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Five Pan-Pacific Pilots Sight UAO

MESSAGE FROM A FLYING DISC

Text by Joao Martins
Photos and Drawings by Helio Aguiar
Translation by Dr. Olavo T. Fontes

"The strange case we are going to relate here came to our knowledge through an officer of the Brazilian Army, from the 6th Military Region, located at Salvador, Bahia. Its authenticity was investigated to the limits that any investigation can reach when every possible explanation is analyzed and evaluated. That is: the photos and negatives were examined from every technical angle, the position of the sun and shape of clouds on the day of the sighting were determined and compared with what appears on the pictures, and the life and personality of the witness were exhaustively investigated. In a case of this kind, however, we could only reach a definite conclusion if such a conclusion was negative. In other words, if the photos or negatives showed clues suggesting a trick; if the position of the sun and shape of clouds on the day and time alleged contradicted what is seen in the photos, or if facts or motivations in the life and personality of the witness were found, showing that he couldn't be trusted, was a psychotic, or had reasons for simulation of the whole thing. As nothing of the kind was found or discovered, the case must be accepted as possible in spite of the fact that, even so, the inflexible investigator is not capable of admitting it as definitely proved —for lack of absolute proof. Many may consider this criterion as exaggerated, but in a matter so delicate and controversial the lack of evidence **against** does not imply a **positive** conclusion. On the other hand, the witness obviously cannot present more than was presented: his photos and his report. Therefore, in this article, we bring to the readers the account of this strange case, another UFO case where a proof **against** was not found in spite of all data we were able to collect in our investigation. The absolute truth, that only the witness himself can be sure about it. Our duty is

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OTC AND AHO TAKE FIFTH AMENDMENT IN SECURITIES PROBE

The Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, Fri., May 29, 1959—Otis T. Carr, president of OTC Enterprises, Inc., and two employees of his controversial "flying saucer" corporation Thursday were barred by a federal court from selling stock.

The temporary restraining order was issued by District Judge Ross Rizley on a petition by the securities and exchange commission.

The SEC complaint charges Carr, Kendrick and Rhoades "engaged in practices in violation of the Securities Act of 1933." The SEC specifically charges that since Nov. 18, 1955, the defendants have been selling securities, namely options and rights to purchase and deposit receipts for shares of OTC capital stock, and shares of stock.

SEC also contends the trio has been using U. S. mail and "other interstate communication" to sell, offer and deliver stock which has not been registered with the SEC.

Thursday's action . . . was based on an investigation by C. E. Booth, Fort Worth, chief securities investigator of the SEC regional office.

Booth estimated that the OTC firm raised approximately $150,000 before coming to Oklahoma City . . . afterward, an additional sum of $34,997.38 was deposited at Liberty National Bank.

During a questioning session with SEC investigators here May 12 and 13 Carr testified he had only $20 in the bank, Carr took the Fifth Amendment 84 times, and Major Wayne S. Aho, his "educational director," took it 11 times during the questioning.

Considering the dubious talents of the Carr crowd, it is quite likely that should they be convicted of a violation, a hue and cry will go up from their followers: "Persecution," "suppression," etc., etc., ad infinitum.

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"FRIENDS OR FOES"
By Dr. Olavo Fontes

Special to the APRO Bulletin

A cluster of extremely bright lights were observed by the pilots of five different transpacific planes early on the morning of 11 July 1959. First to report the sighting was Captain George Wilson (19 years flying experience), commander of Pan-Am World Airways flight No. 865 which had left Frisco for Honolulu at midnight. One thousand miles east of Hawaii, flying his DC7C at 21,000 feet, Wilson radioed the Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center at 6:00 a.m. to report "an object which had an extremely bright light in its center and four smaller lights alongside." Co-pilot Richard Lorenzen of Los Altos and Flight Engineer Robert Scott of Palo Alto also observed the object(s) fly a parallel course toward the aircraft —then suddenly turn right and disappear.

Later, in Honolulu, Wilson said, "The closure rate was extremely rapid. It was flying faster than anything I've ever seen. I've never seen anything like it before. The weather was clear and we were atop a deck of clouds. It was pitch black. It couldn't have been another aircraft. . . For at least ten seconds it maintained its course, which was an opposite heading to us, and had it been another aircraft it would have passed well to our left. Suddenly the object made a sharp right turn at a speed inconceivable to any vehicle we know and the light suddenly disappeared. The smaller lights were evenly spaced and were either a part of the mysterious object or this was an example of darned good formation flying."

Wilson was asked if he thought the UFO was controlled by a pilot. He replied, "It is possible, but the rate of turn was faster for that speed than any conventional aircraft in existence.

Since the lights all disappeared simultaneously immediately after the object made its 90-degree turn Wilson concludes, "Apparently all the light energy was in front of the object."

Could what he had seen been any sort of reflection? Wilson left little room

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for doubt. "A total of five planes sighted the same object," he stated. "It is absolutely impossible that it could be a reflection."

One of the planes referred to by Wilson was another Pan-Am plane piloted by Noble Sprunger of Los Altos Hills. According to Sprunger, "It looked something like a falling star or meteor but it appeared to be coming right on track toward us."

Corroborative reports came from Capt. E. G. Kelley in still another Pan-Am plane, a Canadian Pacific plane outbound from Vancouver, and a Slick Airways plane.

A 12th Naval District spokesman said that there were no naval operations in the area at the time.

Crewmen of the planes were interrogated by Air Force investigators in Hawaii immediately after they landed.

A Vandenberg Air Force Base spokesman states that they had no firing at the time.

Pilot Wilson states that he had previously discounted reports of Unidentified Flying Objects, but, says he, "I'm a believer now."

Before military moguls could hush it, the information leaked out that the pilot of a B-50 bomber also reported seeing a cluster of mysterious lights at the same time as the civilian pilots.

CONTACT?

(With the following reports, we introduce J. Escobar Faria, long-time friend and fellow researcher [Editor, "UFO Critical Bulletin"] who has recently become an honorary member of A.P.R.O., because of his great contribution to the field of UFO research and his critical and accurate reporting. Formerly Editor of "O Estado de S. Paulo," [a Sao Paulo paper comparable to the New York Times] an expert on official documents for the Sao Paulo State Government, and ex-president for Prosecuting Committees for that state, Mr. Faria is currently an Official Attorney for the same government.

(Born May 10, 1914, in Santa Rita, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Faria received his Bachelor of Laws Degree at Sao Paulo University. He is a literary reviewer and critic, has written and published five books of poetry, was awarded the National Prize in 1953 [the "Olavo Bilac," comparable to the Pulitzer Prize] by the Academy of Letters at Rio de Janeiro. Faria approaches UFO research with the same critical attitude as he entertains as a member of the Brazilian legal profession. We are sure the members of APRO will enjoy his efforts in our behalf.—The Editor.)

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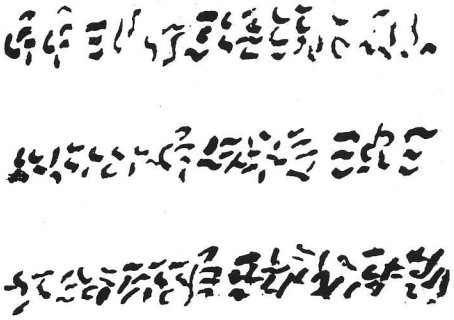
On the 23rd of April 1959, student Luis Henrique Silva, 17, felt a strange urge to go into the back yard of his home. It was late at night and the other household members were sleeping. He went outside, looked to the sky and saw an object hovering at about 900 feet altitude (estimated). He said it looked like a sombrero and was the color of red-hot metal. Silva felt paralyzed, then watched as the round bottom of the object opened and a man clad in a one-piece suit of metallic-like material, spiraled down toward him. The creature stopped about 8 inches from the ground, and appeared to be a normal human-type wearing plastic gloves over exceptionally long fingers, and his head encased in an opaque device like a diving helmet. Then the being held out his hands and shook hands with Luis. To make a long story short, the being, like Adamski-type spacemen, spoke the local language (in this case Portuguese) "slowly and musically," told him not to be afraid, told him to meet him again on the 27th for another get-together.

On the 27th Luis again had a strange feeling, got up and went outside, this time was approached, via a spiralling path from the UFO or saucer, by not one but three beings (one at a time). The third one glanced at his garden-pea-sized watch, said "Just two hours and five minutes at night on earth," then asked for a sheet of paper, which Luis brought. The being took the sheet into the saucer, came back and held something like a small piece of iron over it; then he gave it to Luis, saying: "Look at the sheet; on your planet there is a man who is able to decipher what was written upon it, and when this message is deciphered, we will know what to do." Then he said good, went into his saucer and it took off into the sky.

Mr. Faria has interviewed the boy; his complete account plus a reproduction of the "message" was forwarded to us. We placed this bit of hieroglphics in the hands of men whom we feel are most likely to be able to decipher or at least identify it. Faria reports that Silva claims another contact, this time on May 25. During this conversation, said being inquired about Luis' health, asked if message had been deciphered and promised a trip to another planet at next visit. We are inclined to believe, as Escobar Faria does; it is just a tale.



A sighting by several people in several areas at the same approximate time (7:00 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.) seems to indicate that a very strange "meteor" appeared in the vicinity of Cidade de Deus on 16 March 1959. Variously described as a meteor of very unusual behavior, in some instances it was tear-drop shaped, it traveled a horizontal course across the sky, chunks of it broke off and were clearly seen falling from the main piece. Other descriptions were of a stationary object which let fall "droplets" of glowing material which disappeared beyond the horizon. At least one sighting counted three such "droplets" let out, one after another.

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only to report the facts to all people interested in the matter.

"Mr. Helio Aguiar, protagonist of the case we are going to report and author of the photos and drawings included here, works for the Statistics Section of the 'Banco Economica da Bahia,' in Salvador city. He is a professional draftsman. He is 32 years old. He is married and has five children. He lives a modest life, but with dignity. He has the reputation of a serious and honest man. He is a white man of small stature and uses glasses with very thick lenses because of his myopia. He has a dynamic temperament. He got nothing for his story, his drawings or photos—he didn't want anything, he said he only wished to cooperate for the progress of science and knowledge. He is considered by some as an 'eccentric,' because of his study of hypnosis, telepathy and metaphysical research, but he is not a mystic nor a fanatic. Concerning the position of the sun in the hour corresponding to the time when the photos were taken, as well as the aspect of the clouds, no discrepancies were found. The negatives didn't show anything abnormal. The camera used was a 'Flexaret' with film Agfa Isopan. The film was over-developed and, as a consequence, is too **hard** and with an excess of granulation. The message was examined from a graphic viewpoint: the characters present signs that the message was written in an abnormal state, when compared with his usual handwriting. He was submitted to several interrogations and told the same things every time. He agreed with no hesitation to be put under hypno-analysis, or submitted to a 'lie detector,' if and when necessary. In fact, the only things he may get with his report are worries and headaches. He has no material motivation to fake it. These are the things that were possible to determine. Now we can turn our attention to the case itself, according to Mr. Helio Aguiar's report.

"On April 24, 1959, Helio Aguiar went to the 6th Military Region's headquarters to meet a close friend, Captain Leib Leibovitch. The friendship between the two men was based on two common interests: both appreciated the study of hypnosis and metaphysical research, as well as to ride a motorcycle. Captain Leib had a motor, which frequently was used by Helio. However, the officer had been transferred to Sao Paulo and, as the time of his trip to the new post was near, he called Helio and asked for a gun (a particular weapon) he had given him some time ago. This gun, however, was with another friend of Helio, a resident of the Amaralina district, which was very far from the Q. G. Besides, Helio had his camera and wanted to take pictures of his nephews. So, he got permission to use the motor of the Captain and left. He took the pictures of his nephews and then went to Amaralina. Afterwards, he decided to take his last ride on the motorcycle, along the marvelous highway that runs to Itapoan, on the way to the airport. This highway spreads for several kilometers, between the sea and the palm-tree thickets.

"When he was approaching a place called Piatan, Helio spotted something like a dark smear in the sky just over the ocean. At first he thought it might be some defect of his vision, but the smear was getting shape and closing in. At this moment, the engine of the motorcycle stopped. Already motionless, Helio noticed that the smear was a disk, flattened at one of its faces, from where protruded four half-spheres, and on which some dark signs were visible, like symbols. He had the chance to see them well. On the other side there was a cupola or dome of some sort surrounded by concavities or windows. From the base of the cupola protruded several parallel tubular devices. The object was silvery in color. On the side of the cupola there were also other signs which didn't register in his memory. Helio took three pictures. The object was rotating in the air, making a kind of 'looping.' Two of the photos show the flattened part, and the third one shows the cupola on top of it. When taking those photos, he began to feel a strange pressure on his brain and such a feeling was associated with a growing mental confusion. He sensed vaguely something like an order to write something. It was like being hypnotized. When winding his film for another picture, he completely lost consciousness. When he came out of this state he was dropped over the motorcycle, there was a paper in his left hand which had been before inside his pocket (on the other side of it there were some notes about a 'kid's game' of his sons), and a pencil in the right hand. There was a message written on the piece of paper, in Portuguese, in his own hand. And the message was the following:

"'ATOMIC EXPERIMENTS FOR WARLIKE PURPOSES SHALL BE DEFINITELY STOPPED. . . THE EQUILIBRIUM OF THE UNIVERSE IS THREATENED. WE WILL REMAIN VIGILANT AND READY TO INTERFERE.'

"It could be only a hallucination. Still with this idea in his mind, he went back to the Q. G. and reported the events to Captain Leib. Afterwards they went together to find a person to develop the film at once. The task was finally done by Prof. Ismael Barros, a resident of the Saude district. There were ten photos on the film. The first had been taken at the Q. G. and showed Captain Leib together with the Reverend of the 6th M. R. The following five pictures (until the sixth) were the photos of the nephews. The seventh, eighth and the ninth showed the object, exactly like he had sighted it. However, there was also a tenth picture, one he didn't remember having taken, on which the object appeared very small, almost turned into a point. The two remaining pictures showed nothing, they had not been exposed.

"This is the story of Mr. Helio Aguiar, reported with utmost objectivity. The film was not cut. Later, he made drawings showing what he had seen, including detail which only vaguely can be noticed in the photos. These drawings are the ones appearing on these pages.

"What to think about this story? And about the message? Was he under the effect of self-hypnosis? Was it a hoax? Or a communication made easier by his telepathic experience? The knowledge obtained by Helio Aguiar about hypnosis and telepathy, the experiments he has performed in these fields, represent a knife with two cutting edges in the evaluation of his story. On one side it could be suggested that he had spontaneously fallen into a hypnotic trance because of the shock caused by the appearance of the UFO (if the photos are considered as authentic, as they seem to be), and the message was written under the influence of what has been published about the possible motivations of the probable crews inside the possible interplanetary machines. On the other side, however, it cannot be denied that a mind like his would be the best receiver for any transmission of such a kind. In fact, he has well developed the capacity of guessing, of receiving 'telepathic messages' transmitted from distance under experimental conditions, verified in other cases which have nothing to do with the "flying saucers." As it can be seen, a cold evaluation of the facts in his case does not drive us to any definite conclusion. But the subject must be reported and registered. It is so presented here, for those who are interested."

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GENERAL DISCUSSION

By Dr. Olavo Fontes
APRO's Special Representative, Brazil

The case transcribed above was printed in the June 13, 1959, issue of the CRUZEIRO Magazine, which was published on June 1, 1959. The man who made the investigation, Mr. Joao Martins, is the well-known Brazilian reporter who, together with the photographer Ed Keffel, took the first authentic photos of a UAO in my country in 1952. He is an engineer also and a responsible and honest UAO researcher. He is also an APRO member. A few weeks ago he received a letter from a Brazilian Army officer (on a confidential basis, to protect the author's

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identity) telling about the case. He decided to go to Salvador in order to make a personal investigation. He found that a complete investigation had already been made by the Army's Intelligence agents. He repeated it and came **to the same conclusions,** which are the ones reported in his article. He was lucky because the Army had not confiscated the negatives. After examination, the film had been returned to its owner in good condition by an Intelligence officer. Incidentally, the witness was not told to keep his report confidential. It would be illegal procedure, by the way, because there is no legal authority for any Government agency in Brazil to compel private citizens to keep UFO reports confidential. Therefore, the witness is free to report his story to the press, and so it was reported to Mr. Martins, the only one who already knew about it.

Because this story, if widely accepted, could spread hysteria about UAOs and atomic tests, I have asked Mr. Martins for the proof in his hands: the negatives and drawings, the original of the message and the witness' written report. He kindly agreed to show me the evidence and I was able to make a complete investigation. The essential facts are the ones described in his article. The negatives appear to be good. The message seems to be true. The investigation about Mr. Aguiar's life and personality was complete.

What to think about the case?

Four possibilities must be considered in the analysis of this remarkable incident. They are the following:

1. **This is a very bad hoax,** i.e., the pictures, drawings, message and report are all false, faked by Mr. Aguiar. It is possible to concoct such a tale from known facts. If so, the "message" was badly chosen, since it implies a veiled menace of interference from UAOs. However, the investigation was unable to discover any motive for such an elaborate and expensive scheme. Besides, the witness was submitted to a cross-examination as sharp as any conducted by military Intelligence but stuck to his story and did not deviate a bit from it. When pressed, his constant report was to refer to his experience and state that he cannot help that he had experienced it. He also agreed to be examined under the control of a "lie detector," or submitted to hypno-analysis. But his best evidence is the pictures of the "flying disk." The negatives were carefully examined by photographic experts. The results confirmed the authenticity of the photos and the possibility of a falsification or photographic trick can be definitely excluded. I consider them to be among the most important photos of a UAO ever taken. They represent proof that the sighting was real.

2. **The sighting existed, the photos are authentic—but the message was faked.** This is an interesting possibility. The motivations of the witness would be related to the increasing alarm about the danger of radiation fall-out all over the world. If he was deeply worried about the problem, he also knew that only very strong reasons could change the present-day attitude of the military about it. A "message" from outer space would be evidently a very strong argument for his purpose, especially if it was backed by photos of a real UAO—as in his case. Even a reliable and responsible person might do it, doing it for the well-being of mankind. It seems clear.

3. **The sighting existed, the photos are real, but the witness was a victim of autosuggestion.** That is, the message is true in the sense that it was written by the witness in a trance-like state. But it is not a message from the UAO crew. It came from his own subconscious urges and fears and was written when the subject was in a state of self-hypnosis caused by the shock of the UAO's startling appearance. In this case, he would be absolutely convinced of the truth of his whole experience.

4. **This is the first true message from a UAO,** i.e., the sighting existed, the photos are real and the message is authentic. It was written in a trance-like state directly caused by some device inside the UAO, from the outside, in order to make the subject able to receive and register it. The method used would be obviously unknown to us, so it cannot be discussed here.

I have discarded the first two possibilities, based on the facts of the case. The answer is between the last two of them. Which one? I don't know yet. **The final answer will come only after the next A-bomb or H-bomb tests. . . .**

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UAO AT CARACAS

El Paraiso (suburb of Caracas) Venezuela, 11 June 1959—Mrs. Edith Klissans, 40 years of age, medical director, reports that at 19 hours (it was already dark) her 15-year-old son casually informed her that there was a flying saucer in the sky to the south of Caracas above the mountains. She looked and saw an oval shaped light, yellowish, about as large as two thumbnails at arm's length. It was visible about 10 minutes moving south to west just above the mountains and parallel to the horizon. Mrs. Klissans states that it could not have been a plane due to the size of the light and the fact that no sound was heard. Also the disappearance was as though it faded into the distance. This information, taken together with the horizontal flight path suggests a straight-line path rather than the great-circle path characteristic of a plane. (cr. Uwe Fedder)

ZURICH ROUTS ADAMSKI

A report from Europe informs us that all has not been sweetness and light with space traveler Adamski on a recent junket across Europe. Viz.: He started a rumor to the effect that he would be invited to Buckingham Palace—this was scotched by a palace spokesman stating rather bluntly, "The royal family has decided that it cannot entertain Mr. Adamski or his ideas in any way." Juliana of Holland invited him to court for a conference with top military and scientific men of that country—but the results were so scandalous that she had to issue a communiqué saying "not creditable."

Then, an eminently reliable source in Zurich tells us, Mr. Adamski came to Switzerland where he "lectured in Zurich one evening before an audience of several hundred people. The evening was uneventful. He promised further evidence and gave a second lecture—or tried to. He had no chance. The public was there en masse, among it many students. They started a hellish concert, whistling, throwing rotten tomatoes, etc., and petards. In spite of the police interfering quite tamely and inefficiently, Mr. Adamski had to quit and all his further lectures in Switzerland had to be cancelled. . . . This enterprise (i.e., Adamski's European trip—Ed.) has certainly done no end of damage to the idea of serious research."

UFO OVER NEVADA

Las Vegas, Nev., 17 June 1959 (AP)—An unidentified flying object—visible to the naked eye but not radar—streaked across Nevada skies last night. It was the third mysterious sighting in the Las Vegas area in three weeks. An airman at the Air Force radar installation at Angels Peak, 30 miles northwest of Las Vegas, saw the object.

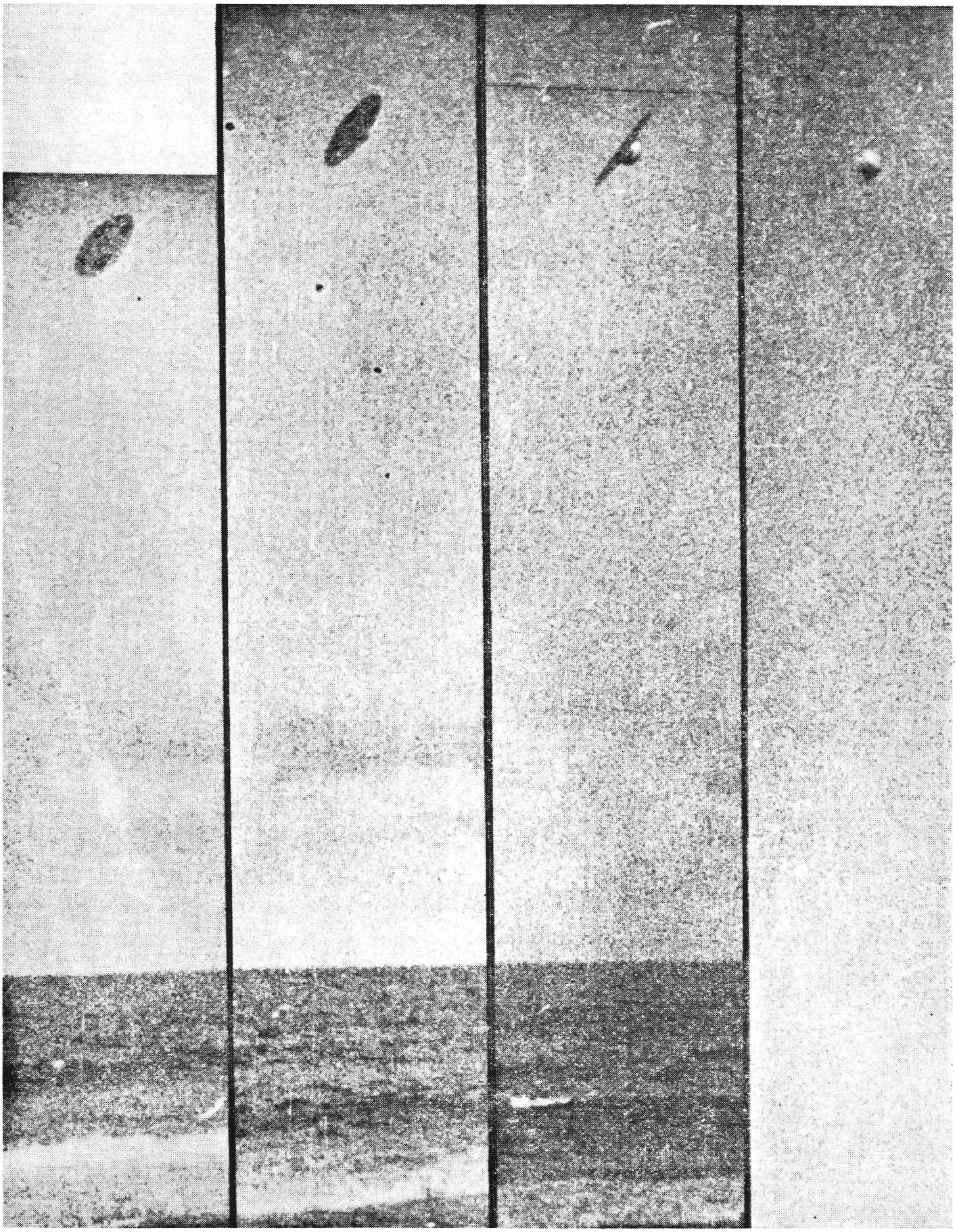
Three weeks ago a man told Air Force officials at Nellis Base he saw four unidentified objects flying in apparent formation at tremendous speed over the Black Mountains, 40 miles southeast of Las Vegas. Two weeks ago another object was reported sighted over the eastern horizon near the city.

JUPITER — COLD?

Electronic Design, 24 June 1959—Russian scientists say that they have identified 13.5 meter waves coming from the planet Jupiter, but they admit the source is still a mystery.

Only two other solar-system bodies emit signals: the sun and the moon. Thermal radiation is the source of signals in both cases. But this does not apply to Jupiter, which gets little heat from the sun. The science of astronomy calls Jupiter a frozen world. (?)

The pictures shown below are the four exposures obtained by Helio Aguiar. See page 6 for photographic analysis by our consultant, Mr. Hopf, plus two of Mr. Aguiar's drawings of the object and its details not caught by the camera.



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and unprejudiced consideration and evaluation.

Such evidence that some, if not all, of the UFOs are equipped with receiving and/or transmitting devices is also to be found in certain particularly revealing photos taken in recent years.

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Under date of April 18, 1959 the (UPI) wire service carried an article headed "DEFENSE NEWS DENIED TO PEOPLE, EDITORS SAY." The same may very well apply to UFO news and official governmental knowledge of the subject. This article relates that the American Society of Newspaper Editors are continuing their battle for recognition of "the people's right to know." More power to them! May they win their battle in which more and more groups and individuals are joining, as attested to by the following opening paragraph of an article captioned LET'S **DO** SOMETHING ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS by Herman K. Joseph in National Amateur Radio, Cleveland, Vol. 2, No. 8, April, 1959:

"Some fellow once said, ". . . government of the people, by the people, for the people . . ." This statement could lead to many ramifications but the main concern of this article is the virtually impenetrable wall the government has erected around the story of the flying saucers. In view of the forboding nature of this situation and the government's news blackout on matters concerning saucers, isn't it time for the 'people' to take the initiative and do some organized research of their own?"

With these sentiments I am in hearty agreement since I am of the opinion that as voters and taxpayers the public is entitled to know the facts, whether they are of a pleasant or an unpleasant nature, which their own government know about the UFOs.

SIGHTERS USE TELESCOPES

Sunday Post (Scotland) 5 April 1959—Six people in Selkirk were puzzling their heads yesterday over a queer object they saw in the sky. A bright light low on the horizon towards the north caught the eye of Mr. Alex Handyside, a TV engineer. He brought out an astronomer's telescope and saw what appeared to be a saucer standing on its end. He called five neighbors who all confirmed his observation. They watched for 45 minutes. Gradually the object travelled toward the west, rose a little, and suddenly the light went out. (Cr. G. Conway)

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El Nacional (Caracas, Venezuela) 9 July 1959—Last night between seven and nine p.m. a strange and luminous object was seen in the sky above the city, to the astonishment of the many persons who sighted it. Mr. R. D. Verson and Dr. Juan Marin Osorio were among the observers who sighted the object as it appeared in the western hemisphere of the sky above the city, viewing it through their telescope. Both amateur astronomers, they have for some years devoted a good deal of time to the observation of phenomena. This observation was not a comet, satellite, weather balloon, or any known solid body. It had a luminosity higher than that of the full moon —very much like the light of a fluorescent lamp. To the naked eye its luminosity appeared one hundred times that of Jupiter.

With the help of their telescope the two observers tracked the object as it moved from east to west. In two hours it moved about 40 degrees at a speed hard to reckon as its distance could not be guessed. The observers' opinion was that it floated in space and its gradual fading away was due to the rotation of the earth. Other persons in the neighborhood used binoculars to watch the object. At first it looked like a circle or a saucer, completely round. Then it changed to resemble a half moon, with the characteristic of "throwing beams of light which scattered over and modified its outer aspect."

They discarded the idea of a sidereal spaceship because of its performance in space (it is supposed that such a ship would travel at high speeds and not permit such a long period of observation). They admitted that this could be a light emission left in space by any celestial body which of course does explain the phenomenon. Verson and Osorio stated that they had never before seen the likes of this in the sky. They contacted the observatory, but failed to get any corroboration. Then they were informed that Mr. Gonzalo de Gumucio, attache to the Embassy of Bolivia, had the same experience; also with a telescope. (Cr. J. Rolas)

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20 May 1959, 5:30 p.m.—About seven leagues from Tres Lomas (Argentina) and three from the station Pehuelches, Antonio Sanchez and Ernesto Fogliani alighted from their car to hunt rabbits. They were astonished to see a saucer-shaped machine "the height of a person but of large size and silver in color" resting on the ground about 300 meters away. They approached to about 150 meters when the object rose into the sky and disappeared. After some minutes the witnesses walked to the spot and saw that the grass was flattened in the shape of a large oval. (Cr. B. Passion)

TWIN CIGARS

(The following report is presented exactly as reported to member Joy Ferrie by the 16-year-old witness Conrad Recksiek.—The Editor)

Date: Nov. 1958. **Location:** Lodi, Calif. **Time:** 15 min. before sunset. **Environmental Factors—Wind:** Dead calm. **Sky:** Perfectly clear. **Visibility** About 200 miles. **Limiting Factors:** None.

General Narrative

I had just purchased a pair of binoculars and was playing with them much the same as a boy plays with a new toy. It was about sunset and the sun was a short distance above the horizon. Suddenly I noticed a bright object in the sky at about a thirty degree angle from where I was standing, looking west. Thinking the object to be a large bomber or Globemaster glinting in the setting sun, I began to peer with interest. Much to my surprise the thing turned out to be not one aircraft but two cigar-shaped objects, hovering side by side as I brought them clearly into focus. The light that I had thought to be reflected light was in reality shining through the ships and coming out through five large portholes, much the same as light passes through a prism.

The ships (as I have chosen to call them) were parallel to each other continually during the time I was looking at them. Although the ships were practically stationary, first one would move ahead of the other, then the other would catch up and move ahead, simulating a race between two cars.

After I had watched the ships for perhaps two minutes they separated slightly, and each one discharged a smaller object which looked like a red fireball. The two fireballs from the larger ships each took opposite directions, one going north, and the other going south. I soon lost sight of these fireballs as they left the field of the binoculars, for I was determined to keep my eye on the mother ships. Immediately the ships started to move down to the horizon and slightly northwest, away from me. Since the ships were now so low on the horizon, the setting sun no longer struck them, and the lights went gradually out. The ships hovered together for another half hour. When I voluntarily shifted my gaze from them for a fraction of a second they disappeared. Try as I would, I could not locate them again.

General Size

I viewed the objects through 6×30 binoculars, and at last viewing, just before I lost sight of them they appeared to be about an eighth of an inch long from a distance which I estimate to have been about fifty miles.

[signed] Conrad Recksiek

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