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PILOTS EXPERIENCE MID AIR DRAMA WITH UFO

RADAR UNABLE TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH UFO

NICAP has been working in conjunction with the National Enquirer in order to get as many facts regarding this bizarre incident as possible. Through these joint efforts we have been able to uncover facts and obtain statements from very professional witnesses that will force the most confirmed UFO skeptic to ask some questions about the validity of his beliefs.

The entire episode began on Tuesday, October 23, 1973, at 2:26 a.m. with a sighting by pilots, controllers and numerous other witnesses. The Department of Public Safety in San Antonio had been literally inundated with telephone calls from very nervous and anxious citizens who claimed to have seen a bright red ball of light as it moved silently across the night sky. Evidentially due to the red tape and publicity, the pilots were silent until now regarding the sighting.

Mr. Jim Stevens, the air traffic controller at the San Antonio International Airport for more than five years, described what happened that night as follows. His first indication of something unusual occurring was when the Department of Safety telephoned to inform him of the number of calls that they had received regarding a UFO in the vicinity of the airport.

Stevens stated that he scanned the sky for some time and was just about to dismiss the report as being "figments of the imagination" when he happened to glance to the West of the airport. "There it was. An eerie, brilliant red ball of light. I was glued to my seat. I just couldn't move. I had never seen anything like it

before." Stevens began to watch it through a pair of binoculars. He described the object's size as "being approximately as large as our first space capsules. Only round like a ball."

"The object would light up for a second and then switch off for maybe 4-5 seconds and then it would quickly go on and off a couple of times and then light up for maybe a whole minute. The object was totally erratic. There was no pattern to the lighting. Suddenly about 30 seconds after first sighting the object, it stopped and hovered about a mile from the airport. There was nothing showing on the radar screen. I was stunned." After the object hovered for about a minute as if it were wondering what to do next, it began to move. This time it changed direction and began climbing to the Northwest. Its movement completely ruled out the possibility of being a

balloon, because the prevailing wind was 8 or 9 knots from the Northwest. No balloon could travel against the wind.

Mr. Stevens noticed about this time that two 727 jets came into the area. One was from Eastern Airlines and the other was a Braniff International returning to San Antonio's airport with passengers aboard. Stevens radioed the Eastern pilot and asked if he could see the object from his position. The UFO was 4 miles away from him at this point. At first the pilot Jerry Noyes couldn't see anything, but then as he descended to 3,500 feet and turned onto his final approach course, suddenly he spotted it.

Noyes could see it clearly about 1,500 feet off his left wing. Noyes radioed back to Stevens and said, "It's huge. I don't know what the hell it is." As the Eastern pilot flew under it, the Braniff pilot came

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Eastern Airlines Pilot Capt. Jerry Noyes at the controls.

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on the radio and said he was going to try and get a closer look at the object.

The Braniff pilot came across and flew above it. The two pilots had the object in a sandwich situation for a few seconds, when suddenly it began to accelerate downward at a tremendous speed—faster than any jet could ever begin to do.

The traffic controller, Jim Stevens, noticed that his radar had then picked up the object. Suddenly it disappeared from the screen. "It can't be explained as to why the radar should suddenly cease to get a return signal on the object. Radar will pick up anything flying—birds, balloons, meteorites, etc."

The controller continued to trace the object with his binoculars. It suddenly stopped moving. It hung in mid air for about a minute and then began a rapid descent. A red light started flashing on and off very quickly. It looked as though it were going to crash to the ground. But suddenly at 1,500 feet the light went out and then nothing. The object had vanished.

After landing, one of the pilots came up to the control tower and told Stevens that he couldn't believe what had happened. He knew it wasn't a plane or balloon. His description was that it was a huge, deep red ball which pulsated at irregular intervals.

Stevens agreed with the pilot and stated that with all his years of training

and experience he simply couldn't identify it. "The whole thing was totally baffling. I've never seen a UFO but I'm convinced that I've seen one now."

A San Antonio police patrolman, Wayne Davis, 44, was on duty when he received a call on his radio to go to the airport and investigate a UFO sighting. Patrolman Davis interviewed the two pilots, the controller, and the airport security guard. The reports were all identical and all four men were obviously shaken from the experience.

Due to FAA passenger regulations, the pilots could not go any closer to the object and even after all these months, the pilots still think back to the night of October 23 when on an ordinary flight mission this strange occurrence left them all in wonderment.

EXTRATERRESTRIAL VISITATION?

JOHN L. ACUFF, *President*

Due to the nature of UFOs, as described in the strongest reports, the theory of extraterrestrial origin would seem promising. What are the strong points of this theory? What are the weak points? A book length article could be written on the subject, but in "The UFO Investigator," we can only summarize for your comment.

A compilation of strong cases can lead to a composite UFO being formed. The UFO is usually disk-shaped with a dome or protrusion on top. It has maneuverability and speeds that cannot be matched by a product of our technology. It interacts with our instruments such as radar and cameras and, therefore, seems to be a solid object. Its movements are not random. It seems to move with purpose as though it were being controlled.

Using this data as a starting point and accepting the data as being accurate, one could start formulating a theory of origin. Could the UFO be a product of classified government (U.S.A. or Foreign) technology? This would be highly unlikely. In the history of scientific development and resulting technology, there has never been a "break-through" of the magnitude seen when comparing the UFO to conven-

tional aircraft. Even when comparing scientific advances of technological countries, we see a fairly prompt "catching up" with advances by competing countries. A more pragmatic reason for rejecting an origin for UFOs in classified government research is the difficulty in imagining any country having a craft with performance characteristics of a UFO and not using it as part of their weapon system.

A technologically advanced civilization has been theorized as being hidden here on, or in, planet Earth. This would seem highly unlikely since the probability for some other contact would be fairly high. This theory cannot be completely ruled out, but it seems weak.

The possibility of UFOs being a natural occurring, but unidentified, atmospheric phenomena has been discussed. This is possible, but again would seem unlikely due to the solid nature of UFOs and what seems to be a purposeful maneuvering object.

If we rule out these theories of origin, it would seem that extraterrestrial origin would deserve consideration.

There is little remaining doubt that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the

universe, although it is doubtful that intelligent life (as we know it) could exist elsewhere in our solar system. Exobiologists theorize that within our galaxy there should be between 50,000—200,000 planets capable of supporting humanoid life. In addition to our galaxy, which contains over one billion "suns", there are about one billion other galaxies (which also should have a similar number of life supporting planets) known to make up our universe. Some are larger than ours and some are smaller. (See page 3—*New Galaxy Discovered*)

The probability that intelligent life exists elsewhere reaches infinite proportions. Then why not just accept the theory of UFOs having extraterrestrial origin? It's a long trip even from our nearest neighboring star.

The closest star to our star (Sun) is about 4 1/3 light years away. That distance doesn't sound like a very large number until you realize that a light year is the distance light can travel in a year's time and that light travels over 186,000 miles in one second. The distance overwhelms the mind.

One way of understanding the distance to our nearest neighbor is to imagine that

you could buy a ticket that would take you 1,000 miles away for the cost of one cent. For a little less than three cents, you could travel from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco. You could go to our Moon for less than \$300. A trip to our Sun would cost about \$96,000. *But* a trip to our nearest neighboring sun would cost \$260,000,000.

TRAVEL PROBLEMS

Since Einstein's theories tell us that the speed of light is as fast as anything can travel, extraterrestrial origins of UFOs presents a problem. How could "they" reach us? We could speculate that Einstein was wrong. A somewhat risky speculation since most of modern physics is based on his theories. However, we learn more each day and it would be "foolhardy" to think that we now know everything there is to know. If the speed of light could be exceeded the time necessary for a trip would not be such a barrier.

If we are right in our evaluation of the laws of the universe, the proof of the theory that UFOs are of extraterrestrial origins would seem to lie in one of two areas, i.e., we are dealing with an intelligent civilization which (1) has learned to travel by a means other than accelerating a vehicle through normal space, or (2) has a life span far greater than ours which, combined with advanced technology, would make a round trip of 10-15 years seem relatively short in comparison to such a lengthy trip by someone with our average life span.

UFOS OBSERVED BY EIGHT POLICEMEN

During the early morning hours of Sunday, August 12, two New Hampshire policemen notified their headquarters of a saucer-shaped object flying just above a row of trees. The craft contained red, white, blue, and yellow lights and came within one hundred yards of the patrol car before turning on its side and retreating. It was an elliptical shape with a dome on top of it and about thirty to fifty feet in diameter, according to one officer.

Within thirty minutes the two patrolmen were joined by three more officers and a deputy. The six men then viewed two other objects several miles away flying in a triangle formation with a

GOLDEN LIGHT HOVERS NEAR NICAP HEADQUARTERS

On a clear moonlit night in July, 1974, Mr. David Walsh, 25, a photo journalist, witnessed a gold sphere of light which seemed to have a definite shape and had controlled mobility. Mr. Walsh claimed that the object was about 3-4 times brighter than any planet or star. The sighting occurred in a residential area near Kensington, Maryland.

The UFO was observed by the witness for 15 minutes. The sighting took place at 9:00 p.m. The object remained stationary for a time before disappearing at an incredible speed. The UFO left no visible trail or smoke. The brightness changed periodically during the sighting. There was no sound connected with the craft.

Two friends of the witness also viewed the object and their descriptions matched the report that Mr. Walsh had given to NICAP.

Mr. Walsh exclaimed, "it was unlike anything I've ever seen—bizarre and slightly frightening."

Mr. Walsh revealed to NICAP that he had seen the same object or something identical to it at his cousin's house in Gaithersburg, Maryland, on July 17th. This sighting was approximately 2-3 weeks after the first sighting: Gaithersburg is approximately 13 miles from Kensington.

This time, the object was much brighter and closer to the earth than the previous sighting.

closer saucer. Still a fourth flew independently out of the trees and over the heads of the lawmen.

Two additional police, who had been notified of the phenomenon, observed three flying, multi-colored objects from an unobstructed view in a shopping center lot. Other persons who had arrived to pick up Sunday morning newspapers for delivery also reported the sighting.

At one point during the viewing time several police car lights were flashed at the UFOs and the officers present noted that the objects appeared to signal in return.

NEW GALAXY DISCOVERED

Three international scientists working together in the Netherlands stated they have discovered a celestial object six times greater in size than any previously known in the universe. They had been working with Holland's Westerbork radio telescope which aided their discovery.

The astronomers, American Richard G. Strom, Canadian Anthony G. Willis, and Englishman Andrew Wilson, describe the object as a radio optical galaxy. Its length is 18 million light years and is located 1.8 billion light years from Earth.

The object was designated 3C 236 and is composed of an optical galaxy, i.e., a group of stars which emit visible light at the center with enormous radio components consisting of gas which spreads like a giant propeller.

Strom stated that the galaxy 3C 236 is larger than those which make up our Milky Way. It's large enough to appear bigger in the sky than a full moon if the eye could see it.

The gaseous radio components are composed mainly of protons and electrons which move at incredible speeds in a magnetic field.



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"THE UTAH UFO DISPLAY" by Dr. Frank Salisbury was offered to NICAP members in the July-74 issue of "The UFO Investigator." NICAP's shipment of books was scheduled for mid July by the publisher. The books have not yet been received by NICAP and the publisher informs us that the expected release date is now to be the last week in September.

Those members who have ordered "The Utah UFO Display" at the NICAP discount price of \$6.95 can expect to receive their copy by early October. Members who have not yet taken advantage of this special offer are encouraged to mail their checks to NICAP today.

NICAP has approximately 100 copies of "UFOs Interplanetary Visitors" by Raymond Fowler remaining in stock. This book can be shipped at once upon receipt of your order accompanied by your check for the NICAP discount price of \$7.90.

International Advisory

MYSTERIOUS FRAGMENT FOUND IN SWEDEN MAY BE FROM OUTER SPACE

Sixteen years ago in Stockholm, Sweden, two men were driving along a highway when their car engine died. Suddenly a UFO dropped from the sky and landed on the road in front of them. They reported that it covered the whole road and part of the ground on both sides; the object remained stationary for several minutes before rising and disappearing. Both men got out of the car to examine the landing site and found the air sultry and the grass trampled. Further investigation turned up a tiny metallic object which one of the men described as "very warm and heavy for its size—about twice as big as a matchbox. It was triangular-shaped and had smooth sides."

The object was turned over to a metallurgist who failed to identify it. From there it was sent to three different labs in Sweden where it was tested without any conclusive results. After baffling scientific experts for years, a small piece of the metal was sent to the U.S. for study.

Preliminary tests, according to Dr. James Harder, professor of engineering at Berkeley, have shown that "there's a better than even chance that the metal is extraterrestrial. The composition isn't strange to us—we're familiar with all of its elements. But its density is extremely unusual. It's an extremely hard substance—the only thing known to us which would be harder would be diamonds."

The substance is now undergoing tests which could determine whether or not the fragment came from outer space.

FRENCH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE BAFFLED BY SIGHTING

For the first time ever the French police have confirmed a UFO sighting in the central part of the country which occurred several months ago. The chief of the Ouzoues-sur-Loire Gendarmerie,

SIGHTING ADVISORY

Preliminary information on new reports. Details and evaluations will be published when available.

July 16, 1974 — Nova Scotia. Mr. Ernest Bugley, his wife, and two other witnesses, observed 4 objects, which were extremely bright, hover and dart over the Amherst marshes. "There were 3 blue ones and a red one," claimed Mrs. Bugley. "The red one stayed higher in the air but the blue ones would spin around, swirl down toward the ground and then go back up." The entire sighting lasted over an hour. Then the UFOs seemed to drift off and disappear.

July 4 — Olney, MD. Bonnie Abigail reported to NICAP that on this clear day at approximately 8:30 PM she had just gotten into her car when she felt compelled to get back out and look up into the sky. As she did, she viewed a gray metallic craft moving slowly over nearby trees and making an extremely loud whipping sound, similar to a high wind. She ran to get her family from a nearby house, but by the time all reappeared, the object had become only a small dot in the atmosphere.

June 21 — Peru, IN. Mrs. Robert Quick was on a sundeck about 1:00 AM checking for weather damage from a recent storm when she noticed a bright light which hovered and then moved quickly across the sky, making no noise. The sheriff's department was notified and a state trooper reported following the object, but he was unable to determine what it was. Grissom AFB was also alerted but did not report anything unusual on this night.

Henri Gauthier, made the announcement to American newspapers stating, "I've never seen anything like it in my thirty years on the force."

He reported that two ladies came into the police station urging that officers come outside to witness strange phenomena in the sky. Outside they viewed flashing lights moving slowly toward the southeast in absolute silence. There were three red lights and one brilliant white light. The policemen watched for ten minutes when the lights finally disappeared into the trees.

M. Gauthier remarked, "They were moving much slower than an airplane and could not have been a helicopter." Another witness, who viewed the UFO from her home, independent of the others, spoke of her experience, "It was only sixty to ninety feet above me, oval-shaped, about sixteen feet long and eight feet wide. It was eerie." An official spokesman for the Ministry of Defense made the following statement, "This is a very positive sighting. We're studying the report carefully. It is the first time the gendarmes (police) have actually sighted a

UFO." He further emphasized that credibility and reliability of Chier Gauthier added increased importance.

AUSTRALIAN SIGHTINGS CONTINUE

Two high school boys finishing their nightly milk deliveries in Murray Bridge, Australia, were among the latest witnesses to add their experiences with a UFO several weeks ago. They spotted an object which had a large light shining from it which rotated. The boys watched it streak silently along the sky before it vanished. "I couldn't tell for sure what it was, but it was certainly travelling much too fast for a plane and it did not have a tail light as planes do—it was just one huge orange light," said the older boy.

Several days earlier (April 18, 1974), a Coonabarabran man and two sixteen year olds were fishing when they noticed an object flying toward them. The man summoned police and told them that the object resembled a large luminous letter H with bars across the center. It was silent. The three witnesses watched the UFO for several minutes before swooped out of sight.