeness of Mars. There is also the occurrence of U.F.O. sightings in France in the fall of 1954 along great circle arcs of the earth's surface. What kind of psychological phenomenon could account for this?"

In an article "Martian Biology" for Science Magazine (April 16, 1962), Dr. Salisbury argued that there might be some "higher plants" and even "mobile forms" like animals on Mars. The possibility of intelligent life was considered "remote," but not out of the question. "Certain features about Mars are most easily understood on the assumption that they are the product of intelligent beings," he stated. "Other interpretations are always possible, but we should not arbitrarily close our minds to the implications of some striking observations."

Socorro Analysis

The shiny substance found on a rock adjacent to one of the imprints left at the Socorro, N.M. landing site has been identified as Silica, according to a report from a top Washington laboratory. Silica is a very common substance (quartz and sand are forms of it). These results threw cold water on the hope that objective physical evidence had been found in the form of a metal. The circumstances, and position of the substance on the rock, would have tended to prove that a mechanical object had left the traces if the substance had turned out to be metallic.

In the previous issue we reported the finding of the substance by Ray Stanford, NICAP member authorized to investigate this case, as he and the witness, Ptn. Lonnie Zamora, examined the imprint on April 29. Zamora noticed a rock that looked like it had been struck by a leg of the UFO. Stanford, realizing the potential importance of the traces, removed the rock and transported it to NICAP for analysis.

The analysis report states in part: "...our investigation has been concluded with the identification of Silica (SiO₂) and other complex silicate minerals in the specimen in question... In many cases, impure silica, certain types of micas, and other minerals under a weathering environment display a submetallic luster when viewed with reflected light... The gross sample is composed of grantoid minerals, e.g., silica, micas, and other complex silicates. The X-ray diffraction analysis substantiates the presence of these minerals..."

UFO SIGHTING WAVE PERSISTS

A sustained wave of UFO sightings began in late April, continuing into September. Rumors and sketchy reports of landings and markings on the ground have come from several states. Efforts are being made to verify or disprove the landings. Flurries of sightings have taken place first in Florida and Georgia, then New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Montana. Typical discs, ellipses and cigar-shaped objects have predominated, along with highly maneuverable lights at night.

July 8; St. Petersburg, Fla.—Mr. & Mrs. Vernon C. Fields observed two maneuvering UFOs south of the city about 3:00 a.m. Mrs. Fields, who first saw the objects and called her husband to witness them, said she noticed a light coming from the east and then a second one from the west. They appeared to be on a collision course, and she first feared they were two planes about to crash. Then they slowed, and the larger of the two took a position above the other; both hovered for about 30 seconds. "Instead of a steady movement, the lights or objects moved in jerks," Mr. Fields said. (Cf., UFO rendezvous report, "The UFO Evidence," page 57). Finally one object moved away northeast, changing color (red, green, blue, white), and the other disappeared to the southwest.

July 12; Montana—Flurry of sightings (See separate story)

July 20/21; Madras, Oregon—UFOs described as umbrella-shaped were reported by many witnesses including four police officers, over a period of more than 7 hours. The objects alternately hovered and moved at high speed; usually glowing red while hovering and changing color during acceleration. A daylight witness reported seeing four "clam-shaped" shiny objects moving silently in formation. First-hand details are lacking, but the descriptions are those of typical UFOs.

(During the early morning of July 20 in Springfield, Illinois, a very similar UFO was observed by a clerk for a state agency. The witness filled out and signed a NICAP report form, but wishes to remain anonymous. He described a dome-shaped object (see type 4 UFO, "The UFO Evidence," page 144) with flame-like light fanning out from the underside. The UFO made sharp turns and maneuvers unlike any known object).

July 24; Binghamton, N.Y.—(See N.Y. State story)

July 27; Defiance, Ohio—Four residents reported the sighting of a UFO to Prof. C. A. Maney, NICAP Board Member. Between 9:58 and 10:03 p.m. Michael Weigandt, his parents and a neighbor watched the UFO moving northward across the western sky. At first it resembled a satellite, but through binoculars "I saw the object was much nearer than suspected," Weigandt said. "It had the appearance of a ball with a pale blue flickering center surrounded by a bright red ring." Finally the UFO accelerated and sped out of sight to the north.

July 29; Detroit, Michigan—Herbert Marz, a construction inspector for the city, and three other witnesses who signed the report saw a vertical formation of about seven silvery elliptical objects speed overhead about 11:20 p.m. Each UFO wobbled on its axis, and the objects seemed to close formation (possibly due to perspective) as they neared. The UFOs were first seen against the Big Dipper, and passed overhead toward the southeast. The four lowest or trailing objects, arranged in a diamond pattern, acted like a kite-tail; fluttering, but keeping definite position with the others.

July 30; Nr. Flemington, N.J. The Flemington Democrat reported a UFO landing case which occurred "one night recently." NICAP has asked a member in the area to investigate. According to the story, a whitish elliptical object followed a car, then landed in a field. When the motorist got out of his car and

started walking toward it, the UFO began moving toward him. He became frightened and ran.

August 3; Lynn, Mass.—(See separate story)

August 11; Defiance, Ohio—A dome-like UFO was observed by two boys, who were interviewed by Prof. C. A. Maney, NICAP Board Member. Between 5 and 6 p.m. John Dodson and Frankie Jiminez noticed a slowly rotating domed object with a flanged base against an overcast sky. The UFO, with lights illuminating the area, moved horizontally, then accelerated upwards and disappeared. A high-pitched whining sound emanated from the object continuously.

August 21; Moses Lake, Washington—Markings similar to those found at the sites of recent observed UFO landings were discovered in a field on the property of Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Hawes. About 2:00 a.m. Mrs. Hawes was awakened by a ringing noise and heard a commotion by two horses in a pasture and the family dog. Next morning about 10:30 a.m. her two sons told her of the odd markings in the field. A series of concentric rings, and other imprints, were arranged within a triangular pattern of three 18 inch marks. The legs of the triangle measured 22, 33 and 36 feet.

August 22; Baltimore, Maryland—Robert D. Briele, an engineer for WFBR Radio, with a friend watched a lighted triangular object pass directly overhead about 9:35 p.m. At first he thought it was an airplane, but as it neared he observed it through 8x50 binoculars and saw the well-defined shape. At each corner was a steady bright white light. A small green light was observed above the white light on one of the trailing corners, and a small red light in the center underneath. Neither of the colored lights blinked. The UFO moved slowly from NE to SW, disappearing in 10 minutes. Later Mr. Briele learned that a fellow engineer for WFBR had observed the UFO independently about the same time from a position about 5 miles to his west. No sound was heard.

August 25; Lynn, Mass.—(See separate story)

August 27; Cleveland, Ohio—Dan Boras, a night watchman, observed a cigar-shaped UFO with lighted "windows" as it crossed the face of the moon about 5:30 a.m. After crossing the moon, the object picked up speed. A light glowed around it and a smoke trail was seen for about 5 seconds. Earl J. Neff of the Cleveland UFO group obtained a taped report from Mr. Boras.

August 29/30; Phoenix, Arizona—The Arizona Republic received more than a dozen calls about midnight describing a glowing cigar-shaped object hovering and moving in odd patterns above South Mountain. The callers said the UFO emitted a deep humming noise.

August 30; Bennett, Iowa—A couple riding in a convertible at night reported seeing a cigar-shaped object hovering about 500 feet off the ground to the east. Clifford Runyon and Connie Thies said they drove down a gravel road to get a closer look at the UFO. It appeared to be about five car lengths long, with two large lights in the center. As they watched, the object moved away silently; the car radio failed and the engine sputtered.

August 15; New Freeport, Pa.—A couple described by the local newspaper as "one of the best-known and highly respected families in the area" watched a domed, disc-shaped UFO curve overhead about 12:15 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bissett, and visiting relatives, all saw the reddish saucer-like object. The Bissetts were interviewed by NICAP member C. Alton Cunningham of Carmichaels, Pa.

The UFO approached slowly, low over a hill and treetops to the SSE. As the perspective changed, it changed appearance from elliptical to circular. Twirling rapidly, the UFO turned WSW and, glowing brightly, climbed away at an angle until out of sight. The total observation time was about 8 minutes.

NEW YORK & MONTANA FLURRIES

Beginning in mid-July and continuing into early August, New York State had a flurry of UFO sightings concentrated in the area between Binghamton and Utica.

Louis Daubert, engineering executive for a Norwich firm, was driving east about 9:00 p.m., July 27 when he noticed an elliptical object hovering about 50 feet over a field near Sherburne. He stopped the car to watch. The UFO appeared to be made of aluminum, and the outer edge glowed "like a fluorescent light." Daubert told state police he observed the object for about six minutes before "it shot out three beams of bright light" and took off at high speed.

July 22-24: numerous reports of cigar-shaped and domed UFOs and fast-moving lights were phoned in to the Binghamton Press. Three Binghamton firemen, Edward Malone, John McNalley and Anthony Winkler were among the witnesses. They observed a brightly lighted, fast-moving object about 9:00 p.m. July 24, which moved with erratic spurts of speed from southeast to northwest. The Echo 2 satellite was observed passing about 5 minutes later.

A series of UFO sightings hit the southwestern section of Montana from the latter part of July through the middle of August, beginning with several reports from a Montana State University professor in mid-July.

Dr. Reuben Diettert, Chairman of the Department of Botany and Microbiology at Montana State, reported viewing the same object with pulsating red and green lights every night from July 12 to 20. On the last night, he was accompanied by a member of the staff of the Missoulian-Sentinel newspaper, who photographed the track of the object as it moved into the northern sky, hovered for about 30 minutes and then drifted slowly to the east.

"UFO SIGHTINGS CAN'T BE DISMISSED"

This was the headline of an editorial July 31 in The Missoulian Sentinel, published in Missoula, Montana. The editorial followed a series of UFO sightings centered around Helena and Butte, Montana during July (see separate story).

The editorial said in part: "Recent Missoula sightings have been reported by a wide variety of persons including several responsible professional men and women...The facts are plain. There have been just too many legitimate reports of UFOs throughout the country in recent years to automatically discard them as irresponsible."

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September 14-17; Cleveland, Ohio—One of the clearest and longest lasting UFO sightings on record has taken place since mid-September. More than a dozen witnesses have observed a hovering disc in bright daylight. Although investigation is incomplete, no conventional explanation is apparent.

The Cleveland UFOlogy Project has forwarded reports and sketches, some gathered by NICAP members Don Gardiner and Elmer Schutt. Employees at the adjoining Foundry Equipment Company and Haserodt Machine & Tool Company on Columbus Road noticed a bright silvery unidentified object in the sky about 12:20 p.m. September 14. The UFO was first seen with the unaided eye, then observed through 7 x 50 binoculars, hovering in the WSW sky 75-80 degrees above the horizon. Observations continued until 3:15 p.m., during which time more than six employees of the two companies watched.

At first the UFO appeared round. At 12:40 p.m. it appeared more elliptical or elongated. By 1:05 p.m. the object had drifted to a position due west and dropped to about 65 degrees elevation. During the next two hours the UFO continued to move slowly on an apparent NW course, losing altitude gradually.

Again on September 17 ten employees of the two companies observed the same or a similar object through binoculars, beginning about 12:30 p.m., in the same area of the sky. It presented an elliptical outline, with a conical projection on top. (See

Type 5 UFO, "The UFO Evidence," p. 144). The UFO was observed until mid-afternoon. On both days, the side toward the sun reflected light brilliantly; the side away appeared grayish. A round projection or "bubble" was visible on the underside.

The object was still being observed off and on late in September, and attempts are being made to photograph it.

Close-Range Sightings Near Boston

Three close-range UFO sightings have occurred in one small area of Lynn, Mass. since June 15. These and other sightings in nearby towns have been investigated thoroughly by Raymond E. Fowler and Walter N. Webb. No natural explanations could be found.

Lynn is a city of about 90,000 population a few miles north of Boston on Nahant Bay. The three sightings, including a landing or near-landing, all took place within a six block area (approx. 1/4 mile) in a well-populated section of the city. All were disc-like objects with domes on top, observed very near the ground.

As reported in the previous issue, William Angelos watched a dome-shaped UFO rising from a courtyard June 15 after hearing a loud throbbing noise at 11:10 p.m. On the underside was a slowly revolving red light. The object was estimated to be 15 feet in diameter, and only about 20 feet away when first seen.

Again on August 3, at 10:50 p.m. (EDT) Mr. Angelos observed a dome-shaped object—elongated with a bulge on top—followed by several similar objects at brief intervals. The UFOs moved rapidly from left to right (southeast) at a slightly descending angle, passing extremely low behind a neighboring house. One passed in front of a house across Washington Street (see map). At least two objects were visible at one time, one disappearing behind trees to the right as another appeared from the left. The UFOs, bluish in color, seemed to be stable in flight and were equidistant from each other.

The landing or near-landing occurred a few blocks away on August 25 about 10:30 p.m. Richard J. Pratt, 17, was walking into his house when he heard a high-pitched whistle. Looking up Lenox Hill, adjacent to his house, he saw a silvery oval object slowly descending toward the hilltop. It had a rim of soft white light around its perimeter and a dome-like protrusion on top. After hovering momentarily just above the hilltop, the UFO dropped behind shrubbery and appeared to land. The maneuver took about 3 minutes.

Badly frightened, Pratt ran in the house and told no one what he had seen because he feared ridicule. Later he confided in a friend and the report leaked out. Pratt was extremely reluctant to be interviewed by NICAP member Raymond Fowler, and did so only after he learned others had reported similar sightings that night.

During his investigation, Mr. Fowler surveyed various establishments around Lenox Hill searching for additional witnesses. He located a nurse at a nearby nursing home on Lenox Hill who had been on duty that night, and heard an odd high-pitched whistling sound.

Unknown to Pratt at the time of his sightings, four boys in two separate locations in Littleton (about 30 miles to the west) observed a similar UFO at low altitude an hour earlier. They were interviewed by Raymond Fowler.

Three boys in a car noticed an object with body lights flying low over Littleton Common. They chased it to the outskirts of town, where it hovered with a "fluttering motion" over Porter Field. The UFO appeared silver-gray in color and had three pulsating lights—red on each end, white on top. A soft whining sound emanated from it.

From a window in his bedroom, a fourth boy independently saw the UFO hovering above the field. He had heard a horn blowing, looked out and saw the UFO outlined against the sky. After about a minute, the object moved off at high speed.

Meanwhile the boys who had chased the UFO got out of their car and started walking across the field toward it. Immediately the lights went out and the UFO sped away, disappearing over the tree-tops.

ADVISER PANEL ENLARGED

A Washington, D.C. science writer has been appointed to the NICAP Panel of Special Advisers. Don Berliner, assistant to the editor of Washington Science Trends (other publications: Bioastronautics Report, Space Propulsion and Radioisotope Report) will serve on the Aeronautics & Space Panel.

Mr. Berliner, who has a B.Sc. in Business Administration from Ohio State University, was a newspaper reporter and photographer for four years, including a weekly aviation column. He is a member of the Aviation/Space Writers Association, and the Experimental Aircraft Association. He has been a NICAP member since 1957, and has recently been assisting the headquarters staff with investigations and writing.

In accepting the appointment, he made the following statement: "Seventeen years of impressive sightings by highly skilled and reliable observers have convinced me that there are some very strange craft in our skies. The negative and completely unscientific attitude of the Air Force in its investigation of UFOs makes it imperative that NICAP do all in its power to convince Congress, the scientific community and the general public that there is a real need for a *serious scientific* study of this unique and apparently permanent phenomenon."

Also appointed to the Aeronautics & Space Section was Lt. Col. Howard C. Strand, Base Detachment Commander, 110th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, Michigan. During a recall to active duty in the 1951-1953 period, Colonel Strand had three encounters with UFOs, one "positive enough to make me a believer." In each case he was flying an F94B all weather interceptor. At that time he had about 1500-2000 flying hours. He has since accumulated a total of about 5600 hours—nearly 3000 hours in jets—and currently flies about 400 hours a year in B-57's and C-47's. The Air National Guard position is his full-time civilian occupation.

Colonel Strand stated, "UFOs have been observed by too many intelligent, competent observers to be a figment of the imagination or mistaken identity of other aerial or stellar objects... My own conclusion and belief is that UFOs are real and can come from no other source than another planet which has a civilization older than ours, or a civilization which has progressed at a faster rate than ours... I urge that Congress investigate UFOs and the military secrecy surrounding them."

Science & Technology

The Science & Technology Section of the Panel of Advisers also is being enlarged. Dr. Frederick P. Cranston, Jr., Associate Professor of Physics at Humboldt State College, California, has agreed to serve as a scientific adviser. Dr. Cranston served in the Army Air Force in the South Pacific during World War II. He holds a PhD degree in Physics from Stanford University, and was a staff member in Nuclear Physics for the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory from 1953 to 1963. He is a Major, U.S. Army Reserve, Chemical Corps (Nuclear Weapons Effects).

In accepting the NICAP position, Dr. Cranston made the following statement: "I first began studying the Unidentified Flying Object problem in the early 1950's. Both by my reading and by personal interviews with people who have observed UFOs, I have become convinced that things are being seen in the skies for which satisfactory explanations have not been given. I believe that there is a possibility that UFOs could be interplanetary. I believe that it is not sound public policy to classify information on UFOs and that any information which the Air Force has concerning the possible interplanetary nature of UFOs should be released. It seems almost certain to me that life can exist elsewhere in the universe. The United States should undertake a concerted effort to study UFOs as was recommended more than ten years ago by the Air Force panel of scientists. To the best of my knowledge this study has never even been commenced."

Dr. Fulton Koehler, Professor of Mathematics, Institute of Technology, University of Minnesota has agreed to serve in the Science & Technology Section. He holds a PhD in mathematics and has been a full professor since 1959, specializing in mathematics for science and engineering.

Additional appointments are expected shortly, and will be announced in future issues.

SPACE EXPLORATION & UFOs

In recent months there have been many scientific discoveries and new theories bearing on the possibilities of life in space. We believe these events will be of interest to NICAP members as background information for evaluation of the UFO mystery.

LIFE COMMON IN OUR GALAXY. "Planetary systems are far more abundant than we have so far suspected," Dr. Harrison Brown reported September 11. Dr. Brown of California Institute of Technology, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, reported the new theory in the September issue of *Science*. He also urged a greater effort to detect planets of nearby stars.

SPACE PROBES TO EARTH POSSIBLE. Addressing the British Association August 31, Dr. D. M. A. Mercer, lecturer in Physics at Southampton University suggested that probes from another planet already may have intercepted radio signals from earth and transmitted them back to another planet. Such a probe might also contain a message for us, he stated, and we should be alert to this possibility. Prof. W. T. Williams, botanist at Southampton University, said it was conceivable that man-like creatures might even exist in the oceans of liquid ammonia on Jupiter. He indicated he was prepared to accept creatures of almost any type or shape given only one thing—they would have to be large enough to contain a sufficiently big brain.

AIR FORCE STUDY SUPPORTS "NEARBY" LIFE. A recent study by the Air Force's Rand Corporation of possible life in space has been popularized in a new book: "Planets For Man," by Stephen H. Dole and Isaac Asimov (Random House, N.Y., \$4.95). The study concludes that we are on the threshold of contacting other sentient beings from space. Fourteen nearby stars are given a reasonable chance of possessing a habitable planet. A few of the stars listed as likely prospects are: Alpha Centauri A, Alpha Centauri B, Epsilon Eridani, and Ophiuchi A.

BIOLOGISTS URGE MARS PROBE. In a press release June 10, the American Institute of Biological Sciences reported they had made "an urgent appeal for NASA to include instruments capable of detecting extraterrestrial life on its earliest available Mars mission." Through an editorial in the June issue of *Bio-Science*, the organization stated: "As a scientific experiment, the search for extraterrestrial life should receive NASA's highest priority."

SPACE LIFE WITHIN RADIO RANGE. Addressing members of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) April 30, Dr. Bernard M. Oliver (vice-president in charge of research and development at the Hewlett-Packard Company, Salt Lake City) stated his belief that the density of life in space is such that some of it probably is within the present range of radio. Contact with life on other worlds "would have as profound an impact on our world culture as did the voyage of Columbus on the culture of the Old World," he said. Dr. Oliver, a past vice-president of the IEEE, urged a stronger effort to contact other life.

NEW EVIDENCE ON VENUS. Science Service reported April 25 the discovery of "direct evidence" of water vapor on Venus. Dr. John Strong of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, who said the discovery was made via an unmanned balloon flight high into the earth's atmosphere, stated it "forces us to re-examine every previous calculation made concerning the possibility of some sort of life existing on the planet." Dr. Strong charged that too many people have a "closed mind" concerning the existence of some form of life on Venus. He considers the question "wide open."

CORRECTION

In the previous issue we reported a sighting of three cigar-shaped UFOs June 24 near Kalispell, Montana. The direction of motion was erroneously reported as southwest. The objects were moving in an easterly direction at tree-top height, disappearing over the southeast horizon.

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Quite a few members of both Houses acknowledged receiving the Report, and indicated they had not had time to study it thoroughly but would do so at the first opportunity.

Radio-TV

Recent broadcasts discussing "The UFO Evidence" have included a two-hour program August 13 on WORC, Worcester, Mass., by NICAP member Victor Bass; a 45 minute discussion August 16 on WJLK, Asbury Park, N. J. by Dr. John Pagano, NICAP member; an editorial comment and report of NICAP's conclusions by station WWSW Pittsburgh, Pa., August 17. On September 17, Acting Director Richard Hall taped an interview at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) Washington offices to be broadcast on a Trans-Canada program.

Two members of the Chicago NICAP Affiliate appeared on a 55 minute telecast August 22 on WCIU-TV; and the Bay Area NICAP Subcommittee had a 30 minute program August 23 on KGO-TV, San Francisco.

In addition, many more stations have expressed varying degrees of interest in scheduling UFO programs. Your letters would encourage them to carry through the plans. They include WPEP, Taunton, Mass.; WBOS, Boston, Mass.; WOR, New York (The Amazing Randi program); WINR, Binghamton, N.Y.; WRAL, Raleigh, N.C.; WCUE, Akron, Ohio; WHIO, Dayton, Ohio; WRCV, Philadelphia, Pa.; WARM, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; WBZ, Boston; and KYW, Cleveland have had programs periodically.

Press Coverage

A Chicago Daily News Service story July 13, reprinted in many papers across the country, called the Report "...a rather remarkable document. If you are under the illusion that only nuts and kooks have seen flying saucers, give up the notion. Airline and military pilots, policemen, scientists and engineers are among those cited by name as having seen a UFO."

On July 22, the Medford (Oregon) Mail Tribune carried a long article referring to the "enormous number of well-documented sightings by observers of unimpeachable character" in the Report. News Editor Cleve Twitchell concluded by quoting the NICAP Board statement from the Introduction, "We find it hard to disagree with this statement," he said.

Also in July, an article in the Quincy (Mass.) Patriot Ledger termed the Report "the most exhaustive private study of UFOs ever undertaken... (NICAP's) findings are more apt to be taken seriously than would nearly all of the crackpot groups which abound in this field."

James Neilland, Washington Correspondent for the Long Branch (N.J.) Daily Record wrote September 3, "NICAP in its 200,000 word report on The UFO Evidence removes much of the doubt on the reality of vehicles from outer space...An all-out scientific investigation is definitely in order.."

One editor of a prominent southern newspaper wrote a NICAP member that "The UFO Evidence" is "an impressive report, and one that cannot be easily ignored." When asked for permission to be quoted by name, he declined.

Perhaps the strongest endorsement of the Report came from Walter Harmon, aviation editor for the Springfield (Mass.) Republican. In his column of August 2 Harmon said, "In our estimation, NICAP has proved its point. The Air Force should lift its veil of secrecy, make public its investigations and stop trying to kid the people."

General Response

Other indications of the attention the Report is receiving may be judged from this partial list of persons and agencies who have requested copies: The Defense Supply Agency, Pentagon; a high office in the Department of Defense; the Library of Congress, History and Government Section; the former Premier of a Euro-

Notices to Members

With this UFO Investigator, - on schedule as announced - over a thousand of you have received the six issues due for each \$5 membership. Please help us by sending your renewal checks without waiting for notices. We are short of help, and the forms may be delayed.

A blank Post Office change of address card, postmarked Tucson, Arizona, September 23 has been received at NICAP. Will the NICAP member who moved recently, or is moving shortly, please contact us.

As announced in a previous issue, the Connecticut NICAP Affiliate is collecting cancelled stamps and selling them to dealers as a means of raising funds for NICAP. Jan Aldrich, who handled the early phases of the project, recently reported the first sale and submitted a payment of \$17.00.

Please send stamps in any quantity to Mrs. Don K. Williams, Isinglass Hill Road, Portland, Conn. Cut off the corner of the envelopes and leave the stamps mounted on the paper. All funds derived by this means will be reported in future issues.

Note for Canadian members: For some time, our bank has charged 50¢ for each Canadian membership of \$5.00, because of the different rate of exchange. With the increase in Canadian memberships, we are unable to absorb this extra cost, and we shall appreciate your making your checks for \$5.50 when renewing or sending in new memberships. Thank you.

In a month, we will all be occupied with shopping and plans for the Christmas holidays. Before you become too busy, remember this: The UFO censorship is wrong, and dangerous. Please help in our fight against it. If we all do our utmost in the crucial weeks ahead, we will win this fight and end UFO secrecy for good.

Also, please do all you can to spread knowledge of "THE UFO EVIDENCE." Order a copy for a Christmas gift, or urge friends to purchase. Based on a seven year investigation, the NICAP Report lists and analyzes UFO sightings by observer categories and patterns. Copies are available at \$5.00 each, postpaid. (Book Rate mail; allow one week to eastern U.S., two weeks to west coast). Make check or money order payable to: NICAP.

Additional copies of this and recent back issues of the UFO Investigator are available to members only at 50¢ each, 5 for \$2.00. Please give copies to your local newspaper editor, radio and TV newscasters.

Certain pseudo-religious cultists and known frauds are trying to use the NICAP Report to publicize false claims. We must again make plain that we are unalterably opposed to all such persons whose wild, unsupported tales of trips with spacemen have hurt serious investigators. Except for this, we do not concern ourselves with members' religions - most of the genuine faiths are represented in NICAP.

Nor do we concern ourselves as to members' political parties. However, this does NOT apply to the Soviet-controlled Communist Party, the American Nazi Party, or any other group trying to destroy our free form of life and government. Our struggle against unwarranted secrecy springs from patriotic motives, and we will not accept known enemies of this country. We are sure you will all agree.

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