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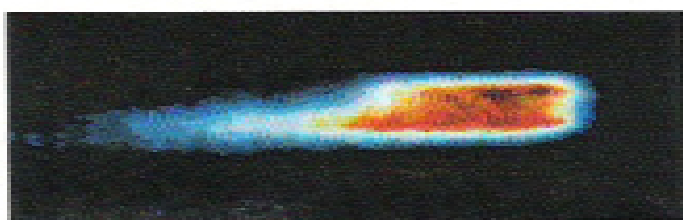
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Welcome to the 37th issue of UFO Monthly.com.

Following a request by Fortean Times for my top 10 sightings I set about compiling a list. No doubt you'll have your own favourites.

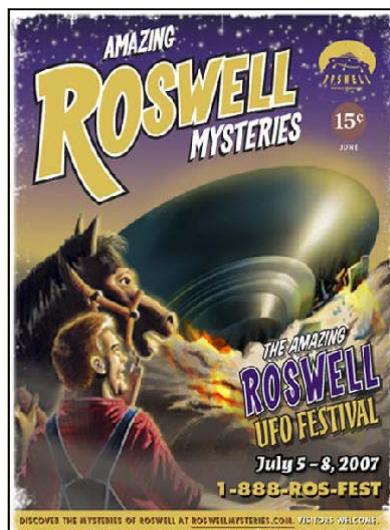
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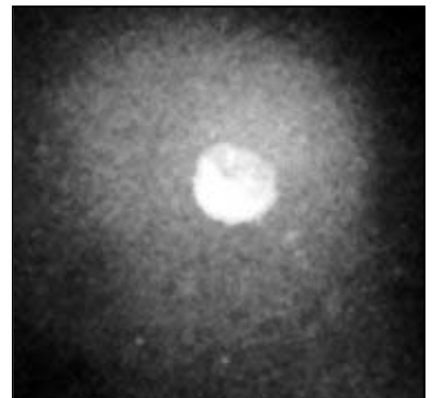


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MY TOP 10 UFO SIGHTINGS

I was recently asked by Fortean Times to provide them with my list of top 10 UFO sightings ever. That was some request but it did get me to thinking about choosing some kind of top ten list.

They also posed a number of questions about Ufology in general. I was happy to answer their questions. I am told that my response and that of a number of other researchers will feature in a future issue of the magazine and on their website.

Well just in case that doesn't happen I thought their idea would be a good lead for the magazine and so here are my thoughts on their questions.

I have no doubt many readers will disagree on some of my choices but here goes anyway.
GH.

FT—What do you believe to be the most evidential - or, to look at it from a slightly different angle, genuinely unexplained - UFO case from the period 1947-2007?

GH—As a trained police detective looking at the UFO phenomenon for evidence. I find a genuine wealth of material to refer to, from cockpit pilot recordings, radar tapes, video and film footage and a wealth of testimony from what I refer to as high calibre witnesses -

Astronauts, Cosmonauts, pilots – military and commercial, scientists, senior military officers and police officers. So to name just one piece of evidence over the last sixty years is extremely difficult but having considered everything my choice as the most important piece of evidence would have to be the STS 75 'Tether' incident from 1997.

If some UFOs are extraterrestrial then they come from space and hence the reason why the tether sequence is so compelling. Nobody doubts that the footage is genuine as it was taken from the live NASA link itself, that the tether breaks and drifts away in a coil before straightening out, that the astronauts zoom their

cameras on the tether as it drifts away into space, that the crew are heard during the transmission referring to the tether being 'X' number of miles away from the space shuttle etc; But what really makes this footage so compelling is the way the circular, light emitting, pulsing objects pass behind the tether. NASA have described the objects seen in the footage as 'debris' but a closer examination of the sequence reveals a uniformity of shape of the objects and the pulsing effect is clearly visible.

The actual size of these objects is not that important to me, no, it is the fact that the objects pass **behind** the tether and therefore cannot be 'debris' as



NASA claim.

Yet I suspect the average person in the street will never have heard of this footage at all. Why is that? At the very least the footage should have been the subject of terrestrial television interest – but there has been none. I believe this footage has been suppressed by the mainstream media and deserves to be seen by a wider audience.

FT— What have we learned about the UFO phenomenon over the last 60 years? And, in the light of that knowledge, what do you see as the future of Ufology?

GH—I think there are many things that have been learned about the UFO phenomenon over the last 60 years. For example, I believe there are clear common characteristics of a genuine UFO.

The objects have the ability to stop and hover in complete silence. They have the ability to make instant bursts of acceleration and deceleration. They have the ability to reverse direction, make right angled turns and rise and fall vertically and there are five basic shapes – disc, cigar, sphere, triangular and bright white lights.

GH—I think Ufology is alive and well but in form of a 'breakthrough' i.e. the definitive proof of the existence of extraterrestrial life then I think that will come in some form during the next 20 years or so.

I believe that it will be mainstream science that will eventually relay that breakthrough. The advancement of radio telescope technology is likely to detect life of some kind within that timescale and thus the mainstream media will have to acknowledge the existence of

extraterrestrial life.

When that occurs the opposition to UFOs will gradually begin to disappear. Once life in the cosmos is acknowledged the logical next step will be to speculate that some life-forms have developed at different rates to the Earth and therefore could be technologically in advance of mankind. At that point UFO researchers around the world will let out a collective sigh of relief and shout out 'I told you so!'

MY TOP TEN UFO INCIDENTS (in chronological order)

On 11th August 1944 a Lancaster bomber whilst over France and with a crew of eight saw what they described as a huge disc shaped object with a row of lights that dwarfed their aircraft many times over. Upon landing the crew officially reported what they had seen and were told not to talk to anyone about it and not to record the information into their log books. In a time before the era of 'flying saucers and UFOs' and at a time of war this case stands



as a landmark sighting. The Great Falls, Montana cine footage from August 1950. The footage records clear footage of two anomalous objects flying in formation. The footage was analysed extensively but to this day has never been explained.

The RAF Lakenheath radar-visual

sighting. August 13-14, 1956. UFOs were sighted visually from the air by the pilots of two fighter aircraft. One of the aircraft confirmed the sighting on its radar. The objects were tracked on three ground radar stations, with two of Control Towers visually confirming the sighting. The objects were described as white and round that were able to perform amazing changes of direction and abrupt changes of speed. Speeds were confirmed on radar at many thousands of miles per hour, way beyond the technology of the era.

Colonel Gordon Cooper's account of a UFO landing at Edwards Air Force Base in 1957. He stated that whilst flying over the airfield with a film crew a UFO descended and landed at the base. He later handed over the footage to a high-ranking officer from Washington and it was never seen again. Cooper was a man of the highest integrity who later became an astronaut on the Gemini space program.

Tehran (Iran) Jet Chase. Early hours of September 19th 1976. The incident took place in the vicinity of the Shahrokhi Air Force Base and involved multiple military and civilian witnesses on the ground and the aircrews of two Iranian Air Force F-4 Phantom aircraft in the air.

There were radar confirmations and electromagnetic effects reported. At one point a smaller object separated from the main UFO and approached one of the chasing aircraft, a manoeuvre that caused the plane to take evasive action to avoid a collision. The object then returned to the main UFO and merged into it. The sighting was confirmed on radar.

Rendlesham Forest December 26-28 1980 at RAF/USAF Woodridge base in Suffolk,



RENDELESHAM FOREST 1980

England. The case involved a number of credible military witnesses, an encounter with a landed UFO, increased background radiation in the area where the landed object was seen, a confirmation by the Deputy Base Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Halt that he led a team of security airmen into the forest on one of the nights and that he had witnessed multiple UFOs himself, one of which shone a beam down to his feet and later into the Supplementary Storage Area (SSA) – a nuclear bunker complex no less.

Japan Airlines. 17th November 1986. Whilst flying a cargo plane from Iceland to Anchorage in Alaska the crew observed three walnut shaped UFOs. One of the objects was enormous, many times the size of their Boeing 747 aircraft. The pilot, Kenju Terauchi described the UFO as being twice the size of an aircraft carrier. The objects performed extraordinary manoeuvres and stayed with the plane for 400 miles. The incident was also confirmed on

ground radar.

Belgium. On the night of March 30-31, 1990 two F16s were ordered to intercept a radar confirmed (three independent radar stations) triangular shaped UFO in the skies above Belgium. The case offers high calibre witnesses i.e. two F16 pilots,

it has multiple ground radar confirmations, airborne radar confirmations and target aircraft lock-ons. It also provides an endorsement by Colonel De Brewer the Deputy Head of the Belgium Air Force no less! But what raises the bar even further is a piece of physical evidence that is hard to ignore.



BELGIUM 1990



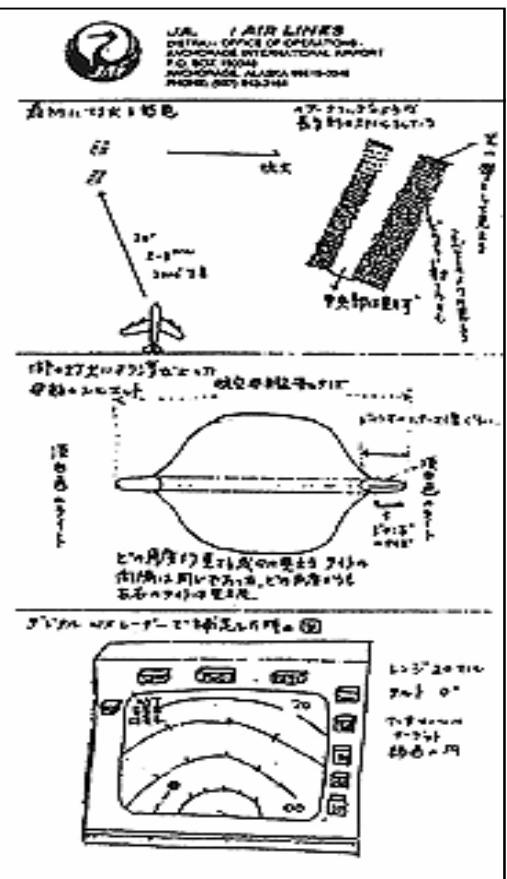
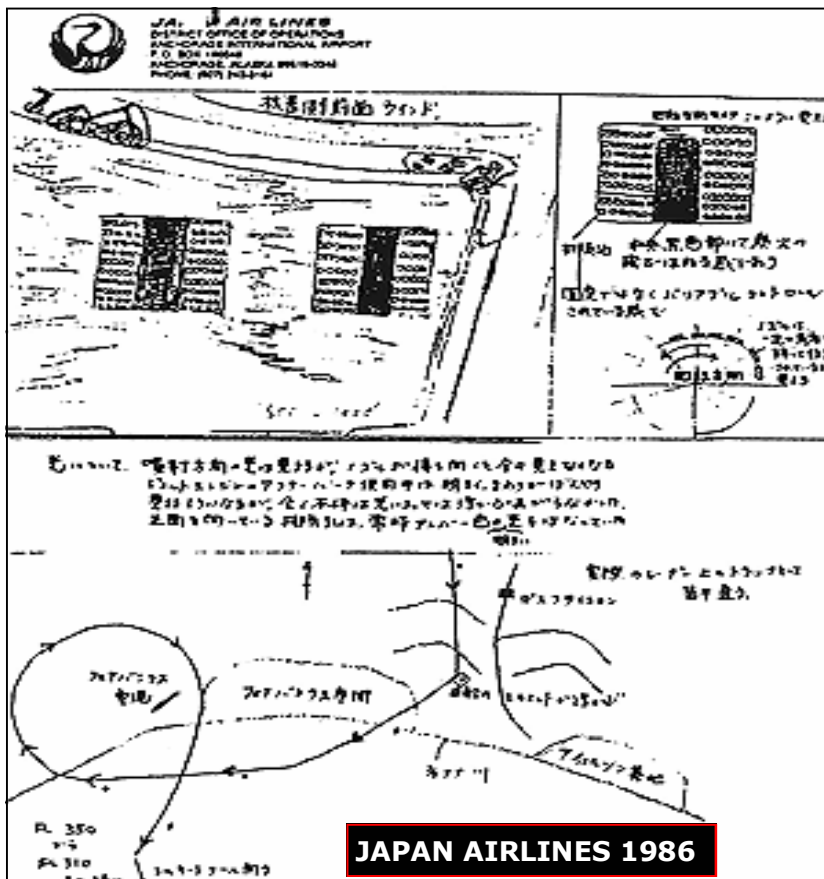
objects flying in the vicinity of it. The objects appear as circular light-emitting objects that at various times pass behind the tether and one has been estimated to be a mile in diameter.

Campeche region of Mexico. March 2004. The crew of a military drug surveillance plane recorded up to 12 UFOs on their FLIR infra-red camera system. One of the objects can be seen to separate into two. The aircraft's radar also confirmed the sighting. During the incident the UFOs gathered around the aircraft to the consternation of the aircrew and the incident lasted in excess of 30 minutes. Unusually the Mexican government released details of the encounter in full. They provided the footage, the crew and the Head of the Mexican Air Force for questioning by the world's media.

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A cockpit recording from one of the F16s captured the UFO performing a dive of five thousand feet in a matter of a couple of seconds before leveling out and disappearing out of sight – a manoeuvre impossible for terrestrial aviation technology.

The Tether Incident. STS 75 in 1997. This case involves the Space Shuttle and footage recorded by NASA itself. Whilst performing an experiment a 12 mile length of a satellite tether snapped and drifted into space. As the shuttle cameras zoomed in on the drifting tether the footage captured numerous





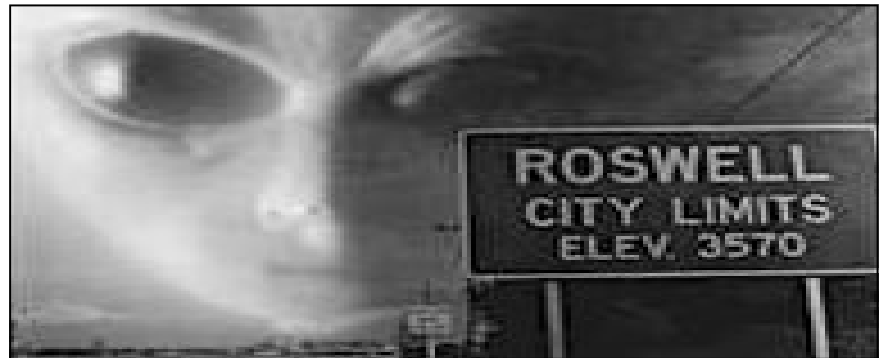
As the 60th anniversary of the Roswell incident draws near it is inevitable that a spate of publicity will abound in print, TV and on the net. What follows is a resume of the famous incident by two of the most famous Roswell researchers—Tom Carey and John Schmitt. GH.

In the summer of 1947, an interplanetary craft of unknown origin crashed in the high desert region of south-eastern New Mexico during a severe thunder-and-lightning storm near the small town of Corona. A local sheep rancher found its strange debris – and something else – while riding his ranch the following day. On the advice of friends and neighbours who had urged him to seek a monetary reward, he drove seventy-five miles to the town of Roswell to show pieces of the debris to civilian and military authorities, as well as local media there. The **Roswell Daily Record**, in a front-page, headline article a few days later, stated that a “flying saucer” had been “captured” by the Army Air Force near Roswell – not Corona – and, as a result, we have referred to a “Roswell Incident”, instead of a “Corona Incident”, ever since.

The 509th Bomb Group based at Roswell Army Air Field was, in 1947, the only atomic strike force in existence in any country in the world at the time. Perhaps the elite military unit in our armed forces, it was to be the Air Force’s first SAC (Strategic Air Command) base, and its members were handpicked for the task of delivering the atomic bomb to pre-selected targets in case of war. It was the 509th, in fact, that dropped the atomic bombs on Japan to end World War II.

Whether by mistake or by intention, the Air Force first declared that it had recovered a “flying saucer”, and that they were shipping it to “higher headquarters” for scrutiny. Within

hours of that statement, however, the Air Force changed its tune and said that the 509th Command in Roswell and the local rancher were wrong – that what they had found was nothing more than a rubber weather balloon and a tin-foil radar target. To enforce this new version of the story, the Air Force resorted to the time-honoured practice of witness-tampering and intimidation: monetary rewards, new duty assignments and security oaths to silence military witnesses and



exhortations of patriotism, “national security” and, if those failed, outright death threats to civilians, including their immediate family-members, who saw things they were deemed not supposed to have seen. For the most part, this strategy worked, but not entirely (or we would not be writing about it here). Since then, the Air Force has admitted that they lied back in 1947 with their weather balloon story. They now say that the debris was the remains of a rubber balloon and tin-foil radar target from a then Top Secret project - Project Mogul – which was trying to detect Soviet nuclear detonations by means of high-altitude, balloon-borne, acoustic-sensors. (A Top Secret project – yes, but the balloon and radar targets were still the same as before, if you follow that line of reasoning.) Further, to combat persistent stories of “little bodies” allegedly found along with the debris, the Air Force held a press conference in June of 1997 to declare that such stories stemmed from high altitude parachute tests – using mannequins – that the Air Force conducted during the late 1950’s. (Mental “time

compression” of disparate events by witnesses was said to be the culprit.)

To counter the Air Force claims, which have been accepted at face value by the establishment media – for example, the **New York Times**, there is a plethora of books on the market making the case that it was indeed a UFO that crashed in New Mexico in 1947. The problem is, however, that the various

investigations by private researchers have been uneven in their research methods, their use of alleged documents and eyewitnesses and, as a result, their respective scenarios and conclusions differ in many respects. It is no wonder, then, that the public at large remains confused about the case. Most believe that something happened back in 1947, but they are understandably not sure just what it was. Our mission, then, is to determine once and for all time – and within the foreseeable future, what the true facts of the so-called “Roswell Incident” really are. We are not there yet, but we promise to spare no expense, to leave no stone unturned and to follow every lead until the truth is known and revealed to you. NOTE: according to veterans organizations, World War II veterans are expiring at the rate of 1,500 each day. Time is, therefore, of the essence.

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May 3rd 2007 : Annan, Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland

Location: Annan, Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland

Date: Thursday, 3rd May 2007 at 08.10pm local time.

Approach Direction: North
Departure Direction: North
Witness Direction: North

Description: I was just looking out my living room window at about 08.10pm when I saw this round object that was in the sky.

There was no clouds around at the time but the thing I saw was unusual, it was a bright light circular shape and it looked as if the sun was reflecting off it but it then started to get dimmer and eventually disappeared into thin air this lasted for about a minute.

Colour/Shape: It was like a bright light in the sky which was circular.

Height & Speed: It was lower than an aeroplane and was travelling slow but started to pick up speed.

TV/Radio/Press: I haven't told the press or the news paper because they probably won't believe me!

May 5th 2007 : Combe Martin, Devon, England

Location: Combe Martin, Devon, UK

Date: 05/05/07 About 10:30pm GMT

Approach Direction: Northwest

Departure Direction: Southeast
Witness Direction: Northwest

Description: My wife and I and 4 friends were finishing a BBQ in the garden. The sky was clear and it had gone dark. One of our friends pointed to an object in the sky moving in a south-westerly direction.

The object was glowing orange and appeared to be spherical. There was no light that this object could be reflecting so must have been luminescent. The object was about 50-70ft above us and moving at a regular speed.

It travelled towards us for a period of about 40 seconds. We observed it as it passed over head and became stationary for about 10 seconds. The object then appeared to move directly upwards at some considerable speed until it faded once it reached an altitude that would not allow us to see it. It took about 15-20 seconds to disappear from sight.

Colour/Shape: It appeared to be spherical and bright orange/yellow.

Height & Speed: 50-70 feet, approaching from a south easterly direction and departing in a north-westerly direction until it became stationary and ascended.

TV/Radio/Press: I have since spoken to one other witness to this event who was in the same village at the time.

May 8th 2007 Darlington, Durham

Location: Darlington

Date: 8-5-07 10.36 pm GMT local time.

Approach Direction: Darlington
Departure Direction: Corbridge
Witness Direction: not known (input for a friend)

Description: I'm reporting a genuine sighting for a relation living in Darlington ...
10.36 on Tuesday 8/5/2007, darkish brown triangle (almost blended with sky) with 3 faint white lights on tips about 50 x 30 ft diameter and possibly 300 feet away at a 45 degrees angle above. Sighted for about 7 seconds. Longer tip of triangle at the front, totally silent. I would be grateful for a reply from any one else that seen anything, thanks .

Colour/Shape: triangle, white lights on tips, silent

Height & Speed: 300 ft away at 45 degrees.

May 23rd 2007 : M6, Lancaster - Liverpool, Lancashire, England

Date: 05/23/07 03:00 GMT

Approach Direction: appeared from west.

Departure Direction: south - northwest.

Witness Direction: south.

Description: Initially two orb like objects both bright white objects were approximately no more than 30ft from each other. When initially seen one of the orb objects changed from white to blue before breaking off downwards into a field where I lost sight. The second object continued on my current course southbound on the M6 crossing over in front of me not flashing nor an irrational flight. One minute going straight then

crossing over me before crossing back to the right side (movement was not that of any craft nor any other flashing identification lights).

I had made a short stop off at the services whilst I kept a fixed eye on this object at which time it had stopped moving in my eye line, I had it fixed in my view.

Once I had departed again 5 minutes later the object had started moving again. Taking into account when I initially saw this orb it was adjacent to my right and seemed like it was moving at the same speed as I was driving before it sped up a little and dimming. I could see it gaining height then coming back towards me on its path, never passing overhead but adjacent to the motorway. At no time could I explain this rationally. I finished my journey heading onto the M58 at which the object was over Liverpool and still in my eye view. I found this sighting to be extraordinary and I personally could not explain it. Colour/Shape: orb, circular, white. Height & Speed: No more than 100ft - 500ft, 60 mph increasing and decreasing at times. TV/Radio/Press: No, I have not reported it nor have I seen any reports on television or radio?

May 23rd 2007 Rye, East Sussex

Location: Rye, E. Sussex.
Date: 12.50am GMT
Wednesday 22nd May 2007
Approach Direction: SW
Departure Direction: NE
Witness Direction: SW then NE
Description: I went outside to urinate and noticed a noise similar to the humming of a fridge or freezer or air conditioning. The sound seemed close and I assumed it was from a nearby hotel, although I don't remember having noticed it on other occasions (I visit the

outside loo most nights!) when I'd finished, I was briefly admiring the stars when I noticed a triangular formation of dim white lights approaching from the SW. As they passed overhead I could see that they were on a dark-coloured "boomerang" shaped flying wing which appeared to be at an altitude of two or three thousand feet (obviously it was hard to tell the height, not knowing the size of the object). It seemed to disappear as it headed towards the horizon, but I got the impression that it was very thin, which may have been why I could no longer see it from behind. Whatever it was, it was very "stealthy", and completely silent other than the humming sound which seemed to be at ground level and may not have been related, although I couldn't hear it any more after the craft had gone. I went indoors, wrote down the details and drew a sketch.

Colour/Shape: dark grey or black shape between a horse-shoe and a boomerang with five to six dim, off-white lights along each wing and a very slight reddish tinge on the inner back curve.

Height & Speed: I'm guessing when I say 1 or 2 thousand feet, but it definitely wasn't very high, as it was too dim to have been seen from a great distance. It moved at a constant speed, no idea how fast but I estimate that I saw it cover about a third of the sky in about 6 or 7 seconds.

TV/Radio/Press: No.

Update:

Description: Just an update on my report of yesterday, I've since discovered that the humming sound I described as possibly related to my sighting IS in fact an appliance of some

sort in a house and nothing to do with the flying boomerang. Many thanks, Antonio.

May 24th 2007 Bournemouth, Dorset

Date: Thursday, May 24th, 10.00pm approximately local time.

Approach Direction: Viewed in south easterly direction, possibly over the sea.

Departure Direction: Faded from view in the same direction.

Witness Direction: south east.

Description: We were sat in the garden and suddenly noticed 5 or 6 lights in the sky, gliding too fast for a planet and too slow for a plane, orange in colour and definitely not fireworks or lasers. They glided into some sort of formation, one (pentagon shaped) faded and reappeared, then more seemed to join them, and then finally three formed a triangle. The whole display lasted approximately 40 minutes, there were lots of witnesses, and it was reported in the press and a video was taken by a member of the public.

Colour/Shape: perfectly round and a matt orange in colour.

Height & Speed: Could not estimate height, but seemed too high to be balloons, as has been suggested. They seemed to glide, and just faded from view, as if travelling outwards and upwards quite fast.

TV/Radio/Press: Reported to the Bournemouth Evening Echo and reported on the local lunchtime BBC TV news.

All sighting reports courtesy of UFO INFO and Brian Vike of HBCC Research.

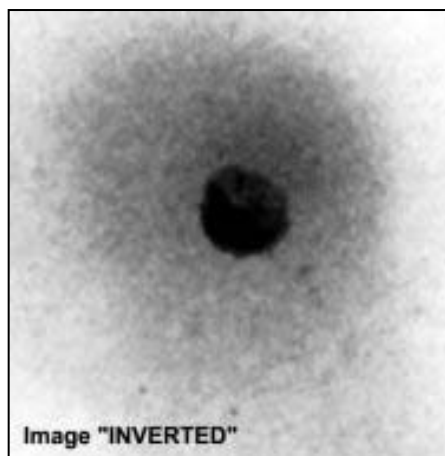
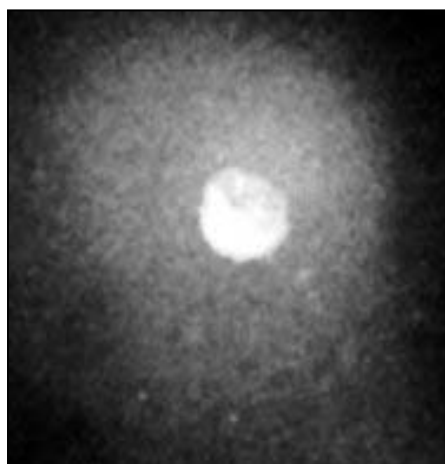
1949 The Norwood Case

Ohio area from August 19th of 1949 to March 10th of 1950. The alleged observation of a massive object by searchlight operator Donald R. Berger, and meticulously detailed in his logs, remain one of the more curious events in UFO history.

This case is exceptional not only because of the dramatic event reported, but also because of the calibre of witnesses involved.

The series of incidents were said to have been witnessed by civilians, by clergy, by scientists, by police officers and military officials.

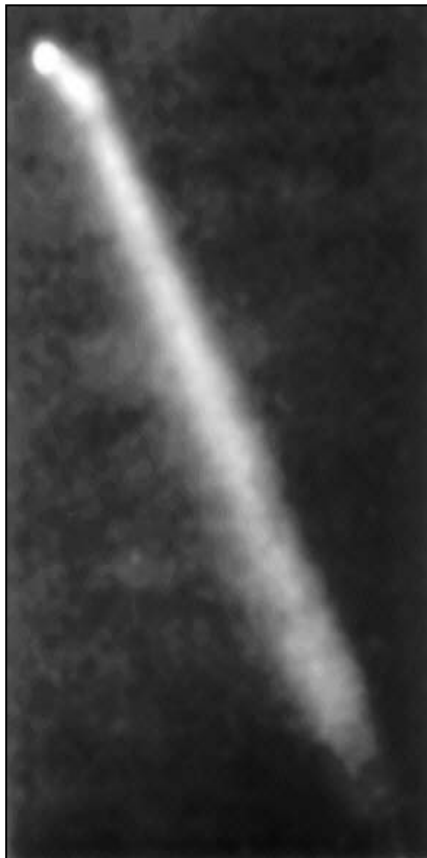
Photos were taken on October



23, 1949 by Norwood Police Sgt. Leo Davidson, and 2 reels of 25-ft. motion picture film were kept in the possession of

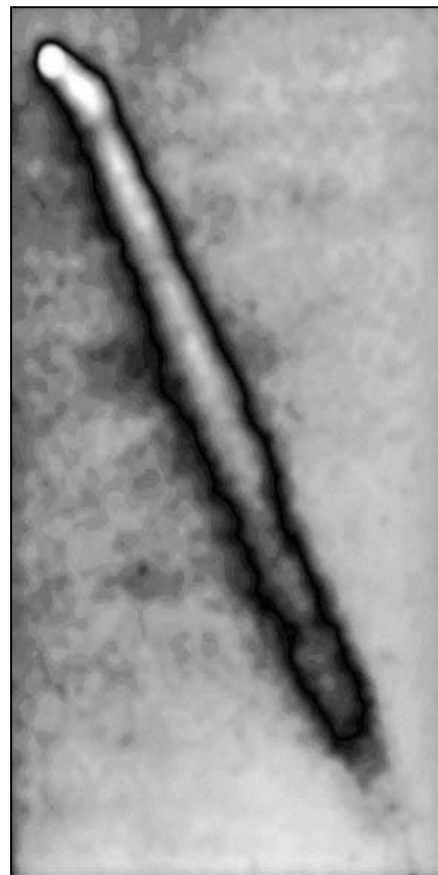
Reverend Gregory Miller, last seen at WCPO Channel 9 TV studios in 1952.

Still frames from the movie film were given to investigator Leonard Stringfield and published in his book "SAUCER POST 3-0 BLUE." That photo



from his book was scanned and enhanced for this report. Using this same photo, an earlier analysis had been made by Dr. Richard Haines.

An additional photo was found in the possession of RAY STANFORD, who states: "This is several generations down from the original 16 mm movie film, but it seems to rather clearly show that while the beam was projecting several degrees away from the object, when it got within a certain event horizon of the object, it was simply bent or 'pulled' the beam directly into



the object, seemingly bending it about 26.5 degrees, as measured in the photo plane! This frame has always amazed me since I first saw it in the mid-'50s.

Several persons, back then, who had seen the actual movie said that at one time the object seems, indeed, to 'suck' the beam squarely into it! "I have included two versions with special filtration. The second (middle) image makes the dramatic bend of the light beam especially clear and easy to measure (on the top of the beam).

The second (last) version seems to show what might be interpreted to be a focus effect of the light within the beam. Note the dark diamond shape (bright in the original) between the object and the place where the beam bends."

NORWOOD AND PROJECT GRUDGE

Could someone help explain if any reference to the 1949 Norwood Searchlight/UFO incident does or does not appear in Project Grudge files?

The Norwood case involves 10 visual sightings by multiple civilian, clergy, police, scientist and military witnesses over a 7-month duration, facilitated by the use of a powerful searchlight ran by Army Sgt. Donald R. Berger. The first sighting took place during "The Jitney Carnival" of 1949 and witnessed by hundreds. The following morning, three local newspapers- The Cincinnati Post, The Cincinnati Enquirer and The Cincinnati Times Star- all had articles regarding 'strange lights' and 'comets seen over the city' from the previous evening.

There was an explanation for the occurrence, according to one local newspaper. The Albee Theater in nearby Cincinnati, accompanied by the Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Norwood, were operating searchlights. It was said that the hundreds of persons calling newspapers and weather bureau officials were simply observing these searchlight beams 'bouncing off of clouds.'

Despite this, the sightings began in earnest after 11:00 p.m. (Berger logs indicate that he observed the UFO from 8:15 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.) and continued to flummox Cincinnati residents until 6:30 a.m. the following morning. It seems unlikely searchlights would be operating all night long until daylight, and further still, one weather bureau official recounted his early-morning observation of two objects that looked like "two weather ceiling balloons" that weren't moving

despite a wind speed of 25 to 32-miles per hour.

Even the Berger logs indicate the possible presence of a second searchlight from that evening, whether Berger knew there was another searchlight at work or not. "When I moved the searchlight away, the object continued to glow," Berger wrote in his 1949 logs that were later kept in the possession of Rev. Gregory Miller until 1954, when he imparted them to UFO investigator Leonard Stringfield.

Meanwhile, during the festival in Norwood, Robert Linn, the managing editor of the Cincinnati Post, along with church pastor Rev. Gregory Miller, were certain that Berger's searchlight had found and been bouncing off of "some definite object." They entered into agreement and reported the situation to intelligence officials at Wright Field in nearby Dayton, Ohio.

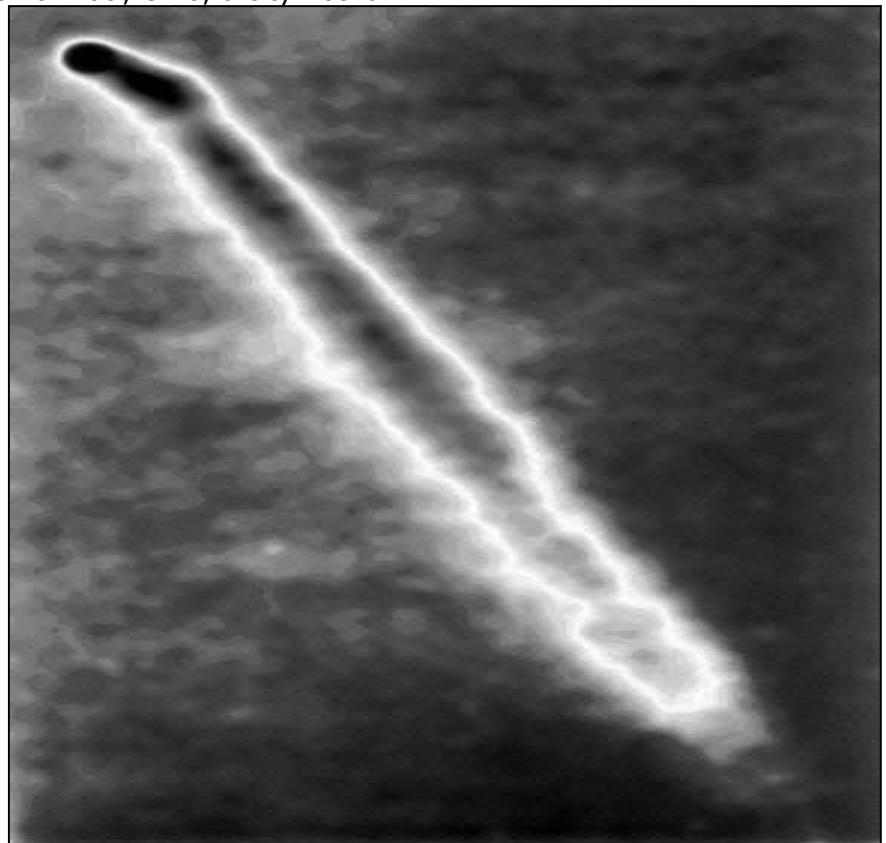
The August 19th episode is a mass-witness case, reported in all three local newspapers of Cincinnati, Ohio, a city not far

south of Dayton, home of the airbase. A possible explanation is publicly toyed with: the deception caused by two searchlight beams strolling the dark skies.

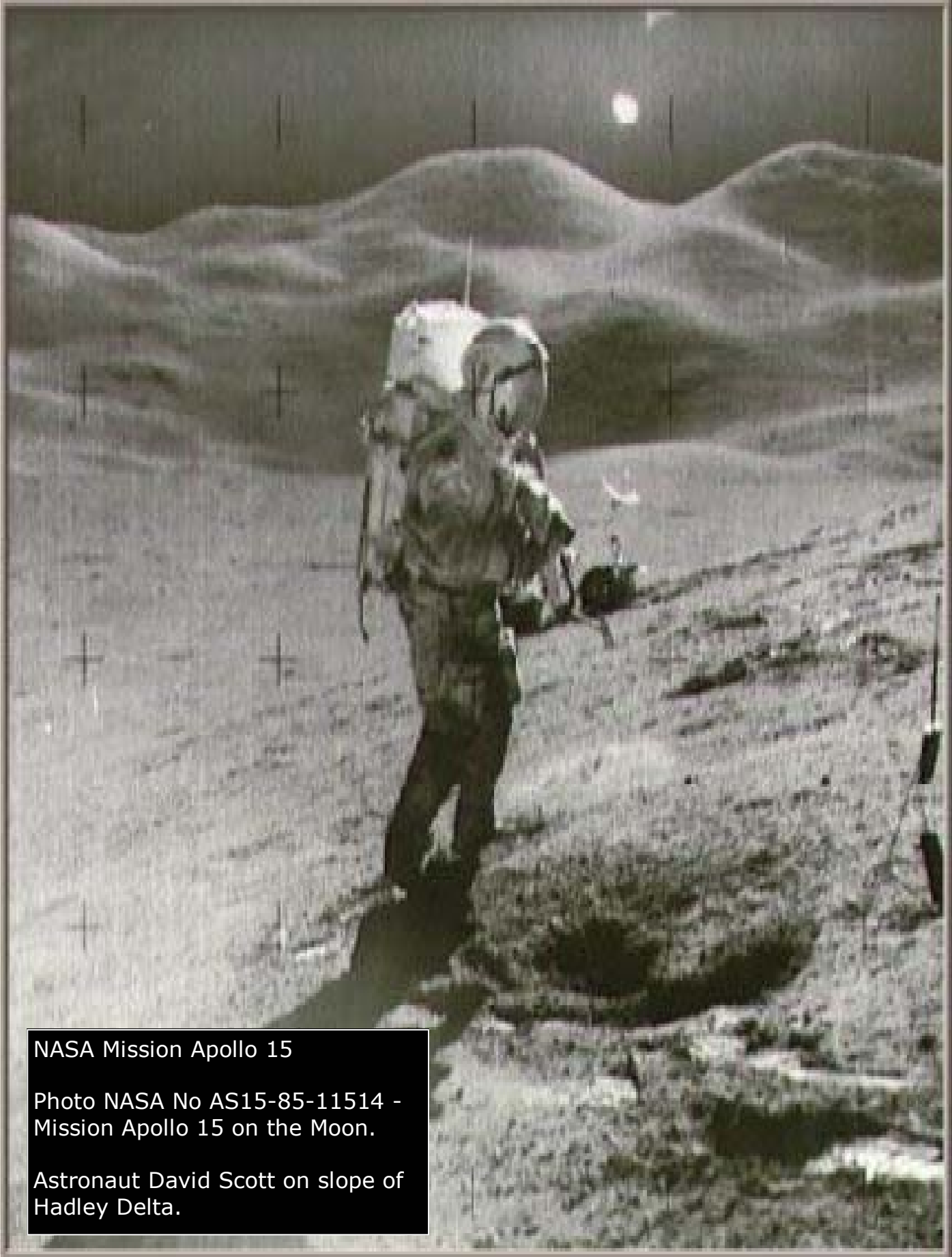
It seems as if Grudge folks would have likely been aware of the events at Norwood on August 19, 1949 - either from all the reportage or from the direct report to the airbase itself, by Robert Linn and Rev. Miller. Why does the Norwood Case not factor in to their investigation when, in fact, far 'lesser' cases may have been prominently addressed? If Project Grudge had sought to dismiss UFO sightings as psychological phenomena, they had a good case with the Norwood searchlight events at this stage of the situation.

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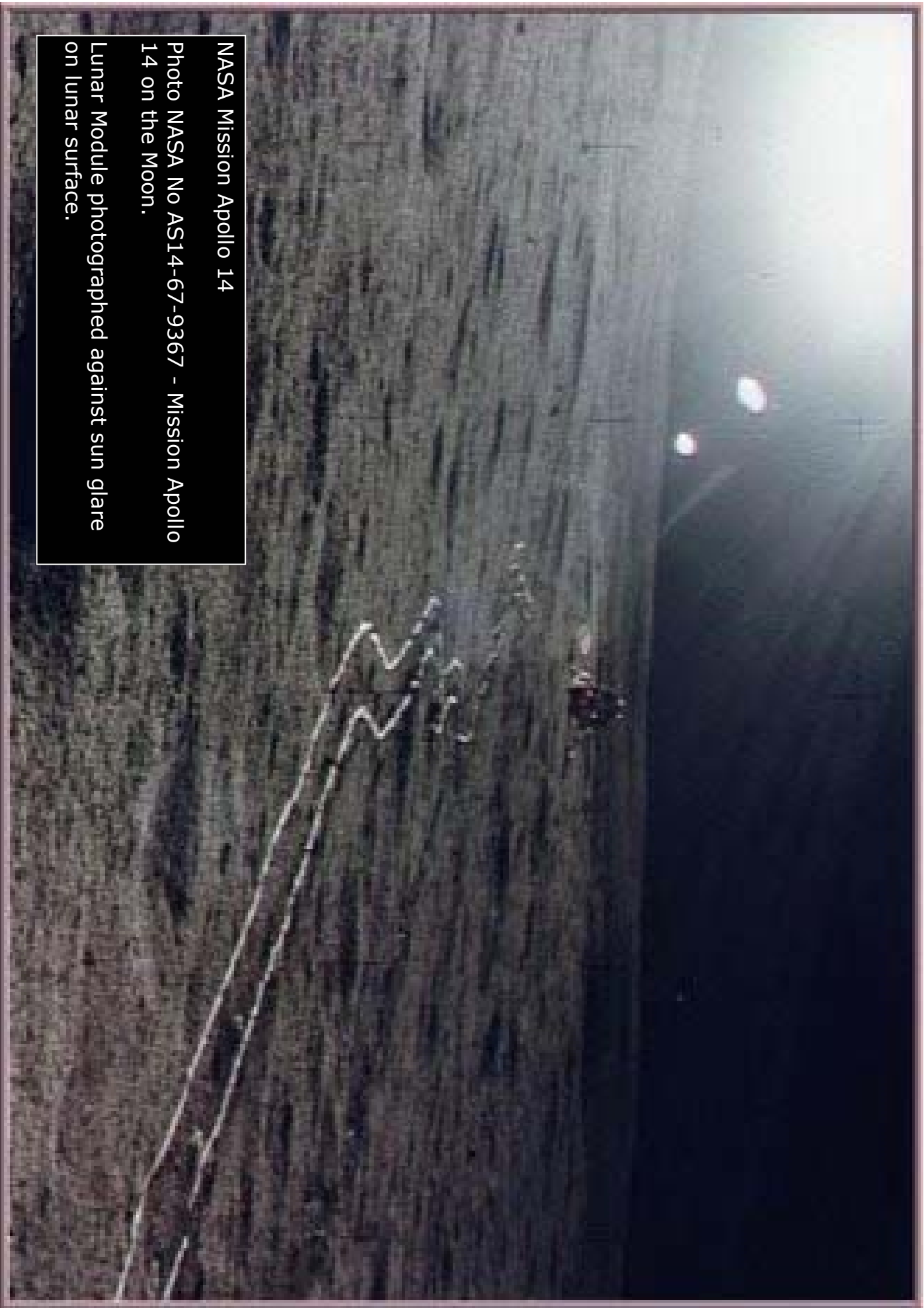
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NASA Mission Apollo 15

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Mission Apollo 15 on the Moon.

Astronaut David Scott on slope of
Hadley Delta.



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Lunar Module photographed against sun glare on lunar surface.

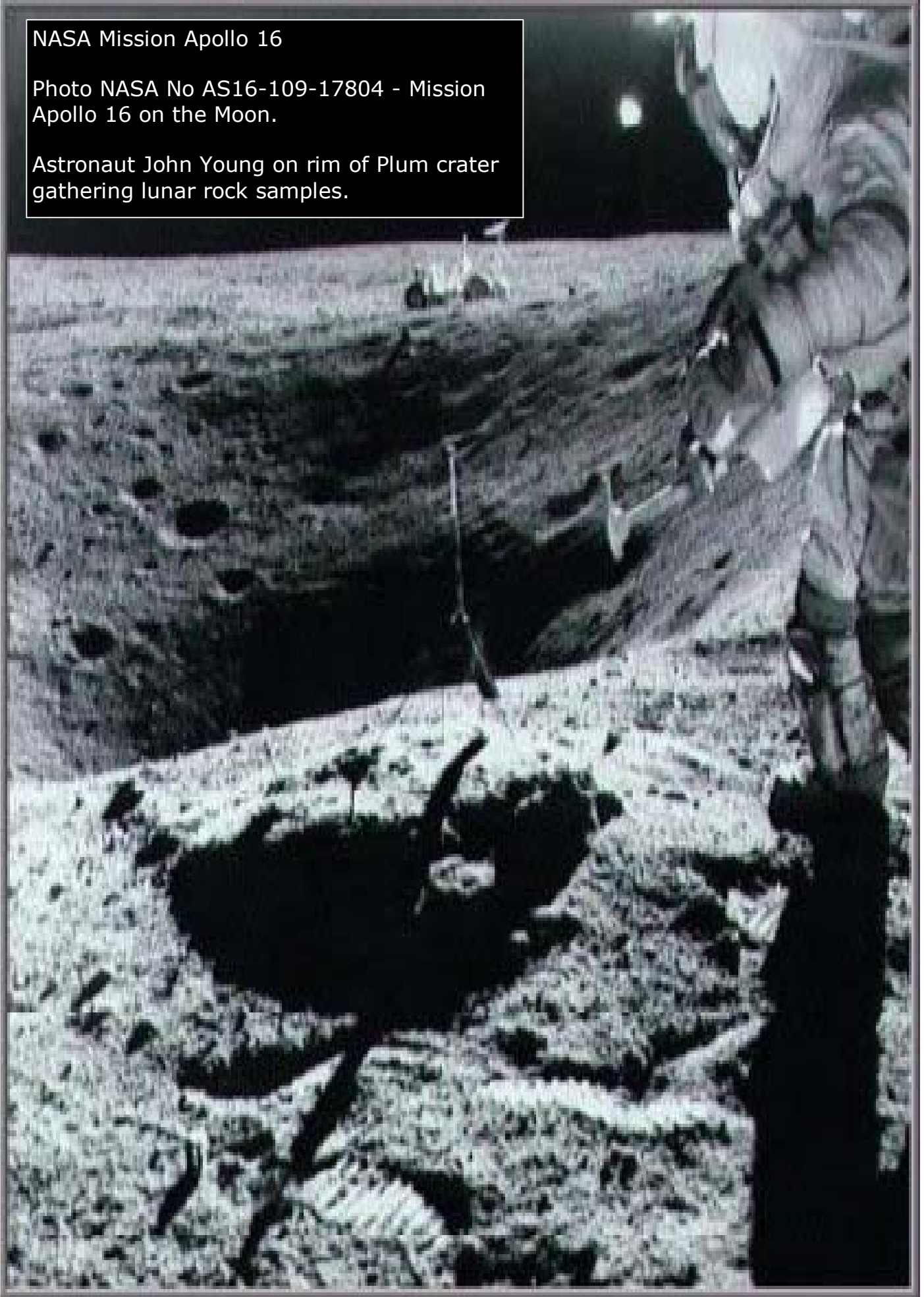


1969, Apollo 12: November 14-24, Astronauts, CDR: Pete Conrad, CMP: Richard Gordon, LMP: Alan Bean Importance: First pinpoint Lunar landing, landing within walking distance of the unmanned Surveyor spacecraft. Marked the beginning of waning public interest in NASA and Apollo. NASA archives (photo No AS12-49-7278) Astronaut Alan Bean shown, UFO top left.

NASA Mission Apollo 16

Photo NASA No AS16-109-17804 - Mission Apollo 16 on the Moon.

Astronaut John Young on rim of Plum crater gathering lunar rock samples.



THE BIG PICTURE: WORLDWIDE UFO SIGHTINGS

USA

May 6th 2007

Clarendon Hills, Illinois

Clarendon Hills, Illinois Object Looked Like A Large Aircraft - But Silent.

Date: May 6, 2007

Time: Approx: 1:00 a.m.

Location of Sighting: Flying low overhead.

Number of witnesses: 1

Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: Airline.

Full Description of event/sighting: I had stepped out of the house into the backyard to have a smoke and was looking up at the sky to view the stars. Suddenly what looked like a large plane with single white lights at the end of each wing and a blinking green light flew over my house from south-east to northwest direction.

At first I didn't think it was strange as I live approximately 10 miles due west of Midway Airport and about 17 miles south of O'Hare. However, what struck me as very odd is it didn't make a sound, completely silent and that it was so low. When planes take off from Midway heading west they fly right over my house and are much higher, and are easily heard. Even planes that take off from O'Hare are easily heard outside. But this plane (my first thought), flew over, silent. Besides there are rarely flights at the 1:00 am hour. Perhaps some type of military aircraft with silent engines? Maybe a UFO? Not

sure.

May 7th 2007

Binghamton, New York

Binghamton, New York UFO Looks Like A White Football In Shape

Date: May 7, 2007

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location of Sighting: Backyard looking West/object moving Northwest.

Number of witnesses: 01

Number of objects: 01

Shape of objects: Football.

Full Description of event/sighting: I was checking out the roof from my deck. The sky was clear blue, with a couple of elongated clouds (chemtrails/contrails? I have read some articles about objects "hiding" behind clouds.)

As I looked directly at the sky the object I saw what looked like a white football, moving in a straight line toward the clouds? Didn't have my camera, so I ran in the house, got the camera, and when I got back outside, the object had gone into the cloud-trails. I could see with my eyes movement in the trail, attempted to capture it on camera, but no luck. I watched the sky for several minutes, but the object either disappeared or never came out of the cloud-trail. At arms length the object was about the size of the end of my small finger.

Shortly after I saw another object that I thought was may

be an ultra-light, moving in the same direction, but a little lower. Neither object made any noise.

May 7th 2007

Marshfield, Missouri

Marshfield, Missouri A Huge Ball Of Glowing Reddish Matter.

Date: May 7, 2006

Time: Approx: 10:15 p.m.

Location of Sighting: South of our house, facing north view.

Number of witnesses: 1

Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: Round.

Full Description of event/sighting: I was outside star gazing in our back yard at about 9:45 with my mom. My mom went inside to see the 10:00 pm news, so I stayed outside. At about 10:15 I had seen a huge ball of glowing reddish matter. If you held up a dime in the night time sky that's how big it would have been. It was about 1-2 miles from me. Moving above distant tree tops. It moved very fast, and did not blink. That's how I knew it wasn't an airplane. I watched for about 5 seconds as it crossed the southern sky. Then I ran inside to tell my mom about it. By the time I got her back outside it was gone.

May 9th 2007

Marrero, Louisiana

Location: Marrero, La. USA

Date: 05/09/2007

3:32pm...sunny and clear

Approach Direction: object

moving back and forth left to right, and also hovering.

Departure Direction: it just disappeared.

Witness Direction: looking up at it.

Description: I was going home west on Lapalco Blvd in Marrero, La. I was at a red light and saw something blinking like a light in the sky, I looked up and it was a triangular shaped craft with lights all around it.

Colour/Shape: It was translucent and lights ..were white.

CANADA

May 11th 2007

Edmonton, Alberta

Edmonton, Alberta UFO With Halo Around It

Date: May 11, 2007

Time: 10:50 - 11:15 p.m.

Location of Sighting: North Edmonton

Number of witnesses: 3

Number of objects: 3

Shape of objects: Round balls of light/halo.

Full Description of sighting: I went outside in the backyard with my girlfriend, behind our northwest Edmonton home at approximately 10:40 pm. We were looking up at the sky noticing what a clear night it was just as we do often. Around 10 minutes later I saw what at first looked like a star. It was in the south eastern sky. It moved at a pace that looked slower than a plane towards the northwest portion of the sky. I did a double take because there was no way it was a plane, it was way to far up. As we both watched, it went really fast and looked to be going up and almost disappeared from view, but it came back down and went slow again. Then it swerved to the right like a car

passing another on the right side and then came back onto its path. It then continued until it came to a complete stop beside a star in the sky, in the north side of Edmonton.

The colour was fainter than a star not so bright but when it was still it looked to have a halo around it and it seemed to be changing colours, we could see a blue golden yellow and red tint emanating from the outer edges. Not too bright but definitely there. Almost like spots as the colours appeared then were gone. We continued to stare at this but we ran inside to get our son. When we came back out with him, we could see it there still but no more colours or movement. As we were trying to point this out to our son, we saw another object the same. Moving in the same way and in the same direction, until it passed the other object to the west (left) and then disappeared from sight.

We watched for movement from the first one for about 5 more minutes and nothing so we went into the house. We were quite shaken and my girlfriend went back outside about 10 minutes later. She then called to us as there was another object again from the same direction doing the same thing until it disappeared out of sight.

May 9th 2007

Kitchener, Ontario

Kitchener, Ontario Bright Ball Of Light Changes To Flashing Sequential Lights (Triangular In Shape).

Date: May 9, 2007

Time: 4:00 a.m.

Location of Sighting: Kitchener, On.

Number of witnesses: 1

Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: Triangle shaped.

Full Description of sighting: I just prepared milk for my baby when I glanced to the window and saw a bright ball of light. I knew it was not a star as it is very close. Suddenly, the bright light change to a small flashing sequential lights and started to move. As if they knew that someone was watching them. I think maybe they can detect with their equipment because my daughter was sick and was crying very loud. Then they move towards my apartment and passed by my building.

Because it was bright (because of the flashing light) I saw the shape as triangular and has a red light on one of its side. I managed to take a photo but came out so small as I only used the cam on my phone. One week before I saw this event I saw a bright saucer passing by horizontally and then flew vertically and vanished. It was 2-3pm and the weather was very sunny.

May 7th 2007

Toronto, Ontario

Toronto, Ontario (High Park)
A White Or Metallic UFO

Date: May 7, 2007

Time: 1:50 p.m.

Location of Sighting: High Park.

Number of witnesses: 1

Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: Oval.

Full Description of event/sighting: Sighting! My friend and I were lying on a hill near the south end of the High Park when I saw what I at first thought was a plane, or a gull flying ever so slowly. Then as I continued to watch it I realized there was no shadow created by a flat object, it was reflecting the sun from extremely high in the sky.

I turned to my friend and asked her if she could see the object that I was seeing, but she has

poor eye sight and could not locate it. I asked her give me the time and I continued to watch it, it was ever so slow and very graceful, like something gliding in water. It was 1:50 p.m. and I lost visual at about 3-4 minutes later. I was then given the opportunity to compare it to some planes that flew by only 5 minutes after the sighting. The planes were clearly planes, and I could see their underbellies and the darkness of them as they were in shadow. These planes were not nearly as high as the object that had just gone over head.

The Object: Colour : White or metallic (sun was reflecting off it powerfully). Size: Hard to say, it was pretty high up.

Location : South West of High Park, just north of Lake Ontario, and about 5000-8000 meters above the ground (I'm only guessing, it was high).

Flight : Went from South West to North West for about 3000 meters.

Motion : Smooth and very straight.

Speed : Extremely slow and at some points it seemed to slow down and almost stop for a second or two.

Sighting length : It was from 1:50 - 1:53/54.

Weather : Sunny with blue skies, a few wispy clouds and a breeze coming from the south west pushing to the north east.

Thought : Could this have been a satellite? I have no idea whether or not you can see satellites during the day, but I seem to recall someone once telling me you can. Just a thought.

May 6th 2007 Oshawa, Ontario

Oshawa, Ontario Object
Appeared Translucent Like A Jellyfish

Date: May 6, 2007
Time: 12:36 p.m.

I have to report this one to you now from work. On Sunday, May 6, 2007 after 12:36pm est. at home in Oshawa, I stepped on the deck facing west. The sun was close to 90 degrees above me and had little shade left to where I sat. I looked straight up and noticed a odd object moving from the south to the north, directly overhead. I watched in disbelief of this odd thing moving across. The best description one could give, is that it appeared like a tube. The altitude would be a guess at plus or minus 2000 feet and appeared white and translucent like a jellyfish. The shape and closeness is what made me jump up to get my camera in the house. All in 30 seconds, I returned to view and could no longer see it. I snapped some pictures hoping the camera would pick it up, due to sun glare. No such luck in capturing an image, real weird. This was a new one for me to witness and wonder if it was biological like a flying rod.

This has been my third sighting for 2007- thus far. Making it my first daylight sighting and questionable – what was it's purpose overhead?

May 5th 2007 Cape Spear, Newfoundland

Location: Cape Spear,
Newfoundland, Canada

Date: 5/05/07 3:00AM
(Saturday)
Approach Direction: West.
Departure Direction: West.

Witness Direction: East

Description: Me and 3 friends were at cape spear to go into the old base tunnels but didn't go in cause it was to dark. So we went to take a path down by the ocean but I noticed a light out on the ocean but it had no reflection off of the clouds or the water. It was a Yellowish orange orb with red, blue & green colours changing around the outside of the light.

It moved across the sky at a fast speed and moved like nothing I've ever seen. There was also a boat with lots of lights near it. We watched the orb for about 15 minutes and then it approached us at a extremely high speed. At this point we all took off back to the van. Definitely creepy stuff.

Colour/Shape: Yellowish orange orb with changing colours around the outside. (blue, red, green)

May 4th 2007 Oromocto, New Brunswick

Location: Over Oromocto
New Brunswick Canada

Approach Direction: east to west. Departure Direction: east to west. Witness Direction: north.

Description: At about 1:05am I went out to the patio to have a cigarette. I live in Beaver Dam which is just outside Fredericton, NB. I was looking in the general direction of Oromocto from there. Just above the tree line I saw what at first glance I thought was just another plane.

The longer I looked at it the more I realized that it was not a plane. The coloured flashing of the lights were completely random. They had no pattern to them like a normal plane. The next thing I noticed was

that it was barely moving. During the 10 minutes that it was visible it only moved slightly from my right to left. Then disappeared. I called CFB Gagetown in the morning to see if they were doing any exercises or could explain the lights and they said there were no exercises and they had no planes or helicopters out.

Colour/Shape: lights appeared to be blue red and white. Height & Speed: I would say it was 10 km in the distance so it is hard to gage.

May 3rd 2007 Port Colborne, Ontario

Location: Port Colborne On, Canada
Date: May 3rd, 2007 11:40pm GMT.
Approach Direction: South.
Departure Direction: Southwest.
Witness Direction: South.

Description: I don't know if this is in the same category as this but here is my experience. Driving back home with my wife and kids after visiting Grandma. My wife says to me what is that in the sky? I immediately said it looks like a flare, it was bright red and slowly moving towards Lake Erie horizontally just above the roofline of all the houses. It kept going and going for about 20 seconds then it changed to a white dot until we could not see it over the roofs of the houses.

Being curious what had just happened we kept driving towards Lake Erie that was about 1 mile away but saw nothing. return home very puzzled, never seen this type of light in the sky ever.

Colour/Shape: size was about the same as if I was looking at a small plane from where I was. It was very bright red for about 20 seconds, at this time it was

getting further and I only saw one white spot when the bright red went out.

Height & Speed: From where I was I'm estimating approximately one mile away and a little higher than the tree line and the roofs.

May 4th 2007 Between Britt And Sudbury, Ontario

South Of Britt On The Way To Sudbury, Ontario UFO Shaped Like An Arrow Head

Date: May 4, 2007
Time: 9:00 p.m.
Location of Sighting: South of Britt on the way to Sudbury.
Number of witnesses: 2
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: Triangular.

Full Description of sighting: As we were travelling to Sudbury, my husband commented on a very bright star in the sky, adding that it must be the North Star. I was a little confused, particularly as he was looking west. I leaned over and that's when I saw the object he called a star.

The 'star' was large and triangular. I was baffled. I'd never seen a star shaped like an arrow head and I didn't think stars could, randomly shrink down to a pinpoint as this one did occasionally. But I was willing to accept that perhaps the vehicle's movement played some part in this mystery. As we drove along, I suggested that perhaps we were looking at some angle of a crescent moon. It seemed like a plausible explanation for the shape.

My husband rejected that idea unequivocally saying that there was no way that was the moon, but he had no idea what it could

be other than he still believed the light must be a star. Eventually, we decided to stop and view the object from a stationary point. As we stepped out of the truck to look up, I realized the object was no star, it wasn't the moon and it was obviously moving closer as it was now much larger than before. That wasn't all. It also had a green tail. I was spooked. This was no star.

My husband, who still insisted this was a star, wanted to keep on going, so we hopped back into the truck and drove on. As we continued driving north I continued to watch the object. It was amazing. For several reasons. Firstly the object, while mostly stationary, was capable of movement, secondly it pulsated with colour and lastly, no one, absolutely no one seemed to notice the enormous, bright, pulsating object in the sky. Astounding. It was a warm night, there were at least a dozen people out walking, sitting or doing little in general and none of them, absolutely no one looked up. Unfathomable!

At 11:00 pm. we rode the elevator up to my mother's apartment and dashed outside onto the balcony. The object was still in the sky only it was now closer and brighter than before and it was pulsating with green and red lights. Still no one seemed to care. Not the people unloading their car eight flights below us and certainly not my seventy four year old mother who was also staring at the object.

Her comment? "Sure it's big, it's bright and it's flashing red and green. It's probably a UFO but who cares? I'm too old for that, if they come for me I'll go." Then she went back inside to watch TV and make some hot chocolate. Strangely, since that

evening I keep looking up and I am now convinced that they, whoever they are, are here. I've seen other objects in the sky in Hastings, my new home town, and each of these is equally inexplicable. However, just as in Sudbury no one seems to care. I have even gone to lengths to point the objects out to my neighbours and their answer is identical to my mother's. 'Who cares?'

Is everyone that myopic or apathetic. I hope not for if they are we humans are in a whole lot of trouble.

CHILE

May 4th 2007

Albatros, Algarrobo

Commune

INEXPLICATA

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Source: IEEE - Chile

A UFO Lands on the Shores of
San Antonio?

Around 19:45 hours last Friday (May 4) when a considerable number of households gather around the TV set to watch their favourite shows, some residents of the town of Albatros, Algarrobo Commune, became aware of an unidentified flying object that was clearly visible in the sky. Despite the penetrating cold of that evening, a bright flash of light that shifted colours momentarily drew the attention of some curious onlookers who went out to the street to notice the details of the heavenly spectacle. The strange luminous object hovered above the forest near the town, giving the appearance of being near El Canelo beach, in the commune's northern section.

Not a few spectators reached for the photo and video cameras to capture the unusual

phenomenon, which gave rise to a wealth of speculation regarding the unknown object's provenance. Its unusual motion in all direction caused spectators to promptly dismiss the possibility that it could be an airplane, aerostat, satellite or other aerial phenomenon with a rational explanation. A family on Los Pelicanos street watched the light's appearance intently.

The impact of their sighting was so strong that they contacted duty personnel at the Third Carabineros Office in Algarrobo, who reported to the scene. Local policemen also reported what they saw. Nataly Aranda, 20, in the company of her brother Matias, 9, remember the sighting: "It was like looking at a star, but it would suddenly vanish and reappear. A neighbour recorded it, and when we saw it on the TV set, it looked just like when they show UFOs on television - it was super real."

She added that the object remained suspended in the sky for about an hour. "After that, it began to go away and the person who videotaped it asked a friend to go over to El Canelo to film it, as it vanished in that direction. Over here we could see it almost over the trees." This was the first time she had faced a phenomenon of this type, like young Matias, who was stunned by the display. "It was a ball that moved everywhere. I was a little bit scared because they told me it was coming to get me. When it vanished (I had the impression) something fell out of it. It also reappeared on Monday, but it was sort of red," remarked the student from the Carlos Alessandri school.

Although she doesn't acknowledge the existence of UFOs, the young woman from Algarrobos says that what she

saw that night "was food for thought." Second Sergeant Nelson Velazquez reported to ascertain the events in the light of insistent phone calls from local residents. "The fact is that a person from Albatros called me, saying that he had seen an unidentified flying object in the air. I reported to the scene and ascertained that there was indeed such an object. Also present was a young man who videotaped on the site for over half an hour. I later withdrew and advised my colleagues at the station. One of them (Carabinero Alvarado) proceeded to make his own recording of the flying object from El Pejerrey beach.

In the policeman's opinion, what he saw that cold evening was a sort of "luminous ball that flew in every direction, from north to south. Apparently it was not a star, airplane or any other thing, as it lacked those characteristics. It makes one think that it could've been a UFO."

The experienced police officer remarked that in all his years of service in the area, this was the first time he had witnessed a case like this. Something he will not forget during his patrols throughout the Commune. However, doubts persist, as the Direccion Aeronautica de Santo Domingo reported that weather balloons are launched at that time, and their movement is dependent on wind conditions. What is clear is that no known object performs the movements witnessed by a large number of witnesses.

Special thanks to Scott Corrales.

SPAIN

May 11th 2007

Central Spain

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SPAIN: FIREBALL REPORTED OVER CENTRAL SPAIN

The 112 Emergency switchboard collapsed due to the number of phone calls received.

Phenomenon "very likely to have caused meteorites", according to one researcher.

(EFE) - Ciudad Real, Cuenca, Toledo and Valladolid are some of the provinces of the Centre of the Spanish peninsula that witnessed the transit of an "impressive" fireball, according to Josep M. Trigo of the Red de Investigacion sobre Bolidos y Meteoritos. The 112 Emergency switchboard collapsed by phone calls from spectators only a few minutes later.

All witnesses agree that it was the "sudden appearance" of an "exceptionally bright" fireball that caused "great alarm" in small communities.

"The luminosity of the phenomenon was such that it was even recorded by pilots from the Torrejon de Ardoz air base who were in flight at the time," noted Trigo.

To this researcher and Jose L. Ortiz of the Instituto de Astrofisica de Andalucia (CSIC), the case is "highly important" due to the fact that several communities in Ciudad Real were even able to hear the sonic boom produced by the meteoroid's entry under the 20-25 kilometre barrier, indicative of the "the possible arrival of meteorites on the surface."

According to Trigo, many of these bolides do not produce meteorites as they are completely disintegrated, but the one seen on Thursday 'was very likely to have spawned meteorites.'

The largest fragment of the last meteorite seen in Spain - in December 2004 - was 'removed' by a team of French 'meteor hunters' thanks to information provided by witnesses, added the researcher.

The Spanish Historical Patrimony Law of 1985 protects all assets, including natural ones, and has posted penalties for those who engage in their illegal exportation.

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NEW ZEALAND May 31st 2007 Kilbernie, Wellington

Date: Approx 6:00PM Local Time. Thursday 31 May 2007

Approach Direction: Moved into view from behind cloud.
Direction of movement was from north to south.

Departure Direction: Departed very swiftly east. Witness Direction: East.

Description: Walking down Crawford Road heading towards Kilbernie. I was looking east watching a Boeing 737 climbing out from the airport when I saw a bright yellow-white circular light move slowly out from behind a cloud and appear to become stationary in the sky to above and to the east of the airliner.

There's a lot of air-traffic from the airport at this time of the day, so I assumed it was another airplane, then it shot off to the east, it went so fast it was like it became a bright line in the sky, speed of departure appeared to be in excess of Mach 2. Witness has knowledge of aviation, and astronomy and is familiar with standard air

traffic from Wellington airport.

It was definitely not standard air traffic or a meteor.

There are no aircraft in New Zealand capable of supersonic flight.

Colour/Shape: Circular

Height & Speed: Altitude: Between 5,000 and 10,000 feet.

Approach speed: 200 knots (estimated).

Departure speed: in excess of Mach 2.

TV/Radio/Press: Not aware of it being reported in the media.

ARGENTINA May 22nd 2007 Colón, Entre Rios Province & May 24th 2007 Gualaguay, Entre Rios Province

Inexplicata

Sightings in Gualaguay and Colon - Entre Rios Province, Argentina by Daniel Ubaldo Padilla

Source: Grupo COLOVNI
Date: May 25, 2007

It is public knowledge that heavenly bolides have been seen in concomitance with alleged UFO sightings. It is precisely that the print and television media - the latter with images - have turned it into a concern at the level of society as a whole, beyond the strictly ufological thinking of a handful of people who have made known their public and personal commitment to making case histories known.

My intention here is to compile information aimed at covering a

broader spectrum of the events recorded with these mass sightings, and my commitment is to retell specific events in areas to which I have access to investigate.

May 22nd 2007 : Colón, Entre Rios Province

Mario Navarro, an employee at the Colón terminal, told me about his concern at seeing - in the company of his brother - a light in the island area facing the Port of Colón on Tuesday May 22 (2007) around 20:00 hours. He was able to see a light, first as a distant luminous point similar to a flashlight, but it was a powerful point that varied in size according to its intensity with regard to an imaginary central dot. They could also see that it travelled at a prodigious rate of speed, noting that what they were seeing was probably occurring in the mainland territory of the Republic of Uruguay, beyond the islands. Using the shadow of the treetops of a eucalyptus plantation in the horizon as a point of reference, they realized that the light suddenly began rising toward the treetops, and that its brilliance magnified at that time, exceeding the 12 meter height of the trees in that plantation, with a size comparable to that of the moon when it appears on the horizon. Its colour ranged from intense blue at its core, expanding to white in its periphery. The total observation lasted 20 minutes. After that time, says Mario Daniel Navarro: "...it sort of turned off. Everything was left dark again..."

This isn't the first time that this phenomenon has occurred toward the islands and one Uruguayan territory in that direction. Other eyewitness accounts are completely related to this one, with witnesses describing similar manifestations.

May 24th 2007 Guauguay, Entre Rios Province

Another Incredible event in Guauguay By Ramón Morgante.

Last night on the ENIGMA VIRTUAL program hosted by Julio Degeneve on FM Melody 103.5, transmitted Thursdays at 22:00 hrs., Ramon Morgante, a UFO researcher who lives in the city of Guauguay, Entre Rios, told listeners that: '...only a moments ago, around 19:25 hours, I was able to see and record a luminous object crossing the skies at high speed in a south-easterly direction from the city of Guauguay. The object was moving from north to south at more or less 20 degrees toward the horizon. At that trajectory, and at 80 degrees, from my standpoint, the object incredibly changed course toward the east. It looked like a bluish-to-white sphere, like the flame of a kitchen burner. At that time several [objects] of this type began to appear from various directions and toward the same side. I was able to see a total of nine unidentified luminous objects with characteristics identical to the first one. I became aware, during these sightings, of what seemed to me a large star with an intensity comparable to that of Rigel, located 85 degrees to the south. It's colour varied between orange to dark red. My surprise was that when I aimed the camera in that direction in order to record it, the alleged star turned off. It simply was no longer there...'

Ramón also motioned that the observation lasted until 21:40 hours, approximately, including flash-type phenomena. The entire observation was documented with a video camera. (Translation (c) 2007 Scott Corrales, IHU. Special

thanks to Guillermo Gimenez, Planeta UFO).

USA

May 29th 2007 Roanoke County, Virginia

Date: 05/29/07 9:20 PM EST.
Approach Direction: Object came from the east. Departure Direction: Moving toward the west. Witness Direction: I was facing the southern sky.
Description: My mom and I were out on the back deck. She was sitting in a chair facing North. I was standing in front of her facing South. I happened to look up at this bright star in the southern sky and right at that time an object moving faster than anything I have ever seen flew across the sky. I could not tell the shape and I'm not sure how to estimate the height in the sky. It was not as high as space it was around cloud level.

It only lasted a matter of maybe 2 seconds before it disappeared. The sky was mostly cloudy but it flew right in front of the bright star I had noticed. I do live close to the Roanoke Airport but this was no plane or helicopter. There was no sound and it was way to fast. I have also seen meteor showers and shooting stars but this was neither. Colour/Shape: Not sure about the shape, it was moving much to fast to even guess. I did see a bright white light on the front part and a flashing red light on the back. There was no sound and no vapour trail behind it. Height & Speed: Not sure about the height or speed. The height was about cloud level and the speed was unbelievable fast. TV/Radio/Press: It just happen about an hour and 20 minutes ago so nothing has been said.

**All sightings courtesy of
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HBCC Research.**

RARE 'FOO FIGHTER' ARTICLE

THE NASHVILLE
TENNESSEAN MAGAZINE,
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Joe Thompson and the
Foo-Fighters
By
Max York

IT WASN'T until 1947, when the

(A bogey, in air force parlance, is an unidentified flying object - UFO -which could turn out to be either friendly or hostile.)

"Off my wing. a little below us, in the direction of Cologne, I saw four or five objects that looked like silvery footballs," he says.

"They didn't seem to be moving. but they must have been, for they stayed even with us.

"It flashed through my mind

Germans had seen the objects, too—and thought they were put up there by the Americans!

Thompson wasn't the first U.S. pilot to see the strange objects over the Rhine Valley. They were first spotted by the pilots of Black Widow night fighters, who said they glowed in the dark. The night fighters shot at them a few times, but the fire was never returned.

He believes the night fighters gave the UFOs the nickname that stuck: "Foo-Fighters," a term picked up from the **Smokey Stover** comic strip that still runs in several newspapers.

At the time, Thompson was a major in the 109th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron. He commanded approximately 45 pilots who flew P-51 Mustangs equipped with powerful aerial cameras and four 50-caliber machine guns.

Most of the sightings of Foo-Fighters took place between December, 1944, and March, 1945.

"When the weather was too bad for flying, I'd go around and talk with the pilots, asking them about the things they had seen on their missions," Thompson recalls. Ever so often, some one would say he had seen "some of those Foo-Fighters."

What did they look like?

A Californian, Capt Frank Robinson, said they resembled "a smashed beer can." Others said a tennis ball or a football - only much larger. The descriptions were of shape, not size. Captain Robinson - who said he saw them rising up as from the ground -- called them "Kraut balls." Everybody thought they were German.

There was speculation about



Nashville's Joe Thompson in the cockpit of a photo reconnaissance plane in World War II.

stories about flying saucers hit page one, that Nashville's Joe Thompson Jr. gave much thought to those strange objects he saw in World War II.

Now an insurance man, Thompson was a photo reconnaissance pilot in the war.

He and his wing man were on a mission over the Rhine Valley, photographing German troop movements, when he saw them.

"We had made some pictures, and I was looking ahead to our next photo target," Thompson recalls, "when my wing man broke radio silence and said, 'Bogey at 9 o'clock!'"

that they were something the Germans had put up there.

"I watched to see what they would do, but they didn't do anything.

"As we turned away, I thought they must not be of much value to the Germans.

"That's the last I saw of them. I turned my attention to the next photo target, where the Germans were already sending up flak to let us know they were waiting for us."

It wasn't until later that Thompson learned that captured intelligence reports said the

their purpose.

"At first, we thought they might be attached to wires, like barrage balloons, Thompson says. "But they were moving, and they were too high."

"Then we got the idea that the Germans might be using them to detect the altitude of our planes so they could place their anti-aircraft fire more accurately."

Then Thompson saw them for himself that day over the Rhine Valley.

"They didn't look like what Captain Robinson had said - a smashed beer can," he remembers.

How big were they?

"I really couldn't tell," he says. "It would put depend on how far away they were. They may have been as close as 1500 feet, in which event they would be no bigger than an open umbrella. But they could have been two miles away in which case they would be quite large. They looked as though they were made of aluminum."

What were they?

"I don't really know," he says. "I saw something - I still don't know what it was."

He reported the sighting to the squadron intelligence officer when he returned from the mission, and let it drop. The men of the 109th never tried to pursue the objects, Thompson says, because they were not bothering us."

Today, it is difficult to understand why wartime pilots were not more excited about these foo-fighters so many of them saw over Germany. In retrospect, they seem prophetic of the "flying saucer" reports

that began to come in profusion after the war.

The wartime lack of excitement is easier to understand in light of the conditions under which Thompson and his fellow pilots flew. The foo-fighters just didn't seem important, he explains. What was important was to complete the mission and stay alive, with so many people on the ground and in the air dedicated to your destruction.

For example, Thompson came back from a mission with 150 holes in his plane—flak. There was even a hole in his camera. Just as he touched ground, the engine quit. There were several other such examples in the squadron, which lost more planes to flak than to enemy planes – and more planes to weather than to flak and enemy planes combined.

The squadron flew first from England and then, after the invasion, from an air strip in Normandy and, still later, in Belgium. It was from the tiny Belgian village of Gosselies that they went on missions when they saw the foo-fighters. (Two years ago, Thompson took his wife, Martha, to Gosselies for a sentimental visit. He saw several people he had known there during the war.)

"From Gosselies it was a 20 or 30-minute flight to the Rhine Valley," he says. "We would cruise around for a couple of hours. We were looking for patterns of troop movement, trucks, tanks on the move—anything that might be of use to intelligence. Our bombers might knock out a bridge. They would send us in to see how much damage was done."

The first missions went out with the first light, hoping to catch the enemy still on the move from the night before. The last missions were out at dusk.

Perhaps an over-eager enemy would start the next night's journey early. The pilots flew in twos, changing altitude all the time, trying to make a difficult target for enemy guns. Survival meant spotting an enemy plane before he spotted you. Their eyes made Ms [sic] scanning the skies for anything that wasn't friendly. They learned to know instantly if a dot on the horizon was friend or foe.

Across the Rhine, Thompson sometimes saw a sobering sight. If you were in the right place at the right time, you could see what looked like a telephone pole taking off into the sky," he says. "You could follow the trail until it disappeared up and out of sight. This was the V-2 rocket.

"I spent a five-day leave in London and saw these rockets landing in Hyde Park. They made holes three stories deep."

After the war, when flying saucers became the rage, Thompson developed into something of a buff on the subject, reading everything he could find. Sometimes he spoke at civic clubs.

Afterwards people would come up and wonder excitedly if the foo-fighters could have been sent from somewhere in space to observe the war in Europe, and, possibly, to gauge the threat of V-2 weapons to their own world.

"The whole problem is to separate fact from fiction," he says of UFOs. "How much of it is imagination? How much is hallucination?" Most of these sightings can be explained. Some can't. A lot of authors could explain some of the incidents they write about, but if they did, their books wouldn't sell as well.

"It is encouraging that scientists are beginning to study the

phenomenon. I think the time has come when they can study flying saucers without being suspected of lunacy.

"There are three general groups of people who are concerned with UFOs.

"The first group are those whom we might describe as the insecure, the neurotics. Certainly the things they see are coloured by their own troubles and exaggerated speculations.

"The second group are the sceptics who recognize that something must have caused such a multitude of sightings, but they demand unequivocal evidence.

"And then there is a third and growing group of people who, while they do not present any final answer, are willing to state they have seen these objects and have carefully examined the plausible record of other confirmed sightings and feel there must be some sensible explanation. "The federal government just granted \$300,000 to the University of Colorado to investigate, along with some other universities, the sources of unexplained phenomena. I would hope that this amount of money is not being spent just to quiet the fears of the neurotic fringe.

"I think we will have the answer to UFOs within 10 years.

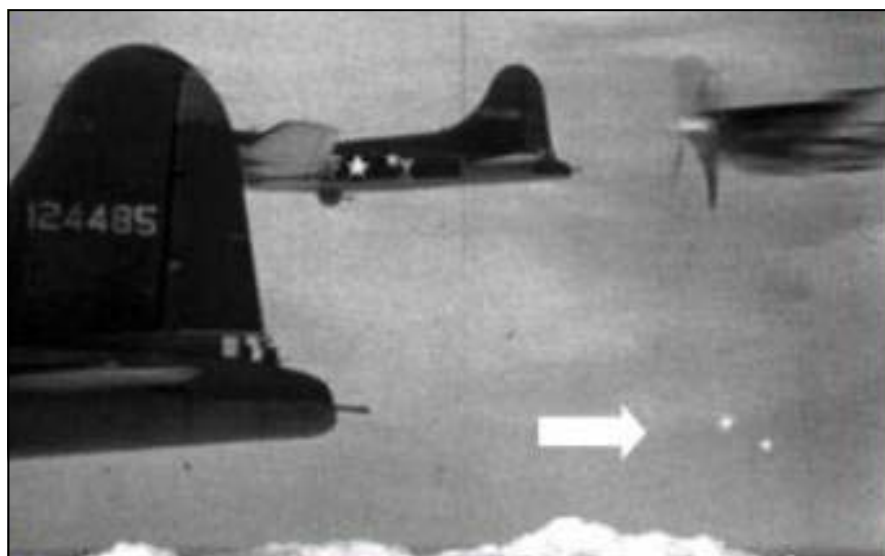
"We have been flying on this planet only 63 years," Thompson says, "and we are now planning to send an astronaut to the moon. This is a long way to go in 63 years, but we still don't know *all* the answers."

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Foo fighters -1945 Document

Mention has previously been

made in these pages to the existence of German airborne controlled missiles Hs.298, Hs.293, X4 and Hs.117. Many reports have been received from Bomber Command crews of flaming missiles being directed at, and sometimes following the aircraft, suggesting the use of remote control and/or homing devices. It is known that the Germans kept their Japanese Allies informed of technical developments and the following report, taken verbatim from Headquarters, U. S. A. F. P. O. A. G.2 Periodic Report No. 67,



further suggests that the Japanese are using similar weapons to those reported by our own crews:

"During the course of a raid by Super-Fortresses on the Tachikawa aircraft plant, and the industrial area of Kawasaki, both in the Tokyo area, a number of Super-Fortresses reported having been followed or pursued by "red balls of fire" described as being approximately the size of a basketball with a phosphorescent glow.

Some were reported to have tails of blinking light. These "balls" appeared generally out of nowhere, only one having been seen to ascend from a relatively low altitude to the rear of a B-29. No accurate

estimate could be reached as to the distance between the balls and the B-29's. No amount of evasion of the most violent nature succeeded in shaking the balls. They succeeded in following the Super-Fortresses through rapid changes of altitude and speed and sharp turns, and held B-29s' courses through clouds. One B-29 reported outdistancing a ball only by accelerating to 295 mph, after which the pursuing ball turned around and headed back to land. Individual pursuits lasted as long as six minutes, and one

ball followed a Super-Fortress 30 miles out to sea. The origin of the balls is not known. Indication points to some form of radio-direction, either from the ground or following enemy aircraft. The apparent objective of the balls, no doubt, is destruction of the Super-Fortresses by contact. Both interception and AA (anti-aircraft) have proved entirely ineffective, the enemy has apparently developed a new weapon with which to attempt countering our thrusts."

(SOURCE: RAF, Fighter Command Intelligence and Operational Summary No. 30, dated 15 May 1945).

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UFOs and the Web

MoD opens its files on UFO sightings to public

James Randerson
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The Ministry of Defence plans to open its "X-Files" on UFO sightings to the public for the first time. Officials have not yet decided on a date for the release of the reports, which date back to 1967, but it is hoped to be within weeks. The move follows the decision by the French national space agency to release its UFO files in March, the first official body in the world to do so.

UFO buffs will be keen to find out what officials knew about some of the UK's most famous sightings and whether any action was taken. One celebrated event - at Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, in 1980 - has been dubbed "Britain's Roswell" after the UFO incident in the US in 1947.

At Rendlesham there were several witness reports of a UFO apparently landing. The released files should support or discount claims that radiation was detected at the site after the event.

David Clarke, a lecturer in journalism at Sheffield Hallam University and author of *Flying Saucers: A Social History of UFOlogy*, said opening the MoD's files would make it harder to sustain the idea that evidence for the existence of aliens has been suppressed. "The more of

this stuff that they put on their website or put in the national archives, the less it will cost the taxpayer, because at the moment people are writing in about individual incidents and they are having to respond," said Dr Clarke, referring to requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

The documents due for release are witness reports of apparent UFO sightings, many by civil pilots and military personnel. Most were simply collected and filed by a small, secret unit within defence intelligence called DI55. A few are thought to have been investigated further by the military, but the details have never been made public.

There are 24 files due for release, each containing 200-300 reports of sightings, plus internal MoD briefings and correspondence.

UFO 'evidence' grows

by Joel de Woolfson

A RETIRED Air France pilot has backed Aurigny's Ray Bowyer's UFO sighting.

Captain Jean-Charles Duboc claimed he saw a huge object over Paris on 28 January 1994 while flying an Airbus 320 from Nice to London.

It was well documented in the French media and on internet sites.

The 55-year-old's sighting was supported by fellow flight crew and French radar, which picked up the object about 25 miles east of Paris for 50 seconds. 'The observation of Captain Ray Bowyer is really impressive for several reasons,' he said.

'The fact it was daytime, a huge

size, low altitude, nine minutes of sighting, passengers and another crew to confirm it.

'In fact, Captain Bowyer's observation is very similar to mine, except there was two objects and they were very low.' However, unlike Captain Bowyer, who gave no suggestion as to what the UFO might have been, Captain Duboc believes the one he saw was from another world.

'My position about the sighting off Alderney is that an extraterrestrial civilisation wants to develop contacts with our planet and that they deliberately organise UFO sightings.'

He said that in the last 60 years, there have been approximately 1,300 sightings by pilots and about 15% have been confirmed by radar.

'It is a really scary reality, but pilots have exceptional training and are the best qualified observers to identify UFOs.' Air France would not say if Captain Duboc had flown for it because of data protection laws.

Captain Duboc said the size of the objects seen by Captain Bowyer and a Blue Islands pilot was similar to that of the UFO he saw which he described as a huge lens with a bank angle of 45 degrees.

'We soon realised it was about 25 nautical miles away and it didn't move. It was absolutely huge because it is impossible to see an airplane distinctly at that distance. 'The dimensions of that object could have been around 500 metres and we saw it for between one and two minutes before it dematerialised in about 10 to 20 seconds.'

AURIGNY pilot Ray Bowyer has today told of his delight at the response to his UFO sighting.

The pilot from Southampton, said he had been inundated by people telling similar stories.

'Since the story has been publicised, I must have had at least 20 people come up to me and tell me their story,' he said. He said it has had a very positive impact.

'I think what it has done is make it acceptable for other people to tell their stories. It seems to have lubricated people's tonsils to talk about this sort of experience.'

Captain Bowyer's UFO sighting received national media attention last week and the story has been seen by people all over the globe after being picked up by various news websites.

He said the stories people had told him varied greatly. 'I must say that some of the people said things that I thought could be explained. However I reckon that there are people out there that have seen stuff that cannot be explained.' He added that he had received a lot of support from fellow pilots.

'In the profession it's fairly well known that if you come forward and tell these sort of stories, you become unemployable.' Captain Bowyer praised his bosses at Aurigny for their understanding.

'I think if I had not had eight years with the company it would not have been mentioned. But I'm lucky that I had the security with Aurigny and I want to thank them for their support.

'It's really nice that other people have come forward to say that they have had similar experiences.'

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WORLD WAR TWO FOO FIGHTER REPORTS

B-24 SIGHTS "CIRCLES OF LIGHT"

A B-24 of the 11th Bomb Group on a snoop mission over Truk during the early morning hours of 3 May 1945, encountered what may prove to be as baffling a phenomena as the balls of fire seen by the B-29s while over the Japanese mainland. (Excerpted From: **Hq. AAF, POA, Air Intell. Memo No. 4, 8 May 1945.**)

The B-24 first observed two red circles of light approaching the plane from below while still over the Truk atoll. One light was on the right and the other was seen on the left of the B-24.

The light on the left side turned back after one and one half hours. The one on right remained with the bomber until the B-24 was only 10 miles from Guam. From the time that the B-24 left the atoll, the light never left its position on the right side. It was reported by the crew members as sometimes ahead, sometimes behind, and sometimes alongside the B-24 and always about 1200 to 1500 yards distant. At day break, the crew reported that this light climbed to 15,000 ft and stayed in the sun. It was a short time afterward that the B-24 let down and went through a 300 foot undercast and lost sight of the light.

During the flight from Truk to Guam, the light was observed to change from an orange colour to a bright yellow or white like electric light. The light was also described as sometimes looking like a phosphorous glow. This

sequence of colour changes occurred at regular intervals. The light appeared to be about one foot in diameter and the changes in colour did not follow a pattern of acceleration or de-coloration.

The light followed the B-24 in dives from 11,000 ft to 3000 ft, through sharp course changes and even brief cloud cover always keeping its same relative position and distance. At one time, the pilot turned into the light and he definitely reports no closure occurring. During the night high cirrus clouds masked the moonlight and no part of object was observed except the light. At daybreak, the light changed to a steady white glow and a possible wing shape with a silver glow was noted by some members of the crew. Guam radar units reported no bogies plotted at any time that this light was within its range. The crew members reported that the light finally left them when only 10 miles from Guam.

The light was never close enough to the bomber to give a single blip on the radar and therefore should have been easily detected. Two blips with IFF were not reported at this time, the B-24 being the only plane on the scope. The report from the Guam radar units plus the fact that the light was always seen on the right side of the B-24, and that even when the bomber turned into the light, no rate of closure was noted tends to make the possibility of a jet powered or even a conventional type aircraft a doubtful one.

A preliminary evaluation by the Assistant Chief of Air Staff Intelligence gives the following possibilities:

"It is believed the lights observed were those of an unknown type mounted on

Japanese aircraft with the capabilities of an Irving on an experimental or observation mission. While certain jet exhaust flame characteristics are apparent, the range and length of light greatly exceed the known capabilities of friendly or enemy jet aircraft.

While observations vary considerably from characteristics of "Balls of Fire" recently seen over Japanese homeland, there is great need for intelligence on all air phenomena.

In May 1952 a Civil Aeronautics Administration Aviation Safety Agent from Seattle wrote to **Project Blue Book** about a sighting during World War II:

In 1943 I was an Instrument Flying Instructor assigned to the 6th Ferrying Group of the Air Transport Command and based at Long Beach, California. My daily routine consisted of flying four, one hour instructional periods in the morning with a different student for each hour. On one flight while proceeding on the southwest leg of the Long Beach radio range at 5000 feet altitude at the normal cruising airspeed of a BT-13A type trainer, my student and I witnessed an object at this point which to this date defies logical explanation.

This object appeared from the northeast on a level flight path and turned while decelerating from a great speed to fly parallel to us for approximately 30 seconds before it disappeared from view at a slight climbing attitude (5 degrees) bearing to the right across our ship's nose and at speed which I can now estimate to be between 2000 to 5000 miles per hour.

So many years have since passed that it is difficult to re-construct the appearance of the object but a few prominent facts are still clear and vivid in my

mind. They are:

- 1) This incident occurred above a fog overcast with clear and unlimited sky condition above.
- 2) The object was an International Orange in colour, had an elliptical or rounded forward structure, was proportioned in a manner as a conventional aircraft's fuselage.
- 3) The rear of the object either had no significance or I am unable to remember its profile.
- 4) No propellers or jet orifice were visible; nor was any flame, smoke or vapour trailed.
- 5) It decelerated in an unstable manner. (IE) Wobbling outward from its banked attitude while turning and dipping longitudinally up to ten degrees from its flight path.
- 6) It flew exactly abeam at our altitude and while in this position exhibited no other motion than the identical forward speed of our ship.
- 7) Its departure from the area also appeared unstable at the start of its acceleration. It seemed to lurch forward with the rearward portion wobbling until its direction was established.
- 8) From its position abeam to ten degrees to the right of our nose and five degrees high until out of sight took approximately one and one half second.

A series of unusual events contributed to the fact that this object made no striking impression on my student and me. There had been a rumour at this time that Lockheed Aircraft Company were building a jet aircraft and we thought we had witnessed the flight of it. I learned much later that the first flight of the Lockheed P-80 did not take place until over a year from this period of time.

Furthermore, I had a camera in the aircraft at this time and although it was hanging on the 'oil dilution' control knob and ready to use, I did not use it for fear of photographing a highly secret aircraft.

I can (remember) telling the student through the intercom: "Come out from under the hood. Lockheed's jet is flying formation with us."

The student pushed back the hood and both of us witnessed the object flying alongside and its flight out of sight. Then the student went back under the hood and the episode was ended. In retrospect, I believe the fact that neither of us at that time attached anything unusual about it must imply that it resembled something which would have encompassed known aerodynamic outlines. Until I first witnessed an early flight of the P-80, I was under this impression. Immediately upon seeing the relative slowness of the P-80 and its easily identifiable outlines, I realized we had witnessed some inexplicable object...."

This case is an example of what Dr. Hynek call 'escalation of hypotheses' in extreme slow motion. It was only after the observer saw a jet aircraft that he realized that a conventional answer would not work for his observation. The writer did not remember the name of the student, but he enclosed a drawing of the object and a list of students who could have been the other witness.

The 1952 UFO flap was just starting, but hundreds of letters poured into **Project Blue Book**.

They had no time to even acknowledge the letter let alone investigate what they considered an old case. So they simply filed the letter along with hundreds of others they received on many different subjects in a "catch all" file. They did not include this report as a case file nor did they count it in the Blue Book statistics. - J.L.A.

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