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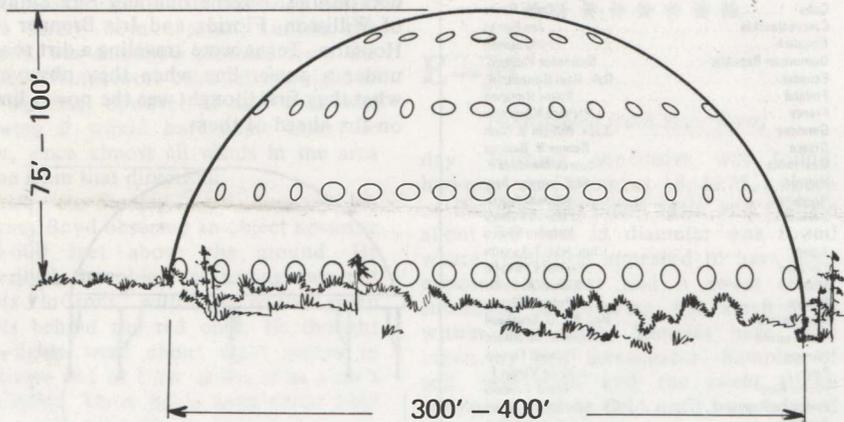
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REPEATING REPORTS IN FLORIDA



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Ball of Light, Landing, Explosion

By Ken Childress,
Field Investigator

Between 8:00 and 8:30 PM on Sunday January 18, 1976 Mrs. Roy Barrett looked out her kitchen window towards the east north east and saw a brilliant ball of light. She estimated that it was 200 feet off the ground and about 1/2 mile away from her. The object was the size of the waning moon, but it was much brighter and had no definite outline. The witness described it as being "somewhat like a car light, extremely bright; it was hard to look directly at it." The object was moving slowly towards the south and when it passed almost directly in front of the moon "vapors" were visible emanating from the top of the object. Mrs. Barrett noticed that the horses which were kept in a field beside her home were more restless than usual. By now the witness was becoming scared and she ran to get her neighbor while still observing the object. The flight path of the object was that of an arc from the ENE to the SE where it began to descend at the same speed it had been previously moving. The witness observed the object for at least three minutes until it landed

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Two Interesting California Cases

By R. Michael Rasmussen
Assistant Editor, APRO Bulletin

The years 1973 and 1974 witnessed a UFO flap of major proportions. Hundreds of sightings took place worldwide within this brief period, many of them receiving sensational treatment in the media. So many reports were received that researchers are still trying to catch up with cataloging and analyses of these sightings. It may be years before the full impact of the 73-74 wave is realized.

Two more sightings, both previously unpublished, may now be added to the long list of those occurring in the midst of the flap. Both involve discharges of varying natures from the main objects, and are presented publicly for the first time in The APRO BULLETIN.

Our first report describes a disc-like, domed object, observed by a retired school teacher and her daughter when leaving the desert community of El Centro, Calif., on the evening of October 5, 1973, at approximately 8 p.m.

The witnesses, who wish to have their names kept confidential, were about half an hour out of El Centro and headed for their home in San Diego when they spotted a Greyhound bus pulled to the

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By Jim Jones, F.I.

During the nights of December 12, 13, 14, 1975, numerous sightings of strange objects in the sky were made by a multitude of witnesses in and around Hastings, Florida, a small potato and cabbage farming community in Central Florida.

After interviewing approximately thirty witnesses and obtaining sketches from many, of what they had seen, we had such a large amount of identical information, we have condensed it for this report into the following. We have also had a sketch made, from the many we received, of the basic shape of the object seen.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1975

Weather: Clear. Night with bright moonlight.

7:00 P.M.: Patricia Beck Goodwin was going home on State Road 13, approximately two miles south of Hastings, when she observed an object approximately 30 feet in length, with one end approximately 10 feet high, and the other end approximately 25 feet high, which glowed with a luminescence like a t.v. screen when the set was first turned off. The entire object was ringed with bright red and orange lights around the edges. The object appeared to be hovering in the sky for approximately 10 minutes, before sight of it was lost due to a turn in the road.

9:30 P.M.: Richard Beck, a realtor in Hastings, his wife, Betty, and two daughters, Patricia and Sandra, both in their 20's, were out riding in an area off of State Road 13, near what is known as the "10,000 acre block". This is a 10,000 acre parcel of land which has been mainly cleared of trees to be sold as building lots.

At this time they observed a large saucer-shaped object which glowed and had bright red-orange lights around the edges, which seemed to pulsate with varying intensity. The object was described as being as large as a DC 8 airplane.

They attempted to go toward it when it went below some trees, because they first thought it was a plane going down. When they got to within 200 yards of the object the light went out as if a switch

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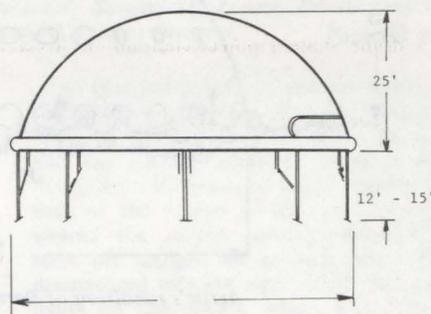
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Possible E-M Case In Florida

by Jim Jones, F.I.

On Sunday, December 14, 1975, at approximately 9:00 P.M. one mile northeast of Salt Springs, Florida in the Ocala National Forest a large object was seen hovering over power lines and then moving off and touching down.

The object was seen by three persons who were in the woods looking for a lost deer hound. Eugene Bell and Ray Lanier of Williston, Florida and Iris Brenner of Houston, Texas were traveling a dirt road under a power line when they observed what they first thought was the power line on fire ahead of them.



Object seen by Bell and Lanier on December 14.

When they got closer they saw a large saucer-shaped object with domed top hovering near the power line radiating a very intense blue white light. At two spots on the saucer rim were bright fire-colored lights as it moved off. Under the flat bottom were five (5) objects which were very bright and looked like legs or supports. As it moved off, it was flashing red, blue and white lights around the rim.

The object was described as being about 150 feet around and the dome top about 25 feet high. The leg-like objects underneath hung down about 12 to 15 feet. The bright light from the object lit up the entire area, particularly underneath it. As they got closer, to within 250 yards of it, the object moved off about 250 yards across a stand of trees and sat down to within 10 feet of the ground in a cleared area.

All three of the witnesses stated that during the entire time they saw the object, about 1/2 hour, a loud pulsating humming sound came from it, a strange smell was in the air, and they had a funny metallic taste in their mouths.

An attempt was made to call for help on a CB radio but it was not functioning at all until they left the area. When they left the area the object was still hovering just above the ground.

A search of the area was made the next

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Correction

A proofing error in the Canadian Photo Case article in the October 1975 Bulletin, occurred in the last paragraph on page 3, column 1. It should have read: "Pat McCarthy was using a pactica Nova 1 (1966) camera made in Germany, a Hanimar 135 mm lens with a maximum aperture of F2.8."

Lorenzens Address YPO

On the 27th and 28th of October Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen, APRO's Director and Secretary-Treasurer, were a part of the

educational classes offered to 300 members of the central division of the Young Presidents Organization (YFO-corporation presidents under the age of 35) at the resort area in Carefree, Arizona. Headquarters feels this is a step forward for APRO, for although we have a sizable representation of the scientific community and technically qualified people in the membership, we are not too well connected in the world of business. Young men who can attain positions as heads of corporations before the age of 35 are essentially "idea" men who can be quite valuable to APRO. The Lorenzens' presentations were well received, and the honorarium was paid into the APRO treasury.

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had been thrown. At the instant the light went out, another large light suddenly appeared approximately 1/4 mile further away, which was described as like a huge fire explosion with no noise. Nothing was heard at any time during either sighting. The second light stayed on for several minutes and then went out suddenly.

11:00 P.M.: Marcus Barnes was proceeding south of Hastings, on State Road 13, in the same general area, going to his hunting camp, when he saw what he first thought was the woods on fire. As he got closer he saw an object which appeared to have many lights of a bright red-orange or amber color, coming from what looked to be windows, in the side of a dome shaped object, behind the trees. The object seemed to be hovering from one side of the road to the other and going away from him until it went out of sight.

9:30 P.M.: Marcus Barnes and his wife, Edith, were heading home after closing their restaurant in Hastings. Their home is off of State Road 13, in the area of the 10,000 acres.

Just before they reached home, Barnes observed the fire-like lights again and pointed them out to his wife as being the same thing he had seen Friday night. He then headed toward it with his truck. When they were within 1/4 mile of the object the lights went out as if a switch had been flipped

As the truck was turning around to leave the area, the lights suddenly reappeared and Barnes continued following it. The object was described as being large and dome-shaped with a flat bottom and possibly eight (8) rows of windows with very intense fire orange lights radiating out of them and pulsating in intensity.

The object was estimated to be 300 to 400 feet in diameter and approximately 75 to 100 feet high with a flat bottom, hovering approximately 100 to 200 feet



The Donna Scanton Sighting of December 14.

windows, came up above the tree line and hovered in the air for several minutes. It then went down behind the trees again with the bright glow continuing to shine above the trees. At this time Tedra Middleton ran inside to call the St. Johns County Sheriffs Department in St. Augustine while the two men ran to their truck and proceeded toward the object.

After about two minutes behind the trees, the object then came up again with about 3 rows of lights above the tree line. After about 1 minute it again went down behind the trees and the lights went out as if a switch had been thrown and was not seen again by any of the witnesses.

The two men returned home at once and got an agriculture spray service helicopter which was based nearby and within 15 minutes of the lights going out the chopper was traversing the entire area but nothing was seen from the air.

An intensive ground-air search of the area was made that night and the next day by units of the Florida Highway Patrol, St. Johns County Sheriff's Department, Flagler County and Putnam County Sheriff's Departments, with nothing out of the ordinary being seen.

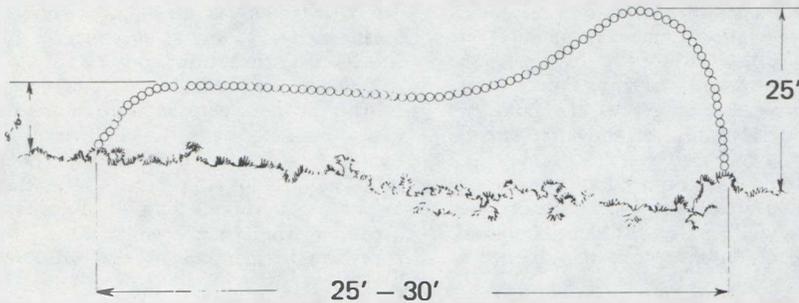
9:15 P.M.: Donna Scanton arrived home and found four members of her family standing on the back porch looking at a large circle of bright fire-colored lights in the air above the house at a 45 degree angle. She thought that the lights were about 1,000 feet up but couldn't be sure. There were about 10 or 12 lights in a circle, the size of a baseball held at arms length, and dark in between the lights. The lights went out abruptly.

Huge Object

Over New Mexico

At 4 a.m. on Monday morning, November 10, 1975, Officer David Rivera

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Object seen by Patricia Goodwin on Dec. 12.

When Barnes arrived at his hunting camp approximately 10 or 12 other hunters were there and told him of the strange lights they had been seeing all night.

10:45 P.M.: Charlotte Shearer was traveling State Road 100, between Palatka and Bunnell, Florida, approximately 15 miles South of Hastings, when, in an open field less than 1/4 mile away, she saw a huge dome-shaped object about 200 feet in the air, which she at first thought was a large house on fire because of the color of the lights.

As she got close she saw a large dome shape, larger than several houses, flat on the bottom and what looked like fire light inside of many windows. The object was so large and bright it obscured everything beyond it. She described it as looking like a castle in the air with every window lighted. After about 15 minutes the lights just flipped off and nothing else could be seen.

**SATURDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER
DECEMBER 13, 1975**

Weather: Clear. Night: Bright moonlight.

in the air, drifting from one side of the road to the other, with the glow lighting up an area of several 100 yards, proceeding south across the 10,000 acres.

Barnes and his wife, who was very frightened, followed the object for about 10 miles at 40 m.p.h. on dirt roads and the object stayed between 1/4 and 1/2 mile ahead of the vehicle. Finally Barnes was unable to go any further on the dirt roads and the object continued on south growing smaller as it went off into the distance, until it was lost from sight behind some trees.

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 14, 1975
Weather: Clear. Night: bright moonlight.

9:10 P.M.: Larry and Mary Ellen Masters and their friends Leighton and Tedra Middleton, along with three children ages 10, 11, and 13, were having an oyster roast at the Masters' farm on State 13, when they observed what looked like a large house on fire below the tree line, approximately 1 mile away toward the 10,000 acres.

As they looked at it, a large dome-shaped object, with bright amber colored lights radiating out of many rows of

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of the Taos, New Mexico police department was cruising the Plaza area of Taos with the window of his cruiser down when he heard a sound like that of a helicopter overhead. He turned off the car's engine and looked around but could see nothing. He resumed his patrol and was on Kit Carson road driving slowly past the art galleries when he heard the noise again.

This time, Rivera looked out the window and up into the sky. "I saw something headed from west to east," he reported. "It didn't have any lights like a helicopter would — but it was a big, bulky thing. I never saw a helicopter that big in my life." He said it was huge and cigar-shaped "like a Med-Evac helicopter, only bigger." It was flying about treetop level, Rivera said, above his vehicle and slightly to the left. Another unusual aspect of the object was the fact that it was matching the speed of Rivera's patrol car which had been idling along at about 4 or 5 miles per hour, and Rivera said he could actually feel the vibrations from the object.

When Rivera was asked to describe the relative size and distance of the object, he compared it with Guadalupe Church from the windows of the Taos News (Taos newspaper). Based on his comparison, the object would have been 100-120 feet in length and approximately 24 feet in diameter.

The craft accelerated at the same rate that Rivera did, and at the San Geronimo turnoff, each was travelling between 65 and 70 miles per hour. When the UFO veered northward toward the mountains, Rivera turned his cruiser around and returned to the Sheriff's office.

Just before he arrived at the office, Rivera said he turned around and looked in the direction where the object had gone and saw a large, dull yellow-orange light on the side of the mountain. At the Sheriff's office, he informed dispatcher Paul Vigil of what he'd seen and they both went outside and looked at the light. Vigil said it was a distinctly circular source of light and that had it been a fire it would have been a distinctly different type of light, but it was just a big, orange ball, much larger than a street light or headlight.

Vigil pointed out that in the area where the light was seen, there are no homes, people or landing strips — it is just a wilderness area. The two men went in to the office where they attempted to call other people to witness the spectacle and when they went back outside the light was gone. The next day, the U.S. Forest Service checked the area but found nothing. A check with the Civil Air Patrol yielded nothing, also.

Three weeks after the incident, Taos Police Chief Fernando Rivera, referring to an article in the November 24th issue of Newsweek magazine, said he was convinced that the object seen by Officers Rivera and Vigil was the "Cruise missile", which had been tested at the White Sands Proving Ground range in southern New Mexico. When reporters pointed out that authorities at White Sands had said that none of the cruise missiles had been fired from there in the past six months, Rivera said that he doubted "that they'd tell the truth anyway." Officer Fernando Rivera used a flashlight to simulate the cruise missile and said that the afterburner was what Vigil and David Rivera had seen as an orange light on the mountain. Press coverage of the affair did not state whether or not David Rivera and Vigil had agreed with Chief Rivera's analysis of their sighting. Chief Rivera said that the military would test them anywhere — "especially around a northern New Mexico village where they could simulate a real situation". (The Cruise missile can be guided by "terrain-matching" computers programmed to guide them around every hill or building between launch site and target). Chief Rivera apparently is unaware of the military's policy of testing such innovative missiles only over authorized test ranges and they would have no need to test them in populated areas. Mr. Vigil did not agree with Chief Rivera on his identification of the object, pointing out the absence of engine sound.

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in some rolling fields about ½ mile south of her. The object traveled approximately ¾ mile in about three minutes. After landing the object was not directly visible but the light from the object began to pulsate (dim, then brighten at regular intervals) with the period between successive bright points being about five seconds. The object continued to pulsate for two minutes then it went out. By this time, Mrs. Barrett's neighbor Mrs. X (she wishes to remain unidentified) had arrived and both ladies were standing outside. About two minutes after the light went out a loud explosion occurred. Mrs. Barrett did not see it because she was looking at Mrs. X explaining what had transpired earlier. Mrs. X said she saw an upheaval of extremely bright sparks which seemed to be six to eight feet above the ground. The sparks were seen only for a second or two. The effect was much like "watching dirt being thrown up by a dynamite blast, except this looked like sparklers which were very

bright." After the explosion a dim light lingered for one to two seconds. Both persons described the explosion as sounding like "a shotgun blast except many times louder." Neither witness felt any effects from the explosion. Neither witness knew if they were actually seeing the object itself or just the effects, while the object was shielded from their view. The explosion was seen by Charles Segar who was "just goofing off and looking out his window". He was looking towards the NE. He saw a flash then a small amount of smoke but he saw no flames or lingering light. (none of the witnesses saw flames) He estimated that he was over ½ mile from the blast. He heard no explosion nor did he feel any effects from it. He thought that a meteorite had struck and paid no more attention to the incident. Sue Alexander felt an explosion sometime after 8:00 P.M. which shook her house rather noticeably. Shortly after this she heard the rescue vehicles coming toward her house. Clyde Alexander also felt something shake his house violently sometime between 8:00 and 8:30 P.M. Mr. Alexander is a member of the Meadowview Fire Department and shortly after his house shook he got a call to come to the fire hall for an emergency. Neither of these persons heard or saw the explosion. Norman Burwill heard an explosion which sounded like it was in his attic and shook his house. His time estimate corresponds with all others. The accompanying map will show the approximate location of the witnesses' homes.

After the explosion, Mrs. X thought that perhaps a plane had crashed. She called the Washington County Sheriff's Department at 8:20 P.M. and reported the incident. The dispatcher immediately sent Sheriff's deputies, the Washington County Rescue Squad, the Meadowview Fire Department and three Civil Air Patrol planes to search the area for a possible downed plane. These units arrived in the area within fifteen minutes and using fire trucks, 4-wheel drive vehicles and searchlights the search was begun. Most of the area was driven over while the wooded patches were searched by men on foot. Nothing was found by any of the searchers. On Monday, January 19, the fire department resumed the search. Dan Ryan, a spokesman for the fire department said that 40-50 men took part in at least 20 hours of searching. The entire area walked over on the 19th and Ryan feels sure that any wreckage, fire remnants or evidence of explosion would have been found. Ryan said that some evidence might be turned up when the fields are replowed. This investigator and two reporters searched part of the area on January 24 and no evidence was found. The terrain where

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the object was supposed to have gone down is mostly rolling corn fields with a few patches of trees. The surfaces of these fields were extremely hard due to prolonged cold temperatures. If any indentations other than a good sized crater were formed they probably would go un-noticed due to the bumpy and cut-up condition of the fields. Had a fire or explosion occurred its remnants would have surely been spotted, (unless the ground was somehow shielded from the sparks). Winds were calm on the night of the sighting; however, if any wind was blowing it would have come from the west, since almost all winds in the area come from that direction.

Also, on Sunday night, January 18, Haynes Boyd observed an object hovering 500-600 feet above the ground. He described the object as having two red lights "in front" with three to four green lights behind the red ones. He thought the lights were about eight inches in diameter and at least as bright as a car's headlights. These lights were about four feet apart (red lights four feet apart; green lights four feet apart and in a line). This witness said that he observed the object standing perfectly still in the sky. He watched for at least ten minutes and it did not move. He was very unsure of the time but he thought it was 9:00 or 9:15 p.m. because he was locking his back door (which faces east) before going to bed. The witness did not know what the object was so he terminated his observing and went to bed. He heard no sounds associated with the object and the lights did not blink or vary in intensity.

Another point which local residents thought strange was the sighting on January 19 of military planes which seemed to be searching the area where the objects were seen. Some of the firemen who were searching saw low-flying military planes; they were low enough to permit their identification numbers to be read easily. These aircraft were in the area from midmorning until late afternoon. Langley and Seymour Johnson Air Force Bases said that they knew of no military operations in or around the Emory and Meadowview, Virginia area. On January 21 an FAA official said that the planes could have been using a navigation post 15 miles west of the area for practice runs to fly under radar detection. Tri-City Airport, which is located about 40 miles southwest of the area said they had no flight plans for any private flights through the Southwest Virginia area. This airport's radar is usually extended only to a 30 mile radius and the Emory area would have been beyond the airport's radar range. No military planes were seen before or after January 19.

A small college is located in Emory and a correspondent checked there for possible pranks. He found no reason to believe that anyone at the college had perpetrated a hoax.

The witnesses were interviewed on January 21. They were very cooperative and seemed to be relating what they saw to the best of their ability.

Weather: Clear, temperature 5° fahrenheit, wind calm, a few millimeters of snow on the ground but not enough to affect search.

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day. Nothing conclusive was found; however, on December 18, 1975, a check of the area was made again and a circle about 50 feet in diameter was found where vegetation appeared to have been exposed to heat and a sweet sticky substance is covering the small trees within the circle. Samples have been taken by this investigator. Samples of soil, vegetation and the sweet sticky substance will be held until I am advised of where to send them for examination.

At the time this sighting was reported the witnesses had not heard of the sightings in Hastings the same night.

Salt Springs is about 25 to 30 air miles from Hastings.

California

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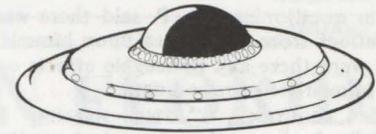
side of the road ahead. There were also several cars stopped ahead of the bus, and people were gathered at the side of the road. Thinking there had been an automobile accident, the witnesses slowed their car and then stopped before reaching the other vehicles.

But Mrs. M. and her daughter didn't find an accident. The people alongside the road were all looking up at the twilight sky, which on this evening was clear and cloudless.

Mrs. M. reports, "What we saw was one large disc-shaped object surrounded by a glistening, feathery vapor. The object rose to a height of about 1200 feet, lights glowing, turned, appeared to drop towards us - completed the turn and disappeared instantly, leaving the vapor which was still glistening and visible for two minutes or so afterwards."

This "glistening" vapor could conceivably be something related to "angel hair," the mysterious substance often associated with reports of UFO fly-overs. When questioned, the witness reported the substance dissolved before

reaching the ground, leaving no traces. Investigation revealed that Mrs. M. was unfamiliar with the term "angel hair," and in fact she speculated the discharge, described as a "silent explosion," may have been due to some kind of unknown energy field.



Rendition of El Centro object by Fred Rasmussen

The object was reported to have made no sounds, and was described in terms of what one might call the classic "saucer" shape: circular base with rows of lights on the rims and a glowing domed top. Size was estimated as "bigger than the Goodyear blimp" and duration of the sighting placed at two to three minutes.

Following the swift departure of the object, the witnesses and the others ahead of them returned to their vehicles and continued their journeys. No contact was made, unfortunately, between our witnesses and those in the other groups.

The second sighting, a most unusual and strikingly different one from the first, also involves a discharge from the main object. On the evening of November 25, 1974, Mr. P. of Spring Valley, Calif., was driving home from a day's work as a sales representative at a local manufacturing firm, when he spotted the object. His narrative follows:

"About one minute from my residence, I was on a side street near my own street, looked up and saw, as I was driving, a globular mass consisting of many lights. It was as if the lights were many little ones travelling together in that I could not see what they were attached to. I would have to assume they were emanating from a craft because they were all uniform in size and color, which was a dull ruby-red."

Mr. P., who has Army experience in radar intercept and analysis, estimated the size as approximately that of a DC-3 at 1500 feet. He noted it was not following the normal flight path taken by aircraft coming in and out of the nearby airfield, a path which is strictly adhered to in accordance with the airfield's flight operations center.

"At no time was there a pulsation of light or change in consistency," he said, "just steady movement from roughly east to west without any apparent course deviation."

Mr. P. described the ensuing discharge in the following manner: "About two minutes prior to its disappearance, the object vertically dropped a ruby-red piercing light - an oval-shaped object that departed from the craft and moved

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vertically toward the ground. This occurred three times, each about 40 seconds apart."

On questioning, Mr. P. said there was no effect from the object upon himself, nor were there any noticeable effects on the immediate surroundings.

He continued, "After sighting it initially, I stopped the car, looked out the window about 30 seconds, then quickly raced up the hill honking the horn so my wife could see also. She saw it during the last two minutes, witnessing the light emissions."

The object continued on an apparently straight path towards the horizon, where it appeared to remain at a constant 30° above the horizon until it diminished from view entirely.

Conclusions about the true nature of the UFO enigma are difficult to make based on sightings such as these two and the many others which occurred during the 73-74 flap. It may be that we are facing a phenomenon so strange and complex that a single explanation will not suffice — and the answers to the mystery may still be many years away.

Mystery Blast

Rips Oil Tank

An Associated Press story out of New York under date of January 5, 1976, related the information about an unexplained explosion which ripped through a 50,000 barrel oil storage tank on the South Brooklyn, New York waterfront. The blast occurred at 8 p.m. on the 4th of January and there were unconfirmed reports by witnesses that the tank appeared to have been struck by a small plane or helicopter just before it burst into flames.

FAA officials said there were no aircraft missing in the area, but Fireman Raymond Simms and other men on duty at Ladder Company 131 in the South Brooklyn neighborhood, said that they "heard what they thought was a plane — it sounded like a jet coming in low — then there was an explosion and a glow that lit up the firehouse."

We present this information inasmuch as an unidentified aircraft was involved, no aircraft were missing, and the incident closely approximates that of a similar incident when a glowing ball struck and ripped open a water storage tank in New Mexico in the early 1950s.

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P.S.I. staff directors discuss UFO|VECTOR (UFO|Video Experiment Console for Transitional-Overt Response) receiver (left) and video-modulated laser transmission unit (right). l-r: Robert Dunnam, Facility Director; Samuel H. Young, Photo Director (formerly Look Photo Editor); and Ray Stanford, Project Director. Photo © PSI

Project Starlight International

Ray Stanford, old friend, colleague and APRO member, is in charge of Project Starlight International (PSI), an instrumentation station at Austin, Texas. PSI is a research division of the Association for the Understanding of Man, a non-profit corporation, and is oriented toward the detection and tracking of UFOs.

Close Encounter In Canada

Robert Suffern of rural Brainbridge, Ontario, Canada, is another UFO witness who, if he had it to do over again, would never have reported what he saw on the 7th of October, 1975. He now says that he received so many visitors and telephone calls from the curious that they had to leave the house in order to enjoy a quiet meal.

Field Investigator Henry McKay of Agincourt forwarded the following report:

At about 8:30 p.m. Suffern received a call from his sister Shirley who lives about 300 yards northeast of his home. She told him it looked as if his barn was on fire. Suffern went out and at first saw nothing, but then he heard the cattle moving about. He went in and told his sister he couldn't go out again as he was looking after his six-week-old baby. His sister then came down to the house and stayed with the child while he took her car and went to the barn. However, he saw nothing, so he drove out to the driveway, down the road, then turned on a side road.

At that point Suffern saw an object in the middle of the road. He said it was the color of the dull side of aluminum foil and the surface appeared irregular and "crinkled". He heard no sound other than that of the engine of his car, and only viewed the object momentarily for it took off straight up at high speed and disappeared into the night. There were no lights on the object, which was shaped like a disc sitting on a half-disc with a squat, stubby protuberance underneath.

Suffern then turned the car around and started for his home, turning onto 3-mile lake road, whereupon he saw a "thing" on the side of the road. "It" was on the grassy shoulder of the road and about to cross from Suffern's right to the left. "It" suddenly pivoted and turned toward the pasture, reached up with its hands, grabbed the fence post and vaulted over with no effort.

The figure appeared to be short with very broad shoulders which seemed to be out of proportion with the rest of its body and the movements were similar to those of an ape or midget and very agile. The head portion was covered with a globe and Suffern couldn't detect any details of a face. The suit was silver in color, a one-piece affair and the globe was white or light in color.

Suffern then returned home and put the children to bed (his wife was out for the evening). The television was on and suddenly the sound stopped. When he looked at the screen it had blacked out and stayed off for several seconds. He went to the door and out behind the barn in the pasture he saw an orange-colored fluorescent light which did not flash. It headed out over 3-mile-lake, appearing to follow the contour of the land.

Mr. McKay, who has been engaged in UFO research for 10 years, considers Suffern to be reliable and thinks that he is telling what he saw in a straightforward manner.