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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

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I would like to take special notice of Bob Gribble's gift of his newscutting collection and source notes for the years 1800-1996. Bob wanted his material out to good use and I will make every effort to do so. Many of Mr. Gribble's items form a vital part of this booklet, as they will, I'm sure, of subsequent booklets and any revisions of previous works.

Loren E. Gross

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DEDICATION

This history series is dedicated to the memory of Francis R. "Dick" Scobee of Cle Elum, Washington, Mission Commander of the space shuttle Challenger and a "shirt tail" relative on my Mother's side of the family.

WANTED:

Any material related to the summer 1947 flying saucer wave.

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It is suggested that anyone interested in UFOs pay a visit to the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library, Clarksburg, West Virginia. The papers of the late Gray Barker are available for inspection there.

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1 August. Bentleyville, Pennsylvania. (10:50 p.m.)

Stopped and then took off.

The local newspaper printed:

"Three Bentleyville residents reported seeing two 'flying saucers' over the community about 10:50 p.m. Monday. Owen McGinn, Andy Puskarich and Mary Puskarich said the objects were streaking across the sky, stopped for a 'few minutes' and then took off again in circles toward Monogahela.

'McGinn described the objects as about 15 inches in diameter, of a reddish metallic color and 'rather close to the earth.'" (I.)

2 August. NICAP hits back.

Aware that momentum for Congressional hearings was slowing, NICAP alerted the press to the fact that hush-hush Congressional talks about the UFO problem had been held already in spite of Air Force denials. NICAP quoted statements made by Rep. William H. Ayres (Republican-Ohio) to a Melvin V. Knopp in a letter written in January. The wireservices gave the NICAP press release a big play. (See clipping on page 2)

3 August. Rome, Italy. (no time)

City lights fail.

According to our source:

"At 2:25 a.m., a sudden brightness, like a huge explosion, illuminated the sky over Rome for about 3 seconds. Simultaneously lights in the city dimmed, failing completely in some areas. Dr. Angelo Corsi, a physician in Sgurgola, witnessed the phenomenon together with Prof. Alberto Ricci, mathematician Gino Turglia and Signor Quinto Bianchi. 'The skies -- said Dr. Corsi -- suddenly became intensely bright as if it were illuminated by an explosion; the light was violet-orange color. The whole area was so clear that it seemed to be daytime. Three seconds after the flash we heard an explosive noise. The car radio failed. All house and street lights failed. Afterwards a long whitish trail like a fan was seen in the skies.' In Naples, bus personnel working on electrical wires saw a huge illuminated sphere crossing the skies, leaving a colorful trail. The time was 2:30. In Rieti, at 2:22 a.m., a sergeant and some guards observed a yellow-green cigar-shaped object moving rapidly toward the southeast. The object, leaving a trail of fire, illuminated roads, mountains and houses for several seconds. A
HUSH-HUSH, HUH?

Flying Saucers Do Exist, Probe Hint

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (UPI) — A group which includes a former Central Intelligence Chief reported today that congressional committees have conducted super-secret hearings on "flying saucers" but have never made their findings public.

The claim was made by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), which insists the air force is withholding evidence which would prove that flying saucers actually exist. Retired Vice Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, who once headed the Central Intelligence agency, is a committee member.

The NICAP quoted a letter from Rep. William H. Ayres (Republican), Ohio, as proof that hush-hush congressional hearings had been held. An aide confirmed that Ayres wrote the letter last January to Melvin V. Knopp of West Richfield, Ohio.

CLASSIFIED—

The congressman said: "Congressional investigations have been held and are still being held on the problem of unidentified flying objects (UFO's). Since most of the material presented to the committees is classified, the hearings are never printed. When conclusions are reached, they will be released if possible."

The NICAP said this refuted air force claims that no congressional hearings had been held.

The air force says that thorough investigation has shown there is nothing to bear out claims that reported flying saucers are man-made or piloted. Officials contend that mysterious objects in the sky are natural phenomena such as strange cloud formations, northern lights or optical illusions.

"WITHHOLDING"—

The NICAP differs: Hillenkoetter and other board members issued a statement which said:

"From evidence—in NICAP's possession, it is clear the air force is still withholding information on unidentified flying objects—including sighting reports. We believe this policy to be dangerous. It makes it possible for the Soviet government to claim ownership of UFO's or flying saucers. Such a claim, especially at this time, might create a serious situation in this country."

The group, which includes Donald E. Kehoe who has written extensively on flying saucers, quoted Rep. Ralph H. Scott (Democrat), North Carolina, in support of the demand for more information.

Scott said: "The general public should be allowed information thus far known about flying objects except, of course, in the case where they might become unduly alarmed or panicked by such a revelation...

"If this information could be presented to the American people in such a way as to appeal to reason and not to emotion, I think it would be a good thing."
similar phenomenon was seen in Bari at about 2:30 a.m., and in several other places at about 2:00 a.m." (2.)

3 August. Russian threat hysteria. "Enslavement or atomic ruin."

An example of what the Air Force could use in its anti-hearings argument was the predictions of A. De Seversky who appeared on the Mike Wallace show six months after Keyhoe:

"Major Alexander P. De Seversky, military analyst and aviation pioneer said on August 3, on the Mike Wallace ABC program that the U.S. has three years to prepare to match Russia's armed strength or face possible enslavement or atomic ruin.

"The Russian-born former air ace and founder of Republic Aviation Corp. said this country has made very little progress in military prepareness since the Soviet sputniks were launched.

"He suggested the armed services stop their missile rivalry and become integrated into a single military force operating as part of a department of Air and Space.

"De Seversky said both the Truman and Eisenhower administrations assured the nation that the U.S. would never have to fear the Russians militarily; but then, he said, 'all of a sudden' Russia forged ahead first in the 'key' military system and then in rockets." (3.)

Early August. World Esperanto Congress.

At the beginning of August a member of an Australian UFO group, a Mr. John Matasin, attended the World Esperanto Congress in Mainz, Germany. There were thousands of delegates from all over the world at the gathering. Mr. Matasin gave a speech in Esperando introducing the subject of 'flying saucers.' The reaction was remarkable, especially from delegates from Communist nations where UFOs were a "non-subject." The reaction:

"Mr. Matasin got swamped with questions and correspondence immediately after his address. What was surprising, most of the enquirers were from Eastern European countries from the other side of the 'Iron Curtain.' These people begged for books on the subject of unidentified flying objects as they could not bring money out of their countries due to exchange restrictions." (4.)

4 August. Malmstrom AFB, Montana. (0515Z)

"Flying wing with no tail." (See official teletype message below)
"UFO" REF AFR 200-2 PAR 15 A. (1)

FLYING WING OR DELTA WING SHAPE (2) SIZE COMPARABLE TO A VOLLEYBALL
HELD AT ARMS LENGTH (3) BRIGHT SILVER COLOR (4) ONE (1) (5) N/A

(6) SOLID SHAPE WITH NO OPENINGS, NO PROPS, OR EXHAUST AND NO OTHER
CONVENTIONAL MEANS OF MOTIVATION VISIBLE (7) NO TAIL SECTION, NO
SMOKE OR EXHAUST TRAILS (8) IT HAD A VARIED PITCH WHISTLING SOUND
FADING AND THEN RISING IN PITCH ABOUT FIVE (5) SECONDS IN BETWEEN
RISE AND FALL OF THE PITCH. IT HAD A SUBDUED SOUND MUCH QUIETER
THAN A JET. (9) NONE B. (1) THE WHISTLING SOUND (2) 90 DEG,
DIRECTLY OVERHEAD (3) 30 DEG ANGLE UPON DISAPPEARANCE (4) A

STRAIGHT LEVEL COURSE (5) GRADUALLY TO THE NORTH (6) 30 SECONDS

C. (1) GROUND VISUAL (2) NONE (3) N/A D. (1) 0515Z (2) NIGHT

E. 47 DEG 31 MIN N 111 DEG 11 MIN W AIRCRAFT PARKING AREA
Malmstrom AFB, Montana F. (1) N/A (2) BEIJNARD G. BELL A/2C 29TH
FIS ROVING AIRCRAFT GUARD RELIABLE G. (1) CLEAR EXCEL VIS (2)


SR 260/40K 60H 270/25K EST (3) UNLTD (4) 30 MILES. (5) NONE

(6) NONE H. NON TEMPERATURE INVERSION I. NO SCRAMBLE ORDERED

J. NO AIRCRAFT TRAFFIC IN AREA K. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT SOME
UNCONVENTIONAL OBJECT WAS SIGHTED. ADC RADAR IN CLOSE PROXIMITY
TO FLIGHT PATH OF THE OBJECT DID NOT PICK UP THE OBJECT. APPROACH
CONTROL RADAR DID PICK UP AN UNIDENTIFIED TARGET FOR APPROX 4
SWEEPS. DESCRIPTION OF LIGHTS AND FLIGHT PATH WERE DIFFERENT THAN
LOCALLY ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED BY
BY OBSERVER. THERE IS NO GOOD EXPLANATION OF WHAT THE OBJECT
WAS. (5.)

5 August. Keeping tabs on NICAP.

Was Air Force Intelligence totally passive in its dealings with NICAP? We, at least, know that authorities were monitoring the Washington D.C. group by reading the organization's publication, The UFO Investigator. On August 4th Col. Gilbert of AFCIN-4E forwarded a NICAP publication to BLUE BOOK chief Major Tacker and attached a note with the following remarks:

"In accordance with established policies for AFCIN keeping your office informed of any developments and public relations matters which may reflect adversely on the Air Force, attached hereto is a bulletin from subject organization.

'On the assumption, based on previous experience, that your office will be asked to comment or provide an explanation regarding these charges attached are copies of pertinent material from the NICAP paper and the very recent case involving a Louisiana State Patrolman who alleges to have photographed subject UFOs.'" (6.)

5 August. Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. (9:30 p.m.)

"Now I believe in flying saucers." (See clipping on page 6)

5? August. Congressional hearing? Or was it a "study?"

In spite of all the apparent odds against it, a notice was sent to the Pentagon early in August announcing that Congressional hearings on UFOs would begin on August 7th! Evidently the earlier 'meeting' the Air Force had with Congressman John Henderson did not suffice. Rep. Henderson was on the Banking and Currency Committee and therefore not much of a threat to the military, but the hearing now being announced was being directed by the "Subcommittee on Atmospheric Phenomena, House Select Committee on Aeronautics and Space Exploration." One assumes these committee members would be better informed and motivated.

5? 6? August. Memorandum to the Under Secretary:

What follows is a memo on the hearings found in BLUE BOOK files (Retyped for better reading). The document states:

"MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Hearings on Unidentified Flying Objects.

1. This office has received informal notification that the Subcommittee on Atmospheric Phenomena, House Select Com-
Six People See Pumpkin-Size Flying Saucers

A bright, flashing object, the size of a big pumpkin was spotted in the sky last night by at least six district residents.

One of the sighters, Charles Habermehl, RR 3, Kitchener, said: "Now I believe in flying saucers. I've always thought people were only seeing falling stars until now."

She said the object flashed and left a trail as it moved slowly through the air.

The Wheelers and Mr. Habermehl agreed that the object hung for about four minutes in the sky above the hills. It made no noise. Slowly it dropped out of sight behind the line of trees on the hill.

Mr. Habermehl and a friend, Gerald Frederick, went behind the hill to investigate. But they could find nothing.

A Preston man, who did not reveal his name, said he and a friend also spotted the object as they drove home from a drive-in theatre.

"At first I thought it was a light on a tower. But then I saw it had no support," he said.

Mr. Habermehl and a friend, Gerald Frederick, went behind the hill to investigate. But they could find nothing.

"It was pulsating and gliding slowly across the sky," he said.

"It wasn't a meteorite or a satellite. I'm sure I would recognize any astronomical phenomenon like that."

"This thing was definitely manoeuvring," said the Preston man.

"I've always disbelieved the saucer sightings before, but now I'm not so sure."
mittee on Astronautics and Space Exploration, will commence hearings on 7 August 1958 at 1400 hours on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects. The Air Force has been request-ed to suggest witnesses who can testify on this subject.

2. It is understood that these hearings will continue for approximately three to four days during which time representatives from CIA and other organizations having an interest in this matter will be called to testify. These hearings will be conducted in executive session and the Subcommittee has specifically requested that no publicity be given to the hearings.

3. I have asked Assistant Secretary Horner to assume substantive responsibility for the development and presentation of the Air Force position in this matter to the Subcommittee.

W. P. Fisher
Major General, USAF
Director, Legislative Liaison."

6 August. Memorandum to the Assistant Chief of Staff.

A second memorandum contains further details (Retyped for better reading). This follow up memo states:

"SAFLL-3/Major Brower/mr/76813/5D9224/6 August 1958

File: 48-589-B

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Hearings on Unidentified Flying Objects.

1. This memorandum is being written in accordance with the provisions of HOI 11-57.

2. Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum addressed to the Under Secretary of the Air Force advising him of hearings by the Subcommittee on Atmospheric Phenomena, House Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration on the subject of unidentified flying objects. These hearings will commence at 1400 hours, 7 August 1958 and will continue approximately three to four days. The Air Force has been asked to testify on 8 August 1958. All hearings will be in executive session and the Subcommittee has specifically requested that no publicity be given to the hearings."
3. It is requested that your office designate an individual to serve as Staff Team Chief for these hearings as required by paragraph 4a(2) of HOI 11-57. In this connection, this office has worked in the past with Major James F. Byrne (AFCIN-X1). Major James Brower, extension 76813 will be the SAFLL representative.

W. P. Fisher  
Major General, USAF  
Director, Legislative Liaison."

8 August. An Air Force memorandum on the Friday session.

There is no way of knowing if the document tells us everything we need to know as the meeting was a closed secret session, unrecorded. This also means the document is the Air Force's version of events. Anything unflattering could have been glossed over or omitted.

One should note under point #5 McCormack announced that the Air Force's handling of UFO reports would not be investigated. What that did was give the military the right to say anything it wished and not be challenged. With McCormack in their pocket, and with some help from Dr. Sheldon, the Air Force breezed through the "UFO hearings," in fact the word "hearing" was crossed out in Air Force memos and the word "study" scribbled in:

"MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD 12 August 1958  
SUBJECT: Hearings on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO)  

1. On 8 August 1958, 1400 to 1600, AFCIN presented a briefing on the Air Force UFO program to the Subcommittee on Atmospheric Phenomena, House Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration (Space Committee)  

2. The AFCIN UFO briefing was presented in response to a memorandum from the director, Legislative Liaison (SAFLL) subject as above, dated 6 August 1958.  

3. Participating were:  
   Mr. Arcier, AFCIN-4X, principal witness.  
   Capt. Gregory, AFCIN-4E, witness.  
   Major Best, AFCIN-4E, technical consultant (geophysicist)  
   Major Byrne, AFCIN-X1, staff team chief.  
   Major Brower, SAFLL, Legislative Project Officer.  
   Major Tacher, SAFIS, public relations consultant.  

4. In attendance were:  
   Representative McCormack, Chairman of Space Committee.  
   Representative Natcher, Chairman of Sub-committee (Dy. D).
5. Opening remarks by Representative McCormack made it clear that the Air Force UFO program was not under investigation, rather the Committee was seeking additional information on upper space that would be helpful to the appropriate executive agency. The hearing was in closed secret session, unrecorded, names of witnesses to be held in confidence (this cannot be guaranteed since Congressmen are apt to inadvertently reference witnesses' statements).

6. Mr. Arcier as Chief spokesman reviewed the ten year history of the UFO program and Captain Gregory gave a detailed explanation of the analyses techniques applied by ATIC in evaluating UFO cases. In addition, delineation of responsibility for the UFO program in the Air Force, Air Force Public Relations, and private UFO organizations, clubs, books, etc., were discussed. All questions asked were promptly and adequately answered. Throughout the hearing proper protocol was maintained, the members were polite and pleasant, and the atmosphere was well suited to an ultimate expression of confidence by the committee. Captain Gregory is to be especially commended for excellent performance; his store of related scientific data had great impact on the members.

7. The hearings, which began 7 August, will continue through the week of 11-15 August. Additional witnesses from public life will be called in, possibly Dr. Menzel, Harvard, Dr. Dryden, CAB, Major Keyhoe (Ret.), National Investigative Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Captain Ruppelt, (Res.), former ATIC UFO Project Officer. AFCIN may be required to return to answer questions posed by public witnesses.

8. It is anticipated that AFCIN will benefit by the subject hearings. Due to approaching House elections, the committee members may produce a public statement of vote of confidence in the Air Force, ensuring the public that the Air Force is not hiding any information on UFO's.

James F. Byrne
Major, USAF."

The suggested appearance of Dr. Menzel posed no danger to the Air Force, and Ruppelt, with his current anti-UFO attitude, seemed unlikely to say anything to cause the ire of the military. "Mr. Dryden" may have been Hugh Dryden, Director of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics who clashed with NICAP back in March 1957 when he made sweeping anti-UFO
statements. Thus the only exception to the "anti-UFO" line up was Keyhoe. Yet, even then, it was taking a chance inviting the NICAP director. As we shall see, Dr. Sheldon took care of that possibility.

The results of the hearings/study as reported by the Air Force (Retyped for better reading):

'MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Air Force Briefing for the Subcommittee on Atmospheric Phenomena, House Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration on Unidentified Flying Objects.

1. At the request of the Subcommittee Chairman, the Air Force presented a briefing at 1400 hours, 8 August 1958, to members of the Subcommittee on Air Force activities in dealing with UFO's. This presentation was made by Mr. A.F. Arcier, Scientific Advisor, Air Technical Intelligence Center and Captain George Gregory, UFO Project Officer, who presented a brief history of the Air Force actions in this field, procedures used in handling and classifying each reported observation and a statistical breakdown of all observations reported to date.

2. The Subcommittee was advised of the extensive efforts of the Air Force to apply all possible scientific methods of analysis and how this approach used in a timely fashion has reduced the number of citings characterized as 'unknown' to approximately 3 percent of the total observations. It was also stressed that the Air Force, contrary to claims of many professional UFO organizations, has not and will not suppress any evidence which could indicate that UFO's constitute a threat to the security of the United States. In addition, the Subcommittee was advised of the number of civilian organizations engaged in UFO activities has risen to a total of 60 and that the activities of these organizations and spectacular news reporting has caused the greatest problems in this field. The Subcommittee asked several questions regarding Air Force methods of categorizing various citings as either aircraft, balloons, insufficient data, unknown, etc. and they were advised of certain specific cases which fell in these various categories.

3. Mr. Arcier and Captain Gregory presented a very well prepared briefing to the Subcommittee and were highly commended for their efforts at the close of the briefing. The Subcommittee members seemed to be definitely pleased with the Air Force approach to this problem and were apparently satisfied with our results to date. During the course of the briefing, Chairman McCormack, House Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration, stressed the point that the Subcommittee was not holding formal hearings on unidentified flying objects but was merely obtaining evidence data for their files, which at a later date would be considered and, if desirable, utilized by the full Committee for further investigation and/or hearings. Mr. Sheldon
indicated at the close of the briefing that no further witnesses would be called by the Subcommittee and that in view of the satisfactory manner in which the Air Force was dealing with this problem, it was his feeling that the Committee would take no further interest in this matter.

W. P. Fisher
Major General, USAF
Director, Legislative Liaison."

The Air Force program as presented to the McCormack subcommittee. (See Air Force notes reproduced on pages 12-24)

Note that the Air Force ends its briefing by calling public participation in the UFO program a "problem." Can one blame the public? UFO witnesses were often greatly frighten by their experience, or at the very least, highly concerned by its implications. "UFO specialists" were called "unscrupulous profiteers" and "publicity seekers." In particular note that the document states: "Our explanations and statements are either misinterpreted, misquoted, exaggerated or used out of context..." (Point #21) Such remarks put Keyhoe in a very bad light and he never got a chance to defend himself.

Who is Dr. Sheldon?

Dr. Sheldon maneuvered Keyhoe out of an appearance before the McCormack subcommittee by suggesting no further witnesses be called. One cannot prove that was his intent but one wonders. Dr. Charles S. Sheldon II had an extended and curious relationship with the UFO mystery. (See a NICAP file memo that mentions a meeting between Richard Hall and Dr. Sheldon. Pages 25-26)

More on Dr. Sheldon (and a special friend)

A Mr. "X." "About as high in the government as you can get."

There is further information on Dr. Sheldon and his UFO connection in a letter penned by Stuart Nixon of NICAP addressed to Dr. James McDonald. The missive was written in 1968 which illustrates Dr. Sheldon's long term interest in the subject plus his ties to people of interest. Nixon wrote:

"As to my talk with Dr. Sheldon, I derived much the same impression that you did. He is extremely interested in UFOs and seems to have all sorts of tidbits of information that he has picked up over the years. He mentioned his intelligence connection with UFOs and his association with many important people (specific names escape me at the moment). I remembered your comments on his friend who is secretly pursuing UFOs (pictures in particular), so I tried to narrow the conversation to that...Dr. Sheldon described his friend's position in superlative terms and said he is just about as high in the
A brief history of the Unidentified Flying Object program would, I think, help you to understand some of its problems and determine its status.

2. The program started in 1947 when on 27 June of that year a private civilian flyer named Kenneth Arnold sighted what looked to him like several disc shaped objects near Mt. Rainier in the state of Washington. He described them as "flying saucers", a term that was forceably and with much sensationalism brought to the publics attention by the press. As a result, the Air Force was given the responsibility of investigating and analyzing such phenomena. This project was called "Project SIGN".

3. From this date, June 1947, to February 1949 when the name of the program was changed to "Project GRUDGE", approximately 375 UFO reports were collected and analyzed. In August 1949, a report on the results was submitted to the authorities. The average proportion of sightings which could not be explained, in other words unknowns, for this period was approximately 20%. It was concluded that these unknowns were due primarily to:
Part I. Disinterpretation of conventional objects such as aircraft, balloons, astronomical bodies, also atmospheric phenomena, radar misfunctions and anomalies, and a lack of proper categorization.

Second, residual war nerves, mass suggestion, and hysteria (Orson Welles case).

Since then better methods have been developed as will be shown later.

Third, science and publicity seeking.

Fourth, the actions of psychopathic persons.

4. In December 1949, these findings were released to the public by the Department of Defense and were given wide publicity by the press.

5. From February 1949 to mid-1951 the project was carried on a low priority basis due to the economy policy of that time. However, in late 1951 renewed public interest and an increase in the number of sightings were reported. This increase in activity was due to the emphasis placed on UFO's by the press and publicity, and possibly due to the Ground Observer Corps program. In the summer of 1951 the project was again reviewed and "Project BLUE BOOK" was established to...
6. The peak year of the UFO program was 1952 when an average of over 100 reports per month was received. This compares with 10 per month for 1951. The publicity fanfare given to the UFO controversy by the press, publishers, writers and others, reached a high pitch during 1952 and developed a tendency on the part of the public to question the Air Force's handling of the alleged "menace" presented by flying saucers. This came to a climax in late July 1952 during the much publicized Washington Flying Saucer sightings which purported to show flying saucers over the Capitol but which were in reality blips on radar scopes created by quite unusual atmospheric conditions. As a result of this, General Samford (the then Director of Intelligence) a few days after the sighting held a press conference which was televised nationally. His explanation and assurance that the UFO phenomena seen were not of interplanetary origin and did not constitute a threat to the United States were not only received with skepticism but were in fact totally rejected by a large number of writers, so called UFO experts.

7. Following this, General Samford asked the CIA to set up a panel of scientists to review the UFO program and the Air Force's handling of the situation.
This panel was formed; it consisted of sixteen of the most distinguished scientists and authorities in the fields of physics, radar, geophysics, atomic energy, astronomy, rockets, guided missiles, scientific and technical intelligence, propulsion and photo interpretation, in the country. Their conclusions were that UFO's (a) held no direct physical threat; (b) were not foreign developments capable of hostile acts on the United States; and (c) were not unknown phenomena requiring the revision of current scientific concepts.

Their recommendations were:

a. First, that the UFO program be de-emphasized because it interfered with the normal operation and mission of many governmental services and agencies, particularly the Air Defense Command, which was compelled to use its radar, communications, air intercept and other units in investigating the overwhelming number of sightings brought to its attention. All to the detriment of its normal mission.

b. Second, that every effort be made to strip the UFO program of its air of mystery in the mind of the public, with the view of restoring the public's confidence in the Air Force and relieving the public of quite unwarranted anxiety.
9. The correlation which exists between the type of treatment given the UFO matter by press and publishers, and the number of reports received, is important and is shown by this chart.

CHART 1 - Frequency of UFO Reports

This chart illustrates the effect of the conservative, scientific approach of Life and Look magazines on UFO reports for that period, in contrast to the newspapers' treatment of the Washington Radar "Flying Saucer" incidents and General Samford's press conference. The New Yorker's "middle-of-the-road" treatment and its effect on sightings is also interesting to note.

10. Under Project BLUE BOOK, it became apparent that if reporting, investigation and analysis procedures were improved, the percentage of unsolved sightings would decrease. Accordingly, the following procedures were adopted:

First, the 4602d Air Intelligence Services Squadron (Headquarters, Air Defense Command) (now 1006th) was directed to carry out all field investigations and preliminary evaluations of UFO sightings. This organization has units deployed throughout the U.S., and they are so highly mobile that they can arrive "on the spot" within a very short time after a UFO report is received. This
supplies the most important of all factors -- timeliness, and leaves the Air Technical Intelligence Center free to perform final analysis and evaluation.

Second, the issuance of a special directive (Air Force Regulation 200-2) which spells out details and responsibilities of Air Technical Intelligence Center, Air Defense Command and other Air Force units reporting investigation and analysis of UFO sightings. Combining spectrographic and stereo devices.

Third, the use of a special camera known as "Videon camera". This breaks down the light received from any object into its elements, thus permitting the determination of the elements of which the object is composed. Seventy-five of these cameras were placed in radar stations and control towers throughout the U.S.

Fourth, the submission of all UFO data collected since 1947 to scientists in and out of the Air Force to determine whether or not a trend or pattern existed to indicate the nature or existence of the so-called flying saucers. This program was handled by the Battelle Memorial Institute.

11. These four procedures resulted in the following:

The AISS units contributed to the decrease in the number of unknowns, approximately from 16% to 3%. Next, the new regulation
greatly improved reporting and it emphasized the importance of cooperation by all Air Force units. Next, the use of Video cameras, while not wholly successful due to the lack of operating personnel, produced no results to indicate anything but conventional airborne objects. Finally, the Battelle effort produced Project BLUE BOOK, Report No. 14 which in October 1955 was declassified by the Secretary of the Air Force and released in summary by the Department of Defense. This study, which covered 8 years of sightings concluded that:

First, there is a total lack of evidence that these unknowns were inimical or hostile or a threat to the security of the country.

Second, there is a total lack of evidence that these unknowns were interplanetary space ships.

Third, there is a total lack of evidence that these unknowns represented technological developments or principles outside the range of our present-day scientific knowledge.

Fourth, there is a total lack of any physical or material evidence—not a piece—scrap—or a minute fragment of these so-called "flying saucers" was ever found. It is our belief that if more immediate, detailed objective observational data could have been obtained on the "unknowns" most of these too, would have been satisfactorily explained.
You may be interested in the rise and fall of UFO reports through the years, and to see the course of the unknowns which are obviously the prime concern of the Air Force.

CHART 2 - UFO Statistics for Calendar Year 1947 to recent past.

Note the peak year 1952 and subsequent decline.

CHART 3 - UFO Evaluation by Percentage 1955-1956

12. On this chart we show the categories of our UFO evaluations, for example 1955 and 1956 by percentage. You will note that the group which includes hoaxes, psychopaths, etc., has been cut in half, and the "unknowns" from 3% to 2.2%. This has roughly held to the present. (The group marked "insufficient data" has regrettably risen from 7% to 9.9%, possibly because of increased sky watching activities - sale of telescopes have risen over 200% since Sputnik I)

13. It is apparent, as previously stated, that, as prompter investigation becomes possible, as more experience in UFO investigation and analysis procedures is gained, and as better utilization of the services of scientists is made, the percentage of "unknowns" decreases.
14. At the present time, the UFO project organization, known as the "Aerial Phenomena Group," is part of the Air Sciences Division of the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Deputy for Science and Components. The project monitor is Captain Gregory and a small staff. However, as the Air Sciences Division consists primarily of scientists, such as Major Best, their expertise, as well as those of the engineering specialists throughout the Force, are available to the UFO project. The prime UFO scientist-consultant is Dr. Hynek, who is Professor of Astrophysics and Astronomy, Ohio State University, Secretary of the American Astronomical Society, and Director of the IGY Satellite Tracking Program. We are fortunate to have him. Other scientific personnel, outside the Air Force, are utilized on an "as needed" basis.

15. During the last two years, an increase in UFO reports has been noted. Paralleling this increase there has been a great increase in the number of private UFO organizations, books, motion pictures, and TV presentations on the subject. The advent of sputnik undoubtedly contributed.

16. Two years or so ago, there was only a handful of these self-appointed research organizations dedicated to investigation and analysis of UFO's. As of this date, there are more than fifty such organizations
of which we have knowledge, and they are increasing monthly.

17. In early 1955, five books written on "Flying saucers" were published. To date, over 30 have been published and have received wide circulation here and abroad.

18. Up to now, six motion pictures in circulation having "flying saucers" as their theme have been produced. One such motion picture was released in May 1956 and is still receiving some publicity. The main plot of this movie is centered around two colored film strips of so-called "flying saucers." These film strips were previously submitted to the Air Force for examination, and consist primarily of moving spots of light against a blue sky. Our conclusions were that the objects in one film were aircraft; and in the other, seagulls. These conclusions were corroborated by an independent study made by the research organization of an aircraft manufacturer of very high standing, as well as by the CIA scientific panel which I previously mentioned.

19. With very few exceptions, both these self-appointed organizations and the books published, have been highly critical of the Air Force's handling of the UFO matter. The
A number of these private organizations have written directly to President Eisenhower, to General White, to the Secretary of Defense and to important members of the Legislative Branch of Congress, requesting or demanding hearings, briefings, or discussions with UFO project officials.

20. We have written detailed letters to Senator Byrd, Senator Chase, and Representative Mooney, Representative Rand, and others, regarding aspects of the UFO program, which have been brought to their attention by so-called "UFO specialists."

21. Although these UFO organizations include sincere, well-meaning members, our experience in discussions with sponsors of such organizations has shown that any Air Force explanations or statements are either totally unacceptable or are met, at the least, with calculated skepticism. Our explanations and statements are either misinterpreted, misquoted, exaggerated, or used out of context, all to the detriment of the Air Force in general, and the ACS/I in particular. I think we would be more impressed by all this were it not so profitable.

22. A few words are necessary, I think, on the extent and character of the public participation in the UFO program. The subject has seized
the imagination of the public, and, accordingly, the enthusiasm of the press. The unscrupulous have profited by it, and the publicity seekers have pursued it. Some organizers of public UFO groups have attempted to use membership in the GOC or other agencies as a means to endow their organizations with a quasi-official character, thereby increasing their appeal to the public. Some have actually obtained declassified reports from Air Force sources and reproduced them for sale. The subject is a boon to writer of sensational fiction or even popular science and the producer of pseudo-scientific movies. Any controversy on the subject is grist to their mill. It has become a subject for humor. This is unfortunate, for it is no joke. It is costing the Government a great deal of money; it is taking the time of valuable people, time which can't be spared. It could even be a potential weapon of psychological warfare, reducing as it does the confidence of the public in the Air Force. There are many other aspects of the public participation in the UFO program and, as far as the Air Force is concerned, they are nearly all bad.

23. There are, therefore, two distinct parts to the UFO program. The first is, of course, to improve operations with the object of reducing the number of "unknowns" to as near zero as possible. The
The second problem involves a growing problem of public participation in the program. We feel confident that the solution of the first will greatly help in solving the second. The first problem is wholly ours and is being so handled. The number of "unknowns" is being steadily reduced although as I said before it can never reach zero because of the fact that the reporting is invariably based on the impressions of individuals and are hardly ever based on controlled measurements. There appears to be little difference between the reactions of reports by qualified trained observers and those of lay observers.

25. The second problem involves matters of public relations, the cooperation of the press, the education of the public, and so on.
FILE MEMO

August 22, 1967

Went on job interview to Library of Congress, set up by my wife, in the Legislative Reference Service. After a brief chat, Mr. Burris Walker referred me to Dr. Charles S. Sheldon II (whose name I immediately recognized in connection with UFOs and Congress). To my amazement, Sheldon turned out to be extremely well-versed on UFOs, historical and current.

Upon returning to the office, I exhumed some 1959 correspondence I had had with Sheldon at which time he was Technical Director on the staff of the House Science & Astronautics Committee. He was not associated with the S&A Committee at the time of the near-hearings in 1961, as I first thought. However, he confirmed that there had been some secret hearings which he was involved in (circa 1957-1959).

He was thoroughly familiar with The UFO Evidence, and said that Speaker McCormack gave him his personal copy. He knew details of the Ditter photo case, and said Ditter had confessed hoaxing it. When I expressed surprise at this and said NICAP had tried to obtain a confession and failed, he said Ditter had confessed "to someone in government." (FBI?) He even knew the details of the photo-analysis, presumably having access to the Raytheon report.

Sheldon mentioned Jim McDonald two or three times, and made some comment to the effect that his mind seemed to be made up, whereas he (Sheldon) didn't see how this could be done at the present time. During a discussion of current Colorado Project activities (again, he knew details) I expressed optimism about CU obtaining something with instruments. He was skeptical about the chances, and at this point said, "there is already plenty of evidence." His ensuing remarks can be paraphrased as follows:

There are only three possible interpretations: (1) a natural phenomenon along the lines Phil Klass suggests; except that Klass tries to apply his idea too widely, and ought to know better if he checked the details of cases more carefully; it can only explain a very small percentage of cases; (2) some strange aberrations affecting many good people--there are too many good people who didn't want to see anything unexplainable and did anyway; or (3) they are extraterrestrial.

Sheldon told an anecdote about Lloyd Berkner, who is a pilot, flying over Alaska somewhere, etc. (The Mensel anecdote). Apparently Mensel was one of the passengers--the Venus illusion incident, or was it a star. Sheldon was quick to point out that Berkner may have seen Venus, but what do you do when you check the star charts and find out it wasn't visible at the time as in many other cases.

Sheldon said he was active in Navy Intelligence; later (?) had access to all USAF material, found no evidence of any "conspiracy."
Sheldon Memo....2

Sheldon prides himself on being an expert on Soviet space technology, pulled out various unclassified but not readily available materials, such as NORAD ground traces of everything in orbit, etc. He is an economist by training. Also showed me a wide variety of samples of their work, mostly Committee prints on science-related matters; said they did some speech writing, and a great deal of answering of Congressional queries. He is strong on freedom of information, and related some of his efforts to pry information loose.

He agrees that a good investigation of UFOs is needed, and said a lot of people in government had come around to that view.

The "job interview" turned out to be more of a UFO discussion, but he explained their situation. No specific openings now, but bound to grow. Workload up 60% last year. Said if UFOs become a big issue after CU gets through, I would probably be best man in the country to have there. Repeatedly suggested that I keep in touch, checking back about every two weeks.

Aside from his loquaciousness, he was very cordial and dynamic.

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government as you can get. He said Mr. X has all sorts of resources to draw upon and that he has used them to their full extent." (11.)

Where did Dr. Sheldon stand on the UFO issue?

Just because Dr. Sheldon seemed to talk freely about UFOs did not make him a friend of NICAP. Remember that he was credited with saying the Air Force was dealing with the UFO problem in a "satisfactory manner." (See General Fisher's memo on page 11) More important, however, was Dr. Sheldon's strong support for the Air Force's excuse for not pursuing the UFO matter more vigorously, the assertion that the Russian threat had a much higher priority. Dr. Sheldon would comment about that at greater length in a letter to Richard Hall on June 13, 1959. This was the key issue that blocked Congressional hearings for years. (See 1961 newscutting on page 28) In 1961 Rep. Joseph Karth worked with APRO on proposed hearings but nothing happened. When Coral asked Congressman Karth what the delay was, she was told in a letter that: "...his committee is very busy with pushing space problem investigations, and of course the national welfare as far as defense from worldly enemies is concerned, takes precedence over anything else." (12.)

8 August. Alamogordo, New Mexico. (Between 10:00 and 11:30 p.m.)

Mysterious sky show.

One press report tells us:

"Flying saucer talk was prevalent in Alamogordo again today after about a dozen persons reported the sighting of phantom-like lights Friday night.

"Some observers said the lights were yellowish-amber, splitting and going in different directions over the city. Others disagreed, but all said they saw something weird.

"'I can understand why anyone seeing such a thing would hesitate to report it,' a Holloman engineer said.

"'It was phantom-like, going through elusive maneuvers like quick silver. I was watching a shooting star when another solid object, not a star, appeared following the projectory of the star I'd just seen.

"'The second object was not traveling at a downward angle as the star had been, but was ahead of it in a straight line projector. It seemed to be traveling at superhuman speed and making maneuvers that no aircraft could withstand."

"'It was neither an aircraft, weather balloon or bird or any kind of natural phenomenon I've ever seen or heard of. It was incredible.'

"The engineer requested that he not be identified.

"Airports in the area said no aircraft or balloons were up at the time of the sightings.

"Another witness, Henry Paz, said he saw what looked like a cluster of stars. The cluster, 'seemed to grow larger and kind of stretch out, then broke apart and went different directions, moving upward as it disappeared,' Paz said.

"Isaac Carr and his daughter Sally said they saw a cluster 'moving in and out of the clouds.'" (13.)
Flying-Object Probe Out This Session

By BULKLEY GRIFFIN
WASHINGTON, D. C. — No House investigation of the Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) will be held this session. The Air Force is understood to have succeeded in blocking it.

U. S. Rep. Joseph E. Karth, D-Minn., chairman of the subcommittee that was picked to probe the UFO situation, predicted that hearings will be held in the next session of Congress, which starts next January. Karth may get the backing of House Leader John W. McCormack, D-Mass., in this plan.

Meantime, Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., the former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, may call some witnesses before the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee before the present session ends. These would be Government officials and such brief UFO hearings, if held, would be closed, said the senator.

Chairman Overton Brooks, D-La., of the House Space Committee, who selected the Karth subcommittee, gives various reasons for not wanting that body to start action. Karth has declared he won't serve unless some public hearings are permitted and Brooks has always been against public hearings.

It is believed however that the Air Force, as usual, has been urging against any UFO hearings at all. The Air Force is the sole official investigator and reporter on UFO sightings. Its repeated story is that all the sightings can be explained away as familiar objects misidentified.

Despite the Air Force pressure and prestige, men like House Leader McCormack, Adm. R. H. Hollenkoetter, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, a considerable number of veteran pilots, a few former Pentagon officials who were close to the UFO situation while in the Pentagon and other experts in the field of the atmosphere and its sights, all disagree with the Air Force.

These persons hold that certain of the sightings constitute something real and unknown, and demand investigation. Leader McCormack, Adm. Hollenkoetter and others believe the Air Force has been withholding some information. The move for congressional hearings will continue, it is indicated at the Capitol.
8 August. Between Unsue and Boliver, Argentina. (1:27 a.m.)

Car engine and dash-board clock stops. Oil gauge indicator goes nuts.

According to our source:

"Mr. Cristian Vogt, an official of the Provincial Senate of the Province of Buenos Aires in the Argentina Republic who was driving his 1946 Ford car along the road between Unsue and Boliver on August 8, 1956, when his engine suddenly stalled. His dash-board clock stopped, showing 1:27 a.m. The witness got out to find the cause of the breakdown, cleaned the distributor heads, and then tried to get the car going again, but in vain. Only then did he notice, at a distance of 300 or 400 meters, what seemed to be a machine which was approaching relatively slowly, and close to the ground. He thereupon put his lights off. The phenomenon observed by him was not completely symmetrical as the witness speaks of a flatness of the 'hindpart,' a tenuous phosphorescence was given off from the thing. The phenomenon was accompanied by a soft whirring like the noise of a fan varying according to its movements. The witness describes this 'machine' as having a cupola or cockpit that emitted a blinding bluish light. Finally, the thing rose, at a 'staggering' speed, towards the south, giving off whistling noises. Returning to his car, the witness found that the needle on his oil-gauge had gone 'crazy,' but that he was able to start the engine again." (14.)

"Physical evidence."

Mrs. Lorenzen wrote Keyhoe on August 9th:

"Today, Jim made another statement to the press in conjunction with Dr. Jung's statements from Zurich, and also 'loaded the guns,' so to speak, when he mentioned physical evidence. I expect we will receive a visit from officials at about this time, and if so, they will find it a rough go with Mr. Lorenzen who has studied psychology for some 20 years, and is no fool. They won't be able to ride roughshod over him." (15.) (See clipping to the right)

9 August. Romulus Township, Michigan. (night)

"Dipped, zoomed, wheeled in circles."

"Acrobatic light bulb."

(See clipping on page 30)
'ACROBATIC LIGHT BULB'

Mysterious 'Fireball'
Seen Over Romulus

Romulus Township residents speculated Sunday about the origin of a mysterious "fireball" that bobbed and weaved in the sky over Detroit Metro Airport the night before.

Four State troopers from the Flat Rock post also saw the flying object.

A REPORT of the sighting, between 8:15 p.m. and midnight Saturday, was turned over to the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

CAA officials at Willow Run Airport said nothing unusual had appeared on their radar screens.

Thirty-two people reported seeing the object.

One witness, Raymond Hol- ten, 18, of 3198 Springhill, Romulus Township, described it as like a glowing electric light bulb.

He said it seemed to dip low and then zoom upward, slow down and then speed up, dart straight and wheel in circles.

State Trooper Ronald Scheumaker, said the light appeared to move 10 times as fast as a jet airplane. Other troopers who saw the object were Richard Horan, John Blair and Albin Rajala.

The Air Force issued a report recently on 5,000 sightings of unidentified flying objects. It said all could be explained by natural causes.

Detroit, Michigan Free Press
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11 August. Time and Newsweek.

America's two major news magazines gave space to APRO's embarrassing Dr. Jung fiasco. Neither magazine was pro-UFO and both seemed to enjoy rubbing it in. (See articles on this page and page 31)

Saucers' Newsweek, August 11, 1958

The mind of Carl Gustav Jung, the great 83-year-old Swiss psychologist whose theories have veered sharply from the medical to the mystical, really moved out of the physical universe last week. He was certain, Jung wrote in the monthly bulletin of the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization at Alamogordo, N.M., that the postwar sightings of flying saucers and other unidentified objects (UFO's) were not hallucinations.

Jung, who believes every mind holds the relics of the past, proved that his did also. In 1954, he had issued an almost word-for-word pronouncement. "Something has been seen. A purely psychological explanation is ruled out... If the extraterrestrial origin of this phenomenon should be confirmed, this would prove the existence of an intelligent interplanetary relationship... would put us without doubt in the extremely precarious position of primitive communities in conflict with a superior culture." Jung thinks UFO's may be synchronistic events—an actual physical happening that occurs simultaneously with a psychic one, as in extrasensory perception.

The U.S. Air Force, which has explained to its own satisfaction all but 15 per cent of the nearly 7,000 UFO's spotted since 1947, could not swallow Dr. Jung's theory. "I always thought those head shriners were crackpots," said one Air Force official. "Now I know..."
Dr. Jung & the Saucers

"FLYING SAUCERS' REAL PSYCHOLOGIST JUNG SAYS, headlined the New York Herald Tribune. But famed Swiss Psychologist Carl Gustav Jung, long a connoisseur of myths, had said no such thing.

The story came from the A.P.R.O. Bulletin, published by the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization of Alamogordo, N. Mex. In its current issue, the Bulletin carried an interview with Jung, whom it described as A.P.R.O.'s consultant in psychology. The Bulletin did give the information that the interview was a reprint of an earlier interview that appeared in Switzerland's Weltwoche in 1954 (TIME, Oct. 25, 1954). The Bulletin version differs considerably from the full Weltwoche one, which may be partially explained by its translation into English for the Flying Saucer Review of London, where the Bulletin found it. As a final touch, Gerald S. Clark, assistant public relations director of A.P.R.O., edited Dr. Jung's article down to a bare statement of belief in the "reality" of flying saucers, and sent it to the Associated Press and United Press International. So Dr. Jung found himself classified as a flying-saucer believer.

Psychologist Jung is not. Both in his 1954 article and in a more recent book, A Modern Myth, Jung does not judge or attempt to judge the reality or nonreality of UFOs (unidentified flying objects). He thinks that something is being seen, including refraction effects, but his interest is in the fantastic, quasi-religious cult that has grown around the UFOs. This cult, he thinks, "may be a spontaneous reaction of the subconscious to fear of the apparently insoluble political situation in the world that may lead at any moment to catastrophe. At such times eyes turn heavenwards in search of help, and miraculous forebodings of a threatening or consoling nature appear from on high."

In ancient times, Dr. Jung explains, the UFOs might be classed as "gods," but the unconscious of modern man has a different content. Ancient men saw dragons, other monsters and divine beings in the heavens; modern man sees mechanical portents—mysterious spaceships manned by unearthly superhuman creatures.

Stimulated Sightings. Questioned in Switzerland, Dr. Jung was astonished at the misuse of his famous name: While investigating the saucer myth, he said, he corresponded with Coral E. Lorenzen, director of A.P.R.O., and good-humoredly accepted an honorary membership, but he did not authorize his listing as the Bulletin's consultant in psychology.

The flying saucer myth had won a victory nevertheless. Recent publicity has been scarce, and saucer sightings few, and the widely printed stories about Jung's belief were just what was needed for another round of "visitors from space." When Director Lorenzen was called last week, she did not answer her telephone. She was happily investigating a brand-new saucer sighting.

11 August. New York's UFO day.

Many confusing UFO reports originated in New York state on the 11th. There was speculation a meteor shower was responsible. (See clipping on page 32)

Meteors?

Some reports from New York were hard to blame on meteors. One might cite the letter written by a Mrs. Elly Miller to a UFO group. See below.

11 August. Olean, New York. (9:35 p.m.)

What was those yellow-white things?

Elly Miller wrote:

'We went out to observe the rocket carrier scheduled at 9:35 and saw these objects instead. The sky was very clear with many stars. Meteors were many.'
Mystery Sky Objects Stir Lehigh Valley; Meteor Shower Cited

Mysterious white objects in the sky were the cause of wary speculation and worry in the Lehigh Valley Saturday night. Newspapers and police were besieged with calls from anxious skywatchers.

Skeptics noted that tonight, in the hours after midnight, the annual Perseid meteor shower will reach its climax. An unusual number of meteors have been visible during the past few nights as the shower approaches its peak. Meteors associated with the shower originate in a portion of the sky about 30 degrees east of north.

According to the World Almanac, there will be no moon to interfere with seeing the meteors tonight. And if the weather is clear, there is a possibility that about 50 meteors an hour will be visible in the hours after midnight. The meteors of this shower are, as a rule, very swift and of short duration.

Regardless of whizzing meteors, the Express gleaned a number of reports on sky doings:

A stationary object, similar to a streetlight, was reported in the Delaware Heights section of Philadelphia, while a circular object, said to be "going very fast," was reportedly sighted over the north side of Bethlehem.

Mrs. Ellsworth Grube, of 1st N. Riverview Rd., Delaware Heights, told the Express that her daughter Patty, 9, first sighted the strange light as she was getting ready for bed about 9:30 p.m.

The light, said Mrs. Grube, appeared above the streetlight near her home about the same distance above it that one streetlight is from another. The light remained there about 25 minutes, after which it suddenly disappeared.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wesner, of 1422 Iron St., Bethlehem, told Bethlehem police they saw a disc-shaped object travel across the sky from north to south about 9:30 Saturday night. Several minutes later, they said, it seemed to reverse its direction and move northwest toward the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Airport.

"It was going very fast," Mrs. Wesner commented.

Another flying object had been sighted by a man in Center Valley on Wednesday evening. He told police he saw an object in the sky between 11 and 11:30 p.m., traveling "faster than a falling star.

The weather bureau at the A-B-E Airport said the objects may have been the result of beams from distant searchlights as they struck overhead clouds or smoke.

No further reports were received by local police concerning the mysterious objects.

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"At 9:35 p.m. a yellowish-white object approached from the south directly overhead, and heading north. A few minutes later a similar object came from the west heading north seeming to meet the one from the south. These, when observed through binoculars were cigar shaped and the yellowish white light seemed to be on two sections like this:

[Diagram of cigar-shaped object]

"These were very high and going very fast. A short time later one of these may have come down lower. It was observed in the northeast. It appeared larger with a curved band of light in the front and a pulsating bluish light in the rear like this:

[Diagram of pulsating light]

11 August. Chautauqua Lake, New York. (9:15-10:30 p.m.)
More New York "mystery lights."
An account drawn up by a retired professor of Engineering. (See report from NICAP's UFO Evidence below)

**TELESCOPIC SIGHTINGS**
August 11, 1958, Chautauqua Lake, N.Y.
Time: 9:15 to 10:30 p.m.
Observers: Fred C. Fair, Ph.D., and Gary Phillips.

Dr. Fair, a retired professor of Engineering, New York University, submitted the following log of observations of aerial phenomena. He and Gary Phillips were using a survey transit to observe the altitude and azimuth of certain stars.

"(1) A white light was observed moving across the sky to the right and away from the observers. When the transit telescope was sighted on the moving light, possibly a minute had elapsed since it was first observed. At first only one white light was seen, then a second was noted, then a third and finally a fourth light, all four being more or less in line, and each separated by an angular distance of about 2 degrees. It is the opinion of both observers that when the first of the four lights was seen, that there were no other moving lights in the vicinity. Which does not mean that the objects were not in the sky, but that they were not emitting visible light at that time."

See report from NICAP's UFO Evidence below.
Shortly after watching all four lights with the naked eye, the third light became about ten times as bright as the others, becoming brighter than Jupiter which was in the same sky area. The other three lights at this time were about as bright as a second magnitude star. A few seconds later this third light rather suddenly dimmed until it was the faintest of the four lights.

Due to the narrow field of view of a surveyor's transit telescope, it is rather difficult to locate and follow a rapidly moving object. By the time that Gary made his first observation through the telescope the moving lights had traveled from Northwest to Southwest, passing close to Jupiter. Gary made the statement that the objects were Flying Saucers; and that the telescope showed that what appeared to be a single light to the naked eye was several lights, and that there was a red light above the others. When Dr. Fair took his turn to observe the lights, three of the objects had already disappeared behind trees to the south. The very brief glance that Dr. Fair had showed several white lights, he thought there were five, and he observed a faint red light to the rear and above the white ones.

(2) Fifteen minutes later, while in a boat on Lake Chautauqua, while looking for meteors, a single white light was seen in the southeast sky traveling from south to north. The light slowly and continuously varied intensity, fluctuating from 5th to 3rd magnitude, but the time of the cycle was irregular, but of more than three-second duration per cycle. For several seconds the light appeared to be stationary and when it resumed its motion it was traveling in a direction opposite to when first observed. Total time of observation of this light was about five minutes. As it receded in the south it became too faint to be further seen.

At about this time a jet trail, making an arc of about 180 degrees was observed in a tighter radius than that described by the first four objects, but following essentially the same course. At the head of the jet trail Gary saw a red glow, possibly the exhaust from the jet.

(3) Still later a different type of lighting was seen close to the horizon in the western sky. We were still out on the lake at the time. A bright, rapidly blinking red and white light moved rapidly from right to left. Soon a similar blinking red and white light was seen to the right of this light, moving from right to left. It was fainter than the other which could have been due to being farther away. When the two lights passed each other they were separated by a vertical angle of about 2 or 3 degrees.

(4) After returning to the transit on shore, star observations were resumed but in a few minutes were interrupted to again observe a white light in the northwest traveling rapidly from west to north. The telescope showed this light to be similar to the first objects. Dr. Fair noted in particular that the five white lights were not arranged in a straight line, but appeared as though spaced on the circumference of an oval. Again, a red light was noted above and slightly to the rear of the white lights. This was followed with the telescope until it disappeared behind some nearby trees. Gary who noticed this object first saw only two white lights. Probably fifteen seconds elapsed before Dr. Fair was sighted on the object and observed that there were five white lights.

No vapor trail was observed behind any of the sighted objects.
11 August. Olean, New York. (3:40 p.m.)

Certainly the oddest of the lot was the report made by a 30-year-old woman at the city of Olean. (See article from Norbert Gariety's UFO bulletin below)

Also on the 11th of August in Olean, the daughter of a well-known couple in Olean was sunbathing with her little nephew on the back porch of their home on the second floor. The time was around 3:30 P.M. to the best of her recollection. As she was sitting near the railing of the 2nd floor back porch, she saw a gray mass, partially oval-shaped... with round dark circles and a small silver dot in the middle of each dark circle. This gray mass with the circles, (she said they looked like a group of eyes staring at her) moved along the sky changing shape and form occasionally. The mystery appearance of the gray mass was visible for around 15 to 30 seconds.

She said this gray mass was like a 4th dimension; it was there and yet you could see through it.

After going in the house, she remarked to her parents that it would be funny if they found out a flying saucer was in the area at the time of her sighting. Shortly after her remark she relaxed to listen to music over radio station WHS, Olean and was surprised to hear a news bulletin of an Unidentified Flying Object reported by Mr. Ring, around 3:40 P.M., right in the same time element as the sighting of the mystery mass, whatever it was. This was also the same general time as the report of a UFO in the Buffalo area, the one received by the Niagara Falls, Air Force Base around 3:30 P.M.

Below is drawing of the mystery mass as seen by the young lady, who does not wish to have her name used. She is 30 years of age, daughter of a local Doctor, and was home on summer furlough. She is a civilian instructor to the children of overseas Air Force families in Turkey.

A. Rim outline -- black.
B. Inside area -- gray.
C. Black circles.
D. Center of circles -- silver.
To the list of persons who have sighted the Flying Object, add the name of Prof Jason Nassau, Case Tech astronomer.

What's more, at least six of his fellow professional star gazers have seen the moving pinpoint of light from the perch of the Case Observatory at Taylor and Brunswick Rds, Cleveland Heights.

Prof Nassau, world-renowned scientist, gave The Press a detailed account of the sightings Tuesday and Wednesday night while the astronomers were gathered for a look at the Sputnik rocket carrier.

"I saw one," Nassau said of the flying objects reported the same nights by hundreds of Greater Clevelanders. "There was no doubt about it."

"The probabilities are that it was a jet airplane. But I don't know for sure."

The professor's description of what he personally saw Tuesday night in company with six other observers agrees generally with what was reported by scores of telephone callers to newspapers and the observatory itself.

"The time was 11:10 p.m. There were seven of us watching the satellite. All but one of us was a professional observer."

"At the time of the satellite's passage we saw a light moving from the northeast (almost the east) nearly to the west horizon. It appeared to move faster than the satellite."

"The next night four of the Case observers saw unidentified flying objects. At about 11 p.m., before the satellite vanished, they saw another light travel overhead from east to west."

Another such light was seen moving from northeast to southeast four or five minutes later, Nassau said. "One of these observers said he heard the sound of a plane," Prof Nassau told The Press after interviewing them. "All four thought it was a plane."

He believes what he saw was NOT a weather balloon, a meteor or any satellite known to be aloft. He also dismisses as "highly improbable" the suggestion that they might be visitors from another planet.

"I believe that what many persons are seeing these nights are meteors, a "shower" of which appear every August at this time."

"Dale Swett, commander of the 19th Fighter Group at Vienna, O., said his jet fighters were up on training missions, possibly over Cleveland, Wednesday night but not Tuesday night. Under ideal weather conditions, he said, a high-flying jet might be seen tonight but not heard."

"The Sputnik rocket carrier appears over Cleveland at 10:37 p.m. tonight. The Weather Bureau promises good viewing."

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12 August. Cleveland, Ohio. (11:10 p.m.)

Even the experts were not sure. (See clipping below)
13 August. Poland.

Cracks in the Iron Curtain?

The August issue of the Polish aviation magazine Skr Zydala Polska contained a two-page article on UFOs written by Andrzej Trepka. The article, titled "Uwagal Latajace Spodki," was just a two-page treatment with a George Adamski photograph but it did get by Communist censors. (18.)

17 August. Warren, Michigan. (7:05 p.m.)

"Unidentified." (See BLUE BOOK file card) (19.)

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17 August. Essex, Maryland. (4:00 a.m.)

"Cast a reflection on the water." (See teletype report below) (20.)

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18 August. Near Hammoton (?), New Jersey. (about 2:30 or 2:45?)
"It filled the road."

A letter sent to NICAP from Mrs. Albert Soffian of Ventnor N.J.:

"On the morning of August 18, 1958 I was driving from the International Airport in Philadelphia to Ventnor, N.J. with my 16 year old daughter, and 10½ year old son. We were driving on the Black Horse Pike approximately midway to Atlantic City at about 2:30 or 2:45 a.m. The road was in complete darkness, no street or road lights, and no cars going in either direction save mine. It was a dewy night, however about ½ mile ahead of me appeared a white object. I was traveling about 50 miles and it moved ahead of me at approximately the same rate for awhile. It was twice the width of a car, looked like the rear of a large boat, had no lights, no wheels and yet was luminous and appeared to fill the entire road except for the shoulders on either side of the road.
"At first we thought it was a bus, but no wheels, then a truck, no wheels, no lights. It was shaped like this:

[Diagram: A black or dark band]

"It did not seem to be setting exactly on the road. After proceeding about ½ mile or so, it seemed to slow down, and my car was about 1 or 2 city blocks away from it. I flashed on my bright lights. Then I saw it was not a mirage, like something you see a halo around lights, or arcs, but this was solid, carrying no lights, no doors or windows facing us and yet luminous.
"I became frightened and turned my wheels and almost came to a stop as I was going to turn off to the shoulder of the road. When it stopped, hovered, shimmied and then hestiated, moved a little and then vanished.
"We proceeded on the road, arrived safely home at 3:30 a.m. without mishap." (21.)
19/21 August, Italy. (night-periodically)

Mystery satellite? (See BLUE BOOK intelligence reports pages 39-40) (22.)

September 25, 1958

Country: Italy

Subject: Report of Unidentified Flying Objects

Source: Italian newspaper "ALTO ADIGE"

Preparing Officer: Robert C. Lindsay, Major, USAF, AAirA

Set: 1/1, Card 1/3

Info Spec: CR/Tk/nlw

Distr: LA2a/Bl2a/LF3-3 cys

Entire Document

1. The following is a translation of an article which appeared in the 22 August 1958 issue of the Italian newspaper "ALTO ADIGE" (Bolzano):

A FLYING SAUCER IN THE SKY OVER UDINE

Udine, 21 Aug 58 - A mysterious flying object is periodically appearing in the Friuli sky. Many people, for some time, have been convinced that it is a "flying saucer."

The origin of this belief lies in the mysterious appearance of a luminous object in the sky above that region, which has taken place since last July under various forms, although with evident similarities.

In July, in fact, the passage has been reported of a highly luminous object whose identification still remains a mystery. Then, from 8 August, punctually,
Every night in the sky above Udine a silent flying object appears which, it is reported, emits an intermittent light of considerable intensity.

Both the first and second "flying saucer" were sighted and studied by Professor Dino di Colbertaldo, a teacher of the Milan University who in this season is living in Friuli but the phenomenon, which takes place also over the city and villages of the area, was observed by almost the entire population.

The professor is now studying the photographs taken with a powerful tele-objective lens during the passages of the mysterious object a few nights ago.

"The first object which made its appearance in July," he explained, "crossed the sky at high speed from southwest to northeast and left a luminous track of a certain intensity, with very brief interruptions. The last object, instead, moves from northwest to southeast at a slower speed with very brief flashes of light and long periods of darkness.

"I discovered it on Friday," the Professor continues, "just while it was at the apex of its trajectory, and I followed it as far as the horizon. Monday evening it reappeared on the same route and with identical conditions of visibility, and the same happened on every subsequent night, with a regular advance of 12 minutes.

"The peculiarity of the phenomenon," Professor Dr Colbertaldo added, "is in the fact that the luminous body, in addition to the fundamental progress forward, it is endowed with an irregular zig-zag motion and, at the same time, with a rotatory movement around an axis; finally, it also has another movement in a narrow spiral which manifests itself rarely but which I could verify through pictures I took during the past few nights in those 7 minutes and 50 seconds, the constant time of appearance of the object."

The presence of the "firefly", as many Udinese have dubbed the luminous object, was, however, noticed by very many people whose testimony cannot be doubted. It was seen also at Grado by many bathers, as Ing. Stefanon, Director of the Land Reclamation Consortium of the Grado District, has stated. Furthermore, a group of amateur astronomers of Udine have succeeded in carrying out a most interesting experiment. Monday evening in the open country over a distance of 10 kilometers numerous cameras have been placed which have photographed the object during its trip through the sky of Friuli. It appears through calculations based on trigonometry, that the height of the "firefly" is about 150 kilometers and its speed reaches approximately 4.5 kilometers per second, equal to 16,500 kilometers per hour. Tuesday evening, at the time the "firefly" was passing over Udine, a squadron of Italian jet planes was in flight; this special observation unit has its base in the nearby airport of Rivolto. It is believed that the airplanes have photographed the object with the most sensitive cameras they are endowed with.

2. COMMENT OF THE REPORTING OFFICER: This office has requested various observatories located throughout Italy to furnish additional information on the sightings, and possibly identify the objects seen over Friuli, Udine, and Grado during July and August as either Russian or United States satellites. March 12, 1959
Altri dischi volanti avvistati
a Udine, a Trieste ed a Trento

Luca 22 agosto, matt.

Nuova unità di piazzette hanno avvistato per il pa-
scenic dell'oggetto luminoso
lur. L'8 agosto, attraverso
pluamente il cielo di Ud-
ne. Il tempo di mantenere
invisibile anche per breve tem-
pi fu giusto. Il luogo non po-
ta essere più avvistato, per-
che si rilieva che presso in
plano giorno. Potrà però es-
sero acuti nuovamente, se
continuerà il passaggio del ciel-
no seguito in questi giorni,
ne il primo orrore di una not-
ta della prima quindicina di
ottobre.

E' dato poi la comunicca-
zione, trasmesse allo stesso
studio dall'Osservatorio na-
zionale di Firenze, dei pas-
saggi non catturati in un'ap-
parenza immobile e dal
blister di un disco dopo questo
avvistato a Udine. Avven-
ire in modo lento e a un
altissimo obiettivo. Quinto
mese dopo questa, il disco
avvistato nel 1956, non avvis-
to. Dopo una quindicina di
agosto, ore 21.55; mercoledì, ore 21.55. Co-
te terminal del corpo lu-
minoso: in un punto verso si:
inese per un angolo di circa
secondi. Osservato con
naso di un disco bianco, di
plano al suolo e una ala
nula a media granuzza. A un
minuto visibile solo col limi-
colo, coloro rosso. Qualun-
quello osservato nel lu-
no avvistato che si muove a

Debbter aggiungere — con-
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po luminoso osservato in lu-
gi orizzonte il passaggio di
sicuro, sette minuti si elor-
nano. Perché l'attuale obiettivo
luminoso anteriore non era di
una decina di minuti, per
ragioni di visibilità, doveva
essere visibile a Udine ancora
per cinque, sette ore
si, ma non si vide più, per
ciò che non si vide più.

Sta comunicando che anche a
Trieste, l'osservatore Era nullo-
Il direttore dell'Osservato-
rio, prof. Martin, informa che
finalmente emergegono gli el-
menti per l'identificazione del-
lo strato, ponendosi in rela-
to a satelliti artificiali at-
tualmente volanti interno al-
l'a Terra.

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Tezno che il passaggio di
un corpo luminoso, osser-
vato all'orizzonte, con la-
ziere di Roma, tra le 13.34 e le
la sua misteriosa oggetto si
noven lentamente verso est
se non si vide più. Inoltre, per
nuova al suolo. Poi che il
corpo celeste è tramontato
alle 19.45. La sua velocità
non è stata notata, ma si
sentiva un puzzo di una
avvisava alla linea dell'ori-
zione.
Summer 1958. Maryland, Tennessee, (about 9:00-9:30 p.m.)
Sighting by a Special Agent, F.B.I. (See letter)

Dr. J. Allen Hynek  
Department of Astronomy  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I have just read your book, The UFO Experience, and was impressed with its objectivity. Since you indicated in your book that you would be interested in hearing from readers who may have witnessed a UFO phenomenon, I respectively submit the following:

Generally, the sighting was made by four people: Lynn A. Kidd; his mother Mattie (now deceased); his brother, Randall L. Kidd; and me. The sighting occurred during the summer of 1958. I was 16 at the time, Lynn was 17 and his brother, perhaps eight or nine. Lynn and I were science and mathematics majors at Maryville High School, Maryville, Tennessee. Lynn is now an industrial engineer with the U.S. Postal Service, Memphis, Tennessee, and his brother is a deputy with the Blount County Sheriff's Office, Maryville. I am a Special Agent, F.B.I., currently assigned to the Baltimore, Maryland Division.

On that summer's evening, Lynn and I were sitting in his backyard at about 9:00 to 9:30 pm discussing science and science-fiction topics as we did quite often (we were both sci-fi buffs). The night was crystal clear and I believe the moon was full. Although I cannot recall whether it was full. The view from that backyard in Maryville was obscured some by numerous near-by trees. Lynn and I were both familiar with various types of jet and passenger aircraft as McGhee - Tyson AFB and municipal airport was less than six miles from our homes. There was also a weather station there, and weather balloons were frequently seen bobbing in the night skies. What we did see that evening was far beyond our limited 17 years experience then and my 33 years experience now.

That evening, Lynn and I were sitting in lawn chairs facing each other and engaged in one of our conversations. I was facing west. As we talked, something caught my eye falling in an erratic manner directly earthward. My immediate thought was that it was a weather balloon floating to the earth and apparently being buffeted by gentle winds. However, as it reached tree top level, a second object appeared at its left from beneath the tree level, traveling from the west in a straight line upward, inclined to the plane of the horizon at an angle of about 20 to 25 degrees. When the second object was within a few degrees of the falling object and at the same level, the falling object ceased falling and turned upward to follow a parallel course with the second object. When both objects had traveled sufficiently
be due north of us and several degrees above the tree level (perhaps
30 to 40 degrees above the horizon), a third object appeared above the tree
line. It was also following a course parallel to the other two but was to
the left and below them.

As they traveled toward the east, they fell into a straight line. By
this time, Lynn and I had exhausted our repertoire of explanations and had
called his mother and brother who were now observing the phenomenon.

The objects were elliptical and followed one another perfectly
spaced. They were a beautiful pastel orange, and the entire disc appeared
to glow with the intensity. The discs were highly defined as if three
orange holes had been punched through a black piece of paper. There were
no distinguishing characteristics, and the discs appeared to be perfect
circles viewed at an angle. There was no way to gauge their size as we could
not tell how far away they were, and there was no sound at all. Two of the
discs, end to end, would have approximately equaled the diameter of the moon.

As the discs approached the NNE direction, the third disc suddenly
dropped down from the line onto a new course. Discs one and two continued
tier easterly and upward flight, shrinking into the distance while disc
tree dissappeared below the level of the trees due east of us. Discs one
and two continued toward the east and to the south. They now appeared no
larger than the evening star, Venus, but retained their highly defined
elliptical shape (i.e. the light from the discs was not diffused by the
atmosphere and they did not appear "star-like" as described below). They
were also apparently traveling in a somewhat elliptical path. When first
observed in the north they were traveling east. Now they were almost due
south traveling south west.

The discs grew no smaller and their elevation was approximately
60 degrees above the horizon. They continued their apparently circular
path until they were in the south west and at an elevation of more than
80 degrees above the horizon.

Suddenly, disc one stopped dead in the air and changed color from
orange to blue-green. Disc two caught up with the first and 'parked'
directly beneath the first disc. Disc two also changed color to blue-green.
At the distance we were now observing, the objects appeared identical to
aircraft wing lights or two very close stars (the blue-green light now
appeared diffused by the atmosphere and gave the objects a "starry"
appearance. The orange light viewed at the same distance did not appear
"starry"). Had we not observed them occupy their respective positions,
we could not have considered them anything but stars. We watched them
for several minutes and even lined the objects up with a clothes line pole
in an effort to detect any motion. There was none that we could observe -
and since the objects did not vary in size, they were not receding from or
closing on our position.

Abruptly, these two objects winked out of existence and several
seconds later one of the Air Force's Sabre Jets flew over the house from the
south at a low altitude as if landing at the AFB. With in the next moment,
an elliptical object flashed across the sky from the east to the north
west (the third disc?). This disc was white and larger (nearer?) than the
discs first observed and it traversed more than a 60 degree arc across the
sky in less than a second. Having observed numerous meteors, it resembled
none I have ever seen. For one thing, it had no tail. There was still no
sound.

The entire sighting lasted approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

At the time of the sighting, I lived with my parents in a duplex.
The other half of the duplex was rented by one Lt. John Gauldin, USAF and
stationed at McChesey - Tyson AFB. The same night, I reported this sighting
to him and requested that he inquire at the AFB and see if there were any
unusual aircraft flying that evening, any unidentified radar contacts, etc.
The following day, Lt. Gauldin stated that he did inquire but nothing
unusual was noted.

In order to be able to recall the details, a few nights after the
sighting, I drew a very rough sketch depicting the highlights of the sighting.
After reading your book, I returned home on vacation and located this
sketch. Recollections and the sketch enabled me to reconstruct my interpretation
of the sighting, I think, fairly accurately.

Very truly yours,

Douglas M. Jenkins

(23.)
17 August. Adamski's "honorary membership" in NICAP.

The notorious contactee George Adamski's display of a special NICAP membership card on the Bill Welsh television show in Los Angeles had failed to come to Donald Keyhoe's attention right away. Apparently CSI members who tuned in didn't pass on the news to NICAP headquarters. It took someone in the Air Force to bring the matter to the NICAP director's attention, which fortunately happened in a way that did minimal damage.

In August Keyhoe received a phone call from a friend. Keyhoe relates the conversation in his book *Flying Saucers: Top Secret*:

"'Have you gone nuts—taking in that guy A------?' He named a 'contactee' widely known for fantastic claims, including tales of flights with Venustian spacemen.

"'What are you talking about?' I demanded. 'He's not in NICAP.'

"'Well, he flashed a membership card on a TV show in Los Angeles.'

"'What?'

"'He claims you sent it personally---made him an honorary member.'

"'Henry, that's the first I ever heard of this. He must have a fake card.'

"'The Air Force captain who told me says it's real. One of their PIO's in Los Angeles saw the program. The close-up showed a regular NICAP card, with your printed signature.' Brennand hesitated.

'Could anybody in your office have sent it without letting you know?'

"'No, that's impossible---' I stopped short. 'I can't believe it, but I'll find out in a hurry.'

"'You'd better work fast. This is a big break for the Air Force censors. They can use it to kill off NICAP.'

'I fired a telegram to the contactee, denying he was a NICAP member and warning him not to repeat the claim. Then early next morning I hurried into the office. When I checked the membership files I had a double shock.

"'Not only was A------ listed as a honorary member, but six other widely known contactees!" (24.)

On August 18th Keyhoe wrote a letter to all seven men notifying them that their memberships were never authorized and were void.

It was explained in an issue of the *UFO Investigator*:

"It must be admitted that the seven men concerned had reason to believe a free membership was purposely sent them by NICAP. But it seems peculiar that not one wrote NICAP to acknowledge receipt of the card or to ask the reasons. Also it is only fair to say that none but Adamski made any public claims, and with the exception of Mr. Bethurum the cards returned were sent back with courteous letters." (25.)

The 'unauthorized cards' affair could have turned out worst. Keyhoe and NICAP dodged a bullet.
21 August. Near North Bergen, New York. (about 7:50 p.m.)

"Flying triangle?"

A typed report found in CUFOS files.

"A few minutes after sundown on August 21st---about 7:50 p.m. EDST---a typically maneuvering UFO was observed in the region of the Jersey Marshes just west of the Hudson. Bernard Licata, 15, was outdoors with his cousin in North Bergen (only 4 miles northwest of Times Square) when a bright object appeared high in the eastern sky, almost overhead. It 'came down pretty fast' toward them, stopped short, 'zig-zagged,' then rose up in a curved path toward the south; finally it veered sharply upwards and disappeared into the sky in a vertical climb. The whole performance took about half a minute, according to Licata's estimate, and was witnessed by eight people there. The object, which at its closest appeared not much smaller than the moon, was shaped like a 'curved triangle' or a D:

(drawing in report)

If travelled with the flat side to the rear. It gave the impression of being brightly luminous, with a creamy or orange-white glow; the center was less bright than the edges, giving a 'hollow' effect. After Mr. Licata's observation was published (inaccurately as to details) in the Hudson Dispatch, nearly a dozen other witnesses wrote to him describing it in essentially the same way; all reports came from North Bergen, West New York (closer to the river) or Cliffside Park (3 miles farther north, opposite 110th St.) All, apparently, had seen the object first in the east, then passing toward the south. Mrs. Jean Burke of North Bergen remarked that several jet trails appeared 3 or 4 minutes later. Source: small and inaccurate humorously-treated item in New York Journal-American, 8/22, corrected and amplified by a telephone conversation with Bernard Licata.")." (26.)

A typed report of the event that appeared in the Journal-American was also found in CUFOS files. (See below and on page 47)

Accurately copied from front-page item in early editions of N.Y. Journal-American, Fri. Aug. 22, 1958. (Original clipping sent to witness.)

NEW FLYING MYSTERIES

GHOST RIDERS IN THE SKY?

Is Laika, the Russian pooch which died a lonely death in a satellite, wagging a ghostly tale in space?

Whether you believe in ghosts, canine or otherwise, there is no question a new mystery has appeared in the sky.
In North Bergen, N.J., Bernard Licata, 15, of 610 7th st., and his neighbors were watching for Sputnik III last night.

"All of a sudden a big V-shaped object came out of the northern sky," Bernard reported, "and it hung over us for a minute, glowing like a fluorescent lamp."

In Trieste, Italy, an astronomical observatory noted a mysterious object has been seen in the sky every night since last Saturday. Its passage is visible to the naked eye for about two minutes.

In New York, a Radio Corp. of America spokesman reported the company had "quite a bit of difficulty" in overseas radio communications from 11 p.m. to early this morning.

There is one consolation in this mystery. If there is a ghost, it's a good bet that it hasn't had any more luck than man in solving the "re-entry" problem.

(Data on Licata obs. are taken from Hudson Dispatch and are not very accurate, we learn from witness.)

23 August. Plainview, New York. (night)

A Mr. Arthur Gardiner wrote:

"On the night of August 23 I saw a blue-greenish object flying over the horizon. The object hovered over the horizon for about 53 seconds then shot up out of sight. About a half hour later the same (or what appeared to be the same) object came and went again." (27.)

23 August. Curacao, West Indies. (Noon)

A Dutch publication listed this:

"An employee of the Royal Dutch Airlines at Ourscao (West Indies) saw at noon, sitting with his wife on their balcony, a formation of 8 Flying Saucers. They were c.a. 15,000 feet high and moved with a speed 3 or 4 times as great as an aeroplane. After a short while the formation disappeared in the clouds." (28.)

24 August. Svendborg, Denmark. (11:30 p.m.)

"Plump cigar."

Our source states:

"Sunday the 24th August 1958, at 11:30 p.m., two police sergeants on night patrol saw in the sky above the main road 9 at the northern outskirts of Svendborg, a luminous object, having the shape of a plump cigar coming from the West crossing the road, where upon it disappeared towards the East. The weather was clear. The configuration of the object was clear and sharp, it was luminous, and there was a ring in its middle. The light was steady, the colour
yellowish, and the ring red. The object was of a pea size at arm's length and its speed was even. It looked as if it had two exhausts. It appeared and disappeared as if you switch on and off a light. A motorist who shortly after stopped told me that he had had the same sighting." (29.)

24 August. Brook, Indiana. (6:45 p.m.)

"Looked like a pie plate."

24 August. Westwood, New Jersey. "It looked like a big pizza."

Lafayette, Indiana
Lafayette Journal Courier
26 August 58

Burgen, New Jersey
Burgen Evening Record
25 August 58
WASHINGTON, (NANA) — A report of a House subcommittee quotes air force officials as saying that as more and more reports of flying saucers are investigated it is becoming easier to explain them in terms of natural phenomena. The evidence is that they are not objects from another world. The report says: "The air force has learned by experience that publicity on purported sightings immediately floods them with hundreds of new sightings, and unfortunately many of these are from cranks. This throws a heavy burden on their investigative forces. Attempts to 'strip the aura of mystery' have failed and the only consequences seem to be that the new quasi-religious cult of saucer believers increases their cries for public disclosure of the truth of arrivals of intelligent beings from outer space."

**THIS INTERIM conclusion by the staff will not prevent the committee from holding public hearings on flying saucers, as the air force calls them.**

Other recommendations in the report include holding public hearings in December on "developments in the national space program which have occurred since the passage of the act setting up the new space agency and a symposium to be held in November on "space population."

5 September. Vojens, Denmark. (about 9:15 p.m.)

Engine quits.

A Danish source states:

"A young lady on her way home from the shop, riding her autocycle. She drove along a lonely road in the northern part of Funen. She had just passed a farm, when the motor stopped. She knew motors, so she got off to try to start the motor again. She could not find any faults in the motor, but in spite of this she could not start it again. She gave up doing more about it, so she put up the auto-cycle and started cycling the ordinary way (Peddling).

"She had just started, and had driven a short way, when she saw, over the forest, about 500 meters in front of her, a round, bright light like the light from the front-light of a car, coming towards her. She saw that it went toward the ground, and when it had come down to about 1 meters height from the ground, it continued at this height during the rest of the experience."
smoke in the moonlight over where I figured it had landed. And all of a sudden the car motor acted like it was going to stop and the lights got him. It might have been from using the radio, I don't know.'

"Riggan said that he did not know that other people who had reported seeing such objects had sometimes reported similar problems with their cars.

"I've got no idea what it was," he said. 'I've never seen anything like it. It had no tail, and it wasn't a ball of fire. I didn't before, but I believe in flying saucers now.'

"People around town had differing views on the reported sighting. Jack Doty, a Brewster attorney, said, 'What impresses me is the terrific interest shown by the Air Force. There must be something there.

"They said they definitely were not looking for one of our missiles that had somehow gone astray. They were looking for something beyond anything in our experience or knowledge.'" (36.)

3 September. La Verde, Chaco, Argentina. (11:16 a.m.)

Airplane encounters UFO:

"While Raul N. Lopez of the Resistencia Air-club, was piloting a Piper, P.A. 11-L BxJW in the direction of Machagay at 180 degrees of La Verde at 2400 meters altitude, yesterday at 11:16 a.m.; he noticed in the distance at 110 degrees from the ground a luminous object. At first, he thought it might be a reflection of sunlight but a moment later the brilliant mass rose rapidly some 100 feet and then stopped at about 20 kilometers from his plane. Lopez changed his direction from 90 to 110 degrees with the purpose of going towards this mysterious object, but as he approached, it lost some of its luminosity while assuming the shape of a saucer. When only about 7 kilometers away, he noticed it was a flat object about 30 feet in diameter, with a dome. The thing started to spin rapidly giving off vague greenish-red colors. The pilot then checked the plane's controls but did not notice anything unusual, except that as he came closer to the flying saucer, the revolutions of his engine increased since the instruments registered 100 revolutions more than the cruising speed of his plane. It was under these circumstances that the 'saucer' started its climb using apparently a driving force produced by a reactor. Finally the mysterious object disappeared. Checking again his controls, the pilot noticed that the revolutions of his engine were returning to their normal rate without his having touched the accelerator."

(37.)

4 September. House subcommittee interim conclusions made public.

While the report leaves the door open to future hearings, the bulk of the conclusions were so anti-UFO one wonders if Congress would ever mention the subject again! The news story reads like an Air Force press release. (See clipping on page 56)
"NICAP's in a big fight."

Keyhoe wrote:

"Even after Congress adjourned in 1958, we kept up our drive for hearings. But more than once, talking with congressmen still in Washington, I noted a new restraint. Finally a veteran representative gave me the explanation.

"The Air Force is right on your heels. Practically every time you see or write a congressman, General Fisher gets busy. [Major General W.P. Fisher had replaced General Kelly as Director of Legislative Liaison.] Here's what Fisher wrote me when I asked about UFO hearings:

"The Air Force feels that public hearings would merely give dignity to the subject out of all proportion to which it is entitled. The sensation seekers and the publishers of scientific fiction would profit most from such hearings."

"The congressman gave me a keen look. 'NICAP's in a big fight--big-league. Don't let up for a second. Keep boring in with facts, facts, more facts, and you'll break this open.'"

1 September. Brewster, Washington. (1:30 a.m.)

"What impresses me is the terrific interest shown by the Air Force."

The Wenatchee World informs us in a "looking back" article:

"Jewell Dean Riggan, described by reporter George Richardson for the Daily World as an earnest town policeman, saw a flying saucer while patrolling downtown Brewster.

"It was going northwest pretty slow," Riggan said, 'and it seemed to be a big round circle. It was real bright. Just like looking into a spotlight.'

"Riggan couldn't tell if it was making any noise because of the whirring of a nearby air conditioning unit.

"But it went level for awhile," he said, 'then it dipped, flashed real bright three or four times and then went out of sight behind some buildings.'

"He estimated that the saucer was about the size of a washtub, some three feet in diameter and 50 to 75 feet up in the air. But because distances are hard to gauge at night, it could have been higher and larger, he said.

"Riggan followed the object in the direction of the airport. 'That's where it looked like it either crashed or landed,' he said, but he couldn't find any trace of it.

"Riggan called the Okanogan sheriff's office and asked whether there had been any 'sputniks' passing over.

"Riggan got a call from the Air Force pressing for details. About 7 a.m. Major George Cambridge and other Air Force personnel arrived in Brewster. Helicopter and ground crews searched the area for the next few days. The Air Force didn't find anything, Riggan said.

"It could have taken off again, though," he said. 'When I was heading back to town from the airport I saw a Little funnel of
Strange Object Sighted Over City

An unidentified flying object passed over Worcester at least twice in the last seven days.

What it was photographed on both of these occasions, Dr. James B. Baker of Harvard University's Astronomical Observatory said, is a mystery. Yet he believes it is a large object.

Strange Object Sighted Over City

First Sightings

Baker's photographs were the first sightings of the object, as far as Baker knew. He said he couldn't identify it or tell where it might have come from.

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"Whatnik" Leaves a Trail Over Worcester

This is the second of two photographs of an unidentified flying object made on super-quick film by photographer Nathan R. Myers of The Evening Gazette in astronomical terms, the object was photographed on Thursday, August 21, 1958.

The photograph was made with a 4x5 Crown Graphic camera, mounted on a tripod using film ASA 650. The photograph is being examined at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge.
He said he could distinguish no markings. He got the impression it was about 15 or 20 feet long, and looked 'like an advertising balloon.'

"The object was moving north from them, toward Lehighton. After about 3 to 5 minutes after the car engine stopped, the object went away and Buchman was able to start his car in the normal way, as did the other unidentified man. No other vehicles passed them while they were stopped.

"Buchman, who services autos, trucks, and farm machinery for the farmers' cooperative, found absolutely nothing wrong with his auto; he was totally unable to explain the event. He said he checks his car completely every two weeks, and he inspected it after this happening, finding it in perfect, normal condition.

"Efforts were later made to identify the other man, with no success. A check was made with the local aircraft operators, the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton CAA control tower, the newspapers, radio stations and police, but further investigation revealed nothing about the strange object, nor any other unusual happenings which seemed in any way to fit in with the mystery. "

(33.)

Last week in August. Worcester, Massachusetts. (night)

"Mystery satellite." (See clipping on page 53)

Summer 1958. Erie, Pennsylvania. (afternoon)

"Vertical ascent, other maneuvers."

A UFO report in The UFO Evidence states:

"Victor G. Didelot, B.S. Physics, research engineer in aircraft instrumentation and magnetics: 'The object appeared to be elliptic or oval shaped, approximately twice as long about its longest axis as it was thick. The object maintained a course parallel to the ground for a visible arc of close to 120 degrees, and roughly parallel to the shore line of Lake Erie. The object moved at a very rapid pace from west to east. When it had reached what appeared to be a position directly over the city of Erie, it abruptly and at a speed at least three times its horizontal speed absence of noise, and there was no discernible vapor trail." (34.)

"Saucers due?" (See clipping)
arm's length. When first sighted it was hovering just beneath the overcast in a stationary position for about 16 seconds—then disappearing. A minute later it reappeared in the same location as before, to remain for another 14 seconds or so. This continued a total of 8 times before it finally disappeared.

My first initial reports were received over the local radio-network. I then telephoned the station to procure as many details as possible. Their cooperation and assistance is to be highly commended, however they were unable to give me names of people involved as it is against station policy. They did say however, they received 3 reports, all from adults—8 people to each report.

One hour later the (so-called) official explanation was released by military investigation authorities. They claim the object which was seen was nothing more than the moon peeking through the clouds. This announcement struck me as being so ridiculous, I determined to discredit this theorizing by verifying the facts myself.

May I reiterate what I mentioned earlier: There was a DARE and HEAVY, CONTINUOUS overcast shrouding the sky for miles around. Now if ole Luna-belle could be seen through that mess o' clouds, she really must have been bright! The fact was the moon was not seen by anybody. As a comparison, the sun is a great deal brighter than the moon, and on a cloudy, overcast day it is impossible to see the sun, let alone the moon!

Next, I even went one step further to disprove the moon theory. I phoned a civilian aviator friend of mine and asked him if he was going to be doing any flying that night. He said he had just come in an hour earlier, so I asked him if he had noticed whether the moon was visible above the clouds. He reaffirmed my suspicions by saying it could not be seen anywhere on this particular night. This definitely, 'junked' the official explanation about the moon being hereabouts.

Another curious aspect related to this incident was: Why was the sky suddenly cluttered up with jets immediately after the sightings? It is unusual enough to see jets out in force in the daytime around here—let alone at night. Could it be they were out looking for the moon too?

J. H. Sturko
Edmonton, Alberta
Canada

30 August (September 6?). Near Allentown, Pennsylvania. (5:30-5:45 p.m.)

Car stalls. Radio acts up.

The story:

"The date was either 30 August or 6 September 1958. Robert Buchman, 31, of Allentown Route 3, was driving on a rural road near Egypt and Slaton, north of Allentown. The time was between 5:30 and 5:45, and Buchman was returning home from his job as a mechanic at the Lehigh Farm Bureau. Alone and listening to the radio as he drove, he suddenly became aware of a loud and intermittent buzzing noise on the radio, which began to go off and on by itself. Then the auto, which was moving at about 40 miles per hour, stalled. Buchman pulled the vehicle to the side of the road while it was coasting, and it was then that he noticed a green Pontiac about 25 feet in front of him, apparently the victim of the same mysterious circumstances.

"Buchman noted that the other driver, a stranger, was just as puzzled as he. Buchman heard a noise like an airplane above, and looked up only to see what he described as a 'dark balloon or zeppelin in the sky overhead.' He later said it was 'almost above,' Asked to describe it further he was vague, since it was mainly a dark silhouette against the bright afternoon sky."
27 August. Near Hillsboro, New Hampshire. (afternoon?)

Family out for a drive sees something. "Look-look!" What is that!"

"What is that Daddy?"

Filling out a UFO form, the father of the family writes:

"On August 27, 1958 while on vacationing at our summer home located in East Deering, N.H. - My family and I decided to go to an auction to be held in Dunbarton. Our home is located high amongst the rolling hills of this area - Elevation at 1100 ft.

"After lunch we drove upgrade and along the ridge line of a large hill mass - then the road turns sharply to the left - here for about 200 yds the grade of descent is very steep - about 40° from horizontal. Off to our right the hill falls away to expose a beautiful view (Birds-eye) of 1/2 to 3/4 miles in width bordered with a heavy tree line on the far side - rolling hills and a view of a distant lake (Lake Horace).

"It is customary for me to always look at this vista and comment about it.

"As I turned the car to the left about to descend the steep hill (low gear after a stop - as the road is (blind) and one has to give the right of way to any car fighting to climb the upgrade, one of my youngsters said 'look - look - what is that? I stopped and we all instantly saw the same thing - 'what is it Daddy? 'look - look what is it? 'One could say 'It looks like a flying saucer - then more scrutiny - remarks were fast coming - 'no wings - no tail - it's going to crash - I'm scared' - etc. etc. After it had passed from view - right front to front, behind or through treetops, I asked each one in turn - 'what did you see?' - not offering any comments or suggestions. The conclusion was unanimous - 'like two saucers, one on top of the other but upside down - no wings - no tail - no smoke - no windows - color reddish-orange. Remember we were looking down on this object and could see the entire outline, both in diameter and side view.

"I was so amazed at this spectacle, that I sat there for several minutes - to assure myself that it could not have been an apparition - and that I wanted to impress this vision in my mind in the event - that if and as I expect the object crashed in the woodland. ...nothing has been reported to my knowledge, so I've said little more to anyone." (31.)

27 August. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. (about 8:20 p.m.)

Orange UFO below the overcast.

Dear Sir:

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada: Around 8:20 P.M. on the evening of Aug. 27, 1958, an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) was observed by six city residents. All available reports were obtained as follows:

The object was described as being approx. 6000 feet from the ground, just under a continuous heavy overcast. No rain was falling at the time and the winds were light N.N.W. at 4 m.p.h. The object was circular in shape, glowing a bright fluorescent orange, with a long white beam of light extending a 1/4 of its distance earthward.

Its size was a little difficult to determine accurately, however it was estimated to be about the size of a softball, held at
25 August. Svendborg, Denmark. (6:35-6:37 p.m.)

Greyish-black cigar.

A Danish source states:

"...a Country Council Clerk from Svendborg saw at the same place as referred, a cigar-shaped, it is assumed, greyish-black object having a dull surface and being 3 to 4 times bigger than a 4-engined airplane flying across the road at a speed which he assumes to be 6-700 km.p.h. It passed behind some houses and trees but was otherwise clear and sharp with the sky as background. The sun was behind and a little to the left of the observer. The object emitted no light." (30.)

Woman Observes Flying Object

An "unidentified flying object" was reported seen streaking across the sky here Tuesday night.

"I never saw anything like it," Mrs. Nancy M. Martin said.

Mrs. Martin said she was looking out a window of her apartment in The Hillcrest, 917 Court St., when she spotted a glowing object flash across the sky at 8:10 p.m., abruptly-reverse direction and speed back. This phenomenon was repeated three times, she said.

"It was cigar-shaped object with a reddish glow," Mrs. Martin reported. "It traveled at tremendous speed and appeared to 'turn on a dime' when it reversed directions."

"When I first spotted it, the object was speeding toward the west. It was just above the horizon and its course was parallel to the earth. It was faster than a jet and was not accompanied by a vapor trail," she reported.

The crew on duty at the CAA tower at Preston Glenn Airport said they had not observed a phenomenon such as Mrs. Martin reported. They were busy at the time (8:10) and were not observing the sky, it was explained. Nor had they received any inquiries about an unidentified object Tuesday night.

"Sounds like a UFO (unidentified flying object)," one of the tower men stated, adding that he was not skeptical about their existence.

26 August. Lynchburg, Virginia. (8:10 p.m.)

"I never saw anything like it."

Strange Object Seen In Sky Near Ohio A-Plant

CINCINNATI — A strange object was being seen in the sky near here again last night.

County police Sgt. Ralph Weber and patrolman Ernest Nehrer, working in separate cruisers, reported to their dispatcher at almost the same time that they were watching a big, bright, round object in the sky near the Fernald atomic plant in northwestern Hamilton County.

Sgt. Weber estimated the object to be at about a 5,000 foot altitude. Both officers said it remained stationary.

Dispatcher Thomas McGuinn said he also received some telephone calls from farmers in the neighborhood that they had seen the object.

25 August. Fernald atomic plant, Ohio.

Hovered in sky.
"There was a corona around the light, it seemed, so that it lighted the field below. There were three fields along the road to the left of her, and it was in the farthest field from her and about 200 meters from the road, that the light was now, while it kept coming toward her, parallel to the road. When she was between the farm and the school (see sketch) the light turned without stopping it's speed (about 30-40 kilometers per hour) in an angle of 90 degrees, and came now straight out towards the road, where she was. She was scared and hurried to get away. The light grew brighter and came nearer and nearer.

"When the light was from 2-3 meters from the left side of the road she was driving along, she thought it would rush at her, but suddenly when it was on the level with her, it did a 90 degree turn to the right and continued without changing speed along the edge of the road and disappeared behind her. She kept on cycling forward with her heavy cycle, and she dared not look behind her. She only thought of getting home.

"When she came home, she gave her auto-cycle to the mechanic, and asked him to repair it as the motor would not go. The next morning when she fetched the cycle to drive to the shop, she asked the mechanic what was the matter with the cycle motor. He answered that it worked when he started it, and that there had been nothing the matter.

"Later that day, she learned that two men from her village had seen an illuminated object in the sky a short time before her own experience, and the object had flown in the direction from where she had come.

"When we talked with her (SUFOI) she seemed to be very honest, which made us suppose that her story was true. She had never had an experience like this and obviously did not know anything about UFOs. Now she does!" (38.) (See map on, page 58)

6 September. Project ARGUS.

The missile-test ship Norton Sound had arrived at its secret rendezvous point off the Falklands late in August. Accompanied by U.S. Navy task force 88, Capt. Arthur Gralla maneuvered the Norton Sound into position. Much of the ship's mission was classified but it was officially disclosed later that the idea was to launch three nuclear-armed missiles to an altitude of 300 miles where the warheads were to detonate. What made the mission difficult was the requirement that the explosions had to be precisely timed to match the appearance of a certain satellite in orbit. The atomic blasts had to be within a three-minute timing tolerance. The official explanation was to test some idea of physicists Nicholas Christofilos who believed atomic explosions could be detected by satellite, in this case by the U.S.'s artificial moon Explorer IV.

The Norton Sound launched missiles on August 27th, the 30th, and on September 6th.

Dr. Olavo Fontes of Brazil would later consult with Coral Lorenzen when some details of ARGUS were finally made public. Fontes thought there were
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some strange coincidences that might be related to ARGUS, for example the mystery satellite reported in Italian skies during August, and a number of similar sightings from Brazil in July. Unfortunately, Dr. Fontes' excellent contacts within the Brazilian military were no use to him in this case and his theory is merely speculation. One thing is certain, however, if UFOs were real and moving around 300 miles above the earth, the three nuclear explosions must have sent some kind of message. (39.)

- 8 September. Wacker, Illinois. (afternoon)
  Silver disk? (See clipping right)

- 8 September. Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska. (about 6:40 p.m.)

UFOs over SAC headquarters? The Duich story as it appeared in the MUFON journal. (See below and pages 60-61)

What's Up?
Silver Disk
Not Saucer

Farmers in the Wacker area, about five miles southeast of Savanna, thought they saw a flying saucer Monday afternoon.

It appeared to be very high up and shaped like a silver disk, they said.

Using field glasses, the observers noted a red fire shooting out the bottom and a sort of vapor or steam at the top.

Since the sky was absolutely clear during the afternoon, it was possible to see the object very plainly.

After appearing to hover in the same position several hours, it was reported the object "raced" in a northerly direction and disappeared from sight.

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The death of Paul A. Duich brought to mind for many MUFON members the sighting of a UFO over the Strategic Air Command Headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base while he was on active duty there in 1958.

Duich, 67, died December 31, 1983, of a heart ailment. He was a research engineer in the Flight System Division and Performance Department of the Rockwell Space Division in Downey, California, working on the Space Shuttle program.

Duich, a navigator, was a major at the time of the 1958 sighting. An excellent account of the incident was published in The UFO Evidence, published in 1964 by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), and is reprinted here:

At SAC headquarters in 1958, a group of officers, airmen, and missile engineers observed an elongated UFO with satellite objects for about 20 minutes. The case was reported to NICAP by Major Paul A. Duich, USAF.
(Ret), one of the witnesses, who was then on active duty. Until recently, Major Duch was an Air Force Master Navigator, accumulating 4000 flying hours and 300 combat hours. During World War II he was one of those who saw "foo-fighters," while crew member of a B-29 making bomb runs on Japan.

The date was approximately 1840. The time was approximately 1840. The date: 8 September 1958. I had just ordered dinner at the Officers Club, Strategic Air Command Headquarters, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska. I excused myself from my friend and co-worker, Major , and went out the side door to cross the open space between the club and the Visiting Officers Quarters next door. I wanted to buy a newspaper in the lobby of the VOQ to read after dinner.

As I crossed the open area, something caught my eye. Glancing up and to the west, I noticed what appeared to be a short vapor trail in an otherwise clear, blue sky. There were no clouds. The sun had just set. I continued walking but somehow that vapor trail didn't register properly. I have seen thousands of vapor trails but this one was peculiar. I did a double take at that point for suddenly the short 'vapor trail' became a brilliant source of light, much the same as a magnesium flare. I stopped dead in my tracks and watched.

The light was intense, but the "vapor trail" hung motionless. Even a short trail shows generation and dissipation as the aircraft moves across the sky. I watched for several minutes — maybe 2 or 3 — before I called to another officer: "Hey, what do you make of that?", pointing to the spot in the sky. He replied, "Looks like a short vapor trail." I pointed out that it wasn't moving or growing or diminishing in size. He stopped to gape and several others joined us.

By then, I decided this called for a better look. What we all agreed, rather quickly, was that the vapor was reflecting sunlight, the effect being similar to a sun-dog, even though the sun had already slipped below the horizon.

As the small crowd gathered, I hurried into the VOQ office and called the Offutt tower. I asked the tower operator to look west, about 30 degrees from the horizontal and tell me what he saw.

"Looks like a short vapor trail. Very odd."

"Vapor trail my foot! Look at it now."

I could see it through the window as I talked to the tower operator. The glow was now diminishing and changing to a dull red-orange and at the same time the fuzzy appearance gradually took on a solid look, in the distinct shape of a pencil or slender cigar. The upper end was blunter than the lower end.

By then all those in the office were curious and we all stepped outside to join the 10 to 20 others who had gathered to gape at the thing. All of a sudden we all started checking each others faces for some silly reason — for assurance of reality, perhaps, for as we watched there appeared at the lower end of the object a swarm of black specks cavorting every which way, much like a swarm of gnats. This procedure continued for a minute or so before they (the black specks) disappeared.

Then the object, which had hung motionless on the same spot, slowly changed attitude from an upright position to a 45 degree angle with the horizontal and started moving slowly toward the west. At the same time there was no drastic change in the coloring, but a perceptible color change did take place. It remained a dull orange-red color and continued its westerly movement.

We watched in awe for several minutes — perhaps 5 — and then the object changed attitude, again very gradually, until its longitudinal axis...
1. UFO first appeared as vapor streak, bright flare of light. Then turned red-orange, solid shape became distinct. Black specks appeared, cavorted near lower end.

2. Specks disappeared, object tilted to 15 degrees from horizon, began moving slowly WSW.

3. Object tipped to horizontal, then as it moved into distance tilted upwards again.

About 10 minutes after I sighted the object, a full colonel set up a tripod and 35 mm camera with color film and took several photographs of the object. He later denied getting any successful exposures after I asked him on several occasions.

Immediately after the object faded away, we asked one another what it was we saw. The popular answer was, "I don't know, but I saw something."

The crowd was composed of airmen, officers and civilians (at least 25 officers and airmen were present). Several of the officers (and possibly a few civilians) were from the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division in Los Angeles. Several more, like myself, were Operations personnel engaged in a SAC planning session at the time. All except a few of the airmen were
seasoned, veteran flyers' or highly trained missile engineers. We concluded that what was seen by all was no conventional vehicle, nor was it an atmospheric phenomenon.

I collected a few names of individuals present, as I intended to report the UFO to the proper authorities. I called the filter center and reported the facts over the telephone in the presence of a fellow officer and co-worker. I was told that I would be contacted for interview within 48 hours by ATIC (Air Technical Intelligence Center) representatives. I am still waiting — 5½ years later.

(40.)

8 September. Sterling, Illinois. (2:00 p.m.)

"Separated into four units." (See clipping to the right)
U.F.O. Division
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Gentlemen:

On September 8, 1958, about 6:30 PM, it was brought to my attention by the neighborhood children that there was a bright glowing object in the sky.

This object stayed stationary for approximately two minutes from the time I saw it. It appeared very bright and glowing while continually moving in an unusual circular motion.

Suddenly this object soared straight upward, turned black and left a small white trail behind. It then made a right angle turn and suddenly disappeared out of sight.

I took the enclosed photographs just before the object disappeared out of sight. It appears as a small black spot followed by a white trail of vapor. I have encircled the object with a grease pencil on the negatives. The prints show a white circle around the object.

I am passing these photographs on to you for whatever information they may serve.

Sincerely,

Pamela A. Bowe

With Van Tassel attracting all the saucer fans out west, and Buck Nelson doing the same for mid-America, that left many enthusiasts further east out of luck. Contactee Howard Menger remedied the problem with his "First East Coast Interplanetary Space Convention" at Swiftstream Farm, Lebanon, New Jersey. (With talks with Congress going on in Washington D.C., the UFO subject didn't need such goings on featured on the evening news.)

Our source for this information states:

"Newspapermen, radio and TV reporters were there in force. Long John Nebel, of WOR's all night off-beat program was there with his crew of panel guests and technicians to record the speeches and tape interviews.

"Among the guest speakers were Major Wayne Aho, of Washington Space Intelligence; Otis T. Carr, designer of the world's first free energy device space ship; Margaret Storm, author of the forthcoming book Return of the Dove, about Nikola Tesla; Gray Barker, author of They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers, and many others." (42.)

The highlight of the convention:

"...was a shower of small 'saucers' in the form of paper plates from an airplane. They missed the crowd and landed in the nearby woods. The curious retrieved them. The plates carried an advertisement of Ernest Bright of Lebanon, ballyhooing his 'Space Ambulance Service' with branches on the moon, Jupiter and Venus. 'The Jupiter Journal' and 'The Neptune News' were advertised on the plate's other side." (43.)

James Moseley, editor of Saucer News, adds that Andy Sinatra, the "mystic barber," also showed up. Moseley thought Andy was the most colorful person at the gathering as he gestured wildly at the crowd wearing his metallic "psychic device" on his head, a thing he invented to receive telepathic messages. Otherwise, Moseley felt the speakers were: "...uninspired lot, and no important new information was revealed by anyone." (44.)

14 September. The Klockenbusch letter.

"The men were small: 1.35-1.40 meters." "In one of the rooms there lay a dead woman on a kind of a table. Between the legs she was cut and bleeding."

Donald Keyhoe had no use for contactees that inspired events like "space conventions." He had even more reason to be careful after the "honorary membership" flap. He also ignored the "little men" stories, so it must have been due to Richard Hall that Keyhoe soften a bit. It was a 1958 French UFO book that helped Hall to reconsider one of the most sensational aspects of the UFO mystery. Reviewing the year 1958 Hall wrote:
"Aime Michel's book 'Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery' was published, recording earlier cases of little men seen near landed saucer-shaped craft in Europe. Similar cases were reported in the U.S. in 1955 and earlier. At least one UFO case involving small creatures was reported in 1958. Without endorsing these stories, your co-editor only wishes to point out that they are entirely different in every respect from so-called 'contact' cases involving pseudo-physicists and theosophic missionaries from space. The little men did not philosophize, in fact, they could not speak the native languages. The evidence for these cases, however, is inconclusive. While UFOs have been tracked on radar, photographed, and otherwise detected with instruments, little men have not. Still, if any space men have landed on earth, these little men are the most likely candidates." (45.)

A letter from Germany dated September 14th arrived at NICAP. It wasn't thrown in the wastebasket. Instead it was carefully read by Keyhoe. The story was fantastic but Keyhoe was interested enough to write back and ask a long list of questions. (See the Klockenbush letter on pages 66-67)

20 September. Near Rijen, Holland. (no time)

Motor-cycle suddenly stops.

A Dutch source states:

"When Mr. J.D. Walop was driving his motor-cycle in the woods near Rijen (North Brabant) his motor suddenly stopped. As he could not find any defects to his motor, Mr. Walop looked up in despair. And at this very moment he saw a strange disk-like object flying in the air at a height of 75 meters. It had a dull red radiation, a diameter of 20 to 30 meters and went slowly on its course. While it flew a light humming sound could be heard. As soon as the object was out of sight, the motor did function again." (46.)

Lorain is a small town on the shore of Lake Eire about 20 miles or so west of Cleveland. Just east of Lorain is the village of Sheffield Lake. It was in the area of Lorain and Sheffield Lake that some strange things were reported early Sunday morning September 21st.

21 September. Lorain, Ohio. (2:00 a.m.)

"A big red ball."

A woman living in Lorain retired for the night but had not drifted off to sleep. At 2:00 a.m. she was still awake when she heard an odd crashing sound and saw a "big red ball" which was visible through her bedroom window. (See page 84) (47.)

21 September. Lorain, Ohio. (2:30 a.m.)

The light was so strong when it filled her bedroom, a Mrs. Stewart of Lorain thought it was daybreak and time to get up. Checking her clock, she found it was actually 2:30 a.m. Curious, Mrs. Stewart peeked out the window to locate the source of the light. In the Southwest sky was a strange, red-colored, round object with a small bump on its top. Feeling she was
Dear Mr. Keyhoe!

My name is Hermann Klockenbusch and that of my friend is Hermann Götter-Schnetmann. We both are on a High-School here at Münster, and both aged 18. We want to give you a report of something strange that happened to my friend in Pamplona, Spain this summer, where he was during holidays. First I will tell and having done so explain the reason of this letter to you.

In the evening of the 22nd of August at nine o'clock my friend had a little walk by the sea in the site near Pamplona. Suddenly he noticed a strange blue light in a distance of three hundred meters, so he drove there to see where it came from. From a distance of about 90 meters he saw that it was any to him unknown flying object. Suddenly he fell down from his bike and lay on the ground for five minutes and then went slowly to the light. Then five men sprang to him and brought him into this strange thing. They were striking small, 1.35 to 1.40 meters, but very brave and strong. One of them was a bit taller than the others and he made the speaker. He first addressed him in an unknown language, then in English, Spanish and then in German, he asked where he came, who he was and what he wanted in Spain. He spoke with a very strange accent. Then he took the passport of my friend, but couldn't read, he could speak, but not read. My friend had to give him his address. The flying object had five rooms. The walls were perhaps 40 centimeters strong looking as a kind of glass with a faint blue colour. In one of the rooms there lay a dead woman on a kind of a table. Between the legs she was cut and bleeding, her face made a painful impression. Seeing that my friend was afraid to have a strange destiny they said he must not have fear. Then they asked him, if he wanted to come with them, but of course he said no. Then they said in three years they would come to destroy the earth, and pointed to a large bullet that looked like yellow glass and said that was one of the things with which they were able to destroy all the earth. There suddenly four of them went into another room and they went straightly up into the height without any sound. My friend at once fell down, but the other man stood without moving. My friend felt as five times as heavy as usually. The blue light grew lighter with the growing quickness. They flew perhaps ten minutes. When they went down, the man held my friend, and if he would not have done so, he would have been crashed under the ceiling, the man stood as on firm ground, and also the woman lay without moving. They went down on a wrong place, and when my friend asked for being brought, where they had started they did so.
Then for about one hour they asked him for electricity, traffic, railway and Atom wappons on earth. My friend told what he knew. One of them tried to gy by the bike, but he fell down, he seemed not to know. Then they said to him once more they would destroy the earth in three years and a ked also once more, if he didn't want to go with them. They didn't say when they then started my friend fell down but not by the strongness of air. At last they gad said to him, when he wanted to be taken with them, he should broadcast on 485 khts. At one o'clock my friend arrived at the house of the family where he live in holidays. The man is a doctor. My friend had 140 pulse and fever, but before this thrilling adventure he had been in high spirit and good health. He could see the blue points on his arms, where these gentlemen took him. Yes, dear Mr. Keyhoe, that's all.

Till three weeks ago I didn't believe of "Unidentified Flying Objects". But my friend saw all with his own eyes. And he says the truth. And I think four hours last to see that someone is not dreaming, and we both are not interested, to lie anything for we are not hungry to get known as mind-sick fools, and I'm sure there will be more people who don't believe than those who do so. I think it was good, that he didn't go to the next police station and tell all. If that would have been known by people, perhaps it would have given a katastrophe, for people are hungry to hear such things and to loose their mind. What is your opinion of that, and which behavior do you propose us. I have confidence to you or I would not have written to you. But I ask you instantly not to do anything without us knowing that. Please write us, if you want to do anything and what. Do you intend to tell it to the Departement of Defense? I am critical still now, but I think it is too stern only to laugh at that. In dto do nothing I would have been glad, if all this would have been a chapter of a future novel by Hans Dominik or an other writer.

Kind regards

[Signature]
witnessing some sort of freak atmospheric condition, Mrs. Stewart woke her husband. (See pages 83-84) (48.)

21 September. Sheffield Lake, Ohio. (3:00 a.m.) The Fitzgerald case.
"The most frightening thing I have ever seen."

The Elyria, Ohio, Chronicle-Telegram account. (See clipping on page 69)
The Cleveland, Ohio, Plain Dealer account. (See clipping on page 70)
The Lorain, Ohio, Journal account. (See clipping on page 71)

Ten-year-old John Fitzgerald and his father got up early and ate breakfast. At that time the boy told his dad about the object he had seen during the night. Mr. Fitzgerald, who had slept through everything, was unimpressed and assumed his son just had a bad dream. As for Mrs. Fitzgerald, she was still in bed and stayed there for some time since she had been up so late. Eventually Mrs. Fitzgerald joined her son and husband. She was greatly upset and related her 3:00 a.m. experience. Since John's story corroborated his mother's, it proved to the family the "saucer visit" had been a real event. (49.)

Mrs. Fitzgerald claimed no fascination with UFOs, but she felt her sighting was so important she needed to alert authorities. Not knowing what else to do, the Fitzgerald phoned the offices of the Lorain Journal. The newspaper's editor sent a reporter to Sheffield Lake to ask questions and look around. By Sunday evening word of the Fitzgerald's experience reached other newsrooms. On September 22th news items were published in the Cleveland Plain Dealer and the Elyria Chronicle-Telegram.

23 September. Phone calls and visits.

After the Monday press accounts appeared, the Fitzgeralds were busy with visitors and phone calls. By Tuesday it was estimated the Fitzgeralds had been contacted by at least 75 individuals. Mrs. Fitzgerald said some of the phone calls were: ". . .even more weird than seeing the saucer." (50.) One caller in particular announced that Mrs. Fitzgerald had been "singled out for a special mission," whatever that was supposed to mean. Others, more than just a few, insisted she was having hallucinations. The majority, however, said they had also seen UFOs and were very interested in Mrs. Fitzgerald's story. As could be expected, radio stations and newspapers from around the state wanted to do interviews.

Capt. Reinecke.

Probably the most intriguing person to contact the Fitzgeralds on the 23rd was Capt. Charles H. Reinecke, Fifth Area administrative assistant for the Ohio attorney general's office. Capt. Reinecke talked with the Fitzgeralds on the phone and then visited their home at 934 East Drive. He conducted an investigation and took the time to examine the Fitzgerald's car (It could be the car was parked outside during the incident) and the yard for any trace left by the object. He said he was thinking about making a return visit with a Geiger counter to check for any radiation. (51.) He was also greatly interested in Mrs. Fitzgerald's description of the UFO and showed her pictures of other reported saucers (Whether the pictures
Sheffield Lake Woman Reports Flying Saucer In Yard Of Home

SHEFFIELD LAKE—This village today has at least one believer in flying saucers.

She is Mrs. William H. Fitzgerald, 28, of 934 East Dr., who early yesterday morning saw one "so close that I could have reached out and touched it."

Mrs. Fitzgerald said she saw the saucer, described as being eight feet in diameter and three feet thick, just after going to bed at about 3 a.m.

She said she had just retired after watching a TV movie entitled "Dracula's Daughter," was not asleep, and is convinced it was no nightmare, although she described it as being "the most frightening thing I have ever seen."

The saucer, she said, threw a bright light, looking something like sun reflection from the snow, into her bedroom. She said it made a couple of turns in her yard and then disappeared straight up.

Examination of the grounds around her home revealed no vehicle marks.

She said the saucer appeared to be of a dull aluminum, had several tubes sticking out of it, was shaped like two paper plates placed on top of each other, with a cup saucer on top of them and discharged a "pinky-grayish-purple" smoke.

The saucer was also spotted by her stepson, John, a fourth-grade student in Cleveland.

No neighbors or officials reported seeing the object, although a neighbor said she heard a similar whirling noise and saw a bright light several nights ago.

Mrs. Fitzgerald has been asked to describe her experience to the Nican Club, Cleveland, an organization of persons interested in unidentified flying objects, at a meeting Oct. 24.
Flying Saucers on Top of Dracula, Terrifies Sheffield Lake Woman

By ALLEN D. ASHBOLT
Lorain County Correspondent

Terrified and shaken by their experience, a Sheffield Lake housewife and her 10-year-old stepson yesterday, related a weird account of a 3 a.m. visit by a "flying saucer."

Mrs. William H. Fitzgerald, 934 East Drive, said she watched the object for more than five minutes at close range after a brilliant light roused her from her bed.

Tears filled her eyes, still reddened from crying until dawn following the experience, as she told of unsuccessfully trying to wake her husband, an unemployed truck driver, to help her through the ordeal.

"I had just gone to bed after the last movie on TV," she said, when a brilliant white glare filled her bedroom through the closed window drapes. The movie was "Dracula's Daughter."

Blinded at first, she hid her head under the pillow until the light subsided. Then she stood on her bed, looked through the window, and watched the "saucer" glide over her driveway.

It hovered a foot above a neighbor's lawn, suddenly glowed, and discharged a cloud of "heavy pinkish-grayish-purple smoke from the saucer's back and sides," she said.

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Mrs. Fitzgerald, 28, said her daughter, Christy Lynn, 17, and her husband slept peacefully as she watched what she described as "the most horrible looking thing" she had ever seen. "It was terrifying," she said.

Her stepson, John, a fourth grade student at Milford Elementary School in Cleveland, was spending the weekend visiting his father. He was in the next bedroom, also at the front of the house, and happened to be awake when the "saucer" made its early-morning appearance.

Since his small bedroom window was above his eye level, he explained, he could not see the object until he stepped on a wall heat register. By that time, he said, it was emitting the cloud of smoke.

From that point on, his account of the incident agreed with his stepmother's.

Both also said that the "saucer" made a whirring noise. Then, as it left, the noise took on a muffled, whining sound.

John demonstrated with a low whistle, increasing in pitch, together with a hum.

Not Seen by Others

The "saucer" was described as round from a top or bottom view and oval from a side view, with a rounded cap on top. It was about eight feet in diameter, they said, and about three feet high.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said it had openings on both sides in which she saw a series of small tubes "like small exhaust pipes."

Sheffield Lake Police Chief Clare C. Hambly said he was notified of the sighting, and had had no "saucer" reports from anyone else.

A check of neighbors revealed that no one else in the vicinity of the Fitzgerald home had seen the "saucer."

Fitzgerald and this reporter examined the ground over which the object reportedly traveled and could not find anything unusual.
‘Most Frightful’ Five Minutes Comes From Seeing ‘Saucer’

By WIL HANE

SHEFFIELD LAKE — The most frightful five minutes of her life were spent by Mrs. William H. Fitzgerald, 934 East Dr., early yesterday. She reported seeing a "flying saucer."

Mrs. Fitzgerald had gone to bed about 2:45 a.m. after watching the late movie on TV when a brilliant light flashed into her bedroom.

"Even though the drapes were drawn, it lit the room brighter than daylight," she said.

When she stood on the bed and gazed out the window there it was — the "saucer."

It moved across her front yard, she said, about four feet above the ground then hovered over the edge of a neighbor's lawn, she said.

"I was horrified," she said. "I couldn't even scream. I tried to wake my husband by kicking him but he only turned over," she said. "I was afraid to leave the room."

In another front bedroom, her 10-year-old stepson also was watching the "saucer" — unknown to Mrs. Fitzgerald. He had been on his way to the bathroom when he was attracted by the light passing his window, she said.

(Continued from Page 1)

Saucer Site — Mrs. William Fitzgerald, shows how high the "flying saucer" she saw early yesterday morning was cruising when she spotted it from her bedroom window.

Lorain, Ohio
Journal
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were photographs or drawings is not known. (See page 89 for more information on this). Scanning the pictures, Mrs. Fitzgerald selected one that seemed a good match. (52.) It would be pure speculation, but Reinecke may have been a front man for the Air Force. Indeed, when official Air Force investigators finally did show up, they didn't express any interest in the UFO's appearance.

25 September. More investigators arrive.

Four days after the Fitzgerald sighting two members of the UFO Research Committee of Akron arrived in Sheffield Lake to confirm the facts of the case. They asked questions and familiarized themselves with the site of the observation and the witnesses. Apparently they also gave the Fitzgeralds some advice about UFOs and the Air Force. In any event, the Air Force was asked to investigate. This is not a minor point. The Air Force had a habit of not investigating UFO incidents not officially reported to the military. In this instance, the military's investigation turned out to be as interesting as the actual sighting. (53.)

Also, about this time a "Summary report" on the case was drawn up and its not clear who the author could have been. Mrs. Fitzgerald refers to a single person, not two, and some of the details in the document are not found in Akron's "Fitzgerald Report."

26 September. The FBI and Keyhoe. The Bureau has a long memory.

(See FBI documents on pages 73-75.

27 September. Eagle Lake, California. (about 11:00 p.m.)

"A feeling of having my brain being picked." (See pp.76-77) (54.)

29 September. Columbus, Ohio. (night)

Why were the cows frightened." (See clipping on page 78)

29 September. Derwood, Maryland. (about 5:30 a.m.)

Saucer lands?

When an Army private reported the "crash landing" of a strange object near a NIKE anti-aircraft site only 17 miles from Washington D.C., it caused considerable activity by the Air Force. A team of 12 men conducted an investigation and ground search. Nothing was found and it was determined that a meteor had triggered the excitement. The "crash" part was just the soldier's imagination. For once UFO buffs agreed. (See clippings on page 79)

? September. Gordium, Turkey. (about 10:00 p.m.)

"Butter plate" remains on the ground for two hours.

Perhaps the "saucer pilot" thought he was in such an isolated place no one would see his ship? (See story and clippings on page 80)

Mrs. Frank Dargay was a member of the "Cleveland UFOlogy Project" which claimed to be associated with Keyhoe's NICAP organization. The following letter was found in NICAP files. No other details concerning the Cleveland group or Mrs. Dargay's investigation is known. (See pages 81-82) Did Mrs. Dargay write the "Summary report?"
MR. A. H. BELMONT

Donald E. Keyhoe

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(Nationalities Intelligence)

Subject, Director of National Investigations Committee on
Aerial Phenomena, by letter of 9/22/58 requested particulars of
Bureau's participation concerning unidentified flying objects. The
committee he heads is described on letterhead as "A privately sup-
ported fact finding civilian committee serving the public interest" and
he lists several prominent individuals among "our Board members
and Special Advisers." He is a retired Marine.

Keyhoe has been known to the Bureau since 1935 and was,
and may still be, a free-lance writer. In 1948 he was described by
Mr. Nichols as "a flamboyant writer and we have found from previous
experience that much of his material is irresponsible." In 1951 the
Director concurred with Mr. Nichols' statement that "We should not
get involved with him."

As an example of his writing, the January, 1941, issue of
"Cosmopolitan" magazine carried an article written by Keyhoe and
John J. Daly entitled "Hitler's Plan to Seize the United States
Merchant Marine." This article indicated the Bureau had in its possessior
documents concerning such a plan by Hitler which indication was completely
false.

The attached suggested letter to Keyhoe responds in a very
general way to his questions, some of which are extremely pointed such
as "Have FBI Agents told witnesses not to talk about UFO sightings?"
and "Does the Bureau make character investigations of UFO witnesses
in some cases?" The answers which have been furnished are designed
to avoid the charge we have not answered questions yet they are broad
in nature to avoid his apparent pointed inquiries. His request for
an interview with a Bureau official concerning our policy concerning
unidentified flying objects has been side-stepped since there appears
to be no point in discussing this matter further with him. JANAP 146 is
Defense document re reporting intelligence sightings.

ACTION:

That the attached suggested letter be forwarded to Keyhoe. In
view of Air Force interest, copy of incoming with copy of our
reply being sent Air Force separately.

Enclosure
September 26, 1958

Major Donald Z. Keyhoe, Director
National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena
1536 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of September 22, 1958, the following requested information is furnished:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation does not investigate sightings of unidentified flying objects. When the details of such a sighting are reported to representatives of this Bureau, the information is forwarded to the Air Force.

Representatives of this Bureau do not issue instructions to individuals who have sighted unidentified flying objects that they should not talk about such sightings.

It is not a function of this Bureau to make character investigations of individuals who have witnessed unidentified flying objects.

This Bureau does not have information on unidentified flying objects which can be released. This does not imply that this Bureau has information concerning unidentified flying objects which cannot be released.

It is understood that JANAP 146 is a Department of Defense document and is not, as such, applicable to the operations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Possible communication with extraterrestrial vehicles from another planet, should the unidentified

ESS:jas See cover memo dated to Belmont, captioned "Donald E. Keyhoe, Miscellaneous - Information Concerning (Nationalities Intelligence)," dated 9/26/58, ESS:jas.
Major Donald E. Keyhoe

flying objects prove to be extraterrestrial, is not a function of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This Bureau is, of course, interested in any aspect of any development which would affect the internal security of the United States.

Your letter of September 22, 1958, requested an interview with an official of this Bureau concerning the matter of unidentified flying objects and this Bureau's policy in connection therewith. Since this Bureau's policy in connection with unidentified flying objects has been fully set forth above, you may feel that the requested interview is not now necessary.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
The following is a statement by Jeanne Henderson on this date.

"On September 27, 1958 the following experience was noted by Jeanne Henderson of Saratoga, California."

It was after the first day of the hunting season, Saturday night. After I, my husband, and fellow hunters (in a truck & Camper nearby), went to bed. The time was approximately 9:30pm PST.

We were in a small valley near Eagle Lake, Calif. (see map location) and camped after a day of unsuccessful hunting. I had lain down in our Siesta 17' trailer near the back window. This window was facing approximately in a SSW direction (see drawing). At approximately 11:00pm (actual time unknown) I awoke with a feeling of having my brain being picked. I looked out of the window in approximately a WSW direction. I then saw three 'bright stars' in a perfect line above the ridge to the west of our position. Suddenly the center 'star' moved. Very quickly, maybe a second or so, the center light had come very close to our trailer. Thinking it was a rangers' helicopter because we had left a small fire burning in a pit, I was frightened. I immediately woke my husband. I told him the rangers had come, but he said forget it he would take care of it in the morning. I then looked out again and the very bright light was still hovering near trailer. It was very close, I would guess about 25' from where I was laying. It was sort of a silver-white light with no definite outline. It was large (about the size of a helicopter) and had three or more ropes hanging down. It gave the effect of seeing a light through intense heat-waves. It also gave me the impression of pulsating similar to the way a jellyfish moves in the water (see drawing).
There was evidently a full moon because I also saw a wild dog or coyote outside the trailer (we had left a few tidbits for them the night before) and it was crouched down to the ground as if it were terribly frightened. I then looked back to the object and it went back to between the remaining two 'stars' as fast as it had arrived. And it seemed to stop momentarily and then all three of the 'stars' went off rapidly in the distance and disappeared.

I had no ill effects. No one else saw the objects, but the wild dogs or coyotes did not take our tidbits as they had the night before. Later I told my husband the story as well as the people we were hunting with and they said to report. But I forgot to. A day or so later we checked with the ranger station at Susanville, Calif. and they stated they had no helicopters up that evening.

There was a small forest fire (can check with ranger station) approximately 25 miles to the NW we saw the smoke during the day.
Reporter Believes Saucers Were Nearby Early Monday

By Lillian Desguin

Monday, September 28 set off a flood of flying saucer sightings, a number of which were presented in the Columbus Dispatch. An interesting picture will be noted if this subject is given close observation. Making a list of the sightings which took place from 4:25 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. we find:

Warren, Ohio—4:25 a.m.
London, Ohio—4:30 & 4:31 a.m.
Hamilton, Ohio—4:35 a.m.
Akron-Canton Airport—5:09 a.m.
2448 Sulivant Ave, Columbus, O.—Monday a.m.

TAKING your two most distant locations, draw a straight line through Warren and Hamilton, Ohio. You must realize, of course, that a slight difference would be noticed in a geodetic line.

At 9:15 a.m. Monday, farmer Ralph Keys arrived at our door. His farm is one mile east of Flint on Park Road. He was curious to know if I was familiar with any reason which might cause farm animals to develop a fear complex. Ralph said that he found his herd of cows huddled against the outside of his barn, instead of being in their usual pasture. This was odd, but not nearly as odd as the results which took place when he tried to get the animals inside to be milked. They wouldn't go. They were frightened, and it was with the great difficulty that he managed a reaction.

Not having heard any news I could only guess that flying saucers had indeed been close. Time and time again similar descriptions are given. I questioned neighbors and tried to find some night owl who might have a story to tell. It was nearly noon before Mr. Keys' cows would go to their pasture, but it was nearer midnight before I was able to show reasoning that these cattle had been scared by UFO's.
"Saucer" Landed,
Say Two Soldiers

WASHINGTON — A wingless, teardrop-shaped object landed and took off near one of the Nike batteries depending Washington, two soldiers say.

The Army missilemen's report came to light today. Yesterday, the Air Force, which has been checking it, threw more cold water on flying saucer reports. It said it has investigated 1,270 reports in the past 13 months and had routine explanations for more than 98 per cent of them.

The soldiers, Pvt. Jerome A. Scanlon and Sgty. Rincey Farriss of the 4th Missile Battalion, said the thing they saw last week had a hull-like nose, tapering to a blunt tail, without propellers or wings. The men are stationed about 11 miles from Washington, at Derwood, Md.

A number of Maryland residents also reported seeing an unidentified flying object Sept. 28.

The sighting by the soldier was relating through channels to Air Force headquarters. A term of 12 investigators worked two days on the case.

Brass to Hear
GI's Account of
Fiery 'Saucer'

A Jersey City soldier will go to the Pentagon this week to repeat—in front of high brass—his eye-witness account of the landing and takeoff of a mysterious "space ship."

"vt. Jerome A. Scanlon, 21, of 210 Oleen ave., said he saw the fiery-bellching phenomenon last week while on guard duty at a Maryland Nike base 17 miles from Washington, D.C.

The young soldier's report came as the Air Force admitted it has been unable to explain 21 reports of unidentified flying objects during the 13 months ended July 31. The Air Force added a total of 1,270 such reports during that period and noted a sharp rise in such reports over former years.

The Air Force said an object is considered "unknown" when at least one valid conclusion cannot be drawn from available facts and when its description cannot be related to natural phenomena in the skies.

Scanlon's guard sergeant, Rincey Farriss and several other GIs on the post also saw the unidentified flying object but Turley.
American woman archeologist at the Gordian site was alone at the "dig house" one evening; about 10 p.m. she saw an orange object, approximately globular, descend vertically to the ground - area is flat and unpopulated - some distance away; could not estimate distance, but if it had been an airplane she would have heard the noise. Size also unknown, but comparison was made with a "butter plate." No noise. Object remained on the ground, pulsating, for about 2 hours, during which time it changed from orange to red. Rose vertically and disappeared in the sky. Witness did not go out to investigate; frightened. (Has never been interested in saucers; phlegmatic type). Other archeologists not much int. in her report, said "lots of private airplanes around now." Witness wrote to friends in Athens about the incident; they are Americans & much interested in saucers. When witness came to Athens they pried her with questions - some of the above information resulted from these questions. They forwarded her original letter and the additional facts obtained by questioning her to Barbara Holld, who reported it by telephone to IID Fri. eve. 1/16/59.

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U. S. ARCHEOLOGISTS SEEK MIDAS' TOMB

Special to The New York Times

PHILADELPHIA, April 4 - A University of Pennsylvania archeological expedition has begun its ninth year of excavation in Turkey. This time it is searching for the palace of King Midas of the legendary golden touch.

This year the digging is to continue into September on the site of Gordium, capital of ancient Phrygia, about fifty miles southwest of modern Ankara.

It was there, in 358 B.C., according to legend, that Alexander the Great, unable to untie the knotted reins on an ox-carrying cart, cut the Gordian knot with his sword. For this feat, as it is promised by the oracle, he went on to conquer the world.

Before leaving for Turkey, Dr. Rodney S. Young, expedition leader and curator of the University Museum's Mediterranean section, said he and his colleagues had uncovered a 100-foot long wall of a palace-like structure last year; that obviously had brought to some powerful leader, perhaps.

They have excavations the

Archaeologists Close To the Palace of Midas


Finding made at cross...
Sept. 29, 1958
Cleveland 11, Ohio

MRS. FRED DAVIES

Maj. Keyhoe:

Here are some corrections on the Fitzgerald case. The story the paper wrote was wrong to some degree:

1. First off, the "movie" had nothing to do with Mrs. Fitzgerald sighting the object. She is not that type of person. She does not frighten easy and has been watching those type of movies for some time.

2. She had never been asleep. And she did not hide her head under a pillow. She shielded her eyes with her arm. When the light subsided she looked out the window and then saw the object which was not at this time a bright and blinding light.

3. She (Mrs. Fitzgerald), did not say the "smoke" came from the saucer's back and sides. She said that it happened so quickly that she does not know where it came from.

4. The paper states that no one else saw the object. That is not true. A man living down the street from her saw the object hover over the house top across the street from him. He said if she needs verification that he will be glad to tell what he saw. At present I am trying to contact Mrs. Fitzgerald to find out what the man's name is. She only knew him by sight but not his name. I asked her to find out what his name is. I will call her again today. When I find out his name, Mr. Fitch and I will check his story out. Also the sighting in Lorain, Ohio.

So here then is the whole truth on the story. I'll send you the rest of the facts as soon as I can get them. On back is an idea of the type of saucer she saw. It may not be quite accurate but it gives the general idea.
You could not see the piece sectioning the top and the bottom together. The opening you see on the side of the object had small tubes inside which just seemed to be laying inside the opening. She could not tell how many of these small tubes there were. She (Mrs. Fitzgerald) said they reminded her of small exhaust pipes. They were not sticking out or protruding from the object at any time. The "flying saucer" was about 8 ft. in diameter, 3-4 ft from top to bottom and hovered about 1 ft. off of the ground. It never at any time touched the ground. She made a replica of the object by placing 1 pie pan on top of another one only inverted, and placed a small bowl on top of that. She scotch-taped the pie plates all around leaving small openings on the sides only. (I might add that these were paper pie plates*) I'm sorry that I am not much of an artist but maybe this will give you an idea of how the object looked to her.
29 September. Mrs. Fitzgerald writes the Air Force.

On the 29th Mrs. Fitzgerald sent a letter to the Air Force requesting an investigation. The reference to her Congressman virtually assured some kind of investigation would be made. Also, the mention of a "case summary" submitted along with the letter probably was the documents on pages 84-88 which were found in Air Force BLUE BOOK files. There is nothing on the paperwork to identify who wrote the material. (54.)

Ohio
September 29, 1958

Aerial Phenomena Group
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio
Dear Sirs:

This is to inform you of a UFO sighting I had on September 21, 1958. I would appreciate it very much if you would send an investigator, or someone to explain this happening to me. It was a terribly frightening experience.

I assure you that I will contact my congressman about this matter if some action is not taken soon to explain it.

No private citizen should be placed in the path of government devices, if that is what it was. If it was a space craft, steps must be taken to warn the public.

The summary included here was prepared by a private ufo investigator who interviewed me and the other people who reported strange objects that morning.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Mrs.
UFO Sighting
Mrs. [Redacted]
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
Morning of September 21, 1958, app. 3 a.m.

Mrs. [Redacted] had gone to bed after watching the late movie on television. This was about 3 a.m. She was in bed with her eyes closed, when the room was illuminated by a very strong light, causing her to open her eyes. The witness was astonished, because the window curtains were drawn, and the room was “brighter than in the daytime.” She then rose, and standing on the bed, pulled back the curtains and looked out the window. (see fig. 1)

Looking through the window, the witness saw a round object (see fig. 2) about 20 feet in diameter and ten feet from the house. The object was traveling slowly in a northerly direction across the front yard, and losing altitude. At the time it was first sighted, the object was about 6 feet off the ground. It proceeded until reaching a point about 50 feet from the witness, in the lot next door (see fig. 3). Here the object stopped for several seconds. It then moved south into the front yard to a point about 25 feet from the witness. The object made two tight clockwise turns, then shot straight up and out of sight.

Close questioning about the motion of the object brought out the following. During its move from a position in front of the window to the position in the lot 50 feet north of the window, the object was descending with a motion “like a feather dropping.” The witness explained that this was a slight side to side oscillation. When it returned half way into the front yard, it made two tight turns. The witness thinks that
During the turning maneuver the object did not tip at all. It remained flat during the turns. Then the object flew out of sight, going straight up.

The witness was so frightened by this experience that she could not call out to her husband, who was sleeping in the bed. She did try to rouse him by kicking with her left foot, but was unable to do so. During this time she did not take her eyes off the object.

At this same time, a years old, got out of bed to go to the bathroom. He also was attracted by the bright light. Stepping on a heat register to get the necessary height to see out of the window in his room, he watched the object perform the same motions described by his mother. However, neither party notified the other that he had seen the object. Both went to sleep.

The next morning told his father about the sighting, to which his father replied "It was just a bad dream." Several hours later Mrs. joined her husband and son for breakfast. It was then that she began telling her husband about the object she saw. Mr. cautioned his son to keep quiet, and heard his wife repeat the story had told. The reports coincided in every point, even though neither witness knew of the other when the sighting took place. Thus the object was seen simultaneously and independently by two persons.

Both witnesses reported a noise like a hum and a whirr combined. "Like a jet engine warming up," said Mrs. simulated the noise by whistling and humming.
The object seemed to be "aluminum color." There were no lights on in nearby houses, and there are no street lights in this neighborhood. The sky was cloudy. The source of the original bright light was not definitely established, but was assumed to be from the object. During the entire period of observation the object was visible because of the light given off by two clouds of glowing gas which the object gave off. This gas emanated from two sets of tubes or "machine guns" in the rim. The gas did not seem to be propelling the object. The witness says that the light was sufficient to light up the surrounding ground, but threw no shadows on the object itself. She did not notice if other shadows (from telephone pole, etc.) were present. The smoke was a gray-pink color.

The object seemed to be solid, as nothing in the background could be seen through it. It was seen against a stationary and familiar background. The witness was looking down on it during the time it was stationary, so her estimates of size and location must be reasonably accurate.

The bright light which alarmed Mrs. was seen by four other people in the neighborhood. One woman heard the whirring noise. No one else saw the object.

The same night, at 2:30 am, Mrs. of Lorain, was startled by a bright light which made the room she was sleeping in look "it was 6 am instead of 2 am." She thought that the sun had risen. The light mystified her, so she went to the window to try to discover its source. Looking up in the WSW sky, she saw a red object.
She called to her husband who also saw the object, but could not identify it. About five minutes later she looked for the object again, and found that it had shifted its position in a westerly direction. She does not remember seeing the moon even though she did look for it. She describes the sky as clear. The red object did not seem to be the source of the light which illuminated the room. According to the witness, the object was 2 inches wide at a distance of 14 inches.

By using similar triangles the size of the object seen by Mrs. was calculated at about 22 feet in diameter. Her first estimate was 12 feet, but later she said that it appeared about 1/3 the length of her front yard, which is 65 feet, from house to street. This would confirm the 22 feet figure.

On the same morning, about 2 am, a Mrs. Lorain, watched a "big red ball" moving outside her window. See fig. 6. The object made a low pulsating sound which made the witness "sick to my stomach." She thought at first that the light was due to a train or possibly a truck. A railroad runs one block south of the house. The witness was lying in a bed, with her head about 15 feet from the window, which is two feet across, and she said that the object took up the entire width of the window. When it approached nearest to the window the witness thought it was giving off heat. The sound connected with the object increased and decreased as the object advanced and receded. An examination of the trees outside the window disclosed nothing peculiar, even though the object must have passed through some light branches. The witness thinks she heard a crashing sound when the object first appeared.
On the morning of September 21, 1958, the moon set at approximately 11:07 a.m. This explains why Mrs. [redacted] could not see the moon at 2:30 a.m., and makes more mysterious the detail about bright illumination.
The best guess is that Capt. Reinecke showed Mrs. Fitzgerald the 12 drawings in the Air Force Special Report No.14. The drawing selected was probably "case VIII" showed below. Compare this drawing with the object in the "summary report" on page 88, Fig. 2. (55.)

Case VIII (Serial 0576.00)

An electrician was standing by the bathroom window of his home, facing west, at 0825 hours on July 31, 1948, when he first sighted an object. He ran to his kitchen where he pointed out the object to his wife. Total time in sight was approximately 10 seconds, during which the object flew on a straight and level course from horizon to horizon, west to east.

29 September. Mrs. Fitzgerald writes her Congressman.

Civilian UFO investigators evidently did quite a bit of talking to Mrs. Fitzgerald. Her emotional turmoil over the UFO experience ended up shifted to anxiety over how the government and the military were going to treat her UFO report. For example, by writing Rep. Baumhart the same day she wrote the Air Force, she took no chances the military might delay its response. Note also the following statement she made: "These people, civilian UFO in-
vestigators] tell me that usually no real investigation is made by the Air Force, and when one is made the results are ridiculous." (56.) Its no wonder Mrs. Fitzgerald would become furious later.

September 29, 1958

Rep. A. D. Baumhart
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Baumhart:

You no doubt have read the accounts of my experience with a "flying saucer on the morning of Sept. 21. Articles appeared in the Lorain Journal and Plain Dealer. I have sent a summary of the sighting to the Air Force UFO Center in Dayton, Ohio.

Will you please check with the Air Force to find out their conclusion in this case?

If these objects are landing in populated areas, it will not be long before disaster strikes. This is definitely a menace to ordinary people. So if this was a government missile, can you stop them from being flown in populated areas? If it did not belong to our government, this fact should be made public, and proper steps should be taken to insure the public safety.

I have talked to people who have investigated similar sightings. These people tell me that usually no real investigation is made by the Air Force, and when one is made the results are ridiculous. I would not have written this letter if I did not feel sincerely that the matter must be studied closely by authorities. The object which came down in my yard had no business there, under any circumstances.
September? The "nightmare."

As we have seen, the Air Force was having severe problems with NICAP, and with the advent of the Fitzgerald case, the military would soon get into a big fight with the UFO Research Committee of Akron. Could there be no peace and cooperation between the military and civilians? Perhaps some sort of answer can be determined from what the chief of the Brazilian Air Force UFO Research Group said: In a letter to Alexander Mebane of CSI New York, Dr. Fontes of Brazil wrote:

"Colonel Adil de Oliveira made another public statement in support of the reality of UFOs, on February 1958, a few days after the Trindade photos. He is still in a position of government responsibility, but was advised to keep his mouth shut for the future. They said he was 'talking too much...'. He told me this personally just a few months ago [This letter was written in November 1958] when we had our first contact through a common friend. He is cordial to approaches by civilian researchers like myself (he said so), but he cannot talk freely for security reasons. However, he told me that --as I had guessed--the UFO problem was so serious that civilian investigators were not entitled to know certain things that have happened and are still happening. Why not? (I asked him). "Because the whole thing is a kind of nightmare, and you cannot do anything..." After this, he said he was talking about dangerous matters (for him), and it was better to stop. I do not wish to speculate about his words, Dr. Mebane, you may form your opinion. But, please, keep this absolutely confidential---because I have no permission to spread it. Maybe he was testing me, maybe he was preparing the stage for something far more important he wants to tell me. I don't know, but I will keep you informed if any new development appears." (57.)
5. May be located in Air Force BLUE BOOK files by the date: 4 August 58.
8. Ibid. 6 August 58.
9. Ibid. 12 August 58.
10. Ibid. (no date)
11. Letter: To: Dr. James McDonald. From: Stuart Nixon. 2 December 58. p. 2. Dr. James McDonald Special Collections Division, University of Arizona, Tucson.
19. May be located in Air Force BLUE BOOK files by the date: 17 August 58.
20. Ibid.
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26. Typewritten report found in CUFOS files. Filed by the date: 21 August 58. The mention of two newspapers, the Hudson Dispatch and the Journal-American, provides means of confirming the story.
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Aime Michel's book referred to by Richard Hall (page 64) was first published in France by Arthaud with the title Mysterieux Objects Celestes. It was later published in English with the title Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery with the addition of some American UFO material.

Michel's work commanded some attention since "Orthoteny" seemed to promise some understanding of the UFO problem. The French magazine Science et VIE gave the book good coverage in its February 1958 issue.

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