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World-Wide Impact

UFO EVIDENCE TO CONGRESS

NICAP's six year report on "The UFO Evidence," submitted to every member of Congress on July 1, has been reported globally and accorded serious treatment in the world press. Congressman John McCormack, Speaker of the House, and Senator Mike Mansfield, Majority Leader, were sent copies by special messenger and asked to request hearings. So far there has been no reaction from the Democratic leadership.

Senator Everett Dirksen, Minority Leader, wrote a NICAP member July 11: "I certainly will look into the document by Major Donald E. Keyhoe. I cannot support government secrecy in these fields unless the national security is involved and I cannot believe that it is."

As expected, the news media have given extensive coverage to the Report. In London, Sunday July 5, the B.B.C. morning news twice announced the publication of NICAP's findings, quoting from the Report. Next day the London Times ran a long article headed: "Flying Saucers or Flights of Fancy? Congress Asked to Decide." The German Press Agency reported July 3 that the document had been sent to Congress. A story also went on the Reuters wire over the July 4 weekend and was printed widely in Europe and South America.

In the United States, two wire services (UPI, July 4 and Chicago Daily News Service, July 13) carried the story. Major newspapers which reported the NICAP document include: the Washington Daily News (July 4); Toronto Globe & Mail (July 6); Miami Herald (July 6); Baltimore Evening Sun (July 10); Christian Science Monitor (July 11); Boston Traveler (series beginning July 15); and Cleveland Plain Dealer (July 19).

A special 1-1/2 hour program discussing the Report was broadcast on KYW radio, July 20. Handling questions in the studio were Earl J. Neff and C.W. Fitch. Col. J. Bryan III, NICAP Board Member, was interviewed by telephone and also answered questions. Moderator was Harv Morgan.

Major Keyhoe, NICAP Director, is tentatively scheduled to appear with Harv Morgan on KYW-TV, Cleveland, over the week-end of August 8-9.

Paul Cerny, Chairman of the Bay Area Subcommittee, was interviewed over KGO-TV, San Francisco, July 13. This was a warm-up for a special half-hour UFO program on the "Golden Gate Story," scheduled on the same station for August 23.

Since publication of the Report, dozens of news agencies, radio and television stations have telephoned or written requesting copies. Several are planning documentary programs. The N.Y. NICAP Subcommittee has taped a program for WCBS radio. As of this writing, the broadcast has not been scheduled (check station for broadcast date).

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Sale of "The UFO Evidence"

Copies of NICAP's 184-page, six-year study of UFOs are available to the general public at \$5.00 each. (See outline, page 2). Price to members is \$4.00 per copy for orders postmarked no later than midnight August 31. After that date, the price will be \$5.00 to everyone. Please make check or money order payable to: NICAP.

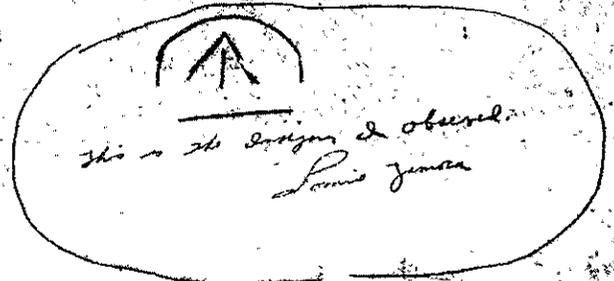
Wave of Close-Range Sightings Reported

A rotating UFO, emitting a hissing sound, hovered "like a humming-bird" over the car of a South Carolina businessman June 29. This was the second car-pacing incident in a week along the Atlantic seaboard, the scene of the most recent UFO activity.

The sighting wave which began late in April, the largest since November 1957, has continued steadily ever since. It has included an unprecedented number of landing, near-landing and close-approach cases.

The first case to be widely publicized was the report of an egg-shaped UFO observed on the ground near Socorro, N.M., April 24 by Officer Lonnie Zamora (see separate story). For about a week the reports were carried on the newswires and made front page headlines in many cities. National TV networks reported

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Officer Lonnie Zamora's sketch of Socorro, N.M. UFO

some of the landing cases, showing films of the sites. Then the news faded off the newswires and front pages. But the reports continued.

The most commonly reported shapes have been oval and disc. Sound has been heard in an unusual number of cases, and body lights have been visible in nighttime sightings.

A family driving on Route 60 near Vero Beach, Florida, June 23 reported that 15-20 glowing yellow discs paced their car about 1:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Harry Taylor, their daughter Linda (17) and Eddie Pfund said the UFOs maneuvered about 60-70 feet in the air, tipping back and forth so that the disc-shape was clearly revealed. At one point the objects formed a V, then switched to a circular formation.

The family became alarmed and fled at high speed. When they pulled into a driveway, the UFOs split formation, passed on either side of a group of trees and disappeared.

About 12:30 a.m. the following day, two truckers in the same vicinity saw a formation of lights ahead of the truck for about 25 miles.

On the following Monday, shortly before midnight, B.E. Parham was returning to his home in Wellford, S.C., from a business trip

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EDITORIAL

Publication of "The UFO Evidence" based on NICAP's seven year investigation of UFOs is an achievement of gigantic proportions, accomplished under extremely adverse conditions. While our opponents circulated baseless charges and false rumors of our demise, we were hard at work producing a powerful and permanent record. The result is a document which already is being acclaimed as a milestone in UFO research. It is certain to dent the official secrecy, and to reduce ridicule and lead to an open scientific investigation.

During our struggle to bring out this document, we were greatly encouraged by the faithful support of members. Even though publication of the *UFO Investigator* had to be suspended so our small staff could concentrate on the Report, our loyal members not only enabled us to keep going but also sent warm letters of encouragement. Without these expressions of understanding and trust, we would have found it difficult (if not impossible) to keep going. Now "The UFO Evidence" is on record, the response is building up day-by-day, and we are entering a new phase of operations in which all of our goals are within sight.

We must now ask for continued understanding. Our massive mail--growing larger each day as the Report circulates--makes it impossible at present for us to answer all your letters or acknowledge all the information you submit. We have received dozens of very helpful clippings, reports, and leads to information during the current sighting wave. These are genuinely appreciated. Please continue to send all clippings, especially those mentioning "The UFO Evidence," so we can judge the response and track down local sightings which have not been reported nationally.

With this issue we expect to go on a regular bi-monthly printing schedule and--with your continued support--to stick to it. "The UFO Evidence" is having a mounting impact nationally and internationally (see page 1 story). In the next issue, we expect to be able to report widespread support for Congressional hearings. Our prospects for victory have never looked better.

Now that a major goal has been attained, we need an all-out effort by NICAP groups and members to insure success. A regular income from memberships and donations, an increased publicity effort by Affiliates and Subcommittees, active participation by members (see separate list of ways members can help), and an enlarged investigation network all will be necessary.

Over 200 members responded to the questionnaire (included in a mimeographed bulletin reporting some of the recent landing cases) with generous offers of help. The unexpectedly large response, on top of other office work, has caused a delay in processing the offers. Those of you who volunteered help will either be put in touch with a local NICAP unit or we will contact you directly as soon as possible. However, if you offered to write to Members of Congress or your local editors, please don't wait to hear from us. Please do it now.

Those who offered their services as volunteer investigators are invited to submit resumes, if you have not already done so, listing your education, special training and experience. We are especially seeking members trained in the sciences, or with investigation and interviewing experience. After examining your resume, we will notify you if you qualify.

Each day our mail is increasing, with more and more letters from news agencies, radio and television stations. With your help, the next few months should see the best news reporting on the UFO subject in many years. We do not have a large enough staff to handle all this work without outside help, but we are doing everything possible. Now please do your part.

Outline: The UFO Evidence

"The UFO EVIDENCE"-- an encyclopedia of UFO reports, statements and analysis -- is already ranked as one of the most significant works in the history of Unidentified Flying Objects. Its 184 pages and 200,000-plus words are divided into 14 sections:

I -- CROSS-SECTION DIGEST -- A dozen sample cases illustrating the outstanding features of UFOs and keyed to the sections following.

II -- INTELLIGENT CONTROL -- 132 cases indicating intelligence on the part of UFOs, including 47 cases of UFOs reacting to man or man-made devices, 59 cases of UFOs flying in geometrical formations, and 26 cases of UFOs accompanied by smaller "satellite" objects.

III -- AIR FORCE OBSERVATIONS -- 92 sightings by Air Force pilots, navigators, other aircrew and ground personnel. Most are air-to-air observations.

IV -- ARMY, NAVY & MARINE CORPS -- 36 sightings of UFOs by members of the other military services, on land, on sea and in the air.

V -- PILOT & AVIATION EXPERTS -- 118 reports of UFOs seen by airline, military and a few private pilots; control tower operators and ground crews.

VI -- SCIENTISTS & ENGINEERS -- 26 UFOs sightings by professional scientists (astronomers, biologists, chemists, etc.) and 22 sightings by engineers (aeronautical, electronics, metallurgical, etc.)

VII -- OFFICIALS & CITIZENS -- 23 sightings by police officers, 27 sightings by Civil Defense and Ground Observer Corps personnel, and 36 by a wide variety of highly-reputable citizens from all walks of life.

VIII -- SPECIAL EVIDENCE -- 117 cases of electro-magnetic effects from UFOs; 81 cases of UFOs tracked by radar, often with visual confirmation; 64 still and movie films analyzed; 35 incidents of physical and physiological effects; 18 examples of sound from UFOs, and 42 cases of "Angel's Hair" falling from the sky.

IX -- THE AIR FORCE INVESTIGATION -- The background of official secrecy; official Government regulations pertaining to UFO reports; the history and analysis of the Air Force UFO investigation, including the men at the head of it.

X -- FOREIGN REPORTS -- 76 reports from all the continents and 30 foreign countries around the world; statements and policies of foreign governments regarding their UFO investigations.

XI -- THE UFO CHRONOLOGY -- a listing, by date, of 575 reports (all those in the book, except the 1947, 1952 and 1957 flaps), plus significant events in UFO history, such as Air Force reports and policy changes, statements of public figures, important publications.

XII -- PATTERNS -- 50 examples of UFOs with rows of lights or portholes; 100 examples of UFOs which hovered and then accelerated away; 35 examples of UFOs which oscillated or wobbled as they flew; 40 examples of UFOs making violent or erratic maneuvers; flaps (1947 - 25 cases, 1952 - 54 cases, 1957 - 118 cases.)

XIII -- CONGRESS AND THE UFOs -- 22 statements from Senators and 43 statements from Congressmen on UFOs and the UFO mystery, plus information on NICAP's efforts to encourage a Congressional investigation of UFOs.

XIV -- THE PROBLEMS & THE DANGERS -- A discussion of the scientific, religious, social and moral implications of UFOs, and what is need in the way of a scientific investigation.

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to Atlanta. On Highway 59, between Fairview and Lavonia, he suddenly noticed a brightly lighted spinning object approaching his car head-on. The UFO hovered above his car, causing it to lose power, and moved up and down. A strong odor filled the air, "something like embalming fluid," Parham said. He felt a burning sensation on his arms. When he stopped the car and turned off the headlights, the object sped away.

A yellow flame-like light issued from numerous holes or ports on the top-shaped object. During the close approach, a substance fell on Parham's late-model car blistering the paint in spots. Later, two Federal Aviation Agency employees from Anderson, S.C., airport tested the car for radioactivity. An abnormal reading reportedly was obtained near the blistered areas.

NICAP Adviser L.D. Sheridan (of Ponte Vedra, Fla.), travelling in the area on business, interviewed Parham for three hours July 15. He said samples from the car were being analyzed at a local college. Both Mr. Sheridan and the Anderson Independent told NICAP Mr. Parham was a sober, conscientious individual.

About an hour before the Georgia incident at a campsite along the Nottoway River, about 5 miles from Green Bay, Va., a ranking U.S. Foreign Service Officer and his son watched a maneuvering light for approximately 45 seconds. The light resembled the Echo satellite in all respects, until it suddenly made a right angle turn, accelerated at a fantastic speed and disappeared into the distance. It vanished in the sky area between the North Star and the Big Dipper about 10:30 p.m. (EDT).

A second close-range sighting occurred in northeast Georgia, about 30 miles from Lavonia, July 8. Mrs. Fred Rodacker and about seven others in Tallulah Falls watched a fiery object zig-zagging close to the ground.

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Last May the ABC Television Center, Hollywood, California, contacted NICAP and requested information to incorporate into a series of documentary programs. The spokesman said local ABC affiliates would go out in the field and film local interviews about current UFO cases too. For several weeks prior to the Republican convention, KABC-TV, Hollywood, showed the reports as special news features a few times a week. The Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee, which assisted in compiling material and in other ways, is largely responsible for the success of the series.

The programs were suspended during the political convention with tentative plans to resume afterwards. (Letters to the station would encourage them to continue). Among the cases reported were the Socorro, N.M. sighting by Officer Lonnie Zamora, and other recent landing reports.

In telephone conversations with the Hollywood office of ABC, NICAP was led to believe the programs would be shown nationally. This has not materialized. However, Baxter Ward of KABC-TV, Hollywood, stated he would make the video tapes available to ABC affiliate stations around the country.

Congressional Reaction

Several Members of Congress, including Senator Dirksen, have indicated that they are studying "The UFO Evidence." Because release of the Report came so close to the start of the political conventions, many have not had time to study it, but numerous offers of support are expected in the near future. One New England Congressman telephoned the NICAP office to compliment us on the Report and to pledge his support.

Major Maston Jacks, current Pentagon spokesman on UFOs, acknowledged receiving a copy of "The UFO Evidence" and indicated he would read it carefully. There has been no official Air Force reaction to date.

Within two weeks after news of the Report was broadcast in London, UFOs came up for discussion in the House of Commons. Hugh Fraser, Minister of Defense for the Royal Air Force, stated no evidence of "flying saucers" had been found. Asked whether the RAF cooperated with the U.S. Air Force on UFOs, the minister replied, "We are generally aware of the experience of the United States Air Force."

How Members Can Help

NICAP's major accomplishment, "The UFO Evidence" Report, is now in the hands of Congress and a large segment of the news media. How effective it will be depends largely on how many NICAP members and supporters act promptly.

1. If you agree that there should be hearings to clarify the UFO problem, write immediately to your Congressman and Senators expressing your wishes. Even if you have written in the past, the UFO problem has currently reached a new phase in which hearings are a definite possibility if enough people request them. Also ask for their opinions on "The UFO Evidence" and send us their replies. (We will copy and return the letters if requested). Address c/o House (or Senate) Office Building, Washington 25, D.C.

2. One article in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, July 19, so far has resulted in more than 600 letters requesting copies of the Report. An excellent way to support NICAP's program would be to place an ad in your local newspaper announcing that "The UFO Evidence" is on sale to the public at \$5.00 per copy. The ad should state it is 184 pages, over 200,000 words, illustrated, the result of a six-year investigation, and give our name and address. If you wish to place a larger ad, you could list the Board of Governors or quote some of the review comments elsewhere in this issue.

3. You can help circulate documentary information about UFOs by urging your local ABC-TV affiliate to request video tapes from Baxter Ward, KABC-TV, Hollywood, California (see page 1 story). Also urge your other local stations and newspapers to report more UFO information. If they lack information, refer them to us or show them your copy of "The UFO Evidence."

4. If you have a friend who has concealed a personal UFO sighting, or evidence of censorship, please urge him to give us the information now. Good cases, regardless of date, will supplement and add impact to the Report.

5. Display size placards (minimum size 12" x 16") for use on television and other purposes are needed from member artists. Data on significant UFO sightings can be taken from "The UFO Evidence." We need drawings of typical UFOs (e.g., Trindade Isle case, p. 93); diagrams of UFO maneuvers (e.g., engineer sighting, p. 57); maps and other suitable display items. Since there is a big demand for visual material, duplicates are welcome.

All drawings should be in black ink on off-white stock. Put a brief date-line and identification on the lower left-hand corner of the drawing (e.g., Trindade Isle, Brazil UFO; January 16, 1958). Additional data about the case will be printed on the back for reference. Submit your own ideas as completed work; we will make good use of them.

Recent Editorial Comments

"It is refreshing to see a government scientist [Dr. Hynek] who is willing to concede that a genuine mystery exists about a flying saucer sighting [Socorro, N.M.] "--Painesville (O.) Telegraph, May 9.

"The possibility that advanced creatures from some unknown planet are visiting earth is not unbelievable when one considers that the United States and Russia are on the threshold of sending men to the moon."--Florence (S.C.) Morning News, May 13.

"Some of these [UFOs] can be explained upon close investigation. Others have never been explained and to most of us this is a matter of great interest. . . somehow we feel that there is a basis of fact in the tale of the flying saucers."--Pagosa Springs (Colo.) Sun, May 14.

"Undoubtedly there are many instances of UFOs that can be laid to shadows, unusual lights or other normal circumstances. But such reports have been too frequent to be the imaginings of excitable people."--Ashtabula (O.) Star Beacon, May 18.

"We became convinced that there really are such things about 12 years ago when we saw 2 of them. . . we do agree that there really are UFOs."--"That Reminds Me" column, Woodburn (Ore.) Independent, May 28.

"If I had any doubts about the public's interest in Unidentified Flying Objects, I've put them aside. . . What it boils down to is that many, many persons agree with NICAP's hypothesis that the UFOs are 'real objects'. . . 'under the control of living beings.'" --Charles H. Ball, Aviation Editor, Boston Traveler, July 27.

Physical Evidence LANDING REPORTS

Physical evidence of the UFO seen at close range by New Mexico policeman Lonnie Zamora is in the possession of NICAP and plans are underway to have it analyzed by a high-ranking metallurgist in the laboratories of a Government scientific agency in the Washington area.

Metal scrapings, reportedly left by one of the landing gears of the object, were taken from the scene by Ray Stanford, Phoenix, Ariz., a NICAP member authorized to investigate this case. During questioning at the scene, Ptm. Zamora pointed out a rock which he said had been struck by part of the object, leaving traces of metal. Stanford took the rock while Air Force investigators were busy in another part of the site. Other hitherto little known information given to NICAP includes the statement that Zamora heard what sounded to him like a door slamming, between the time he saw two small figures near the UFO and his closest approach, at which time the figures could no longer be seen.

Intensive on-the-spot investigations by NICAP and the Air Force have resulted in one basic agreement: That the object seen by a highly reliable witness cannot be explained as any known device or phenomenon. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chief civilian consultant to the Air Force's Project Bluebook, told the Associated Press after completing his investigation at Socorro, "I am more puzzled now than I was when I arrived here."

The well-publicized incident began shortly before 6 p.m. MST, April 24, when Ptm. Zamora heard what he thought was an explosion, as he was chasing a speeding car about a mile south of Socorro. Thinking it might be a dynamite shack blowing up, he abandoned the chase and hurried to investigate. When he first saw the object, from some 150 yards, he thought it might be an overturned car, but quickly realized the smooth, metallic, oval device with stilt-like landing gears was something unusual.

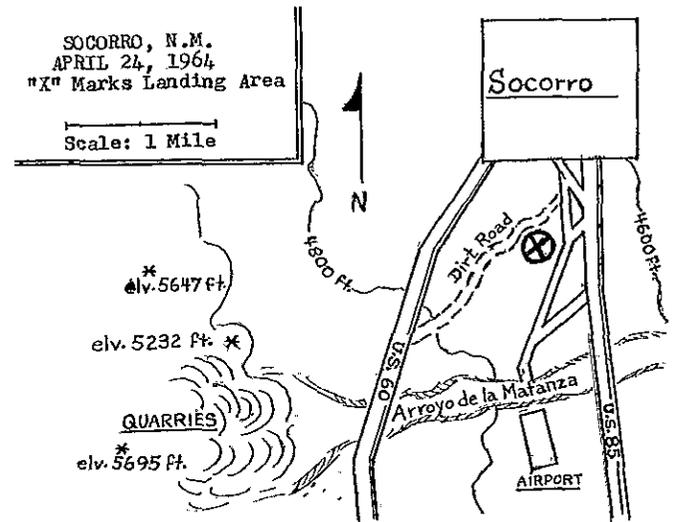
As he drove toward it, he could see two small figures (later estimated to be about 4-1/2 feet tall) dressed in "white coveralls" standing close to the object. He said both had their backs to him, but that the one farther away turned around and looked right at him. Zamora reported seeing no details (hands, feet, face, etc.) of the figures and assumed they were completely covered by the suits. He said they were the same height as the bottom of the craft which just cleared a bush, measured at 4-1/2 feet.

No details were visible on the machine, but the officer reported seeing what looked like red markings on the side, 1 - 1-1/2 feet high. (See drawing).

Zamora drove to within about 100 feet, got out and proceeded on foot. When he was about 50 feet from it, the UFO began to roar and spew flame and smoke from its underside. Thinking it was



Northwest UFO imprint, Socorro, N.M. Arrow shows rock apparently scraped by leg of object. Metal traces found on rock now under analysis. (Photo by Ray Stanford).



about to blow up, the scared patrolman ran back toward his car. The roaring suddenly stopped and he looked up to see it take off. He later said, "it was so quiet you could hear a pin drop."

The machine rose to about 10 feet and flew down the draw, clearing the 8-foot dynamite shack by about 2 feet. After skimming along for two or three miles, it rose up over a perlite mill and climbed away into the sky.

When Zamora first thought he saw an overturned car, he put out a radio call for assistance. The first person to answer his call was State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez, who arrived shortly after the UFO took off. The two officers then proceeded to the landing site.

They found five rectangular depressions in the ground, grouped around the area where the egg-shaped object was, and in the right locations to have been made by the landing gear, according to Zamora. Each was about 12" long, 3/4" wide and several inches deep, with a wedge-shaped cross-section. Two other depressions - smaller, shallower and rounded - were found near what was the far side of the object, as seen by Zamora.

The officers also saw bushes (snakewood and greasewood) and clumps of grass which appeared to have been seared by a flame. The ground, too, looked as if it had been scorched. Much of the marking, unfortunately, was obliterated by the hundreds of curiosity seekers who flocked to the scene.

The first official investigators arrived: Capt. Richard Holder, White Sands Missile Range, that evening; Maj. William Connor, of Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, N. Mex., and T/Sgt. David Moody of Project Bluebook, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio on April 26. They took soil samples and checked the area for radiation with a Geiger Counter. On Apr. 29, Dr. Hynek arrived and spent a day-and-a-half interviewing witnesses, photographing the landing site and checking possible explanations.

Not until June 8 did the Air Force have an official statement. A two-page summary of the case covered the main points and concluded by saying it was unexplained but still open.

NICAP-Member Stanford was in Socorro while Dr. Hynek was investigating and was with him at the landing scene. There, Stanford took detailed measurements of the reconstructed markings, photographed the area and took the metal scrapings, supposedly from the UFO's landing gear. He sent extensive written and taped reports to NICAP Headquarters, which have been incorporated in this article.

The seriousness with which the Air Force took the Socorro sighting is indicated by some of the remarks attributed to Dr. Hynek by local newspapers and the wire services. "... it is one of the soundest, best substantiated reports as far as it goes. Usually one finds many contradictions or omissions in these reports, but Mr. Zamora's story is simply told, certainly without any intent to perpetrate a hoax. The story, of course, was told by a man who obviously was frightened badly by what he did see. He certainly must have seen something."

While the June 8 statement of the Air Force did not specifically rule out any possible explanations, Maj. Maston Jacks, Project Bluebook Pentagon spokesman, said the facts eliminated any

chance of it having been a fixed-wing aircraft. When asked if the Air Force was, therefore, still considering that it might have been a rotary-wing craft (e.g., a helicopter), he said this was still being investigated, but was unable to explain how any known machine could have taken off silently. At last report, the case was still "being investigated."

About 36 hours later, at 12:30 a.m., April 26, there was a reported UFO landing near La Madera, N. Mex., about 100 miles north of Socorro. Orlando Gallegos saw an object resembling a "butane tank," about as long as a telephone pole, about as big around as an automobile and about 14 feet high. The case was investigated by the New Mexico State Police, who confirmed the details to NICAP.

Gallegos told the State Police that the object, estimated to be some 300 feet from his home, seemed to be spewing bluish-white flames from its sides. He thought it was stationary, and said he had watched it for about one minute. Gallegos said the flames suddenly went out, he heard no noise and he saw nothing more of it.

Police Capt. Martin E. Vigil arrived on the scene at 7:30 p.m. that day and talked with Officer Albert Vega, whom he had detailed to stand by until his arrival. "At that time (7:30), the ground was still smoldering and badly scorched," he wrote NICAP. "Officer Vega advised that he had observed four depressions on the ground, one of which was quite clear, the others having been obliterated due to windy weather conditions. Officer Vega stated that this depression was approximately eight-by-twelve inches in size, about three or four inches deep, and sort of 'V' shaped at the bottom." (Note similarity to markings at Socorro.)

"There were also numerous oval shaped, or 'cat-paw-like' markings around the scorched area. These were approximately three and one-half inches in diameter," he added. (Again, note similarity.)

"Upon arrival at the scene, I personally interviewed Mr. Gallegos about his story. He insisted that he had observed this object, and that the reason he had not reported it sooner, was that when he had told his family, they had laughed about it, and that he had figured everyone else would do the same. Mr. Gallegos . . . is obviously not the type of person that would make up such a story."

Dr. Hynek, upon his arrival in Socorro, indicated an interest in the La Madera sighting, but returned to Northwestern University without having looked into it. The Air Force later explained the report as a rubbish fire. The only Air Force representative known to have investigated the report was Maj. Connors, of Kirtland AFB.

Three days later, at about 9:30 p.m. on April 29, an egg-shaped object reportedly landed about 200 feet from a group of children in Canyon Ferry, Montana. The NICAP investigation has turned up conflicting information on the validity of the sighting, some of it backing up the Air Force conclusion of "a hoax . . . a child's prank."

According to newspaper reports, the object was first sighted by Linda Davis, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis, who called her brother Tom, 15. They said they saw an egg-shaped object about the size of a car and glowing bright white. It lifted off the ground and sped south across the Canyon Ferry reservoir with a whirring sound (see "UFO Evidence", pg.98), disappearing in 30 seconds.

Sheriff Dave Middlemas sent two deputies to investigate. He later told the Helena, Mont. Independent Record, "They reported that there were four indentations in the earth about 13 feet apart in a square pattern. Each hole is from six to eight inches in diameter and they are tapered toward the bottom as though made by a cone-shaped object. Each of the holes is from six to eight inches deep. Slightly off center and between the four holes is a scorched area about four feet in diameter indicating that extreme heat had been present in that area."

A smell like diesel fuel was reported around the holes.

The next day, a group of Air Force men from Malmstrom AFB took over the investigation from the Sheriff's Department. Its official spokesman, Col. H. L. Newfeld, told newsmen, "I'm not sure we will make a positive statement about this anytime."

On May 6, the Air Force labeled the case a hoax. This was immediately challenged by parents of several of the children and by others closely connected with the case. Said parent Harold Rust, "The Air Force questioned them separately and in a group for three and a half hours and never shook the story of any one of them."



Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Air Force UFO consultant, photographs area east-northeast of landing site. Officer Zamora, in background, is reconstructing southwest UFO imprint. (Photo by Ray Stanford).



Shiny building in center is dynamite shack west-northwest of Socorro, N.M. landing site, which UFO just missed as it departed. In original photo, the Perlite mine is barely discernible to the left of the shack about 3 miles distant. (Photo by Ray Stanford).

A NICAP member spoke with two of the parents, getting a firm denial of any hoax from one, and a statement that he believed it was a hoax from the other. In an editorial on May 12, the *Mis-soula, Mont., Sentinel* said that no one seemed to know where the Air Force got the idea the case was a hoax, and suggested the explanation — rather than the sighting — was a fabrication.

About a week after the Montana sighting, a report came from a farmer near Comstock, Minn., of an object shaped like "a child's top." Alfred Ernst said he saw the object at about 8:30 a.m., May 5 while at an estimated 500 yards distance. Shortly after he spotted the shiny, luminous oval, it rose straight up and disappeared into the overcast sky in a few seconds.

With his brother, Ernst quickly went to the spot and found a crater-like depression, about three feet in diameter and six inches deep at the center. In the middle they saw a small, round indentation, about 2-1/2 inches in diameter and as deep. A series of 1-1/2-inch diameter holes formed an "X" with the larger at its intersection.

Around the edge of the crater, the earth seemed to be burned, and the crater's perimeter was outlined with a whitish substance. Soil samples were obtained by members of the Minneapolis NICAP Subcommittee. Dewey Berquist, weatherman for WDAY-TV, Fargo, N. Dak., also submitted a report on the incident to NICAP with a second soil sample. Mr. Ernst was stated to be a reliable person. Mr. Berquist, who submitted photographs of the landing site, theorized that the object may have been ball lightning.

If any meaningful analysis of the soil is possible, the results will be published in a future issue.

The Bay Area NICAP Subcommittee investigated a May 13 report that a large spherical object was observed in a field in Rio Vista, California about 10:15 p.m.

Mrs. M. Walter McKarley and her children watched the object for an hour as it seemed to pace their car. Because Venus should have been visible during the sighting, setting about 11:40 p.m. (PDT), the Subcommittee interviewed Mrs. McKarley a second time to double-check on the possibility on an illusion of motion caused by the motion of the car. This possibility has now been ruled out.

Mrs. McKarley had just pulled into a driveway to let out a passenger when the large object suddenly appeared in the beams of the headlights. It seemed to be resting on the ground about 1/4 mile away, with low hills behind it. Higher in the sky was a small star-like object (very possibly Venus) which remained visible throughout, and was still visible low above the horizon at 11:15 p.m. after the large object had disappeared over the horizon.

At times, the UFO moved swiftly in relation to the motion of the car, once approaching the car rapidly. Mrs. McKarley became frightened at this point and fled. As the UFO maneuvered low above the field, the glow faded partially causing the object to take on the appearance of a quarter moon, then a crescent moon. This always occurred from the left side to the right side.

At first the object had the brilliant glow of white hot metal. When it departed, moving "swiftly" to the left and out of sight behind a water tank, it again glowed brilliantly. Throughout the sighting, the object seemed to follow the headlights of the car.

A May 18 landing case in Hubbard, Oregon was confirmed to NICAP member Roy Turner who telephoned the County Sheriff. Mike Bizon, 10, son of the Hubbard postmaster, said he saw a spindle-shaped bright silver object on the ground about 7:00 a.m. while he was leading a cow out to pasture. The UFO rested on four legs in an adjacent wheat field. Then it rose slowly off the ground, and zoomed straight up emitting a beeping sound.

A local carpenter, Ray Mortensen, was the first adult on the scene. He arrived about 8:00 a.m., and went out to the field with Mike. "The wheat was flattened out like the petals of a flower . . . even in all directions," he said. Mrs. Bizon called Marion County Deputy Sheriff S. H. Davidson, who arrived about 8:30 a.m. "Something had crushed the wheat and there were three particular areas about three feet apart that looked as if something had rested there," Sheriff Davidson said. He immediately called the local Air Force base, which sent an investigating party that afternoon.

The Vincennes, Indiana, NICAP Subcommittee has submitted a preliminary report from a "very reliable" witness in Dale, Indiana who observed a UFO at close range June 14. Soil samples and foliage from the landing area have been obtained, reportedly containing a staining substance and scorch marks. Analysis is underway.

About 9:00 p.m. Charles Englebrecht was watching television in his darkened living room. Suddenly the TV set and lights in an adjoining room went out and he noticed a light outside the window. He ran to the door to investigate, and saw a glowing blue-white object about the size of a basketball land about 50 feet away. As he tried to move closer, he felt something like a mild electric shock and was unable to move forward.

After about 2 minutes, the UFO took off (emitting a faint high-pitched whine), passing in front of and over the barn. As it accelerated, the color changed to red, then blue-violet. The object climbed at about a 45 degree angle until it faded out of sight.

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The increased size of "The UFO Evidence," from the planned 128 pages to 184 pages, added about \$2500 to the cost of producing the Report. This, and the cost of mailings to Congress and the press, has caused a temporary financial set-back. However, if Report orders continue to increase and members renew promptly (making extra donations when you can), we should be able to absorb the cost and pay off our debts before the end of the year. We have every reason to believe that we will receive unprecedented support this year, and that "The UFO Evidence" will bring about the long-awaited breakthrough.

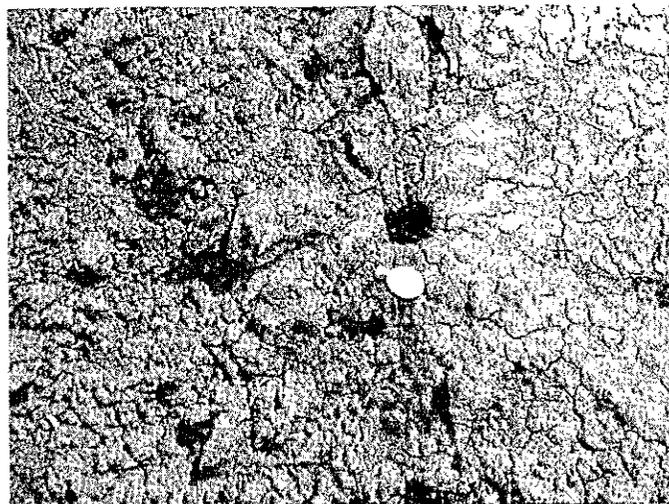
Investigators found three shallow holes, about 1/2 inch in diameter, arranged in a triangular pattern whose largest dimension was 4-1/2 feet. Also, scorch marks and stains. A strong odor, like sulphur or carbide gas, lingered in the area for about 12 hours.

On June 16, William T. Powers of Northwestern University arrived on the scene to investigate for the Air Force. The NICAP Subcommittee also arrived and gathered physical evidence. It is still investigating and will submit a full report with photographs.

Unverified Reports

In addition to the seven landing reports detailed above, there were nine similar reports during the same period which are either unverified or which have not been investigated adequately.

April 24; Newark Valley, N.Y. Farmer Gary Wilcox states he discovered a silvery oval object on his property. When he approached it, two small figures dressed in shiny material from head to foot emerged and spoke to him in English. They allegedly discussed agricultural techniques, and stated that our astronauts would not be able to live long in space. NICAP member Steve Putnam interviewed Wilcox at length and drew out his story, but because of limited time was unable to obtain any character references or background information. The story is so sensational that it must be viewed with skepticism and investigated meticulously before any credence is given to it. A NICAP investigator, with appropriate training and background, is now obtaining character information.



Imprints left near Comstock, Minnesota, May 5. Number 5 flash bulb for size comparison. (Photo courtesy of Dewey Berquist, WDAY-TV weatherman, Fargo, N.D.).

June 8; Burlington, Wyoming. United Press International reported the sighting of an unidentified light by a county sheriff, a publisher and other reliable witnesses. The UFO was moving on or near the ground in an inaccessible area. When the sheriff shone a spotlight at the object, it reportedly beamed an extremely brilliant light back into the patrol car. The report is verified and under further investigation by NICAP.

July 16; nr Binghamton, N.Y. A group of children reported seeing a landed UFO and a small being nearby. NICAP is investigating.

A new NICAP Affiliate in Chicago was granted a charter on July 7. It will assist with publicity and investigation work in northern Illinois. At its first meeting, the membership elected Theodore V. Kaliski President, Patrick McAley (9344 So. Essex Avenue) Secretary. NICAP member Kevin Killion, who was active in organizing the Affiliate, reports that about 45 NICAP members in the area have indicated their support.

Other Recent Sightings

(Because of the great volume of reports in a short period of time, NICAP has not been able to verify all of the accounts reported here. Some investigations have been completed; others are still in progress. After preliminary weeding out of accounts of Venus, fireballs and balloons—the most common causes of erroneous UFO reports—many unexplained sightings remain).

April 24; Socorro, N.M. Egg-shaped UFO observed on the ground about 5:45 p.m. by officer Lonnie Zamora. Wedge-shaped imprints and scorched foliage found. Socorro is about 15 miles NW of the White Sands Proving Grounds. (See Landing Reports)

April 28; Anthony and Hobbs, N.M. Series of reports in early evening of a round whitish object which some witnesses said hovered, then darted away. State policeman Raul Arteche, who saw the UFO moving west over the Port of Entry near El Paso, said it resembled what Officer Zamora had described. Anthony is south of White Sands. Hobbs is in the southeast corner of the state near the Texas border.

April 28; Edgewood, N.M. Don Adams told state police a glowing greenish object hovered about 100 feet above his car causing his motor to stall early in the morning. Adams fired a .22 pistol at the UFO with no visible effect, but said he heard six of the bullets bounce off the object. The UFO then silently moved away to the north.

April 29; Canyon Ferry, Montana. Landed UFO which left imprints and scorch-marks reported by a group of children. (See Landing Reports).

April 29; Rock Springs, Wyoming. Richard Surline, a high school teacher, and six students saw a hovering disc shortly after noon. The UFO appeared to be oscillating or wobbling, sometimes presenting a flat edge, sometimes an elliptical or round outline. After several hours, the object reportedly sped away toward the east. (A similar flat, dome-like object was reported in Nyassa, Oregon early in the evening traveling NW rapidly and changing course).

April 30; El Paso, Texas. A shiny, round aluminum-like UFO was sighted low in the sky by Mrs. R.R. Reyes about 10:15 a.m.

Mrs. Reyes promptly called her daughter and niece who also saw the object. The UFO, which resembled an inverted dinner plate, was hovering at about the height of a telephone pole. Then it began wobbling like a top, rose silently "and spun away just like a plate would spin if you flung it into the air."

May 5; Comstock, Minnesota. A shiny oval object was observed taking off; left imprints on ground. (See Landing Reports).

May 11; Grangeville, Idaho. For several days residents of the area reported unexplained lights in the sky. (Many of the reports probably resulted from inexperienced observers seeing Venus distorted by atmospheric conditions).

Mrs. Margaret Neely and Fred Schumaker of station KORT, hearing a report of a UFO hovering over a radar station, drove toward Cottonwood. About 10:30 p.m. they saw the object hovering, then "racing across the sky." The UFO turned back, blinking on and off, visible until after midnight.

Mrs. Neely later interviewed Lt. Col. Louis T. Zendegui, commander of the 822nd Radar Squadron, asking him if the UFO was tracked on radar. "We can't give that information out," Col. Zendegui replied. He also stated the UFO "definitely moved across the sky." (Tape of interview obtained by Dr. Hugh S. Brown, NICAP Adviser, Spokane, Wash.) The UFO appeared as an oblong mass of light, variously described as white or reddish.

May 13; Rio Vista, California. Round, glowing object observed in field. (See Landing Reports).

May 15; Lewistown, Montana. Pat Minette, Winifred school teacher, and four passengers in his car saw a UFO at 10:28 p.m. He described it as a large circular, silvery object with bright body lights, oscillating in flight "like a float bobbing on the water." (Cf., "The UFO Evidence," page 155). The object headed straight toward the car, then turned west and moved out of sight after about 4 minutes.

May 15; J.F. Kennedy International Airport, N.Y. James Stroup, an aircraft mechanic and UFO skeptic, about 11:15 p.m. saw two bright white, round objects speed overhead from the direction of Jamaica Bay. Mr. Stroup, who is familiar with night operations of all types of aircraft, was on the ramp area between hangar

14 and the Jet Engine Overhaul Building. The UFOs moved very rapidly keeping an exact interval, passing from horizon to horizon in 20-30 seconds. The report was obtained by Jose Cecin, chairman of the N.Y. NICAP Subcommittee.

May 17; nr. Massillon, Ohio. Several people in North Lawrence and Burbank, Ohio, observed a UFO like a ball of fire which maneuvered low over the area between 9:00 and 9:30 p.m. The sighting was investigated by the Universal Mehrlichtian Society (a Medina UFO group) and George Popowitch of the Akron UFO Research Society.

Donald Fry, who lives between Wooster and Smithville on Route 5, saw the UFO pass overhead from east to west at 9:10 p.m. The underside was round and gray, with greenish-white light visible from three distinct "ports." After it passed, the object seemed to be enveloped in a greenish-gray vapor that moved with it. Witnesses in N. Lawrence and Burbank saw the UFO (or a second one) between 9:25 and 9:30 p.m. The object moved overhead erratically from east to west making a whirring sound, picked up speed, and changed color from orange to white.

At one point, the UFO hovered over a fire house; police radio transmitter failed to operate. The UFO once appeared to land to the NW. Next day investigators using an ion chamber detected a change in radiation from zero to forty on their meter in the presumed area of the landing. No one reported actually seeing the object on the ground.

May 17; Tipton, Indiana. Citizens, and police officers called to the scene, witnessed a UFO about 10:15 p.m. The reddish object appeared round while hovering, then darted across the sky and appeared flattened while in motion. Witnesses included Mrs. Stella Branham, Sheriff Verle Grimme, and state policeman James Bradley.

May 18; Kokomo, Indiana. Police and citizens observed a UFO like a "large, bright red bulb" which swept over the area repeatedly for an hour at night. Deputy Sheriff Joe Johns and others said the UFO passed toward the NW, stopped and changed color to yellow, seemed to elongate and disappear. Lt. Lowell Calhoun, Kokomo police, said the UFO maneuvered "sharply" and was "either manually or radio-controlled." He saw it move from horizon to horizon about 10:45 p.m.

May 18; nr West Rumney, N.H. Professor Samuel Abbott, Plymouth State Teacher's College, and two students saw a large, bright silvery object high in the sky about 6:45 p.m. They were driving in a general southeasterly direction. The object, which appeared to be round, moved away from the observers at high speed, diminishing in size until it disappeared. (Next evening at the same time, Mrs. Henry Kelley and family in West Plymouth, N.H. observed a similar object for about two minutes. The round, shiny object glided eastward, accelerated and climbed away upward at an angle. As it moved away, the UFO appeared oblong with a misty halo around it. Both reports were obtained by NICAP member Mrs. Evelyn Spencer).

May 18; Hubbard, Oregon. Postmaster's son reported seeing UFO with legs take off from field. (See Landing Reports).

May 21; Lansing, Michigan. A whirring noise which rose to a high pitch awakened many residents about 3:00 a.m. Several then saw an object "like a huge, spinning bowl" in straight line flight. Some described it as greenish; others saw a silvery surface.

Next morning about 3:00 a.m., Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nourse, of Grand Ledge, were awakened by a roaring noise. They saw a flat object with what looked like a red dome underneath. The UFO made a second pass over the area 20 minutes later.

(Four days later, May 25, Delta Township Fire Chief, Dexter Reuckert, was awakened about 3:45 a.m. by a loud buzzing noise and saw a similar object. The UFO, emitting white light from the underside, hovered over the firehouse for about a minute, then moved east toward Lansing, Chief Reuckert said.)

May 25; W. Va., Ohio, Ontario. A prominent fireball meteor was observed over a wide area between 8:15 and 8:30 p.m. (EDT) causing some press reports of an unidentified object.

May 26; Nr Palmerton, Pa. Mr. & Mrs. Terry Balliet and family, and two neighbors, about 10:00 p.m. saw two associated UFOs in the NW sky. A large dome-like object emitting hazy whitish light from the underside was stationary, and a smaller disc-like object was intermittently visible maneuvering around the large object. Finally the disc seemed to merge with the large object, and the latter moved away to the east. The sighting lasted

Review Comments

"A remarkable report." Miami Herald (July 6).

"It is evidence which cannot be laughed off or explained away." The Daily Clintonian, Clinton, Indiana. (July 8).

". . . some of the most exciting reading one can find . . ." Christian Science Monitor (July 11).

". . . nothing short of sensational." Frank Roberts, WCDJ, Edenton, N.C. (July 12).

". . . certainly must be the most comprehensive study yet on the subject . . . a provocative presentation . . . an impressive selection [of cases] . . ." Charles H. Ball, Aviation Editor, Boston Traveler. (July 15).

"A monumental study . . . extremely well-documented." Harv Morgan, KYW Radio, Cleveland, Ohio. (July 20).

about 10 minutes. The large object alone was observed two more times later in the evening, moving back and forth from east to west. (Note: This appears to be a "satellite object" case, examples of which appear on page 16 of the "UFO Evidence" Report).

June 2; Sunnyvale, California. The Bay Area NICAP Subcommittee interviewed Mr. & Mrs. Bruce A. Holmes who sighted a brightly lighted UFO at close range about 10:30 p.m. The object, apparently hovering about 150 feet in the air about one block away, had a brightly illuminated rectangular section on the underside. Small "fluttering" projections around the rim of the rectangle seemed to be lighted from the inside. The main body of the object, seen in silhouette, was elliptical. The UFO then moved away toward the southeast, rising at an angle of about 40 degrees. Suddenly it darted back and forth at high speed, a second similar object appeared, and the two UFOs moved out of sight over the horizon. Total observation time was about 10 minutes.

June 5; Pa., Ohio. A prominent fireball meteor flashed across the sky about 11:15 p.m. (EDT).

June 8; Burlington, Wyoming. Sheriff and others observed a UFO moving on or near the ground. (See Landing Reports).

June 8; Lawrenceville, Illinois. One of the closest UFO sightings yet to be reported is under investigation by the Vincennes, Indiana, NICAP Subcommittee. Mrs. Helen Reed, in a report to NICAP, said she walked into her yard about 9:30 p.m. and saw a spinning object hovering about 10-15 feet off the ground. At its closest point, the UFO appeared to be about 50 feet away. It had a lighted dome emitting blue, then red, light. Around the perimeter was a rotating band of yellow lights with one gap as if a light were missing. The UFO moved back and forth at low altitude, making several sharp turns. Finally it turned north and moved out of sight behind trees.

June 13; Pemberville, Ohio. Mrs. Karen Fahle reported to the Akron UFO Research Committee that she saw a brightly lighted object descend and apparently land about 200 yards away about 9:00 p.m. The lights dimmed and brightened, changing to a dark red as the UFO descended. They were arranged in a row, as it on the perimeter of a darkened object, with two white lights above them. After 5 minutes, the UFO moved away slowly, disappearing behind trees and buildings.

June 14; Dale, Indiana. Markings were found on the ground after a young man reported seeing a UFO maneuvering very close to his house about 9:00 p.m. (See Landing Reports).

June 15; Lynn, Mass. Another extremely close-range sighting has been investigated by Walter N. Webb, Boston NICAP Adviser. At 11:10 p.m., William Angelos, 20, was watching television. His mother had just gone to bed but was still awake. A loud throbbing noise, also heard by his mother, caused William to rush to the door and look outside. Rising above the courtyard between

NICAP Youth Council Grows

A recently formed NICAP Youth Council, to promote among young people an intelligent interest in space activities and UFOs, now has representatives in 10 states and the Canadian Province of Ontario. Young people in these locations who want additional information about NICAP and UFOs are invited to contact their state's representative:

Canada--Thomas Mulligan, 22 Henley Drive, St. Catherines, Ontario

Connecticut--Mickey Epstein, 39 Haynes Road, West Hartford 17
Florida--Miss Lynda C. Honour, 1004 Wellington Drive, Clearwater 33516

Illinois--Alan Kaisher, Route 1, Box 697, West Chicago
Michigan--Miss Karmen Key, 202 Maumee Street, Jonesville
Minnesota--William M. Shields, 7538 Sheridan Avenue South, Richfield 55423

Missouri--Miss Suzanne Hucklenbroich, 11519 Withersfield Drive,
New York--William Mitchell, 171 Burbank Avenue, Staten Island 6
North Carolina--John P. Speights, 420 Bloombury Park Drive, Raleigh

Ohio--Brian Akers, 33626 Lombardy Lane, Cleveland 44124
Pennsylvania--Michael R. Freedman, Box E-22, 2301 Woodward St., Philadelphia 19115.

Committee appointments: To make recommendations to NICAP on the feasibility, format, contents and distribution of a Youth Council newsletter--Mr. Mulligan; Mr. Epstein; Mr. Akers. To draft information sheets, for NICAP approval, on astronomy and space information for young people--Miss Key; Mr. Shields; Mr. Mitchell; Mr. Freedman. To make recommendations to NICAP on general ways and means of accomplishing Youth Council goals--Mr. Epstein; Miss Honour; Mr. Kaisher; Miss Hucklenbroich; Mr. Mitchell; Mr. Speights.

In a newsletter to his constituents June 29, Senator J. Glenn Beall of Maryland reported the following item:

"Unidentified Flying Objects to be Identified.--The U.S. Air Force has held the first tests of a television-equipped device that one day may be used to inspect suspicious flying objects, known and unknown. The box-shaped device, named 'Remote Maneuvering Unit,' is designed to be launched from a manned orbiting 'mother craft' to examine other spacecraft. Under radio command, the 125-pound device would maneuver about the other object and televise its image back to the crew in the mother ship. Dramatic space tests will be made 'in the not-too-distant future,' according to Air Force officials."

The Remote Maneuvering Unit is the successor of Project Saint (See UFO Investigator, Vol. I No. 11, page 5), first announced in the fall of 1960 as a proposed device which "could rendezvous in space with unknown orbiting objects for identification purposes."

three apartment buildings was a dome-shaped UFO with a slowly revolving red light on the underside. The object climbed at an angle of about 45 degrees and disappeared in the WSW sky after about 1-1/2 minutes. Based on careful measurements taken at the site, Mr. Webb obtained an estimate that the UFO was about 15 feet in diameter; at first about 12 feet off the pavement and about 20 feet away. Neighbors' testimony about hearing the noise and seeing a flash of light partially supported the report.

June 24; Nr Kalispell, Montana. Three cigar-shaped UFOs with rows of lights like portholes were observed at 11:15 p.m. by Mr. & Mrs. Douglas C. Duncan. Their description and sketch show a strong resemblance to a UFO observed over North Dakota in 1961 by a scientist. (See drawing on page 54 of "The UFO Evidence.") When their television set suddenly "went crazy," the Duncans ran outside to see what was wrong. They saw the UFOs in echelon formation low on the horizon proceeding southwest. "The objects looked like long fat cigars at the angle where we saw them," Mr. Duncan told NICAP. At each end was a bright white light. "Between the two bright end lights were evenly spaced smaller lights," he said. The center object was dimmer and tinged with orange light. The UFOs continued over the horizon and out of sight in about 5 minutes.

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