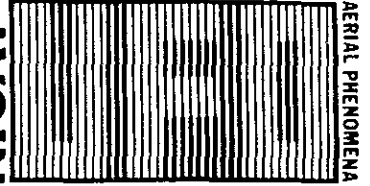


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UFO - AUTOMOBILE ENCOUNTER

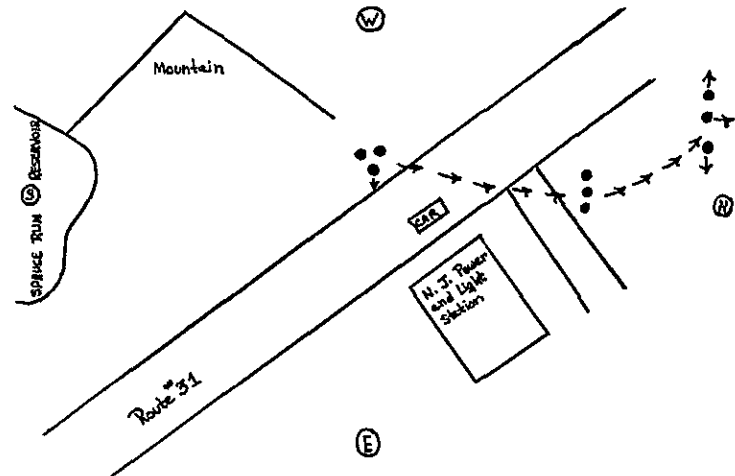
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pilon and their ten year old daughter observed three large unidentified objects on an evening in January 1974. The Pilons were in route from their home in Flemington, N.J. to the town of Washington, New Jersey. They were travelling on N.J. Rt. #31 passing through Spruce Run, when they observed the three objects approaching their automobile from the direction of a mountain range located ahead of them. At first, they thought the object was an aircraft, but they shortly realized, that it was unlike any aircraft they had ever seen. The object appeared to be on a collision course with their automobile. They were so large and so close, that Pilons and the occupants of the two autos behind them stopped and pulled off the highway in preparation for the occupants to leave the cars.

The lights were in a triangular position, when suddenly all three objects simultaneously broke formation when making a 45° turn, and within seconds were many miles away. The three lights were still visible to the witnesses, but the craft positions had changed from triangular to a layered appearance as shown in the diagram, provided by the Pilons.

The Pilons further stated, that as the lead object passed over the car, it's glow intensified greatly. The object shot upward at a very high rate of speed. One light changed from a definite white to a very blurred glow. The UFOs remained visible in this position for approximately, four to five seconds. At this point, again simultaneously, each object took different directions. One went to the north, one to the west, and the third to the east.

The witnesses described the size of the strange phenomena as being about that of a large airliner. There was no sound reported emitting from the unidentified objects.

Another very interesting point is the fact that the original sighting was made near a large power station. NICAP has on



file many well substantiated cases where the craft have been seen hovering near power plants, power lines, and other power sources. Scientists, researchers, and investigators have speculated that this position could be deliberate rather than coincidental to restore the UFO's with needed energy.

NICAP's Regional Investigator, Ernest Jahn, interviewed the Pilons quite intensely in trying to uncover a possible conventional explanation, but to no avail. This is the approach NICAP takes with all UFO reports. To first eliminate anything

conventional and then if there is still no explanation, as with the Pilon case, NICAP resources are applied with the help of the FAA, police, scientists, etc., to try and arrive at a conclusive evaluation.

It was determined that there were no weather balloons or aircraft in the vicinity. This report will remain in the unknown category based on the evidence available to us.

The Pilons a year later remain shaken by their observation, and yet very curious as to what they had seen.

ARE CANADIAN FARMERS BEING VISITED BY EXTRATERRESTRIALS?

NICAP has been receiving reports and numerous phone calls from the Sask., Canada area regarding objects landing in rural areas and frightening farm workers. The re-occurring objects have caused farmers to be extremely leery of working the fields alone.

Edwin Fuhr, thirty-six, had been working in his fields operating a swather on September 1, 1974 fifty feet from where Fuhr claimed he saw an eleven foot diameter saucer shape object land.

Fuhr got down from the swather and walked to within fifteen feet of the object. He then realized the grass was moving near the object but there was no sound coming from the craft. "I watched it for about two minutes and noticed the whole thing was turning." Fuhr backed away. When he returned to the swather; he noticed there were four other similar objects to the left of him.

"I was terrified. I froze. I couldn't do

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anything." All five objects emerged straight up after staying approximately fifteen minutes. Fuhr reported there was a grey vapor coming from underneath the craft and a strong wind. The craft were completely out of sight within two minutes.

Fuhr went to the landing spot immediately to examine the area. He felt *the grass for warmth. There was nothing to feel and no odor of any sort.* The only remaining evidence was the fact that the grass was matted and flattened in five areas—all eleven feet in diameter.

RCMP Constable Ron Morier interviewed Edwin Fuhr and also conducted an investigation of the landing site. Morier is convinced that the report was not hoaxed due to the fact that the witness' testimony concurred with the original report and findings.

Edwin Fuhr has been interviewed on radio and television in Canada regarding his experience and continues to remain consistent in his claims and obviously is shaken by the incident.

NBC's UFOs:

DO YOU BELIEVE?

As previously announced in the July and November 1974 UFO INVESTIGATOR, on December 15, 1974 NBC presented a UFO documentary.

The program consisted primarily of witnesses that thought they had seen a UFO. A majority of the one hour special was devoted to Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker who are the Pascagoula, Miss., fishermen that claimed to have been taken aboard a UFO. Their particular sighting was one of the most widely publicized sightings to date.

NICAP worked in conjunction with NBC's director Craig Leake and staff in putting together this special program. However, many of the stronger cases do not have a sensational public appeal, and for the most part these cases were not included.

NICAP along with two other smaller UFO research organizations were mentioned in order to make known to the American public that investigation and research continues without government support. The primary goal for this work is

that one day we will have an answer to the many presently unanswerable questions that the initials "UFO" denotes.

The UFO researchers need and want more intelligent, factual reporting from programs such as NBC's documentary and from the news media. With this type of support, instead of "sensational" type exposure, the UFO research groups will continue to gain the confidence and credence they so rightly deserve.

UFO FOLLOWS AIRLINER

NICAP recently received a report from a witness in Palatine, Ill. on a sighting which occurred on June 29, 1973. The reason for the delay in reporting this unusual observation was the witness, Mr. Peter Sarrenti, did not know where to report his sighting until now.

Mr. Sarrenti was sitting on his front porch relaxing after having been on a long walk. At approximately 8:30 p.m., the witness's attention was attracted by the sound of a four engined jet aircraft. The cause for Mr. Sarrenti's curiosity was the abrupt entrance of the aircraft into his field of view. Another unusual point regarding the pilot's entry was that usually aircraft approaching O'Hare field most always use two distinctive routes. One is from the east making a long, wide turn just west of Palatine, or from the northwest, going directly southeast in long, level and gradual descent patterns. However, this was not the case with this particular aircraft. The airliner was descending rapidly from a very high altitude at a sharp, unusual angle.

As the witness was watching the plane's strange flight characteristics, he observed a round, dull, greyish colored object trailing or tracking the jetliner. This startling observation lasted for several seconds. Suddenly, the UFO ceased it's chase of the airliner. The object hovered and then began to drift very slowly, but with direction toward the east. Mr. Sarrenti was able to observe the UFO for about ten seconds before the object disappeared into the cloud cover.

The witness has two regrets regarding this incident. First, that he was never able to speak with the pilot of the jetliner. Secondly, that he was unable to get the tracking occurrence recorded on film. Due to the passage of time between the date of the sighting and the date NICAP received the report; locating of other witnesses including the pilot is an almost impossible task.

SIGHTINGS CONTINUE BY POLICE OFFICERS

SAVANNAH, GA.—Patrolman Robert G. Christian observed a light in the sky southwest of Savannah, Ga., which came to his attention because of its erratic movements. The time was 3:45 a.m. when patrolman Sgt. J.A. White, who was called to the scene by Christian. Sgt. White stated that "the light moved, stopped momentarily, and then disappeared." This report occurred shortly after a statewide lookout was posted by police after several similar observations were seen in Dawson, Ga. This lookout was sent by statewide teletype at 3:02a.m. after two UFOs were reported as being seen leaving a large open field near the town of Smithville, which is located, northeast of Dawson, Ga. Similar reports came from DeKalb and Fulton counties. The observations were described as being very bright and changing in color from a yellowish hue to bluish white and bluish purple.

SARATOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK—

The state police from upstate New York reported that there had been innumerable sightings of flying objects in the area on the evening of Aug. 20, 1974. The sergeant that saw them stated he was convinced that they were simply small planes with their lights turned off. However, a desk sergeant at the Loundonville headquarters stated they had been witnessed by at least three units of his patrolmen. The sergeant admitted that a UFO sighting usually brings much skepticism; but added, "it had to be something unconventional; when you hear a guy you've worked with for thirteen years say, 'hey, it's stopped—it's turning around—it's going the other way.'"

The officers that witnessed the observation stated that there was no noise connected with the sighting, but the patrolmen said the object was silent. The troopers were in contact with one another during this series of events and were reporting different colors. Some were said to have been red while others reported red and green.

After further investigation, many possible explanations were uncovered. Radar control at Albany County Airport showed a few targets in the area, but none of which would arouse suspicion. Unidentified radar reflections could appear from a large flock of birds, private planes which have not reported to the airport, or even weather balloons. The

weather station services stated that they had sent a balloon up on that particular evening.

LOCK HAVEN, PA.—The episode began at 8:30 p.m. on the evening of October 6, 1974 when Detective Keith Eichenlaub phoned the police department to report a flashing, non-mobile object in the western sky.

Police observed the object with binoculars and reported that it possessed bright red, green, and white flashing lights.

A spokesman from the Williamsport Airport speculated that what the policeman had been viewing could have been an in-flight fueling of an airplane. The patrolmen and Detective Eichenlaub all rejected the airport's explanation because the object was moving at a speed too slow for airplanes. (see Sighting Advisory-Kenneth Sq., Pa.)

FAA CONTROL TOWER EMPLOYEE SIGHTS UFO

Recently an FAA control tower employee contacted NICAP with an observation he had made. Because of the nature of the witness's employment, he does not wish to have NICAP use his name in conjunction with this report.

In June 1974, the controller was on duty at the Fort Smith Arkansas Municipal Airport. The weather conditions were perfect for viewing, with no clouds, haze, or smog in the area. It was approximately 5:30 a.m. when the witness happened to look toward the northwest where he observed a large, "reddish-orange," brilliant light. The light remained in the same location throughout the sighting and did not appear to be moving.

The object was visible for ten minutes. The witness described the globular shaped object's size to be that of an automobile. The distance was estimated to be three quarters of a mile away. The FAA employee observed the object with binoculars.

The witness was forced to look away from the UFO to attend to other matters in the tower, and when he looked back for the light, it was gone.

This FAA witness has been employed in tower observation work for twenty-five years and is familiar with all types of planes, balloons, inversions, etc., but he stated that he had never seen anything of this nature before.

IS THE GOVERNMENT BLOCKING INVESTIGATIONS?

On December 12, 1974, NICAP received a telephone call from a retired Air Force Sergeant reporting an unusual experience. The conversation began with, "I'm so discouraged. I hope that NICAP can help."

The sergeant is employed as a civilian radar technician at NASA's California Station Goldstone Complex. He is a member of NASA's Space Network Tracking Team A, Deep Space Station #2.

The episode began on December 8, when the sergeant was on duty at the complex preparing to track space probe Helios Alpha that was scheduled to be launched from Cape Kennedy at 11:16 p.m. The launch was declared, "scrubbed" due to a technical problem and weather conditions. This postponement brought the sergeant's duties to an end. He departed the station a few minutes after midnight.

At 12:12 a.m. while riding away from Echo Station, he was looking back toward the station (in a north-westerly direction) when he observed something coming in from the west at an altitude of approximately 10°. His attention was drawn to this area by a large mass of ionized air, which was glowing with a bright green hue. This ionized air was being pushed by a very large object. The object itself was not glowing, but was moving at a very high velocity. The glow was first noticed when the object was at an estimated altitude of approximately 5,000 feet. The object impacted northeast of Echo Station creating a loud sound and a flash of light so bright that the entire area was momentarily bathed in white light. The point of impact was hidden from the observer by a slight rise in the terrain. It was estimated to be on or very near the base, which covers an area of approximately 100 square miles.

The sergeant reported this incident verbally (within one minute of the occurrence) to the Goldstone Security Guard. "This is when my discouragement began," stated the witness. The Goldstone Security gave the sergeant no encouragement that the incident would be investigated. He then drove to Barstow, Ca., and reported it to the sheriff at 1:05 a.m. The sheriff was most cooperative and wanted to conduct an investigation immediately.

The witness then continued on to his hometown of Victorville where he went to the sheriff's substation requesting that a helicopter search be conducted. The civilian authorities were willing to conduct such a search. The sergeant then telephoned Professor Ralph McKinley who is on the staff of Victor Valley Community College as a geology instructor. He informed the sergeant that it was of most importance to recover the object immediately in order to minimize the possibility of contamination by the Earth's atmosphere. The men promptly tried to reach the director of the Goldstone Complex, and after futile attempts finally reached the number three men in charge. This individual was quite irritated that the sergeant and Professor McKinley disturbed him in the middle of the night. He "brushed off" the men by saying that if a plane had crashed, they would have received a "May Day," but otherwise would not conduct an investigation. Base personnel seemed to be blocking all attempts to investigate.

The sergeant arrived home at 5:30 a.m. totally frustrated and exhausted by his attempts to have an investigation conducted. Upon his arrival at work that evening, he was reprimanded severely by his supervisor for reporting the incident to outside authorities. The supervisor stated that "a patrol of the base roads was made one hour after the report. Nothing was observed, therefore, nothing happened."

Since the time of the sighting, Steven Takacs NICAP's Regional Investigator has been working with the sergeant in trying to institute an investigation of the area. As of this writing, the case continues to remain open because of the block by government officials.

Speculation by NICAP regarding the nature of the object is that a meteorite may have been seen by the witness. However, if a meteorite was involved a glow immiting from the object itself should have been observed. Whether a meteorite or a UFO was involved is not relevant. In this case, a private citizen was attempting to assist private researchers, and received absolutely no cooperation from government officials. It is a sad state of affairs when scientific research is hampered by official indifference.

NICAP will continue to investigate and will hopefully have more complete information in a future newsletter.

FEEDBACK / Readers write

Dear Mr. Acuff:

An interesting article "The Mysteries of Machu Picchu" by Sergio Ortiz appears in the Fall 1974 issue of "Probe the Unknown".

The article poses the question "Did Incas worship ancient astronauts?", and includes the following quote:

"According to legend, the founder of the Empire, Manco Capac was born -- or first landed on Earth -- on a verdant island of Lake Titicaca. . . ."

It seems to me that this legend serves to complement my recent article "A Prehistoric Landing Site" (in the January-March 1974 issue of UFO Quarterly Review). Certainly the relative locations of the Nazca Plain and Lake Titicaca are compatible with the proposition that the Nazca Plain was an overflowed region during landing operations in the Lake Titicaca area for vehicles approaching from the West to take advantage of the Earth's rotation about its axis.

In studying the cast-gold artefacts from Colombia, South America, considered by Sanderson to resemble supersonic aircraft (Ivan T. Sanderson, "Invisible Residents", Avon Books, 1973) I have developed a judgment that they more closely resemble one-way supply vehicles from orbit ("Golden Models of Ancient Spacecraft?", presented at Fortfest 74, August 1974, to be published in the Proceedings). I offer the suggestion that the patterns of whorls and eddies shown on and around the wings of some of the artefacts indicate that the craft were observed on the surface of water.

The possibility I put forward for consideration here is that ancient astronauts landed on Lake Titicaca having come from one of the planets of our Solar System, and that one of its islands may have been used as an initial base for the kind of operations discussed in the fascinating article by Sergio Ortiz.

Sincerely,

S. W. Greenwood

SIGHTING ADVISORY

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

June 4, 1974—New York City, New York. At 6:25 p.m. (EST) a witness reported seeing a sharply outlined, dark disk with a tail-like appendage. The altitude of the object was estimated to be approximately 3,000 feet. The object appeared to remain stationary for five minutes before moving away.

September 13, 1974—Alexandria, Va. Mr. Jack Creasy while standing in his yard on an extremely cloudy evening observed a most unusual object. The witness described the size of the UFO as approximately thirty feet in diameter. Mr. Creasy stated that its movements were irregular and "flopped" in an up and down pattern. The speed was noted to be that of an airplane. The color was a dull white. The witness was able to observe this phenomenon for approximately two and one half minutes before it disappeared into a heavy cloud cover.

October 5, 1974—Kennett Square, Pa. On a clear starry night, a large white light appeared above tree-top level. Four witnesses observed the light commenting on the brightness and size of the light in relationship to the stars. Suddenly, as if someone turned a switch, the light went out. Approximately three minutes later, two lights appeared in the exact same location. Again, one light vanished without any movement. The second light remained motionless for approximately two minutes. The light began to ascend upward and then with precise movement, made a right angle turn. The object continued on a straight course at the speed of normal aircraft flying at the same altitude. As the object came closer to the witnesses, it was noted that there was a flashing red light. The witnesses continued to observe the light until it disappeared over the building. They stated that there were no running lights or noise connected with the observation.

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY

January 4, 1974—Epping, England. Reports had increased so dramatically during the months of December and January, that UFO enthusiasts have formed a group to make a special study of these observations for the town of Epping and surrounding areas.

One of the latest sightings was made by a young woman who observed an object and described it as a red pulsating ball. She jokingly stated, "there's a UFO," but then the object began to move with exact and controlled motion. The color began to change to a more opaque shade than it was originally. The UFO turned in a direction toward the witness and began to move with incredible speed. Suddenly, the object shifted and almost instantaneously was no longer visible by the witness.

January 14, 1974—Ontario, Canada. Three Ontario policemen witnessed an object streak across the sky at approxi-

mately 7:35 p.m. The officers' first impression of their observation was that of a ball of fire . . . then it split and became two separate objects. One "ball" followed the other in a northerly direction. The policemen estimated the distance of the objects to have been approximately five to six thousand feet high.

After further research had been conducted relative to the officers' sighting, a professor of astronomy explained that in many cases fireballs when observed by non-professionals usually turn out to be a meteorite. In this case, however, the astronomer did not see the object and therefore could not make a definite conclusion about the phenomenon that the policemen observed.



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