

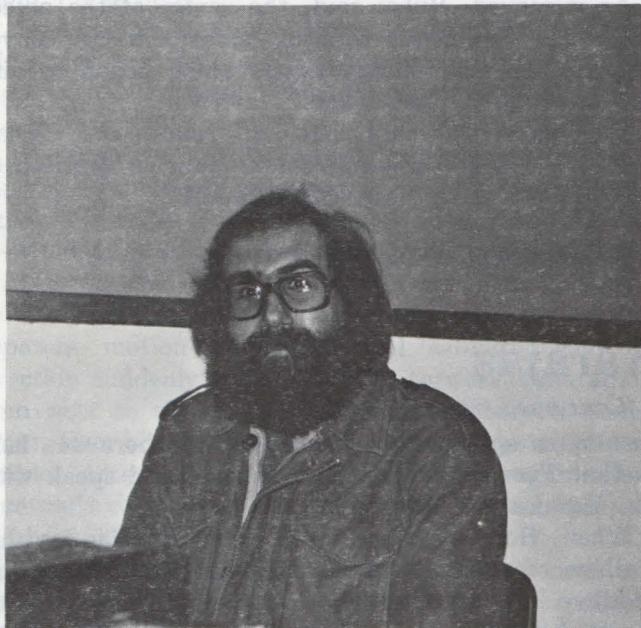
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## “BUS-SIZED” UFO OVER KOREA



Omiros Karajas

### KARAJAS VISITS APRO

Omiros Karajas, one of APRO'S Field Investigators for Greece, pleased the Tucson membership with his presence from January 3rd through January 5th. Jim McCoy, a member of the Board of Directors, met Mr. Karajas' flight at Tucson International on January 3rd. The day of January 4 was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen, when the three discussed the current status of Ufology on a world basis.

Mr. Karajas brought with him a number of well investigated cases from his country, as well as a chronological record of Greek cases which he has gathered, dating back throughout history. The earliest case in the file took place in the year 75 BC.

Mr. Karajas verified a suspicion that the APRO staff has entertained for some time: that the press occasionally manufactures UFO cases out of whole cloth. He showed a 1968 magazine titled "UFOs are Real", published in New York, which carried a long article about some very interesting Greek cases. Mr. Karajas attempted to investigate the cases mentioned, but found that they, in fact, never happened.

Mr. Lorenzen spent the day of January 4th showing Mr. Karajas around the University of Arizona where he met Lorenzen's colleagues and co-workers. That

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APRO member Kim Young Sick of Seoul, Korea, has furnished the following information about a reported UFO over his country on October 12, 1982.

The October 13 issue of the *Korea Times* carried an article which noted that 30 people in Pusan had notified the local broadcasting station that they had observed an object which resembled a "mushroom" but which was the size of an intra-city bus at about 6 a.m. They said that the object appeared to the northeast, in the direction of Ulsan, and emitted beams of light and exhibited a white tail. The newspaper said that other reports had reached Seoul about a similar object being seen by citizens of Taegu and Kangnung. Min Yong-ki, director of the National Astronomical Observatory was quoted as saying that the "would-be UFO" might have been a satellite passing over the country.

On the next day, October 14, the *Korea Herald* carried a follow-up article which stated that 80 people from Seoul, Pusan, Taegu, Taejon, Kangnung, Pohang, Ulsan, Changwon and Mokpo had reported seeing the object between 5:40 and 6:10 a.m. on the 12th. The witnesses described the phenomenon as oval-shaped, noiseless, and giving off a trail.

Air Force authorities reached by reporters for the *Herald* said that the object had been visible to the naked eye at several observation posts, but that it had not been detected on radar. Further, Air Force authorities said that no flight exercises were being carried out in those areas at the time of the observation, but that they presumed that it could have been a meteor or a satellite.

Min Yong-ki was again quoted, saying that the best possibility was that the object had been a satellite falling to earth.

However, Cho Kyong-chol, professor of astronomy at Kyunghee University, said, "According to witnesses it may have been a cigar-shaped unidentified flying object. A cigar-type is presumed to be a mother ship of a disc-type UFO."

The *Herald* article then went on to mention the fact that UFOs had been reported 40 times since the first reported sighting in March 1952, by an American Air Force pilot (tiny six-inch disc-shaped object — the report is in the files of APRO).

#### 1980 KOREAN REPORT

Mr. Sick furnished additional information about a sighting over his country on October 26, 1980, involving a 17-year-old student, Seu Dea Yung, who

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# Korean UFO

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spotted an object from his living room window and photographed it. The resulting photo shows a classic domed disc against the daylight sky.

## 1980 CHINA PHOTO

Another 1980 sighting in Asia took place at 4:08 a.m. on August 23 at the Great Wall north of Peking, China, in the area near the historic Ming tombs.

An article in the *Korea Times* for Saturday, November 8, 1980, said that the object was seen by two campers, one of whom photographed the object.

The witnesses described the object as having rings and a dark core. They observed the object for about a half hour, and stated that it made no noise.

## RINGED OBJECT OVER TIBET

Another Asian sighting took place on July 24, 1981 at Lhasa, Tibet and was described as being seen at a 20-degree elevation in the northeast sky, by Mao

Rubai, Deputy Director of the region's meteorological bureau.

Rubai said that the bright object had the shape of a ping pong ball, and was surrounded by a ring of blue-white light of variable brightness and moved from east to west at an estimated speed of 120 kilometers per minute for about seven minutes.

As it moved, Rubai said, the center of the object brightened and began rotating opposite to the movements of its surrounding rings, which began to dim and widen at the same time.

Headquarters would like to thank our Asian members and investigators for keeping us apprised of UFO reports in that area of the world.

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# Karajas

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evening, a special meeting or local members was held so that Tucson Ufologists could meet and speak with Mr. Karajas.

When Bob Marsland took Mr. Karajas to his airplane on January 5th, we all felt we were saying goodbye to an old and good friend. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed his visit and we look forward to meeting him again in the future.

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*Shown above are some of the Tucson members who gathered to meet and welcome Mr. Karajas. Left to right: Alvina and William Doyle, Mrs. Robert Dean, Mr. Karajas, Robert Dean, Robert Marsland and Jim McCoy.*

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## ATTENTION: FIELD INVESTIGATORS

Headquarters would like to request that all field investigators get in touch with us here at Tucson via post card with the following information:

1. Name 2. Current address 3. Current telephone number 4. General area being covered (including counties) 5. How far afield the individual is willing to travel on investigations.

This information is necessary as we are revamping our alert system. Also, some of you have changed addresses and failed to submit new telephone numbers, and some with unlisted numbers have changed them and forgotten to notify us.

Please note on the front of the card that your F.I. status is the purpose of the communication by printing a large F.I. in the lower, left-hand corner of the card.

We would appreciate receiving this information as soon as possible, and F.I.s will be contacted further regarding new methods and other briefing information, as needed.

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## APRO'S POSITION ON "UNITY"

On the weekend of July 4 of 1982, various representatives of CUFOS, MUFON and the SBI (Scientific Bureau of Investigation - located in New York) met in Toronto, Ontario, Canada to discuss a Federation of UFO groups in North America. Also present were Canadian groups and one or two extra-continental Ufologists.

The stated purposes of the meeting were lofty. APRO was invited to attend via a mention of the meeting and an "invitation" in the "Director's Message" in the Mufon Journal. As stated before in this Bulletin, the prospect was discussed among the members of the Board of Directors and APRO adopted a "wait and see" attitude. As we mentioned in a previous Bulletin article, APRO officers could not justify the expenditure of hundreds of dollars to send one representative to Toronto.

As was expected, nothing concrete was accomplished although there was considerable posturing by various individuals and group representatives. APRO received three separate reports on the proceedings and it was generally agreed by the three observers that although all groups gave lip service to "unity", none seemed

willing to yield up the status quo (discontinue as a group). in favor of a central clearing house.

Inasmuch as MUFON was a spin-off from APRO in 1970 and CUFOS was a result of Hynek wanting his own group, it is felt at APRO Headquarters that the chief movers of these two groups had their chance for unity years ago. Inasmuch as they work closely together now, the idea of "unity" for CUFOS and MUFON is a redundant thing. It is just possible that the goal, then, is to absorb other groups.

APRO has never objected to a meaningful cooperation between organizations when it is overtly suggested, but it never has been. Any sort of close cooperation at this time would greatly hamper current research and investigative development plans already in the works here at APRO, and add to an already burdensome *paperwork* problem. Therefore, APRO will retain its separate identity and continue to pursue its goals but will consider any reasonable suggestions concerning cooperation with other groups.

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## MORE ON "NOVA"

APRO member Jerold R. Johnson of Austin, Texas, forwarded a copy of his letter to NOVA (PBS Broadcasting - See Vol. 30, No. 12) which we felt the general membership would enjoy:

"Producers of NOVA,

"I would very much like to know when the second part of your investigation into Unidentified Flying Objects is scheduled to air on PBS. The local stations know nothing about it. Since the first program was clearly devoted to the "emotional" side of the UFO story, dominated almost wholly by Phill Klass, Jim Oberg, Bill Ireland, etc., I am waiting patiently for your coverage of the "science" aspect. Tiny sparks (*look* at them) from a shattering rock, doctored spacecraft photos from some obscure foreign tabloid, hoaxes staged to "test" the accuracy of photoanalysis, all miss the target and fail to even dent the body of evidence made up of many hundreds of detailed observations of unexplained events and objects, accurately described (and often physically recorded) by competent and experienced observers from all professions, emanating from all parts of the world. The collection, evaluation, analysis and publication of this data by civilian organizations comprising professionals in all sciences and investigative fields was hardly addressed. A swipe at "amateur investigators" dabbling in matters of physics or astronomy by one of your speakers was hardly effective (I forget if it was the aviation writer, the neurologist, or the college student). Only a poor grasp of the physics involved,

coupled with a selective "forgetting" of important facts in each case could allow for some of the explanations put forward in the program. Your oft-repeated tag line of "This theory is controversial" must surely be the understatement of the season! So when will you present the other side of the controversy? Your loyal viewers are waiting, please don't disappoint us (and you did so well with the Bermuda Triangle a few years ago!)." Unquote.

Accompanying the letter copy was the following comment from Mr. Johnson to APRO: "Alan Hendry's presentation on this program *almost* convinced me that all UFO sightings could be misidentifications of Venus. Did NOVA even bother to contact the oldest UFO research organization in the country?" Unquote.

The answer to Mr. Johnson's question is, of course, "NO." APRO does not indulge in the sort of media hype which brings us that sort of attention — for which we are sometimes grateful . . . . *The Editor.*

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## UFOs OVER ARIZONA APACHE STRONGHOLD

*By Patti Morris*

During the early morning hours in June of 1960, a ranch couple, Mr. & Mrs. Prude, were riding their horses around their ranch in southeastern Arizona near Pearce. The exact time was 7:30, a good time to enjoy the countryside before the heat of the day. However, the pleasant ride was to be interrupted. At exactly 7:30 a.m. both Mr. and Mrs. Prude witnessed an extraordinary event. As they followed an old trail down into a dry wash, they were astonished to see two dull, gun-metal colored saucer-shaped objects coming silently towards them. The two objects were flying straight down the middle of the wash. Absolutely no noise could be heard from the strange pair of craft. According to Mrs. Prude, she judged the objects to be about 15 feet in diameter - passing at an altitude of approximately 45 feet. She used a nearby hill to determine the height. As the objects approached, gliding side by side, and unhurried, she felt the urge to "duck" her head as they appeared so very close to them. Both witnesses were able to get a good view of the saucers and reported that there were no windows, doors, seams, or markings of any kind. However, the craft appeared to be deep enough that a man could sit inside them. Mrs. Prude definitely felt that both craft were under intelligent control. Despite the closeness, the horses were not reacting in any manner. Mrs. Prude theorized that it could possibly be that there was no noise and that the horses were just not disturbed for that reason. The entire episode lasted

approximately three minutes and it was then - after this time - that the saucers continued on up the dry wash and disappeared into the early morning sunlight.

Apparently some kind of aerial object has been frequenting the small southeastern Arizona area known as Cochise Stronghold. During the month of June, 1980, on at least three nights, a large, oval object with white lights could be seen speeding through the clear, dark, summer sky. Mrs. Prude reported that she could clearly see the object from her ranch home. On the first night, the object flew across the Dragoon Mountains from the west to the east. On the second night, the same object was seen to be coming from the east and going into the west. On the third night the same object was seen again, only this time resuming its original pathway across the same clear, dark sky from west to east again. At no time, the witness reports, did the object emit any sound nor did the lights along its perimeter change color, flash or move in any way. The object appeared to be very high in the night sky, judging by the height of the mountains around the area.

Mrs. Prude seems to be of a very rational nature. She and her husband both live in this isolated area in their modest ranch home just beneath the Dragoon Mountains. Mrs. Prude reported that there seemed to be no ordinary explanation that she could give for the sighting and that she had no idea what the object was unless it was indeed some kind of craft. A close watch is being kept in this area for possible new sightings, and an investigation is continuing.

*(Editor's Note: Cochise's Stronghold is located in the Chiricahua Mountains in southeast Arizona, and is the place to which Cochise and his Apache warriors withdrew for rest and recuperation during their long battle with the American Cavalry in the late 1800's.)*

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## MEMBERS: NEWSCLIP NOTE

We realize that postage costs are at an all-time high. However, we can't keep current with reports if we don't have the leads to go on. When you spot a clipping dealing with UFOs, send it *immediately* IF: (1) It concerns a sighting, (2) It is a recent report, and (3) if it concerns a close-up sighting by more than one person.

Reports concerning night lights or distant objects in the sky by one individual need not be given priority treatment. However, at present, it appears that some members are becoming lax about forwarding clippings. If you see a report with which you are familiar in our Press Reports section, it does not necessarily mean that we received that particular clip from someone else; APRO subscribes to clipping services, and it

could be a clip from one of those sources. But if we're going to investigate cases while they are still fresh, we can't wait until our clipping service mails their publication to us to get our news leads.

Quite often newspaper accounts are merely features dealing with personalities in the news and/or re-hashed cases. These are informative and we would like to have them, but they can be saved for a month or so and mailed all at once. It is the *current report* which we need as soon as possible so that the investigation can be initiated.

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## WHAT'S AHEAD FOR UFOLOGY?

Since we carried an article in the Bulletin commenting on the lean times ahead, many members have called or written to pledge continued support of APRO's work, and a number asked that we continue to offer our opinion about what the future holds, as well as suggested guidelines.

Ufology has had its love affair with the media. Beginning with the tabloids in the 1960s (unfortunately they still publish anything they can lay their hands on), then television in the 1970s and finally the movies, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", and "E.T.", the media, and for all intents and purposes, took over Ufology. The latter movies have established firmly in the public mind that "we" (at least Steven Spielberg thinks he does) know that UFOs are kindly, benevolent wayfarers from outerspace who only want to reunite with their buddies and brothers.

It is a simple psychological fact that from now on, unless someone actually sees a UFO for himself or herself, which does not look like a "Close Encounter" or "E.T." ship, the general public is not going to be too interested in what UFO research is or is doing. They think they have been given the answer, via Spielberg, and that's that.

It is a sad fact that, when the UFO field became the tramping ground of self-proclaimed experts (anyone can be an "expert" in this field, you know) with their worn-out cliches and strident bids for attention in the early 1970s, UFO research began its slide down the tube.

Part of the reason for this slow but steady back-sliding was the death of Dr. James McDonald, the University of Arizona atmospheric physicist who was the closest Ufology has ever come to having a "leader". Being a loner, however, and not a glory-seeker, he tended to shun attention and dig hard for facts, and make enemies on the way. He did not want the mantle of leadership - he was interested in

UFO research, pure and simple. He was one of a kind there are few in the field with his purist intentions.

The world economic depression which we are currently facing will, at best, be a long time with us before we rise up out of it. In the interim we should all be prepared to "dig in", so to speak. Headquarters has taken steps to conserve costs, but we do have a recommendation or two for the members at large.

Along with the "success" of Ufology in the media has come the success of the occasional UFO "Conference" or "Symposium." For those who have not attended one of these, it is simply a get-together for people with a common interest - UFOs. The general outline has differed little from the first UFO Conference held in Peoria, Illinois in 1970, co-sponsored by APRO and the Peoria UFO Investigation group. There is a Friday night "get together" with speakers and "celebrities" mixing with attendees. Saturday is filled with various lectures and meetings and capped off with a banquet, and another evening of socializing.

The cost of one of these is not small. If one attends such an affair which is being held in one's own general locality, the main cost is meals and one or two night's lodging plus the admission to the lectures. However, the sponsoring organization has to meet costs, and that will be plenty.

One of the alleged big "coups" of Ufology was the MUFON Symposium at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the late summer of 1981. We have been told that it was a great accomplishment for a Ufology conference to be held at such a prestigious college campus.

The *FACT* of the matter was that because of inflation and diminution of government subsidies, MIT would have gladly let out their facilities to the fat lady of the circus if she had been able to pay the bill! They *charge* for those meeting rooms, and plenty. Practically every University and College across the United States is turning to such practices to augment their severely strained finances.

That trend is not going to change. Inflation is still with us, although inflationary growth is slowing down. We here at APRO are beginning to see a slowing of the initial costs of printing and mailing, but realize there are still hard days ahead.

It is suggested that instead of subsidizing conferences around the country by travelling hundreds and sometimes thousands of miles to attend, that the Ufologist who is truly interested in the research end, support research where it is - not at the banquet table or the lectrum.

If the actual research is not conducted where the real work is, there will be little if any material for the lecturers to talk about. As we have stated before, the most valuable tool to the serious researcher is his report form and pen or pencil.

Support UFO research where it really is! Let's leave show business (which is, more or less, what the UFO conference is, these days) hype out of Ufology for a while and get back to the business at hand.

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## WYOMING "NIGHT LIGHT"

Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, APRO's Consultant in Psychology, interviewed Christopher Kitchin, who, with his companion, Dan Schmidt, viewed a fast, maneuvering light. The apparent "maneuvers around" stars is, of course, a subjective observation, but the sighting is outstanding as an example of that type of report.

In our preoccupation with UFO landings, occupant reports and abductions, we tend to forget the impact an ordinary "night light" has on the uninitiated witness.

The following is Mr. Kitchin's report in his own words, with minor editing:

"Dan and I had been hunting on top of Battle Mountain near Savery, Wyoming, on October 2, 1982. We both had shot deer and were dragging them down. We had left the summit at 7:30 p.m., that's the last time I'd looked at my watch. There was very little light left when we started down. Dragging about 180 pounds over rocks wasn't easy so we stopped every 50 yards or so to rest. The moon was coming up but had not topped the mountain as yet. It was chilly, later producing a heavy frost. On one of our rest stops we were lying down gazing around and talking. The stars were beautiful and there were no clouds.

"I happened to glance to the left, scoping the sky, and noticed movement. Dan had not seen it yet. I watched it for a short time not saying anything to Dan, because it didn't impress me. It could have been a shooting star of which I'd seen hundreds before. It came up over the horizon and arced across the sky. So it was a satellite; I'd seen a couple of those before while they were in orbit. It was too high for a plane and looked just like one of the stars around it. I kept watching it and then it started swerving around the stars ahead of it. At this time I got excited and really started following it. I also pointed it out to Dan at this time.

"There was nothing different in color or size between it and the stars around it. The difference was in the arc from the horizon to horizon it was making, and the maneuvers it made around those stars while traveling so fast. I'd already gone through the process of elimination as to its possibilities and suggested to Dan that it was a UFO. Dan said he didn't believe in

UFOs. I decided to go through the process of elimination with him: plane, no; satellite, no; falling star, no; balloon, no; anything you can think of with maneuvers like those, no. After this, the object paused, shot left and then continued its course maneuvering around objects ahead, *some we couldn't see* (emphasis mine - Ed.). Dan said he had never seen anything that fast. I hadn't either. And the pauses, turns, and maneuvers were incredible. I asked Dan if he believed in UFOs now, and he said he wasn't sure but he'd never seen anything fly like that. I believed before, but only through movies and conversation. I do now, firsthand.

"There was no noise or strange characteristics except what I've mentioned above. It now had disappeared over the horizon to the north. I can say that its arc was about 65° - 70° up from the earth in front of us, and not too far down from the Big Dipper's last star in the handle. It went from the south horizon to the north horizon in a very, very short time, about 2-5 minutes." Unquote.

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## MORE "MULTIPLE REPORTS"

In response to the article "Are You Qualified to Report Your UFO?" (the *Bulletin*, Vol. 30, #6), we have received the following letter, among others, challenging J. Allen Hynek's long-held premise that sighters of more than one UFO should be held in doubt:

"I, too, have had a number of UFO sightings (at least 5, to be exact). I consider myself qualified to differentiate between IFOs and UFOs, as not only have I studied and investigated the subject in great depth for 35 years (as you know) but I was trained and served as a military pilot both in the Air Force and Navy. As such, I was trained in meteorology, astronomy (also an amateur interest of mine), aircraft recognition, and other things which qualify one as a competent observer of airborne objects or phenomena, by day and night. In addition, I keep up to date on scientific and technological advances. Therefore, I am confident that what I saw were UFOs, not IFOs.

"Not only am I a competent and *qualified* observer, but I have a reputation from coast to coast in Canada as a reliable and trustworthy person in my employment at a managerial level. My credibility as a reporter of what I have observed should also be beyond question.

"This letter, then, is to assist you in putting to death the long-standing myth that qualified Ufologists never see a UFO. Having established my credentials,

these five cases can be summarized as follows:

"1. In full daylight, a brilliant, globular, white light, as large as a street light ten feet away was hanging motionless in the sky several miles away (observed from the highest point of land in the area). After a couple of minutes, it took off at tremendous speed, disappearing from view over the Atlantic Ocean in about 1.5 seconds.

"2. In full daylight, a silvery, disk-shaped object, fairly high up, flew in a northerly direction, wobbling slightly, until it disappeared in the distance in about one minute.

"3. At night, a star-like object, travelling at tremendous speed suddenly appeared in my view from a low altitude, travelling upwards at an angle of about 50° to 60° until it disappeared among the stars. Duration — 2 or 3 seconds.

"4. At night, a star-like object having at first the apparent motion of an artificial satellite, changed direction suddenly 90° from south to west, then again from west to north, then *reversed* suddenly to south again, then blinked out (no clouds in sky as stars still visible). After a few seconds, it blinked on again, then eventually disappeared in the distance. Total duration — about 60 seconds.

"5. At night, a pulsating (about once per second) red globe of light flew over the tree tops and roofs of houses at about speed of a jet (500 mph), height no more than 100 feet as judged by trees and rooftops which it flew behind, without any sound whatever. Distance from me — about 300 feet.

"I defy anyone to explain any of these cases as man-made objects or known natural phenomena. There were additional witnesses in three of the five cases.

"I have also seen many other strange things in the sky, which I put down at the time as probable aircraft, etc., but could in no way be certain. My natural reluctance to class something as a UFO unless I am *certain* of it has caused me to classify all other sightings as what I call Class III (insufficient data to be classed as IFO or UFO). See my book *The UFO Connection*, page 17.

"I just thought you might be interested in my experience as a Ufologist who has also seen a number of UFOs. You are not alone. These five sightings cover a period of about eighteen years." Unquote.

Yours sincerely,  
Arthur Bray

(Editor's Note: Mr. Bray, a Canadian, is one of the most respected UFO investigator - researchers in the world and we think his letter proves our point.)

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## PRESS REPORTS

By Doris and Joe Graziano

**KENTUCKY, July 21, 1982 - Whitley City** - Ray Foster was aroused by a wind-like sound and a light at about 2 a.m. When he looked out he saw a bright red light shining down on his garden plot across the paved road. He moved toward the edge of the porch for a closer look and could make out an object hovering 10 to 15 feet above an apple tree.

Foster said the "vehicle" looked "like a toy top" with a big red light shining on the center of its base. It was surrounded by an estimated 30 or more orange-colored lights arranged around the edge of the object. He estimated its size as about 1½ times the length of a police cruiser.

The object began to move to the north, circled about 500 yards away, came back and circled about the same distance to the south, and then came to a complete stop at the spot where Foster had first observed it. Then it went straight up and flew off into the night about 30 minutes after he had first noticed it.

Foster's mother, Emma, was also awakened by the sound and went to the porch and saw the object hovering above the garden. "I saw it just sitting there. I said, 'Ray, call somebody.' We never did get to sleep," she added.

**AUSTRALIA, July 31, 1982 - Metung-Swan Reach** - As Mrs. Cora Gilsenan-Waters arrived in her car at her front gate at about 7:30 p.m., she looked to the right to check oncoming traffic and saw what looked like a fire. The "fire" object then began to move toward the lake and she realized it was not on the road, but moving among the trees.

Mrs. Gilsenan-Waters continued to drive and when she arrived at the main road she was confronted by flashing green, gold and red lights. The red light was continually flashing and seemed bigger than the others. As she continued on, the object seemed to travel beside her, so she decided to stop and listen for a noise which would enable her to tell if it was a helicopter or a plane. When she turned off the car engine, she could hear no noise, even though she could still see the now "pear-shaped" object.

She resumed driving, and as she reached the bridge at Swan Reach she saw the object again. Stopping at the Black Stump Store, her first thoughts were to get somebody to verify what she was seeing. Margaret Cassor and Robert Walton, who were in the store, went outside with Mrs. Gilsenan-Waters and saw the object, which was then predominately red, disappearing towards Lakes Entrance. The entire episode lasted about 20 minutes.

**CALIFORNIA - July, 1982 - Tuolumne County** - MULTIPLE SIGHTINGS IN CALIFORNIA - At

least 10 Tuolumne County residents have reported unidentified flying objects in the last few weeks. Most of the reports were of strange lights or whirring sounds.

Jan Duchi was watching television at about 11 p.m. on July 27 when she saw a "white light like a star only a lot bigger." She called her husband and they both watched the light descend behind a tree. They turned out all the lights in the house and watched but saw nothing more.

Marty Vartanian and Huntley Bloxham were showing visitors the view from Mount Elizabeth when they saw several orange objects. "The next thing we saw one of them take off," said Vartanian. "About 2 minutes later the entire canyon just gradually lit up to a bright white. After about 5 minutes the light gradually dimmed," he added.

Donna Nunley, of Columbia, has seen the same strange light 3 times. Looking out her window on Big Hill, she has seen a big yellow-white circular light hanging motionless over Columbia.

Craig Day was riding along Hwy. 108 with his girlfriend, JoAnn Lackey, when they saw a "very intense dome-shaped red glow in the trees." Day said it was as big as the theatre lobby and lasted 3 or 4 seconds.

Members of the Holt Family were riding on Hwy. 108 late at night on July 30 when they saw an odd light. Vicky Holt saw a light shoot up from the ground. Her mother, Mary Holt, saw 2 lights come from up the ground, whirl around and then vanish.

The next night, Vicky was lying in bed at home in Sonora Meadows when she heard a "high-pitched whirring sound outside, and all the dogs in the neighborhood were barking." Her sister-in-law, Christine, also heard the sound and said she also sensed a "strange smell in the house moving from room to room."

*NEW ZEALAND, August 3-4, 1982 - Marlborough* - On August 3, between 12:30 and 1 a.m., a driver and two passengers in a car saw an object about 2 meters high and with the general outline of a window dresser's model standing in the road near Hapuku bridge. They drove up to the object and passed within a few feet. When they looked back it had vanished. The object had no distinguishable features and glowed with a fluorescent light.

A new reflectorized jacket which began selling recently fits the description given by witnesses in the sighting. The jacket sends light straight back at a driver once it is caught in car headlights. However, this would not explain the sudden disappearance of the object described by the witnesses.

The second incident occurred at 12:15 on August 4 when a man sighted an arc-shaped pattern of lights in the direction of Vernon Lagoons. He saw 4 flashing red lights in an arc, with 2 more red lights above. No

shape was visible, but as they moved across the sky the top lights changed from red to white. The witness at first thought the lights were from an aircraft but then realized that there was no engine noise. At the same time there was considerable interference on the man's radio.

*EAST COAST OF UNITED STATES, August 24, 1982 (AP)* - Colorful sky lights along much of the East Coast left astronomers puzzled as to just what caused the display. One astronomer in Washington D.C. speculated that the glow was debris from the last passage of Halley's Comet in 1910, but a colleague in Baltimore said he doubted that possibility.

The sky lights - by some accounts a bright ball, by others glowing bits of color that changed as they streaked and faded - were reported along the East Coast from New York to Washington. Green was the predominant color in the reported sightings, most of which occurred at about 8:30 p.m.

Gwendolyn Gwyn, speaking for the Hayden Planetarium, said astronomers were "assuming that it was a meteor, a fireball." Dr. Kenneth Franklin, an astronomer at the planetarium, speculated that the sightings may have been of the planet Jupiter, which was "low in the sky now and can be very bright." The Halley's Comet hypothesis came from Dr. Alle Barwick, an American University astronomer.

*ARKANSAS, August 27, 1982 - Conway* - Several residents of a housing complex said they saw strange lights suddenly appear before them while they were sitting outside. Ottie Maltibia and Margaret Abrams described 2 large circles, 5 feet or more in diameter, hovering horizontally about 3 feet off the ground. Each circle had 2 rows of lights around the rim; the top row orange, the bottom yellow. Mrs. Maltibia said the circles "were in kind of bouncing form" like they were being dribbled from above.

The women said the lights vanished into thin air, just like they'd arrived. However, unlike their appearance, the lights left with a "growing noise." It didn't sound like an explosion, they said, but it was loud. Gwen Crenshaw, Louella Reece and 7 children also saw the lights.

*IOWA, September 7, 1982 - Preston* - Six people, in two vehicles headed in opposite directions on School St., reported spotting a round object at 9:45 p.m. It was described as being "like a hot air balloon and the color of fire."

It hovered like a balloon, moved swiftly in a horizontal path, then came to an abrupt stop again. As a plane passed near the object the fire color dimmed, glowed again, dimmed and then went out.

Some thought the object was hovering over the tall cedar trees along the road, while others thought it was farther away. All agreed that the height and distance were hard to judge.

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