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Dogs disturbed at Temagog . . . UFOs at Willi Willi . . .

Eileen Buckle

THE curious happenings which occurred on April 2, 1971, at the small town of Kempsey, New South Wales, Australia, were related in "Defenestration at Kempsey" in the July/August 1971 issue of FSR. The highlight of this article was the account of the aboriginal man who claimed that on that night he had been sucked out of his kitchen through the top pane of a window by an irresistible force. Before being drawn through the window, he said he saw a small white face pressed against the glass. Sightings of UFOs continued for some weeks afterwards over the MacLeay area and again I must thank Miss Patricia Riggs, Associate Editor of the *Macleay Argus*, for having supplied me with cuttings from her newspaper. These form the basis of this present article which completes the story of the Kempsey "flap", at least for the time being.

Dogs disturbed at Temagog

In my first article on the Kempsey area, a case was described of a woman's sighting of a glowing object with what seemed to be a parachute attached; this was on April 2. On the evening of April 22, between 10.30 and 11.00 p.m., another woman, Mrs. Fay Bonner of Temagog, saw what must have been a similar object in the sky. She told the *Argus* that she had been awakened by her dogs which had begun barking furiously as if disturbed. She got up to quieten them down and then looked up to see a brilliant orange light travelling from north to west. She said:

"It was huge and it seemed to be attached to something which looked like a parachute, or an object of that shape. It was hanging from something. It was coming down slowly and I watched it for at least 5 minutes. I woke my husband, but he just rolled over and went to sleep again. I watched the light again. It came down slowly and lit up everything around it. Then it went behind some trees. I could see half the light above the trees and an illumination through the trees. Then the light rose up and moved further behind the trees and soon it disappeared. Everything was black. There was complete darkness."

Mrs. Bonner said she went back to bed, but throughout the rest of the night kept getting up to see if the light had reappeared. She could only guess at the area in which it came down as she had no landmark. She thought it was about two, three or four miles away, but it could have been fifteen miles. There was no sound with it whatsoever.

Fishermen see object near Crescent Head

The *Argus* of April 24 reported that two Kempsey fishermen, Mr. Ian Farrawell and Mr. Jack Casey, had seen strange lights off Crescent Head and heard noises offshore that frightened them so much that they left the beach hurriedly and went home. The two men had gone on a fishing trip on Saturday, April 17. They had left their car at Maguires Crossing and had walked two miles south to begin their fishing. They were just baiting their hooks at about 9.45 p.m. when they noticed a large, dull red light in the sky. It was about twice the size of the moon, which was directly above. The light, which changed to an orange shade, was out in the shipping lane, low above the water. It moved slightly to the left and then to the right. They watched it for about three or four minutes, when it finally had turned to a blue-white colour, becoming smaller and smaller until it disappeared.

A very strange thing about the light, according to Casey, was that while it was on view there was no reflection at all on the water. When the light went out they heard "a terrific noise . . . it seemed like a motor noise . . . like a gravel crusher at work only ten times louder." As the men walked back over the sandhills to their car they saw what at first seemed to be a cloud out to sea, but then, according to Farrawell, a dull silver disc-shaped object could be seen over the sea where the light had been. They could still hear the noise, even though the sea was rough, and it could be heard when they got back to the car and drove away.

For Mr. Casey, the experience was the second, and almost identical experience he had had in a week. On Easter Sunday night at 9.45 p.m. at exactly the same spot, he saw three red lights moving quickly across the sky and heard a quite inexplicable noise out to sea.

Schoolboys' sighting at Colombatti Rail

Also in the *Argus* of April 24 was the story of three schoolboys' sighting of a silver object trailing flames which they said had descended over Colombatti Rail the day before. They were Peter Fuller (13), Christopher Fuller (9) and Ron Donnelly (11). The boys, scared by their experience, reported it to their teacher, Mr. Brian Moss, and later to an *Argus* reporter.

Chris Fuller said he had been sitting in a culvert at about 8.30 a.m. waiting for the post office to open. Suddenly, high in the sky, he saw an object which appeared to be enveloped in flames. It seemed to get bigger and bigger. He said he ran to his brother and Ronald, who were standing about 10 or 15ft. away, and pointed the object out to them. The elder boy, Peter, said:

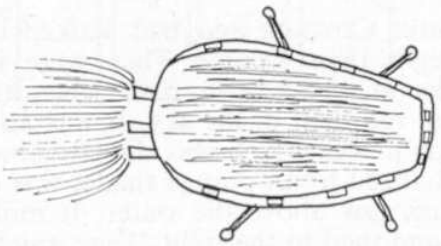
"I saw it coming down fast as a jet from the East. It came down steeply at first and then started to lose speed. We saw legs starting to come down. There were four and they had pads on the bottom. The fire at the back got less. The thing I saw was silvery and shaped a bit like an egg. There were big square windows all around. The sides went out from the bottom. It came down and seemed about 200 or 300ft. above us. We could see the windows very clearly. Then this thing started to wobble and it banked like an aircraft and the

legs were coming down. It disappeared over the side of the railway and went down in the gulley."

Their teacher separated the boys as soon as they had told him their experience and got each one to draw what they had seen. All three drawings were alike, but the one drawn by Christopher, the first boy to sight the object, is surrounded by flames.

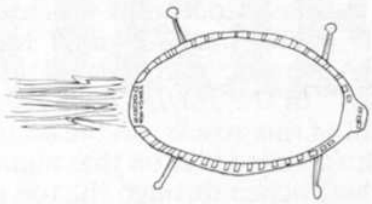
Mr. Clarrie Briggs, of Smithtown, said he had seen a pulsating light in the eastern sky at about 7.15 p.m. on April 24. He said:

"I watched it with my family for about 20 minutes. Then it began to move up and down and occasionally sideways. It began to fade and disappeared. Eventually, it reappeared and every 5 seconds changed colour from red to green, then blue and so on." Mr. Briggs said he saw a similar light at about the same time the following night over the Collombatti-Frederickton area, moving up and down and sideways. It was not a star.



Copy of drawing by Peter Fuller (13 yrs.) of object, viewed from below, sighted at Collombatti on April 23rd, 1971, at 8.30 a.m.

Copy of drawing by Christopher Fuller (9 yrs.) of object sighted at Collombatti Rail, on April 23rd, 1971, at 8.30 a.m. approx.



Copy of drawing by Ron Donnelly (11 yrs.) of object, viewed from below, sighted at Collombatti Rail on April 23rd, 1971 at 8.30 a.m. approx.

Searches made the same day to find evidence that the object had landed proved unsuccessful. Mr. Moss, the teacher, said that from the directions given by the children, the object could have come down near Mr. Brian Yarnold's farm at Christmas Creek, Colombatti. The week before, Mr. Yarnold and his family reported they had found burnt circular patches of grass on their property, for which no explanation had been found. Strange silent lights had been seen by the family over their farmland both during April and over the previous eleven months.

At about the same time as the schoolboy's sighting, at 8.30 a.m., Mrs. Jill French, a Kempsey school-teacher, was driving along the crest of the hill outside Kempsey showground when she saw a brilliant object cross the sky from an easterly direction to the south-west. She said the light was "gorgeous". It was a fiery orange-red ball of fire which showed white and trailed behind a very long cigar-shaped object: "It was so beautiful it was stunning." Mrs. French said the object did not seem to be travelling very fast. It seemed to be close to the ground and to bank as it passed to the south-east behind a tall building in Elbow Street.

More coloured lights

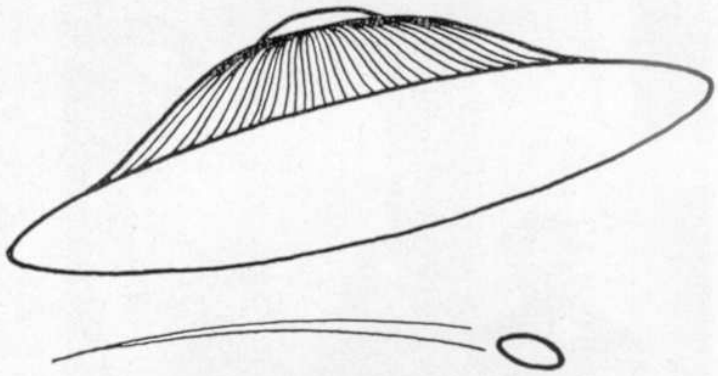
On April 29, the *Argus* had five more reports to announce. Two of these confirmed the sighting of the previously mentioned silver-grey object seen at 8.30 a.m. on Friday, April 23. The other three reports were of fresh sightings. Four teenagers said that on April 20 they had seen a large, red glowing light near Warwick Park racecourse. The light had appeared to be at about tree-top level and was moving very fast in a northerly direction towards Colombatti-Frederickton. They said the light appeared to be about a foot in diameter and they followed it by car until they reached the Pacific Highway. When the light was directly over Colombatti, it was joined by three smaller lights which came from nowhere. The smaller lights then travelled north at the same speed as the larger light. The sighting lasted about 5 or 10 minutes.

A young woman, who did not want to be named, said she and three others watched a reddish coloured light which appeared to be surrounded by smoke on Tuesday night, April 27. The light had moved sideways and up and down before finally moving off towards the south-west. They had been so scared they had gone home.

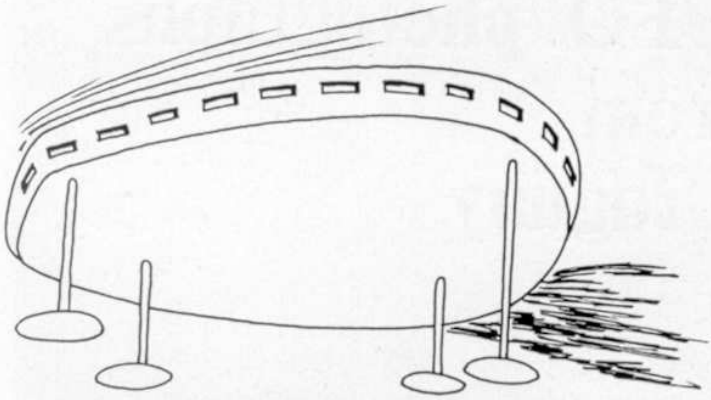
UFOs at Willi Willi

The sightings most recently reported in the *Argus* were from Willi Willi, west of Kempsey. An object was seen on May 10 by Sue Johnson of Cronulla, who was holidaying at Willi Willi with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Fischer. At 5.15 p.m. she was feeding carrots to a horse in a paddock when she noticed suddenly that the evening sky had changed from grey to pink and the clouds to a flaming red. She said:

"Then I saw this red streak above my head. It was quite long and came fast across the sky. Then I saw this metallic thing. It seemed to slow down and hovered over my head as if looking for something. This was when I started yelling. It seemed right over my head and not at a very great altitude. It gave me such a fright. The thing was flying at such an odd angle to the sun that I couldn't see the whole shape. It appeared to be banking towards the hills to the north and seemed to have a belly the shape of a football. The top was peaked and the sides sloped to join the belly. It was close enough for me to see very strange marks at each end. They were oddly angled and the one at the front end was over what appeared to be a door of some sort. The tail—the exhaust—was astonishingly red and long. What was most extraordinary was the fact that there was no noise, no noise whatsoever. The thing seemed to be so close to me that if it had been an aircraft I would have been deafened by the noise. There was another strange thing. As the object went into the hills, the sky turned back to a grey colour and the clouds to



Copy of Sue Johnson's drawing of object sighted at Willi Willi May 10th, 1971.



Copy of Tony Nolan's impression of object (from newspaper reproduction).

pink. This all happened in a matter of minutes."

Mr. Fischer and his daughter, Mrs. Helen Ross, were attracted by Sue's calls and were in time to see the object disappearing towards the north. Mr. Ross said: "You could not credit the speed of it. It took about 90 seconds to cross the sky and I suppose I had it in view about 35 or 40 seconds. I would say it was at least 6-10 miles in the sky and a pretty big object for us to see so well."

On the evening of Wednesday, May 12, at about the same time, 5.15 p.m., Mrs. Helen Ross and Sue Johnson saw an object move swiftly across the sky and disappear behind mountains in the north. On Friday, May 14, at 10.00 a.m., Sue again sighted a noiseless, dull metallic object with a thin red trail. It took about 4 or 5 seconds to cross the sky, but this time was going in a southerly direction.

On May 30, at 5.15 a.m., two haulage contractors, Mr. John Clarke and Mr. John Arnold, saw an unidentified white light in the centre of a much larger red light at Willi Willi. Mr. Clarke said they had stopped on the road and turned the engine of the truck off. Then he spotted "a small white light, similar to a car headlight, with a great red flash behind it." From where he stood he said it looked about six inches wide, but it was some way off. The middle light did not move from the centre of the larger light. The lights seemed to be moving in a jerking manner, but there was no noise.

To date we have received no further reports from Kempsey, but I think it likely that there had been much activity in that region in the past which escaped reporting. Places which have received a large amount of "attention" from UFOs at one time or another frequently seem to receive return visits, so it wouldn't surprise me if there was another Kempsey flare-up in the near future.

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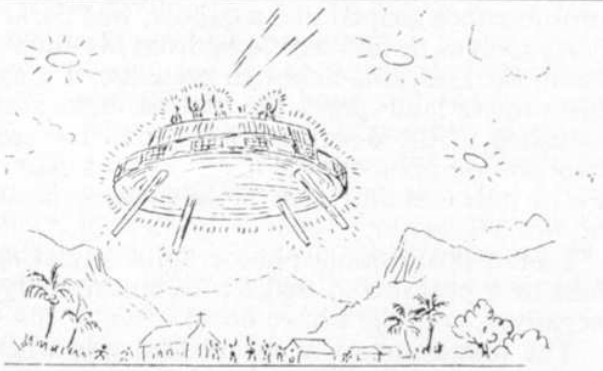

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UFO photographs from Uruguay

Walter Fernandez Luna

Translated by Gordon Creighton

Photograph 1

URUGUAY'S history of UFO sightings only began during the 1950s, when a few sporadic observations were reported here and there throughout the Republic. The indifference of both the press and the public in general was total. Our incipient scientific community, always faithful to their undoubted principles, insisted on denying the unquestionable reality of what was happening before their undaunted and unbelieving eyes.

The time came in due course, however, when it was no longer possible to treat the witnesses of these happenings as madmen, fantasists or tricksters, because individuals of recognised ethical standing and even with university degrees were beginning to publish their experiences. And, as if this were not enough, the "non-existent" UFOs now began to permit themselves to be captured by the camera, sometimes with absolute clarity and wealth of detail.

As was only to be expected, some of the members of our erudite circles lost no time in hurling accusations and challenges around, arguing that the photographs were simple hoaxes, paying no further heed to the matter of the status of those who had taken them, and without troubling to establish any convincing motives that might have given rise to the perpetration of such hoaxes.

One of the most controversial of these Uruguayan cases is unquestionably the affair of the UFO allegedly photographed over the beach at Playa Sangrilá.

The witness, Sr. Yamandú López (Photo 1), is a highly respected jeweller, a family man with a wife and five children. On September 23, 1968, he and the family were enjoying a well-earned rest in a little summer chalet owned by him.

It was 6.30 p.m., and Sr. López was making his way down to the beach with three of his sons, José, Rosario, and Fernándo, aged at the time 13, 11, and 8 years respectively. He had his camera with him, his intention being to take a photograph of the three boys. The day was a fairly cloudy one and consequently not very propitious for this type of picture, but his roll of film was nearly finished and he wanted to use it up.

He was just getting the camera ready, while the boys were running around on the sands, when he suddenly began to hear an unusual humming noise. Looking up, he beheld a strange object which was climbing rapidly in the sky. According to his statement, the object appeared to be metallic and circular, the under part silvery-coloured while the upper portion, which had a protuberance shaped like a cupola, was dark.

As soon as he had recovered from his initial astonishment, Sr. López had enough presence of mind to raise his camera and press the button before the object vanished in the distance. He secured the sequence of two photographs shown here. (Photos Nos. 2 and 3. Please note that the photo on the cover is an enlargement of No. 3—EDITOR.)

I am a professional photographer myself and therefore in a position to make a technical analysis of the negatives, and this I have done.

The first point to be established was whether there could be any question of double exposure or any other sort of laboratory trick. In order to do this, I secured possession of the negatives for almost a year and at this point it should be emphasised that the witness raised no objection of any kind and was not upset when I

Photograph 2

explained to him the type of study that I proposed to carry out on them. I thought that it was best to put all my cards on the table while at the same time observing the reaction of the witness. He remained quite imperturbable, and told me that I could keep them as long as should be necessary.

Of the authenticity of the photographs I had had no doubt right from the outset. Nevertheless, with a view to obtaining the greatest possible degree of objectivity, it occurred to me that it would be right to call upon the aid of other experts in the photographic field. Those who took part in the analysis were a Kodak Company executive named Swichman, and two photographers belonging to the American Embassy in Uruguay, whose names I omit here for obvious reasons.

In August 1969 I was in Buenos Aires (Argentina) for some time, and I showed the negatives to several colleagues on whom I went to call. These were the photographer of the review *2001*, the writer and investigator Eduardo Azcuy, and, finally, Mr. Martin McReynolds, head of the UPI (United Press International) office in Buenos Aires. (The last-named would express no opinion as to the existence or non-existence of UFOs). All of them agreed however that the photographs were not faked.

Such a result was indeed to have been expected. Señor Yamandú López is a person who is held in very high regard. He is aged 43, and has spent a large part of his life in making for himself a position of prestige in the professional field in which he is active, and it would consequently be totally illogical even to think of the possibility that he might have perpetrated a hoax. The photos had been taken by him in 1968, and we had first learnt of their existence towards the beginning of 1969. Throughout the whole of this period the witness had maintained a complete silence on the subject and, what is more important, had sought no kind of publicity whatsoever. And, finally, a man of his degree of education and refinement would never have involved three innocent children in such a piece of deception if that was what it had been.

When we have reached this point, it seems to me that we have no way out but to accept the veracity of the episode. Nevertheless, we have still not yet completed the analysis of the case. A number of details remain to be established: we hope, for example, to find a way of estimating the distance, size, and height of the object, in spite of the fact that the photos are almost entirely lacking in any points of reference that might permit us to make calculation. I will convey the results of any deliberation in due course.

Photograph 3

THE OPINION OF MR. PERCY HENNELL ON THE PLAYA SANGRILÁ PHOTOGRAPHS

I TOOK these prints to Mr. Percy Hennel on August 25, 1971, and he subjected them to prolonged study and scrutiny, including examination with a powerful glass.

Although the original negatives (not sent to us by Sr. Walter Fernández Luna) are evidently in a very poor and scratched condition through much unskilful handling, Mr. Hennell stated most emphatically that in his view there is no question of the prints not being genuine photographs of some unknown airborne object, and that he can find absolutely no sign whatever of faking or tampering.

In his professional opinion, the dark object shown cannot have been at a distance of less than 100 yards from the camera—and might have been up to 150 yards. And he states that all the technical details furnished in Sr. Luna's article above* are fully consistent with the story as told and consistent with the photos now produced, and would therefore appear to be correct.

As Mr. Hennell reminded me, he expressed the view last year that, as time went by, we would gradually accumulate quite a stock of poor, out-of-focus amateurish (as is only natural) but seemingly genuine pictures of this particular "classic" type of disc which appears "domed" or "hat-shaped" in profile. Not one of these pictures might be good enough to be conclusive, and yet, with time, and given enough of them, as in this particular case at Sangrilá, we would end up by having a pretty good idea of some of the external features of this particular type of object, for some would inevitably be slightly clearer on one feature and some slightly clearer on another. All these pieces of evidence would mount up and would constitute very strong testimony that, among the objects described as "UFOs", there is at least one type that consistently displays the domed, hat-shaped form.

GORDON CREIGHTON.

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* A discourse, with technical details, has been held back as I wish to obtain checks on the calculations involved—EDITOR.

A widely-reported "UFO"

Omar Fowler

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THE cloud of light widely reported throughout the U.K. on the night of September 7, 1971, has now definitely been identified as a Barium Thermite Cloud.

The launching rocket, a *Petrel*, was fired from South Uist and was observed by a BUFORA member at Glasgow climbing skyward. The exact time of the cloud formation was timed at 21.16 by Duncan Hogg, who also obtained a series of excellent photographs of the high altitude cloud, after the rocket had fired the experiment.

The cloud formed as a globe in the first instance, with a whitish blue colour. The size of the cloud was given as having a diameter of 1½° and observed at an angle of 35° in the North-West, later reported as moving North-West at an elevation of 30° and changing shape to that of a Rugby football and fading finally at approximately 21.50.

The Glasgow Weather Centre gave out the story that the cloud was a high altitude weather experiment conducted by the Sussex University. This statement was not supported by the Weather Centre at Bracknell who commented that no weather rockets had been fired since last Winter. The Sussex University denied that they were responsible, as also did Surrey University at Guildford, as they were not currently carrying out this type of experiment.

It did appear at one stage that the Ministry of Defence were involved, and this fact was later confirmed when it was found that the experiment was being carried out by a Government Research Establishment. The Rocket reached a height of 80km. and fired a barium Thermite Experiment.

Contact in Helsinki

Timo Pyhälä

This interesting account is taken from *Vimana*, the journal of the Finnish "Interplanetarians" Society, issue No. 2, of 1971. Mr. Pyhälä is chairman of the Society. Fortunately an English translation was also sent, and a carefully edited version of this appears below. Readers will appreciate that we are unable to check the claims of this witness, and we do not suggest that they are accepted uncritically although we feel they should go on record in view of their interesting content.

THE contactee "N.N." who is featured in this report is a 47-year-old Helsinki man. The incident related below occurred on the evening of October 17, 1969. N.N. states that he had just come home, and was squeezing fruit juice at the sink when something pulled him forwards, at first lightly, but then so vigorously that he was forced to take a few steps backwards. At the same time he passed his hand closely in front of himself and says he saw a streak of light that came from underneath his armpit and coiled around his chest. It measured about 6 cms. by 2 cms. The streak was not transparent, but clearly defined. On a blackish base bright golden-yellow spots of light were rippling symmetrically lengthwise, and close to one another. The black base was visible only when examined closely.

N.N. tried to wipe the ray away from his chest, but in vain; it could not be felt by the hand. N.N. turned around and saw behind him at a distance of four metres, and about half a metre above the floor, a bright, colourless light, which was not clearly defined. This light dimmed at its edges at about 10 cms. width. The streak of light had its origin in the left lower edge of the dim part of this light.

Suddenly, says N.N., he heard quietly spoken words from the direction of the ceiling above the light:

"We are from another solar system and we have something to tell you."

N.N. walked past the light to open the window to see who was playing jokes outside. He saw no one. The voice said:

"You open in vain, for you do not see anything there."

N.N. thought this to be a joke too, and went behind the table to sit down. He was about three metres from the light.

"Well, let me say 'welcome'," he said, and added, "Now . . . what gives?"

"We have tried many times. Finally you are alone." (N.N. really was alone for the first time for over a month.) "We have arrived here on a big craft and at the moment it is behind the planet Mars. For the present we cannot bring it nearer to Earth, for we know that the Earth scientists would observe it with their telescopes, and this would create fear and panic among the people here. At the moment we are in the Earth's atmosphere, having come here in a smaller device."

"What is there on the planet Mars?" asked N.N.

"You will know later," was the reply.

At this stage N.N. began to believe that this was not a joke, and he asked:

"Why do you contact just me?"

"Because you are one of those men of Earth who are not afraid of us."

"What makes you think so?"

"Because we know you. We have followed you for a long time, although you do not know it yourself. Do not be surprised, for you are not the only one; by now we have many acquaintances among the men of Earth."

"Who, for example? Do I know one? For instance, is there anyone in Finland?"

"You will know later. All we ask is that as soon as you have the opportunity, you spread information about us. Tell them about us this way: we exist and we wish the people well, and we wish that they would stick to the facts regarding us, making neither religions and legends, nor campaigns of fear about us. Do not force them to 'believe' in us."

"Is there nothing else that I could tell?"

"This time we will not tell you anything else, but you will learn more next time."

"I would like to see you in the same way as you know and see me: come to the courtyard."

"It is not possible."

"Come to that rock."

"Not even that is possible."

"There is a lot of space on the sports ground."

The voice did not reply and N.N. says he went behind the skating rink where he waited for 10 minutes but nobody joined him, whereupon he thought: "Is it like this when one goes mad?"

He then walked very slowly back home, and after about an hour the same light fell on the same spot and rippled in a way resembling the rippling of air in sunshine. N.N. switched off the ceiling lamp and sat down. At the same time, so he says, the streak of light approached him slowly and coiled around his shoulders. The feeling was like a pressure on the shoulders which, however, was not enough to pull him.

"You did not go out there," said N.N.

"We could not come, as there are so many dogs in Töölö."

"What on earth have the dogs of Töölö to do with where we meet?"

"We investigated the situation there. It has something to do with it. The device with which we are moving can be made soundless and, if need be, invisible also, but it is emitting such a high-pitched noise that it can be heard by animals, especially dogs, and we cannot eliminate this sound. Dogs become furious on hearing

it. They can be dangerous and attack men."

"What is this thing?" asked N.N., and he touched the streak of light with his hand, although he did not feel anything. There was no reply. "O.K., let it be whatever you like. Perhaps it is a massaging apparatus. Could you massage my back with it? My back has been ailing of late."

The streak of light began to squeeze. It loosened its grip, moved and squeezed again, and continued this way over the whole back.

"We will keep your back in good condition."

N.N. states that at the conclusion of the massage the light got brighter.

"Can't you reduce that light of yours? It hurts my eyes," he grumbled.

"Does this suit you?"—whereupon the streak of light began to squeeze hard.

"Do not squeeze so hard, I'm suffocating." The grip returned as it had been.

"How can we arrange that meeting?"

"We haven't time on this trip," said the voice. "We have to leave soon, as we have to stick to the timetable. We will come back after two years."

"Why not until then? Why not sooner?"

"The solar system from which we come, and this one of yours, will be in the most favourable reciprocal position. Go then to a desert, to the kind of place where there are no people, and no domestic animals near you. We will join you there."

"How would you like it if I were to smell of liquor, or tobacco?"

"It would not disturb us. It is no concern of ours, because it is a matter for you yourself."

"Now tell us something . . ." There followed a short pause, then: "We have to leave now, as we have agreed on a meeting in another place. Farewell."

Suddenly, says N.N., the streak of light was no longer present and the bright colourless light went out as suddenly. All that was left was a slight smell of disinfectant at the spot near where it had been.

Ocean Oddity

OUR thanks are extended to reader **David Weidl** of Hopewell, New Jersey, U.S.A., for drawing our attention to the following item which appeared in the locally-circulated *Evening Times* (issue of August 23, 1971):

"MANASQUAN — A fishing trawler working off the coast near here has dredged up a mystery of the sea, a U.S. Navy spokesman said today.

"The fishing boat, the Zerda out of Gloucester, Mass., late yesterday netted a three-foot-diameter metal sphere weighing about 1,500 pounds which the Navy has been unable to identify.

"According to Martin Monahan, information officer at the Earle Naval Ammunition Depot, the object was first thought to be a bomb or mine.

"But, Monahan said, a Naval explosive demolition team, flown out to the trawler last night by the U.S. Coast Guard, couldn't identify it.

" 'Right now, we're not sure what it is,' he said. 'The team went through our ordnance records to see what it might be but it doesn't look like anything we've heard of. The only thing we're sure of is that it's old.'

"The 92-foot-long, 159-ton trawler radioed the Coast Guard that she found the device about 5 p.m. yesterday, 33 miles southeast of Manasquan."

In his covering letter Mr. Weidl writes that John A. Keel's article on "Mystery Aeroplanes of the 1930s" [in four parts in FSR] reminds him of a foo-fighter account of two pilots who, on the night of December 24, 1944, sighted a glowing red ball, which changed into an aeroplane shape, did a "wing over, dived and disappeared." [Any further information on this?—EDITOR.]

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UFO events in Missouri 1857-1971

Ted Phillips

Our contributor has been active in UFO investigation with the Mid-West UFO Network and with APRO, and also as a staff member of Skylook over the past six years. Some of the material in this report was submitted to and published in the APRO Bulletin[1] and in Skylook[2] magazine.

IN my investigation of reports of unidentified flying objects in the state of Missouri over the past seven years, I have filed a total of 309 cases, to date. Of this total, 251 have been reported since 1966. I have on file 17 cases reported before 1947, all of these taking place during the 1897 wave.

Of the total, 3% stand as unknowns; 27% as possible unknowns; 8% as possible conventional objects; 5% as conventional objects and the remaining 57%, insufficient information.

To my knowledge there have been 20 cases involving landings, 3 of these have left landing marks at the site. Of the landing cases, 16 took place at night, 4 in daylight. Witnesses reported occupants in 4 of the 20 cases.

There have been 6 reports of animal reaction, involving turkeys, cattle and dogs.

Electromagnetic effects have been reported in 6 cases, with witnesses reporting engine failures in automobiles and trucks. In one instance, a wrist watch was reportedly stopped together with the automobile engine.

Unusual objects have been reported flying in formations in 11 cases, these reports indicate objects ranging in numbers from 2 to 8.

Photographs have been taken in 7 instances, 5 at night, 2 in daylight.

The numbers of witnesses involved is as follows: 1 witness—59 cases; 2 witnesses—57; 3 witnesses—17; 4 witnesses—11; 5 or more witnesses—29 cases. In the remaining cases, the number of witnesses was not determined.

Table 1—TOTAL CASES PER MONTH

JANUARY:	31	AUGUST:	13
FEBRUARY:	22	SEPTEMBER:	15
MARCH:	74	OCTOBER:	18
APRIL:	22	NOVEMBER:	22
MAY:	11	DECEMBER:	10
JUNE:	9	UNKNOWN:	41
JULY:	21		

Table 2—TOTAL SIGHTINGS PER YEAR

1857: 1	1948: 1	1958: 2	1966: 21
1859: 1	1951: 1	1960: 4	1967: 76
1875: 1	1952: 8	1961: 2	1968: 19
1881: 1	1953: 3	1962: 1	1969: 101
1886: 1	1955: 4	1963: 2	1970: 28
1896: 1	1956: 3	1964: 1	1971: 3
1897: 11	1957: 5	1965: 6	

The following represent the highest rated cases in the various categories . . .

FORMATIONS—11 cases

November, 1881, St. Joseph, Missouri

At least 7 people observed what appeared to be a formation of fifty lights in the night sky. The lights formed a perfect pyramid near the moon. A light was seen moving at a high rate of speed in the north-east, it stopped, was followed by four more, these stopped in a direct line behind the first. This was followed by a large number of the lights "all of which were wonderfully brilliant, which formed a triangular shape. In this shape they remained for fully half an hour, apparently stationary. At the end of the half hour they began to break ranks, or take their departure, and the move was made as systematically as it was formed, and about as coolly and deliberately as a company of well-disciplined soldiers would disband or obey an order." The lights disappeared into the distance at a high rate of speed. (This report is taken from *The Saints' Herald*, Lamoni, Iowa, Vol. 28, No. 23, December 1, 1881.)

1952, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri

Several witnesses reported a formation of 5 oval, glowing objects over the Lake of the Ozarks. The sighting took place at night and the objects glowed with a bright orange colour. The 5 UFOs hovered near the ground for some 2 minutes, ascended vertically and disappeared.

DAYLIGHT, CLOSE RANGE—12 cases

August 25, 1967, Eldon, Missouri

16.00 hrs. Mr. and Mrs. John W. were driving home from Eldon when Mrs. W. noticed an egg-shaped object in the south. The object was moving quite slowly towards the south-west. Mrs. W. watched the object for over a minute before calling her husband's attention to it. They both watched it as they turned towards it on a gravel road heading south. It seemed to be quite close and very low; they estimated the altitude at 800ft. It was about 40° to 50° above the horizon and they could hear no sound. The object was reflecting sunlight; the sun was above and to the west (right) of it. After about 4 to 5 minutes the object suddenly became circular in shape and disappeared.

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[1] *Bulletin of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation*, 3910 East Kleindale Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712, U.S.A.

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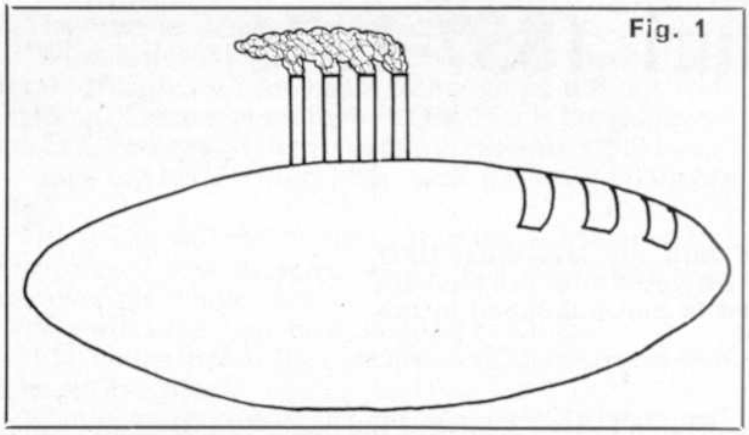


Fig. 1

It was described as egg-shaped, silver in colour, and no seams or markings were visible. At the top, front section there were 3 small "windows." They were about the same colour as the object. On the top section there were 4 "pipes." There was a dark grey smoke or haze coming from the pipes. The haze was not thick and did not trail the object. It was moving much slower than a piston aircraft at the same altitude. It seemed to be solid and metallic. (See sketch No. 1.)

November 24, 1967, Tuscumbia, Missouri

09.30 hrs. Mrs. Clara K. was hanging clothes in her backyard when she saw a bright, silver-coloured object approaching from the west. The object turned and from a side view appeared to be cone-shaped, there were red, white and grey bands around it. The objects proceeded to describe a 360° turn, it made three complete circles and disappeared to the west. The object moved with a very smooth and even motion and there was no sound.

LANDING CASES—20 reports

May, 1967, Cassville, Missouri

2330 hrs. The witnesses, an adult female and a 16-year-old girl, were driving on highway 76 when they observed a large greyish-coloured object sitting on the left lane of the highway. As they approached the object it was completely dark, no lights were visible on the object. The object covered the entire left lane (12ft.) and extended some 3ft. over the right lane and about the same distance over the shoulder on the left side, giving it a length of about 18ft. The UFO was egg-shaped and about 10 to 12ft. thick.

The young girl became quite frightened and the driver pulled on to the right shoulder in order to miss the object. As the automobile passed by the object at a distance of less than 2ft., the witnesses saw a diffused, circular light. The light was yellow-white and about 2ft. across. The light was soft and seemed to be shining through a sort of grillework. Extending from the light and down to the lower edge there was a grille similar to the front of a trailer truck.

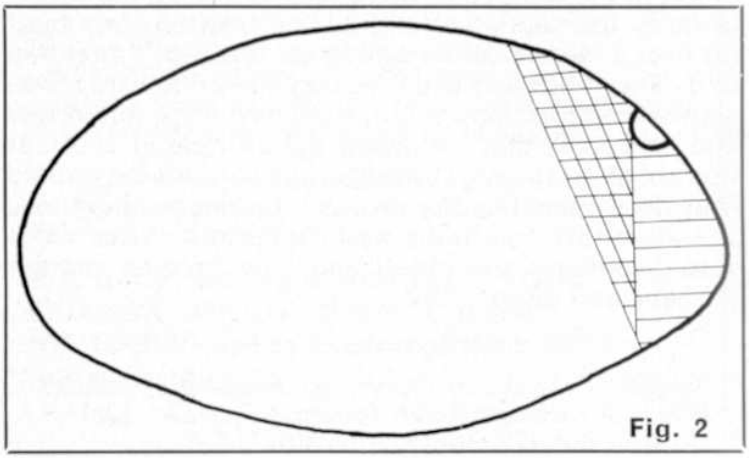


Fig. 2

After passing the object the observers looked back to see that the end extending over the highway was now illuminated with a yellow-white light also, and it seemed to be coming from behind a grillework of some sort. The weather was good, no fog or clouds. The witness drove home, a drive of about 25 minutes, and then returned with her husband to the site. No traces were found and the object had disappeared. The witness learned later that several young people had reported a similar object. (See sketch No. 2.)

February 14, 1967, South Central Missouri

07.00 hrs. The witness, a farmer, was walking towards a large barn located some 100ft. east of his house when he noticed one of his cows looking out into a field east of the barn. He then saw an object on the ground about 335ft. from him. It was resting on a rise in the field. He walked to the north-east corner of the barn and could see the object and several small "objects" moving below it. They were moving quite rapidly and seemed to have arms or levers which were also moving rapidly. The "objects" were about the same colour as the object and had what appeared to be wide set eyes or a visor. He could not see any legs.

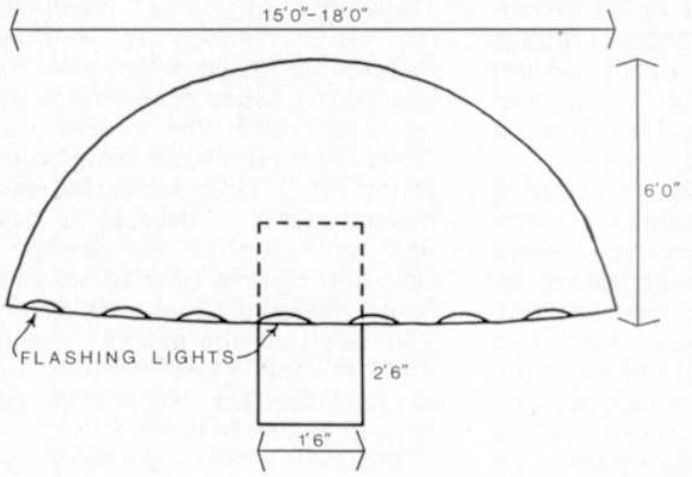
The witness started towards the object and as he reached a fence he picked up two large rocks. The object was a disc, rounded at the top, flattened at the base. It was some 12 to 15ft. in diameter and about 6ft. thick. It was sitting on a shaft some 2½ft. high and 18in. in diameter. The UFO was grey-green in colour, the shaft being the same colour. The surface of the object was described as being more like silk than metal. There were no seams or rivets visible. Around the lower rim there were several oblong holes, each being 6 to 8in. long and spaced about 1ft. apart. There was an extremely bright light in the holes; the light was changing colours constantly. There was no sound at any time.

As the witness approached the object, the small creatures or "objects" started entering the shaft on the side away from the witness. At the closest point, the witness was about 80ft. away. The witness moved to within 30ft. and threw one of the rocks at the UFO, the rock hit something 15ft. from it and fell to the ground. He tossed the second rock at the top and it skipped off of the invisible field with no sound. The gentleman then walked up to the point where the first rock had hit and could get no closer. He stated that there was "just a pressure" which stopped him.

"Thus he was within 15ft. of the object; the ground was well illuminated as the sun was just rising. The UFO started to rock back and forth. It did this six times before it took off. "When it took off it just rocked back and moved real fast to that ridge (to the north-east). It made no sound and disappeared in seconds." As the object ascended, the shaft was pulled up into the base. There were no ground markings although the ground was muddy at the site. Compare

Fig. 3

Fig. 4



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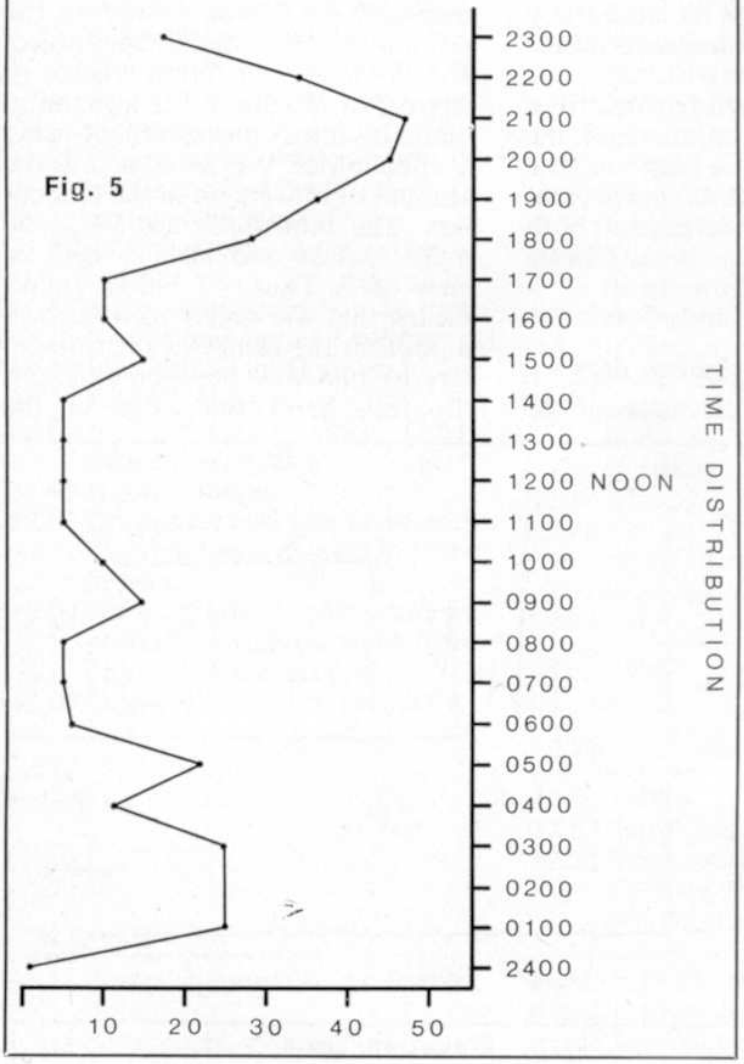

this object with the one seen in Brazil (see photograph, page 13, January/February 1969 issue of *Flying Saucer Review* illustrating the article entitled "Humanoids Encountered at Baleia—Part 2." See also sketches 3 and 4 with this article). This account was published in the *APRO Bulletin*, September/October 1969 issue.

ANIMAL REACTION—6 cases

March 6, 1969, Lancaster, Missouri

11.00 hrs. The witness, an adult female, was driving home with her St. Bernard dog sleeping in the back seat. Suddenly the dog started barking and jumped into the front seat. The hair stood up on its back and it suddenly acted as if it had been struck. It seemed to be frightened and began to whimper and tried to get under the front seat and dash. At this point the witness saw a beam of light shining on the road just ahead. She looked up through the windshield and saw a silver disc-shaped object hovering above the road. It appeared to be metal with a raised or domed section at the top; she could see no other details on the object.

The light beam, which was blue-white in colour, was coming from a small opening in the base of the UFO. The beam was extremely bright, and the road beyond was distorted as though by heat waves. The automobile was travelling at about 50-55 miles per hour and as it passed through the beam it slowed to about 10 miles per hour; the accelerator was pushed to the floor. After passing through the beam, the car picked up speed and ran smoothly again. The witness stated that she could feel no heat and did not hear any sound. The witness stated that her eyes were irritated for about three days following the incident.

MULTIPLE WITNESS CASES—114 reports

January 2, 1969, Springfield, Missouri

20.30 hrs. Two Greene County Sheriff's Deputies were called to a location near Springfield where a strange object had been seen. When they arrived they observed a disc-shaped object some 400ft. from them. They were at the top of a hill and almost level with the object. It appeared as a glowing white disc with a reddish band around the centre. As they watched, a single-engined aircraft flew into the area. The aircraft turned and circled the UFO and flew *OVER* it. As it did so, the aircraft banked as if to get a good look at it. While the aircraft was near the object the officers could estimate its relative size. They estimated the object to be about 160ft. in diameter. The light plane finally left the area and shortly afterward the UFO moved away at high speed to the west. The officers could not identify the aircraft and the pilot was not located.

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These are but a few of the really hard cases which have been reported in the state. I do hope they will provide at least a brief picture of what has been, and is being seen, in Missouri.

YOUR CLIPPINGS of newspaper items are very welcome, We apologise here for being generally unable to acknowledge these items as the pressure of work on our tiny staff and on our postage resources is too great. However, please do not be deterred by this seeming lack of courtesy. We really do appreciate anything you care to send.

UFO Observed over Tynemouth

B. M. W. von Metz

OBSERVATION of the object was made by myself and Mr. Geoffrey O'Brady-Jones on August 15-16, 1971. Mr. O'Brady-Jones is an engineer who lives up the street from me in Percy Gardens, Tynemouth, Northumberland. He came along the street while I was watching the object, and that was our very first meeting. His subsequent statement, which I quote here, sums up the circumstances of the sighting and the manner the object was observed:

"At 11.20 p.m., on the evening of August 15, I was walking eastwards along Percy Street, Tynemouth. Percy Street forms a T-junction with the top of Percy Gardens, and my flat at the top of Percy Gardens directly faces east with a view over King Edward's Bay. Tynemouth Castle lies at about 250 yards to the south-east.

"My thoughts that evening were certainly not centred on unusual things happening in the sky. In fact, certain personal things were occupying my mind. It was then that a gentleman approached me, whom I now know to be Mr. von Metz. Without preamble, he said he had noticed this strange light in the sky to the south as he was walking back through Tynemouth village to his flat in Percy Gardens. Further to this, and much to his astonishment, the thing had moved rapidly eastwards until it was directly over the north-west tower of Tynemouth Castle. He asked me if I would observe this object with him. I was immediately intrigued. I looked to where he indicated, and sure enough there was the rather prominent object with a definite orange glow. To the naked eye it did not appear like anything I had seen before. At that time, 11.20 p.m., it was directly above the castle.

"We then proceeded northwards, past my flat and down to von Metz's flat and there we decided that it would be interesting to observe the object in a more scientific and analytical way. Von Metz then went in and brought out his binoculars and telescope; also paper and pen. We went into an ornamental garden opposite his flat and took up a stationary position there to commence observation.

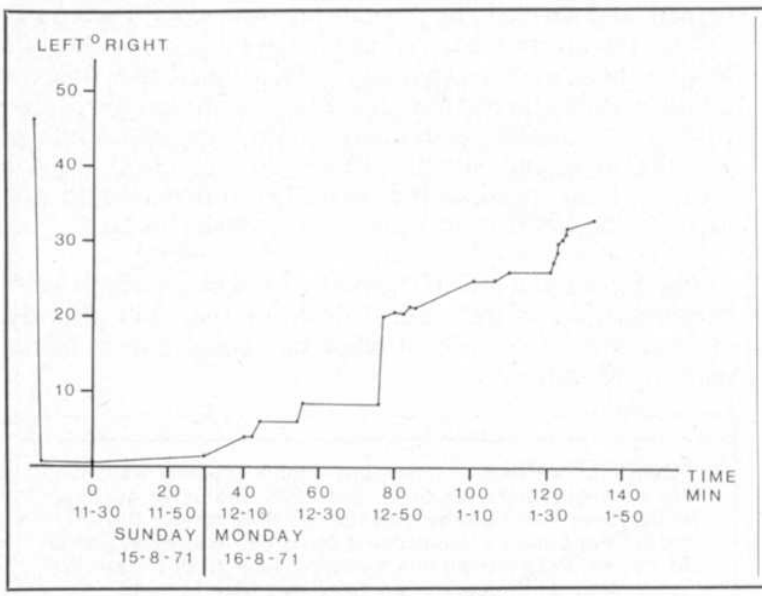
"The enclosed narrative describes our mutual observations and the results of these can be seen from the graphs and sketches. We have carefully checked every detail, and both agree that our account is as accurate as we could possibly make it.

—G. R. O'Brady-Jones."

Background to the sighting data

To measure the elevation of the object, a line was drawn from the top of the west tower of Tynemouth Castle and taken across the sky; the object was then measured by the number of fingers up from that line with my arms at full stretch and hands turned in at 90° to the arms. Thus, "four fingers up" means that the UFO climbed to a height represented by the thickness of four fingers, my hands being in line with my eyes, and the middle three fingers of my left hand being used to count up. I later converted these measurements to degrees of elevation and graphed the change in elevation against time to see if the object moved with uniform motion. The fact that the motion was not uniform for most of the time suggests that the object was not a natural heavenly body.

Motion across the sky was measured by noting points on the ground directly under the object and I later converted these to degrees of motion in the horizontal plane by direct measurement using a theodolite. We also noted the amount of movement in the binoculars. The binoculars are 10 × 50 night glasses and have a field of view of 5. Thus, "¼ binoc. right" means that the object moved from a point in the centre of the binoculars to mid-way between this and the right-hand side edge of the



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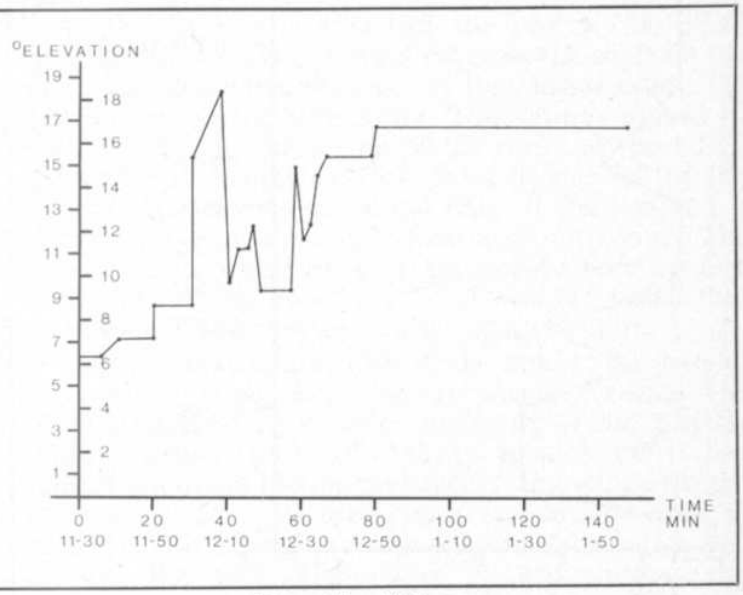


Elevation/Time

field of view. A telescope was used to obtain drawings of the object and this was mounted on a tripod to eliminate shake. A compass was used to see if there was any variation in the direction the needle pointed, to check on any magnetic fields. None were recorded.

The sky was clear with no clouds of any description visible in the sky in any direction. The stars were very bright and the Milky Way was very clear to the naked eye. The planet Mars was very clear and followed its normal course. No sound was heard from the object, and in fact there were very few sounds from anywhere, this being late on Sunday night.

This report is an exact copy of the notes I took at the time. The numbers in brackets refer to the horizontal movements of the object in degrees. The graphed results of these and the vertical movement are included at the end. All measurements were agreed by both of us unless otherwise stated. The original notes are open to inspection, provided that anyone wishing to see them comes to inspect that at my home.

Sighting Report (11.15 p.m. Sunday to 1.52 a.m. Monday)

11.15 I saw object above chimney of largest building near the east end of Front Street. Large and yellow. Hovering. Suddenly it moved with great speed to the left (east) and hovered over Tynemouth Castle (44°). I looked around for a witness.

11.20 Stopped a man in the street, whom I now know to be O'Brady - Jones. Explained movement to him and aroused his interest. We decided to go down the street to my house to get measuring instruments and to make a proper set of notes of movement.

11.30 Got out binoculars, telescope on tripod, paper, pen and compass.

11.35 Object over west corner of north face of west tower of castle, 4 fingers up.

11.40 4½ fingers up; slight move to right.

11.43 Slight move right in binocs. *Object spinning and pulsing.*

11.50 Up vertical to 5½ fingers.

11.55 Right ½ binoc.

12.00 No movement since 11.55, then up vertical to 10 fingers.

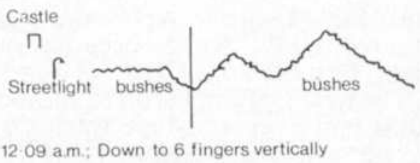
12.05 Right ¼ binoc.

12.07 Brightness and size increased. Coming towards us. Up to 12 fingers.

12.09 See diagram. At this point we plotted movement right from objects on the ground.

12.09 Down to 6 fingers vertically.

FIG.1



12·09 a.m.; Down to 6 fingers vertically

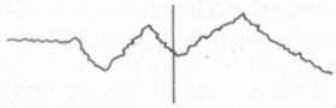
12.11 Up to 7 fingers. No movement right.

12.14 No change.

12.15 Moved ½ binoc. right.

12.16 Up to 8 fingers (2°).

FIG.2



12·16 a.m.; Up to 8 fingers–(2°)

12.18 Down to 6 fingers.

12.22 Same position.

12.26 Moved right ½ binoc. (2°).

12.27 Sudden movement up to 10 fingers.

12.29 Down to 7 fingers. No movement right.

12.31 Up to 8 fingers.

12.33 Very much bigger in binoculars. Brighter. *Spinning clearly.* Moved up to 9½ fingers.

12.35 Up to 10 fingers. Red glow noticed at 7 o'clock by both of us. O'Brady-Jones noticed a blue tinge at 2 o'clock.

12.38 Definite red glow. Same position.

12.39 Both confirm blue tinge at 2 o'clock.

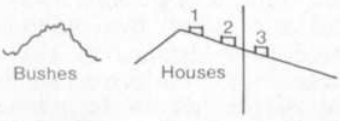
12.40 No change.

12.42 Shooting star seen—fourth tonight so far. No change in position.

12.47 Moved ½ binoc. right.

12.48 Up to 11 fingers and large move to right (12°).

FIG.3



12·48 a.m.; Up to 11 fingers and large move right–(12°)

12.51 Now over 3rd chimney (½°).

12.53 Same position.

12.55 Very much bigger in binocs. Coming this way. Now over 4th chimney (½°).

At this point, as the object was very big in the binoculars, we decided to try and draw it. We each made an independent sketch without seeing the one the other had made. The definition was poor because of hand shake.

01.01 von Metz sketch.

FIG.4; 1·01 a.m. (V.M.)

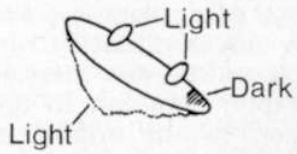
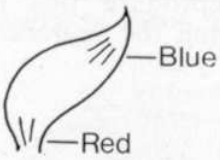


FIG.5; 1·04 a.m. (O'Brady–Jones)



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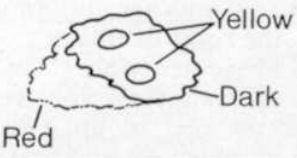


01.04 O'Brady-Jones sketch.

DIAGRAMS IV, V and VI

01.10 von Metz sketch.

01.11 Moved right to chimney 7 (½°). Same height.

01.13 Same position.

01.14 Same position.

01.15 Same position.

01.20 Moved ¼ binoc. right.

We now decided to set up the telescope on a tripod to try to draw the object without the hand shake that had made the last set of drawings useless. Again, we drew the object independently of each other.

FIG.7; 1·26 a.m. (V.M.)

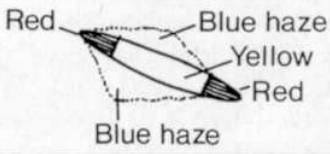
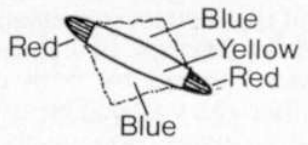


FIG.8; 1·28 a.m.(O'Brady–Jones)



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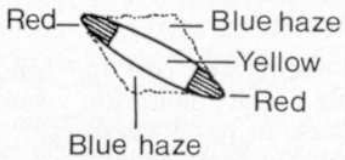


01.26 von Metz sketch.
01.28 O'Brady-Jones.
01.30 von Metz sketch.

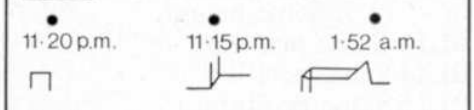
Note: All drawings were identical.

We now continued to track the object which was moving at a constant height but in an erratic manner. In the original notes, I drew the position at each separate movement, then marked off the time. I reproduce this here by simply giving the degrees of shift right.

01.32 ½°.
01.33 1½°.
01.34 2°.
01.35 1½°.
01.36 1°.
01.38 Saw another shooting star to the right of object.
01.45 Movement only ½° since 01.36.

At this point we were very cold, so we decided to go back to the point at which we had first seen the object, to see how much it had moved since then.

FIG.10



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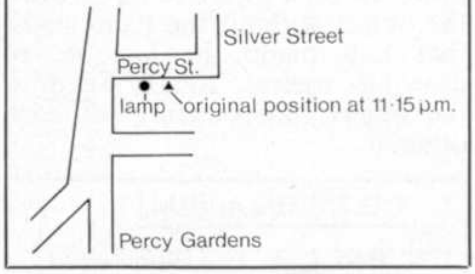


At 01.52 a.m. we gave up the sighting due to the cold. We had marked the spot in Percy Gardens where we had stood.

On Monday morning I called in on the Police. They inspected the notes, equipment, and point at which we had stood and pronounced the notes to be genuine. The Superintendent in charge advised me to get in touch with the Ministry of Defence. This I did, but was told by the girl on the telephone that no department exists to deal with such things. I then rang Robert Chapman of the *Sunday Express* and gave all the information to him. [Our thanks are extended to Mr. Chapman for putting FSR and *Case Histories* in touch with Mr. von Metz—EDITOR.]

I am of the opinion that the object was solid and under some kind of control. I am not going to speculate as to what the object was, but I am convinced that the object was *not* a balloon, star, planet, meteorite, cloud reflection or refraction. It is possible, but unlikely, that it was a secret weapon belonging to this or another nation. I am a physicist, and teach mathematics at the moment to senior secondary boys. I am also well conversant with astronomy and have never seen an object of this kind before. Until now I have had an open mind on what are termed, rather stupidly, "Flying Saucers."

Readers' Reports

Flashing light in the night

Dear Sir,—Recently I have been reading much about UFOs and other aerial phenomena, like ball lightning, in my young brother's *Countdown* comics. This morning, at 0455 hours (Wednesday, November 10), I saw something which I find hard to explain.

My job involves night work on the overhead electric cables on British Rail's London-Shoeburyness electrified line, and on the morning in question I was working near Pitsea, Essex. Suddenly there was a tremendous blue flash which lit up the surrounding sky and ground, the type of flash one associates with very high electrical currents, and even though I suspected that the flash originated from a high altitude, I still thought it possible that it could have been caused by a fault in the overhead cables. I then got in touch with our electrical control operator, using a phone by the side of the track, and found out that no faults had been recorded in the overhead cables.

However, two colleagues of mine, one a quarter of a mile away at Pitsea and the other five miles away at Stanford-le-Hope, had also seen the same thing, and like myself had made use of the nearest telephone. Fortunately my friend at Stanford-le-Hope had spotted the exact location of the occurrence and, over the telephone, using the moon and stars as a guide, advised me as to the exact area of the sky in which to look. Together, at an altitude of approximately 10,000ft., we saw a cloud of smoke, clearly visible in the reflected light of the moon. Since it was a cold, frosty night, with no clouds in the sky, I can think of no normal explanation for this. In the stillness of the night aircraft are very clearly heard, and at this particular time it was absolutely silent. Also it was definitely not a flare from a ship in distress.

I am 100% sure that it was an instantaneous electrical discharge or explosion.

In all the cases that I have read no one has ever witnessed a UFO with any kind of technical malfunction or difficulty in maintaining a correct flying altitude. Taking this a step further, is it at all possible that this was a UFO with an advanced electrical propulsion system literally blowing up because of some unknown malfunction? Surely even advanced civilisations are not exempt from having occasional aerial catastrophes?

Yours faithfully,
D. Walden, Eastbury Avenue, Rochford, Essex.

[*An interesting report. I am sure that even advanced civilisations would have malfunctions: it is also possible that extraterrestrial visitors*, or whoever else may be responsible for the UFO phenomena, *may have wished to draw the attention of "interested" railway electrical night workers near Pitsea for reasons best known to themselves!*—EDITOR.]

Great Yarmouth lights

Dear Sir,—I wish to report two sightings of UFOs which occurred last night, October 26, 1971.

The first sighting occurred at about 10.50 p.m., when my eye was caught by an extremely bright whitish red light moving across the sky from East to West at a high speed. The sky was about half covered with cloud, fairly thick, and fairly low. The light was so

bright that it could be seen when the UFO went behind the cloud. I listened to find out if it was a jet plane flying rather low, but there was no sound at all.

I don't think that the object was a jet plane; first it was far too big for an aeroplane, and also the wrong shape, for it seemed to be cigar-, or pencil-shaped, flying horizontally across the sky. Secondly, it was far too bright for an aeroplane, I have never seen an aeroplane which has lights bright enough to be seen through fairly thick cloud. Thirdly it was going at a very fast speed, much faster than any of the biggest freight planes. Fourthly, a jet plane flying at a fairly low altitude would make a lot of noise.

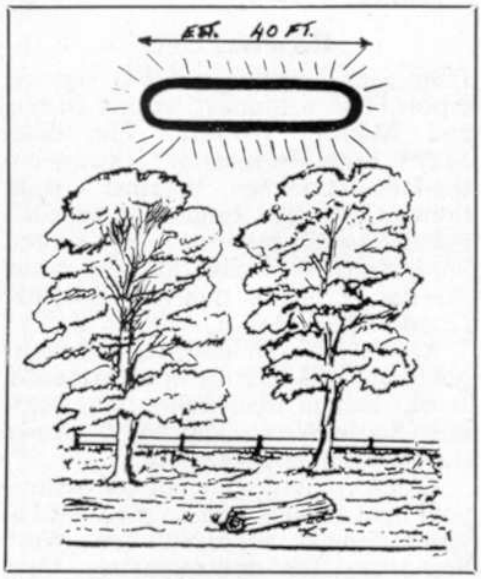
After the first sighting I found a pencil and paper to make some notes, and while I was doing this I happened to look up at the sky, and I saw two objects travelling side by side at a fairly fast speed. They were travelling in a South-North direction, keeping in an even formation all the time. The colour of the objects seemed to be plain white, but at height colours cannot be distinguished very easily.

The second sighting could possibly have been two aeroplanes, apart from the fact that they were going too fast. Because they were flying high they were smaller, and also not as bright as the first sighting.

Yours faithfully,
Christopher Brown, Albany Road, Southtown, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

Scottish taxi-driver's experience

Dear Sir,—At approximately 1.00 a.m., June 21, 1969, a friend of mine, Sandy McKillop, who was employed with a taxi firm in Irvine, was returning to base along the Shewalton road when he encountered an unusual spectre. At the bend ahead he noticed a group of trees which appeared to be on fire, but when he neared the trees he noticed a fiery glowing disc hovering just above.



Mr. Jobes' sketch of object seen by Sandy McKillop

Approaching along the road from the opposite direction was another car, which stopped to view the strange craft which hovered for a few seconds. The object then disappeared straight up into the cloudless sky at a fantastic velocity, and making no sound. Both drivers hurriedly made off in their respective directions until Sandy reached the taxi base in Irvine where he was questioned about the "shooting star," reported by another taxi driver seen travelling over the Shewalton area.

Sandy commented that what he saw was certainly not a shooting star, but whatever it was terrified both him and the other driver (who, unfortunately, is unknown).

He also states that he doesn't *believe* in flying saucers, but what he saw that morning alarmed him and left him bewildered.

Enclosed is a sketch made under his supervision which I hope will be of interest to your readers.

Yours truly,
William Jobes, Herbertson Crescent, Irvine, Ayrshire, Scotland.

Sir,—At approximately 10.11 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 1970, my husband called me to the kitchen window to watch, as he thought, a "Sputnik" in the sky. It was moving very slowly, and we followed its course for about eight minutes, expecting it to disappear eventually from our sight. Instead, it remained stationary for about a minute, and appeared first to go white like a star, then it glowed a dull red. Suddenly to our surprise it seemed to burst into a great brilliant white dazzling ball, and then it seemed to turn. It went back to normal colour, and sped back from whence it came in a manner *entirely different* to the first slow approach. It then remained stationary for two more minutes, and disappeared from sight.

We were so taken aback that we phoned the *Evening News* "News Desk" to see if anyone else had experienced the same event. Our name and address was taken. This definitely was not an aeroplane, because they pass overhead all night, and the coloured lights can be seen blinking quite plainly.

Mrs. R. Herrnicht, 8 Viking House, Denmark Road, Camberwell, London SE5.

Smoking UFO?

Dear Sir,—On Wednesday, October 27, 1971, between 12.15 and 12.30 p.m., a friend and myself were walking down Queensway in Bletchley, when I noticed a trail of smoke in the sky, and a little in front of it a small silvery object with a jet of flame at its base. This was looking up into the west. Our first thoughts were that it might be an aeroplane with one of its engines on fire, but after considering the amount of flame we discounted this as ridiculous. It was very difficult to see the shape of the silvery object, but I am positive that it was *not* an aeroplane. After a while the flame disappeared and smoke again started gushing from the base, and the object seemed to shoot up into space.

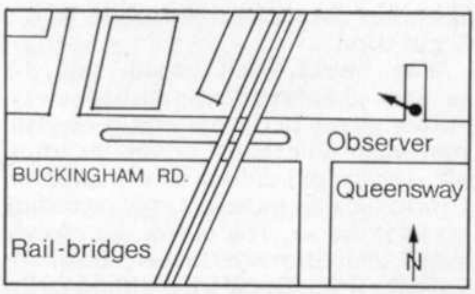


FIG.1; Observer's position.

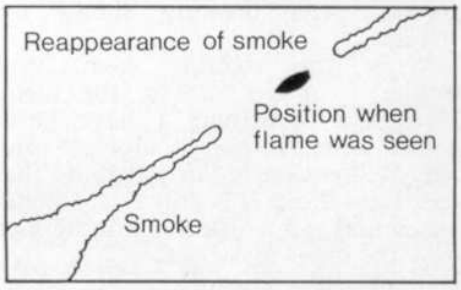


FIG.2; The U.F.O.

I thought nothing more about the incident until my mother pointed out to me an article in the *Evening Post* (the local evening paper) about an unidentified flying object seen by a family at Cosgrove at about the same time. The description also fitted mine and my friend's.

Yours truly,
T. David Airs, Newton Longville, Bletchley, Bucks.

UFO with "metal plates"

Dear Sir,—As you know, there was something of a classical UFO sighting over London last year. This phenomenon was witnessed by many in the city.

A friend of mine, Alan Williamson, who now lives in Middlesex was one of those who observed this and following correspondence from myself included various questions from a "Project Bluebook" questionnaire.

I have summarised it thus:

Although the actual date of the sighting is now forgotten by Mr. Williamson other facts still seem clear.

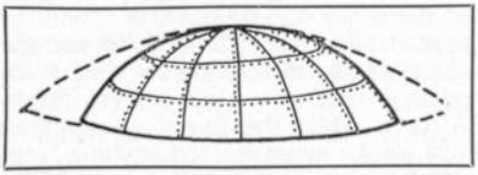
The sighting, which lasted about 10 seconds, took place at 8.00 p.m. The sky was clear and the object was in

open air, the weather was mild with a slight wind.

The object itself stood still 3-5 seconds then suddenly rushed away. Although not perfectly certain—he can remember no exhaust or vapour trails, etc. It changed colour as it moved off (from metallic to bright red), speeding up as it did so. The object did change shape, but did not flicker, throb or pulsate. It appeared solid although the edges were blurred.

Mr. Williamson estimates that although unable to give an accurate guess as to its size, it was "bigger than the house it was above."

Lastly the UFO was giving off a glow, humming and seemed to be constructed with metal plates. A drawing made of it appears thus:



When I said that it changed its appearance, I meant it lengthened slightly. The drawing shows the change.

While this sighting seems very similar to many others, the metal plates are something I have never before come across in ufology—and Mr. Williamson is fairly definite that they were there. It is only this, I think, which makes it a little more mysterious than the other mysteries.

Yours truly,

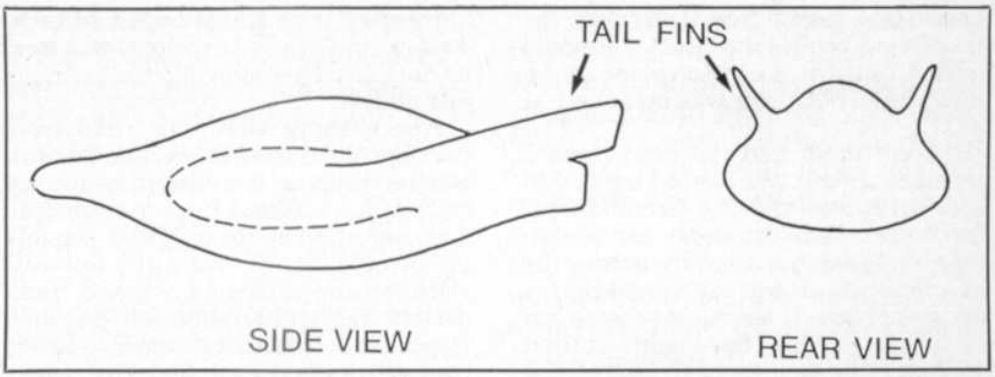
Graham C. Chalk, 15 Premier Road, Plains Farm, Sunderland, Co. Durham.

Landing on Winkleigh Airfield

Sir,—This report was sent to the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) in 1966, and I have taken the details of the sighting from their report form No. 124. The sighting took place from 0450 to 0500 hours in early May, 1957, on the disused runway of Winkleigh airfield, North Devon (I believe this airfield is now used by private aircraft).

The main witness was Mr. Payne of Yeovil, Somerset,* who was driving a bulk milk tanker, and had pulled on to the edge of the airfield to have some coffee about half an hour before sunrise. One other person saw the object on the ground and several are believed to have seen it in the air, but no one dared report what they had seen. As this witness said: "Who would believe me? I reported it to no one."

The object appeared to be about as long as an airliner and 28 to 30ft. high, looking rather like a submarine with two large fins (see drawing made by witness). It appeared to be metallic



and was glowing a fluorescent blue. It was first seen to the south-west and after taking off it flew north-west until lost from sight.

I give below Mr. Payne's own account of the incident in full:

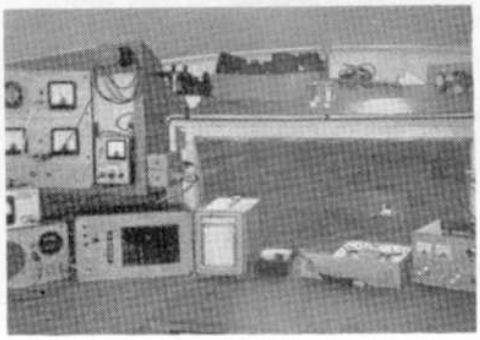
"On the morning in question it was fine, dry and a good light. I pulled on to the perimeter track at about 4.50 a.m. at Winkleigh aerodrome, North Devon, a disused wartime aerodrome, the idea being to drink my flask of coffee. After some minutes I noticed what appeared to be a submarine on the end of the runway. My first thought was, how did that get up there? Also it looked very new. I sat and watched this for some minutes, then thought I would take a closer look and got out of the cab and walked towards it. After getting to within some 200 yards it was impossible to go any closer to it. Just like walking into the sunshine. This was the very first intimation of anything out of the ordinary. Then this thing went straight up like an elevator for about 1,200ft., before going off towards the North Devon coast. The speed was terrific. There was never a noise of any sort. There were no windows, no exhaust, no sort of movement that I could see. Possibly the tail fins were just a little more fluorescent when in motion.

"No green men—nothing. Please, I am not a crank, just a lorry driver. I make no claims as to its identity."

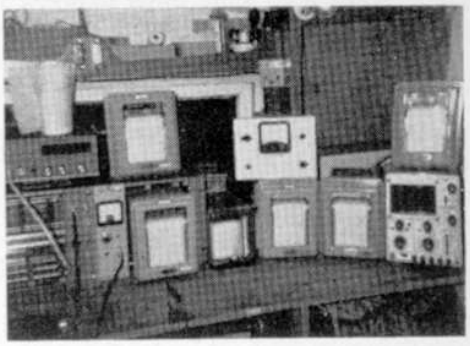
Richard Farrow, Oppegårdsvn 2, Ski, Norway.

Project Warminster

Dear Sir,—I am a member of "Inter-Stella Research"—formerly the active part of "BUFOS"—Bedfordshire UFO Society.



As you may be aware, my colleague, Mr. David R. S. Viewing, gave a lecture to BUFORA on Saturday, September 4, 1971, about our own "Project Warminster." Our aim is to gather high-grade, high-integrity information if an ETV was to pass within



the monitoring range of our caravan of instruments.

I have enclosed Polaroid snaps of some of our equipment. I trust that you and your readers will find them interesting.

At the time of writing, two of our group, Mr. Roger Blackwell and our Chief Engineer, Mr. David Viewing, are at the caravan down at Warminster.

Yours truly,

Robin S. Lindsey, 87 Station Road, Whittlesey, Peterborough, PE7 1UE. September 6, 1971.

Recurring UFO

Dear Sir,—Here is a UFO sighting report. The witnesses: Rosina Bishop and Michael Howard. The date: May 1, 1971. The location: Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex. Weather Conditions: Clear and bright, at approximately 15-20 minutes after sunset. Some stars were visible, also the moon, one day before 1st quarter. Visibility: Good.

At 9.00 p.m., an unidentified yellow-gold light was seen by both witnesses. It was behind trees half-a-mile away, due South-West. The light moved slowly South and went out.

At 9.05 p.m. an unidentified yellow-gold light as large as a 1p piece held at arm's length appeared due West. Stationary for approximately three minutes. Through 7 × 50 binoculars the object could be clearly seen as a

* Full name and address on file, but not for publication.

perfect edge-on disc, studded with yellow-gold "star" lights. Object approached closer to witnesses' viewing point, moving due East. It then retreated and slowly glided South out of view behind the top of a nearby school and trees.

At 9.30 p.m. an unidentified yellow-gold light was observed gliding very low in the South-West, moving due East behind trees. Impression gained through binoculars of a disc-shaped object outlined against street lights. (The witnesses were viewing the object from Harrow Hill, which is 408ft. above sea level.)

N.B.: For half an hour previous to the first sighting both witnesses had observed commercial 'planes from London (Heathrow) Airport taking off and climbing rapidly West-East to the South of the Hill. Between and during the sightings these 'planes were also observed and they did not deviate from their flight path. The witnesses are also familiar with military aircraft lights from 'planes flying into Northolt R.A.F. Airport, and are fully conversant with helicopter lights, tail fin illumination, meteorites, satellites and all other natural phenomena. The object seen was none of these and remains "Unidentified."

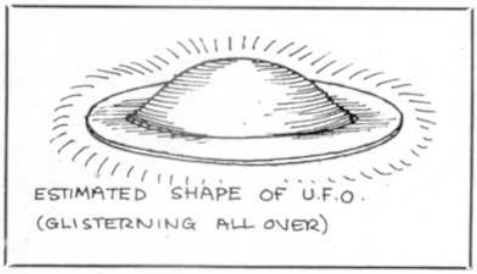
Yours faithfully,

Michael Howard, London Road, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.

UFO and cloud over Essex

Dear Sir,—My husband and I were riding along in our car on Tuesday, October 5, in a country lane at St. Mary's Tey, Upminster, Essex. The time was between 10.30 and 11.00 a.m. The sky was exceptionally clear, the sun was brilliant, and there were just a few wisps of cloud here and there.

I sat back in my seat thinking what a gorgeous day it was, and how good it was we were going to Southend to sit on the pier. I casually looked up to the sky and then at one of the wisps of cloud, and was held fascinated by the sight of an object, whirling around while hanging over this wispy length of cloud. It was very much the shape of



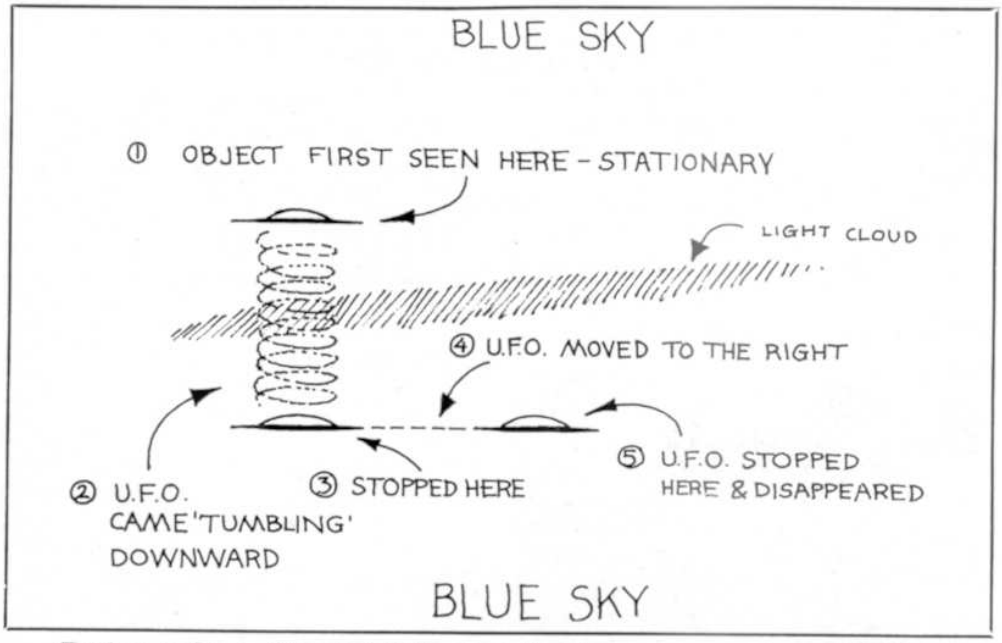
an "oval round", it had no wings or tail, and was definitely not gliding along like an aeroplane. It was silver grey, glittering in the sun—all over, not just the side facing the sun. It came straight through the very narrow cloud, in a straight line although it spun round and round [on its axis?—ED.]. It stopped for a while, then twirling right, it spun round and round and stopped in what looked like a few inches, right underneath the dead centre of this wisp of cloud.

I said to my husband: "What a peculiar object," and tried to focus his eyes to this object, but he had to keep his attention on the bends in the road. I was pointing my finger to the exact spot for him to see, but in the flicker of an eye it vanished. I looked everywhere for it, but it was nowhere to be seen. It was a most exciting thing to see. I am sending you some sketches to show you the shape of the object, also the directions it went.

My son, who is very interested in this, asked me to write and tell you about it.

Yours truly,

Dorothy White, Rusholme Avenue, Dagenham, Essex.



Redrawn from Mrs. White's sketches by her son, Tony White, professional illustrator.

Linked-Globe UFO again

Dear Sir,—I have just received Supplement 5 of *FSR Case Histories* for June, 1971, and read in it the experience of Michel M. Jaffe ("Personal Observation" on pages 11 and 12).

It was a pleasant surprise to me that his sighting tallied with a sighting I made one evening in late June or early July this year.

Between June 26 and July 4 a Baseball Week was held in Haarlem (Haarlem lies some 20 km. west of Amsterdam). All the matches started at 8.00 p.m. and I attended every one of them. The Baseball Stadium on the night in question was crowded.

I cannot remember the exact date, and the time may have been anywhere between 8.00 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. (Generally a match lasted 2½ hours.)

One evening I suddenly noted at about 100 metres to the right of me an object, consisting of two spheres, clearly connected by a link. This object precisely resembled the one seen by Mr. Jaffe, except for the "link" trailing behind the spheres as seen in figures 2 and 3 on pp. 11 and 12 of *Case Histories*, Supplement 5. Besides, the object I saw was brilliant white, both spheres and link. The object Mr. Jaffe spotted was flying in a lengthwise position, but the object I saw was flying sideways, i.e. the spheres formed the sides of the object, not the back and the front.

Each sphere had an apparent diameter of approximately 1in., while the link may have measured 12in. The altitude I'd say was between 500 and 1,000 metres. The object was flying slowly and made no noise, at least no audible noise. I drew the attention of several people to this object. They agreed that it was a peculiar sight, and could give no explanation either. When the object disappeared behind me I stopped looking and concentrated on the game again.

The following night I saw the same phenomenon again. I do not know whether it was the same or a similar object. It was following the same course, or practically so. At one moment I thought I could discern some dark structure, running from the link backwards. However, it was too vague to make anything of it.

I don't know what to make of all this, but had it been some aircraft it sure had a funny shape.

Yours truly,

G. S. Wiersema, Bloemendaal, Holland.

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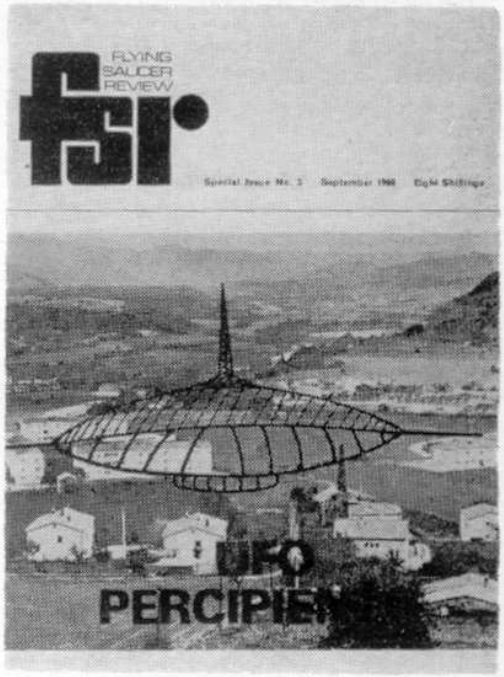

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