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In 1972, after moving to Illinois, he became a MUFON State Section Director for a three county area located at Hillsboro, IL. In 1973, he returned to Indiana where he became the MUFON State Section Director for three county area located at Mt. Vernon, IN. To make it easier for the public to report UFOs to local authorities he established the UFO Filter Center and worked closely with the media and law enforcement agencies in the area. As part of this effort he authored and distributed a monthly status report on UFO sightings. He appointed a number of "spotters" throughout the area and trained some of these as UFO field investigators.

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Acronyms Used in This Book

- **UFOFC** - The **UFO Filter Center**; homebase for the computer studies. Headquarters for the State Director, Indiana Group, MUFON. UFOFC has two basic UFO databases: MSIC and RSID.
- **NSID** - The **National Sighting Information Database**. A listing of current UFO activity reported over the United States. An extract of this listing that is produced and distributed by UFOFC for researchers is called the UFO Intelligence Summary.
- **RSID** - The **Regional Sighting Information Database**. A listing of UFO activity reported in the six state region of Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The period covered by this database is from the very first recorded UFO sighting in this area to the present time. There are over 4,000 records in the database.
- **CE** - **Close Encounters (C1)** are cases where the witness is close enough to the object for stereoscopic vision, i.e., depth perception, to come in to play; usually within 500 feet. Exceptions are when the object is not within this range but is large enough to perceive as a structured craft. These sightings are categorized as C1.
- **C2** - This is a special evidence group in which the object leaves some type of evidence of its visit, i.e., an indentation in the ground, a magnetic effect on a car ignition, burn marks, etc.
- **C3** - Cases where humanoid beings are observed on or near the object.
- **C4** - Cases where entities interact with witnesses. Usually referred to as "abductions".
- **DE** - **Distant Encounters**. These are not covered in this report but some are correlated with cases that are in this report. These are "**DD**" or "**NL**" reports.
- **DD** - **Daylight Discs**. Anything seen in daylight hours beyond the CE range. These are not necessarily disc shaped, but many are.
- **NL** - **Nocturnal Lights**. These are objects or objects with lights beyond the CE range.
- **OWL** - **Object With Lights**.
- **OBOL** - **Orange Ball Of Light**.
- **FI** - **Field Investigator**.
- **FIT** - **Field Investigator Trainee**.
- **SSD** - **State Section Director**.
- **EGBA** - **Eberhart's Geobibliography of Anomalies**.

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INTRODUCTION

I sincerely hope that this book serves at least two purposes:

- 1) To illustrate how people like myself can justify the tremendous expense measured in time and money of chasing down UFO reports, and
- 2) To remind those who have forgotten and to educate those who simply don't know, that the history of UFOs indicates that we are dealing with a "nuts and bolts" phenomenon.

UFOs can sometimes appear and disappear as if by magic, but if you can hit it with a rock or shoot it with a gun and it clanks, its something real. If you can pick it up on radar, chase it with a jet interceptor, get gun camera photos of it; it's not an apparition. These things land, leave indentations in the ground, and break off tree limbs. They are real!

There are other things that look like UFOs but we are not concerned with them here. Some of these are, in fact, IFOs or Identified Flying Objects. Some of the other visions belong in other realms; possibly the supernatural.

Sometime in 1956 a friend of mine handed me a paperback book to read. I didn't read many books in those days, but this one really got my attention. I simply couldn't put it down. To say that I was fascinated with it would be an understatement. That book had a profound effect on my entire life because it drew me in to the UFO controversy. The book was Edward Ruppelt's *Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*. Captain Ruppelt had been head of Air Force Project Blue Book in the early 1950s. And, as you will see, these were the years in which the Air Force put its best foot forward in UFO investigations. Incidentally, that book is now on the NICAP site at:

<http://www.nicap.org/rufu/contents.htm>

That book convinced me that I just had to, somehow, get involved. If Earth was being visited by beings from another world, the implications for humanity were to great to ignore. Even if UFOs didn't physically exist, something just as important was taking place. Too many creditable people were seeing incredible things.

In October of 1956, NICAP had been incorporated in the District of Columbia. NICAP was the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomenon. It was headed by Major Donald E. Keyhoe. It was an impressive group which included Major Dewey Fournet who was mentioned repeatedly in Ruppelt's book and who was a member of NICAP's Board of Governors! Major Fournet was also Headquarters Project Monitor for Project Blue Book and he had conducted the famous motion studies showing that UFOs were intelligently controlled devices. Indiana's own, Frank Edwards, a well known radio and TV announcer who wrote several books on UFOs, was also a member of NICAP's Board of Governors. The very first CIA Director, Vice Admiral R.H. Hillenkoetter, USN, was also a member of the board. The NICAP Public Information website is located at:

<http://www.nicap.org/>

In 1960 I was living in Vincennes, Indiana where we had a local UFO study group called CRUFO, Civilian Research Unidentified Flying Objects, for a couple of years. I also joined NICAP because many of the people with who Ruppelt worked were involved in it. Ruppelt himself was not involved because he could not officially work with NICAP since he was still a reserve Air Force officer in the Air Force Reserve.

On November 17, 1960, the best people we had in the CRUFO study group became a NICAP subcommittee called Indiana Unit No. 1. There were about twenty such teams in the country and I was the subcommittee chairman of Indiana Unit No. 1. Besides me, there were several young men who were the crux of our group. Jim Catt was our main transportation source and head of communications. Jim and I both had mobile and base CB radios. Phillip Studler was in charge of public relations. Phil and his brother had a home photo lab. Our group was also a civil defense radiological monitoring squad and we had a complete set of radiation detection equipment. Another member was Jerry Sievers who would later attain the rank of NICAP Assistant State Director. Besides the four man field investigation team we had three scientific advisors; one of which had worked on Project Saucer back in the late 1940s.

Our NICAP group worked together for about ten years before I relocated out of Vincennes. Before I left, our group investigated a good many UFO reports. In those days there were no real territories. We went wherever we had to go to do our investigations.

Some critics allude to the glamour of UFO investigations work. It isn't glamorous. Most UFOs turn out to be IFOs and a great deal of time and money is expended investigating false alarms. Most of those that are UFOs are distant lights or other objects. In the early days UFO buffs such as we were a minority and many people thought that we were deluded. As Rodney Dangerfield would say, "We didn't get no respect!" in those days.

I have intentionally skipped over most of the investigations work in order to present only the most important cases. This will give the impression that UFO activity was rare for us. It wasn't at all rare. However, it was nothing in the sixties like what it would become in the later years.

Please bear with me concerning some cases only briefly mentioned in this book. The fact that they were close encounter objects within 500 feet of the witnesses is important enough to include them here. These cases turned up in the databases but there wasn't enough information to present them in more detail. In my opinion, their inclusion in the computer database is relevant.

The illustrations presented in this report are remarkable. Some are original witness sketches, but most were redrawn from the original sketches by my able staff artist, Robert Taylor. The rendition of the Trindade Island computer enhancement of the original photo on page 38 is my own.

My thanks go out to all those who have worked with me all these years beginning with CRUFO, then NICAP, and later, MUFON. A special thanks must go out to those who pioneered the path for us in the early years. To name just a few of these early pathfinders: Frank Edwards, Edward Ruppelt, Donald Keyhoe, and Len Stringfield. Justly deserved credit for their contributions are given throughout this book.

This book is especially dedicated to a pioneer and comrade right here in Indiana: Jim Catt. Jim was one of the first Field Investigators in the Indiana Group. Jim passed away on November 23, 1994.

The story begins when I began my involvement in 1960 and continues up to through the 1990's. Only then will I trouble you with the historic past. You may enjoy the history lesson even more then you would have otherwise.

CHAPTER 1: THE EARLY SIXTIES

1960

During the sixties we investigated a number of UFO reports. All were distant encounters, mysterious lights in the sky, etc. Nothing really exciting was happening. At least nothing exciting was being reported to us.

In contrast, 1960 was, however, interesting for a lot of reasons.

August 1960: Somebody else was in orbit and that "somebody" wasn't us or the Russians. The 100 foot diameter, silvered mylar balloon, named Echo, that NASA had put into orbit to reflect radio waves was a reason for a lot of people to look up. When they did look up, they started seeing things that were not supposed to be there. An unidentified satellite was tracked by Grumann Aviation in August 1960. A photograph of it appeared in *Life Magazine*. Our satellites are launched towards the west near the equator in order to take advantage of the Earth's rotational speed, about 1,000 miles per hour at the equator, to help our rockets achieve orbital velocity of around 18,000 miles per hour. The unidentified satellite was traveling in a retrograde orbit meaning that it was moving east to west instead of west to east the way all satellites launched up to that time moved. On August 30th at 11:00 PM and again on August 31st, a moon watch team in Chicago along with many other witnesses observed the mystery satellite. (Ref. 1)

July 22, 1960: Even before the mysterious satellite was spotted some interesting activity occurred which turned up years later when I completed the regional database. On July 22nd there had been a CE2 at Martin, Tennessee. CE means Close Encounter and the 2 indicates that the UFO left a record of its visit. Usually a CE2 sighting means that there is a landing trace or an electromagnetic effect on an automobile. (Ref. 2)

Beginning in November 1960, there were a few strange fireball reports that we investigated. These reports can't, by any stretch of the imagination, be called close encounters. Still, these sightings were interesting because there was an element of strangeness in them that makes them worthy of mention.

November 17, 1960: On November 17, 1960, our NICAP UFO Subcommittee Team was authorized to conduct investigations of this phenomenon. The action, however, started on November 14th. Quoting the newspaper article from that time:

"RED FLASH SEEN IN SKY MUST HAVE BEEN A METEOR That brilliant red flash seen over Vincennes and southern Indiana and adjoining areas Monday night must have been a meteor. Nobody had any other logical explanation today, after a futile search for evidence of a plane crash. First reports came from Florence, east of Vevay. Residents there said they saw an object burning in the sky. A Switzerland County farmer reported sighting an object in the sky with three bright lights. The Nike Missile station at Dillsboro said it had traced an unidentified object with it's radar but lost it as it traveled northwest toward Indianapolis. State police units rushed to the area looking for some evidence of a plane crash but could find none."

We knew that the object tracked on radar and sought by state police as a plane crash was no meteor. Radar tracked an object someone thought was an aircraft crashing. Meteors don't fly that low or that slow! On December 1st I received a letter from Battery C, 5th Missile Battalion, 56th Artillery, at Dillsboro, Indiana. The letter was in response to a request I had made regarding their public report of a radar track. The Executive Officer, 2nd Lt. Charles A. Millick, stated: "We were not radar tracking an unidentified flying object on Monday, 14 November 1960. Therefore, we must submit a negative report." (Ref. 3)

November 29, 1960: Before we got that letter, we had a UFO sighting of our own. On November 29th at 8:00 PM, the phone rang. Phil Studler, one of our team members who lived in town, had gotten a phone call that a bright UFO was heading in my direction. At this time I lived with my parents in their home located outside of town on a hill southeast of Vincennes. I immediately contacted another UFO enthusiast, Jim Eddleman, and his brother, Paul, who lived nearby. We all watched this bright object as it pulsated and traveled across the sky without any sound. I was lucky enough to have my mother and father, my brother Steve, and my sister Sherrie. While watching the object with binoculars I told Steve to call Jim Catt, another team member. The object was then in the east and traveling from north to south. It eventually swung to the southeast, ceased pulsating, and became very bright. The moon, that night was full and the object had banked and was reflecting the bright moonlight. There had been a small red light near the main UFO but not connected to it. Shortly, we were all startled by a rumble which came from behind us and, as we turned to look. We saw a jet in hot pursuit of the main object. Within 15 seconds the main object faded completely out, however the small red object remained in view for 10-15 more minutes. Apparently the pilot of the jet wasn't concerned with small red object because he did not pursue it. Possibly, he did not see the red object at all. The bright UFO was in view a total of about 10 minutes before the jet came in to view. (Ref. 3)

1961

May 1961: During the first week of May 1961, persons at Union Mills in northern Indiana had a CE1 UFO sighting. A hemispherical UFO with "portholes" was actually on the road and took off as a car approached. This sighting wasn't one of our case investigations but it was the beginning of important UFO activities. (Ref. 4)

Another strange object was reported near LaPorte near Chicago. It was hat shaped and made a sound like an "eggbeater". The exact date of this sighting are not given in the source material. (Ref. 6)

July 5, 1961: On July 5th there was an RV (Radar Visual) sighting in Cleveland, Ohio. Radar tracked a UFO and witnesses saw it simultaneously. (Ref. 6)

September 10, 1961: On September 10th one of our own FI's saw his first UFO. Jim Catt reported that he and two others saw a cigar shaped object for about 8 seconds. This was a distant sighting and the object was moving at high speed. (Ref. 3)

December 21, 1961: There was a single witness sighting at Lafayette, Indiana, a CE1, on December 21st. (Ref. 7)

1962

March 1962: Sometime in March 1962 a CE2 sighting was reported at Wheatfield, Indiana. According to the FI, Orville Hartle, there was some evidence of radiation. (Ref. 8)

June 22, 1962: On June 22nd there was an evening CE1 sighting at Indianapolis which was witnessed by a number of people. The object was disc shaped and made no noise. (Ref. 6)

August 22, 1962: A CE1 sighting occurred at Kingsford Heights in northwestern Indiana on August 22nd at 10:30 PM. The duration of this sighting was almost an hour and it was witnessed by seven people. The object was hat shaped and made a whirring noise. (Ref. 9)

1963

May 19, 1963: The first close encounter sighting listed in the Regional Sighting Information Database was for May 19th. It was a CE1 sighting and it occurred at Waukegan, Illinois. (Ref. 7)

June 21, 1963: A CE2 sighting at Hillside, Illinois, followed on June 21st. The identification on this sighting is a "possible aircraft". (Ref. 7)

July 10, 1963: On the afternoon of July 10th four boys in Fern Creek, Kentucky had a rare CE3 sighting. They saw a cigar shaped object which discharged a small disc which subsequently landed. A moment later a small entity with a large head, tight fitting clothes, and tubes like a respirator was seen. Two of the four boys received wounds from a black tube pointed at them by the entity. This was before all publicity concerning alien appearance. (Ref. 10)

August 4, 1963: The big event of 1963 occurred on the Sunday evening of August 4th at about 11:30 PM at Wayne City, Illinois. Wayne City is a little out of our territory being about 75 miles away and out of state but we had to respond because there wasn't an FI anywhere near there and it was too important a sighting to be neglected. Because of our jobs, we had to delay until the weekend before we could respond. By the following Saturday evening we were on our way to Wayne City. Accompanying me on this investigation were Jim Catt and Phil Studler. Phil had earlier contacted the news media and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office and arranged an interview. We interviewed the witnesses to the case there in Fairfield, Illinois, and then made a trip to the home of other witnesses in rural Keenes, Illinois, nearby. By that time it was getting late in the day. Here is what we found:

A week earlier a young man, Ronnie Austin, and his girlfriend had left a drive-in theater at 11:30 PM and headed east on Highway 15 towards the girlfriend's home. They noticed a big, white ball of light towards the southwest that was following them at treetop level. The light speeded up and slowed down to match their every move. It then changed position to the south of them and then crossed over in front of them to the north side. At a point six miles west of the Orchardville Road intersection, the light headed for the car. It appeared to get within a few hundred feet of the car and then suddenly gained altitude and stopped for

several seconds over an electronic relay tower. The light then shot across the road to the north or left side of their car and maintained this position at about 500 feet distance for some period of time.

The couple then turned north on to a gravel road which led to the girl's home about 1 1/2 miles away. The object was now on their right. When they arrived at the girl's home the girlfriend's sister also saw the object which was now towards the southeast. The object appeared to move closer as all three went inside, turned out the lights, and watched through a window. After 15 minutes the boy decided that he should go home and made a run for the car. The object began to "stalk" the boy. He had to head south to get home. The object was now on his left. When he turned east onto another gravel road the object suddenly shot diagonally ahead of him and stopped above a barn about a mile away just beyond the "T" road. The light changed from a brilliant white to a duller or dimmer light with an orange tinge.

He really "poured the coal" to the car and must have been doing 120 miles per hour when he topped the hill on the gravel road. Then, the object flared a bright orange and came straight toward him at high speed. It then hovered within about 100 feet of the car. Just before it began to hover it had swerved upward so that the boy got a closer look at it. He judged its size at about that of an automobile. When the object was directly over the boy's car his AM radio went crazy with static which he described as a loud "whining sound". He also felt a "cooling effect". The object made another pass at the car; this time from west to east. Again, at the point where the object was directly overhead of the car, the car engine started "missing". The object then proceeded back to the position over the barn where it hovered and its color changed to a dull orange.

The boy now turned north at the road intersection and headed for home which was over three miles away. The object again followed him. As he headed west down the lane toward his home, the object cut across the road behind him to the left. He spun the car around in the driveway in front of the house, got out, and ran inside. The object was now above another farmhouse in the east about 300 yards away.

His arrival had awakened his parents and they thought he had gone crazy. He could barely talk. Every other word would "trail off". The boy's father took a look at the object and determined that the shotgun near the door was no match for what had scared his son. He tried to call the Fairfield Police Department which really scared all of them because the phone was "dead". They finally determined that their young son was in need of medical attention and that they had to contact a doctor. By then, the phone was in working order.

In all there were seven witnesses including the boy's mother and father and sister and brother. The total sighting time was 50 minutes. This unknown is listed as a CE2 with electromagnetic effects on the car radio, car engine, speedometer, and telephone.

The car was a 1956 Ford Victoria which was equipped with a magnetic speedometer which probably gave false readings due to electromagnetic effects from the UFO.

This case was investigated by our NICAP Subcommittee and a team of Air Force Project Blue Book physicists. Evidence gathered by the Air Force indicates that the car was slightly radioactive or magnetized. This was determined by the type of readings given by members of the Air Force team as they inspected the car while the family watched and listened.

As an interesting historical note for the record, the Air Force team of investigators consisted of three men: Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend, then Director of Project Blue Book; Capt. Hector Quintanilla; and Sgt. Charles R. Sharp. Either later in 1963 or in early 1964, Quintanilla became the Project Director of Project Blue Book.

At this time the Air Force in general, and Capt. Quintanilla in particular, were ridiculing many witnesses who claimed sightings of UFOs. In keeping with this philosophy the official Blue Book "explanation" of this sighting which was issued after this investigation was that it was either "a refueling operation" or "the planet Venus". In contrast, the Air Force must have considered this case important because they had flown in a special team of physicists from Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. Normally, when investigating a case, they would send the local "UFO Officer" from the nearest Air Force base. Apparently the Air Force thought that something strange was going on in the Midwest because Air Force Intelligence was interested in something that officially did not exist. A quick check would have eliminated a refueling operation as a possible explanation and, consequently, the need to make an onsite inspection. (Ref. 3)

August 7, 1963: On August 7th at 8:45 PM in Fairfield, Illinois, about 20 miles northeast of Wayne City and Keenes, Chauncy Uphoff and Mike Hill had their attention attracted to a light in the sky when Uphoff's dog began barking. Looking up, they saw a yellow orange, diamond shaped object traveling west to east at an altitude of a thousand feet or more. The object later turned a dull gray color. The UFO made a sharp turn at high speed and headed north directly toward the observers while changing color to orange and, finally, to a brilliant blue white.

At its closest approach which was right in front of the witnesses, they said that it looked somewhat like "a ball diamond turned sideways". "It had depth to it", said Uphoff. The object made a U-turn, tilting on edge, and turned southeast toward Grayville. After hovering briefly, the UFO took off at a 45 degree angle. The "ball diamond" description at all viewing angles suggests a shape similar to that shown in Exhibit 1a. Because of the barking dog, this case is also classed as an animal reaction case. (Ref. 3)



Exhibit 1a

When the object started the U-turn it tilted on edge exhibiting a tail like projection on the bottom. The witnesses described the projection as like "a fluid dripping" rather than an actual part of the object. We considered this as evidence of corona discharge.

August 9, 1963: On August 9th, Harry Bishop, the mayor of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, had a CE1 sighting. He said that the object he sighted was oval shaped and made a "whirring sound". A number of other people saw the same object. The duration of the sighting was about 10 minutes. (Ref. 1)

August 13, 1963: On August 13th, a trucker at Greenville, Illinois, claimed that he had a CE2 sighting when he saw a cone shaped object as it followed his truck down the highway. The newspaper account said that there were a total of 26 witnesses but no one would file a report. (Ref. 3)

There were a large number of UFOs reported in the summer of 1963. Many reports were filed; others were not. I have purposely excluded distant encounters in order to concentrate attention on the more succinct sightings. In spite of the high number of total sightings in the Illinois area, 1963 was not, however, considered a "flap" year. "Flaps" are waves of UFO sightings that generally cover, as a minimum, a large part of the United States. The 1963 "mini-flap" was actually a concentration of sightings in southern Illinois.

August 16, 1963: Even more eerie is the fact that the earth satellite named Anna Firefly, which had been out for two months, suddenly came back to life. On August 16th, Richard B. Kershner of the Applied Physics Laboratory at Johns Hopkins laboratory who developed the satellite said, "We don't like to believe in space gremlins, but we've reached the point where that's as good an explanation as any." (Ref. 1)

September 1963: In September I was contacted by an Air Force reserve group, the 1127th Air Reserve Squadron, requesting me to give a briefing on UFOs. The briefing was scheduled to be given at the Robert Green Auditorium in Vincennes, Indiana, on August 16th. I was flattered and thought that the briefing was requested due to the recent increase in UFO activity in the region. However, in the last few years researchers turned up an official document concerning crashed UFOs and a secret project called "Operation Moon Dust". This document stated that retrieval of downed space objects, including UFOs, was the responsibility of a special unit at Fort Belvoir; the 4602nd. The 4602nd became the 1006th AISS in July 1957. In April 1960 the 1006th AISS became the 1127th USAF Activities Group of which the 1127th Air Reserve Squadron, the unit which had requested the UFO briefing, was a subordinate unit!

Project Blue Book was a sham organization which fronted for another "special group" which actually had primary responsibility for investigating good UFO reports. It's interesting that this special group was interested in our investigations. (Ref. 11)

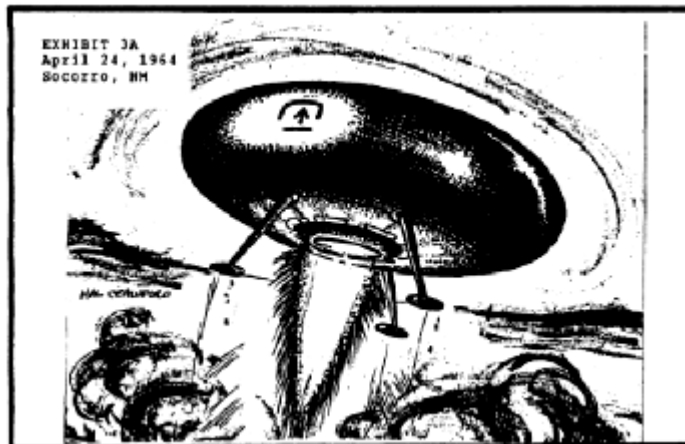
1964

By now, Captain, now Major, Quintanilla had replaced Lt. Col. Friend as Project Blue Book Director, the drive for congressional UFO hearings had failed, and the Air Force was explaining away all UFO sighting reports at all costs. These were the dark ages of UFO investigation and NICAP was almost forced to disband. Then, something awesome happened at Socorro, New Mexico.

April 24, 1964: A CE3 sighting, one of the highest rated cases on record, occurred at 5:45 AM (Mountain Standard Time) on April 24th, near Socorro, New Mexico. I recall receiving a call from David Goodnow, then an announcer for radio station WAOV in Vincennes. Mr. Goodnow is now a famous television anchorman for CNN. He had a teletype message that had just come in over the news ticker and he wanted me to come down and get it. (Exhibit 2a)

(SOCORRO /SOH-KOH, -ROH/, NEW MEXICO)---MILITARY OFFICIALS ARE
LOOKING INTO REPORTS OF UNKNOWN FLYING OBJECTS AGAIN...THE
LATEST, NEAR SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO. SOCORRO POLICEMAN LONNIE
ZAMORA, DESCRIBED AS A "VERY RELIABLE WITNESS," REPORTED SEEING
A SPHERICAL OBJECT ABOUT THE HEIGHT OF A CAR LAST FRIDAY AT
DUSK. HE SAID IT WAS OF A SHINY ALUMINUM-LIKE SUBSTANCE AND
STOOD ON FOUR STILTS. TWO PERSONS WERE NEARBY, ACCORDING TO
ZAMORA, BUT WHEN HE MOVED IN FOR A CLOSER LOOK, ALL HE FOUND
WERE FOUR IMPRESSIONS IN THE SAND AND A PATCH OF SCORCHED EARTH.
ARMY OFFICERS AT THE NEARBY WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE WERE
CONTACTED. THEY INSPECTED THE INDENTATIONS, AND LATER CONFIRMED
THAT NONE OF THEIR EQUIPMENT COULD HAVE MADE THE MARKS. THE ARMY
SAID GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE CONTINUING THE INVESTIGATION.
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An egg shaped object had landed in New Mexico and then taken off. Humanoid beings were seen near the craft and they had gotten back aboard before the object took off. The witness to all this was a police officer. (Exhibit 3a)

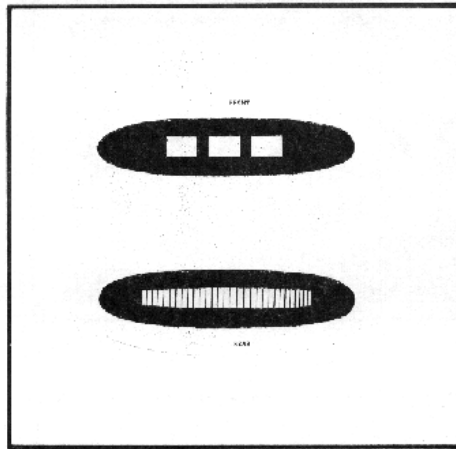


June 8, 1964: On June 8th at 9:30 PM in Lawrenceville, Illinois, which is just across the river from Vincennes, a CE1 sighting took place. The witness, Mrs. Helen Reed, described a close-up observation she had of a peculiar looking object which was in the vicinity of her

barn and in the air not more than 10 or 15 feet high. It was a typical domed disc with a flat bottom. When she first observed it the dome was glowing a soft blue. The object then moved erratically away from the barn and the dome turned a bright red orange in color. It then executed several sharp right angle turns and disappeared behind her shed.

Walking over to a position between her barn and shed, Mrs. Reed saw the object approach at a moderate speed and then stop within 50 feet of her. She estimated that the object was no more than 15 feet in diameter and she later described a series of round, yellow lights that encircled the base. She said that these lights were "brighter than headlights" but caused her no discomfort as she observed them.

The lights then began to rotate from left to right and Mrs. Reed noticed that there was one space where a light appeared to be missing. (Exhibit 4a) The object hovered in the same position for several seconds with the speed of the revolution of the lights increasing to a high RPM. The object then began to move away; making a sharp, right angle turn to the north and, without gaining altitude, it disappeared from view. Mrs. Reed said that as the object departed, its yellow lights were rotating so rapidly that it gave the appearance of a single band around the object's base. This entire sequence of events lasted, perhaps, 10 minutes. (Ref. 12)



Although they seemed slightly silly at the time, reports of small, basketball sized objects were not uncommon. I refer to these objects as OBOLs (Orange Balls of Light). They generally appear near the ground; sometimes near fence rows, house windows, etc. I believe that these are probes with TV cameras not unlike the ones on our own spacecraft such as the Viking, etc. Their correlation with parent objects is documented. They are not unlike the little red light in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". Such an object is apparently what appeared at Dale, Indiana.

June 24, 1964: Dale, Indiana is about 45 miles southeast of Vincennes, Indiana. A Spencer County youth told police that on June 24th at 9:00 PM he was held frozen in his tracks as he watched a glowing object cavort in his backyard and then streak away. Puzzled authorities found a burned spot about the size of a dinner plate in the grass. They said that they had no idea what the object might have been.

Charles Englebrecht, 18, said that he was alone in his darkened home watching television when a bright flash of light beside a window attracted his attention. Englebrecht said the television and the lights in an adjoining room blacked out.

Englebrecht said that the object was already on the ground near the back steps when he went outside. He said that "some strange power" kept him away from it. He noticed that a nearby chicken feeder trough was overturned, a large can of chicken feed had been knocked from a table, and the family power mower was ten feet away from where he had left it earlier. "I was numb", he said. "I didn't know what to do." The boy said that, as he watched unable to move, "it began to rise and then disappeared over the barn". A smell of sulfur filled the air, he said.

The Dale Town Marshall, Leroy Musgrave, said he phoned state police asking about any other reports of this incident but no other reports were received.

Englebrecht told Jim, Phil, and I that the object was sharply defined self luminous, that the actual size approximated that of a basketball, and that it landed on the ground right next to him. After about 5 minutes the object took off over the barn which was about 40 feet away with a whistling sound and disappeared out of sight. The object changed color from a bright red to a bluish purple to white to a brighter red on departure.

He was in near shock and he experienced a loss of appetite and lost considerable body weight during the two week period immediately following the sighting.

William T. Powers, the Chief Systems Engineer at Dearborn Observatory, investigated the case for Project Blue Book. He stated that he thought the boy may have seen only a burning piece of paper. I do not have the date that he visited with Englebrecht but is prior to our investigation. I never heard the result of the final analysis by the Air Force. Possibly, CUFOS has a record of it since Dr. Hynek and Mr. Powers were associates. This sighting is listed as UNKNOWN, CE2, possible probe. (Ref. 3)

June 28, 1964: Four nights later three girls were chased by a white ball of light. This sighting was classed as a CE1, also occurred at Dale, Indiana, and it happened in the wee hours of the morning. Fifteen minutes after midnight to be exact. The five-minute event frightened the three girls. Jim Catt, Joetta Fields, Carolyn Roach, and myself investigated. We had visited the Englebrecht boy and he took us to see the witnesses. I think the presence of the women in our group eased the tension of the young girls during our interview of them. They turned out to be very credible witnesses. (Ref 3)

Interestingly, there was a news clipping about a UFO trace case near Rome, Indiana, that appeared in the *Indianapolis Star* on the 28th of June titled "*Mysterious Markings in Field Baffle Perry County Farm Family.*" The article stated: "A spaceship landing or freak act of nature could be responsible for the mysterious markings found in an alfalfa field on German Ridge. The markings were found in the field near Rome in southern Perry County yesterday afternoon on the farm of Mr. & Mrs. James E. Stowe. The "perfect circle" was 5' in diameter and in the center of it were three, more intensely burned circles arranged in a triangular shape as the spots had been made by three table legs. The small circles were perfect and about 3" in diameter."

At the time of this incident none of the maps we had showed Rome or German Ridge. This case was never investigated.

By the time things started getting interesting during the summer of 1964, Jim and I and six other members of our reserve unit got orders to report for active TDY (Temporary Duty) with the U.S. Army. We were serving a six year enlistment with the Army National Guard's 38th Division and we had to take our basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. We left in early August and spent ten weeks at the Fort Knox training center and then another ten weeks at Fort Meade, Maryland. We didn't know it at the time but strange things were happening not too far from us in Maryland.

December 19, 1964: Petuxent River Naval Air Test Center at Petuxent River, Maryland, had had a blockbuster radar sighting. We received information on the radar tracking from NICAP headquarters in Washington, D.C., in January 1965, and one of my buddies at Petuxent River later confirmed this event.

It happened on December 19th at 3:30 AM. Two large radar targets were tracked at 6,000 knots (7,200 mph). They twice approached the base; each time turning away before they came within ten miles. A single UFO raced toward the base and whirled through a 160 degree turn at high speed.

Navy officials attested to the reliability of the men on duty and stated that the radar was in proper operating order. The report was released by Command R.W. Gordon, Air Operations Officer.

Later, the Air Force stated that the person on duty was inexperienced and the radar was not operating properly. (Ref 13)

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Jim and I returned home from our TDY in late December and were soon back to our old routines. We would, however, have to leave again in March for two weeks of jungle training at Puerto Rico's Salinas Training Center.

In the meantime UFO activity in our area was down considerably. We were ready and able but there were no cases to investigate.

January 19, 1965: On January 19th, a CIA representative contacted NICAP's Assistance Director, Richard Hall, in Washington, D.C., and questioned him about NICAP's investigative methods. The agent expressed interest in specific cases.

June 20, 1965: On June 20th, there was a CE2 with one witness at Leroy Township, Ohio. (Ref 14)

June 28, 1965: Eight days later there was a suspected landing trace (no UFO seen) at Dellroy, Ohio. (Ref 15)

August 1, 1965: There was a CE1 at Canton, Illinois on August 1st. (Ref 7). The next day, there was a radar/visual sighting at Fort Wayne, Indiana. All we have on this sighting is a computer entry with no details. (Ref 7)

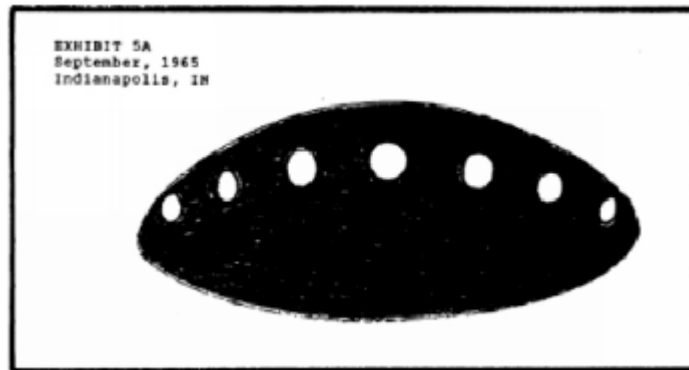
August 30, 1965: On the 30th of August there was a CE1 sighting with one witness at Urbana, Ohio. (Ref 7)

Sightings just weren't happening in our backyard. That is, until September . . .

September 1965: On an unknown date in September at 8:30 PM in Indianapolis, Indiana, a mother and her two sons, age 9 and 7 respectively, were driving home from a Cub Scout meeting that had been held at the White River Elementary School. The evening was warm and the sky was very clear. Several airplanes were in the air. The witnesses' eyes were on the skies because there had been a number of publicized UFO sightings. Just as they were starting in to a curve at Haynes Avenue they saw a band of lights in the sky. The band of lights was moving very fast and then stopped and hovered, bobbing around like a small boat in choppy water. The witnesses reported that the band of light was as large as a house!

After completing the curve, the mother stopped the car and all got out to watch what they knew was a disc but they could only see the lights around the edge. A group of planes headed toward the disc and the object took off to the south over the Glendale area. The duration of the sighting was three minutes. Later that evening they watched Frank Edwards on the TV news talking about what they had seen which was witnessed by hundreds at the Glendale Shopping Center. He said that witnesses described the object as a large disc (Exhibit 5a) with red, white, blue, and green lights around the edge. According to Mr. Edwards, it flew east and hovered over some radio towers knocking a radio station off the air for a short time.

This sighting was later recalled for us by the witness. The date of the sighting could be incorrect. There are no entries in the computer or in the EGBA for this sighting although it was mentioned by TV news person, Frank Edwards. Norma Croda recently investigated this sighting. (Ref 3).



October 16, 1965: On the 16th of October a CE1 sighting occurred at Bexley, Ohio. (Ref 7)

November 10, 1965: On November 10th the northeast U.S. electric power grid suffered a massive failure at about 5:25 PM, Eastern Standard Time. Because some reports of UFO

sightings coincided with this failure, discussion of a possible relationship between UFOs and power failures continues to this day.

December 7, 1965: A single witness CE1 sighting occurred on December 7th at Pleasant Hill, Missouri. The information source for this sighting is Skylook No. 40, page 15. The UFOFC does not have a copy of this report. (Ref 16)

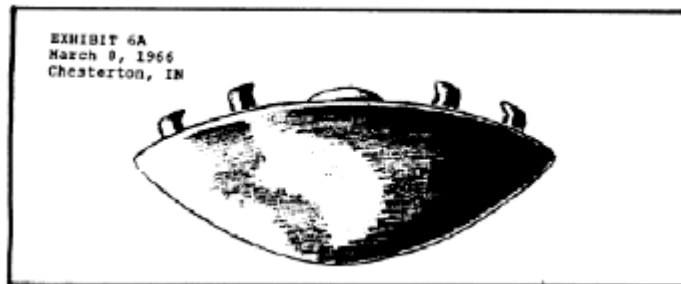
December 11, 1965: On December 11th a CE3 sighting is recorded for Sheridan, Indiana. This sighting is only listed in the EGBA. It occurred in Hamilton or LaPorte County which locates it north of Indianapolis or east of Chicago. (Ref 7)

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January 5, 1966: Another CE3 happened at Laarpe, Illinois on January 5th. Details of this sighting are not on file. (Ref 7)

February 26, 1966: On February 26th, a CE2 is recorded for Trivoli, Illinois. (Ref 7)

March 8, 1966: On March 8th at 2:30 PM there was a good quality daylight disc sighting at Chesterton, Indiana. (Exhibit 6a) The UFO, surrounded by a bright, misty haze, hovered above a cloud bank for 4-5 minutes. It then changed angles and sped away. (Ref 17)



March 28, 1966: A CE2 sighting was reported at Fayetteville, Tennessee. (Ref 7)

March 30, 1966: A CE3 sighting occurred at Mansfield, Ohio. (Ref 7)

Indiana's Cass County at Lewisburg, Indiana, had a CE2 sighting on the same evening. Five witnesses reported observing an oval object that flew over them making pulsating sounds. The object was in sight for 13 minutes. (Ref 4)

Elsewhere, close encounters in Michigan stirred congressional interest.

April 1, 1966: April Fools Day! A witness in Liberty, Missouri was serious when he reported an encounter with a UFO and aliens. (Ref 4)

The details of many of the computer entries are very sketchy; especially entries in the EGBA.

What some con men won't do for a living! Recently, a traveling public speaker whose name I won't mention gave a series of talks on the subject of UFOs at one of our local colleges. He also appeared on a local radio show where he mentioned that Indiana was really "hot" and that the movie *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* portrayed a UFO chase by police officers that began in Indiana and ended in Pennsylvania. The movie used Indianapolis as the location where FAA radar picked up the UFO that eventually abducted the young man. The police UFO chase, however, actually began in Ravenna, Ohio. The movie, of course, was fictitious. This is what really happened.

April 17, 1966: At 5:00 AM (notice the wee hours, again) the police radio in Ravenna, Ohio reported that a lady in Summit County, located west of Portage County, had called in with a report of seeing a brightly lighted object "as big as a house" flying over her neighborhood. Deputy Sheriff Dale Spaur and Mounted Deputy Wilbur "Barney" Neff were on duty cruising in their police car at the time.

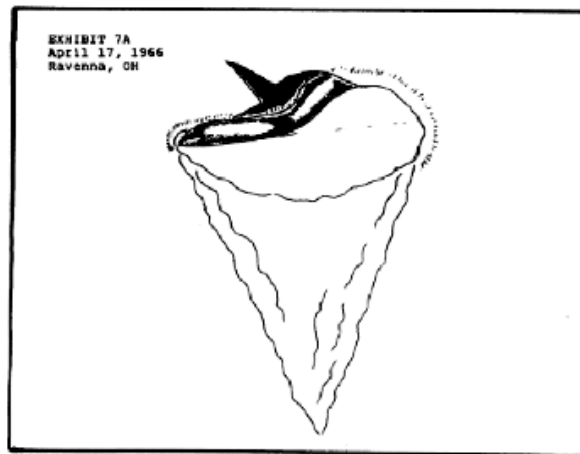
On Route 224 they saw an abandoned car on the side of the road and stopped to check it out. As they walked up to the car, Spaur looked into the wooded area behind them and saw "this thing" that rose up out of the woods a hundred feet or so and started moving towards them. The trees that the object cleared were on top of a rise in the ground right beside the roadway so "you couldn't see it until it was right on top of you. I looked at Barney and he was still watching the car, the car in front of us, and the thing keep getting brighter and brighter and the area started to get light and I looked at Barney this time and then told him to look over his shoulder, so he did. He didn't say nothing. He just stood there with his mouth open for a minute, as bright as it was, and he looked down. And I started looking down and I looked at my hands and my clothes weren't burning or anything when it stopped right over on top of us. The only thing, the only sound in the whole area was a hum, like a transformer being loaded or an overloaded transformer when it changes."

They were pretty scared for a couple of minutes but they made it to the patrol car and just sat there for awhile. They are unaware of just how long they did sit there. It could have been ten seconds or three minutes. Meanwhile, the object just hovered there. Then, the object started moving to the east and, then, stopped again. Spaur picked up the microphone and reported to his dispatcher. At this time the object was brilliantly lighting up the area and it was about 250 feet away.

Spaur reported, "This bright object is right here; the one that everybody says is going over." The dispatcher told them to shoot it!

They were then ordered to follow the object and thus began the wildest UFO chase on record. For more than seventy miles the object was chased; sometimes at speeds as high as 105 mph.

As the sky became lighter with pre dawn light, Spaur and Neff saw the UFO in silhouette. It had a vertical projection at the rear and it began to take on a metallic appearance as the chase continued and the daylight increased. (Exhibit 7a)



While the chase was in progress, Officer Wayne Huston, in his police cruiser near East Palestine, Ohio, some 40 miles to the east, was monitoring the radio conversation between Spaur and his office in Ravenna. "I talked with Spaur by radio. I met him at the north edge of the city on Route 14. I saw the thing when Dale was about five miles away from me. It was running down Route 14 about 800-900 feet up when it came by. This was the lowest I ever saw it. As it flew by, I was standing by my cruiser, I watched it go right overhead. It was shaped something like an ice cream cone with a sort of partly melted down top. The point of the cone was underneath. The top was sort of like a dome. Spaur and Neff came down the road right after it. I fell in behind them. We were going 80-85 mph; a couple of times around 105 mph. At one point, at least, I was almost on Spaur's bumper and we checked with each other what we saw. It was right straight ahead of us; a half to three quarters of a mile ahead."

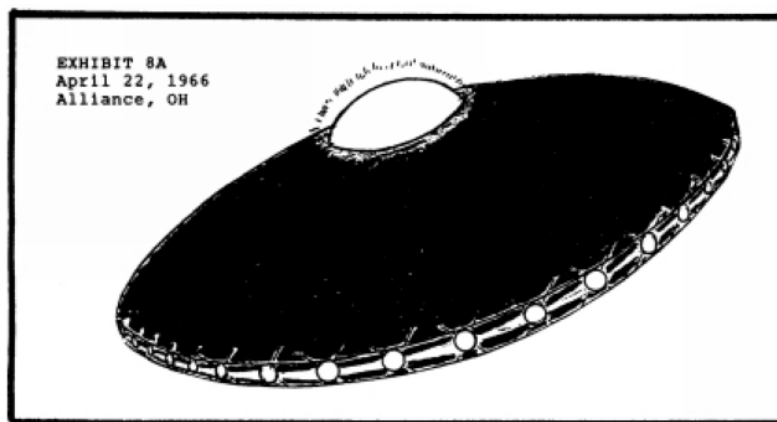
They were now in Pennsylvania, some fifteen miles east of the Ohio border. "I guided him by radio. All the way we were trying to get contact with a Pennsylvania car. We had the base call the Chippewa State Police station to see if they had a car on 51. They didn't." The first state police car they saw was at Conway, near Rochester. "Dale was low on gas and we stopped where Frank Panzenella was parked."

Panzenella had left a hotel in Conway after getting some coffee and was coming down Second Avenue. He looked to his right and saw a shining object. He thought it was a reflection off an airplane. He had been watching it for ten minutes when the two other patrol cars pulled up. "The object was the shape of half a football, was very bright and about 25 to 35 feet in diameter. The object then moved out toward Harmony Township approximately 1,000 feet high, then it stopped and went straight up real fast to 3,500 feet" and then stopped. It continued on upward until it got very small and disappeared. All four saw the object shoot straight up and disappear.

The object was hovering when an airplane taking off from the airport passed under it. It then took off directly upward, according to all witnesses. (Ref 18)

April 18, 1966: A single witness CE2 sighting is recorded for Lancaster, Ohio, on April 18th.

April 22, 1966: On April 22nd, a two witness CE2 sighting occurred at Alliance, Ohio. A music teacher and his wife had a close encounter with a silent UFO shaped like a giant disc with a dome on top. (Exhibit 8a)



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vojtko were driving home from a late teachers' meeting. They were traveling north on McCallum Avenue and were approaching the Tennenhauf Golf Course about five miles west of Alliance. About fifteen minutes after midnight, Mr. Vojtko noticed a brilliant stationary red light due west just above the horizon. He slowed the car and then stopped about 100 yards south of the golf course clubhouse. When he rolled down the car window to get a better look he noticed that the light had begun to move toward them. The object lost its star like appearance as it rapidly approached, taking on the shape of a dark disc with a white light on top.

When it was within forty feet of them and over the practice area of the golf course, the UFO stopped. It appeared to be at telephone pole height and about 45 feet in diameter. Encircling the rim was a row of red lights like a "rotating neon sign". The white light, much brighter than the red ones, was seen to be coming from a dome atop the structure. The object appeared to be hovering over the golf course practice area. At this point the badly frightened couple panicked and fled the scene at high speed. Both had the feeling that the UFO was following them but they could see nothing behind them as they fled. Finally, about a quarter mile from the golf course, they saw the object at a higher elevation accelerating towards the northeast. It appeared to come from directly above their car; a possibility that had not occurred to them until that time. The object passed over a house to their right (east) and disappeared behind some trees in the distance. (Ref 20)

June 8, 1966: A CE1 sighting is recorded at Toledo, Ohio. (Ref 4)

June 22, 1966: A single witness CE2 sighting occurred at Middlebury, Indiana. (Ref 4)

July 22, 1966: There occurred a very good CE1 sighting in Freemont, Indiana. The report came from a former naval officer and the witness interviews were conducted by Dr. J. Allen Hynek.

The father, driving his son, the naval officer, home from the railway station a little before midnight, saw an object glide in front of them, almost directly over the car. After this happened three times, the father said to his son, "Did you see something glide over the car?"

"Yes, I did," the son answered. "It looked like a big prehistoric bird of some kind."

Later in the interview, Dr. Hynek asked his standard question about what familiar object might be substituted for it as far as shape and, in this case, size. The witness said, "Very hard to say. I've never seen anything like it. . .well, a navy sub, but not just like that, of course. I figured I could hit with a stone. It was that close. Very sharp. Just as sharp an outline as if it had been, well, a boiler up there."

The sighting lasted 5-8 minutes.

The father described it further: "I dropped my head and looked up through the windshield and I just looked at it completely. There it was. I said to John, 'My God. It's a flying saucer!' It was almost like a science fiction movie on TV. It just hung there, completely silent, like a church steeple lit up at night. Or, it looked like those Japanese suicide planes that used to get into the floodlights at night and this reminded me of that. It swung in an arc of a hundred yards or so, just like it was frustrated."

When two other cars came along the lonely road, they reported that "it" turned off its lights "just like a rheostat on a dining room fixture and left only a dark shadow", then shot up into the sky with a trailing blue light after it.

Later, John said, "Dad, there's something you don't know. When you were out at the (car) trunk bending over your camera, this thing moved over the trunk and came down within five yards of you. . .but I heard no sound." (Ref 21)

July 27, 1966: On the evening of the 27th at Frankfort, Indiana, a witness reported seeing a mysterious light within the close encounter range of 500 feet. There was no sound at all. (Ref 22)

August 1, 1966: APRO, the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization, lists a CE1 sighting at Rushville, Indiana.

On the same evening at 7:00 PM, there occurred a two witness CE3 sighting at Rochester, Indiana. A domed disc with no sound was reported to have been seen for ten minutes.

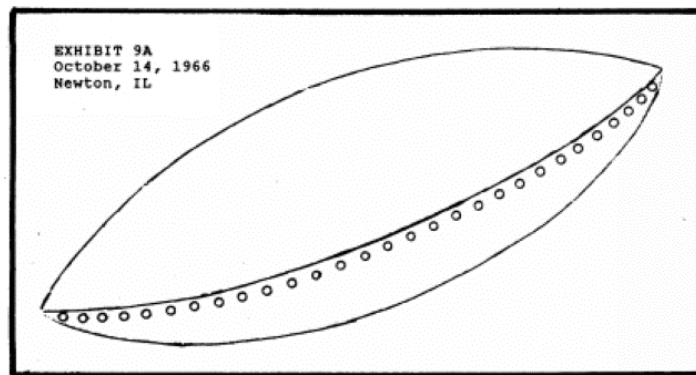
August 4, 1966: There was an Uncorrelated Target (UT) observed on radar at Milan, Ohio. There was no simultaneous visual sighting or this sighting would have been recorded as a Radar/Visual (R/V) sighting. (Ref 4)

August 8, 1966: An EGBA entry on August 8th records a CE3 sighting at Connersville, Indiana. It illustrated the high number of close encounter sightings being reported at that time. An especially rare type of sighting, the CE3 designation means that aliens can actually be seen on or near a craft of some sort. Surprisingly, the total number of CE3 sightings over all periods is extremely small. (Ref 4)

August 9, 1966: On August 9th an historic memo was written. It was a confidential memo from Robert Low, later coordinator of the Colorado Project "Condon Committee", to University of Colorado officials. It revealed internal university politics related to the Project and suggested that the "trick" of making it "appear a totally objective study" to the public. We would not hear about the memo until later when project scientist David Saunders would uncover it, expose it, and thereby lose his job in the process.

September 18, 1966: On September 19th Air Force Regulation (AFR) 80-17 was published to replace AFR 200-2. It placed UFOs under Research and Development (R&D) command and reflected the influence of the University of Colorado UFO project. As a result of congressional interest in close encounter activity in Michigan alone, Air Force Secretary Harold Brown issued a press release announcing that a \$313,000 contract had been awarded to the University of Colorado for an independent, fifteen month study of the UFO problem. The contract was later amended to increase the amount to \$525,000 and extend the period of the study to 24 months.

October 14, 1966: At 6:45 PM a CE2 sighting occurred at Newton, Illinois. A yellow orange UFO with a blue line around the center and red lights just under its rim was reported. (Exhibit 9a) The object illuminated the ground and caused television interference (TVI) and had other typical features. (Ref 23)



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CHAPTER 2: 1967 - THE HIDDEN WAVE

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Although we didn't know it at the time, there was a UFO wave in 1967 which began with a CE2 sighting in New Richmond, Montgomery County, Indiana. A few nocturnal light sightings in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and Missouri also marked the beginning of the wave. The 1967 wave wasn't apparent until we reviewed the sightings database in 1992. At the time that the wave began, I was still living in Vincennes, Indiana, with my wife of one year. The wave began with a close encounter near home.

January 10, 1967: This sighting occurred at 8:30 PM in Bruceville, Indiana; just five miles northeast of our home in Vincennes. A lady and her sixteen year old son were driving down the lane leading to their cabin when they observed an unusual object. The object was dull gray, elliptical in shape, and glowing a sort of bluish color around its rim. It was in the air about 25 feet above the car. Higher than a nearby light pole. It appeared to be about thirty feet in diameter and about eight feet thick. It hovered for a few seconds; then accelerated slowly at first, then fast toward the southeast. It vanished from view in six to eight seconds. As the object banked slightly it exhibited a disc shape and several dim lights under its rim. (Ref 1)

January 15, 1967: A CE2 sighting involving an elongated object occurred at 9:00 PM in Shelbyville, Kentucky. (Ref 2)

January 17, 1967: Francis Bedel, Jr., age 23, of Portland, Indiana was driving on State Highway 135, a two lane, blacktop road. North of Freetown, 15 miles north of Columbus, he later reported to Indiana State Police that a brilliant, glowing white light darted into his field of view. It apparently hovered over the road for a few seconds; then slowly reversed its course. Bedel was so engrossed with the spectacle that he lost control of his vehicle which left the road and was badly damaged.

On the same stretch of road on the same night, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Patton of Freetown, Indiana, reported to state police that a brightly lit, disc shaped craft came down alongside their car. Mr. Patton told State Trooper Conrad that the object moved along the highway directly in front of their car and about a hundred feet ahead of it. They estimated that the object was about 100 feet above the road and they described it as circular in shape and about the size of a small house. (Ref 3)

January 19, 1967: A CE2 sighting occurred where the witness managed to tape a photograph. If the photograph actually shows a humanoid's above the craft, the sighting would be classed as a CE3; however, I have not been able to confirm this. The witness, 15 year old Reed Thompson, completed and forwarded a signed questionnaire but submitted no photograph or negative. Twenty years later I learned that Don Worley had also conducted an investigation of this sighting.

At about 3:00 PM the witness said he heard a rumbling sound like a train. When the noise persisted the boy said that he went to the window and was startled to see a shiny object which was moving slowly about 25 feet above the ground. The object was described as a silver, quilted surface object

in the shape of a six feet by eight feet jar with a top opening. It followed the ground contour and made angled turns around trees.

Grabbing a small, plastic camera, the witness snapped several pictures. He got one good photograph of the object through the bedroom window. The object disappeared instantly when it was near a pine tree.

According to the witness the photograph is very dark because of the bright sun reflecting on the silvery object but the photo does show the tree limb reflections on both sides of the object. In the top of the object is what appears to be a faint shadow.

The photo negatives were sent to the Condon Committee Colorado UFO Study.

The total time of observation was about seven minutes. No sound was heard inside the house during the sighting. (Ref 1)

January 20, 1967: A single witness, CE2 sighting occurred at Victoria, Tennessee.

January 26, 1967: A CE1 sighting was reported at Coffeen, Illinois; a small town near St. Louis.

January 28, 1967: At 3:00 AM eight people reported sighting of a cup shaped object with a dome at Granite City, Illinois. (Ref 5)

January 29, 1967: A close encounter with a UFO and humanoid beings occurred at Knox City, Missouri. (Ref 6)

January 1967: On an unknown day in January 1967, city, county, and state police were dispatched to an area west of Galesburg, Illinois after reports of sightings of a large UFO, "bigger than a trailer", with blue lights and a funnel on top were received. One Knoxville farmer and several motorists reported that the UFO "was round, big as a house, had no flying lights, but let off a greenish-blue light." Vibrations from the craft could be felt in the farmer's truck as it followed him along the Victoria blacktop about 7:00 PM. (Ref 6)

February 1, 1967: At 10:55 PM, two people at Erlanger, Kentucky reported seeing an object with windows which made absolutely no sound. (Ref 9)

February 2, 1967: A CE1 sighting was reported at Cairo, Illinois. (Ref 8)

February 4, 1967: The sightings in Indiana continued. Although these were not close encounters, they are good sightings of nocturnal lights which were reported by trained witnesses.

State Trooper Hollace Chastain was checking his mailbox at 7:00 PM in Norman, Indiana when he noticed an unusual and very bright light in the western sky. The light was elliptical in shape, about the size of a dime at arm's length, and self luminous. He watched it for a few minutes; then radioed Trooper James Blevins. The object, which had been moving, stopped and hovered for awhile. Then, it sped up suddenly. It was not Venus or a star! It changed colors. White to orange to greenish blue and then back to white. Sometimes it pulsed. Trooper Chastain never heard a sound from the object during the thirty minute observation. The object finally disappeared behind a tree line in the southwest. The range to the object was estimated to be five miles. (Ref 1)

Eight miles west of Browntown, Indiana, Trooper Blevins followed the object for fifteen minutes to Lawrence County, Indiana. The object was reported by Trooper Blevins to be "softball sized" and changing colors from blue to green to white. "It was stationary when I first saw it," he said, "but it was too big to be a star. Suddenly, it started to move." The object flickered and wobbled as it went from southwest of his position to due south during the fifteen minutes that he saw the object. The object then dropped straight down behind a tree line and disappeared. Trooper Blevins observed the object through binoculars at least once during the sighting. The estimated range to the object was 2-10 miles. (Ref 1)

February 5, 1967: At 1:45 AM a sighting of a "boomerang" near Oakland City, Indiana was reported. Seven members of a band saw this object for five to six minutes. One of the band members, Phil Studler, was one of our FIs. Another car with five or six occupants also saw the object travel toward the northwest. (Ref 1)

At 2:30 AM at Crothersville, Indiana, Richard D. Barker of the Seymour, Indiana Police Post reported that he followed a huge ball of greenish blue and white lights for some ten miles before the ball moved west towards Bedford, Indiana. "It had a flat bottom, was just under basketball size, and had a brilliant blue green light rotating around it counterclockwise. It was, maybe, 300 to 500 feet high and had three red flashing lights under it," he said. "I got within what seemed like about a mile of it and it started moving south." He said that when it got to Littleyork, Indiana, it hovered for awhile and then took off fast. (Ref 1)

At 6:00 AM it was sighted at Bedford, was cigar shaped, and in sight for about thirty minutes. (Ref 8)

On the same day at an unknown time in Hilliards, Ohio, a young man heard a barking dog and then saw an egg shaped object land. From an elevator shaft came humanoids who placed small spheres around the craft. Another man then walked up to the humanoids from the craft and appeared to speak to them. The witness was spotted and the creatures tried to abduct him. (Ref 10)

February 9, 1967: State Trooper D.E. Swider of Crothersville, Indiana saw and reported a UFO eight miles south of Seymour, Indiana. It was about 7:50 PM as Trooper Swider was patrolling Interstate 65 near Indiana State Patrol (ISP) Headquarters (HQ) when ISP HQ advised him of a UFO that had been reported to them. He, himself, saw the object in the west for about ten minutes before it finally went out of sight. He described the object as a huge, round object moving slowly left to right and changing colors from white to red to orange. The colors changed as the movement of the object slowed and then accelerated. This was not a sighting of the planet Venus because Venus was visible at the same time. (Ref 1)

February 11, 1967: A Pennsylvania Railroad employee and his companion fled in fear from a glowing object hovering a few feet above a creek bed near Milford, Ohio in the early morning. Michael McKee and Sharon Hildebrand were driving toward Milford when they noticed through the woods, a white, glowing light. Taking a railroad light from the car they approached to investigate. They discovered an oval object with a tube-like appendage underneath, like a mushroom, hovering a few feet above a creek bed which dropped several feet into a ravine. They approached to within one hundred feet of the object which appeared to be about thirty feet in diameter.

When Mr. McKee shone his lantern on the object it gave off a metallic appearing "mirror reflection". Miss Hildebrand said she noticed a row of lights on the object which disappeared when the lantern was turned off. Confronted with this, the pair fled. (Ref 11)

February 13, 1967: At 2:00 AM three witnesses reported a CE1 sighting of a white object with windows at Owen County, Indiana. The sighting lasted about two minutes. (Ref 4)

February 14, 1967: A CE3 sighting occurred at Miller County, Missouri.

February 16, 1967: There was an abduction case at St. Louis and a CE3 sighting at Miller County, Missouri.

February 19, 1967: Another CE1 sighting occurred at Miller County, Indiana.

February 28, 1967: Two CE 1 sightings occurred in Owen County, Indiana. One of these sighting was of a doorknob shaped object seen by two witnesses. (Ref 7)

March 1, 1967: At 9:30 PM at Gosport, Indiana witness Aleman Holsapple and four others riding in an automobile saw a red object, fuzzy around the edges, though to be fifty feet long and nine feet high. Mr. Holsapple stopped the car and all got out to get a better look. The object stopped, hovered, and moved back and forth about five hundred feet away. It then took off at great speed heading south. Duration: 1 minute. (Ref 7)

At 10:06 PM, a dark colored disc with a dome emitting a reddish light followed four persons in their car for miles until they reached home at Portland, Clay County, Indiana. It then hovered. (Ref 7)

March 6, 1967: At 4:25 AM, near Henderson, Illinois, a deputy sheriff reported a domed disc with spinning bottom section. The rim pulsated red all over it at irregular intervals averaging a second or more between pulsations. The deputy sheriff also reported hearing a hissing sound during the eleven minute encounter. (Ref 8)

March 7, 1967: A CE1 sighting was reported at Bartlett, Illinois. (Ref 8)

March 21, 1967: Near Mascoutah, Illinois a lady was awakened at 2:00 AM by the excessive warmth in the bedroom of her house. Getting out of bed to remove a comforter, she became aware of a brilliant light in the open field to the south of the house. She awakened her daughter and both observed a large, glowing object in the field for ten to fifteen minutes. Orange in color and oval shaped, it had a light in the center and a ring of red lights circling the middle. Yellow light sources near the base of the object were separated by bright metal. The whole object glowed with the brightness of the moon but the red lights around the middle of the object were extremely bright.

Both women were frightened. The primary witness, the mother, opened the window for a better view and, at that instant, the object rose at an angle toward the east and leveled off at about thirty feet above the field. It then moved south for about a half mile and then west along a railroad track before disappearing behind the trees in the distance. There was no sound.

Because of rain and mud, the women did not check the landing site until March 23rd. They found a large circular area 54 feet in diameter with all plant life completely withered and several depressions three feet across and ten inches deep containing a vile smelling, brownish liquid outside the main circle. (Ref 12)

March 23, 1967: At Lawrenceville, Illinois a confidential witness, employed at Lawrenceville-Vincennes Municipal Airport, observed an unknown object near the airport at 11:30 AM. It was first seen in the west and appeared to be an aircraft fuselage, much like a DC-3, but without wings. The

object was white in color. After a minute of observation by the witness it took off towards the northeast into a cloud. The witness said that he watched it through the windshield of his car and it looked like it was coming to land, then sped off always exhibiting the elliptical or cigar shape. (Ref 1)

In April the regional wave of sightings appeared to end. My father had died suddenly and the apparent decrease in the number of sightings gave me and my family a chance to take care of family business. I published what I considered to be a good report on the concentration of sightings. It wasn't until years later that I was able to see that this was actually a major hidden wave of sightings. Richard Hall of NICAP detected this before I was aware of it because he was receiving sighting reports from all over and it was apparent to him that the concentration of sightings at this time was in my area. My RSID listings compiled in the early 1990s confirmed our suspicions.

On April 4th the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued Notice N7230.29 establishing procedures for the "Reporting of UFOs" to the Colorado UFO Project. NICAP investigation teams had been selected to work as rapid response teams for UFO sightings for the Project. The infamous "memo" had not yet surfaced.

May 10, 1967: At 3:00 AM some fishermen in Wayne County, Indiana saw a missile shaped object that had a glowing red ball at each end. This object is very similar to the object observed at Syracuse, Indiana on July 13, 1993. A white, glowing object appeared to land across a road from the witnesses. Fearing an explosion as the object grew brighter and brighter, the witnesses rushed off to get the sheriff. No markings were found. (Ref 7)

May 15, 1967: At 11:15 PM a fantastic sighting occurred! A commercial airline pilot had just concluded a tour of duty and was driving to his home in an exclusive residential community a few miles northeast of Indianapolis, Indiana. As he turned into the lane that lead to his house he noticed a strangely lighted craft in the sky. It was moving slowly to the south crossing some fields behind his house at an altitude he estimated to be about one thousand feet. The thing that attracted his attention was the lighting arrangement of the object. The object had a brilliant white light in front, a rapidly blinking red light at the rear, and pulsating red lights underneath from front to back of what appeared to be a cigar shaped craft.

Reaching his house, the pilot phoned the airport control tower and asked if they had anything on their radar scope in his area. The radar man assured him that they did indeed have an unidentified object on the scope and they had been watching it for several minutes.

The pilot inquired if either of the Goodyear blimps were airborne? The radar man replied that neither were airborne and that he could clearly see both blimps tied down at the airport only a few hundred yards from his position. And, he added, there were no planes and no weather balloons in that area.

The pilot next called the Marion County Sheriff's Office and that office broadcast an alert on their radios. The dispatcher at the sheriff's office contacted the radar room at the airport and was told that they were watching an unidentified radar return on the scope of an object moving about at a very low altitude in the area indicated.

Two deputies who answered the radio broadcast were in the general area of the pilot's house and they were dispatched to the scene to check the report. The first to reach the scene was Deputy Kenneth Toler who told the FI:

"It was a sight; a very strange sight. The light on the front end was brilliant. We (the deputy and the pilot) could see the shape of the thing, like a fat cigar about forty to fifty feet long, we estimated. It was moving slowly against the wind. The row of lights along the bottom was unusual. I never saw a craft with lights like that.

"We watched the thing for about 25 minutes altogether. It was somewhere beyond a mile from us. When it got ready to leave it just took off at a steep angle. It went fast. Very fast. It was out of sight in a few seconds, still rising."

This sighting is noteworthy because of the caliber of the witnesses: a commercial pilot, a deputy sheriff, and the radar operator who confirmed the visual sighting with his radar. This sighting is rated as an RV (Radar/Visual) but started out being rated as a close encounter. What the deputy and pilot saw together would as a NL (Nocturnal Light) with rapid ascent. (Ref 13)

May 21, 1967: At 3:00 AM in Union County, Indiana a dark object with a circle of red pulsating lights lit up the area as it moved slowly along the highway below tree top level. It made two passes during the two minute sighting. The witnesses experienced retinal after image. The location was five miles west of the Nike missile base near Oxford, Ohio. (Ref 7)

Summer, 1967: The date of this sighting is unknown. At 4:00 PM at Bonneville, Indiana a CE1 sighting occurred. The witness, who was 29 years old when she filed this report, said: "I was approximately ten years old when I saw the object. I was playing with my brother, about 6, and a neighbor boy, about 12, in the back yard of my house. I had no idea what it was. When I asked him, he said, 'It's a UFO'. The object was hovering about five feet above the trees that lined the back yard. We had watched it for several minutes when we noticed a second object over the empty field behind our house. It was hovering slightly higher than the first one. There was also a third object, farther behind the second one and a little higher up. We watched the objects for some time, then I went in the house to try to get my mother to look. She wouldn't. I went back outside and the three of us watched the objects for perhaps twenty minutes. Then, my mother called us into the house, we ate dinner, took a bath, and went into my bedroom at the end of the house and watched the first object until bedtime. Perhaps another hour. At no point could we get my mother to look out the window." The Form 1 indicates the first object was as close as thirty to forty feet at one point. (Ref 1)

November 9, 1967: At 11:45 PM two nurses driving home from a Waverly, Tennessee hospital stopped for a traffic light in Erin, Tennessee. While stopped they saw a large UFO approach and land on the highway in front of them. Without the driver "feeding gas or anything" the car began to move of its own accord until it stopped a mere thirty feet or so away from the semitransparent craft. Inside the craft there were at least five small figures looking at them. The women felt completely unafraid and transfixed. The craft rose up and moved away and the women began eagerly to follow it. It "led them" to a rural road where they saw it land. The lights on their car went out. The next recollection was of the object high in the sky leaving them, but they perceived no time lapse nor did they ever check the time. (Ref 14)

November 27, 1967: The object was first seen at 9:00 PM by four witnesses at a rural home in Fayette County, Indiana. The object dropped down near three other witnesses in a car on a rural road northwest of the Philco-Ford Manufacturing Plant. The object was larger than a house. It was a silver, domed disc with masses of red lights pulsating in an erratic fashion underneath it. The witnesses in the automobile stopped and observed windows inside the dome with computer lights

behind these. The witnesses fled the scene, tearing down the gravel road at high speed. The duration of this sighting was ten minutes. (Ref 7)

December 8, 1967: At about half past midnight an object was in the sight of the witness for about a half hour at Deputy, Indiana. The object that levitated, and probably abducted, the witness was shaped like a large orange bowl. The witness did not know when she finally arrived at her isolated home. She suffered severe physical effects but improved by morning so that she did not go to a doctor. Long before the abduction stories came into the public eye this woman was claiming subsequent visitation by small beings and of having physical marks on her body. She is positive that there is something, possibly an implant, in her head. (Ref 7)

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CHAPTER 3: - LEAN YEARS, 1968 to 1972

1968

January 15, 1968: The EGBA listing shows a single witness sighting at Villa Park, Illinois. APRO recorded this CE2 sighting.

January 24, 1968: APRO Bulletin No. 16 records a CE2 sighting at Hillside, Illinois for this date.

Also, on this date, a sighting occurred at 10:15 PM in Fayette County, Indiana. Approaching from a distance, two Saturn shaped objects, appearing similar to the Trindade Island object photographed in January 1958 (Exhibit 1B), glowing orange hovered over a forested area across a road from the witnesses. One object appeared to land while the other moved over a house. A motor sound was heard during the twenty minute observation. The three women witnesses were terrified and got out their Bibles and prayed. There were no landing indications found on the frozen ground. (Ref 1)



Exhibit 1b, an enhanced 1958 photo

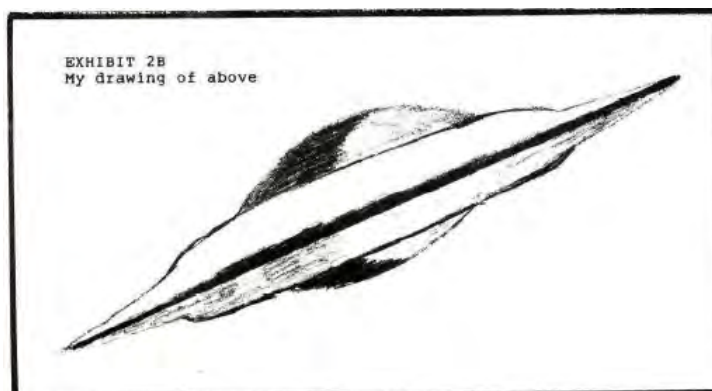


Exhibit 2B is my rendition of the object in the photo taken by the witnesses. It shows shadows, superstructure, flange, and top and bottom domes.

On February 9th, Dr. David Saunders and Dr. Norman Levine were fired from the Colorado UFO Project by Dr. Condon for alleged incompetence. The controversy centered around the public release of the famous memo by Robert Low which characterized the Colorado UFO Project as a "trick" on the public regarding the study's objectivity. Immediately after this NICAP ordered all of its subcommittees to cease sending UFO reports to the Colorado Project.

May, 1968: On a May evening, exact dates are uncertain, beginning at Centralia, Illinois several strange occurrences were reported to investigators. At 1:00 AM, a strange glow that moved, stopped a clock for five minutes, and burned some trees was observed. During this occurrence a brood sow vanished.

Later in the month, exact dates are also uncertain; a hat shaped UFO was observed by two men. They reported that it had portholes illuminated by white lights and white running lights on each end. A high pitched whine was also heard. The observation lasted for several minutes (Ref 2)

July 8, 1968: At about 10:20 PM the pilot and passengers of a Cessna 172 Skyhawk were approached by a UFO over Warren, Ohio. Two brothers, Richard and Ken Montgomery, with Elizabeth Soverns and Rosalind Rians as passengers, were flying at about four thousand feet over Warren, Ohio. Richard Montgomery was at the controls.

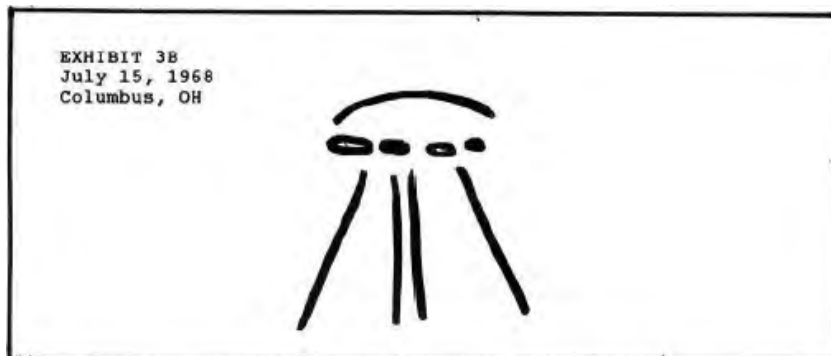
"I noticed an object coming toward us from the direction of Youngstown to the southeast," Mr. Montgomery related. "I swung over to get a closer look when the object headed directly toward our airplane. It stopped and hung motionless in the air momentarily and, as our aircraft came closer, it moved swiftly upward and came back at us from another angle."

Mr. Montgomery stated that the UFO appeared to be metallic and a light was coming from its underside. He estimated that it was from six to ten feet in diameter and from sixteen to twenty feet tall.

Mr. Montgomery maneuvered the plane several times but the object kept following the plane at a distance from 150 to 200 yards. Then, the UFO "suddenly sped in an easterly direction at amazing speed and was quickly out of sight."

During the encounter control tower operators at Youngstown Municipal received calls from area residents concerning "a dogfight between two aircraft in the skies over. . .Warren." (Ref 3)

July 15, 1968: Only a brief account is available from a drawing caption (Exhibit 3B) of this sighting which took place at 3:00 AM at Columbus, Indiana. The UFO emitted a light like a searchlight to the ground. It also emitted a narrower red beam or ray. (Ref 4)



July, 1968: Walter Rogers, a subscriber to the *UFO Intelligence Newsletter* which I publish monthly, was a ten year old boy in July, 1968 and lived on a farm near Strongsville, Ohio. At about 7:00 PM on a warm July evening, the exact date is unknown, he was waiting with some other children to go on a hayride. He was facing southwest and saw what something similar to a camera flash. Out of the area of the flash came a silvery, metallic, disc shaped object. "It was flat. No dome or other structure was observed," he said. (Exhibit 4B) The object performed a lowering step maneuver followed by a straight line run over the farm. (Ref 5)

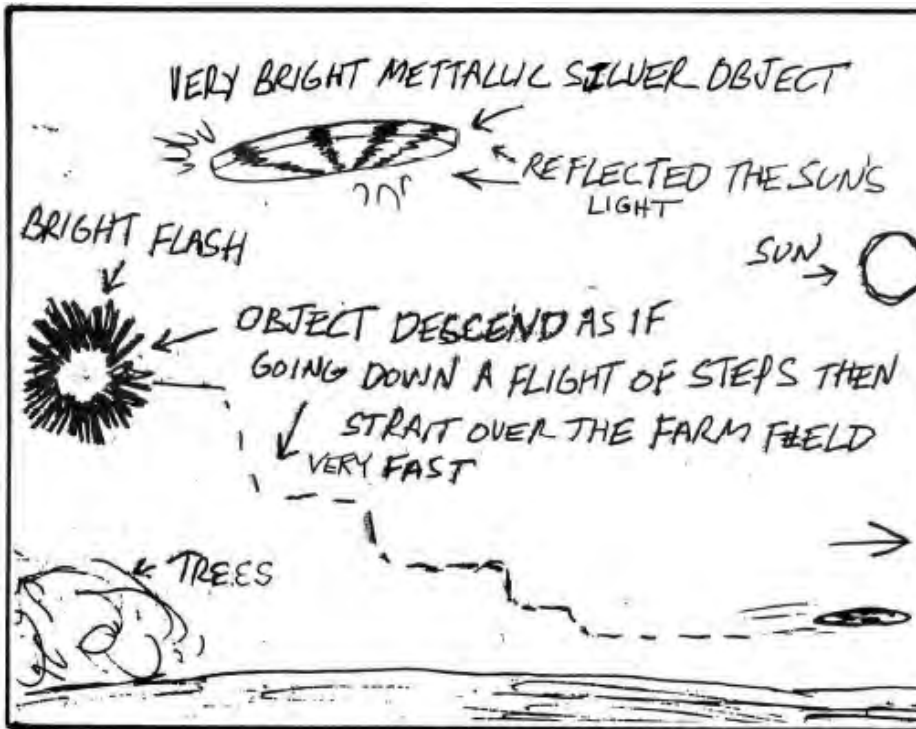
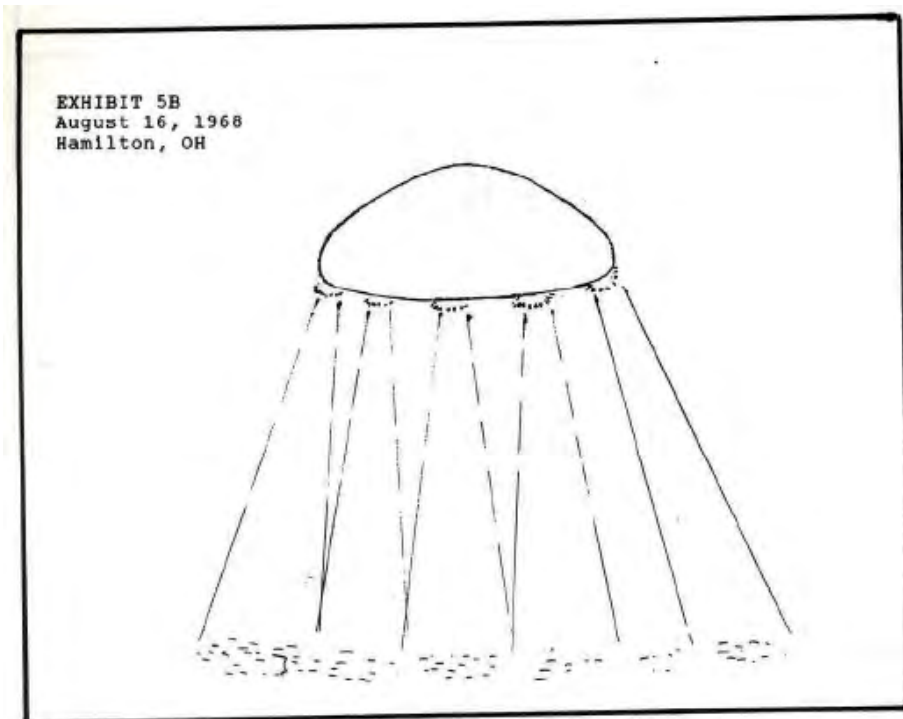


Exhibit 4b

August 16, 1968: At 11:00 PM in Hamilton, Ohio a large group of people saw a UFO approach. The UFO beamed down lights which reflected off Greenbriar Lake. (Ref 6) (Exhibit 5B)



August, 1968: The exact date of this sighting is unknown. At 11:00 PM in Fayette County, Indiana a dark, football shaped object hovered 200 feet over a barn and projected a bright, bluish beam into a

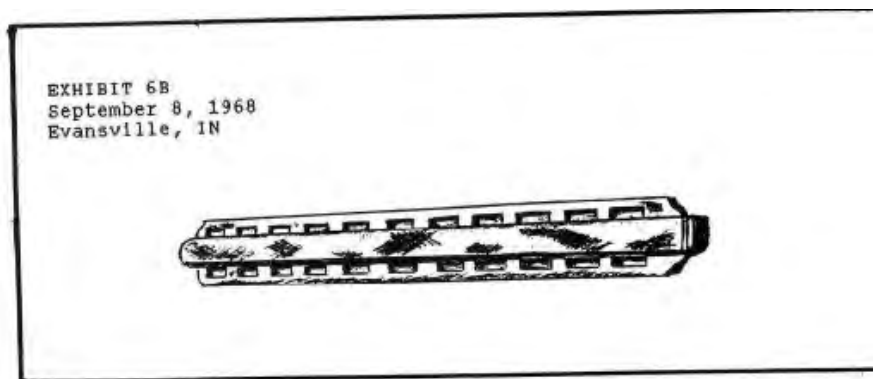
cornfield. After about five minutes, the three witnesses saw it move off to the south still projecting a fan shaped beam over the countryside. A humming sound was heard. (Ref 1)

September 8, 1968: The following is a very strange detailed account of a sighting which first became known to us in January 1988.

A 67 year old woman read an article in the *Evansville Courier*, or local newspaper, about the UFO Filter Center and our group and sent us a letter dated January 29, 1988 describing two incidents. This particular sighting could be classified as a Daylight Disc or as a CE1 depending on the distance between the observer and the object observed. The witness couldn't estimate the distance but the drawing of the disc included in her letter suggests she was close enough to it to observe plenty of detail. At the time of the sighting, the woman witness was 47 years old.

"It was Sept. 8th, 1968, around or shortly after, 3:00 PM, when the sighting occurred. I had been to Elberfeld, Indiana, with my oldest son to visit my youngest sister and we were on our way home and talking about religion with nothing on our minds besides the topic, when I glanced up and saw the UFO. We had just entered the city limits past the airport and turned right on a side road towards town, when I suddenly saw an odd sight in the sky on my right. The day was very warm and the car window was open, so I saw the object very clearly. The day had been as clear as a crystal with warm sunlight and I could see every detail of the UFO. At first I thought it was an advertising gimmick. It was in the sky, not moving, and had it been more rounded and streamlined, I might have thought it was a blimp or the like, but it was long-shaped, darkish in color, and definitely not streamlined. The object did not appear to be tall enough in height to hold an upright man, and if a human being was inside he would have very likely had to be sitting, at least to fit into the flat-looking shape. The object was long, however, about the length of an airplane, and it looked very old, very heavy metal, a dull brown, with smudges that appeared to have been made by great heat or the like. It was a lead color, with smudges as if it had been on fire at one time.

"It was very ugly, and the thing did not seem to have windows, but along both the top and bottom there was a row of squares set waffle-like back into the metal, and along between the squares was a band, running from one end to the other. On the side to my right was, what I took to be, the nose of the thing, although it could have been the other end, I don't know, anyway, it was blunt like that of an old model "T" car, with step-like projections around it. (Exhibit 6B)



"I did not pay as much attention to the other end, but I think it was not streamlined, either, so I'll illustrate it as best I can, but I'm not as sure about it.

"It had no visible means of locomotion, and made no sound. It did not have wings, or a rotor on it, or fumes that I could see coming from it, and it just hung in the sky without moving. It was beyond some trees, above them, and over a railroad track, and there were no homes close by. Although, on down the road further, there was some mobile homes and a house or two. These likely could not have seen the thing, as there were trees to cut off their view.

"I felt irritated at it, as it did not move, and I couldn't figure out what it was, so I asked my son, 'what in the world is that?' He said, 'I can't see it, Mother, wait until I can pull over, and I'll get out and see.' We were rounding a turn in the road by then and I was looking back at it, and the trees then hid it. He stopped and offered to walk back and look, but I was anxious to get home, my feet were hurting, so I told him to let it go. Later I wished I had gone back with him and had used my camera which was loaded and on the seat between us. I never even thought of the camera, til I got home."

When she got home she told her husband about the sighting. He told her to call the airport and she did. The people contacted at the airport had no explanation so she called a radio station, a newspaper, and, last, a local TV station. The TV station people said that they didn't doubt that she might have seen something because there had been calls on the previous night.

The witness appears to be a religious person. In fact, she and her son were discussing religion when the incident occurred. Her son did not see the object. Her description in the letter of the duration of the sighting was "6 minutes". During a subsequent telephone interview she stated that this duration was too long and that it was closer to a minute. This revised duration is in her favor and shows her dedication to the truth and accuracy.

Her estimate of distance and altitude are lacking because she states that she knows she couldn't accurately judge them. This is also in her favor.

Escalation of Hypothesis is one of the scientifically interesting aspects of good UFO sightings. Under this sighting aspect the witness doesn't first try to make the object a UFO. The witness first tries to come up with a logical explanation for the event. In this case, the witness spent the first part of that minute that she says she had the object in sight, thinking about it being an advertising gimmick such as a blimp.

There was a loaded camera on the seat beside her. She was so caught up in the sighting that she never thought to use it.

The meticulous detail provided by the witness indicates close proximity to the object at some point even though she would not hazard a guess as to proximity other than one-quarter to one-half mile. Because of the unsureness of the distance between the witness and the object, I could not class this as a Close Encounter.

Her son did not see the object because by the time she decided that it was something unusual, it was lost to view. No other witnesses to this even have come forward. (Ref 7)

September 30, 1968: At about 1:00 AM there was a sighting by five witnesses from an aircraft flying near Louisville, Kentucky. The commercial pilot, Dodge Stockmar, and four passengers reported seeing a light source above them with two to three beams of light shining towards the ground. One light beam was longer than the others and they pulsated. The light source, at first, seemed like a star but then it began moving west, dropped to the plane's altitude, and then descended into a restricted area near the Louisville airport and went out.

October 26, 1968: At approximately 10:00 PM Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Foster were driving near Greenfield, Indiana when they saw a UFO come to rest on the road about two miles ahead of them. It rose straight up and landed two or three times at different locations on the road. When they reached the landing site on the road the car lights went out for half a minute or more as they reached each landing location. (Ref 8)

Fall, 1968: On an unknown date in the Fall of 1968 at about 7:30 PM a sighting occurred at Aurora, Illinois. There are four adult witnesses to this sighting: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wiakur, Mr. Everett Percell, and Mr. Bill Schinke. According to the witnesses a shiny saucer shaped object with a spinning outer rim made a very loud noise like "50 steel rakes being scrapped over concrete." The object was estimated to be 45-50 feet in diameter and between 200 and 1,000 feet in altitude. The object was first seen in the east and then it moved west over the Aurora Country Club. The spinning rim seem to change direction several times. Slowing down or speeding up the spin rate can produce this effect by strobe action similar to the way stagecoach wheels seem to change direction in old western movies. After thirty minutes of observation by the witnesses the object moved straight up and was gone in seconds. (Ref 8)

1968 was a year etched forever in my memory and in the memory of millions around the world. It was the year that a Christmas message was broadcast to the world by the three man crew of Apollo 8 as they orbited the moon for the first time.

1969

On January 9, 1969 the Condon Report of the University of Colorado UFO study was publicly released. NICAP disputed the conclusions of the study at a press conference held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., on January 11th.

In May, the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) formed under the original name of Midwest UFO Network. The organization incorporated the publication, Skylook.

On December 17th, Secretary of the Air Force Robert C. Seamans, Jr., announced the termination of Project Blue Book. Based on the Condon Report and its endorsement by the National Academy of Sciences, he said continuance of the project "cannot be justified either on the grounds of national security or in the interest of science." Later, we discovered the "Bolender Memo" that revealed that UFO sightings that involve national security were never part of the Project Blue Book system. Investigations of UFO sightings by the Air Force continued. Twenty plus years later we discovered that there was a special group that was responsible for investigating the good cases and that this group was watching us, too.

1970

Interest in UFOs dropped off rapidly when witnesses were told that officially UFOs didn't exist. The release of the Condon Report and public, official discontinuance of Project Blue Book caused a reluctance by witnesses to report UFO sightings and resulted in a dearth of sightings during this period. With the birth of MUFON in 1969 there were now three major UFO reporting organizations; NICAP, APRO, and MUFON. As these grass roots organizations grew in size the number and quality of UFO sightings began to improve. All that was needed was for witnesses to see something and know where to report their sighting. I was still a NICAP Field Investigator and NICAP Subcommittee Chairman in 1970.

August 30, 1970: The first interesting case that I investigated this year involved three witnesses; a man, his wife, and his daughter. It occurred east of Vincennes, Indiana in a housing subdivision about 11:00 AM on August 30th. The primary witness who we will refer to as Mr. W, a good friend and neighbor of my brother, Steven, was at home in the process of loading film into his camera to be taken on a trip. He was interrupted by his daughter who claimed she saw a metallic, disc shaped craft. Mr. W, along with his wife, followed their daughter back outside and saw the object. Mr. W then reentered the house to retrieve his 7x50 binoculars. When he returned the object was closer. Mr. W described it as like a garbage can lid with a piece of watermelon on top. It was hovering over Wheatland Road. (See the Reed Case, exhibit 1A) The witnesses estimated that the object was approximately thirty feet in diameter. They were positive that others must have seen it because it was so low in altitude. The object suddenly dived and arced out of sight behind a treeline. It was in the sight of the witnesses for about one and one-half minutes at a distance estimated to be one-quarter mile. (Ref 7)

I decided that an early warning detection system for UFOs would be helpful as a way to obtain better data on UFOs than we were getting from witness observations. With the help of a local scientist, Louis Blevins, who was an adviser to our NICAP Subcommittee, I constructed a magnetic variometer to try and detect disturbances in the local magnetic field. Hopefully, the detector would act as an early warning system for the presence of UFOs. Later, in 1973, this magnetic variometer was incorporated into a security alarm system panel and became the MADAR system. Please see the entries for 1973 for more information on this system.

September 8, 1970: The magnetic field disturbance detector picked up something at 4:45 in the afternoon. No visual sighting was reported.

September 22, 1970: Again, the detector indicated a disturbance in the local magnetic field. This time, it was at about 12:30 PM. Again, there were no reports of a visual sighting.

October 2, 1970: At 9:55 PM the detector, again, indicated a disturbance but no one reported any sightings.

1971 - 1972

It is fortunate for me that the rate of UFO sighting was reduced during these years. I was promoted, in 1971, from assistant manager to manager of a large department store and had to relocate from Vincennes to Villa Grove, Illinois, a small town near Champaign, Illinois.

In 1972, I was again promoted to manager of a larger store; this time near St. Louis at Hillsboro, Illinois.

The detector was not in service during these years and I was not active in UFO investigations. This period, however, was when I began my research and I began tabulating UFO sightings in an eleven state area.

In 1972, I was contacted by Walter Andrus and asked to join MUFON. At that time MUFON was still the Midwest UFO Network with more or less local interests. Now, of course, MUFON is the Mutual UFO Network, Inc., an international organization. I became a Field Investigator and a State Section Director for MUFON over a few counties in Indiana.

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CHAPTER 4: THE WAVE OF 1973

*My final company transfer put me and my family of four in Mt. Vernon, Indiana in January 1973 where we still reside. On arrival in Mt. Vernon I applied for the position of MUFON State Section Director for Posey, Vanderburgh, and Gibson Counties. As the MUFON representative for this area, I introduced myself to the local law enforcement and news media representatives. I also established the UFO Filter Center with a hotline. I recruited local people as Field Investigators. I also selected some individuals scattered throughout the area to act as spotters. To foster efficient communications between all the individuals concerned, I created and published a monthly **Status Report**. I also modified the magnetic anomaly detector to be a formal detection system called MADAR. By the onset of summertime, I thought I was ready for anything.*

January 1973: The RSID indicates that close encounters for 1973 began at some time in this month with a CE2 sighting reported at Blue Creek, Tennessee. (Ref 1)

February 21, 1973: A sighting occurred at Piedmont, Missouri that made news all over the country. Reggie Bone, an eight year coach of the Clearwater High School Tigers, and five of his basketball players were driving home from a basketball tournament when they saw a row of rotating red, green, amber and white lights. They drove on and, shortly, one of the basketball players said, "There's that thing we saw over on Highway 60, sitting in the field." The witnesses could not discern a shape of the dark object that was less than two hundred yards from them and approximately fifty feet up in the air; however, it had the same light rotation that they had seen previously. The driver stopped the car and they all got out to look. About ten minutes later the object rose silently at an angle and disappeared behind a ridge. (Ref 2)

February 1973: The exact date of this sighting is unknown. At about 8:30 PM a close encounter with a dark object with lights occurred near Tennyson, Indiana. The female witness told me that she saw the object while sitting in an automobile parked near Tennyson which is a small town near Evansville, Indiana. At the time of this sighting, the area was rural with fields and forests. The sky was very dark and a slight wind was blowing. According to the witness, the object made two low passes, less than twenty feet overhead, from north to south. The car radio may have been temporarily knocked out or the witness may have been so intently concentrating on the object that she failed to hear the radio. She may even have been hypnotized. The object disappeared over a hill. It was described as having a red light in the center with two white lights on each side. The object itself was not visible.

"(It) looked about the size of a commercial plane if you could see it from the angle with seeing both wings. I was sitting in a VW in an isolated area waiting for my husband who was talking to the owners of a farmhouse situated near our car (front yard). It was an extremely dark night, slight wind. The farmhouse was a two-story frame house, brightly lit upstairs and down. It would surely be an eye catcher to a UFO out in that isolated area.

"There was a car parked near our car to the left and a little in front of our car. Soon after my husband went into the house I heard something hit the car with a rather loud bang. I decided a tree limb had hit it. I played the radio and was getting pretty bored. I happened to look to the left and there was the UFO, quite low and moving directly away from the car to the south. No way could a regular plane have maneuvered that low and soundlessly. I was very excited. I was sure it was a UFO and disappointed that it disappeared over the horizon and was wishing it would come back. I saw a plane high in the sky, making the usual sound, about fifteen minutes later. In a short time, a light started to bounce back and forth off the back of the car to the left and in front of me. I cannot understand why I did not question in my mind why a light would be out there in the dark. I watched the light for a long time, possibly ten minutes, and developed a headache. I don't ever have headaches! I turned my head away for a few minutes to rest my eyes and, when I looked back, there was the UFO heading away in the same direction as the first time. I believe the UFO hovered over the car for ten to fifteen minutes before it majestically swept away. I felt frustrated, but not afraid, except when I heard the bang." (Ref 3)

March 7, 1973: A CE2 sighting was reported in Akron, Ohio. (Ref 1)

March 22, 1973: A good CE1 sighting which occurred about 9:15 PM which, in future years, really impressed me. A witness, Mr. Oscar Wills, 57 years old, was an operating engineer at the Central Illinois Public Service Company's power generating station located on the Mississippi River at Grand Tower, Illinois. Mr. Wills was on duty at the station when another employee, Mr. Willis Hughes, a turbine operator, telephoned from his home in Grand Tower to ask Mr. Willis to check on something that was hovering over or near the station's 66,000 volt transformer yard.

Mr. Willis went out the north door of the power generating station and immediately saw an object approximately 1,500 feet in the air over the yard. He estimated the object's size to be twenty-five feet in diameter and it was about 250 yards away. He described the object as a ring of lighted panels or windows with definite spacing between them. Each window was emitting pulsating light varying from a dark red to orange to white in color sequenced in a clockwise rotation that resembled a theater marquee. The pulsations gave the impression that the object was spinning clockwise but the separation between the windows was stationary. He said that the object was donut shaped or more like a wedding band because only the lighted panels or windows were visible.

Mr. Willis walked to within 150 yards of the transformer bank while viewing the object with great curiosity. Then, he became slightly apprehensive and decided to return to the power plant building and ask two other employees on duty to come out to witness the phenomenon.

As he retraced his steps the object, which had been hovering directly over the transformer bank, started moving directly toward him and passed over his head. As the object darted noiselessly past the northwest corner of the building he lost sight of it momentarily because the building obstructed his field of view. He walked rapidly around to the west side of the building which faces the Mississippi River and noted that the object was now hovering directly over the middle of the three water pumping station buildings. He walked up the ramp leading to the pump station house and out on to the wall which protected the plant from the river. In this location, he was again directly under

the hovering object. Mr. Willis stated that the object at this point appeared to be about the size of a circular object four and one half to five feet in diameter held at arm's length.

After watching the object for seven to eight minutes, the plant speaker system operator called Mr. Willis back to answer a telephone call within the plant building. The caller was Mr. Willis Hughes who wanted to know what Oscar could see from his vantage point. Mr. Willis cut the telephone conversation short so that he and the two other men on duty could go outside to view the object.

When they went back outside the object was gone. In approximately 25 to 30 minutes, three or four jet aircraft made eight to ten sweeps over the area about two to three minutes apart. The nearest military base is Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Illinois. (Ref 4)

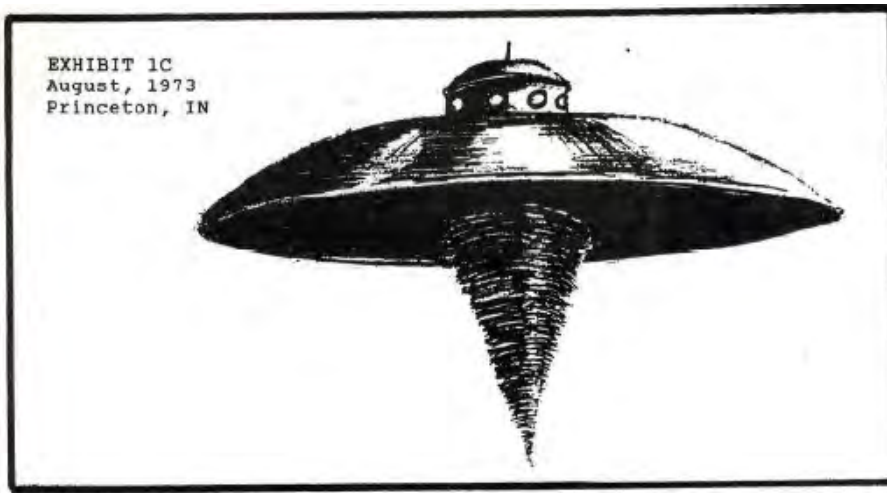
There were other sightings in Missouri, some of which were close encounter sightings, continuing into May. Then the sightings began to spread into Illinois. By August, some multiple witness cases occurred in Illinois which are worthy of mention.

August 4, 1973: Several sightings were reported near Greenup, Illinois. At 8:00 PM, three witnesses reported that a boxcar sized object descended in a sideways manner toward their car. The driver slammed on the brakes throwing one passenger against the dashboard. With one end of the object settling towards the ground first, the object appeared to land in a corn field. Then, a man and his son returning from a fishing trip in their car, saw, apparently, the same object in the air over a farmhouse about three quarters of a mile away. They described the object as being "big as a house." It was rectangular in shape, evenly illuminated, and seemed to be descending. Their view of the object was lost as the car went down a dip in the road. Then, a girl reported that she saw one end of the object over some trees. She said that it "looked like somebody pulled a string and pulled the end down."

August 19, 1973: At night, the "boxcar" object, previously seen on August 4th, was seen by over 200 persons who reported the sighting to a disc jockey at radio station WEIC in Charleston. Jim Jenson, the station disc jockey, said, "About 80% of the reports were identical in their descriptions of the UFO." (Ref 6)

August 1973: The exact date of this sighting is unknown. At about 9:00 PM just west of Princeton, Indiana, the prime witness, an electrical engineer with a major electronics firm, age 38, told me, "we were over at my mother-in-law's in Mt. Carmel, and that's about 11 miles from Princeton (where I live), and it was evening, and there was a storm coming up, and we got upset over there. We had some bad experiences. A tree blew down and we decided to leave. We stopped at a filling station and got some gas and then we proceeded on to Princeton through the (Wabash River) bottoms and a, (of) course this was the time about when they were building PSI (Public Service Indiana power plant) on the right hand side of the road.

"And we saw what appeared (this was dark now) to be a couple of headlights. Well, we assumed they were maybe a temperature inversion, but then we got to thinking that during a thunderstorm or rainstorm you're not going to have a temperature inversion. It's going to be kinda stirred up. But, directly in line with this was Owensville Road. We thought maybe they might be headlights bouncing off low clouds. These (lights) were up in the air. Our angle of perspective changed as we approached it, so we found out it was above the trees. The lightning caught up with us about this time and a pretty good sized bolt was behind it and we got it illuminated, all around us, and we saw what appeared to be a 'saucer'. (Exhibit 1D) Kinda weird but the whole family witnessed it and nothing was said until we got home.



"What surprised me, of course, we thought it was a car because it was the same spectral response that you'd have (received) from headlights. You know, the infrared region, heavy in the infrared. As we got closer to it, before the lightning struck, we saw what looked like clearance lights, one on each side of it. Later on, it proved to be four of whatever the light was, dotted around the cupola. And beneath it was a super dark cone which apexed below the tree level. And, this thing (the cone) didn't appear to be solid, the cone that came down to the ground or whatever it went down to. It was sort of wide at the bottom of the saucer and evidently went to a point which could have been the opposite of a flashlight beam. And, ah, we kinda got a shock over it. I'd done a little snooping around during some rainstorms seeing if we could see it again, my oldest boy and I, back in where we thought it was in the woods.

"As you come outside of Mt. Carmel and are proceeding towards Princeton, you'll find a large woods with a bunch of little spots where they're cut out to plant popcorn, I think, and corn. And it was over one of these patches, in fact, it was the exact location where this Cavanaugh girl was found.

"There is one thing. We've discussed this. The family and my oldest boy, he's fifteen now. This is a good topic for us, inter-family, ah, if these were lights shining on out, I would think they more outside than in because, if there were anyone inside this thing, they would have been almost blind because the lights, if these were portholes, I'm saying, they would have to be almost blind because the lights were almost the same illumination as car headlights, although we didn't see any beams shooting out from them as you would a car.

"But the cone beneath seemed to be, well, what I'd seen in a laser, except on a much grander scale, in a different light spectrum. Of course, in a storm you'll have heavy ultraviolet and a, which could have made a red appear black, or any color would be off color. Maybe there is something here in a beam, you know, like a laser. I think they (U.S. scientists) are doing experiments with green lasers that actually support objects. Why not?

"Another little injection here. It looked archaic, something out of Jules Verne, like a pickled metal, you know what I seen? When a piece of metal is heat treated, pickled, a burnished silver color? It looked like this, well you'd almost say you saw the rivets on the damned thing. Of course, I didn't see any rivets. It was old-fashioned looking, not streamlined, (but) straight up and down, the cupola, with a little rolled edge on it. And ah, nothing ultramodern that you would associate with

space travel or something like this. I don't really believe the damned thing came from outer space (laughing). I mean, it doesn't seem

"Usually there is an explanation but this damned thing, there wasn't any explanation for me (laughing again), you know, it was there, solid.

"The damned thing was sitting awfully still, you know, to be it moved in from the west, or let's see, east, and then kinda stopped and started down. And so smooth and determined in its movements. It wasn't being affected by the storm any.

"I'd say about thirty feet above the tree level, five, six hundred feet away, I'd imagine. It would estimate it about thirty to forty feet (wide). Of course, I'm not very good at judging distances or sizes of objects. I overestimated (driving) because I thought it was landing or going down in a field which was just on the other side of the woods in an open field. So, I speeded up and went up there, and it went down into the woods. So I overshot my estimate there. We slowed down and watched it to almost a stop, I'd say three or four minutes. All the time we had good lighting from the lightning. Of course, I'd say it was ultraviolet and this does make the colors screws up the colors. It changes the shades heavy ultraviolet.

"I still kinda contend that it's not extraterrestrial. It just doesn't look like, 'course I don't know what extraterrestrial looks like, let's face it. But, something, you know, you get a hunch like, 'that sure doesn't look like something from outer space.'

"But the thing that really intrigued me was the cone beneath it, the super dark cone, which wasn't solid, it was a beam or ray. I hate to say ray because it sounds like something out of Buck Rogers, a beam of some sort.

"Light or nothing passed through it, but the edges of it were fuzzy. So it was a beam of some sort, like the reverse of a flashlight beam.

"Now the bottom, now I never actually got that much of a view of the bottom of it. I couldn't tell you anything other than the outside edge, you know, it was saucer shaped, inverted saucer, sloped down from the top. But as I started to sweep around and get as much visual information as I could, I rejected everything when I saw the beam. I went right up to it and I guess I studied it maybe too long.

"We hardly said anything coming home. You could have heard a pin drop all the way home. So when we got home we all sat down and we all drew a picture of what we saw. Everybody saw the same thing, which was unusual, I thought. Even the roll around the top of the cupola, which fascinated me."

The total duration of this sighting was two to five minutes. The car was heading southeast on Highway 64 at forty miles per hour and it slowed down to five miles per hour. The car was a 1971 Chevrolet, 4 door, Impala, and the "air conditioning was on, windows closed until I purposely opened them down to observe."

"Realizing at this time it was a UFO, I turned on the radio, but did not hear any interference, nor did the engine stall, as I had read they did.

"At about one thousand feet from the object, it stopped its linear movement and hovered until we were within five hundred feet. Then, it descended slowly into the woods." (Ref 3)

*In 1977, the MUFON Symposium proceedings contained a paper entitled: **Future Physics and Antigravity**, by William F. Hassel, Ph.D.. On page 65 of the proceedings it states:*

"A method of utilizing beams of microwave radiation to effect a reduction in the local gravitational field has been pursued by Niels T. Sorensen. Dual lobe radiation elements were arranged in circular symmetry so that each beam was oriented toward the APEX of a 90 degree CONE (emphasis ours). A null region then occurs at the APEX of the CONE, which represents a region of apparent gravitational attraction."

*The Princeton report is, in a sense, observational evidence of the Sorensen effect identified above. Reference **New Technologies Related to UFOs and Their Origins** by Mr. Sorensen. It is taken from **THESIS/SYNTHESIS/ANTITHESIS**, a joint symposium sponsored by the Los Angeles and Orange County sections of the AIAA and the Los Angeles Chapter of the World Futures Society, Saturday, September 27, 1975. The object described on page 63 of the MUFON Symposium proceedings bears a VERY STRONG resemblance to the UFO observed in the August 1973 sighting listed above. The drawing down by the witness in this sighting appears to resemble an alleged photograph I have. The source and any other details concerning the photograph are not known.*

On an unknown date also in August 1973, the Skylab III crew photographed a strange red object in earth orbit on the 59th day of the flight. The object was not more than thirty to fifty nautical miles from Skylab. It rotated for several minutes before disappearing.

August 22, 1973: The RSID shows a CE2 trace case sighting at St. Joseph, Missouri.

Summer, 1973: On an unknown date but in the summertime, four persons reported that at about 9:30 PM, a "catfish shaped" object with a flat bottom cast a floodlight on their car near Littleton, Indiana. The object passed over their car. It was observed for about ten minutes before the witnesses lost sight of the object. A whistling noise similar to an airflow sound was reportedly heard. (Ref 3)

In September, sighting reports began to greatly increase. Most of these reports were of distant sightings, however, FI Don Worley investigated a case for the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) that may have been a short term abduction; a CE4.

September 2, 1973: At 2:30 PM, a dark green object was observed in the rearview mirror of the car carrying the witness. When the object got closer it appeared to be a grayish illuminated object with a transparent glass curved front. Two indistinct figures appeared to be seated on seats inside the window. The witness was shown "scenes" while driving. (Ref 3)

September 23, 1973: At 7:20 PM at Fort Wayne, Indiana, the witness was waiting in her car to turn into Glennbrook Shopping Center. While waiting to turn she saw a huge object shaped like an ocean liner with a rounded back and flat bottom and top. The object was seen for several minutes. There were five rows of throbbing yellow lights on the side of the slowly moving object which went out of sight behind some trees. (Ref 3)

September, 1973: On an unknown date and at an unknown time a CE1 sighting occurred at Brownsville, Indiana. The witness was close enough to touch the UFO! The witness, on arriving

home late one night, noticed a white glow in the sky and on the ground near the area of his large barn. He thought that the barn was on fire. He drove his car up the one-half mile long lane to the barn and saw a disc shaped object near the barn. The object was oblong with a row of eight to ten pale blue, flickering lights. He got out of his car and tried to touch the object but the craft zipped away across the field. He then got his brother and wife and they tried twice, unsuccessfully, to touch the object. It finally shot straight up and disappeared from sight. When the object was overhead it appeared to be round in shape. The next night, the witness brother and wife again saw the object but they later "forgot" all about it. This was a probable abduction. (Ref 7)

September 30, 1973: CE2 sightings were reported at Shores, Tennessee and Columbus, Ohio.

October 1, 1973: At Anthony Hill, Tennessee an egg shaped UFO was seen simultaneously with three teenage witnesses who reported seeing a huge, hairy robot-like creature with a large head. The witnesses said that it walked mechanically with its hands upraised. The sighting occurred during a thunderstorm. (Ref 8)

A CE2 sighting occurred at Giles, Tennessee where two witnesses reported seeing an egg shaped object with a brilliant light on top that disappeared behind a nearby tree. Imprints in the ground were found. (Ref 9)

October 3, 1973: At Jackson, Missouri a truck driver observed a turnip shaped object following his truck. When he turned in the seat to glance back at it, it had shown some kind of beam on him which melted his glasses. (Ref 10)

October 5, 1973: At 6:16 PM a specific type of UFO made its first witnessed appearance in Indiana. This house sized object was observed for three minutes through binoculars by three witnesses. The bottom of the hovering object was white with pale gray lines dividing it into three sections. In each section was a circle of the same color lines. (Ref 7)

At 7:17 PM an unseen shape with red and white lights hovered, jumped, and made low altitude passes over the city of Connersville, Indiana. Some witnesses said that they saw a circular object. The police received more than one hundred phone calls.

October 9, 1973: Police in Eaton, Indiana said that they tracked a strange flying object which had flashing red, white, and blue lights for several hours. Military radar at nearby Baer Field picked up the object but police officers were unable to contact the craft or determine what it was. The police said that 750 persons spotted the UFO and calls were received from fifteen different areas. (Ref 11)

October 11, 1973: Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker were abducted from a pier by robot like aliens with claws at Pascagoula, Mississippi. The report of this occurrence made headline news all over the country on the following day.

At 7:30 PM a three minute close encounter sighting was reported by five witness to have occurred at Laurel, Indiana. The object made a sound like a hive of bees as it hovered over the little town at tree top level and jiggled up and down and sideways. It was described by the witnesses as two saucers placed together rim to rim with a cabin on top with the bottom of the craft trisected with a circle in each section. A truck driver blew his air horn and the object took off over the trees at fantastic speed. (Ref 7)

At this time, sightings were pouring in to the Filter Center from all over the country. However, only those of possible technical interest will be included in this report.

October 15-21, 1973: Sometime during this period at around 8:00 PM at Connersville, Indiana the gray, fish shaped UFO was again seen. The object with a clear plastic like compartment on the front and portholes on the sides, hovered and then passed over a field near Fountain Street. The object's hull was illuminated by approximately twenty-five gold colored lights around the bottom. Witnesses reported experiencing heat and pain in their ears from the reported humming sound of the object. Two dark figures with very large, white eyes were behind the apparently clear Plexiglas. Seen only from the shoulders up, these figures were of thinner build than humans. Two more occupants of similar description were seen at the portholes along the sides of the craft. (Ref 7)

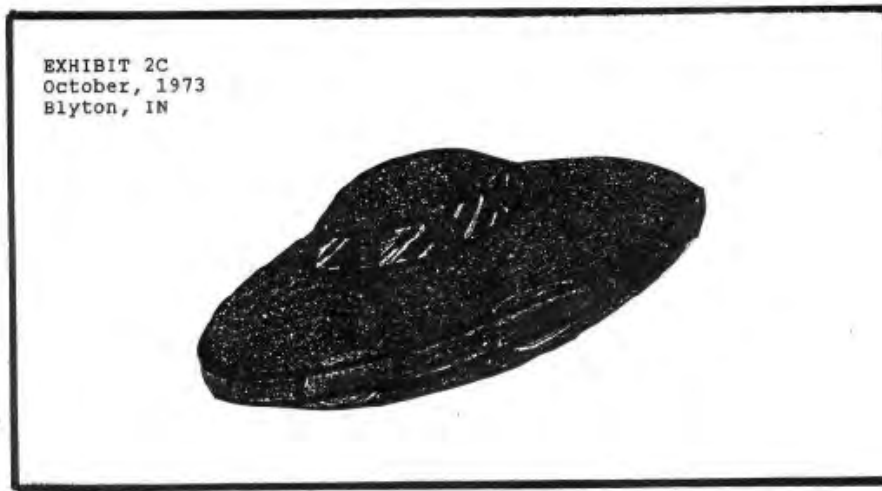
October 15, 1973: At dusk in Huntington, Indiana a UFO with colored lights terrorized a farmer, his wife and their daughter by following their truck as they drove home. At one point it was less than 500 feet above them and, when the object moved ahead of them in the truck, the farmer was able to catch up with it at 60 miles per hour. (Ref 12)

An unconfirmed radar track near Huntington at Fort Wayne, Indiana was reported.

At 10:30 PM a CE3 sighting occurred at Berea, Tennessee. Awakened by barking dogs, James Cline and his family who lived on a farm saw lights from a UFO in the woods. Mr. Cline saw a "being" with a glowing white head cross the road about fifty feet away. Tracks were later found in the road. Landing marks twenty-two feet long and twelve feet wide where the UFO had been were also found. (Ref 8)

At 11:30 PM east of Connersville, Indiana the 'fish shaped craft' was reported to have appeared over a field. The home of the female witness is located near where the object was seen. She remembers the beautiful exterior lights, sound, and its occupants when she suddenly found herself inside it! She was under the control of a four foot tall being. She noticed that there were eight to ten other people on board with her. Her sister, who was standing beside her and a young daughter, also saw the people. Later, she found herself back in her yard watching the strange people walking away. (Ref 7)

October 16 or 17, 1973: At 6:00 PM a CE1 sighting occurred in Blyton, Indiana. A woman and her son observed some strange lights in the east but cut short their observation because they had to leave to attend a school program. On the way to the program, they stopped and got out of their car to get a better look at the lights. A large, domed disc then came out of the north, heading south. It was described as "at least thirty feet across, round, and looked like two dinner plates; one sitting normal, the other face down on it, and a dome on top." It was metallic gray with colored lights on it but the main witness was not sure where the lights were located on the object. She reported something that looked like "large windows where the dome was on the round saucer part." (Exhibit 2C) The object headed south, curved southwest, and they lost sight of it.



After the school program, the woman and her son and some friends went back to watch and saw several lights; one a red glowing object in the west. They allegedly saw small red light fall from the bottom of a larger red light and then they "went in all directions." They moved at fantastic speeds. The woman could not recall hearing any sounds from the object. He reported hearing "a slight humming or whining noise" as the "ship just floated across the top of the trees." The object, at this time, was about 400 yards down the road away from the witnesses. The object crossed the road and went over a hill out of sight.

The closest that the object got to the witnesses was three hundred to five hundred feet. The female witness estimated that the object was about thirty feet above the ground. Her son estimated seventy-five yards.

October 17, 1973: At 4:40 PM two boys at Princeton, Indiana saw an airborne object shaped like a "fish." (Ref 12)

October 18, 1973: AT 11:30 PM at Mt. Vernon, Indiana a woman who lived about eight miles from me on Ford Road who had gone to bed at about 10:30 PM reported that she was disturbed by a strange noise which she described as sounding like "a barge on the river." After two or three minutes of hearing the sound, she decided to go outside and find out what was making the sound. Her home is in the flight pattern of a great deal of air traffic to and from Dress Regional Airport in Evansville so she is familiar with the noises of a lot of different aircraft, including the noise of helicopters. In fact, the Evansville VOR (VHF Omni-Range) station, an aircraft navigational aid, is located just south of her home on Ford Road.

She reported that she saw an object in the direction of her garage and to the south. The object was merely an outline produced by as many as fifty white lights which were not evenly spaced. The object, if that is the correct description, didn't appear to have any body. At least no body was observed. However, it had a red flashing light on the rear. The pattern of lights was described as "long and narrow, about three times as long as it was wide", moving very slowly on an east to west heading.

She observed the long, side view for about three minutes. Directly in front of her house the mass of lights turned to the south heading toward the Ohio River and she was able to see the end view. Rather than being round, the end section was more of a rectangular shape like a squared off cigar.

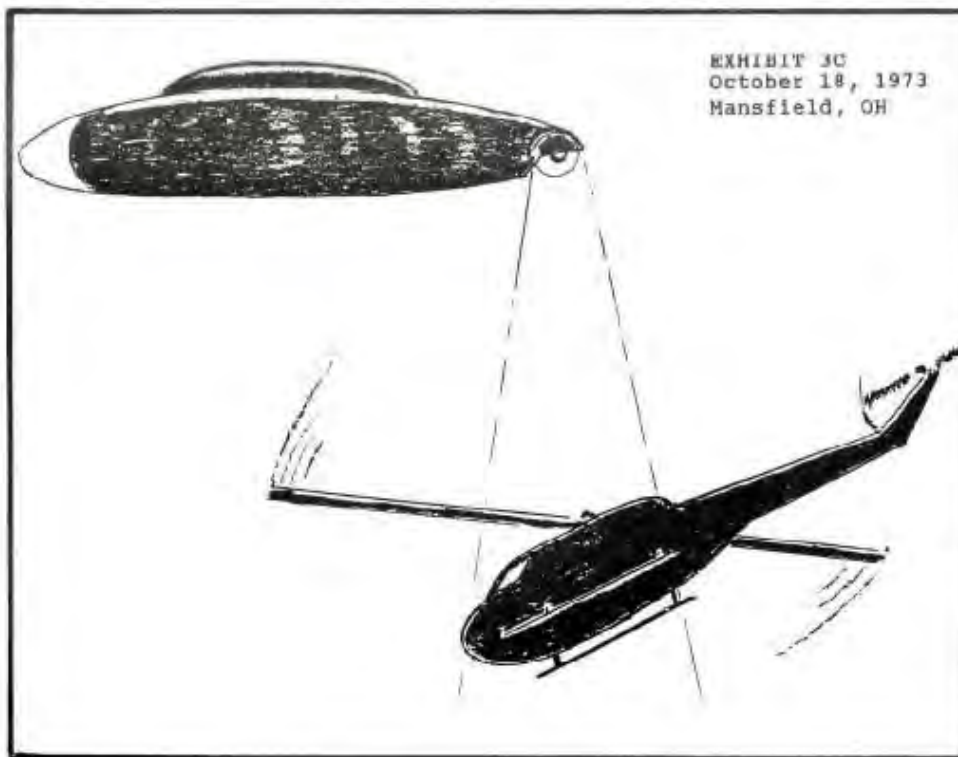
At this time the object was very low and the witness says that she should have been able to discern metal if metal was there as it went past a tree.

After a total observations time of about five minutes, the object disappeared. Dogs which were present did not bark. The control tower at Dress Regional Airport stated that there were no aircraft being tracked in that area.

At 11:00 PM near Mansfield, Ohio a CE2 sighting occurred. An Army Reserve helicopter with a crew of four men encountered a gray, metallic looking, cigar shaped object with unusual lights and maneuvers as they flying between Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio.

First seen as an innocent red light at a distance in the southeast, in matter of a few minutes the object became a potential threat. The light turned toward the helicopter and appeared to be on a converging flight path. Captain Lawrence Coyne verified his crewman's assessment, grabbed the controls from the helicopter pilot, and put the UH-1H helicopter into a powered descent of approximately five hundred feet per minute. Almost simultaneously Coyne established radio contact with Mansfield control tower ten miles to the northwest. Coyne thought that the light was an Air National Guard F-100 aircraft from Mansfield.

The red light continued its radial bearing and increased greatly in intensity. Coyne increase the rate of descent of the helicopter to two thousand feet per minute and his airspeed to one hundred knots. The last altitude he noted was 1,700 feet.



Just as collision seemed imminent the unknown light halted in its westward course and assumed a hovering relationship with the helicopter above and in front of it. For ten to twelve seconds the cigar shaped, slightly domed object nearly filled the front windshield. (Exhibit 5C) A featureless, gray, metallic looking structure was precisely delineated against the background stars. The object had

several lights on it; the most conspicuous of which was a green pyramid shaped beam that looked like a directional spotlight which became visible. The beam entered the windshield enveloping the cockpit in green light. After about ten seconds of hovering the object began to accelerate toward the west. It then executed a forty-five degree turn to the right and headed toward Lake Erie and appeared to "snap over" the horizon. The object was visible for a total of about five minutes.

The magnetic compass in the helicopter was rotating approximately four times per minute and the helicopter altimeter read approximately 3,500 feet. A one thousand feet per minute climb was in progress. Coyne insists that the collective on the helicopter was still lowered from when he had put the helicopter into an evasive descent. The helicopter, however, instead of going down was going up! (Ref 13)

Thanks to Jennie Zeidman the NSID lists eight other sightings in Ohio that night. These sightings confirm that something truly unusual was in the skies over Ohio near where Captain Coyne and his crew encounter the UFO. One sighting involved witnesses in a car who observed the UFO, the light beam, and the helicopter.

October 19, 1973: At 8:35 PM over Ohio a private aircraft with two observers aboard reported sighting a UFO and they picked it up on the aircraft radar. (Ref 14)

At about 9:00 PM at Goshen, Indiana a man out raccoon hunting with his dogs came on a dimly lit object on tripod legs about three hundred feet away. The object was saucer shaped with a dome about 75 to 100 feet wide. Three humanoids of normal size were seen moving about the object. According to the witness the dogs were "carrying on something fierce". After about three minutes of observation the figures climbed a ladder under the center of the object, which took off vertically. (Ref 8)

October 20, 1973: I received a call early in the morning from a train conductor who had just had an encounter with a UFO at 6:50 AM just a few miles east of my home; at a point on the railroad tracks near St. Phillips. The previous train crew had experienced engine trouble near Upton, Indiana, a small town three or four miles northwest of Mt. Vernon. One of the rear diesel units overheated. The Burlington engine was pulling a six thousand ton load and was overloaded without the rear diesel units. The off going conductor, a 30 year man with the railroad, mentioned to Mr. "P" that the rear unit was "dead" and that there was "ne use messing with it" because he had already tried. In any case, the new crew lumbered into Mt. Vernon taking twenty to twenty-five minutes longer to get there than usual. The sky was clear. The temperature was a cool 55 degrees and the wind was calm. It was about 6:50 AM.

The train had gone through Mt. Vernon and was nearing the Lamont crossing about two miles east of the city heading west to Evansville. The sun was just barely peaking over the tree tops. The two men in the front engine saw a bright but distant light in the sky coming from the north. At first they thought it was an aircraft, the later decided that it couldn't be. The object was tracking north to south and was pulsating form very bright to dim and back to bright. The distant light appeared to travel a short distance, approximately fifty to sixty feet, between pulsations. The light finally turned to a more easterly direction and disappeared.

When the train neared Caborn which is six to seven miles east of Mt. Vernon, the conductor told the crew in the rear of the train that they had seen a very bright light. When the train neared St. Phillips, the rear conductor, Mr. "C", said that there was a train following them. By then the train had made it up Belknap Hill at Peerless Crossing; is a long pull for a train, and had stalled out. The rear

conductor said, "Well, there's a train back there and he's been following us for awhile." Mr. "P" replied, "Well, I haven't heard him on the radio." Mr. "C" then suggested that they get the other train to push them. Mr. "P" again told him that he hadn't heard anything on the radio. Mr. "C" reportedly then stated something to the effect that "Well, he's been following us and I can see his light back there and the 'board's' red!"

The object following them had given them a "red signal" on their blocking system. The signal referred to here is a series of colored lights similar in color to regular traffic lights, situated on a pole on the side of the tracks. The blocking system lights show either red, green, or amber meaning danger, all clear, or caution respectively. The light system is part of the automatic blocking system which tells each conductor of other traffic on the same track. The "red board" comment normally means that something was on the track behind them. A quick check with the train yard master revealed that there was no train behind them at all. Upon receiving this news, Mr. "C" reportedly replied, "There is a headlight behind us. I can see it. It's real bright."

After the train stalled out the crew got off the train at Belknap Hill. Mr. "P", after re-boarding the train backed it down the hill and got out and walked down to the rear unit and pressed the reset button. To his surprise the unit "kicked right off; ran real good." The light or object was moving off, back from where it came from. According to Mr. "P", whatever had given them a "red board" now was giving them a "green board." As he stated, "The 'board' went green. The light (object) cleared up the board."

The train, previously hampered by a bad rear unit and way over weight, was now fully capable of climbing the steep hill and of making it to Howell without further mishap.

October 21, 1973: At 2:30 AM in Covedale, Ohio a mother and her son observed a gray humanoid near a UFO. The being was completely surrounded by a bell jar shaped area of light. No facial features could be discerned. Ground traces left by the UFO were later found. (Ref 8)

October 22, 1973: At about 9:45 PM a couple driving in a car in Hartford City, Indiana approached some small, bright silver figures bouncing on the highway. They seemed to be dressed in silver suits with a tube running from face to chest. The mother, who was driving, stepped on the accelerator and drove around the figures as they tried clumsily to get off the road. The male later took over the driving and returned to the area of the sighting. They saw a snake like pattern of lights over a field. Later, small footprints were found by state police.

October 23, 1973: At 12:15 AM a wrecker driver, Gary Flatter, encountered the same figures seen at 9:45 PM on October 22nd about one mile south of the original sighting location. What attracted his attention were cats, rabbits, and opossums moving out of the area. He then saw a "pair" of small figures in a plowed field about seventy-five feet away. After awhile, he turned his spotlight on them and they turned their whole bodies toward him forcing him to turn off the light because the glare from their suits was uncomfortably bright. They had egg shaped heads with what looked like gas masks with hoses running down to their chests. Their square feet had a heel and seemed to provide positive power for slow jumping actions. On the final jump, they flew off "like a helicopter in feet down position." (Ref 7)

On the same morning a woman from Russell Springs, Kentucky saw two, three foot tall beings in her carport. The beings walked around the side of the house and entered a craft sitting on the ground which then rose over the house and disappeared. (Ref 8)

November 1, 1973: At 9:47 PM MADAR Anomaly No. 4 occurred. Radiation was recorded at a normal reading of 18 cps, but something within a five mile radius of the detector had tripped the sensor. If someone saw an object nearby at this time, the sighting was never reported.

At 10:40 PM a possible close encounter occurred at Bufkin, Indiana; a few miles northeast of Mt. Vernon. A blue and green light which moved up and down and back and forth with an associated humming noise was reported.

November 2, 1973: At 10:20 PM a UFO was reported at Mt. Vernon by two warehousemen at the Mt. Vernon Milling Company. One of the witnesses stated: "I went to check my hopper cars. Climbing up into the car I happened to look back. I stood on top and watched the object until it disappeared." In 15 seconds it was gone. According to the witnesses it was "about six blocks away"; and was "60-80 feet in the air." The object was orange and wedge shaped. (Ref. 3)

Seventeen minutes later, at 10:37 PM, Police Chief Wilfred Clark and Officer John Tucker had just concluded their pursuit of a drunken driver. While waiting for a wrecker to arrive to tow away the vehicle, they observed a strange looking orange light in the southwest that reacted to their flashlight. The flashlight seemed to cause the object to become brighter and to get closer. After about a minute and a half, they shined the squad car spotlight on it and it immediately moved away and out of sight. (Ref 3) These lights are now referred to as "OBOL" for Orange Ball of Light.

November 6, 1973: The owner of an Evansville pub reported that he saw a huge yellow-gold, glowing object at about 1,500 feet in the air that he chased at 100 mph on Division Street. He said that light from the object illuminated the Meade-Johnson plant and that the object was about 3-5 times the size of the moon. (Ref 3)

November 16, 1973: At 9:45 PM a 15 year old boy and three other witnesses; one boy and two girls, encountered a "probe like" object for 15 minutes as the object descended near Evansville, Indiana, and twice landed. They tried to catch it as it traveled about ten feet above the ground and occasionally descended lower. It reportedly had a round device similar to an electric eye on it and a glowing red basket-like bottom section. (Ref 3)

November 28, 1973: Two red-speckled objects with sparks were seen for over six minutes very low over Bufkin, Indiana, by a mother and father and their son. These objects may have been "probes" or OBOLs or something larger. The length of the observation rules out ball lightning or plasma balls. The son was very frightened when he phoned in this observation. (Ref 3)

November, 1973: On an unknown day a mother and her son observed a domed disc in Union County, Indiana. While the object hovered near their auto on a country road, they saw two human-like figures in the window of the craft. Later, their farm was visited by a similar craft which launched glowing devices; possibly "probes." (Ref 7)

There was no CE activity in December, 1973.

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CHAPTER 5: 1974, YEAR OF THE HUMANOIDS

The Year of the Humanoids actually began late in the UFO wave of 1973 but reports written at the time generally attribute the Year of the Humanoids to 1974. Actually, it was quiet in my particular area of interest in the early part of 1974.

January 8, 1974: A CE3 was reported at Springfield, Ohio. (Ref 1)

January 17, 1974: A CE3 occurred at Shores, Tennessee. (Ref 2)

In February, 1974, the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in Evanston, Illinois printed its first newsletter. J. Allen Hynek, the former UFO consultant to Project Blue Book, was the director of CUFOS. CUFOS later relocated to Chicago, Illinois.

February 4, 1974: Another CE3 sighting was reported at Shores, Tennessee. (Ref 3)

February 9, 1974: An abduction was reported at Shores, Tennessee. (Ref 2)

At this time, there were CE1 and CE2 sightings being reported all over the U.S. The CE3 sightings where humanoids are observed were, however, getting all the attention.

May 9, 1974: A CE4 occurred very near Mt. Vernon, Indiana. In fact, it was only 25-30 miles from us.

The original sighting report was investigated by FI Don Worley who related the incident to me. In later years the case was investigated by Mike Christol.

The sighting involved a local man and six other witnesses who, at the time of the sighting, were working for a vacuum cleaner sales company and were returning home on Highway 57 after selling vacuum sweepers. The moon had just come up and was on the horizon at the time. An object appeared about 300 feet away and 100 feet above the ground. As the object moved over the car and hovered the main witness rolled down the window of the station wagon. He reported that the object gave off heat. One of the witnesses was a female and she reported that she became very sick. One by one all the persons in the car passed out except for the main witness. He reported that there was a

cloud around the car. He also reported that a dead tree outside the car was observed later to be below him as if he were actually moving upward. Then, he passed out.

The beings were described by the witnesses as about five feet tall, of light skin with big ,almond shaped eyes and small lower jaw. They were reported as being very strong.

The main witness reported having been abducted several times

May 24, 1974: At 2:42 AM, the sensor in the MADAR system briefly picked up something unusual. (MADAR Anomaly No. 5)

June 16, 1974: An abduction was reported to have occurred at sometime around midnight at Metcalf, Illinois. The investigators were Don Worley, Michael Palmiter, and myself.

Mike Fox, 18 years old, had been out that night and returned home about 10:30 PM. He parked his Dodge Challenger outside the house in a small driveway. He then went into the house, "messed around about a half-an-hour to an hour, had something to eat, and then went to bed. The weather was hot." He said that he left open the door to the house.

His bed was situated such that he could look through the bedroom doorway, through the utility room, and see the big back doorway of the house. The back door itself was open but the outside screen door was closed.

"I was laying in bed. I heard a little disturbance on the front porch. It sounded like a dog kickin'. We did have four dogs at that time. They're always in a ruckus. All of a sudden I saw three big headed 'things' coming around the side of the house, stepping up on the porch, opening the door up just about a foot, enough to squeeze through coming into that utility room where the washing machine and dryer was at, stopping right in front of that before they entered my bedroom doorway, about three foot, standing in there gazing at me. I remember my reactions at the time, 'what the hell have I done?' I thought they were some kind of demons or ghosts or something. I had no idea what they were. And then, they came in my bedroom."

They came near to the right side and at the foot of his bed. All three of them stood there, "just looking me right square in the face. They looked at me, and then they all looked at each other, and then began to 'pogo' or bob up and down, just like they got some kind of incredible excitement." They, then, stopped this movement.

The bed covers were on the end of the bed and he quickly pulled them up over himself. Two of the entities then moved forward, grabbed the blanket and pulled it down. The other being moved ahead toward the doorway and the other two grabbed him and took him. When they took hold of his hand he said he felt like he was numb all over. "It might have been fear or it might have been something they did." He described his feeling as "creepy, almost like a haunting feeling."

"They took me outside and (we walked) one in the front, one on each side, by the hand, went around the corner of the side of the house, and there was this other man standing there by the side of the house. The three that had come in the house looked almost identical, but the one standing outside didn't. He had the same features and everything and was just about the same height but his face was rougher. (Apparently this was an older alien, one of the wise ones and not a worker). What I mean by rougher, it seemed like it was more wrinkled and it seemed like it had a kind of a molten look, like someone had put plaster on his face with a putty knife, a kind of tough exterior. And he was the

only one who did all the communicating. (He said), 'If you cooperate, you will not be harmed', in a telepathic way. He was in the front.

"I knew what the scuffling noise was. The dogs seemed to be 'knocked out', fast asleep. The knocked them out some way. We had one dog that was quite ferocious at the time. They went across the yard by the machine shed, not quickly, but pretty slowly."

The beings holding on to him reportedly tended to walk. The others appeared to hop. "It wasn't a tight grip, but a fairly loose grip, cold and clammy." The two apparently wrapped one of their hands around each of his hands, but not like a hand shake.

"We went out across the bean field and I seen this doggone 'thing' sitting there. I don't remember it very well because, at that time, I was beginning to get hysterical. But they didn't give a damn about that at all." Then, some kind of gas formed and they went inside the ship. Possibly the gas was used to kill germs. The door to the ship was very narrow and sort of pyramid shaped. When he got inside he reportedly saw a great big circular room which emitted a white light. "You couldn't tell where it was coming from. There was this table or cot or whatever you want to call it on one side, and there was this magnificent instrument panel on the other side, with two chairs. There were these lights that kept blinking on and off and they were in squares. They were all different colors. They kept blinking on and off, like a computer board. There were no levers, no nothing."

The witness insists that he wasn't mishandled by the aliens. There appeared to be only telepathic communication and only with the one who he thought was the older one. The older one, more or less, told him to sit down on the couch or whatever it was.

First, they took a sample of his hair. They took the sample from the left side of his head toward the back. Then, they began to do some annoying things. The older alien took a long, silver, pencil like instrument and stuck it in his mouth and began to look at his teeth. "And all the time the other three were just standing there observing, like they were learning something. Then, he stuck it down my throat and gagged me. The, he pulled it out. He didn't seem to have any emotion in it at all, the one that was doing it. The other three tended to be very curious of what I was going to do, and how I was going to react to this. It was just like a teacher teaching students. That's the way I took it.

"Then, all of a sudden, he instructed me to lay down flat on my back. Well, I began to balk a little bit then. I began to get a threat from his suggesting that, 'You are nothing to us, you will cooperate, or we will harm you in a physical way.' So, I laid down on my back. They pulled down my underwear shorts and I felt something prick my penis, like a pin would, real sharply, you know, real quick. They, they very quickly pulled my shorts back up. Then, they instructed me to turn over. And somehow, they took a picture, some way, which flashed on the wall in front of me of my internal organs in my chest and back, my ribs, my spinal cord. I could see two lungs and my heart. That didn't last too long, and then they took and pulled down my shorts again, and this time I really got outraged. The next thing I knew he was telling me, 'If don't let them do this, we could sooner cut off part of your hand or fingers (one said).' Then, he stuck some kind of probe in my rectum. Then, the other three began to get very excited, like they were queer, you know what I mean? They began the pogo-ing, jumping up and down, like they did earlier.

"I was thinking the whole gosh-damned time, 'If I could get my hands on you, I'd choke you, I'd kill every damned one of you.'" He wished he had a gun or a club. His heart was beating fast. He was sweating profusely. The probe seemed like it was in there about ten minutes. They removed it, pulled his pants back up, and told him to get up. "Two them grabbed ahold of me again, the very

same two that grabbed ahold of me in the bedroom, went out the door. The other two stayed behind. I remember going back to the house. I remember getting a good feeling then 'cause I thought 'this damned nightmare is over with.' They took me to the back door. That's as far as they took me. I remember stumbling to my bed, some way, in some kind of a daze." He passed out and woke up the next morning not remembering anything about that night. He did remember that his father had seen a UFO, a big glowing fireball, lift out of the field about a hundred feet and shoot off to the southwest at tremendous speed.

A male neighbor, two days later, met his father at a grain elevator. Both were farmers. The neighbor told the witness' father that he saw something land in the field around midnight. The witness' father saw the object leave at dawn; approximately 4:30 AM.

The neighbor is now deceased and his family has moved away.

The witness himself does not know when this event took place or how long it lasted. He reports that he had a great deal of sinus, ear, and nose problems after the incident. (Ref 5)

July 30, 1974: At 8:50 PM a sighting occurred near Solitude, Indiana. Later that evening I received a phone call from the local County Sheriff, Bill Cox. Sheriff Cox told me that a well known and respected local couple had just encountered a UFO.

I alerted the local FIs; Byron Koenig and Greg Bachert, and all three of us departed in separate cars to see if anything of interest was still occurring. We were all somewhat tense about what had been reported.

Each vehicle had a CB radio. We all watched the skies looking for the reported object and talking together as we drove. We didn't see anything in the sky but, on our trip back, all three vehicles experienced a loss of CB radio communications. We never figured out why we could not communicate that evening. We were only separated by about a quarter mile on the highway but we could not communicate on the radios.

As usual the first interrogation of the main witness to this sighting took place over the telephone. The witness said that at 8:50 PM, near Solitude, Indiana, which is about three miles north of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, they and their little boy were returning home by car to Mt. Vernon after attending a play in New Harmony, Indiana. They were traveling south on Highway 69 when they observed an object silhouetted against the moonlit haze that was hanging in the southwest. Although a couple of miles away, the object had a clear cigar shape with three steady white lights on it. They continued down the highway and, as they topped a small hill, the object began to descend appearing to get larger and larger all the time. When they reached the bottom of the hill they slowed down. The object appeared to be hovering approximately a hundred yards from them. The object was moving very slowly. "It acted like it was on water or something. It was just floatin' like." It now had four lights on it; two on each end. The now shadowy object was long and slender; "kinda cigar shaped." (Exhibit 1D)

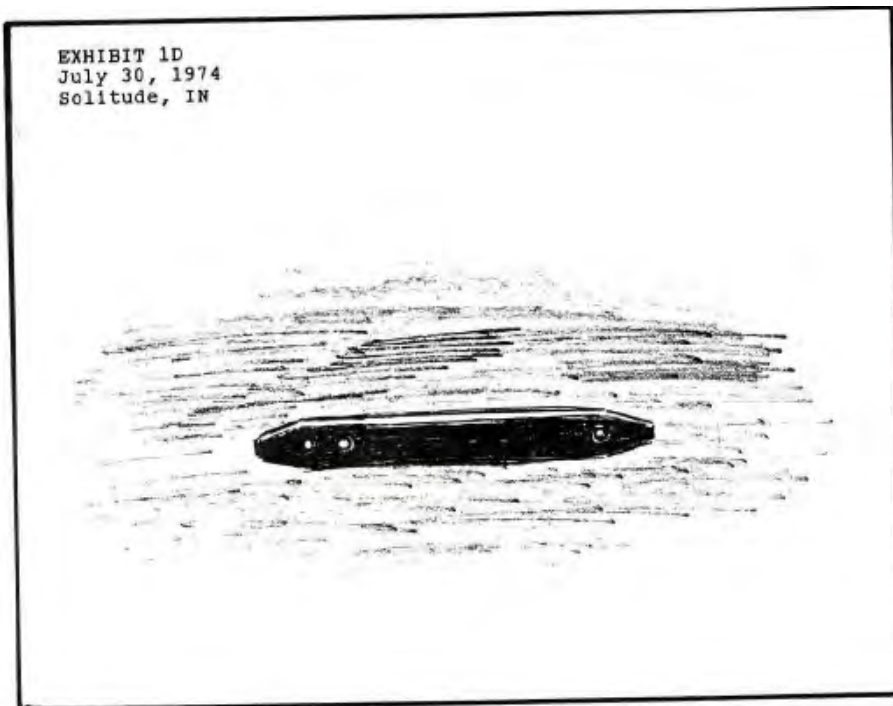


Exhibit 1D

At one time "it was just right above us; maybe fifty to sixty feet above us. Well, you couldn't believe the size of it. It was real large. We went down the highway just a little further. We were going to park the car, so pulled in there and were getting out of the car and we couldn't find it. It had just vanished." The object was "thin on the ends" and, "as it got to the middle, it was thicker. But, like I say, we could just see the shadow." (Ref 5)

The sighting duration was seven to ten minutes. The UFO did not activate the MADAR alarm even though it was very close to the MADAR location. It was not detected on radar, either. I was told by the radar people that an object that low was below the radar beam and would not have been detected.

A few days later, I met the witnesses, completed the forms, and filed the report.

August 15, 1974: MADAR was triggered at 12:19 AM. One of the MADAR recorders almost immediately picked up a clap of thunder. A very close lightning strike caused it to go in to alarm.

September 3, 1974: At 9:35 PM MADAR anomaly No. 7 occurred. There were no close sightings that were reported; however, a MADAR event recorder showed background radiation levels rose to 86% above normal.

In almost every instance of MADAR activation, the radar at Dress Regional airport was not in service at the time of the alarm.

October 4, 1974: Several times in my life, incidents have occurred that I've tried to put out of my mind; almost as if I'm not supposed to hold on to them. One of them happened at 8:45 PM on October 4, 1974.

There were three of us; two FIs whose names will be kept confidential, and myself. We were on skywatch after several nights of people calling in with reports of seeing what later turned out to be a

jet airliner with a new FAA lighting system. We hadn't yet heard about the new FAA lighting system and we wanted to see the thing for ourselves.

Our skywatch location was about a mile north of town. It was our best spot for clear sky observation even though it was at a cemetery. What appeared to be the flashing lights of a police, fire, or EMT vehicle in the dark came towards us from the west about a quarter mile away. The flashing lights then turned south on Highway 62 and headed toward Mt. Vernon. Later, a voice on the CB radio told us that he had seen a civil defense fire truck at 8:15 and 8:30 PM. We never inquired where the CB radio user was located or asked if the vehicles he had seen had their lights flashing. When we checked with the police dispatcher we found that, in fact, there had been a fire that night, but for some reason we didn't bother to check in to it any further to determine the location of the fire or when it occurred.

None of us remembers seeing automobile headlights. We all saw just a bunch of red, blue, and white flashing lights similar to those on EMT vehicles. The mystery surfaced when we checked where the lights came from before turning south on the highway. There was no road intersecting with Highway 62 at that point. The lights would have had to pass low over a cornfield in order to move the way that they did. (Ref 5)

November 11, 1974: A CE3 sighting was reported at Cross Mountain, Tennessee. (Ref 6)

November 28, 1974: A sighting from an aircraft occurred at 11:43 AM over Shabonna, Illinois.

A pilot with three and one half years of experience was flying an Aeronca Champ, aircraft number N82198, from DeKalb to Mendota, Illinois. It was bright daylight with visibility limited to six to seven miles by haze. The pilot was flying at an altitude of 2,500 feet on a compass heading of 240 degrees.

As the aircraft passed over the small town of Shabonna, the pilot was checking his position on the aeronautical chart that he held on his lap in order to determine if he was still on course for his destination of Mendota. When he looked up from the map he noticed with amazement that the magnetic compass was rotating counter clockwise at four to five rpm. He then looked to his right and saw nothing but the town of Shabonna below him. When he looked to his left, however, he saw an object flying parallel to him at the same speed of 75 to 80 mph and at the same altitude. The object was pacing him at 120 degrees at an estimated quarter mile distance.

He described the object as being shaped like a disc or ellipse. If the distance between the observer and the object is accurate, the object would have been 120 feet long and 30 feet thick. It appeared to be a solid object, white or dull silver in color, without any openings or protrusions. There may have been a depression on the top of the object but the angle necessary to view the top only occurred for a brief second as the object departed.

After pacing the aircraft for eight to ten seconds, the object tipped slightly and the pilot saw that it was actually round and not an ellipse. As it tipped up at an angle it accelerated toward the east at a fantastic speed and was gone.

The radio in the aircraft was not on at the time of the sighting so there was no radio interference observed. MUFON was not able to get a radar confirmation of the object from Chicago Center. (Ref 7)

December 21, 1974: At 11:30 PM a sighting near Darmstadt, Illinois, illustrates a new trend in sightings that was starting to surface.

Three young men left Darmstadt, Illinois, traveling west in a car on a trip to New Athens, Illinois. At 11:30 PM a bright light illuminated the area around their car. The object causing the illumination was a twenty to thirty foot, disc shaped object that was descending into their field of view. The object had red and yellow rotating lights around the lower edge of its rim.

Apparently trying to land, the object was about 1,000 feet from the road and descended to about fifty feet above the trees when the witnesses lost it from view due to obstructions. They never saw the object again that night.

Later, the trio parked their car at an intersection facing north with Darmstadt Road running east and west in front of the parked vehicle. At 4:30 AM, in the northeast a light appeared that moved around and projected beams downward as it began to descend. It was about a mile away from the witnesses and about fifty feet above the treetops. The beams continually broke up and never seemed to reach the ground.

The driver started the car and headed west on Route 13. The pie shaped object changed course and followed the car at about a 1/2 mile distance. As the car neared the Route 13 and Darmstadt Road intersection, the object appeared to stop and hover over a long cylindrical object that was on the ground. The witnesses estimated the object on the ground to be at least fifty feet long and five to seven feet in diameter. This object had a pulsating orange light on its front and a green light in the rear. When the car reached the road intersection the witnesses lost sight of it.

A great deal more information on this sighting is contained in MUFON Journal No. 90. (Ref 9)

December 22, 1974: A CE3 sighting occurred at around 10:00 PM at Fairfield, Ohio.

An 82 year old woman noticed a bright light shining in her bedroom window. She looked outside and saw a "boat shaped" or oblong object hovering over a neighbor's house. The UFO, fifty to sixty feet wide, had green and white lights around the lower part and seemed to be rotating. A white light shone from three or four square windows around the upper portion (see the Blyton drawing, October 16, 1973, exhibit 2C) where two small dark humanoid figures could be seen to be moving back and forth in "cramped positions" continually gesticulating (or, moving levers) with their arms. The beings, who ignored the witness, were visible only from the waist up.

The object, rising and falling slightly, hovered over the nearby church for nearly half an hour. It then moved horizontally for a short distance and shot upward at high speed. (Ref 8)

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CHAPTER 6: 1975 & 1976

These were slow years after the big wave of 1973 and the sightings in 1974. I always kept a pad of special 8 1/2" X 5 1/2" message slips near the telephone so they would be immediately available to write down the details of sighting reports. During 1975 and 1976 only two or three dozen message slips were filled out in a whole year. Most of these notes dealt with what eventually turned out to be Identified Flying Objects (IFOs). It was quiet in my three county area of Indiana and pretty quiet everywhere. The new MADAR system had been up and running around the clock now since the summer of 1973.

1975

January 3, 1975: At 8:30 PM, at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Dr. Harley Rutledge, a professor, and his wife saw a 28 foot diameter object a city block from them emerge from behind some trees. The object was moving left to right. It was about 500 feet in the air, and appeared to be semi-convex and self illuminated with a dim yellow light on top. They only saw the object for about three seconds. (Ref 1)

Dr. Rutledge is the author of "*Project Identification*."

February 20, 1975: An object with legs was spotted at 11:20 PM by a local lady here in Mt. Vernon, Indiana. She was startled by a brilliant object seen through a south facing window of her home. The object was described as big and round, moving slowly eastward following Fourth Street over the tree tops. The object steered a steady, slow, eastward course without stopping over a nearby grocery while changing to a reddish color. The witness stated that the object had tentacles or legs. The duration of the observation was one or two minutes. (Ref 2)

On a historical note, in March 1975, the Air Force Project Blue Book files were transferred from Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama to the National Archives in Washington, D.C. To many people the retirement of the Blue Book records seemed to mark the end of the UFO problem. To others, it was just the beginning...

March 25, 1975: At 6:10 PM what was described as an enormous saucer was sighted in the eastern sky at Oakland City, Indiana.

Bobby Doane, 14, was standing at the end of the driveway of his home waiting for a friend, who was running late, to arrive. Bobby was standing with his back toward the house when he was startled by a noise behind him. Turning around Bobby saw an airborne object through the bare branches of a tree located about thirty feet west of his house. His first impression was that he had spotted a low flying airplane but it became immediately clear to him that he was looking at something more unusual than an airplane. As he ran up the driveway toward the house, the object moved into an unobscured area

between the tree and the house about four hundred feet from him. The object was in full view of the witness for about one minute before he ran into the house to tell his father about it. Bobby's last view of the object was as it moved in a northeasterly direction to a point where it was partially out of sight behind the house.

When Bobby's father, Mr. Bob Doane, ran outside the object was gone.

The witness said that the object resembled "two Frizbees together edge to edge about 27 feet across. It didn't rotate as it moved and it was at an angle showing a circle off center on the top. Its color was a dark grayish-green like camouflage and it had a smooth surface as far as I could tell."

The elder Doane supports his son's claim saying Bobby definitely saw something and that he (Mr. Doane) had thought he had heard a low roar. However, according to the witness, there never was any sound connected with the UFO. (Ref 2)

Steps were taken by Dr. Hynek's group at the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) to improve the transmission of UFO reports from the public to the UFO investigative community. On April 1, 1975, the Federal Aviation Administration approved cooperation with CUFOS, authorizing air traffic controllers and other personnel to report UFO sightings as their workload permitted. This, plus CUFOS request for cooperation from law enforcement officials, helped ensure UFO reports were sent to someone who could follow up on them.

June 19, 1975: Two witnesses reported that, at 10:30 PM, they were fishing at Springwood Lake near Richmond, Indiana when they saw a bowl shaped object with a dome on top and many yellow and white points of light on a white glowing body. The object descended slowly and, in about fifteen seconds, disappeared from sight behind some trees. There were no landing indications. (Ref 3)

October 27, 1975: Beginning on this date, serious incidents took place along the U.S./Canadian border involving all of the northern tier U.S. Air Force bases in that area. (Ref 4)

In 1983, I appeared on a two hour, radio call in talk show on WGBF in Evansville, Indiana. During the show, an ex-Air Force man called in and reported that an alert had taken place at Headquarters, North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) during these sightings.

The NORAD Command Post, Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, includes the National Combat Operations Center. The Command Post, located as it is, deep inside Cheyenne Mountain is designed to withstand a direct hit by a 10 megaton nuclear weapon. As you might surmise, UFOs sighted by military personnel and/or detected on radar near any military installation cause quite a bit of havoc. In late October, 1975, when bona fide UFOs violated airspace over NORAD Command Post enough concern was generated for NORAD to upgrade their security alert status.

No one except cleared, high ranking officers or security patrols was allowed to enter the Cheyenne Mountain base. No one was allowed to leave. Those persons on base who had just completed duty were called back to work. Jet interceptors were scrambled.

The following incident, which I investigated, is paraphrased from a paper I wrote for MUFON which was printed in the **MUFON UFO JOURNAL**, Issue Number 192, February 1984. The incident itself occurred in 1975.

The men worked their shift of duty at Headquarters NORAD and got off duty about eight in the morning. Everyone in the group of nine or ten men went home, gathered together their hunting and camping gear and met at the home of one of them. They then all left on one of their routine hunting trips.

One of the men who was supposed to go on the trip got assigned to radar duty and couldn't go; a circumstance that later proved valuable as evidence of what happened later at Cheyenne Mountain that day. Another man, who became a pilot for United Airlines a couple of years later, secured some information about a sighting from an aircraft the same evening as the NORAD security alert. United Airlines filed a UFO sighting report with the Air Force.

My informant, one of the men in the group, told me, "We weren't drunk!" He said that they had been hunting all day and had stopped for the evening. They built a warm, cozy fire, ate a late dinner (it was between 10 PM and midnight) and were preparing to turn in for the night when one of them thought he saw a shooting star. Some unusual animal noises then occurred for about a fifteen minute period. One of the other men then said, "Well! There's two of them!" They stopped their preparations for turning in for the night and kindled down the fire, eventually putting it completely out. so they could better see the shooting stars.

What they then saw were three, distinctly separate lights in the sky which were moving to a point where they blurred across the horizon and then they would stop, move back in the opposite direction, and then move away from them to a point where the lights almost disappeared. Then, they would again move.

"We were thinking about our eyes playing tricks on us until they lined up almost abreast of each other and proceeded directly toward the Mountain," continues Mr. E. He later stated to me that there appeared to be trails behind the objects.

Six to eight minutes later the men heard the alert klaxons at the Cheyenne Mountain base.

Hearing the klaxons, they immediately packed their gear and headed for the Mountain to man their security posts. They had been off duty for ten to twelve hours but, except for the pilot among them, they were still subject to recall to duty as part of the security force for the Mountain.

It was about a forty five minute drive from their campsite to the gate to the Mountain. At 0210 hours they showed their passes to the gate guard and were admitted as part of the base security force. They did not have an opportunity to change clothes and were still in their hunting gear. They retrieved their weapons and reported to their assigned security posts. They were on alert at their posts until 0600 hours when the alert was "stepped down."

Two or three days later when they were all together again, the man who had been on radar duty the night of the alert said that he had tracked UFOs on radar for about twenty minutes. He stated that it was "weird" and proceeded to describe the radar tracks to the rest of the group. His description matched what the rest of the group had seen visually.

A couple of days later some of the men in the group began checking into the records to try determine the reason for the security alert. They found that nothing about the alert was in the records. "We couldn't find anything in the records that were available to us," said Mr. E. "Now, we didn't try to get into clearance areas, but the records that were available to us were primarily security records." Even

the files of the radar men of the group were devoid of any mention of the alert. It appeared that all material relating to the event had been purged from the records.

They then started asking around to see if they could find anything to explain the event. It was then that the Air Force "UFO people" appeared.

Mr. E. referred to the investigators as representatives from the "Air Force UFO division." "Whatever they were called," he said, "they came out to talk to us." The investigators interviewed everyone in the group one by one. Everyone's story matched; even the radar operator's story.

Mr. E. gave his report to the Air Force investigators and was told not to worry about it and to ignore it and continue his business.

Everyone in the group was ordered at that time not to mention the incident. "As long as we were in uniform we were not to discuss it with anyone other than military personnel with an official need to know and the fellows from the Air Force's investigating team that came out to talk to us." They told the group that they had seen navigational or landing lights.

Mr. E. said that all the members of the group had been in Viet Nam and were familiar with seeing navigational and landing lights. They had all seen night fighter aircraft at work and taking off and landing many times. These were not navigation or landing lights.

The investigators told the men in the group that their reports could not be taken seriously because they couldn't identify a shape or a color other than white which was like a shooting star.

It appears that the Air Force was pleased that the men could not provide a more detailed description than they could. Bonified sightings of nocturnal lights are, however, important evidence, especially when they correlate with other, better quality visual sightings and anomalous radar tracks.

It is strange that the men were asked not to relate their stories to anyone "outside." They were told that the incident fell under the purview of a specific Air Force document.

Mr. E. said that "they played it off like it wasn't anything." Yet, a security alert is very serious. The over-flight documents mention a Security Option 3 alert with UFOs showing "clear intent" near a weapons storage area.

Within sixty days of the alert, everyone in the group received a written reprimand for drinking on duty. None of them had been drinking on duty. In fact, they weren't even on duty when the sighting occurred and the alert was initiated. The men reportedly were not abused or mistreated. The promotion of only one person, the radar man, was affected by the written reprimand. His Letter of Reprimand mentioned drinking on duty and dereliction of duty. About six months later he was passed over for promotion because the written reprimand was in his records. (Ref 2)

The written reprimand came "out of nowhere, dated the same day as the sightings," a copy of which was placed in each man's personnel records.

In the over-flight documents there is one page that states, and I quote: "3) HQ USAF/DADF also forwarded a copy of a NORAD document for a review for possible downgrade and release. We have determined the document is properly and currently classified and is exempt from disclosure under

Public Law 90-23, 5 USC 552b(1)." This document is signed by Col. Terrence C. James, USAF, Director of Administration.

On November 5th the abduction of Travis Walton took place near Snowflake, Arizona. The Walton experience became the subject of a motion picture, "Fire in the Sky", released in March 1993.

1976

January 6, 1976: At 11:15 PM a now well publicized CE4 sighting took place at Stanford, Kentucky. Louise Smith, Mona Stafford, and Elaine Thomas were abducted. Please see the very detailed description of this sighting, which seems destined to become a classic, as related by Leonard Stringfield's paper published in Skylook. (Ref 5)

February 7, 1976: At 5:15 AM, a middle aged couple a few miles north of Mt. Vernon, Indiana at Farmersville had a close encounter. The initial investigation of this sighting was conducted by Greg Ward, one of the FIs I had trained.

The couple lived in a mobile home. The dog was barking and woke them up so the man looked out a window, saw a light, and went outside on the porch to see what was arousing the dog. The sky was clear and the weather must not have been too cold because he walked out on the porch in his night clothes. There had been some thefts of gasoline in the area and he was concerned about this. He also wanted to check on the security of some equipment: a backhoe, a dump truck, a 4-wheel drive, etc. He "saw the glow from the object." The whole area was lit up "like a dusk to dawn light that wasn't supposed to be there."

His wife didn't, at first come out of the house. When she did, she only went out on the porch. "She was scared for two or three days after that," he said.

He was at the rear of the trailer looking south at the object which was less than two hundred feet above the ground and five to six hundred yards away. At first it was stationary but then moved slowly eastward climbing gradually. He said that he knew what airplanes, balloons, and dirigibles looked like and it wasn't anything like those things. "It was shaped a whole lot like a dirigible but it was flat on the bottom."

The object continued to move eastward across a field and a gully to a point south of his son's trailer about five to six hundred yards from his own trailer. The object appeared to long and somewhat rectangular shaped with blunt ends and a strong yellow-greenish beam of light coming from it that could be seen moving very slowly across the open field.

The witness said that it was a "greenish, pinkish, overly bright light, extremely bright light. I stood there at the window (at first). I'm telling you I could see the ground out there, the grass, the weeds...clear as a bird. . .good n' daylight (like)."

"When I first saw it," he continued, "it was less than two hundred feet (off the ground)."

A little later, just south of his son's trailer, there was a round object. "It was darker green than the rectangular thing and looked like it was right in the fence row. This one looked like it might have been eight or ten feet in diameter and on, or very near, the ground. It changed color from pale green

to bright blue and back to pale green. When the larger rectangular object got over in the area back of the trailer and a little south, the smaller sphere moved up to the bottom of the big object and went out like a light." The single remaining object then departed slowly to the east.

The main rectangular object appeared to be projecting a beam of light that was coming down and forming a moving bright rectangle on the ground. "And, I could see clouds going between the object and the (round) thing that was down here on the ground, which I (at first) presumed was (from) a beam of light."

The large object was moving very slowly. "I mean I've heard stories about them zooming away. They didn't. It was slow. It was (going) easy, just like it was drifting with the wind, but it was going up and going in that direction (east).

The witness returned to his bed while the object, now very distant, was moving slowly away. (Ref 2)

March 26, 1976: At 8:45 AM the MADAR system indicated an anomaly. The background radiation was normal and no one filed a UFO report.

This was MADAR anomaly No. 8.

March 27, 1976: I had a sighting myself within a mile of my house at 5:05 PM. The object I saw was oblong and very high in the sky. It looked like a jet airliner without wings. I watched it for about 25 seconds. The MADAR unit did not register an anomaly most likely because it wasn't a real UFO. We'll never know.

June or early July, 1976: A huge, "barbell" shaped UFO was seen by two witnesses at 7:20 AM near Liberty in Union County, Indiana. The object was just sitting in the sky somewhere beyond a train that was passing. It was a silver-gray, metallic object with a few "black spaced places" that one witness thought were windows. There was an open space in the bar between the two balls. The impression of the witnesses were that the object was as large as a football field. After about thirty seconds, the object moved behind a single tree in the landscape and vanished. (Ref 3)

August 15, 1976: At 10:55 PM an object was sighted in a creek bed off Harrisburg Road in Fayette County, Indiana. The main witness, the mother of a rural family, while out in her backyard noticed a wide band of light under some trees in a nearby creek bed. The whole family watched as a glowing white oval object slowly rose up out of the creek bed and flew away to the northeast where it assumed a dark oval shape with green and red lights revolving around its edge or middle. There appeared to be a hump or dome on top of the object. (Ref 3)

August 18, 1976: The August 15, 1976, sighting above, was repeated. (Ref 3)

October 28, 1976: One of the strangest UFO sighting reports that I've ever personally investigated occurred at 7:05 PM at Evansville, Indiana.

There were six witnesses to this event. Although it was a night sighting, the distance between the witnesses and the object at its closest was two hundred to two hundred fifty feet which makes this a close encounter sighting.

The high degree of strangeness is evident from the testimony of witness Lee Golden: "This is no hallucination. This thing came right over the top of the house (which was fifty feet from the

witnesses), I'd say at one hundred to one hundred fifty feet over the top of the house. And, it was rectangular on the top and had a big light at the bottom. I couldn't see how the bottom was made, but it was totally noise-proof (there was no sound at all)." As it came over it appeared to be the size of an automobile and it was gaining altitude and moving northward. When it got to a higher altitude, something shot out from the bottom of the object. Later, something shot out from the side.

The object came from the south, initially headed northward at low altitude (one hundred to one hundred fifty feet), then turned and began moving to the northeast, gaining altitude and finally shrinking to the size of a star. The duration of the entire sighting was 15 minutes.

"The object had a rectangular shaped cage of some sort on the top portion (Exhibit 1E), and looked very clearly like it had some sort of cylinder or entrance from top to bottom located in the middle (see drawing). Also, noticed what appeared to be a door or heavy screened opening at the top part located in the middle." The lights on the object initially had a yellow cast and then changed to white. The object moved very slowly at first and then moved quickly away and out of sight. (Ref 2)

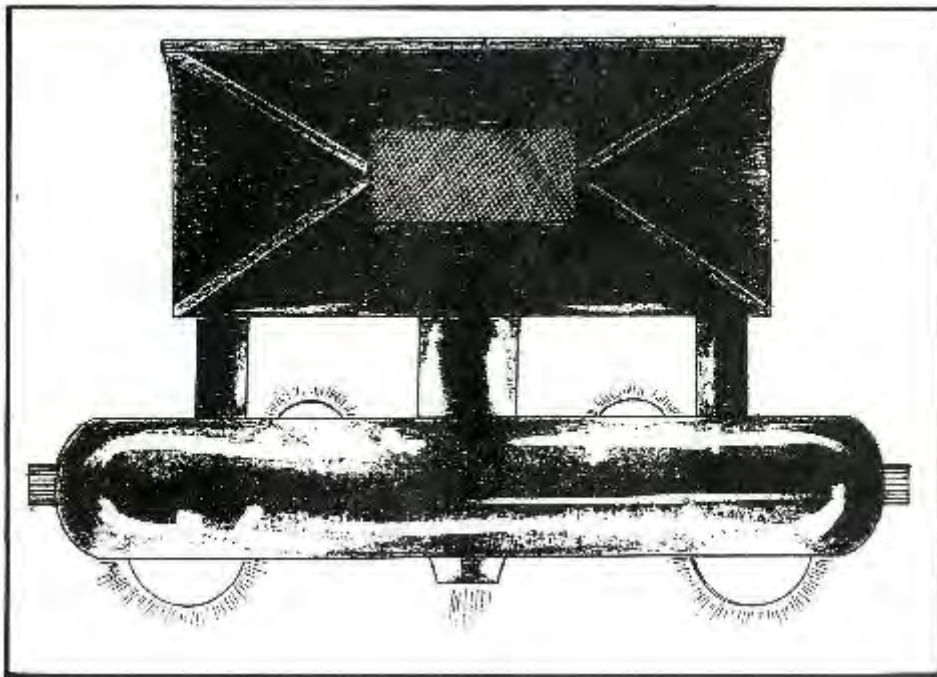


EXHIBIT 1E
October 28, 1976
Evansville, IN

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CHAPTER 7 - 1977, A MADAR YEAR

It started out like most years. We were always hoping for something really exciting to sink our teeth into. But nothing was going on, at least regionally, until March 23rd. I've always said that some of the best close encounters occur in the wee hours, and this one is a good example. A lady was driving on State Road 36 near Farmland, Indiana, on a snowy morning. Farmland is in Randolph County, northeast of Indianapolis on the Indiana/Ohio border. The lady noticed that some blue lights were ahead and thought that they were on a snow plow. One blinking light of unknown shape flew across in front of her, then suddenly 6-12 blue lights took up position two to three feet in front of her slowly traveling car. The car was illuminated with a blue light and static came over the radio. When the lights dived, a red light came on, as if braking. The small lights all flew together and out of sight over a field. (Ref.1)

On April 5th, there was a noteworthy encounter in broad daylight near Deerfield, Illinois. At 2:17 PM in the afternoon, a pilot was northbound, driving on I-94 on a cold, cloudy day. The sky was overcast at 5,000'. He reported that he saw an object coming toward him, first in the distance, then directly above him. He described it as like a silver mushroom, about three times the apparent size of the moon, that moved silently toward distant Chicago, against the wind. The object was in view 60-90 seconds. (Ref.2)

The next case is interesting, but probably not a close encounter. On May the 8th, there was a 30-second observation of a strange craft near Joliet, Illinois. An adult couple driving westbound at 2:00 PM watched a silver "straw hat" the size of the moon, rush eastbound over I-80. The object made no discernible noise (possibly masked by car) and was flying against the wind. (Ref.3)

Thirty minutes later, near Joliet, another adult couple experienced an object like a silver sphere with a "saturn ring" or "halo" around it. This was eastbound, too, and was in view for about 30 seconds. (Ref.3)

In June we had a sighting about 30 miles to the north-west of us, at Mt. Carmel, Illinois. It started with a distant sighting at 9:00 PM on June 9th. Byron Buchanan describes his encounter with a UFO:

"Me and Scott were coming back from a ball game. Scott had been the pitcher. We were just coming back into Mt. Carmel. We saw a bright light. First we thought it was a falling star, but it was extremely bright. We were waiting for it to burn out, but it didn't. It just kept falling and falling, and before it "hit" the ground, it split in two. So we followed it and kept following it, and when we got out to the place where we thought it hit, there were 4-5 other cars out there. So they had seen what we had seen and, hell, we stayed there about an hour, hour and a half. Everybody (else) took off after about 30-45 minutes."

About 10:00 or 10:30 PM, another object was observed. "One of the objects took off and went over the car, probably 100-300 yards above. The only one that took off was a silver disc and it took off, shooting. That's when I went home and called the sheriff's department and then called the Evansville airport and they gave us your number.

"The next day we went out looking for it. It's hard to estimate where it exactly hit. It glided down like a shooting star. Before it came down (to Earth) it split in two. It didn't hit hard, it glided." When asked about the entry angle, he stated: "Straight down. It took a minute or more to fall to the vicinity of the ground. At first it came down like a shooting star, fast, then it slowed down."

Louis Blevins was the scientist who helped me design the MADAR system, and he told me that he had worked on "Project Saucer" back in the late 40's. He said that evidence indicated UFOs could disrupt the local magnetic field up to a five mile radius. I later learned that an Air Force report had studied a case where a prospector had seen a UFO and watched his compass needle spin. Well, things were about to get spinning!

MADAR Anomaly No. 9

On July 10th, at 1:04 AM, the siren sounded! I jumped out of bed and headed for the room downstairs where the equipment was set up, and hit the audio alarm switch. The siren, now silent, had done its job. While the rest of the county slept, MADAR was recording a 17-pulse disturbance in the local magnetic field. The anomaly lasted 55 seconds. This was the longest disturbance on record at the station at that time and the fluctuations were the most erratic ever recorded by MADAR's event recorder. Background radiation was a normal 16 counts per minute. I had looked outside to see if there was anything in sight, in all directions. Nothing unusual, at least near the facility. MADAR was still recording data at that time. When I was sure the event was over, I reset the sensor, pulled out the data tapes, labeled them and put new ones in the data recorders. There were no calls coming into the Center. I had contacted the police department and spoke with Officer Kermit Steele. He hadn't heard anything, either. I went back to bed.

For days I pondered over what had happened, a little dismayed that I couldn't get what I'd hoped for, for years, a correlation between detections and local sightings. This would be a documented cause and effect relationship, proof UFOs couldn't be all IFOs, and I would also have an "early warning system". I also wanted to be able to grab a camera and run with it, getting a picture to go with the other data. Or, have an independent witness calling in a UFO that was observed at the same time MADAR was picking up an anomaly. Even if I had had a camcorder in those days, it wouldn't have done any good.

MADAR Anomaly No. 10

Two days later the siren sounded again! On July 12th, at 1:48 AM, I jumped out of bed with greater expectations. This was a one-pulse disturbance. On the data tape there was no reading. The first pulse (I call the "phantom pulse") is the one that turns on the system, therefore it is not recorded. Radiation background was 18 cpm, still normal for the area. No calls. No visual sightings from the facility. The police department was alerted, but had heard nothing from callers or cruisers.

MADAR Anomaly No. 11

At 4:35 AM I was awakened again by the siren, indicating an anomaly was occurring. Two hours and 47 minutes had elapsed and MADAR had recorded another anomaly. This time it was a 5-pulse,

53-second disturbance. Radiation was a normal 16 cpm. I went through all the motions, however probably appearing as a "zombie" to anyone who could have seen me, and went back to bed.

I don't know why. I think the sun was coming up. I didn't record the time. I should have. But sometime within an hour, the smoke alarm started beeping. There was no smoke or noticeable fumes. The batteries were in perfect order and not replaced until six months later! In order for the beeping signal to occur, the batteries must be low. Something caused the voltage to drop or mimic the same effect as low power. Whatever it was, it was an anomaly in itself, because there was nothing wrong with the unit or the batteries.

MADAR Anomaly No 12

Three days later, on July 15th, this time at 10:06 PM, MADAR logged another one. This was a 4-pulse, 4-second disturbance, radiation 13 cpm. Again, it seemed as if it was all a waste of time.

Right across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, Ohio, is a little town in Kentucky, called Bellevue. At 10:45 PM that evening, Mrs. Fern Frey (name changed) was lying in bed with her 11-year-old daughter who was asleep. She was shocked to see her bed light up with a bright green glow. Thinking her home was being burglarized, Mrs. Frey jumped out of bed. (There was a lot of this "jumping out bed" this summer). The glow was coming through one of the two windows in the bedroom. She cautiously peeked through the curtain and watched in bewilderment as the green light retreated, "just like a liquid being drawn up through a straw." In a matter of seconds the light was "siphoned" up into a low hovering object that was shaped like an inverted saucer a couple of hundred feet away. She guessed it was about 30' in diameter and was metallic. The moon's glow reflected on it and she could determine that its visible surface was clearly divided into equal-sized squares. The bottom was in darkness, appearing flat, and it was into this section that the recoiling beam of light was drawn. The object then gracefully lifted and disappeared into a wooded area. (Ref.4)

Then, on a routine visit to the Mt. Vernon Police Department as part of my local PR work, Officer Kermit Steele had advised me that they had picked up transmissions on the police radio from two locations. This had happened right after I called on the 12th? At approximately 2:18 AM, citizens had been reporting UFOs to police at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, 68 miles to the northwest of us? Also, reports were coming in from Hayfield, Kentucky, 85 miles to the southwest! Finally, I had a correlation? Not a local one, but too much to be a coincidence.

That evening a report came in over the KNI Net (police scanner frequency), somebody had phoned in a report to the Kentucky State Police at Hancock County. They thought they had seen an aircraft "going down". This has happened many times. I immediately contacted the Control Tower at Dress-Regional Airport. No aircraft was ever reported missing or crashed. This was a meteor or a UFO. We'll never know. But things were starting to look very odd.

MADAR Anomaly No 13

This was logged on July 26th. This was in the wee hours, at 2:29 AM, a one-pulse, with radiation a normal 16 cpm. I was now getting enough sleep. The events were getting farther apart.

On July 31st, Normal, Illinois, had a daylight sighting of interest. At 6:30 PM, a university art professor called his wife and secretary to see the silver "stretched cigar", three times the size of the

moon in length. It was observed for three minutes as it flew in a slow straight path from southwest to northeast, with no trail, no wings, no details, no sounds. (Ref.5)

MADAR Anomaly No 14

This was logged on August 1st at 10:11 PM. It was a 4-pulse, 4-second disturbance with a 16 cpm reading. It was starting to get boring.

MADAR Anomaly No 15

The final one for the year, was logged on August 15th at 19:14 PM. It was an 17-pulse, 3-minute and 29-second disturbance. MADAR had logged the best and longest APD so far. And the background radiation reading was 39 cpm, a 100% increase? For the record, this was a significant reading?

MADAR had recorded seven events in a little over a month. Something was going on. UFOs were being seen and MADAR was working overtime.

There was another UFO case involving a train sometime in October, possibly the 21st, near Fostoria, Ohio. On this dark morning, the engineer (who we'll call Howard) was sitting in his locomotive cab on the main line track. It was cold and clear. Several box cars had been cut loose to the south of the switch track to the warehouse. The engine was coupled to the rest of the cars which were being moved into position within the warehouse. At about 3:20 AM, he saw what looked to be a shooting star to the west, it curved down out of the northwest. He was facing south and the first box car was blocking his view. The light came down in the field toward Rt. 23 between him and a church. Slowly, at about the speed of a walking man, it came toward him across the field. It was approximately 16' off the ground and stopped on the other side of the tracks between four and five box car lengths away (180-270').

He picked up his radio and called out to his conductor who was about seven or eight car lengths down the track. "Donald...come up to the engine." Donald replied by radio and asked what was happening. Howard answered, "Hey, we got a damned UFO up here." By this time the UFO had moved to within two car lengths of the track.

The object was "birthday cake" or disc shaped, about 90' in diameter, and 45' high. It was brightly lit, with banks of nine vertical "tubes" separated by a dark void space that reflected no light. Short horizontal tubes ran over the top and bottom of these voids. The bottom of the disc was like ceramic and gray in color, with a trace of lavender.

The disc was slightly tilted and rotating counter clockwise. Both men timed the rotation at 9 rpm.

The object glowed yellow. Electric-like energy sparks ran around the disc in a clockwise direction. These were blue. As the arc touched the center of the tubes, the ends lit up. As the arc touched the ends, the centers lit up.

When the men trained the cab headlight on the UFO it would light up very bright. This happened several times. Testing his engine, a General Motors Model 3900, he increased the output to 1500 amps. The engine worked. The walky talkies worked, also.

Twenty two minutes later, the object started spinning faster and faster and got as bright as it had been earlier when responding to the lightbeam signals. Suddenly, without a sound, it took off up and to the northwest until it looked like a yellow star. That was the last they saw of it. (Ref.6)

On the 12th of December there was a sighting from a commercial aircraft over Tennessee. It occurred at 2:25 PM, therefore a daylight sighting. There were two witnesses for this 5-minute observation recorded by Richard Haines in his computer catalog. (Ref.7)

Around Christmas of that year, perhaps a few days before, a couple had a strange encounter with a UFO near Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky. The lady and her husband were watching TV at about 1:10 AM when suddenly their living room was bathed in an eerie green glow. "It came through the curtain," she said, "flashing three times."

Both she and her husband jumped up and scurried to the window there to see an egg-shaped object, glowing green, about 50-100' distant in a low hovering position. They both estimated the object to be about 10-15' in diameter. It was encircled by a solid row of green flickering lights which had cast a greenish glow on its entire surface.

The object was in view for about three minutes. It rose slowly, vertically, picked up acceleration, then leveled off and disappeared into the wooded horizon. (Ref.4)

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CHAPTER 8: 1978 & 1979

A great many UFO reports were made during these years. Most of these reports were of nocturnal lights and were probably more the result of improvements in our reporting network than any actual increase in the number of sightings. Our concern, however, is with cases of high strangeness and with those that are technically interesting, rather than with nocturnal light reports that have limited merit. The reports listed here are reports that I consider to have met these criteria.

1978

January 10, 1978: At 25 minutes after midnight a high strangeness case began in Chicago, Illinois. A 31-year-old paramedic was driving a car on the way to picking up her husband, a policeman, from work when her three-year-old son called her attention to a “moving star” nearly overhead. A few seconds later at her destination she saw a silver disc shaped object “with teacups on top and bottom of the saucer”, as large as the full moon that was moving forward, with a yellowish-orange trail behind it. The saucer stopped, reversed direction, and then moved forward again behind the building next to which she was parked. The trail was visible only when the object was in motion. The duration of this sighting was one to two minutes. (Ref 1)

January 15, 1978: At 7:10 PM over Washington County, Indiana, a CE1 event involving an aircraft occurred. A single engine Sundowner flying from Evansville, Indiana, to Cincinnati, Ohio, encountered a UFO on a collision course approximately 22 miles north of Louisville, Kentucky. The Pilot, accompanied by his instructor and girlfriend, related that he was flying at 5,500 feet when he spotted two bright lights at eye level at an unknown distance ahead.

Suddenly, one of the lights began to move horizontally away from the other light. Then it made a perfect circle and then another while remaining at the same distance. This erratic behavior continued for several minutes. Then, the moving object became brighter and, looking like a “blob”, began what appeared to the pilot to proceed on a collision course with the Sundowner. As the blob came closer the pilot, fearful of a collision, dove his aircraft down one thousand feet. In an instant, the white blob streaked overhead and out of view.

When the aircraft arrived at Cincinnati the pilot called the Standiford Control Tower in Louisville, Kentucky concerning the incident. He was told that they had no UFO confirmed by radar but they had received calls from people in the area who had seen a UFO. (Ref 2)

August 8, 1978: At 9:40 PM a good radar/visual sighting occurred at Belton, Missouri. The UFO put on a show over Belton that could be seen in three neighboring suburbs south of Kansas City with dozens of witnesses independently reporting the sighting to law enforcement agencies and Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base in Kansas City.

This sighting is the one with the greatest number of witnesses. The UFO also appears to have been briefly seen on radar. If this event was a hoax, it was an unprecedented elaborate one. The total duration of this sighting was 45 minutes.

Most witnesses saw a large red light dropping flare like objects. One witness who was directly underneath the object saw strange strobe like lights encircled by rows of red lights rotating like a turntable. If this event was a hoax, it was an unprecedented elaborate one.

August 30, 1978: An abduction was reported at 11:45 PM in Union County, Indiana. The witness was driving her car on State Route 44 in a valley near a bridge when ahead, low over the road, she saw an orange, egg shaped object accompanied by four small, orange-red, square looking objects. A light suddenly engulfed her car and she remembers nothing until she found herself about five miles further down the road than she had been when the light appeared. (Ref 4)

Fall, 1978: On an unknown date during this period an incident in Waterford, Ohio occurred at 10:30 PM on a summer like evening. Three persons were in a car on their way home when they observed two lights on the northwestern horizon. They initially thought the lights were on an aircraft but they were moving to slow and they were too low to be from an aircraft. By the time they arrived at home two to two and one half minutes after first seeing the lights, the witnesses were excited. They were

so excited that the mother of the primary witness became frightened and went inside the house. Gary "D", the primary witness, then began walking toward the two oval objects that were now over some power lines five to six hundred feet away. When the objects stopped moving, all the natural sounds of the night ceased and Gary and Barb (another witness) became frightened. Despite his fear, Gary walked up to within three hundred feet of the objects. The objects were large and oval and appeared to be about fifty to one hundred feet in diameter with round domes that had what appeared to be round domes all around. The object on the right started to dim and went out. The object on the left started to dim out also. Then, the object on the right brightened up and shot over the northern horizon. The other object followed suit. It was five minutes after the objects departed before the natural sounds of the night returned.

Gary's brother, who was traveling in a car five miles north of their location, said that he too saw the lights at the same time but, to him, the lights were in the south. The total duration of this sighting was fifteen minutes. (Ref 5)

September 10, 1978: At 8:30 PM a sighting from an aircraft occurred near Springfield, Missouri. Richard Renne, a 30-year-old physicist, was flying southeast in his single engine Beechcraft Bonanza (N7311B) at a true air speed of 170 knots, when he caught sight of a yellowish white light descending from 15,000 feet at his 4:30 or 5:00 o'clock position. Renne was flying at 9,500 feet seventy-five to one hundred miles southeast of Springfield, Missouri, enroute to Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. "Why didn't the Center (Memphis ARTC) call about this traffic," he thought. He radioed them and was told that they had no traffic. The light then descended below his tail at the 4:00 o'clock position and he looked to his left to watch it emerge from behind the tail. It did not emerge from behind the tail. He saw it again at his 3:00 o'clock position, then back to 4:00 o'clock, then back to 3:00 o'clock again. "If I turned, it held." At one time it was between him and the lights of Springfield but he still could not see its shape. Suddenly, it ascended to twenty to twenty-five thousand feet "in a snap" on a perfectly straight trajectory. Then, it flew in an odd "step function" to his 1:00 o'clock position in two seconds. Then, back to his 3:00 o'clock position one more time where it rose above the clouds. Then, another erratic light dropped from a high altitude and moved erratically while changing colors until it shot off into the heavens at his 2:00 o'clock position.

The witness subsequently learned that a total of eight UFO sighting claims were filed by pilots with the Memphis ARTC that night. Renne, himself, heard a commercial jet out of St. Louis report a sighting.

Renne was flying above a haze layer that extended up to 9,000 feet. The air was clear at his altitude. The visibility was five to seven miles in the haze itself. (Ref 6)

December 16, 1978: At 8:30 PM an interesting sighting took place in the vicinity of Abington, Indiana. The five witnesses were in an automobile when a dark object about three times the size of the moon came over the nearby low trees and hovered over their car causing its motor and radio to stop. As it hovered in front of the car three red lights and a large white lit on the rear were seen. The object departed with a "whooshing" sound. (Ref 4)

December 1978: On an unknown date two teenage girls from London Mills, Illinois, reported a tubular aircraft that approached their car as they drove on Illinois Route 116 near Rapatee, Illinois, at night. The object came within ten feet of their vehicle, circled them once, and left "toward the east at a fantastic speed, but there wasn't any sound at all." (Ref 7)

1979

January 8, 1979: At approximately 8:00 PM, Mr. Marion Ritchie and his wife saw a UFO for five continuous minutes while they were traveling on County Road 138. Mr. Ritchie, a credible man in his community, saw a cylinder shaped object with white, red, and green lights over an open field about fifty feet from the road. At first he thought it was a water tower but, as he drove under the object, he knew that it couldn't be.

The investigator, Charles Tucker, said that Mr. Ritchie described the cylinder as being fifteen feet long and hovering about seventy-five to one hundred feet from the ground. The lights on the object suddenly became so intense that it was hard for Mr. Ritchie to tell what the object really was. As the lights grew brighter, the object zipped off into the cold, clear night. (Ref 8)

September 9, 1979: At 4:30 PM in Chicago, Illinois, an interesting UFO sighting occurred. "Gee, that looks like a flying saucer," thought a 38-year-old man as he, his neighbors, and members of his family saw a silver disc move southeast to northeast directly overhead at high altitude. The disc had an angular size about half that of a full moon. The black center could be resolved on the underside and the outline was distinct against a clear, blue sky. There was no noise. (Ref 9)

December 2, 1979: This sighting took place just before 5:00 PM at Mt. Vernon, Indiana. It was personally witnessed by me, one of my Field Investigators, my wife, and three other persons.

Was this a mystery aircraft or a UFO? If anyone would have told me about this sighting, I would have been polite about it, investigated it, and found a place to privately shake my head in amazement. These things are not supposed to happen but, this time, it did.

It was very dark at 5:00 PM and it was about time to head for home after a hard days work. Right before quitting time I got a call from Byron Koenig, a good friend of mine who was also one of my FIs. He was the manager of a store located in the same shopping center as I and there was something in the sky that he couldn't identify.

Five minutes before quitting time at 5:00 PM my wife and I went outside to try to get a look at the object. We thought that after identifying it we would get in the car and go home, but it didn't work out that way. The bright light we saw in the northwest was not a star or a planet. It was too bright and it was moving. All six of us that were there watched as the object approached us while it descended very slowly. An aircraft must fly fast enough to generate enough lift over its wings to stay in the air or it will stall out and fall out of the sky. This object was moving so slowly that we all agreed that it could not be an aircraft. Then, we saw a pair of lights. What we thought had happened was the "jet" had been further away than we thought and had its 200,000 candlepower landing lights turned on. Then, when it got close enough to us we could actually resolve the two lights.

The object still came toward us very slowly. Something about it was just not right. After fifteen minutes, far to long for the object to have been any type of jumbo jet or conventional airplane, the object came in to our vicinity. It was still descending all the time as if we had a landing field at Mr. Vernon. The airport is twenty-five miles northeast at Evansville, Indiana.

At ten minutes after five o'clock the object was not a few hundred feet above the ground and it looked like it was following Highway 62. When it flew by us on our left it was just a blurred shape and lights. There was a sound so similar to a jet that it just couldn't be anything else. Apparently, a jet aircraft had fooled us. Or, had we? We simply overlooked how long it had taken for the thing to get here.

Later, when I got home, I contacted the Control Tower at the airport in Evansville. I asked them if there had been a National Guard transport or some other aircraft that could have been flying low over us. They knew nothing about any flight like the one we had apparently seen. Whatever the craft was, it was not under the control of the FAA.

On December 13th I received a telephone call from a gentleman who lived near Marris Township about eight miles down Highway 62 from where we were at the time of the sighting. At about 5:00 PM on the same night that we saw the "jet" he had seen what he thought was a jet with a fire on the right engine. At the same time, a woman in New Harmony had seen it, too.

A woman who worked for Byron didn't see it but her son did and he drew a picture of it. (Exhibit 1F) He doesn't know the exact time that he saw the craft but the detail he observed and his ability to draw it makes us wonder what flew over that evening. He stated that it made no sound when he saw it. (Ref 10)

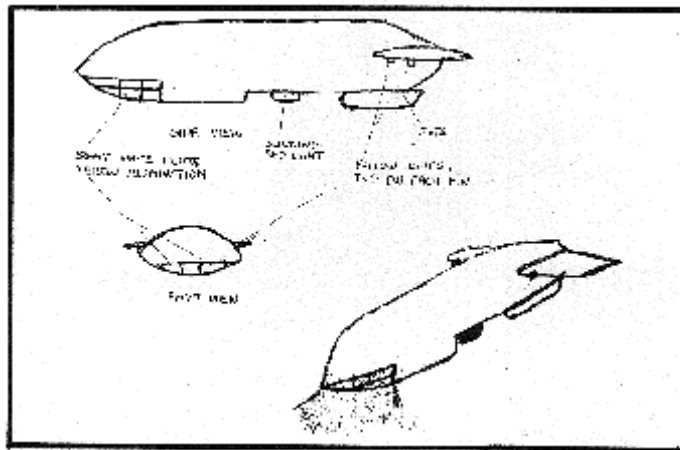


Exhibit 1F

December 26 or 27th, 1979: These years there had been "black triangle" sightings to the north of us at "Lucky Point" (Monroe City, IN), and there had been the strange flying wings and triangles in the Hudson Bay area of New York. The same thing was happening in Belgium. But in a closer time-frame I found a set of drawings (Exhibit 2F) that resulted from some sightings near Norwich, Connecticut, on the 26th or 27th of September. And one witness even heard an engine sound. (Ref 9)

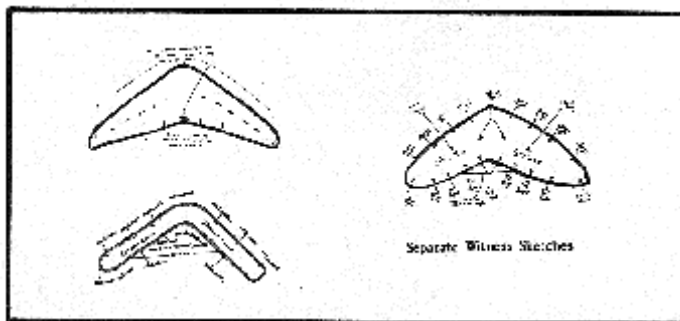


Exhibit 2F

December 29, 1979: At 11:00 PM a good radar/visual sighting occurred over northern Illinois. A controller at a local airport stated: “We had a call from the sheriff’s department at 11:00 PM and they said they were looking at a UFO. We looked on the radar and observed the target in the area westbound, very fast. There were three controllers and myself. We watched the target and it stopped, changed direction to a north heading, went north for about three miles, stopped again, went northwest for five miles, stopped again, went westbound right up to the Mississippi River, stopped there, then continued westbound. It covered 54 miles in three and one half minutes, plus it stopped four times. We were receiving a strong return. There were no known aircraft in the area. I have never seen an aircraft at that speed turn that fast. The stops were very abrupt and the turns were very abrupt. I don’t know of any airplane that can turn that fast. We picked up a second object at 11:04 PM and it proceeded southwest until it was directly over the Mississippi River at which time it turned northbound and paralleled right over the river for about half a mile and moved away to the west-southwest. After we picked up the second object, I checked back with the sheriff’s department and was advised that they had observed another object. The position the sheriff gave me correlated with the targets we saw.” (Ref 11)

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CHAPTER 9: 1980s & ABDUCTION AWARENESS

1980

January or February 1980: On an unknown date in either January or February at approximately 9:30 PM a CE1 sighting occurred in Evansville, Indiana.

A woman, an off duty Registered Nurse, was out walking her dog near Dress-Regional Airport in Evansville on an extremely cold, clear night before the 10:00 PM television newscast. She had gotten into the habit of scanning the skies when she was outside since the launching of the Echo 1 satellite. She saw a large, motionless, object that was as shiny as aluminum hovering in the sky nearby. She said she would have seen the object even if it had no lights because it was so close by.

On seeing the object, her first thought was that it was some type of blimp. At the time an aircraft was on approach to the nearby airport and she assumed the “blimp” was awaiting landing clearance. She

stared at the object for some time wondering what it could be. Then she returned to her home. The object was still hovering when she entered her house.

The following morning she contacted the airport to ask if she could see the unusual craft she had seen hovering the night before. "The airport people asked me many questions," she said, "so I knew then it was a UFO and was sorry I had not watched it and not called others to see it."

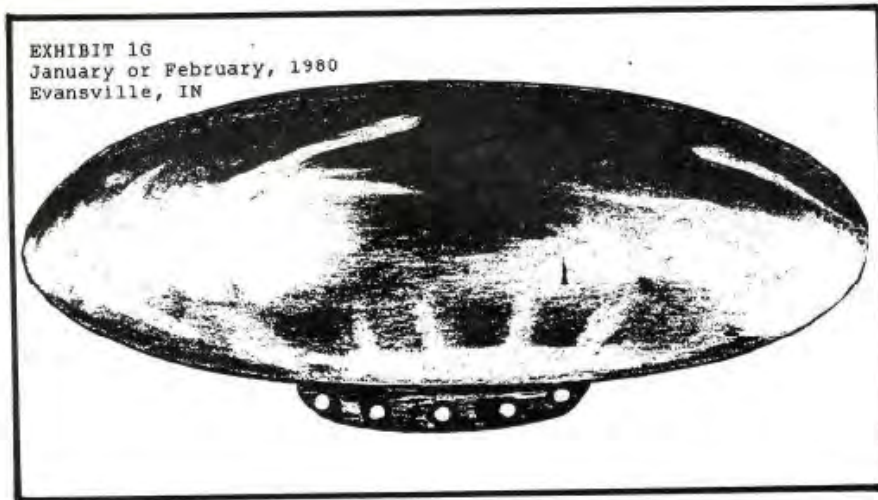


Exhibit 1G

It looked like a "blimp with an extension on the lower surface and one row of lights or lighted portholes. (Exhibit 1G) The object was soundless and hovered higher than the one story house next door, but not much higher than treetop level (40 feet?)." (Ref 1)

March 9, 1980: At 9:00 PM an interesting sighting at New Castle, Kentucky, took place.

At about 9:00 PM, Mrs. Anna Ricketts of New Castle, Kentucky, was disturbed by barking dogs. When she looked out the back of her house to see what was causing the disturbance, she saw in her yard about fifty feet from the house, a strange, very bright object hovering motionless about twenty feet above the ground.

She said that it looked like a Piper Cub without wings and it had at least three sticks that looked like antenna protruding at an angle from the bottom.

By the time she was able to get her husband's attention, the object moved off. The object shot up and down and at irregular angles before disappearing. (Ref 2)

July 4, 1980: At 12:30 PM, my son, Brian, who was eleven-years-old at the time, saw a disc shaped object "with a circle on the bottom." It went from overhead to a point south and was lost from sight behind a house. The object was observed for about twenty seconds. There is always the possibility of the object being a weather balloon in cases like this but the circle seen on the bottom of the object is unlike a weather balloon and similar to the description given in many flying saucer reports. (Ref 1)

September 1980: On an unknown date and time the weather radar at TV station WTWO at Terre Haute, Indiana, detected an anomaly 55 miles away over Lucky Point. Lucky Point is about fourteen

miles east of Vincennes, Indiana. At Lucky Point many electrical power lines converge. Numerous anomalies including UFOs, Bigfoot, rattling power lines, and other strange things have been reported there. On September 30th there were numerous reports of nocturnal lights in that area.

November 1, 1980: A CE3 was reported to have occurred at about 9:00 PM at Lucky Point, Indiana.

A deputy sheriff on routine patrol stopped to stretch his legs. He was standing next to his car looking over the top of the cruiser when he noticed a “black triangle” about two hundred feet away and tilted at an angle. The craft was about one hundred feet on a side and had large windows through which five humanoid figures were visible from the waist up. These figures had large heads, thin necks, and slim bodies. The figures were seen in silhouette and no other features could be distinguished.

While the deputy watched them in amazement, he received what he described as a telepathic communication, “Why do you hate Iranians?” He thought to himself, “I don't hate anybody.” Then, a figure on each end turned toward the center and faced the other three figures. As they did the object took off and was out of sight in seconds. (Ref 3)

November 18, 1980: A radar/visual incident occurred at an unknown time at Kirksville, Missouri.

Hundreds of people in north central Missouri, including a dozen police officers, saw a large, triangular object over a period of more than four hours. The object moved slowly back and forth over an area of nearly one hundred miles. In addition to passing over many smaller communities, the object passed over the cities of Kirksville and Trenton which are about sixty miles apart.

At one time the object was tracked on radar moving erratically at a speed of about 45 miles per hour. The technician who tracked the object on the radar scope at a remote facility north of Kirksville stepped outside the building and saw the lights of the object about six miles away. (Ref 4)

December 17, 1980: A CE1 sighting occurred at Greenup County, Kentucky, at an unknown time. No other details are available.

December 27, 1980: A CE1 sighting again occurred at Greenup County, Kentucky. In this instance five people saw an object that was within five hundred feet of them. No other details are available.

1981

There were a number of sightings in 1981 but none were especially interesting. For that reason I've not listed them here. We were in a lull in the number of sightings that continued until 1986. Some important events, though fewer in number and spaced farther apart in time than previously, were beginning to unfold.

1982

March 18, 1982: At Flatwoods, Kentucky, at about 10:00 PM an interesting sighting occurred.

A cook and baker by trade and an Army Reservist, he was returning home when he observed a disc like object hovering off to his left. “The object seemed to have a dome of some sort near the base of the object, where red, green, blue, and white lights blinked in rotation,” he said. He heard a low

humming noise while observing the object hovering for about fifteen minutes. Then, the object rose rapidly upwards and began to leave, smoothly, in a circular path. (Ref 5)

October 22, 1982: At 8:00 PM there was a CE1 sighting at Westport, Indiana.

A large, dull gray colored, triangular shaped object came slowly from the southeast and flew over witnesses in the yard of a rural home. The object then hovered in the northeast above a ten-foot-tall tree before moving out of sight in the northeast. The witnesses saw a red light on each corner and a convex bottom on the object. (Ref 6)

October 24, 1982: At 9:00 AM a CE1 sighting occurred at Lowell, Indiana.

The witnesses, Michael Davis and his father, Everett, saw an object like a “bee's head.” The total duration of this sighting was ten minutes. Michael Davis was a student pilot with 250 flying hours. (Ref 7)

1983

June 27, 1983: At 2:22 AM the alarm sounded signifying that MADAR Anomaly No. 16 had occurred. Radiation was normal at 16 counts per second.

On June 30, 1983, Cathy Davis who was the subject of the book and the TV movie, “Intruders” was abducted at 10:50 near Indianapolis, Indiana.

July 5, 1983: At fifteen minutes after midnight the alarm sounded for MADAR Anomaly No. 17. The radiation level was again within the normal range for this area.

It never ceases to amaze me as to the number of MADAR events occurring in the wee hours of the night. My theory is that certain important UFO activities occur at certain times and MADAR is a witness to those activities. The lack of correlation of the MADAR events to local sighting reports most likely means that reports are not being filed by witnesses. It appears that the types of activities that are occurring when MADAR is activated are the CE3 UFO and humanoid and the CE4 abduction incidents. The correlation is circumstantial but there is no correlation at all with Nocturnal Light, Daylight Disc, CE1, or CE2 incidents. Cathy Davis' abduction occurring on June 30, 1983 between two MADAR events one week apart seems to strengthen this theory.

August 9, 1983: At 8:50 PM there was a CE1 sighting reported at Selma, Delaware County, Indiana.

The witness, a young woman named Jennifer Irving, was 19-years-old at the time of this sighting. She relates what happened:

“I was driving home, alone, heading down 1225 (South) near the 'T' at Windsor Road. The moon was extremely large, full, and low. As I headed up the hill, it appeared to be sitting on the road. I was looking straight south at the low moon when I noticed an object coming from the south, heading northwest at me. It was extremely bright and moving very fast. When I reached the 'T', it was directly in front of me, very close. I turned right, heading west. It was moving sporadically, but stayed with me (I was driving very slow, idle, stop, idle), trying to let it sink in that I was watching something that I'd never seen before. It would move forward, sort of drift, like it was idling, too. As it drifted forward and slightly up, it would eject (almost trickle them) green and red columns of light. I could see the outline of its shape. It would then stop, once it stopped it would glow, grow in size,

almost tremble with white energy and rapidly shoot down these columns. It 'energized' many times. It looked like that was part of its regular transit (go-stop-go).

“I watched it for ten minutes while heading west towards home (which was only about one half mile away). At this point I was so excited and fascinated. It was only as I was almost home that I started to get scared. I was in the car with my infant, and my husband was out of town. I had passed no cars at all and realized my isolation. As I neared my house I saw my neighbors to the west were home. I pulled into their drive, honking my horn, jumped out of my car (which I had turned off), and ran towards their house. The object then shot rapidly off to the southwest at about a 45-degree angle up and disappeared like someone had turned out the lights. It was gone.

“My neighbor's daughter saw it shoot up, but that's all. I almost think that it didn't want anyone to see it.

“At no time did I hear any noise from the object. My car radio was off, and my window down.”

Jennifer is a housewife with three years of college with a degree in nursing. She wears glasses all the time. Her hearing and health is rated as good.

The sky was clear when the object was first seen in the south and was clear when it was last seen in the southwest moving east to west. When closest to her the object was about one-eighth of a mile away and five to seven hundred feet in altitude. The object passed in front of a forest one-quarter of a mile away in the distance and it passed, at one point, behind a farmhouse one-half mile away. The object was described as dome shaped, metallic appearing, and as a very bright light with no sound. The size of the object was estimated to be larger than a house and it was brighter than a lighthouse light. The object changed direction, executed abrupt turns, cast light on the surrounding area, hovered, and ascended. At times it pulsed, vibrated, and glowed. (Ref 1)

1984

January 9, 1984: At 6:30 AM, a CE1 was reported to have occurred at Capron, Indiana. This sighting was investigated by a Field Investigator from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) and reported in the MUFON UFO Journal.

While driving his truck along a country road, the witness noticed off to the left of his vehicle a large, meteor like object in a high speed, vertical descent. When the object reached treetop level he lost sight of it for a few seconds. Suddenly, an object covered with white lights appeared at treetop level on the left side of his vehicle. The object maneuvered around behind the truck; then passed the truck on the right side and moved off down the highway out of sight. The driver described the object as looking like a football turned up on end, metallic gray in color, about 150 feet tall, moving about fifty feet above the ground and about one hundred feet from his vehicle. He observed the object for about one minute and he could detect no sound. (Ref 8)

February 12, 1984: At 10:51 PM the alarm sounded signifying MADAR Anomaly No. 18 had occurred. Again, there was nothing particularly unusual about this event. However, during the next two days there were ten earthquakes ranging from magnitude 2.7 to magnitude 4.0 in the immediate area. Possibly, MADAR detected magnetic anomalies associated with the swarm of earthquakes.

May 18, 1984: At 10:40 PM, our SKYWATCH saw a “Jumping Strobe Light, Xenon,” a JSLX. A JSLX is a moving, very bright, strobing light that is definitely not an aircraft.

At the time of the sighting, Byron Koenig, David Angermeier, and myself were on a routine SKYWATCH patrol at our observation post on Cemetery Hill one mile north of Mt. Vernon, Indiana. At 10:40 PM I saw a bright, silver white light in the northeast. It was strobing at one time per second. There was no detectable aircraft lighting around the strobing light as required by the FAA, there was no sound, and the light was moving at a fair rate of speed. I mentioned to the two others present that we had a "bogey" in the northeast and all began to watch the light through binoculars. Even through the binoculars no FAA required lighting was detectable.

The strobing light moved from northeast to southwest passing almost overhead at about 45 degrees. No sound was heard. When the light got in the southwest about 45 degrees up in the sky, it stopped and reversed its course and headed back northeast. It then stopped and reversed course again and went back in a southwest direction. The object continued on to the southwest and disappeared after about twelve minutes. A person could hear an airplane at least five times the distance from us that the light had been but we never heard any sound. (Ref 1)

May 19, 1984: A CE2 occurred at midnight at Williams, Indiana. FI Mike Palmiter investigated this sighting. The witness was his neighbor and a good friend. Because of the unusual circumstances of this sighting, we seriously considered it to be an abduction attempt.

The witness lives on a dead end road in a rural area about half a mile from his nearest neighbors. He said that he was outside behind his house working on equipment about midnight. His wife was inside the house sleeping and two of his neighbors had just left after stopping to visit. He was working by electric light and suddenly noticed that the area around him had become brightly lit. He looked up to see that the light source was a brilliant, orange colored light, low in the northwest. No craft could be seen and it was totally silent. He went inside the house to call the two neighbors that had just left to come back and see the strange light. He did not wake his wife who is a sound sleeper. He then went back outside and the UFO was there as it had been before.



Exhibit2G

After approximately fifteen minutes had passed since he first noticed the light it began to drift away to the northwest where he lost sight of it. Shortly thereafter, his neighbors arrived. They did not see the UFO and they teased him about seeing things.

A large tree is located four to five hundred feet northwest of the rear of the house where the witness says that the UFO was located. He said that the size of the object would be same as a pickup truck located at treetop level over the tree, but he believes that the UFO was farther away than the tree. It's possible that the UFO was indeed over the tree when he saw it and not farther away as he believes. Since his neighbors said they never saw it, the tree may have blocked their view, which would be unlikely if the object were farther away.

Later, the witness mentioned a couple of curious things that had been omitted when he was first interviewed. He said that the light from the UFO was round but with a quarter of it missing. He compared it to a clock face with the segment from 9 to 12 missing. He said the UFO was silent with the only sound being that of the natural rural woodlands.

He also reported a tingling numbness, which he associated with a human reaction to astonishment. (Ref 1)

May 20, 1984: Multiple witnesses reported a nocturnal light near Hymera, Indiana. The duration of the sighting was one minute. (Ref 3)

The same evening a visit by a "black triangle" was reported in the same area. Reportedly, it came in, stopped above a car at two to three hundred feet, and then moved off and out of sight. Sometimes Black Triangles (BTs) are seen only by their blocking out of the field of stars behind them. They are usually more covert than other reported UFOs. (Ref 3)

July 16, 1984: Security guards at the Meade Johnson Manufacturing Plant located just east of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, reported seeing strange lights in the northeast in the wee hours of the morning. There were a total of four witnesses including two sheriff's deputies that were dispatched to the scene. The sighting was in the direction of sighting reported by Mr. XXX below. (Ref 1)

July 1984: On August 13, 1986, I received a call from the Branchville Prison near Tell City, Indiana, concerning incidents that supposedly took place in July 1984. A "very important" collect telephone call came for an anonymous caller I'll call Mr. XXX. Mr. XXX had read an article in the Evansville Courier about me and the UFO Filter Center. He said that he was supposed to get out of prison on a work release program in September 1986 and would contact me about incidents that occurred in Posey County in July 1984. Possibly, there was a correlation of these incidents with the Meade Johnson case and the activation of MADAR that summer. According to Mr. XXX Pam, his ex-wife, would back up his story and, if necessary we were free to contact either Mr. XXX or Pam through his father.

The July 1984 incident allegedly occurred on Upper Mt. Vernon Road in Mt. Vernon, Indiana in a trailer home. There were two witnesses: Mr. XXX and his then wife, Pam. The total number of objects involved was one to five. The activity took place of an approximately two-week period with incidents occurring during that time that were hours in duration. Some incidents were low-level activity and there was one apparent landing. The objects were observed with the naked eye and with binoculars.

Mr. XXX also reported that a mysterious fog would come in during the evening hours and he and Pam would wake up to discover missing time and other strange happenings.

Mr. XXX stated that these incidents were reported to CUFOS at the time and, again according to Mr. XXX, CUFOS was supposed to send someone but they never did.

Mr. XXX was scheduled to be released from prison on a work release program on 09/17/86. In the fall of 1986, he was transferred to a halfway house and one night he was taken to the Encore Dinner Theater in Evansville, Indiana. It just so happened that my son, Brian, and his friend, Scott, were working as bus boys there at the time and they overheard Mr. XXX's conversation about UFOs. I have always considered their overhearing the conversation as a little strange. My son suggested the Mr. XXX call me concerning the incidents and gave him my phone number. Mr. XXX was surprised at the suggestion and said that he had called me in August and that he wanted very much to get in contact with me when he got out of prison on a work release in February. Both Brian and Scott were impressed with his story and with the manner and sincerity with which it was told. Mr. XXX became very excited and nervous when he discussed the incidents and felt compelled to tell someone who may be able to help him understand what the incidents were all about. His ex-wife was a waitress at the Dinner Theater and she was nervous about discussing the incidents. It was obvious that she didn't like to talk about it.

On February 3rd, 1987, Mr. XXX called and asked if I remembered him. He was then out on work release. He was supposed to be released in September but he had just gotten out that day. He gave me his address and phone number. He wanted to begin work on the case. He admitted he had read UFO material. He had done drugs but was not on drugs at the time of the incidents. He went to prison for selling drugs. He repeated his story about contacting MUFON in Chicago and said that a young sounding lady had talked to him and told him that a field investigator would come to see him the very next day. Mr. XXX's impression was that she acted as if she already knew all the answers to his questions.

The area where the alleged incidents took place was west of Ford Road on Middle Mt. Vernon Road in Mt. Vernon, Indiana. It was on a gravel road north of the railroad tracks on Ford Road running east and west near a bridge.

I advised Mr. XXX to make some notes and sketches and to develop a rough log of the incidents. Then, we might try regression. I told him that we would later bring his ex-wife into the investigation.

I never again heard from the man. (Ref 1)

November 17, 1984: A most unnerving case, The Savah Case, occurred on this date. For a complete description of this strange case, please see the next chapter.

November 23, 1984: Another sighting of a black triangle craft was reported by two witnesses to have occurred at Hymera, Indiana at 10:30 PM. (Ref 3)

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CHAPTER 10: THE SAVAH CASE

I first heard of what came to be known as the Savah Case at 8:45 PM on October 16, 1985 when I got a phone call from a man who sounded very troubled and concerned and who was very cautious. The incident that prompted the phone call allegedly occurred on November 17, 1984.

The caller had read an article that appeared in the newspaper during National UFO Information Week that had mentioned MUFON and myself. His first comment on the phone was "Why do you have an interest?" I told him that my interest was hard to explain but that I had been obsessed with the subject since high school. He quickly replied, "So am I. I can tell you why I am obsessed with it." Thus began my involvement in the investigation one of the most interesting, confusing and time consuming cases I have ever come upon.

The caller said that on November 17, 1984 he and a male companion had been out looking for Indian artifacts near the Wabash River when a UFO came up from down the river to ten feet overhead. Although the duration of the sighting was only about a minute to a minute and one half, considerable time was missing. The caller asked that I contact him on Friday, October 18th to schedule an on site investigation for the following day.

The weather was bad on Saturday, October 19th, so we canceled the on site investigation and I sent him a sighting report form, Form 1, to complete and return to me.

On Monday, October 21st, I received the completed Form 1 together with a sketch of the object. According to the completed Form 1 there was some evidence of E-M effects and also some psychological physiological effects so I asked the witness to complete Forms 3 and 5. He also said that he would supply a topographical map of the area of the sighting. I received the completed Forms 3 and 5 and the promised topographical map on October 28th.

On November 8th I attempted to contact "Carl", the second witness. He wasn't available but his sister told me that she didn't know anything about the alleged incident. Apparently, this witness had not even told his own family about the sighting.

On November 12th I sent a typed report of the incident along with copies of the completed forms 1, 3, and 5, and the topographical map and sketch to Walt Andrus, Budd Hopkins, and my assistant, Jerry Sievers.

The original caller, also the primary witness, requested anonymity so I'll call him "John". The second witness, John's companion, also anonymous, I'll call "Carl". On November 17, 1984, John, 30 years old, and his male companion, Carl, 31 years old, were hunting for Indian artifacts on a cool, clear day. The area where they were looking is in the Wabash River bottoms near Savah, a very small farming community near Mt. Vernon, Indiana. The area is about 7.5 miles northwest of Mt. Vernon and twenty miles west of Evansville, Indiana. To the west of the area, across the river is southern Illinois. It was a Saturday morning and they had arrived at about 8:45 AM.

Carl found a hole in the ground and called John to come and see it. As they searched the two men had split up. It was a burial site. Under hypnosis Carl said, "There's no footprints. There's no dirt. I'm going to stay away from it. Leave it alone. Don't bother it!" He described the hole as four foot by four foot. The bones in the hole were "finger bones, big bones." The men were discussing the burial plot when they heard what sounded like a bunch of bees nearby. Then, they thought the sound might be that of a boat because they were very close to the winding Wabash River.

The buzzing sound was rhythmic similar to a motorboat. John saw an object low on the horizon coming down the river toward them. The object was disc shaped, grayish silver and mirror like in appearance. It moved fast toward them, stopped overhead for about thirty seconds, and then departed.

Originally, Carl said that the object came from the north going south down the river, it saw them and turned east and headed fast toward them. They were approximately two hundred yards from the river in a plowed field about five hundred acres in size. Tracing the flight of the object on the topographical map supplied by the primary witness showed that it actually made a flight pattern resembling a box. The actual path of the UFO was northwest to southeast, then southeast, then northeast, and then the object departed heading northwest.

The witness described the elevation of the object as low on the horizon at first and then coming to ten feet directly overhead. On departure, the elevation increased to about one-quarter of the way up on the horizon. The object itself was described as "big as a house" and "thirty feet wide." The sketch of the object supplied by the primary witness suggests that it was larger.

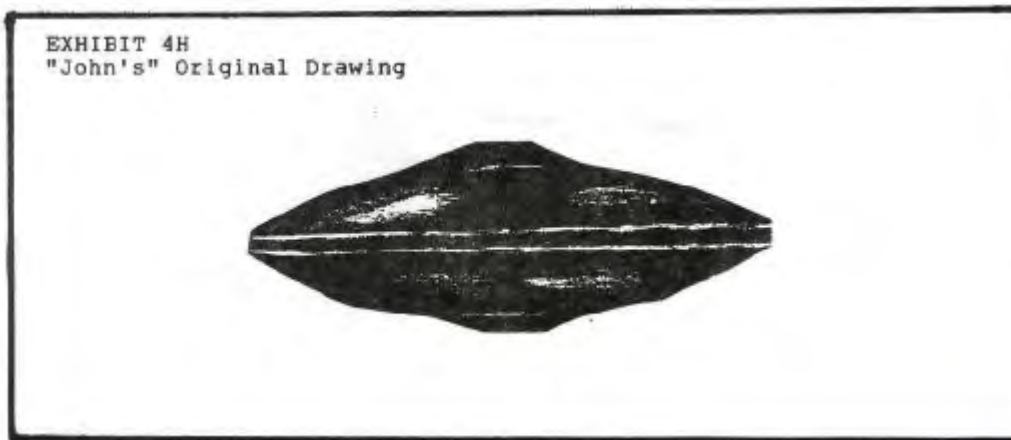


Exhibit 4H

The object became “invisible” when overhead but still cast a shadow on the ground. During the thirty seconds or more that the object was overhead, the witnesses described the feeling of static electricity around them. Their hair stood on end. The buzzing sound, which pulsed at about two times per second, was still heard when the object was overhead and “invisible”.

When the object was overhead the witnesses tried to move out from under it but were unable to do so. The object was not seen by the witnesses to move away on the northeast leg of its box flight pattern because it was still “invisible”. It reappeared in the northeast startling some crows which took flight from a tree line before it headed back in the direction from which it had come. After the object departed the witnesses stayed in the area for what they perceived to be a short time and then drove back to Mt. Vernon, approximately a twenty-minute casual drive from their location. They arrived in Mt. Vernon to discover that they had approximately eight to ten hours of missing time!

Since the incidence occurred the primary witness has had recurring nightmares of being taken “up into a dark area” and being confined “in a glass container.” He says that his experience doesn't scare him, consciously, that is, but his male companion, Carl, is very upset by his own personal experience.

Relevant data from the Form 1 includes the fact that John had a B. A. degree and was working on his Master's Degree at the time of the sighting. He was self-employed as a contract designer. He wore contact lenses and his vision was excellent and his hearing was good at the time of the encounter. His ability to recall past information and to carry on a good conversation was excellent except when it came to the day of the incident. He showed some degree of confusion when recalling and discussing the incident.

John told me that during the approach of the object from down the river and also on the departure, the object moved very slowly. It, however, moved very fast while covering the two-hundred-yard distance from the river to their location. On the Form 1 he circled “appeared transparent” referring to the overhead portion of the event.

On the Form 3 John checked static electricity as the cause of their hair standing on end. He said that his eyes watered and his eardrums and fillings in his teeth vibrated during the event. Since the event he has become more interested in physic phenomena.

On the Form 5, he reiterated something that he had previously told me during our many telephone conversations. During and after the experience he had a feeling of curiosity and a wonderful feeling of calmness. He used calmness to also describe the “air” during the event. Even normal noises such as those of birds, etc., were not noticed just before and during the sighting. He also mentioned a “trance like state” that they were in when the object was overhead and a personality change and a feeling that this was a somewhat religious experience afterward.

I still had questions concerning the incident after I received the completed forms so on November 13th I called John and clarified some of the information.

There had been a general disagreement between the two witnesses, he said, about the missing time. They had started out early in the day but most it was lost in, in their term, “limbo”. John thought that they had lost about two and one-half hours. Carl thought that it was more like six hours. The data suggests that it was more than six hours.

The day of the incident was clear and cool, about 40-45 degrees, with a slight wind. John saw the object several seconds before it moved overhead. He heard the buzzing before Carl heard it. The object was described as five to eight feet thick, thirty to fifty feet wide, dark gray or black in color, and shiny like a mirror finish. The time to zoom approximately two hundred yards from the river to overhead was extremely short.

At this point John could see the round shadow of the object on the ground but despite looking up and all around he could not see the object because it was invisible. The object was apparently overhead for thirty seconds to one minute. While it was overhead the hair of the witnesses stood on end and flopped around. John saw the shadow on the ground move toward the tree line where the crows were startled from the trees. It was daylight and a clear shadow was visible. Carl was aware that something was over their heads but he never saw the object of the shadow.

After the object left, both men were in shock and sat down on the ground for a while. At the time John thought that it was about 2:00 PM.

I took some time for them to walk to the van where they sat and looked at each other for about ten minutes. It may have been thirty to forty-five minutes after the sighting before they actually left the area. They both asked each other the same question: “What the hell was that?” John felt very relaxed. Carl was troubled by the experience and is still troubled today. According to John, Carl vomited and had a severe headache. It was beginning to get dark and by the time they got to Highway 69 near Solitude, it was dark. Thus, the men arrived in the area in the early morning twilight and left the area in the evening twilight.

Carl went through a lot of changes since the time of the sighting and he had a lot of problems. John, in contrast, seemed to benefit from it.

John had nightmares of being “taken up into the dark,” but he felt that he had gotten something of value out of the experience. Whether real or imagined, he said he could see the “old man” passing away and see other things such as his getting a good job. He even suggested to someone in the oil business where he felt that there was oil. Core samples were subsequently taken and some very successful oil wells were drilled at Richland.

On November 15, 1985, I again spoke with John on the phone. During the conversation he mentioned that Carl was bothered quite a bit by their experience. John's tone of voice indicated that

he was very worried about a bad situation that was affecting his long time friend. Paraphrasing John's comments, he said that "it (the experience) was really bothering him (Carl)." He (Carl) hasn't been the same since the sighting. His divorce was blamed on the sighting and he was having some very bad nightmares. "It (Carl's experience) was a very bad incident, opposite to me," John said. Carl even threatened John on one occasion because John had told me about the incident. Recently, things were starting to get better for Carl.

John said that Carl wanted to talk but not on the telephone. He wanted to talk face to face.

I was a little reluctant to get together with the two men, let alone take them to a remote site without a few of my comrades along. Due to bad weather we would not be able to visit the area of the sighting for some time. Two days later John called again and said, again, that Carl was afraid to talk over the phone and that he wanted to meet in person. A tentative date for the meeting was set for the following Sunday but for mundane reasons we were unable to meet at that time.

On January 25, 1986, I tried to contact Carl. I called his home but he wasn't there. John and I had talked on the phone earlier in the day. John had again mentioned the grayish black, mirror like object. He said that the actual time period that he plainly saw the object was for five to ten seconds before it got overhead and then neither of the men saw it. He mentioned a skin rash that looked like red, dot like boils that Carl had gotten on his chest after the incident. Carl had reportedly gone to a dermatologist and the rash had disappeared after a year or so.

I forwarded Forms 1 and 5 to Carl and I received the completed forms on the third of February. Finally, about 4:45 PM on February fifth, I managed to speak with Carl on the telephone. He said that he thought that the time and date of the event was wrong. They had made numerous trips to the area and a year had passed so it was difficult to say for sure as far as he was concerned. He said that he was affected more than John by the event and remembered very little of it except that when the event was over he was very upset. I suggested to him that we meet in person very soon and that he consider undergoing hypnotic regression in the very near future.

On February 7, 1986, I drafted a written account of Carl's report of the sighting. This report, written before any regressions were done, conflicted with John's account of the incident and it lacked the visual sighting data. It was submitted on February 10th but was not published. This report is presented below for the record:

The witness, Carl, was 31 at the time. He is an electrician by trade. Carl's report states that it was mid November (established as the Saturday immediately preceding Thanksgiving, i.e., November 17th) around midmorning. The sky was clear. The temperature was 40-45 degrees with only a slight wind. The wind direction was not recalled. They were about 200 yards from the Wabash River which was to the west of them and from where the source of the event came.

The two men were separated by a moderate distance of about fifty yards. Carl's report gave Solitude as the location; however, it was the little farming community of Savah which is to the west of Solitude. The men were looking for arrowheads. What first caught Carl's attention was the sound. He heard the buzzing which he described as a "swarm of bees." When asked what he thought it was, he reported, "at first, a boat because we were by the Wabash River." His reaction, he said, was "scared, then curious, then (after) confused, because it seemed like 45 seconds but it was hours later." When it came to describing the actual object and its actions, Carl said, "I couldn't see it---but I heard and 'felt' it directly above me. It just hovered there." Later, he told me: "Something was directly above John and I that day, making my eyes water and a pulsating hum sound for approximately 45

seconds.” In the shadow the men experienced several strange effects. Their hair stood on end and was whipped around as the buzzing sound increased in loudness, pulsing at two times per second. The temperature in the shadow, which should have been cooler, was about ten degrees warmer. The object overhead that was creating the shadow was invisible. Noises in the area seemed depressed or considerably less, except for the buzzing. Both men experienced temporary paralysis. Carl never saw the object, even on its departure. “I sensed the (object's) departure to the northeast,” he said.

The Form 5 that Carl had completed noted the effects of the encounter. He reported an electrical affect or goose flesh during the overhead portion of the encounter. He also reported “thinking impaired and dreams” afterward, along with a serious personality change that lasted about a year. Carl said that he even had problems remembering things, both little things and important things such as where he left a tool, etc. During the event his eyes watered and he became paralyzed. His eyes watered after the event, also. He had a rash that appeared on his chest after the event. The rash lasted about a year and he had just assumed that it resulted from contamination from entering an Indian burial site in Uniontown, Kentucky. The rash was described as large, round, splotches, four in number about one-half inch in diameter. The splotches were flat, not raised. These appeared about mid chest, were brown in color, and were reported not to itch or be irritated. I asked him about nosebleeds and he said that he had no problems in that area.

On August 12, 1986, John called me concerning a recent article by Steve Kinney which appeared in the *Evansville Courier*. The article mentioned the Savah case and our upcoming state MUFON meeting. John asked what was going on at the site of his encounter and I didn't know what he meant. He said a couple of F-4 aircraft had flown very low over the area and had swooped down below the ridge. He said that he and Carl could plainly see the pilot's helmets.

John also mentioned that Carl wanted to meet with me at a secluded apartment in Booneville. He said, “He's really gone inside.” Carl, apparently, was still not the same person that he had been before the event. With the MUFON meeting occurring in just a few days it was not possible to have the meeting at that time.

During the conversation, John also passed on some new information. He said that when the object or shadow left the area, the pulsing sound speeded up.

For the record, John was obsessed with the idea of working with mirrors to make a home in the forest invisible. He thinks the UFO was invisible at one point because of its extremely reflective, mirror like surface.

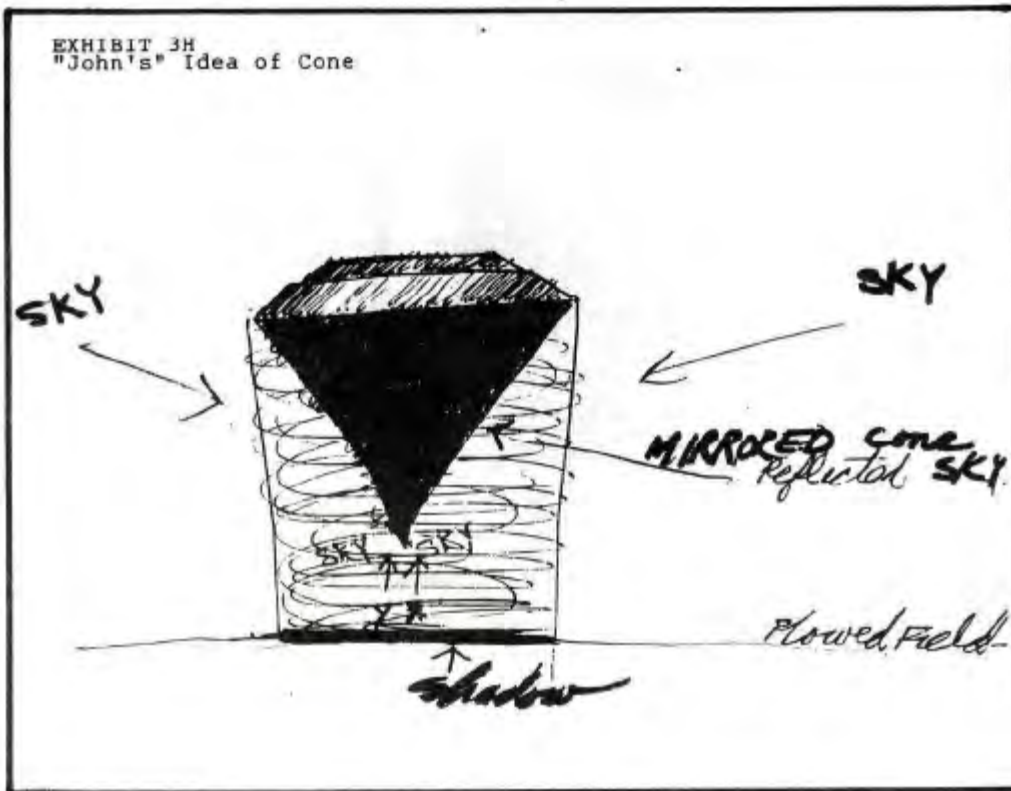


Exhibit 3H

On August 16th our state MUFON meeting was held in conjunction with National UFO Information Week. The meeting was open to the public and was held at Vincennes, Indiana, about fifty miles north of Evansville, Indiana. John and Carl had read about the meeting in the *Courier*. When they arrived I made sure that their presence wasn't announced to the media representatives who were there for the opening press conference. Later, when the media representatives had departed, we decided to introduce the men to the group.



EXHIBIT 1H
"Emily" (Hybrid)
Indianapolis, IN

Exhibit1H

EXHIBIT 2H
Typical "Gray"



Exhibit 2H

A consequence of their presence at the meeting was that they, unfortunately, saw a drawing of a humanoid creature. The drawing was of "Emily" (exhibit 1H). The same drawing that was later included in Budd Hopkins book, *Intruders*. The drawing was a depiction of a so-called hybrid; not that of the usual UFO entity or Gray (exhibit 2H) that are commonly reported. There are those who will argue that viewing the drawing contaminated the men's minds in regard to hypnotic time regression and that this was, in fact, leading the witness. That is not necessarily the case because these men could not recall any contact with humanoids at all.

On November 6, 1986, we conducted our first hypnotic regression session with John. Present at the session were Byron Koenig, the motivational hypnotist, Lee Silen and myself. The session was audio taped.

Three days later we conducted the second regression session with John and videotaped it. The regression sessions verified the previous verbal testimony and brought out a lot of emotion; especially fear. John had no recollection of being onboard a craft.

A week later, on November 16, 1986, we conducted an onsite investigation.

On the 21st we conducted the first and only regression session with Carl as the subject. He remembered nothing after the incident began, but he verified the previously submitted data including finding the Indian burial spot and seeing the extremely tall skeleton.

On February 7, 1987, John came by and dropped off a drawing he had made of the object when it was near him (exhibit 3H). It was different from his original sketch of the object as it was coming toward them (exhibit 4H). The more recent sketch attempted to explain some of the mysteries he had observed during the overhead portion of the event. John felt that the clear sky was reflected off of a "mirrored cone" that may have been a "force field" rather than the solid bottom surface of the craft.

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In summation, we conducted several hypnotic regressions on the two men. Later, my team visited the site of the encounter. Carl's mother and family were of the Pentecostal faith and greatly influenced his story. They told him that he was possessed and that the devil was involved in all this. He did, in fact, try to commit suicide several times. Once, he wrote me a letter saying that John had made up the entire story. Later on he told me that his family pressured him into saying that.

There are a lot of similarities between the events in this case and other abduction reports. I believe that these men told me what they believed to be the truth. John told me later that Carl was crying and vomiting after the incident and that he had to literally carry him to the van.

If we ignore the abduction implications, this case is a good daylight sighting of an unknown object by at least one witness. It may have been an attempted abduction that was somehow aborted but the report of missing time indicates that it may not have been aborted at all.

The rules for reporting scientific data are very strict. This case does not pass the test as evidence to present to the scientific community. Both of these men had drug problems. They were honest about their problem and never tried to conceal it. They even had their therapists at a drug rehabilitation center call me and confirm that they had had an encounter. They simply had an experience with which they could not deal. Who, if not someone in the UFO investigation field, would have listened to them and their uncanny story? Since they weren't able to recall what happened on board the craft even under hypnosis, who would listen?

I think that you, the reader, if you met these men would be as impressed with them as I am and you would also appreciate and sympathize with them for the situation in which they found themselves.

In a sad note, Carl again tried to commit suicide. John's wife finally left him and took his children with her.

CHAPTER 11: 1985, ANOTHER SLOW YEAR

In the region, there were only 15 entries on computer, but one was a close encounter and possible Radar Visual!

This occurred at Riverview, Missouri, on March 14th. This one came into UFOFC from Barbara Becker of the UFO Research Network. A lady driving a car saw three lights, two of which "went out". The other light turned into red and white blinking lights on a boomerang shaped craft which passed directly over her, and then pretty much stayed in one place from 7:13 PM to 8:15 PM. The other two lights/craft flew over the area from west to east. The "mother ship" changed from white to red, then started blinking while it receded into the west. Other objects followed and disappeared by 8:29 PM. The main object had come as close as 700' to the witness. However, Air Route Traffic Control was faintly painting two stationary targets, making this a possible RV. The MTI (Moving Target Indicator) mode was "on" and stationary targets should not have been painted. Objects had faint engine sounds and were observed for over an hour.

On the 18th of June, Jerry Sievers called me. On the day before, two persons had seen the elusive "black triangle" at Lucky Point. This time at 11:00 PM. They saw it for about a minute.

Later on in the summer, Jerry had another report for me. This sighting was a close encounter with another triangle, but this time observed at Lafayette, Indiana, on August 3rd. A couple was driving east of bypass 52 coming from the west side of Lafayette, when they saw an object in the east, low on the horizon. The man saw it first. The object apparently was stationary or moving very slowly away from them, because they appeared to approach it and pass directly under it during the 45 minutes in sight. By the time they reached it, it was about the size of a paper dollar at arm's length, shaped like a triangle with the three corners "squared off". The color was blackish to a slate gray and it had three lights on it. The triangle wasn't an equilateral. It had one small end. The object was less than 200' from the ground. Too long in sight to be a conventional aircraft, there was no other explanation. The high strangeness comes in once again: These people were credible, but nobody else reported the thing!

On August 28th we had a rash of sightings of strange aircraft near here and into Kentucky. I saw a flight of these low-flying jets, myself. Fort Campbell, Kentucky confirmed that a flight of a C-5A Galaxy and some C-130 Hercules transports had been cleared for night visual training. The spokesman said they were not cleared for anything below 1,500', however. What I saw was right "on the deck". And what I saw was a flight of A-10's, "tank killers." Is that confusing or what? These spokesman always have an answer, but I believe the A-10's were part of the support for a special night operation. No mystery, just confusion. Case closed.

The year ended with an observation of a rectangular object at Vincennes, Indiana. Jerry Sievers called me the next day and filed this report. At a quarter to one on the morning of the 18th of October, a lady reported she saw a dark gray object like a "cracker box" with very bright lights on each end. The lights blinked on and off alternately. The object was seen in the north moving erratically back and forth making banking turns. Last seen in the west, it was lost behind a building and some trees after about a five minute observation.

CHAPTER 12: A WHOLE STATE

1986

Up until 1986, I was a field investigator and State Section Director for three counties, and a researcher studying the six-state region. In 1986 there were three big changes in my UFOlogical life:

- 1) I became the MUFON State Director. The UFO Filter Center became the official "command post" for the Indiana Group.
- 2) With the new computer, I began work with CUFOS' Robert Boyd on the "UFO Intelligence Summary", tabulating a listing of sightings all over the Country.
- 3) I was officially authorized by CUFOS to do investigations on their behalf.

Jerry Sievers, 58 miles north of me at Vincennes, who had been supportive for 25 years, became my Assistant State Director.

The computer listed 36 cases for the region, Indiana with 25. One third of the total sightings were close encounters. Things were picking up.

January 7th. The year started with a sighting on January 7th, at 2:00 PM. It occurred in southwest Indiana. A lady was driving south on Hwy 41 with her husband and saw a dull black aircraft with no markings. The object allegedly came right in front of their car. The craft came within 20-30' from west to east, cut its engines, banked, the red flame stopping and black smoke followed. The engine had a roar and the duration of observation was a little over 2-minutes. If the range and the report is correct, this is a serious FAA violation. Probable aircraft, possibly something else. We'll never know. Nobody said it would be easy. (Ref.1)

January 12th, 5:00 PM. Valparaiso, Indiana: This case involved what appeared to be a 12' diameter disc observed for 10-seconds. No sound was noticed and the object reportedly was less than 180' off the ground most of the time, and at one time actually lower. It appeared to be a vehicle/device and passed overhead, according to the witness. (Exhibit 11)

I had to investigate this case by mail and telephone. The site was up near Chicago in Lake County, Indiana, a little too far to travel and I had no FI's up there, at least yet. Later, in January of 1989, I assigned a new FI, Michael Rigg to the case for follow-up. Thanks to Mike, an excellent artist, we have some great drawings to go with it. This is the report as it stands:

"I was standing looking out my living room window. The erratic movement of a ball-type thing drew my attention. At first I thought it was a balloon, but continued observation proved it to be something metallic. It also appeared to be a more controlled flight than what a balloon would have been. After I realized that it wasn't a balloon, I felt excited, perhaps a little afraid. It came in high and on its side (which made him think it was a balloon). It crossed the street and did a lot of erratic things over the field (dipped, slowed, sped up, circled) then took off smoothly and rapidly over some high- voltage lines, and off into the horizon in the east. When it flipped to one side, it appeared shiny. I lost sight of it when it got too small, moved too far away to see." Sky was overcast with light rain. (Ref.1)



Exhibit 11a

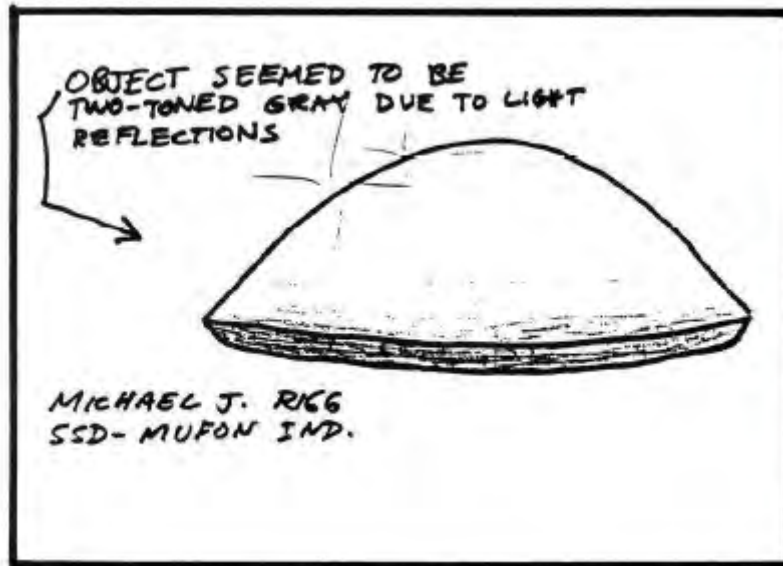


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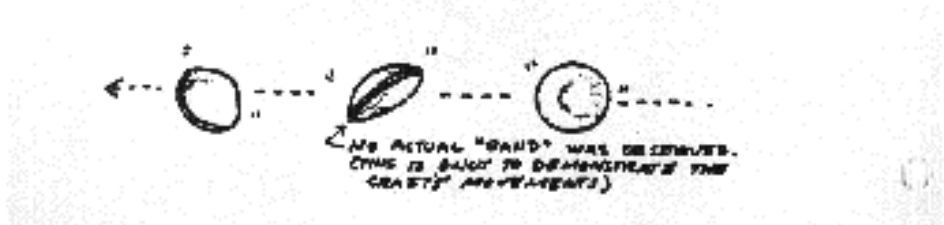


Exhibit 11b

Jerry Sievers didn't know about this. Neither did I until much later. The RSID (computer) showed another rectangular object like the one he investigated at the end of last year. This one occurred at

Lima, Ohio, on February 8th at 7:00 PM. A large disc was also seen, but the rectangular object was about 50-60' long and was black. (Ref.4)

March 27th, 8:32 PM. Gary, Indiana, just northwest of Valparaiso: The object hovered near the Lake of Four Seasons near Crown Point. It was described as pyramid shaped with red and blue lights near the "altitude" of the triangle and corners. The area of the sighting was listed as suburban, near a lake. Sky was clear. The object appeared at first to be at about 8,000' up and larger than a house at the same distance. Best range estimated at 6,000'.

The main reason the witness decided to report the sighting was that the object looked strange: a shape, with dots of lights, that maneuvered, circled a radio tower at very high speed. "It wasn't a regular craft. It seemed so high up, you know, when you look at a plane so high up, you can tell it's small? This thing was huge!" According to the report, at one point the object came down toward the car, but probably no closer than 5,000'. It allegedly made a 360 degree circle around the area in about 5-seconds. There was about 30 minutes of missing time reported. (Ref.3)

Sometime that year on a spring afternoon near Crandall, Indiana, an abduction apparently took place. Crandall is 8 miles northeast of Corydon, and 13 miles west of Louisville, Kentucky. A man, his 14-year old son, and a neighbor boy (about the same age), were fishing. Late that afternoon they saw an oblong object which they thought was the Goodyear Blimp. This object was at 100-150' altitude, had portal windows on the upper half and lights on the bottom half. The only sound they heard was on departure, when it sounded like a "vacuum cleaner". The sighting portion lasted about 45-seconds, too short for the Goodyear blimp. The description doesn't match, either. Later, they found that they had "missing time" and had been abducted. The last I heard, Budd Hopkins was working the abduction part of the case.

The story about the Corydon sightings begins here near Crandall, chronologically, but it would be awhile before trouble would be brewing and our sources of UFO information in that southeast corner of Indiana would be literally cut off. It wasn't Hopkins' fault. CE-4's are his expertise and he's a heck of a lot better at it than we are. And it takes money, which has always been a problem in UFOlogy. We didn't have it, he did.

The problem came from a man using a phony last name. He wanted to write a book about abductees and I wouldn't give him the names of witnesses in the state of Indiana. In essence, I/we promised to protect these people from the prying eyes of the public and the press. It was his belief that we regressed these people, brought out the "truth", then left them hanging! When I wouldn't do what he asked, he told the people at Corydon that MUFON worked for the government and I don't know what else. The effect was simple, we didn't get any more cooperation from them. But before "Mr. Jackson" came onto the scene, we collected some impressive reports. More on that part of the State a little later.

July 31, 9:00 PM. Richmond, Indiana, east of Indianapolis on the Ohio border: A huge bright light, brighter than the full moon, reportedly came at the lady while she sat in her 1978 Ford F-200 pickup parked in her driveway. The object zoomed toward her, then stopped in front of the truck. The light was so bright that she had to shield her eyes with her hand. She could make out no details. The object approached from the east. Duration, several seconds. No report filed.

Sometime in July in the early morning hours a lady lying in bed saw an orange object, absolutely round, with ten lights, like illuminated portholes, circling it. It was revolving slowly and moving

across the sky. The report came from Joe Aaron of the Evansville Courier, who died before the lady was identified.

August 3rd, at 9:15 PM. Richmond, Indiana, a CE-2: A somewhat repeat of the July 31 incident. However this time the lady's truck's engine was running, slowed, and reportedly died. As the object approached from the west she again had to shield her eyes. There are no details during this 15-minute encounter. The engine restarted OK after the light zoomed up high in the sky. However, the engine later acted as if it needed a tune-up. The lady was so frightened she took the longer way home and arrived at 10:15 PM, a 45-minute time loss since she was originally only 5-minutes from home. Again, no report filed.

August 13th, 7:50 PM, Indianapolis, Indiana: A hamburger shaped object having a metallic-like reflection was observed by three persons for 4-5 minutes during fair weather conditions. The initial investigation and transcribed recorded interview was conducted by John P. Timmerman of CUFOS, followed up by Arlan Andrews. No other details. (Ref.2)

August 17, 4:00 AM. The Montgomery, Indiana, had a blockbuster! Montgomery is a small, rural community about 30 miles east of Vincennes. Grissom Air Force Base near Peru, Indiana (formerly Bunker Hill AFB), got the call and told the witness to contact me. I conducted the investigation and then turned the case over to Jerry Sievers and Mike Palmiter for some special evidence follow-up. The primary witness' background included 4-1/2 years USAF radar maintenance (RAPCON), was currently self-employed, primary endeavor was system startup of complex, computer-controlled instrument systems. He had over 2,000 hours pilot in command, selected aircraft, primary Midwest and Pacific northwest. His companion had spent 6-years in the US Navy, part of that time in the S.E.A.L. Team 1 group, which is a secret Navy counter-intelligence corps. Also had experience in military operations, including parachute (HALO), and SCUBA (VDT). Presently was a pit foreman in strip-mine operations, then currently attending a local university, majoring in Agronomy.

It happened on a Sunday morning, about 4:00 AM. The primary witness: "(We were) driving east on (a) county road one mile north of Montgomery, Indiana. (We saw an) extremely bright light at about 800-1,000 feet slowly descending and moving to the west (was actually moving to the southwest, according to area sketch). (My) initial thought was (that it was an) aircraft on (a) wide base leg to Davies County Airport. Light was approximately at pattern altitude when first sighted. Initial personal reaction was curiosity. As object approached 150-200 feet altitude, object was hidden by strip-mine spoil bank. Personal reaction at this time was that object was helicopter or fixed wing aircraft that had crashed.

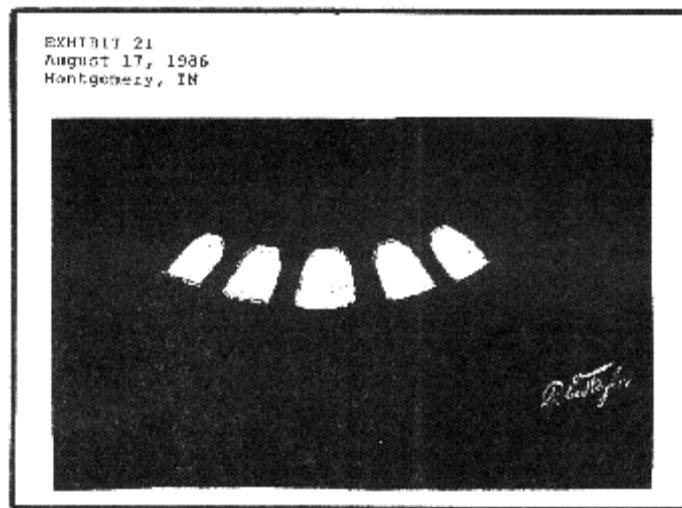


Exhibit 2I

"As we cleared the spoil bank on the south side, with a view into the stripped area, object was hovering over a coal crusher. (Exhibit 2I) Area of crusher was bathed in diffuse whitish colored light, definitely not the same wavelength as the light observed in windows of object. My personal reaction at that time and the reaction of my companion as verbally discussed, was that object was surveying the coal crusher. Our reaction was then one of curiosity, tinged with fear. Object then pulsed lights in windows, twice at about one cycle per second (1 hertz frequency). Then object wobbled on vertical axis, first with left (west) side, dipping slightly, then right side (east), dipping slightly at the same frequency. Object then rose slightly and started slowly in our direction. Both our personal reactions at that time was panic. Companion who was driving, verbally stated, "Shit, now it's seen us!" We then left as fast as possible heading east on county road.

"Upon returning to the site the next day, crusher and conveyor were found to be about 50-60 feet from end to end. Object was roughly the same size. Both my companion and myself suffered severe, localized headaches at the time of closest approach and for most of the next day (12 hours). Headache was centered over nose about one inch above eyebrows in both of us.

"Also, my companion and myself had a red, splotchy, rash on the chest, at the base of the throat, which subsisted for about 24-hours.

"Neither of us have very clear recall of the time period between the time when we placed the car in gear to leave, until we were about a mile down the road. We both have an ill-defined recollection of a reddish substance spraying upward over the car windshield, almost as if we had driven fast into a flooded area of the road. The best mutually agreeable description of the red substance that either of us can come up with is the translucent husks that adhere to popcorn. Close inspection of the vehicle the next day revealed nothing on the car, not even any evidence of muddy water being splashed over the front. Another after-the-fact recollection is the inability of either of us to recall any sound at all, not even road noise from the car.

"Incidentally, he (my partner) had a (tooth) filling come out sometime between sighting the object and the next few hours after---doesn't know when, and I lost the outside of the top third tooth from the rear of my mouth (previously filled). Again, I'm not sure when this occurred."

The object sketch shows five "window-like" lights, extremely bright yellowish, tinged with red, foggy outline not definable, windows somewhat rounded or hexed out on the top section. The area sketch brings home the intimacy of a close encounter, compared to a nocturnal light at unknown distances. A note on the sketch mentions that the terrain is a relatively flat rural area, with a few trees and farmsteads, also a heavy strip-mine area. Witnesses were traveling east while object was heading more southwest, where they converged at a point on the south end of an area next to a spoil bank (which was west of area). The statement of "Mr. D" about "clearing a spoil bank" at first sounded like they drove over it, but the sketch shows that he meant the north-south spoil banks blocking the view and as soon as they passed it, the object was in clear view. They did not turn off the road, but merely stopped to look at the object approximately 1,000' away over the coal crusher at an altitude of 50-100'. (Ref. 1)

August 26th, evening, Metcalf, Illinois, about 36 miles northwest of Terre Haute: An abductee and his parents went out into their yard to watch a distant UFO that was hovering over the site of the torn-down old farmstead where they used to live (where the 1974 abduction had taken place). Suddenly this silver disc-shaped object flashed toward them and stopped in the sky overhead where it became a round object. Then it took off straight up and out of sight. (Ref.3)

September 6th, 3:30 AM, Evansville, Indiana. This was not only close to home; one of the witnesses is a good friend of my son, Brian. His reputation was excellent and he now serves in air traffic control in the U.S. Air Force. I'll refer to him as "Mr. P". It occurred that Saturday morning at 3:30 AM. Two young men ("P", 18 & "J", 25) were sitting in a pickup truck, right in the residential part of Evansville.

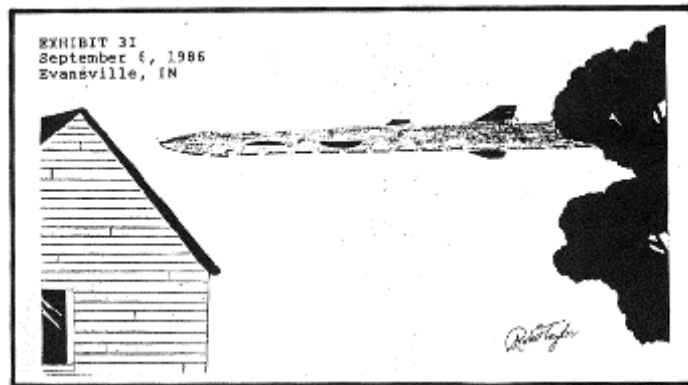


Exhibit 31

The primary witness relates: "I was sitting in my truck with "J" and I heard what I thought to be a semi-truck behind us and I ignored it. I heard it again and turned to look in the street. Nothing was there and I just 'blocked' the sound (ignored it), thinking it was a jet overhead."

"J" finally heard the sound as it grew louder. "P" continues, "As the sound turned into the equivalent of 20 helicopters hovering above us, he turned and screamed to me to turn around. And, as I did I saw what appeared to be a blimp, coming from behind a tree. As I looked on, it wasn't a blimp at all, but was much longer and skinnier than a blimp. 'J' thought it was an Army helicopter because it was so long. It wasn't either (one), because the object had no propellers, jets, balloons, strings, wings or any other means of staying in the air. It just floated at about 3 mph from behind a tree and then behind a house. I never saw the entire object for it was so long that it never (fully) emerged from

behind the house and the tree at the same time. It had to be at least 55' in length and I'd say about 6' in total diameter." (Exhibit 3I)

They had been looking south to southwest at first as the object floated southeast, and they viewed it for at least 15-seconds. It then turned south, and as it turned directly south it totally disappeared.

When the observers saw the object at first, they ran from their truck to get a better vantage point in the street. The sky was clear. The object, when closest to them, was about 500-1500' away at tree-top level. The object's shape was somewhat cigar-shaped, with red, blue and green lights. The shape as drawn is very unusual and reminds me of the old X-15 rocket plane, with more of the stubby horizontal and vertical stabilizers and short dorsal fins on top and bottom. The object had fins in other locations, and the rear of the object was not visible, but behind a tree. (Ref.1)

That evening, at 7:30 PM, there was another sighting at Evansville. Three observers riding in a car on the east side of town observed four extremely brilliant red lights. "We were awe-stricken at their brilliance." They were in sight for about 15-seconds, flying in tight formation. "There was no object other than the lights that we could see." Later in the report they stated, "They were traveling in a rectangular formation and descending when we first saw them. They were traveling from northeast to southwest. Just above the tree line they made a sharp (tight) turn to the right changing their direction of travel to the northeast and appeared to be ascending (45-degrees) at great speed. As they made the turn there appeared a short burst of black smoke of very light density." (Ref.1)

September 30th, at 7:00 PM near Mt. Vernon, Indiana, two observers reported two lights. At least one light had made a vertical ascent. No details. No report filed.

Later on that evening, at 11:45 PM, "Kathy Davis" of "Intruder's" fame had a sighting of a rectangular object near Indianapolis and later found that she had been abducted again. (Ref.1)

Also that month, one night at 8:30 PM near Metcalf, Illinois, the young abductee was having more problems. FI Don Worley reports: Behind the abductee's home something was pounding on a tin grain bin. The dusk to dawn light was off, so he grabbed his rifle and approached the spot. He could see nothing and finally returned to the house puzzled. About 15-minutes later the dusk to dawn light strangely came back on, so he went out again with his rifle. There, perched on the shed roof, was a very strange looking creature. The witness stood transfixed and unbelieving for some time. He could see the thing clearly in the light. Finally it made a slight move in his direction sending real fear through him so he raised his gun and took aim. It moved out of sight. He took one shot into the darkness near the shed and ran back to the house. A later search with his father turned up nothing. The radio had been left on in the shed, so he turned it off. Later, while they were in bed, the radio came back on. No footprints were found the next morning. (Ref. 3)

October 7th, at 12:45 AM the scene shifted to the northeast corner of Indiana, at Fort Wayne. MUFON OHIO/FI Richard Seifried provided this report. Two witnesses returning to Payne, Ohio, from Fort Wayne, Indiana, east on Route 14 encountered an object within 300 yards. First seen near New Haven, Indiana, it looked like they were approaching three, very low, stationary, square lights, one right after the other in a straight line. After about five minutes they came up on the object hovering low above some trees. One witness described a blue color and muted faint tones. The light from the window or square opening came down to the field at a 45-degree angle. Later, as they got behind it heading away they noticed a narrow, rectangular band of red light, and the light was moving. "It was a flow, a constant flow." Then it started to move south. They stopped at the state line and viewed the object which was now farther away. They departed the final four miles to Payne,

Ohio, and she left her sister at her own car, and headed home, north on Hwy 49. Her sister went south and saw the object finally disappear. No sound was ever heard. Duration 30- minutes (Exhibit 4I).

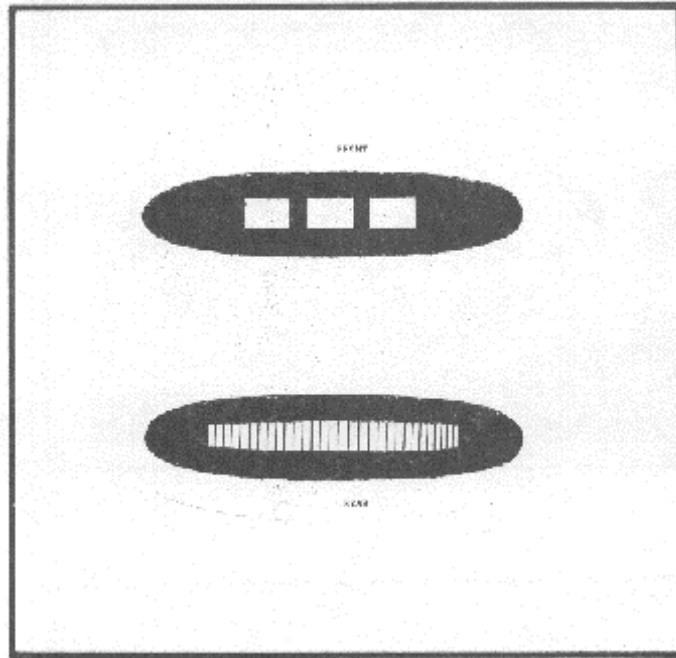


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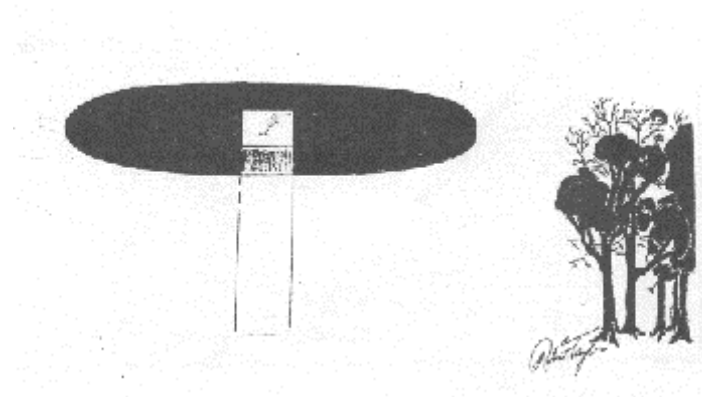


Exhibit 4Ia

October. Sometime that month, at 12:45 AM, there was a sighting at Freetown, Indiana, 50 miles north of Corydon. FI Jim Delehanty investigated. Confidential witness:

"I work second shift and arrived home about 12:45 AM. I got out of the truck and noticed a bright light in the sky in the east moving slowly across my property towards the house. It was an oblong object with a light coming from the bottom of the front of it. My first thought was, it was a helicopter. Then I realized there was no sound, no noise at all. It slowly moved towards the northwest and out of my line of vision. I had hollered for my wife to come see, but by the time she got out, it was gone.

"She went back in the house and I stayed outside, for one reason to check on my cows, pigs and so on, but mainly in hope it would return. It did. Either that or it was another one just like it. This time coming out of the west, still moving slowly, still shining a light towards the ground, but flying very erratically. It would fly in a straight line, stop, hover a minute, go straight up in the air, hang there, move on in a straight line, then suddenly drop straight down, hover, then move on in straight line once more.

"It was moving towards my house, against the wind, which I guess to be about 20 mph that night. As it came over the road that is on the side of the property, it suddenly turned south and went in a straight line, then down, rather over 135 S. and out of sight. I had climbed up on my roof when I saw it coming from the west, so I watched it proceed down 135 S. All in all, I think It would have been about 10-minutes from the time I first sighted it until it left.

"This is the first one I saw. However, since then I have seen about four more. Not shaped like this one but rather round with different colored lights blinking on and off around the bottom. My wife and I have each seen these things, about five times each, twice when we were together." (Ref. 1)

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CHAPTER 13: 1987, A BIG YEAR

There were 66 cases on the computer for the entire year for the six-state region. Fifty-three of these were Indiana cases! A little less than 1/3rd of the total were close encounters, 19 to be exact.

February 6, 9:45 PM. A young couple from Selma, Indiana (4-miles east of Muncie), had called the UFO Filter Center hotline about an oval object, 36' in diameter, approximately 56' overhead. They had watched it for 30-minutes. It had maneuvered around quite a bit and there had been no sound. They had followed "it", and "it" had followed them.

According to the preliminary report, the sheriff's department recorded another sighting report on the west side of town.

I was impressed with both witnesses testimony during the telephone interview. Andrew was 29, and worked in the family stone and concrete business. Both witnesses had good vision. Jennifer, 23, (wears glasses) had had an earlier sighting in 1983 but did not sound like a kook. The area in question is a rural setting with fields, woods, hills and a river. They are 3-miles east of a reservoir. The sky was clear. The witnesses observed the object while driving, but saw no other traffic on the road during the event.

Andrew: "It was 9:50 PM. I was watching TV when my wife ran in the house and said, 'Come outside. I want to show you something!' I went out the front door and, across the road just east of a small woods, approximately 1/4-mile away, I saw a UFO with a bright white light which seemed to be facing at us. It was hovering in one spot, not moving, and it did not make any noise at all.

"It was a clear and calm night and I knew it (UFO) was close enough to be heard if it made any noise. My wife left her car running & lights on. She told me to get in the car and 'it' would follow us, so we went east down towards Windsor and it stayed parallel with our car. We then turned around and went back east again. It still followed us. We then went west to the first cross-road and I said, 'Stop the car & let me out. Stop and turn it off', so I could see if I could hear it or get a better look at it.

"As I got out of the car it went over at an angle, approximately an 1/8 of a mile away. It had red and green blinking lights on it and was oval-shaped. It was completely silent as it went north over us. We then went back east, home. As I went in the house to call my dad to tell him what we saw, my wife stayed outside to watch it. It went northward behind our house approximately 1/8th mile away and it hovered above the houses behind us. It then went back southwest and zig-zagged erratically and then flew rapidly northwest and vanished from sight soon after."

Jennifer: (9:45 PM) "I was driving home, heading south on 256 (Randolph County). I was about 1-1/2 miles from the 'T' at Windsor Rd. The road swings up (to the) right and goes uphill, steeply. I could see the object straight ahead on the horizon. At that point to my left I lost sight of it briefly through the trees and down the hill. When I reached the 'T' it was directly in front of me, having come from the north (this is the exact same point in the road where her original 1983 sighting had taken place). It was a low, extremely-bright light that moved with me. It was a clear, starry, cool night. When I stopped, the object looked just real white and glowed like it was radiating energy. It turned west when I did, and stayed between 1/8 and 1/4 mile south of me. I sped home because I knew my husband was home and I wanted him to see it. I pulled into our drive (north) and left my lights on and car running. I ran in and told him I had something to show him. I knew what I was looking at immediately, and I think he did too. The object was hovering to the east of the woods across the street (about 1/8th of a mile). We got in the car and drove a 1/2-mile east, and then turned around and headed west about two miles. It followed us, staying across the street, gliding smoothly along, glowing white and occasionally dropping red & green lights. Andy told me to turn north and shut off the car. As we turned, the object swung over our car heading north. I could see up under it. That was the only time I could see any distinct shape (on front). It then changed to a northwest direction and shot off. It made no sound.

"We returned home and I went back out (as a lookout). I spotted it again directly behind our house (north), hovering over the house behind our field, 3- 4 stories up. I got Andy and we both watched it fly over our house and west. It hovered over our neighbor's (house) 1/16th- mile away and did erratic zigzagging for a few minutes. It finally headed north. I came in and it was 10:15 PM.

"It was hard to tell the size of the object because most of the time it just appeared as white light. My initial guess of 30' had to be shy. Our Alaskan male mutt was jumping in the air running in circles when the object was in our back field. He started howling about 45-minutes later, which had me worried.

"Also, I'm not an avid skywatcher, but I thought of 'them', looked to my left, and 'they' were there. I wasn't scared (very excited) and knew immediately what they were. We live in an area where they fly military maneuvers and have both noticed increased activity the last several weeks." (Ref.1)

March 4th, at 11:15 PM. On this date there was a sighting not far from Louisville, at Mauckport, Indiana, 13 miles south of Corydon. Jim Delehanty & Mike Baker investigated this one. The witness reports: "I was a short distance west of my house, feeding my dog. Upon returning, suddenly a bright light was cast from behind. I immediately turned to see what it was as there had been nothing in the sky while feeding the dog. Never having seen anything like it before and being close to Fort Knox, I decided at first it must be some sort of helicopter. However, (there was) no sound, no blinking lights with such a definite orange glow and the shape, I could not think after a few minutes (of what) that it could possibly be. I stood outside my door and watched for several minutes and it continued to hover in the same spot with a slight jerky movement at times. I then decided to call a neighbor and have them look at it, but I entered the door and started thru to phone. Still watching I saw more of a movement and ran back to the door, and at that time the small lights came on around it and it shot upward at a terrific rate of speed, leveled off, and went to the north over a hill and tall trees and was out of sight in seconds."

The report & drawing suggests a hat shape or dome with a rim or brim, lights around the outside, approximately 300' from the witness.

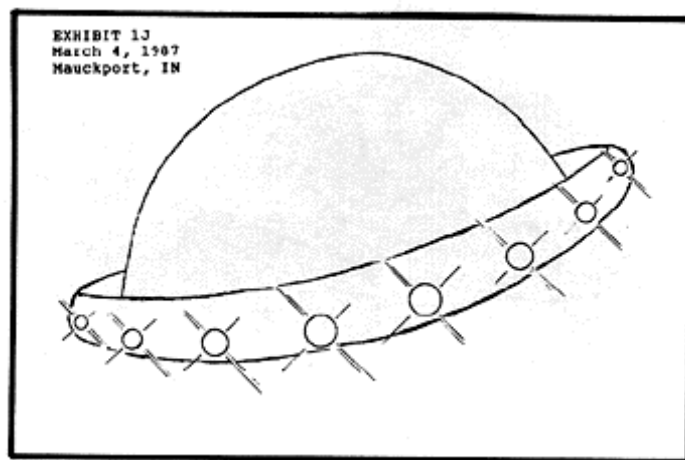


Exhibit 1J

Mike Baker: "The lady worked many years as the postmaster of the Mauckport post office. She recently retired with a great deal of fanfare. I have visited her several times. Her and I have stood out in her backyard and watched the night sky on a number of occasions. She is a warm and witty lady and I have no reason to doubt that she saw what she has reported." (Ref.1)

March 16th, early morning, Corydon, Indiana: Fl Jim Delehanty. This sighting, one of many reported from the Corydon area, was made by a Harrison County Sheriff's Deputy, Steve Hamm. In an article in the CORYDON DEMOCRAT (June 16th) it states that he was on duty the first time he saw the lights. He got a call on the evening of March 9 from Mickey Shawler about strange lights in the sky. That first night, at Shawler's place southeast of Corydon, he saw "12 different objects," very bright, just over the tree line. The sightings by Mr. Hamm (and Mickey Shawler) started on March 9th at 10:30 PM EST and some of the lights he observed were visible off and on for about 4-hours.

The objects were first observed by looking out of a window at a residence (Shawler's) near Corydon. The attention was called by Mrs. Shawler. Mr. Hamm did not know what the lights were. He

expressed, "at first disbelief, then intrigue." Describing the objects, he stated that they were bright lights and there was one sighting involving a quick descent. They lost sight of the objects at daylight.

Objects first seen in the northeast, last seen in the north, moved from north to east. First seen low at 1/4 elevation, last seen at 3/4. At one point the objects (lights) were reported at approximately 250' range. Objects were in front of and passed behind trees at range 1/2 mile, suggesting very low elevations at times. Distance above ground was unknown. Also in the area were aircraft before, during, and after the sighting. No sound was heard or reported from these objects. Real size was estimated as larger than a basketball and apparent size was listed as 2X's the size of a star. Objects changed direction, turned abruptly, cast light, hovered, descended and ascended. There was also reports of spinning and blinking, wobbling and glowing. (Ref.1)

March 18th, 11:30 PM, Corydon, Indiana: Fl Jim Delehanty. Period 19-23rd March, provided several good, verified sightings of strange Nocturnal Lights. This event of 17/18 March is the subject of this particular report. This CE-1, witnessed by three observers (one being Deputy Sheriff Steve Hamm) took place in the early morning hours of 18 March.

Ms. Shawler said there were four lights seen in the sky over the treeline, hovering. The largest object was orange in color with three small white lights above it and a red and green one on the bottom side. About four months ago she had first noticed the strange lights. At that time she summoned police, but no one responded to the call.

On Tuesday, 17 March at 2330 hours EST, Ms. Shawler saw the objects again. The orange lights were hovering above the field which faces northeast and the treeline beyond. At no time was any noise whatsoever heard. She said the larger orange ball hovered and then maneuvered and the smaller white lights seemed to be "swallowed" up and disappeared. Officer Steve Hamm of the Harrison County Sheriff's Department responded to Ms. Shawler's call within five minutes. Officer Haam confirmed her story of seeing UFOs and hearing no sounds. During his sighting he said that there were as many as twelve lights seen.

For almost the next two hours Hamm and Mickey Shawler followed the objects in the police cruiser. At one point the UFO was chasing the police car alternating slowly down and speeding up. Ms. Shawler described it as "playing with us". Officer Haam said he was joined at the site by off-duty jailer Randy Fessel, who also saw the objects and described them as "amazing, like nothing I've ever seen before, a large object with lights flashing around it." Officer Hamm said one of the objects seemed to be right at the top of the trees within 200 or so yards of him. He and Fessel shined a spotlight at the UFO and its lights vanished and the object was gone in a second, joining two others in the distance. Hamm is a veteran of nine years as a police officer and has never seen anything like UFOs before. Sheriff Ed Davis, Jr. seemed to downplay the incident, stating that there was probably a logical explanation, but Hamm and Fessel both stand by what they saw. Hamm believes that there is a larger object with smaller ones nearby. Both he and Ms. Shawler say the UFOs seem to have the ability to hover, spin and go from bright to dim. The only time Officer Hamm ever heard a sound was a slight whine after he put the spotlight on the object. I asked him if he noticed any electromagnetic interference with his radio or engine. He stated that at one time he did have to "use the squelch" on the radio. He said at no time did he feel the objects were hostile in nature. (Ref.1)

March 23rd, 10:15 PM, Corydon, Indiana: Bill Weronka is a Staff writer for THE COURIER JOURNAL, Louisville, Kentucky. (Dated, Sunday, 3/28/87). Extract:

"Although I've read my share of science fiction, I never envisioned myself standing in a field waiting for mysterious objects to appear in the night sky. Nevertheless, that was my plan last Monday (23 March). Mickey Shawler had assured me the unidentified flying objects had appeared near her house, which is just outside Corydon, for 14 consecutive nights. I decided that my wife, Carolynne, the most credible person I know, should come along. If something appeared, a friendly face nearby would be nice.

"We arrived at Shawler's house about 9:15 PM. Shawler, a waitress with two children, told us "they" had been there already. "Right," I thought. "Just missed 'em." (They talked for an hour).

"10:00 PM. Steve Hamm and Dale Pullen of the Harrison County Police Department drove up to the house. Hamm's first words were, "It's out there."

"We moved outside. It was a moonless night and thick clouds hid the stars. "Right over there," Hamm said, pointing. I strained and picked out a small blinking light moving just above the trees. It moved higher and crossed the night sky, blinking with a greenish glow and making occasional zig-zags. "Is that it?" I asked, breaking the silence.

"That's one of them,' Shawler replied, 'And there's another.' She pointed to a stand of trees about 400 yards away, just to the right of where the blinking object had disappeared. A larger light, glowing bright orange, had appeared above the trees. It hovered momentarily, appearing to be the size of a helicopter. No shape or object was discernible.

"I turned to my wife and calmly asked, 'Do you see that?' 'If you're hallucinating, so am I,' she replied. In the distance a cow screamed for her calf and the hair on my neck attacked my collar. Only the wind rushing through the trees interrupted the silence. The orange glow began moving slowly, first back and forth along a horizontal plane, then up and down. It began dimming as it moved south, and suddenly a companion orange glow appeared. The companion would glow brighter for a moment and the original glow would dim. They alternated this pattern four times. The small blinking light joined the dance briefly and disappeared.

"I searched for clues of a ruse but found none. No one could be shining a light because the beam would show, and it was not a reflective light. It was neither an airplane nor a helicopter. There were no signs of people or objects that might have caused it.

"Russell Hailey, a supervisor at the Standiford Field control tower in Louisville reported nothing unusual on radar, and there had been no night activity at Fort Knox, Kentucky, that would cause such phenomena. At the request of the COURIER-JOURNAL, Hailey kept a special watch on the radar Wednesday night (25 Mar) but saw nothing unusual. He added that objects at treetop levels could be missed." (Ref.2)

Late April, 10:30 PM, Corydon, Indiana: FI Jim Delehanty. The CORYDON DEMOCRAT article, 19 June 1987, was written by Lynne Hansen:

"Paul Hauswald, 14, was working in a field about 10:30 PM four weeks ago, when he suddenly realized, 'I could see where I was going with no trouble. I could see the spreader and everything'.

"He looked up to see lights-- -blue, white and orange- -hovering above his tractor. The lights followed him up and down the last couple of rows as he spread manure on a corn and soybean field

two miles east of Corydon alongside S.R. 62. He didn't stop to stare or turn off the tractor. 'I just wanted to get done and get out of there.'

"Yeah, I was scared. Then, just.. whoosh and it was gone.'

"He drove the tractor back to his father's barn, a trip that took less than 5-minutes, and began the task of refilling the spreader. About 20-minutes later, while still in the barn, he saw a saucer-shaped object with different colored lights fly over the silo.

"It was all white on the bottom. It had five sides and was bigger than a house. It hovered at about 1,088 feet.'

FI Jim Delehanty: (Interview conducted at witnesses home, 10 October 1987, 11:30 AM) "We interviewed these two individuals (Paul & Chris Hauswald) on the incident which occurred last spring. He (Paul) estimated the UFO to be 100 feet high over him. He turned on the lights on the tractor and the object accelerated out of sight. No sound was heard, and no electromagnetic effect on tractor. The UFO returned over a large silo about 20-minutes later (about 80' high). It disappeared shortly in the same manner.

"Object described as large as a house, left a trail, changed direction, turned abruptly, hovered, ascended, appeared solid, had an outline and glowed." (Ref.1)

On May 26th, at 10:45 PM, there was an unusual sighting at Fairmount, Indiana, 50 miles southwest of Fort Wayne. The object was shaped like an inverted ice cream cone, stopped directly overhead, altitude approximately 50', no sound, bigger than a house. A solid object. Witness could feel body temperature going up. Witnesses immobilized, could not move. Object stationary for 25-seconds. Total observation time: 3-minutes.

MUFON's preliminary report stated: Sitting in living room on the couch. Looked like a streetlight coming out of the sky. Observed through shadeless windows on south side of the house over TV set. All three went out on the porch. Witness stepped off porch. Underside (of object) was the light. Object seemed to flip over with light on top. It flew directly over two-story house. All stood looking at object when they stepped off porch. Stopped over house for several seconds.

When it moved away over trees they saw three red lights and one blue light on triangular shaped object. Dark blue, definitely not green, light. No sound. TV was on, 10:45 PM. Electrical not effected. Looked like an eyeball as it moved away.

Moving south to northwest. Thought it was 15' above top of two-story house. Speed: Like a light plane. Slow when it approached. No sound. Seen through south windows on first floor. (Ref.1)

Sometime in May, 2:30 AM, Central Barren, Indiana, 10 miles north of Corydon: Along with many residents of the Corydon area, Deputy Sheriff Steve Hamm has seen the strange lights several times. This is one of the best encounters as reported originally in the CORYDON DEMOCRAT, June 10th, 1987. His latest encounter, three weeks earlier at about 2:30 AM, was his closest.

"I came over a hill in Central Barren on my way back towards Corydon, and the headlights of my truck hit it. I have halogen headlights and when they are on high beam, they're extremely bright. I came over the hill, and there it was, close to the ground, maybe within a hundred feet of the roadway." He said the object was about one-half mile in front of him at the time.

"It's shaped like a boomerang and it's huge". After his first look at it, the object disappeared, but he saw it again about two minutes later. "When I first hit it with the headlights, the orange lights were the only ones visible. When it reappeared, it was pretty well straight up from where I first saw it, but it was way high." The lights had gone to blue, he added. (Ref.2)

June 19th, 11:00 AM. New Albany, Indiana, 8 miles northwest of Louisville: Fl Jim Delehanty & Mike Baker investigated. This case involves a woman who allegedly observed a UFO at close range. She stated that she saw several persons in the craft. Her description of them due to distance was such that it was not possible to draw a sketch.

The witness, a woman in her early 50's, stated that on 19 June at about 800 PM she was in bed and heard a loud noise, similar to a squadron of airplanes. She looked out the window (which was open) and saw a large object shaped like a "cake", two layers with windows; one row blue, the other, an amber-orange color. She said that she counted 47 of these rectangular-shaped windows in the object. The object was solid, appeared dark grey when moonlight was on it. Object was stationary and was seen for about 4-minutes before moving out of sight. Sighting occurred in city limits, but hills were close with some wooded area. Mrs. XXX claims to have seen three humanlike figures moving around inside lower level of this object. She said they appeared to be "normal" size, and had on some type of tight-fitting jump suits. No faces were seen, just shadows against the lighted background. At one point, one of the figures "stooped" down to pick up something. The other two seemed to be "doing something with their hands." For some reason she "feels" like one of the three was a woman. She viewed the beings for about 1-2 minutes total, then they moved out of sight. Object was about the size of a garage, some 200' away from her window. Object appeared to be wider than it was high (15' tall). (Ref,1)

The next one was out of our territory, but there were no known Kentucky operatives in the region. Besides, the witness requested our help. If there had been a state group to report to, a copy of the completed investigation report would have been sent to the State Director. Since there wasn't, the original report went to NUFON, with a copy to CUFOS:

July 22nd, 11:00 PM, Hawesville, Kentucky. I heard about and investigated this case, myself. The report came from a local friend. It was her sister-in-law who had had a very interesting close encounter. The lady observed the object for about 3-5 minutes. The locale of the sighting was Hancock County, Hawesville, Kentucky, described as rural with fields and hills. The sky was clear.

"I was traveling west on U.S. 60 about 11:00 PM. I had left my parents' home in Hawesville, and was headed (west) to Lewisport, alone. I first noticed some bright red and blue lights to my right (north). I thought it was an airplane or lights from an industrial plant. (EXHIBIT 2J). I approached the object, I noticed brilliant gold, blue and red lights on what seemed to be on the sides of the object. And it gave off a white glow beneath the object, which lit up the ground below and surrounding trees. The object hovered over the same location (15-20' off the ground). As I approached this, I became very shaky. My knees were so weak I could not apply pressure to the gas pedal. I watched the object for a few minutes. I finally got my legs to move and left as fast as I could. I had a terrible feeling of being alone and lost."

EXHIBIT 2J
July 22, 1987
Hawesville, KY

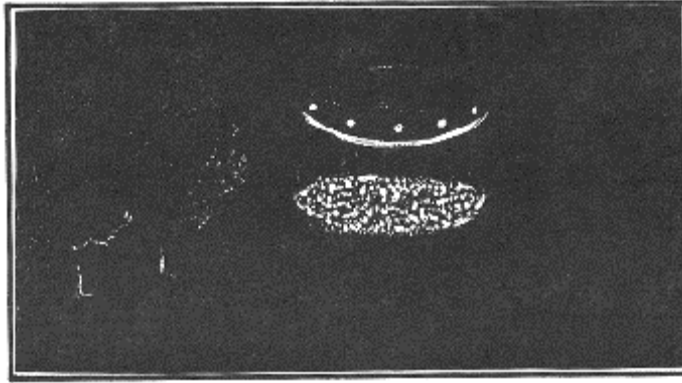


Exhibit 2J

The object made no sound, was a relatively large object, described as large as a house, about 50 yards away. There was no missing time. That's good, because the effects on the witness may have been caused by the UFO in a "stalking phase".

July 31st, 11:30 PM, Terre Haute, Indiana. FI Kerry Teverbaugh investigated:

This was a "high-strangeness" close encounter, upgraded to a CE-4 after the preliminary investigation. The two men were riding motorcycles and saw an object described as pyramid-shaped, followed it, then lost it. Some persons in an auto ahead of them were acting strangely. Upon returning to the area where the car occupants had been seen, they were found walking one mile from that point. There was, allegedly, something strange about these people, especially their eyes. All of them got in the car and drove around, ended up in the "boondocks". Investigation was terminated due to lack of cooperation.

August 23rd, at 9:30 PM. On this date we took a video of a UFO at Corydon, Indiana, near Louisville, Kentucky. The incident below is a well-witnessed event, a case involving a least 12-15 witnesses, five of which were MUFON Field Investigators. Part of the event which lasted approximately 5-10 minutes, a 1.5 minute segment was videotaped.

As a result of intense NL activity in the Corydon area, we had conducted a field test of our Rapid Deployment Group that particular evening. After our initial investigation with many witnesses, we proceeded to an area where these NL's were being observed. We observed a jet aircraft coming from the west, and I requested that a camcorder be used to gauge resolution. There were four lights on the jet.

A few minutes later, at approximately 9:30 PM, an object described as brilliant orange, suddenly materialized in the south-southwest. The suddenness and the brilliant orange, flare-like characteristics were unmistakably unusual. The elevation of the object was approximately 20-25 degrees at the beginning of the sighting. The object appeared to be an orange headlight and appeared to be either hovering or moving toward the witnesses. At one point there was a rapid descent to the left, all the time the brilliance varied only slightly. Several times the light winked completely out, only to "flare up" again. After about 5-8 minutes, the object went into a flat west to east flight mode at a relatively slow rate of speed at an elevation of 10-15 degrees.

One FI, Harold Hartig, a former Air Force radar operator and GOC spotter, reported that, thru 16X50 binoculars, he observed a red light about 1/200th in intensity compared to the orange light, flying "in-trail". Later, he reported that at one time the main object appeared as two orange balls, indefinable, with a very small sharply-focused red light slightly above the "gap".

(Later, during analysis of the video, a small light in front of the object was detected. This small red light had swung from the rear to over the top to a leading position.

Jerry Sievers, my Assistant State Director, verified the fact that the configuration in the beginning was defined as a small red light trailing the larger orange mass. The only persons to see the red light were the ones using binoculars.

At no time did the red light vary its set distance from the parent object. It was "apparently" part of the same object. However, during the 1.5-minute segment where the object was videotaped, the red light was IN THE LEAD as the object headed east.

During this "filming" period the object "winked out" twice. The duration of the "winkout" was approximately the same, leading us to believe that the object passed behind two telephone or power poles. One such transit was verified.

During the last 30-seconds or so a small commercial or private aircraft (not a jumbo jet) entered the immediate area from east to west on a collision course with the anomalistic target. Several seconds of videotape document this as it "appears" as a "near miss". The aircraft was traveling at least twice as fast as the unknown if at the same approximate distance. The ceiling according to Flight Service earlier in the day was 4,000', broken.

Top investigators, Jim Delehanty and Mike Baker, were extremely busy that year in the Corydon area. In fact, except for the video at Corydon, all the investigations there were conducted by the Delehanty/Baker team.

Sometime in August, at 11:45 PM, at Corydon, Indiana: The object was described as a disc, with black dome on top (Exhibit 3J). There were orange, red, and blue lights on the bottom section. The report by Mrs. "K":

"I was at the sink getting a drink of water. I saw a bright light out of the kitchen window. I went to the door and observed two lights circling around the wooded area to the northeast. I watched the lights for a short while. Then from the east this great big black object came into view. The black object passed right by the two lights. Then, another light came off the large black object. The large black object circled around the woods with the three lights following it down into the tree line, then broke up into view about three times. The third time the objects made a circle; I didn't see the black object reappear. The three lights came out of the woods, stopped for a few seconds, went straight up and out."

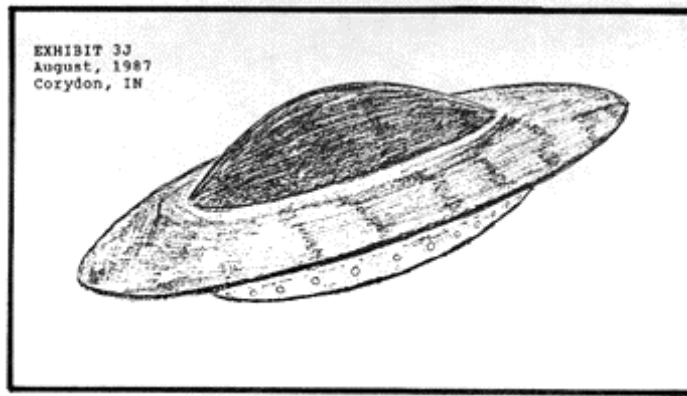


Exhibit 3J

The object was viewed outdoors, observed in a rural area with fields and woods. The object was seen in the northeast and moved from north to east. "When closest to me, 1200' approximate", altitude around "800". No sound reported at any time.

The black object apparently ejected a light at one point, one of the first reports we have in the Corydon area where an object is seen to discharge what has become to be suspected of being a small probe. There appears to have been quite a few ground-level, predominantly orange, but sometimes white sightings of small objects in the Corydon area that year.

September 14th, 9:00 PM, Hebron, Indiana. Fl Mike Rigg investigated. This sighting took place about as far north in the state as you can get from Mt. Vernon, Indiana, which is, itself, as far south as the borders allow. Shortly, you'll see why I pointed that out.

The witness left his home to go for a drive in the country. He departed at about 7:30 PM and drove around until he came to 100 South Street. At this point he saw the object. He was on a hill and thought that the object was a helicopter, since it hovered above some trees south of the road. As he pulled up closer to it, he noticed that it was what he described as a "huge black boomerang-shaped craft with blue lights around the bottom". When he stopped to get a better look at it, by leaning over and looking out the passenger side window, it slowly coasted away. The window was rolled down to see if there was any sound associated with the object, but there was none to be heard. The object headed south. The witness continued east until he saw a street that headed south, so that he could drive parallel to the UFO's flight path, but by this time he had lost sight of it, He never saw the object again. Duration: 9-minutes.

Forty-five minutes later, at 9:45 PM, Mt. Vernon, Indiana: At the time I was not aware of a sighting at Hebron. The object we saw was coming out of the north, heading south. And it was an "unknown".

My six-year old son and I, and a sheriff's deputy, were outside talking on this nice clear evening, when we all witnessed a very strange craft in the northeast. The "object", itself, was not visible, but the lights on it were mostly dim red & orange, and the craft made no noise as it passed going north to south at low altitude. By low altitude I mean, that usually utilized by small aircraft. The size of the object at arm's length was about 3" and it appeared as a mass of dim lights. Both adults under-reacted and we continued on talking while the youngster watched it pass out of sight in about three minutes to the south.

The object was definitely not an aircraft. We would have heard it. It was not a meteor. The duration, description and straight flight path precludes any type of meteor, fireball or re-entry.

September 16th, 11:25 PM, Memphis, Indiana, 15 miles north of Louisville and 30 miles northeast of Corydon. Mr. Delehanty's report: "Mr. Engle noticed a bright light over his house while driving north on Trealar Rd. As he approached the Wagner home, the bright light was slightly southwest of his house over an open field. It moved very slowly and he could hear no sound of engines. He came into his house and phoned Mike Wagner to come over and look at the lights in this diamond-shaped pattern. Mr. Wagner saw same lights over his property. Lights were primarily white, some red. One light in center was extremely bright white and shone a beam all the way to the ground, back and forth. Mr. Engle was concerned why the lights were so low in the sky, over the house, with no noise."

He has a dog which acted very peculiar during the incident. The dog would lay underneath the house and would not come when called. "(It) dog tried to get into the house where it never is allowed, seemed scared."

The drawing suggests a lighted object, lights in diamond pattern, with a spotlight projecting down to the ground. Duration: 30 minutes. When closest to observer, 300' overhead. Airplane and helicopter in area at the same time of sighting. Object hovered, changed direction, moved very slow.

September 24th, 9:53 PM, Corydon, Indiana: The witness was a male, 16, a student (Junior) at Corydon Central High School. Temperature was 70-degrees, wind speed calm, visibility clear. "Tim" reportedly experienced a CE-2. He was driving approximately 35 mph (heading home) down the Elizabeth-New Middletown Rd., and noticed a bright blue light behind him about 300 yards away. Within seconds, an object (saucer with top & bottom domes) proceeded to pass him. (Exhibit 4J). UFO was size of standard car and tilted left to avoid hitting barn. It passed him, moved in front, then tilted right to avoid hitting house. Powerlines, trees were also adjacent to house. UFO went straight ahead and then shot straight up, paused and then accelerated out of sight. Duration: 15- seconds.

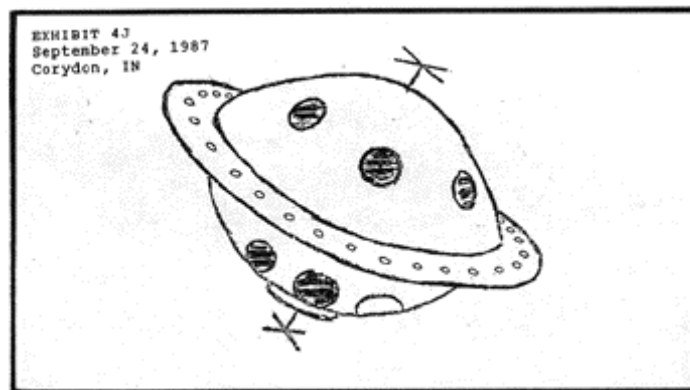


Exhibit 4J

When the UFO passed (the car) there was a slight stall to his automobile engine, headlights, dashboard (lights) dimmed and radio went out for a few seconds. He saw windows in top and bottom domes. Object glowed a greenish- yellow. Multicolored lights seen around rim (primarily red, orange, but some blue and green). Object had bright blue light in center of bottom dome and antenna-like thing on both top and bottom domes. He described them as "weather vanes".

October 1, 7:50 PM, Marysville, Indiana, 30 miles northeast of Memphis, Indiana. A black rectangular object was observed by lone witness while driving at 1-2 mile range. Duration: 10-minutes. Viewed from car window, in rural area with fields and woods. UFO direction was first southwest, then moved northeast to southwest to further southwest position.

"As I was driving west on Hwy 362 near Naab, I spotted an object, which at first I thought was a flock of black birds. As I kept watch, I noticed that the formation never changed. As I drove to the intersection of Hwy 203 & Hwy 3, I had to stop. So I watched the object, and then I knew for sure that it was not birds. I could not tell if the object was moving at a high rate of speed, but as I drove and watched, the object slowly went out of sight."

October, 1:30 AM, Freetown, Indiana, 50 miles north of Corydon. FI Mike Palmiter helped Delehanty & Baker on this one. Date of Sighting: Somewhere between the 11th and the 17th of October 1987.

Witness: "I arrived at home, and when getting out of my truck, I noticed this object above with these lights blinking on and off. I first thought it was an airplane, but there was no sound and it was not that far away (500-600'). It was oblong in shape, but different from the other object I saw in Oct '86. I was excited and went into the house to get my wife. She did not come out at once." The object moved slowly, and went up and down and sideways. It moved off into the distance at slow speed and irregular pattern. Duration: 5-minutes.

December 5th, 3:00 PM, Indianapolis, Indiana. FI Francis Ridge. Unidentified object dangerously close to aircraft on landing approach, followed a/c, hovered. Witness driving east on Washington Street observed a prop-driven aircraft as it broke through the clouds (4,600') on a landing approach to Indianapolis International Airport. An object described as a bright light at first that was following within 100' of the tail of the aircraft. Light was larger (but not as bright) as lights on aircraft. As the airplane passed over Washington Street, the light immediately broke off pursuit and hovered. The now solid object was observed as a vertical oriented column or cylinder which hovered for another 3-1/2 to 4 minutes. No sound came from the object which appeared to be about 30' in length and 4-6 feet in diameter at 500-800' altitude. It then departed moving southeast and climbing rapidly. No other witnesses. Apparently, was NOT tracked on radar.

December 17th, 11:30 PM, New Albany, Indiana, 15 miles northeast of Gorydon. Strange object, big as 747, wings reversed. This report comes from two gentlemen who work with Mike Baker. They are both employed by Robinson-Nugent, Inc., as electronics technicians and they were in separate vehicles. Both told Mr. Baker that the object was larger than a 747, but had the wing going forward. There was no sound. Object was seen coming out of a low altitude fog bank, which did not extend to the ground. Object was approximately 200' above ground and 200' away.

Frank Stamper account: Witness was leaving work and noticed the object while driving home in his truck. At first thought it was an (air) plane. Object was as large as a B747, but wings were swept forward instead of conventional position. Observed a light on the bottom of the object, red in color. No sound or smell. Speed described as slow. Object continued off until he lost sight of it.

Terry Hamblin, an independent witness, was able to provide further information: "I was driving home from work when a bright light drew my attention from the road to the sky. I then stopped in the road, in plain view of what appeared to be an airplane (white) with wings pointing forward, and one red dome or warning light extended from the bottom of the plane." Object viewed from his car. The area is residential. Object was moving slow. Object appeared solid. "There was a bright light

surrounding the aircraft, like floodlights. The aircraft itself was a pure white. I can't remember any tail section." His estimate of the duration was 30-seconds.

That was the end of UFO activity for the entire region in 1987. There were no other cases reported, not even nocturnal light cases. We needed a break.

CHAPTER 14 - 1988

The computer lists 66 cases in the six-state region. Thirty-two cases were Indiana events. Twenty-five of the total were close encounters.

Spring, 1988, 11:10 PM. Sometime in the spring of 1988 there was a close encounter at Crawfordsville, Indiana. Crawfordsville is northwest of Indianapolis. Roger Lamberson and I conducted this investigation. This was a CE-2 involving two adult witnesses. A craft with no sound stalked them, passed overhead affecting a Fuzzbuster radar detector indicating the presence of microwave radiation. The witnesses were returning home at 11:10 PM, nearing a housing addition. The young lady and her mother-in-law smelled "sewage" or an odd smell, saw an airplane flying very low, which looked like it was in trouble. Witnesses stopped the 5-speed TransAm on the road, turned around and parked. They thought it was going to crash. Object moved toward witnesses, put extremely bright light on them, setting off Fuzzbuster ("me, me, me" sound). Object described as orange-red in color, football-shaped, very low. At one point, lights shot off from the object. It is unclear as to when and where. Older witness who was very calm previously, now said, "Let's get out of here!" Both witnesses were terrified. Driver (younger girl) doesn't remember turning around or driving. Car seemed to have been "towed" or that was the sensation. There have been other "tractor-beam cases". Afterwards witnesses became sick, stomach hurt, were mumbling when they returned home. They should have made the trip in 15 minutes, but got home at 12:35 AM, 1-hour and 10-minutes longer than it should have taken. Both drew pictures which were identical. Witnesses would not file a report. (Ref.1)

May 10th, evening. I call this one the "Cruise Missile Case". On this evening I received a call. The witnesses were residents of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, who reported that they had just observed a strange object a few miles west of the toll bridge on the Wabash River near New Haven, Illinois. The object was observed for a few seconds at approximately 7:40 PM CST. The object was traveling northeast to southwest, skimming the tree-tops (50-100' up) at "tremendous speed". It resembled "a shark", was gray in color, about 25' long, but smaller than a jet. Object had no wings, made no sound, and the tail fins were different (like horizontal). Stabilizers. There was a jet fighter, most probably an F-4 Phantom, in the area at the time flying higher, but on a parallel (possible pursuit) course. Witnesses say jet was seen and heard less than 10-seconds later and "on the same track". "It appeared to be looking for the object." The object was further described as somewhat missile-shaped with a nose slightly turned up with some small fins where the rear horizontal stabilizers would be on a conventional aircraft (Exhibit 1K). Also, there was an indentation or ring near the midpoint where it looked like the object was joined together. "It was a missile or something else." Object range at closest point was estimated to be 100-200'. Sighting ended as object was hidden by trees.

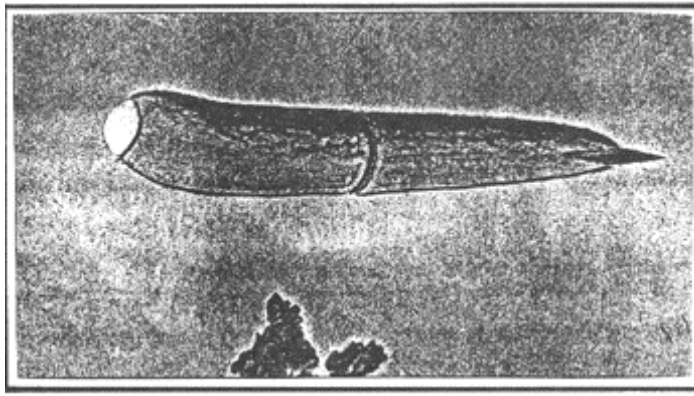


Exhibit 1K

A final note concerning the object's motion: "It flew right over tree tops, fast. Later, a jet flew low. It (object) could move up & down easy as it went." (Ref.1)

May, 12:50 AM. Sometime that month, at 12:50 AM, a UFO again visited Corydon, Indiana. This was investigated by FI Mike Baker. The sighting was actually too brief (5-seconds), witness' age and reliability are in question without further information. The object was observed through a window at night. No sound detected. Later, an MIB case ("Men In Black") was reported in relation to this case. However, this is a typical OBOL case (Orange Ball Of Light) in Harrison county. Possible actual object, probe, or something indigenous to the area. (Ref.1)

Summer. This next one happened during the summer at around 11:00 PM, at Greensburg, Indiana, southeast of Indianapolis. FI Don Worley investigated. A young couple was dating and they were at the man's home, six-miles outside of Greensburg, in the back yard talking. They saw to the southeast, five very bright orange glowing objects, hovering. They got in their car and went for a closer look. "As we approached the farm", the lady stated in her report, "all but one of the lights went out. They had been very close together all in a cluster." As they went back up Base Road toward Greensburg, it seemed to be following them. When they sped up or slowed down it appeared to do the same. "Then we cut across a side road which, if it would have stayed there, would have put us directly under it. It did stay hovering until we were approximately 1/2 a city block away. We could almost make out an outline. Then it took off toward Greensburg..." Duration: 36-minutes.

This is apparently another case of orange or orange-yellow lights that have been observed repeatedly in the southeast corner of the state, as well as other areas. These appeared to be OBOL's, but the witnesses seem to think they could barely make out an outline. Maybe they were lights on a single dark object.

The description of the objects appears to indicate that something with lights very bright, of a color that does not conform to any type of FAA lighting, hovered, then paced the witnesses at one point, and in sight for at least 30-minutes, then accelerated very quickly to the north.

Sometime in July, 4:00 AM. More probes? Plainfield, Indiana, just southwest of Indianapolis. FI Norma Croda investigated. Male of unknown age was in his bedroom on the morning of the sighting. He noticed a blinking light on his bedroom wall. At first he thought the lights may have been coming from a police unit or possible a fire truck. He looked out of his bedroom window to notice five objects, 1-1/2 to 2 feet in diameter "floating" approximately 5-6 feet away from the window and

about 6-7 feet off the ground. Somewhat scared, he watched the objects change from white discs to "big bubbles" with pulsing blue lights coming from within the objects. The objects then changed color to orange and "shot up" and took off at a high rate of speed. The objects were first seen in a cornfield to the east of the house and were last seen in the yard on the north side of the house at daybreak. Sky clear with no other weather conditions reported.

The objects appeared to be solid. Witness stated objects were controlled, noticed him watching and then flew away. Duration, not given, but considered brief. Possible probes. (Ref.1)

September 28th, 12:36 AM. Atherton, Indiana, is a small town just north of Terre Haute. FI Mike Palmiter investigated this one. An object approached three witnesses in a pickup truck (evidently one of the witnesses was a child), appeared to react to the door being opened on truck and interior lights coming on, approached them, engine would not start. Object passed over them with a humming sound. Engine then was able to be re-started, object reversed course and headed toward truck again "like a flip of a dime". The witnesses fled the scene. As they rounded a curve, they lost the object. Primary witness stated they were terrified. Wristwatch and truck clock lost time.

Witnesses apparently were not UFO enthusiasts. They assumed at first that the object was just an aircraft. The light evidently was very bright and hurt their eyes. The next events, if true, truly eliminate manmade sources. The object came within 25' and exhibited a humming sound and E-M effects. This was apparently not an example of a scared witness hitting the gas pedal, "flooding" the engine, for even the radio failed. In addition, the reaction was observed while the object was over the truck at very close proximity. Reaction to witnesses seems to be evident with intelligent control from the point where the object may have seen the cab lights come on (or was observing them even before this), flew extremely close, did a "180" (like a flip of a coin) and started back after them.

There was some high strangeness involved in this case, yet no apparent missing time for witnesses. They were very frightened. After the encounter they were unable to sleep, then slept longer than usual. The headaches and lost time on watches and clock could be significant. (Ref.1)

October. The action switches back to Greensburg with FI Don Worley. In possibly October of 1988 at approximately 9:00 PM, about 5-miles south of Greensburg, Indiana, a lady standing in her driveway with a neighbor saw an object. She ran into the house screaming. Her husband who had been sleeping ran out to see what was going on. He observed a slowly-moving object in the southern sky. The fields and buildings were illuminated by a yellow light from powerful lights on the object. They followed the object to a field near Napoleon with their car. The object slowly moved south and out of sight. Object was described as "humongous", shape unknown, with 5 or 6 round (about 16' in diameter) lights in a circle. Object made a faint "whoooooing" sound. There were four witnesses. Duration: 30-minutes. (Ref.2)

November 29th, 1:30 AM, near New Haven, Indiana, near Fort Wayne. MUFON HQ conducted an interview by phone. A 17-year-old female witness spotted two, large, bright white lights while driving on a rural road. The lights approached her car and positioned themselves behind the car, and then pursued the auto for 25 minutes. Frightened, the driver turned onto a private driveway and switched off the headlights. At this point the two bright lights passed directly overhead illuminating the car, house and the surrounding area. The young mother, whose baby was asleep in the car, could clearly see a disc-shaped craft, bigger than a small airplane, pass overhead at treetop level. She heard no sound. As the craft moved out of sight, the driver drove away with the headlights off. About a quarter of a mile down the road she turned on the headlights and the vehicle once again pulled alongside her car and paced her for another five minutes. It then moved out of sight. (Ref.1)

December 4th, 2:00 AM, Indianapolis, Indiana. This was one of those cases that I investigated that was technically interesting and confusing at the same time. While driving home from his restaurant at Carmel to Indianapolis this Sunday morning, Jim and his girlfriend (she was driving) were stopped at a red light near Highway 465 when they observed a white light in the west. "After watching it for a couple of seconds, it just took off at an unbelievable speed to the south, almost out of sight, then back to the north, zigzagging, then to a complete stop, almost to the same area where we first spotted it."

Then they turned going south and the light was observed from (his) passenger side and appeared to be following them at a slow speed, as if it were pacing them. About a mile and a half down the road the primary witness either saw the object or sensed it and he yelled for her to pull the car over. They pulled off at a spot that overlooks 465. At this time a large object was coming straight for them, about 500' above, passing directly over their car. "It was filled with round lights on the bottom, but I didn't notice any beams of light shining down. The lights were very bright."

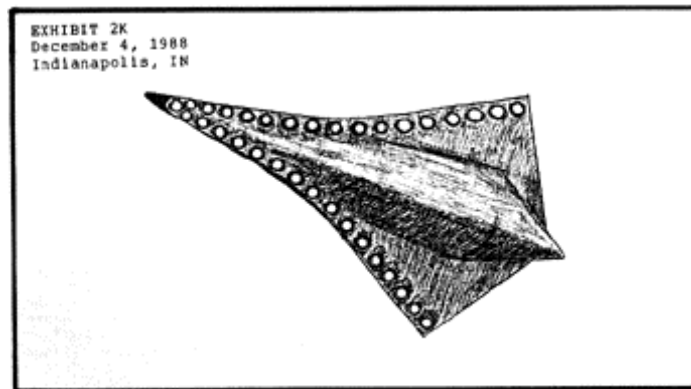


Exhibit 2K

Object looked something like the space shuttle, with a tapered rear-section. There apparently wasn't any noticeable sound associated with it, except for sound of the rush of air, which may or may not have been associated with the object itself. It passed over very quickly across the highway and seemed to disappear behind a billboard which looked to be about 200 yards away. He then pushed in the cigarette lighter, which for some reason refused to "pop out". He then noticed that the radio wasn't working, which had been on prior to the sighting. He later found that all the fuses in the four-month-old car were blown, except for the ones for the headlights.

"After sitting in the car about five-minutes and calming XXX down a little, we continued one block south, then turned heading west. After about going a mile in this direction we noticed the object in the west sky seeming to be just a white star, looking like it was coming straight toward us again, but growing larger and larger until it was about the size of a very close full moon." It seemed to stop for a few seconds, then started to withdraw until it was out of sight.

Before reaching home they observed the object one more time, flying in a zigzagging pattern. Others had seen a strange object at the same time, but there were no reports filed. Witness had called a radio station and was told that other people had called in.

The drawing suggests some form of new aircraft flying in Indiana skies. However, the maneuvers are anomalistic and indicate a technology we don't possess.

December 25th, 7:30 PM, Clinton, Indiana, 10 miles north of Terre Haute. FI Mike Palmiter was dispatched. The Riebers said that on Christmas night at about 7:30 PM they were driving to Greg's (Mr. Rieber) parents home in the Clinton area. It was a clear evening and they noticed lights in the sky through the windshield. Greg said the object itself was dark but had three lights on each side in a line. The lights were green, red, and white. He said the object was as big as a house, about 150 feet off the ground, and about a half a block away. They said there was no sound associated with the object which they observed for about ten minutes. It then went away very quickly as they arrived at the parent's house. (Ref.1)

References

All cases presented are in UFOFC files.

CHAPTER 15: 1989 - A BUSY YEAR

By the end of the year this file was two inches thick! We were pretty busy. There were 58 cases in the region, but 31 were from Indiana. It wasn't so much the number as it was the thickness of each case that was unprecedented. Nineteen of the total were close encounters.

January 12th, 10:00 PM. I don't have much on this one, but it all started on this date, near Belleville, Illinois. Two adults observed a diamond-shaped object for five minutes moving across the roadway in front of their car. They drove directly under the craft and estimated the object to be to be 100' overhead. (Ref. 2)

January 17th, 1:31 AM, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Jim Haddox, an FI with the Ohio Group, submitted this report and original drawings. The object stayed with the witness enroute to Hicksville, Ohio from Fort Wayne, Indiana. The object was first noticed exiting Woodbridge Apartments, traveling east on St. Joe Center Road. The object was then sighted south on Rt. 37, while traveling east. It maintained a parallel position with Rt. 37, approximately one mile south at tree top height.

"Several miles before Hickville, Ohio, the object arced across the road and positioned itself 50-75 yards in front of my vehicle (still at tree top height). It followed in front of my vehicle with three lights shining down for approximately 1/2 mile. I pulled over to the right side of the road and stopped, and the UFO did the same. I got out of my truck and looked at the UFO, for approximately 15-20 seconds as it shined its three lights on me. The UFO moved to the far side of my truck and then back over the field from where it came. I went to Hicksville and got my roommate to go out and try to find the UFO, because I wanted a witness. First sighting occurred at 1:30 AM. My roommate and I left Hicksville at approximately 2:00 AM. Traveling west on Rt. 37, we sighted the same three-lighted UFO on our south side, while another UFO was to our north. We followed these to the outskirts of Fort Wayne, where one crossed the road (from north to south) and headed back towards Hicksville. We turned around on Rt. 37 and followed this back to Hicksville. The UFO started to cross the road ahead of us, and we accelerated to intercept it. It came to Rt. 37, in a residential area of Fort Wayne, stopped and hovered, turned back to the west, and flew away arcing south."

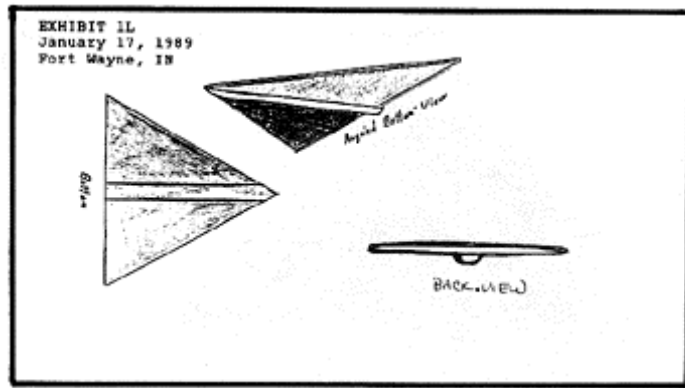


Exhibit 1L

The objects were dull-grey, oblong delta-shaped craft. The second one was observed with a fuselage or tubular structure running underneath the delta. It looked almost like an upside-down saucer from the rear (Exhibit 1L). But, they were delta-shaped objects with lights near the apex." (Ref.3)

January 21st, 10:58 PM. On this date the activity shifted from the northeast corner of Indiana to the southeast corner. At 10:58 PM, at Corydon, five witnesses observed an amber light approaching their car from the northwest. They got out and watched as the object passed almost directly overhead and made a turn, appeared to go over on its side as it headed south and away from them. The description of the object was described as "long, sort of butterfly-shaped". It disappeared over a hill and some trees, but not before one witness took several 35mm shots. The object was estimated to be about 200' in the air and seemed to be moving at a rather slow speed. The time in sight, approximately three minutes. They all agreed on the number of large bright lights on the object which numbered eight and the color was a very light amber or almost white, One of the witnesses saw a series of multicolored lights on the underneath; one remembers a large red light on the back part of it. None of the lights blinked. No sound reported. Photos showed nothing conclusive. (Ref.1).

January 22rd, 9:30 PM. The next one was a "whale" of a report! I received a telephone call on January 23rd, from a lady reporter who worked for a prominent newspaper at Lafayette, Indiana. Her parents had had a close encounter the previous evening. The lady lived in Frankfort and the sighting by her parents took place about a hundred miles away in the country near Greens Fork (Wayne County), on the eastern Indiana border. This is approximately 15 miles west of Richmond and 70 miles east of Indianapolis. She was so moved by their experience that she insisted that the State Police check it out. They reluctantly appeared on the scene at 2:30 AM that morning.

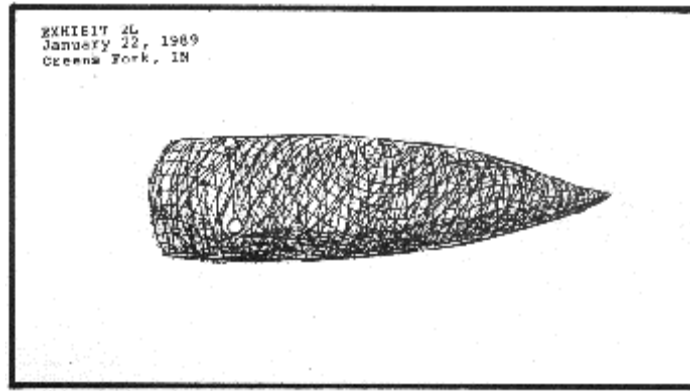


Exhibit 2L

She had originally been told by law enforcement personnel to contact the National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC) Hotline at Seattle, Washington. They then referred her to MUFON HO in Seguin, Texas. Walt Andrus then referred her to us.

I made some notes, told her we would get right on the case, and then "got the wheels turning." I prepared an initial report, sent a copy to FI Mike Palmiter for his advice in handling the case in light of his law enforcement background.

Two independent investigations (and Form I's) were completed with on-the-spot investigations by both Mike Palmiter and Don Worley.

This is what turned up: The RSID lists the case description as the "whale". The drawing by our Staff Artist, Robert Taylor, paints an interesting picture (Exhibit 2L). On January 22nd, at 9:30 PM, something really unusual passed low over Greens Fork, Indiana. The couple first observed a "low" object described as a bright light that "cast a heavy light (glow, no beam)". At the request of their daughter, they rated the brightness from 1-10, the full moon being 1 and the Sun being 10. Mr. Gilmer gave it a 7! This was the third time in six days that the object had been seen by Mrs. Gilmer. It was first observed by Mrs. Gilmer only, on January 17th, at 9:00 PM with accompanying smaller objects. It was next observed on the 19th, at or after 6:30 PM.

But this latest event was the most remarkable and the closest the main object ever got. (Note: The Super Bowl had just ended). The initial range or distance of the main object was estimated at 1,000 yards, heading from south to northwest. They had contacted the neighbor by phone. At that point, Mrs. Gilmer reportedly yelled at her husband, "It's starting to move. It's coming this way!" The object immediately departed and headed right over the primary witness' home, low enough to be classed as a CE-I (within 500') and disappeared. The satellite object reported was yellow in color. No sound was ever heard. Duration: 5 minutes. (Ref.1)

FI Palmiter: "Natural sources ruled out. Possible man-made source: Commercial, military or private a/c or helicopter. Comments/Interrogating FI: "The motion, lack of sound and general appearances tend to rule all these out in spite of the 'possible entries'."

The escalation of hypothesis used by Mrs. Gilmer shows that she is apparently a credible witness. They both displayed a less-than-usual interest in UFO material, and their accurate reporting tends to suggest they are reliable people, from my viewpoint. The FI also attests to their friendly, down-to-earth manner.

Without trying to read more into the case than there is evidence, I find that the description of the object, the described "grey spider web look", is indicative of something close enough to reveal some surface detail, yet not well-enough illuminated as to reveal anything dramatic. It appears that the moon did help illuminate the source. It would also appear that there should have been some sound associated with this object if it were a man-made object. According to the witnesses, the object was no further than 300' at one point. Allowing for a 400X error, there should have been some sound even if the object was 1200' away.

Sometime in January, 50 minutes past midnight, Moscow, Ohio: While driving, witness observed giant triangular object at 500-1000', bottom lit brightly. Headlights on car got dimmer, radio static, engine stopped, humming sound heard. (Ref.6)

February 2nd, 9:30 AM, Olympia Fields, Illinois. Not much to report, but worth mentioning. Two witnesses observed an object described as a cigar, "larger than a 747", for one minute on a controlled descent. There was no sound. (Ref.2)

February 4, 3:00 AM, Lanesville, Indiana. Object with lights observed by two- witnesses. Floated along at 300' from witnesses. Data missing on Form. (Ref.1)

February 9th, 6:30 PM, DuQuom, Illinois. Three adults and two children observed 15 "big" stationary red lights in a horizontal straight line formation about 200 feet from their house. The lights were at treetop level. After about two minutes the lights broke formation and formed a cluster, moved about the area, then moved out of sight. At no time during the four minute encounter did any of the witnesses hear any sound. (Ref.4)

March 1st, 8:03 PM, Union City, Ohio. While driving home, a 37-year-old mother and her 19-year-old daughter spotted a triangular-shaped object stationary in the sky, about halfway between their car and their house. The car was about 1/4th of a mile from the house at the time. The driver stopped the car and the two women stared in disbelief. The mother described the vehicle as being "gigantic" in size, five to six times larger than their house, which is 95 feet long. Suddenly the craft started to move toward the two women. Moving at a "slow speed" the vehicle passed overhead at an altitude of about 40 feet. At this point the two ladies got a good look at the surface of the craft which looked "very metallic". During their 10-minute observation the two witnesses said they could hear a rumbling sound coming from the vehicle. Both women said they were terrified by the experience. (Ref.4)

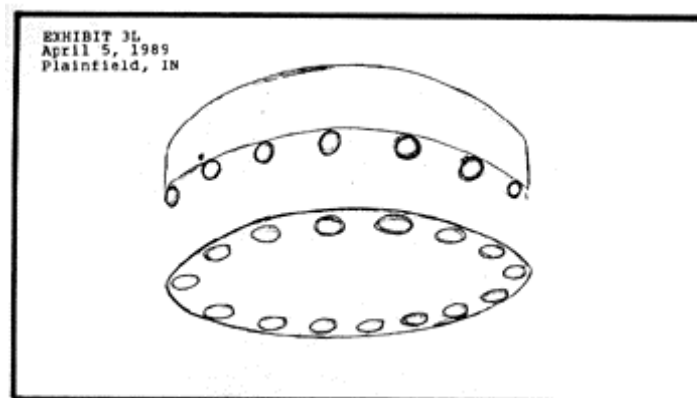


Exhibit 3L

April 5, 3:00 AM, Plainfield, Indiana. FI Norma Croda investigated this one. Described as a brightly lighted craft (Exhibit 3L) by first witness. There was another person, this one an independent witness, a neighbor, who was contacted by the primary witness. Primary witness had awakened and looked out window but did not remember the sighting until Thursday evening when she was in bed. Second witness reported dog had been growling and woke him up that morning. He thought it was 2:00-2:30 AM. Interesting that we have triangulation in this case. He saw it in the northwest; she saw it in the west, exactly as they should have if the object was in the position or area as noted on the drawing they provided. Strangeness factors include the gentleman's finding himself in the living room and the soreness they (he and his wife) reported the next day. Also, the primary witness under-reacted somewhat by simply going back to sleep! The man stated that at first he thought it may have been the moon reflecting on clouds, but realized that there was a new moon that night. Weather Bureau said New Moon rose at 5:15 AM. (Ref.1)

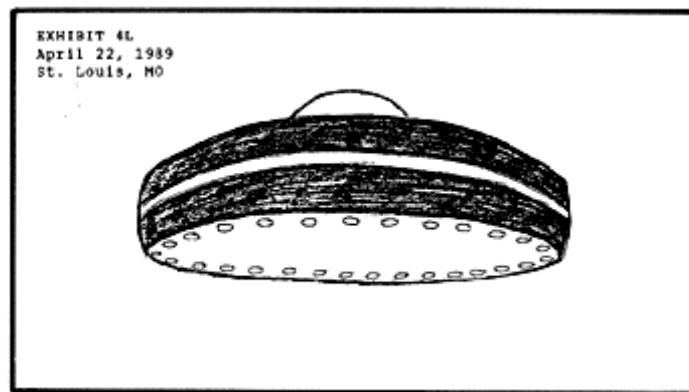


Exhibit 4L

April 22nd, 9:22 PM, St. Louis, Missouri. Two witnesses on a balcony witnessed an OBOL (Orange Ball Of Light) in the east. Then, the object appeared in front of the witnesses, between buildings. It was described in the preliminary report as disc-shaped, without tapered edges, an orange dome on top, orange stripe around mid-section, and a black bottom with many blue lights underneath (Exhibit 4L). The witnesses ran into the street and watched the object fade westward. Total observation: 20-30 seconds. (Ref.5)

April 24th, 2:30 PM, Seville, Ohio. While looking out a window, a 76-year-old lady observed a "real bright gold" object on the ground in a neighbor's field. The craft appeared to be octagon-shaped and 3-4' in diameter. (You may recall that we mentioned earlier another "octagon" seen at Corydon by the boy on the tractor. Later you will hear about another "octagon" case, illustrated by my staff artist, Robert Taylor). After watching it for about two minutes, the vehicle ascended slightly and moved to within 300' of the woman's house, and landed. Shortly thereafter the craft moved back to its original landing site, then moved about in that area for several minutes. After watching the vehicle for a total of seven minutes, it ascended and moved out of sight. She heard no sound coming from the craft. (Ref.4)

May 1st, 2:30 AM, at Metcalf, Illinois. The abductee from previous years reported another encounter with humanoids. His mother had gotten up to go to the bathroom that morning and noticed that the electricity was off. She saw something at the window and screamed, waking the witness who fired 4-5 times with shotgun at the creature at the window. Four other humanoids were observed near a power pole. Power came on as soon as this brief event was over. (Ref.1)

May 2nd, 5:15 AM, Louisville, Kentucky. A 31-year-old male was working on his morning paper route when he spotted a "big, bright light" stationary in the sky under the cloud layer. He continued to watch the light as he delivered his papers but, when he finished his route he noticed that the light was now moving in a circular pattern. As he got back into his truck he noticed that the light was now heading toward him at a "pretty fast speed" and was about 125' from his truck. When he started the engine and turned on the headlights for a quick exit from the area, the light "stopped in an instant" about 100 feet from the witness. In about five seconds the light then moved from right to left in front of the truck and moved out of sight. (Ref.4)

MADAR Anomaly No 20

On May 30th, at 10:39 PM, we logged another MADAR anomaly. This was a one pulse deviation of the magnet variometer. No other data and no visual sightings reported.

MADAR Anomaly No 21

A half hour later, at 11:14 PM. No. 21 occurred. Three pulse magnitude, 3- second duration. No visual data.

June 13th, 11:30 PM, Frankfort, Kentucky. While driving on the Express Connector roadway, a 36-year-old female observed two, large bright white lights moving in her direction. She stopped her car for a better look, and as the lights got closer she could tell that they were attached to a rectangular-shaped object, "massive in size." The woman got out of the car in time to see that craft stop directly overhead and remain in that spot for about two minutes. During that period she could see what appeared to be numerous pipes laying flat against the underside of the vehicle which was illuminated by several lights. (Ref.4)

July 16th, 10:15 PM, New Harmony, Indiana. I investigated this incident on-the-spot. I was unable to make a suitable rough drawing and get enough information to help staff artist Taylor create one for this book. The huge, bright, round object had exhibited some detail during the 2-minute-plus observation, and had illuminated the witness' driveway, alley and pool area. The object reportedly hovered at tree-top level, overhead, and produced no sound, then floated toward the end of the street to the east before it disappeared. Another person present was unable to get out of her van during this period and never saw the object. The witness later said that it was so big that it looked like "one of those TV dishes", referring to a satellite dish. "It was (had been) right over the top of me. It was so huge! It was white as day (outside), no sound at all. It hovered, kind of hesitated. It didn't fly, it just floated. And it was huge." When asked if the lights on it were hard to see because the light was so bright, she replied in the negative. Where was the bright light coming from? "Underneath! And it had a few little spokes like you'd hold your arm out from under a plate (depth perception). And they weren't bright." (Ref.1).

There was only one problem with this case. It may have been just a coincidence, but there had been a spectacular Russian satellite re-entry at the time of the sighting. The lady was sincere, however it was hard to nail down a description that could be drawn in detail. We'll never know.

October 24th, 6:20 PM. This next one was something else. It happened on this date and time, and covered an area from northwestern Indiana To Lake Erie. This very interesting report came from MUFON HO, investigated by FI Franklin Reams of the Ohio Group.

An aircraft was heading from Chicago to Indianapolis at Flight Level 350 and reported a UFO to Chicago Center. Connair 440, "November 455GA", had first sighted the object 50 nautical miles south of Ord in northwest Indiana. The object was observed by the pilot and co-pilot.

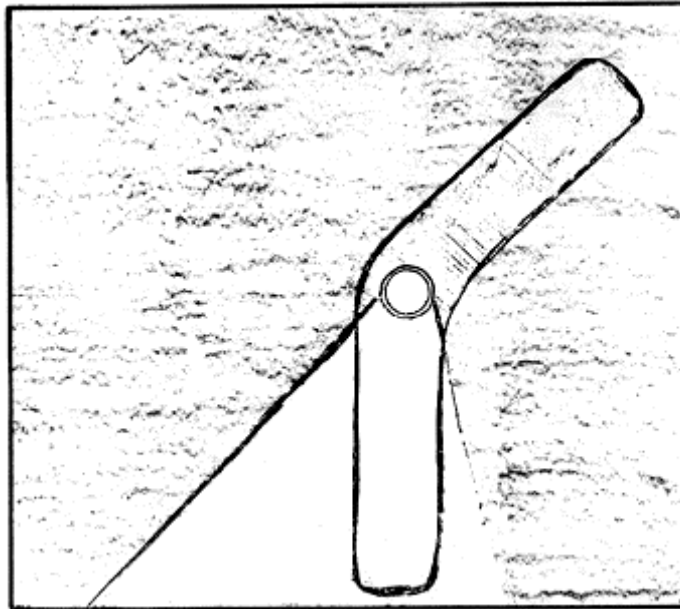


Exhibit 5L

They reported to Chicago Center that the object was passing over them, heading southwest to northeast, with a beam of light shining down as if out of a wheel well. The outline of the object (Exhibit 5L) looked like a B-2, which is boomerang-shaped. It was traveling at a high rate of speed. Chicago Center did not have it on their radar. The controller said they had several previous reports on this but had been unsuccessful in tracking it on radar.

One pilot heard the term "Kitty Hawk Freighter" and thought that that was the call sign of the reporting aircraft. The FI contacted the Kitty Hawk Airlines dispatcher in Dallas, Texas, and she remembered the incident immediately! The pilot/witness later called the FI and stated that he had been flying most of his life and did not believe in UFOs, but he could not explain what he saw the morning of October 24th. He was traveling from Chicago to Indianapolis at 9,000' in Convair 440. He reported the object passing overhead at 0620 EDT which was about 5-minutes earlier than the original report. (Obviously this was not the aircraft XXX had overheard. No other report could be found). The object was traveling southwest to northeast at a very high rate of speed (much faster than any aircraft he had ever seen). Sighting time from horizon to horizon (this particular witness) was 40-seconds. Co-pilot would not file a report. Other aircraft witnesses were never located.

FI note: "The B-2 is a subsonic a/c which is not capable of the high speed reported. There is only one prototype of this a/c at this time and the AF says it is undergoing flight tests only in California." (Ref.7)

November. Back in southwestern Indiana, sometime in the evening during the month of November, possibly the 1st, an object near a power plant at Newburgh reportedly "scared the hell of the witnesses." The witnesses refuse to file a report. (Ref.1).

Also in November, at 9:00 AM, at Creve Cover, Missouri, a witness just glanced up and saw three rectangular objects at the same time, no lights or sound, about 25-degrees up. She pulled off the road to watch. Observed about 30-seconds in the east before objects went into the clouds. (Ref.5)

November 12th, 9:15 PM, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Preliminary report provided by CUFOS' Mark Rodeghier. We were never able to get a signed report. A couple from Zionville (near Indy) were on I-69, 20 miles south of Fort Wayne, and saw a very unusual domed-shaped object for 7-8 minutes.

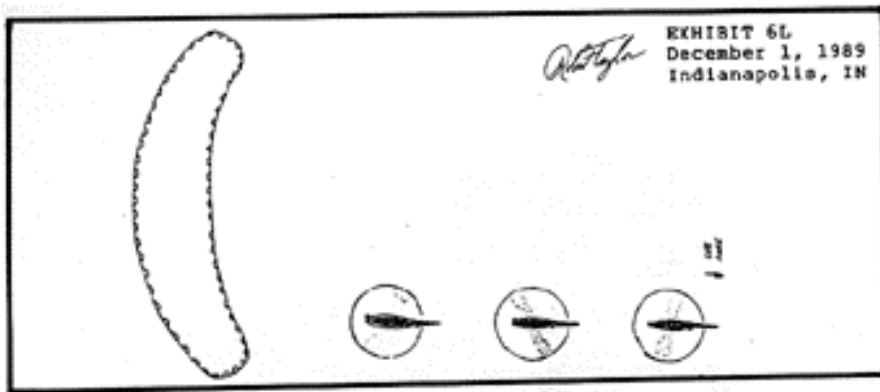


Exhibit 6L

December 1st, 9:00 PM, Indianapolis, Indiana. More boomerangs? FI Norma Croda investigated. Several persons reported a white boomerang-shaped object, which appeared to be about 3" at arm's length, being pursued by black helicopters (Exhibit 6L). Four Hughes-type copters were flying from the northwest turning south with a brightly-lit object in front being followed or escorted. The object had also been seen on October 11th.

Primary witness: "I was called by my son because of (the) helicopters. When we went out to see (then), there was the UFO, followed by four helicopters. I at first thought it was a huge (air)plane, then realized it wasn't (no fuselage). I was excited and upset because I couldn't get neighbors to see it. Object floated more than flew. It went south behind the woods."

Object was never closer than 2-3 blocks but appeared to be about 600' from the ground.

MADAR Anomaly No 22

December 15th, 6:03 PM. This event occurred with a momentary power outage, so brief that there was no loss of stored information. It was merely a flicker of lights and power, but the magnet variometer deviated from north, cycled back in 18-seconds, then deviated again in the opposite direction (2-pulse, 18- second on first pulse, no return on second), resting away from north indefinitely! The sensor housing had to be physically rotated to get it back to north! Channel 14 TV

at Evansville, just 20 miles east of us, lost all their computer graphics. It was thought that this was related to earthquake phenomenon, but there was no reported quake.

MADAR Anomaly No 23

December 17, 9:14 AM. This time there was no additional pulse (besides the "phantom" or unrecorded initial pulse) to show a swing back to and past north. This was a "no return" situation, again. This had never happened before, at least at this station in the 20-years we have been in operation.

Exhibit 7L

December 21st. Four days later we had a spectacular sighting near Indianapolis! On this date, between 1:00 and 2:00 AM, Martinsville, Indiana. FI Norma Croda investigated. Lady and her husband observed two objects while returning to Indianapolis from Bloomington early that Thursday morning. They were driving on Hwy 37 and talking when they noticed something with lights on it over a field. It was hard to tell the actual shape of the craft but the lights were circular around it. There were orangish-yellow lights around the bottom of the craft, but I could not see all the way around it... When they were close enough to see it better (200 yards) they noticed lights here and there around it and could see quite clearly that the object was "hovering above the ground about as high as a helicopter". They had to turn around after passing a pulled-over semi, and when they returned, "the craft was on my (lady's) side of the car and it took off to the west up over a ridge of hills", and then the lights went out. (Field extends approximately 1/4 mile from the road to the trees). "It did not go down, but it disappeared. I very much got the feeling that it knew we were watching." They got back to the main road and headed north to Indy. (FI found upon checking the area that an Indianapolis Power & Light generating plant was located just over the ridge right near where the object disappeared).

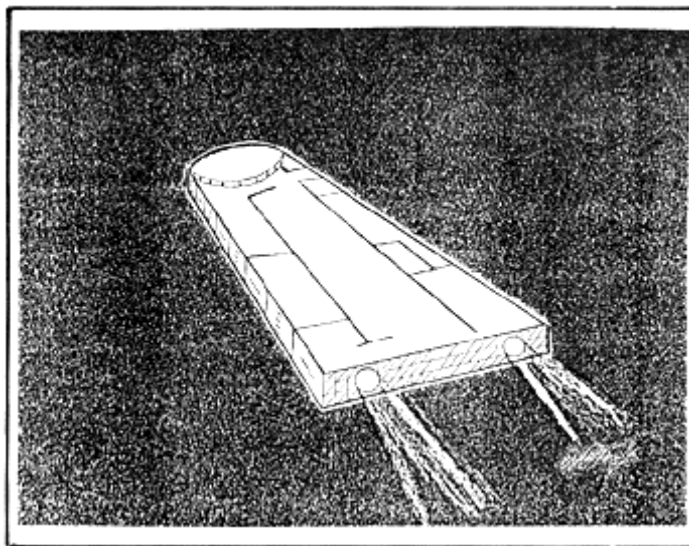


Exhibit 7L

About seven miles down the road they were discussing the sighting and the lady was searching the sky. On her side of the road (east) "there was this craft that was huge and it was right there! It hung in the air. It was a large craft like an aircraft carrier or barge. It was angled or tilted toward me. It had a dome on the back and a long flat area on the front with two huge searchlights (Exhibit 7L).

They made me nervous. It just hung there? We stopped the car and I rolled down the window. I could not hear any noise except my heart beating very fast. Daniel was trying to lean around me to see it, but he could not see the whole thing but could see the lights and felt the presence of it (a strange feeling in the joints, energy rushing through his body). That physical feeling stayed with us for quite a while afterward. So we sat and watched it, then it began to move toward me. I did not want the lights to shine on my car and I told Daniel to go. It stopped turning and, as we drove away I continued to watch it until I could not see it anymore."

The main witness described the second craft as "very industrial looking, too heavy to be hanging in the sky. Industrial metallic with intricate squares on the outer sides, metal working that might have been indentations. If this had been a boat, the indentations would be for stairs, wasn't smooth. Dome was smooth looking, iridescent, illuminated from inside. It was not a high dome. The two lights on front of craft were like search lights." (Ref.1)

MADAR Anomaly No 24

December 22nd, 10:49 PM. One pulse. Again, no return to North! I can't explain this.

On December 28th, strange things started happening right at home, at 8:10 PM, Mt. Vernon, Indiana. I was watching television. My nine-year-old son's Christmas gift, a remote controlled car, was acting as if it had a mind of its own. He was having trouble controlling it. The table lamp we have on one end of the family room is equipped with a touch control and, for some reason; it had been turning on and off every time the phone rang! In other words, if the light was off and the phone rang, it turned on the light. On the next ring the light would go brighter, just as if you had touched it. On the third ring it would go off. For some reason the light was sensitive to the magnetic fields produced by the phone ringer.

My son was told to put the toy away since there was a lot of RF radiation from all the new remote controlled appliances and toys since Christmas, but he kept on trying and kept on complaining. Then, within a minute or two, the "touch-light" in the family room went out, then came on. I remarked, jokingly, 'I wonder if we have poltergeists? At that point the front door burst open and my 13-year-old daughter and her two friends came screaming in. "Dad, come out here quick!" I ran outside. There in the east, just two-three blocks away, was the most brilliant reddish-orange navigation light I'd ever seen, and I have seen DC-10's on the runway. This was brighter? In the binoculars the bright red-orange light was alone except for a white strobe which was in the lead as the object (shape of which I couldn't see) made a turn toward the southeast. There was no green wing light observed (could have been obstructed), and no white nav light at all on this craft. Most noticeable was the fact that if this was an airplane or helicopter, there **WAS NO SOUND!** It was very low, approximately 10-degrees, and close enough that there should have been a jet or prop engine, or helicopter blade noise. Also, this was **NOT** an ultra light.

The object, based on its departure path, must have passed almost directly over the house at low level, going west to east, then turning southeast. The object also must have been in close proximity about the time of the interference, affecting the remote-controlled car even before that, unless this was all a coincidence. The object faded low in the distance heading southeast.

The very next day my neighbor, frustrated with his new garage door opener, tore it out and installed another one!

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CHAPTER 16: 1990 – ANOTHER BUSY YEAR

1990 was another large file with a lot of good cases. The computer showed 69 cases in the region, with 55 of them Indiana cases. Twenty-one of the total were close encounters.

As the description of the UFOs continued to shift from the traditional "saucer" to "strange aircraft", "deltoids", "boomerangs", etc., the problems became more complex (Exhibit 1M) It was easier for the skeptics to "throw out" many cases and harder for the media to become interested. After August of 1996, with the war brewing in Iraq, people were seeing even more strange aircraft in our skies.

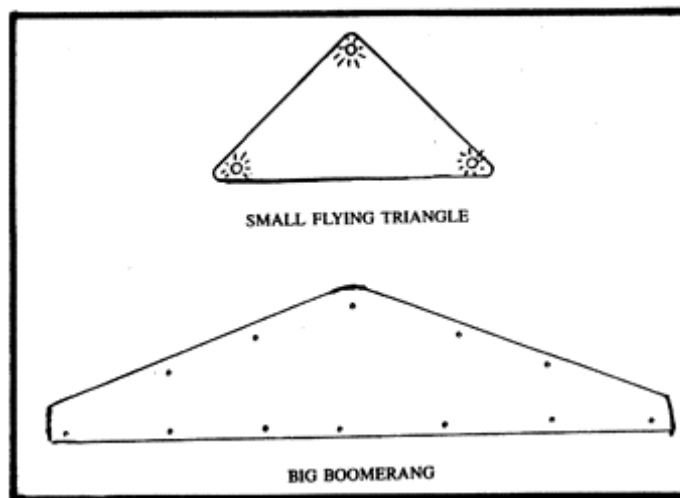


Exhibit 1m

January 6th, 2:30 AM. But, the first sighting listed on the RSID for the year was on January 6th at Crawfordsville, Indiana. At 2:30 AM, two witnesses reported a sighting to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington. NUFORC handed it off to us the same day. I assigned Roger Lamberson to investigate.

A bright object, described as a big orange light, low and visible for 1-3 minutes, circled the area and hovered over a house about a half a mile away. We were unable to get a signed report. (Ref.1)

Then we had a good sighting at Indianapolis, Indiana. It wasn't a CE-1, but it was a good NL. The primary witness had left a message on Mark Rodeghier's recorder at the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago on January 14th. Mark then contacted me and asked me to check this one out. I immediately contacted FI Norma Croda.

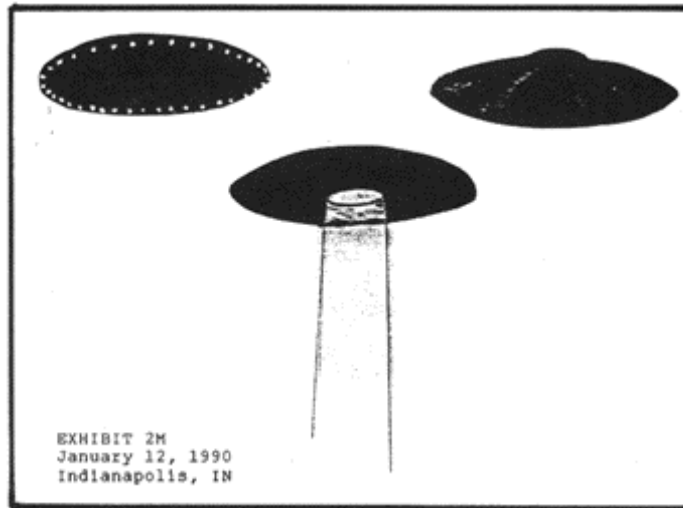


Exhibit 2m

It happened on the 12th, at 8:30 PM. The witnesses were: a man (age 33), and three daughters (ages 15, 11, and 9). They were driving north on Five-Points Road, between Thompson Road and Hannah Avenue, when Rachel, the 11-year old first observed a circle of lights to their left. They then slowed down the car and the occupants took a good look, thought it looked strange, and then pulled onto a driveway to an old barn. They sat there 3-5 minutes and watched the object with an unobstructed view. Mr. Kellermeier stated that he thought the object was on the south side of 465, somewhere between Emerson & Madison. "You could tell the object was circular by the pattern of lights" (Exhibit 2M). The lights were steady red, white, green, and blue, and reportedly went all the way around it in a perfect circle. The object was definitely round. You've got the front view of the lights, but as the lights were rotating, you could see the back side of the lights."

When the object moved, there was some tilting involved (as much as 60-degrees), and the first time it tilted, a spotlight came on. Another time it tilted and a "little dark thing" was observed on the top. This was referred to as a dome, which actually was the only recognizable feature on the object.

The first time the object tilted, the circle of colored lights went out and a big white light came on underneath in the form of a beam which went down to the ground. Whether it lit up that portion of the ground is unknown, but the witnesses stated it definitely was a beam.

According to the, witnesses, this was not a helicopter. They had their windows down and never heard any sounds associated with the object at all. Also, they stated that there was no way a helicopter could maneuver that way. The object "mainly hovered" in the sky west of then with some

up and down movement described as "tight circles". When asked about the altitude, the main witness stated that the object was probably higher than 400-500'. Later estimates of the object's distance was 0.8 of a mile south of Interstate 465 over Arlington Ave. The object appeared to move toward the west.

"The children were alarmed, truly frightened", stated the main witness. They finally pulled out of the drive, headed north on Five Points, then turned east on Hanna Avenue and almost lost the object as it appeared more distant to the west. Then, all of a sudden, in a matter of seconds the object was back, closer between than when they first saw it, between Arlington & Hannah. But Mr. Kellermeier says it was no closer to them than originally stated. It had moved further east, but so had they. They continued east and finally lost sight of it. (Ref. 1)

On February 5th, we had a little excitement in my own county, when an a Comair FW-4 Merlin turboprop commuter plane, flying at 3,000' was practicing night flying. This got us a lot of calls, some of the reports even came from sheriff's deputies. Some of our best reports come from law enforcement personnel. It was an unusual sight for Mt. Vernon residents, but we were able to list this one as an "IFO", "Aircraft".

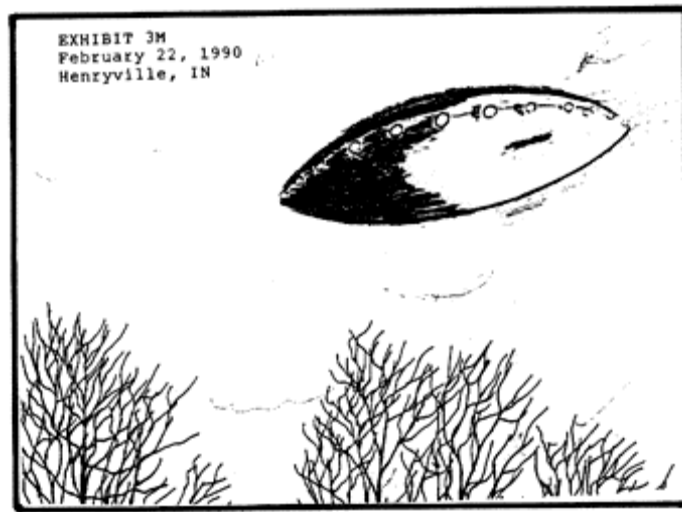


Exhibit 3m

February 22nd, Henryville, Indiana. FI Jim Delehanty. The 17-year old girl was at her home alone when she had a sighting of what is commonly known as a "Daylight Disc".

She saw the UFO at about 5:30 PM. It was a clear sky with a few clouds, and she heard the wind blowing, so she looked out the window. She saw a bright light and went out and stood on the porch. She looked above the trees and saw it move from there to above a trailer, and then it went straight up into the sky (very fast)."

It was a bright silver color, shaped like a disc, about the size of an automobile, with white lights around the center of it (Exhibit 3M). She stated that it was hovering just over the trees in the south in this rural area and then moved over a nearby trailer. She said that there seemed to be a gust of wind

generating from this disc that caused the trees to sway. There was no sound or smell present at any time. No electromagnetic disturbance was noted and no other citizens in the nearby trailers noticed anything. The witness did state that the family dog, a mixed breed, was barking and howling during the sighting. The duration of this sighting was approximately 2-minutes. The weather was mild and sunny with broken clouds. Range: Less than 100 yards. Altitude: Less than 100'. (Ref.1)

March 2nd, 5:15 PM, Charlestown, Indiana. FI's Jim Delehanty & Mike Baker. The witness: "I was driving home on Jack Teeple Road near Charlestown and looking out the window into a large open field." He spotted an oval-shaped grey-colored object (like tree bark) hovering (40') above the trees. Glenn XXX, 18 years old, said he was amazed and nervous at what he saw. After only about five seconds the object ascended and streaked out of sight. There was no E-M interference with his engine. He said he could not be sure of the presence of any sound because his radio was playing at a very high volume. The investigators drove out to the site and estimated the distance to the tree line where the object was seen hovering at 300 yards. (Ref.1)

Reports started popping up in Illinois. Later that evening at 11:00 PM, Beaver Creek, had had a CE-1. FI Donald Krieger investigated. Two adult witnesses observed bright pulsating ovals of light, chased it for 5-minutes, and overtook it. The light and structured object below it moved 30' over the truck and bathed it in a 20-30' circle of white light. After two minutes, the witnesses left and the light followed them for three minutes. No sound. The speed of the object varied from a hover to 70 mph. Total viewing time: 20 Minutes. (Ref.2)

FI Mike Baker got this report when a witness found Mike's card in a library book on UFOs. This is a good practice for FIs and State Section Directors. It also makes you wonder how many sightings are NOT being reported.

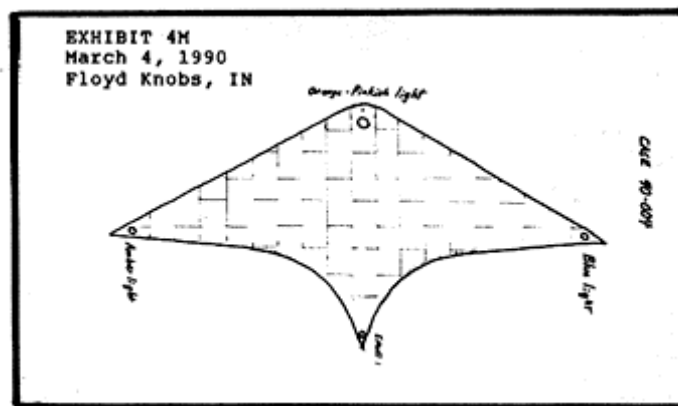


Exhibit 4m

It happened on March 4th, at 10:10 PM, at Floyd Knobs, Indiana. Mike assisted Jim Delehanty in the investigation. The witnesses were driving in an automobile in a hilly rural area north of Louisville. The sky was clear and the temperature a chilly 45-degrees. As the two men drove past an intersection they noticed a strange orangish-colored light in the distance. The light rose from behind a group of trees and kept moving, coming towards them. After driving a short distance they stopped the car, turned off the ignition and continued to watch. As they were sitting in the parked car they could make out what was some sort of an object as it passed directly over them, gliding at an

estimated altitude of 1000-1500 feet. Both men stated that they could clearly make out an outline of an unusual shape, like a wedge or "flying wing", stealth design (Exhibit 4M). The object was very large, wider than long, with three colored lights visible (amber/yellow on left side, blue on right, and a pink-orange color at the front). They estimated the object was as large as a 747, but much wider with a "futuristic" shape. (In the preliminary report a "Hershey Kiss" was used to describe the object).

The object passed overhead going about the same speed as an aircraft on approach (100-150 mph). First seen in the northwest, last seen southwest, the craft moved north to southwest. Duration from the time the light was seen until the object passed overhead and out of sight, was approximately four minutes. They both described a peculiar sound associated with the object. It was described as an "oscilating" sound. Investigator was not sure what they meant by this definition, but guessed they meant "oscillating". Mr. Chism said it sounded like a blank tape running through a stereo system.

Chism, age 35 was a military veteran, U.S. Navy (aviation ordnance). West, age 36, also a veteran, U.S. Marine Corps. (Ref.1)

In March, the local flap of sightings for northern Indiana was beginning. Many would see and report strange triangular objects not too far from Gus Grissom AFB near Peru, Indiana. But Grissom officials would deny they knew anything about them. And why wouldn't they? These things were as "big as a football field", could move extremely slow and hover, and without a sound, even when the object was just a few hundred feet away!

On March 7th, at 9:45 PM, the first sighting of the strange object, at least reported to us, occurred at Argos. FI Norma Croda went out of her way, from Indianapolis, to assist Roger Lamberson from Kokomo. The area in question is extreme northern Indiana, Marshall County, about midway between Illinois and Ohio borders.

The AP story appeared in the INDIANAPOLIS STAR on Monday November 19th:

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS BEING REPORTED IN CULVER. Strange lights in the sky puzzle residents.

Culver, IN. - From a security guard to a newspaper editor, dozens of residents of this small farming community have been seeing things in the sky. Since early October, talk has centered on strange light patterns hovering over the landscape

Gary Flagg, a security guard from Argos, has been keeping a log since he first spotted the lights on March 7. He was driving to work at 9:45 PM when he saw a white, triangular-shaped pattern (Similar to Exhibit 1M).

"I just stopped on 17th Road (in Marshall County) and got out of the car and watched," he said. "That one was about 500' over the top of the car," he said, reading from his log. "It moved real slow, extremely slow. I don't even know how it stayed in the air."

Duration: 15-minutes. Object reportedly as large as a football field. Flagg didn't report the sighting to police, but did confide in his wife.

A lady who worked at his (Mr. Flagg's) place of employment saw the same object that evening while driving to work. The woman has since moved to Arkansas.

The description isn't so much, except when taken in light of range and duration and lack of any sound. This two independent witness case is listed as an unknown. (Ref.1)

March 19th, 5:30 PM, Mt. Vernon, Indiana. FI Byron Koenig assisted me on this cold, very dark winter evening. It was a ground trace case. A 44" circle of swirled dirt was found by several witnesses a few feet from a rural trailer. There was reportedly a 10-second shriek or whistle on the TV (no picture problem or TVI) right before they found the swirl. We couldn't find any evidence of anything unusual. That doesn't mean that something didn't happen. We just had nothing to work with. No sighting, no strange residues, etc. The background radiation reading was normal. (Ref.1)

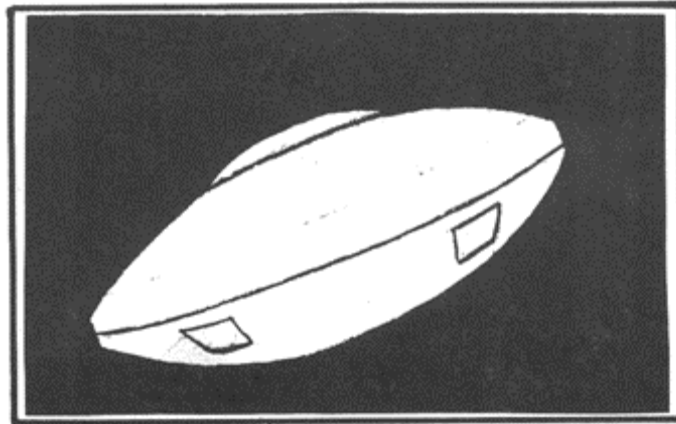


Exhibit 5m

But on the 27th, something happened in northern Indiana at Kokomo, that even raised MY eyebrows! FI K.O. Learner investigated this one. At 10:31 PM, a young man was driving south on a county road. An extremely bright light came from the southwest. "I had to put my hands over my eyes and slow the car and take evasive maneuvers. When I took my hand down, I looked for what(ever) it was. At this time when it appeared, a buzzing noise came across my radio. I popped my tape out and the noise continued. I looked around, and as I looked up I saw a roundish oval object (Exhibit 5M). I prayed a quick 'God, protect me' and hit the gas pedal. The car moved. I looked over my shoulder and saw the ship hovering 35-40' off the road in a field. I pushed hard on the gas pedal and moved on and didn't look back to see it 'till I was one mile down the road. Then I no longer saw it, nor was (there) the noise on my radio. My feelings of fear and amazement was present the whole time this happened." Duration: 45- seconds. Craft had two lights on it which were 4-sided and a yellowish-orange in color.

Witness is credible. Object with detail, observed far-within close encounter range, with no sound reported except buzzing (possible E-M effects) on car stereo amp. (Ref.1)

And on April 4th we almost had another good one. At 11:45 PM, New Albany, Indiana. FI's Jim Delehanty and Mike Baker. Two witnesses were traveling in a car on Blackiston Mill Rd. & Clarksville Rd. near I-265 and noticed two large objects hovering in the air, low. Actually, two bright lights were visible. The underneath side of the object with the lights seemed to have a "structure" or "windows". The car radio was changing stations arbitrarily and giving off static. The shape of the object was a large diamond. No sound was heard during the 5-minute observation.

The problem with this one was that the girl had phoned Mike and not given him a number. She did not have a phone. And the witness lived in Indy and we had no address or phone on her, either. End of report.

On April 7th somebody took a video from New Albany in the early morning hours. FI Delehanty checked out the report and sent the video to David Cook, our computer analyst at the time. The report came back, "Probability of Identification 97% - Venus".

April 16th, 7:30 AM, South Chicago, Illinois. FIT Bruno Molon. A young man, after dropping his wife off at work, was driving his car and observed a silvery object hovering near the intersection of S. Chicago Ave. and Commercial Ave. Object was observed through windshield and described as silvery, oval on bottom, with some sort of round dome on top. Witness said he thought he heard a "whooshing" sound from the object. Object was motionless. Observation time: about a minute. After object disappeared, witness felt odd, with a headache, nausea and neck pain. Also experienced "runner's high". No missing time, however. Not a CE-1, but Daylight Discs are rare and always worth mentioning. (Ref. 1)

May 9th. Bloomington, Indiana. FI Dan Jencka. Another trace case, 25' circle of dead and yellowish grass, found by several witnesses 200' from a pig pen. There were reportedly three depressions in the middle as if something had landed on a tripod, said one witness. This is considered a hoax.

May 29th, 9:45 PM, Evansville, Indiana. Evansville Regional Airport referred the caller to me. Four witnesses observed a "stingray" craft at low altitude. The neighbor saw it first and called the primary witness' attention to it. It was described as moving at a steady, but slow, pace, much like a helicopter. The lights were yellow, green & red and numbered somewhere around 15 or more. This craft flew over a populated area at 200' altitude, from west to east, then turned south on a curved flight. There was no sound from this object which was close enough to be rated a close encounter. Observed about 2-minutes. Witness wouldn't file a report. Listed as "NI", "Not Investigated."

May 30th, 10:15 PM, up near Chicago at Calumet City, Illinois. FI Bruno Molon. A 39-year-old mother and her two sons, age 10 and 12, were relaxing in their home when they sighted an unusual object hovering over a house across the street. Mrs. B" had looked out of the doorway and saw the object, described as a 30', domed, gray disc, in detail, less than 100' away, around 50' off the ground for seven minutes between 10:15 and 10:22 PM. The object had what appeared to be bright white windows around the circumference, windows wider at the bottom than at the top. A dark line seemed to rotate inside bank of windows. Light on bottom described as a foggy or fuzzy white glow on flat bottom of object. The object then drifted slowly away to the southwest, then left rapidly, going through color changes (green, red, yellow) and was lost to sight. There was no sound reported. Dog appeared to be affected, had unusual smirk on face and cried afterward. Dog fine next day.

A Burnham Police Officer had also seen the UFO and had been called out to the woman's house that night.

The younger boy reported that he had a UFO-related dream that night. The boy dreamed of being lured out of his bed and out of the house to a point down the street. This brought him to the schoolyard where he saw several parked UFOs resembling the one he had seen earlier that night. The school building was missing. A gray-skinned being projected a thought message to the boy that he should not be afraid. The being befriended the boy and accompanied him back to the house and inside. On the way, the being told the boy 'lot's of things' which he could not remember. The only

thing he could remember was not to be afraid, and the being said that he 'only had two days'. The boy had no idea what this meant. This is the last of the dream remembered. (Ref.1)

Sometime in May, CUFOS requested we check out a UFO video at Berny, Indiana. We had the name and phone number. A cigar-shaped object with detail was supposed to be evident on this video. Needless to say, we were anxious and cautious. I notified David Cook and he called the number. It didn't work and "Andrew Harold" didn't have a phone.

June was a "bust". Maybe we needed a rest. There was an NL at Brown County on the 8th, listed as an "OWL", "Object With Lights". And on the 27th there was another trace case, this time at Warsaw, Indiana, not far from the activity that would be very noticeable in the fall. But the report on the trace case sheds no light on the cause and raises more questions than answers. George and Shirley Coyne investigated.

July 17th. There is a computer listing for Stockton Lake, Missouri. At 10:30 PM, a witness saw a flat bean-shaped object at close range for several minutes. (Ref.1)

But on the 29th, at 2:00 AM, Columbus, Ohio, had a CE-4. FI's were Joseph Stets, Rebecca Minshall and William Jones. This abduction report, as all CE 4's, is held as "Under Investigation, Pending", since these cases are usually on-going and are never "completed". It is a bedroom encounter without a UFO being, reported but the regress indicates more detail than allowed in this synopsis. However, the case involves the drilling of a tooth and possible implant. (Ref.2)

Sometime on an August evening, Milan, Illinois, had a strange encounter. An unidentified caller, an older man, who told Ed Lawson he was driving with his wife near Ed's field in late August in his brand new car, when suddenly the car's engine started cutting out and the car began shuddering. "He said it seemed as if a helicopter was trying to land on his car". The man had the car checked by the dealer, who could find nothing wrong with it.

Lucinda Puckett of New Boston, about 35 miles to the southwest of Milan, recounted an incident that happened in late August to her daughter, Tonia, 17, and three teenage girls - all of them honor students, the mother notes. The double-daters had been to a movie at Milan and saw the object which got closer as they drove closer to it. It didn't move. They rolled down the car windows and turned off the car radio. No sound. "It was about treetop height and a big geometrical shape (unspecified), with lights around it in all colors, Tonia says. When they drove to a spot directly beneath it, the object took off. They then "blew all stop signs."

Ed Lawson's first encounter is what triggered the calls. He found a perfect circle, 46.5' in diameter, in his Milan cornfield on October 16th. (Ref.3)

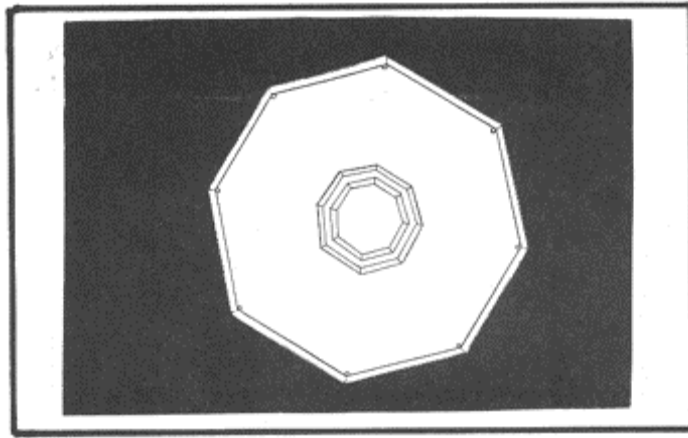


Exhibit 6m

The northern Indiana mini-flap gets underway. September 7th, 8:30 PM, Culver, Indiana. FI's Lamberson and K.O. Learner. (Not far from Argos where Mr. Flagg had seen the giant triangle on March 7th).

Two young ladies were in a car in a driveway with the engine running. One girl was looking at the stars and observed an octagonal object (Exhibit 6M) passing over the car from the rear to the front. This makes the third report of an octagon in Indiana so far. She then pointed it out to the other girl. Both girls were reportedly scared and started crying. Object was described as dull gray, with lights on each corner in pairs of color (red, blue, green, or "clear"). Object also was "dented inward" on bottom. "I noticed lines on the inside, but I am not too sure what they were for. It was a rather large object, about the size of a car." She later added, "It was about the length of a telephone pole above the car. The engine was running so I couldn't hear any noise. It moved about the speed of an escalator."

The girls started to get out of the car to get a better look when the object disappeared before they could even shut off the engine. "It went a little ways in front of the car & vanished." In view for one minute.

September 14th, Odessa, Missouri. Crop circles reported in sorghum field, 30-125' wide. (Ref.4)

Northern Indiana, October 3rd, 8:00 PM, at Argos. FI Norma Croda. Three persons were outside at Poplar Grove Church, watching the sky and saw the elusive triangle with white lights on it's corners. Norma thinks that this one may have been an aircraft. The other Argos triangle moved with the flat-side forward! This one was moving like a normal light configuration on a jet and was not at close encounter range. However, Mr. Flagg was the witness and there was no sound reported.

October 4th, 8:10 PM, Culver, Indiana. FI Roger Lamberson. Very little information on this one. It was a bunch of lights and a "black blob", three witnesses.

Five minutes later, Melanie Wagner and others saw some more strange lights in a triangular pattern.

The next evening there was another triangular formation seen at Argos by Mr. Flagg, this time at 8:10 PM. It was moving, pointed end forward.

October 11th, 9:00 PM, Monterey, Indiana. FIT Learner. Another deltoid, observed near Grissom AFB by two witnesses, this object passed right over them at around 500' with no sound. Object described as three white border lights in a triangular pattern, base moving forward! The rear light was trailed by a faint white light blinking every once in a while. Inside the triangle there were many red, green & blue smaller lights.

October 16, 9:15 PM, Fort Wayne. Possible CE-1. The preliminary report came from NUFORC (National UFO Reporting Center) in Seattle, Washington. They had received a call on the 17th from a lady in Fort Wayne who had a close encounter. The copy of the message slip was forwarded to Seguin, Texas, then to us. Robert Taylor (an FI and our Staff Artist) accepted the case upon receipt. It was felt that a close encounter with a qualified artist on-site could produce some startling results. The 23-year-old and a friend had seen an object with lights that had made a humming sound. Duration: 8-minutes. Witness never filed a report.

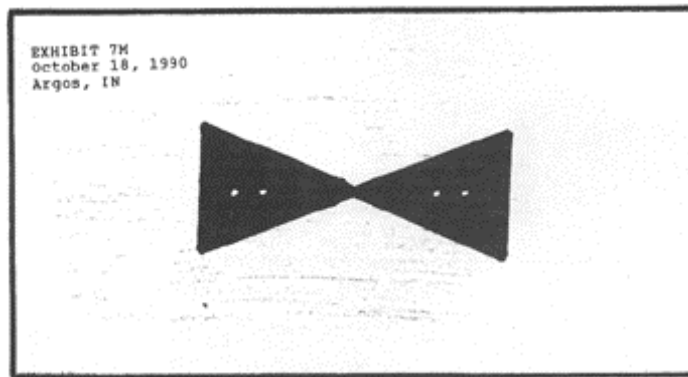


Exhibit 7m

October 18th, 7:00 PM, Argos, Indiana. FIs Lamberson & Learner. Referred to as the black "bow tie", this object was observed by two witnesses to descend to see 500' altitude and range (Exhibit 7M). One side of the object had two green lights; the other side had two red lights. The primary witness and his father were driving through Argos. He looked up in the sky and observed the object. At first he thought it was an airplane but it was very low and made no noise. The object moved slowly, its speed varied and at times it seemed like it was merely floating. At one point the object descended. Finally, the object which started in the east reportedly flew out of their sight into the west. Object was viewed with binoculars at some point. Observed for 15-minutes.

The description of the object is unusual and at one point the object was at close encounter range. It's duration and lack of sound reported by two witnesses makes this an unknown.

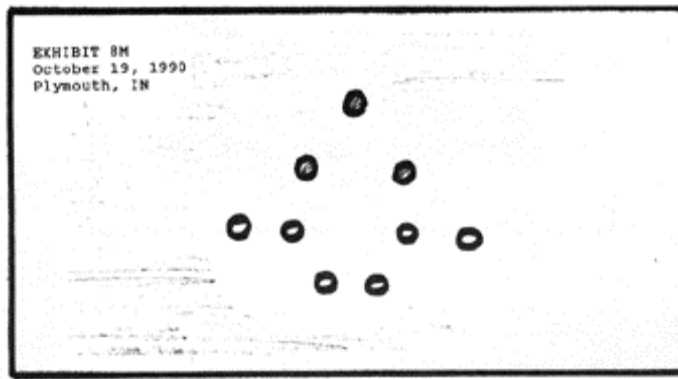


Exhibit 8m

October 19th, 11:25 PM, Plymouth, Indiana. FIs Lamberson & Learner. Two observers reported a strange configuration of red, white & green lights. The side view exhibited a convex dark top portion (dome) with a large white light centered underneath. In-between the dark top and the white light was a small red light. The bottom view looked like a bell-shaped pattern, with the red light in the lead and a green light in the rear (Exhibit 8M).

Coming home through the east side of town the witnesses observed the lights, which passed over their car and then hovered in one place for a while. Scared, but soon overcome with curiosity, they turned off the radio and rolled down the window. There was no noise. The object later headed east and made a "U-turn" and appeared to land. Then after about 5 minutes it was spotted in the east, again, and seemed to move with them. After a total of 15 minutes it grew fainter and disappeared.

Witnesses say the lights came as close as 50-75 feet at one point, apparently as it passed over them heading in their direction of travel. The report is rather sketchy, but the description of the lights with no sound appears to represent a close encounter.

October 22nd, evening, Culver, Indiana. FIs Lamberson & Learner. Melanie Wagner, one of the primary witnesses in the Culver area, reported a strange configuration of many lights. The front view of the object appeared to be somewhat rectangular with red, white & green lights of various sizes scattered around. There were approximately two red & two green in a horizontal plane with a larger space between the red & green lights. Smaller white lights were above and around these colored ones. The bottom view was wedge-shaped with hundreds of white lights on the surface.

The brother to Melanie Wagner also observed a strange configuration of the lights in the Culver area the same evening as his sister's sighting. The head-on version was described as a solid white center light with two blinking white lights, one on each side and slightly lower. Overhead version described as cross-shaped pattern of lights, some steady, others blinking and moving like a movie marquee pattern. Witness says this was NOT an aircraft.

Daylight disc at Louisville, Kentucky. October 24th, 2:45 PM. A lady in a 12th floor office observed a stationary, silvery, flat-bottomed disc below her level against a backdrop of trees. About 20 feet in diameter, its only feature initially was an upturned rim. The object began moving slowly upward and away in an arc, then proceeded back and forth in half-circle paths, alternately displaying its black underside while continually moving farther away. The witness was joined by a second woman, then a man who alone saw a second vehicle, boomerang shaped, merge with the first in the distance. About two miles away the objects suddenly disappeared from view. Duration: 19 minutes. (Ref. 5).

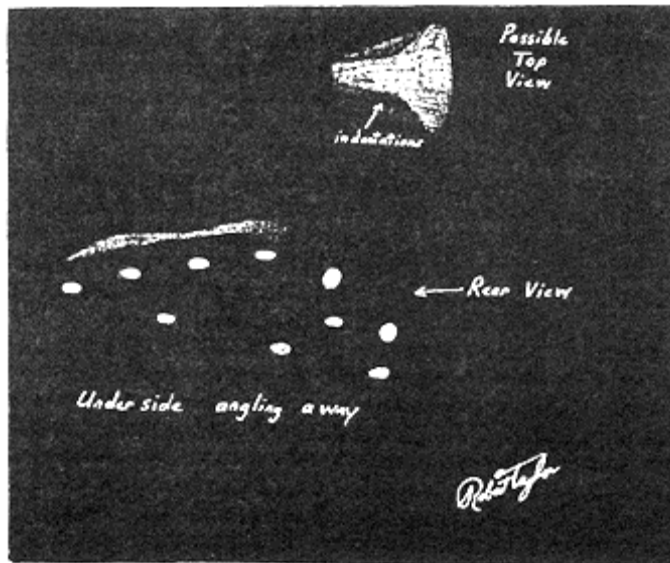


Exhibit 9m

Meanwhile, back in northern Indiana, there was a case referred to as the "heel". Maybe this is the same type of craft that reportedly crashed at Roswell. October 29, 8:00 PM, Argos, Indiana. FIT K.O. Learner. The lady's husband and young son were out in the yard; she was in the kitchen. They first saw the object coming from the east. It appeared to be an airplane at first, but as it got closer they could see the triangular pattern of red & green blinking lights underneath the object. (Exhibit 9M) There wasn't any sound. The husband ran into the house and got his wife to come out.

The lowest altitude the object was observed at was approximately 1,000'. It was tilted to the right as it was turning northwest. There were two bright lights on back of the object (not like conventional a/c at all). Top of the object appeared to be white and shiny, nose was rounded. In view about 4 minutes.

Report indicates the existence of a possible new military aircraft. However, three witnesses state that the object produced no audible sound at 1,000'. Not qualifying as a close encounter, this case must be listed as an NL, but is considered an unknown.

November 13th, 9:00 PM, Logansport, Indiana. CE-1. FIs Lamberson & Learner. Two ladies were driving on US 35 and the driver wasn't listening to directions to turn. The other lady yelled at her and she nearly wrecked the car. She had been watching something and was pointing. "I looked out the passenger window and saw (100) bright lights going in sequence, one at a time, from right to left. As they lit up farther to the left, the ones on the right glowed to a red. It was the most beautiful thing I've ever seen. It moved in front of our car, across the road, then back to in front of our car. It seemed weightless. It began to move east approximately 40-50 mph and kept in front of us and to the right. We lost sight of it when we turned south but found it again on Chase & Perrysburg Rd (or at least what we thought was the same object). It was blinking red, green, white just above (maybe 15-20 degrees) the horizon. It hovered there about 5-10 minutes.

Reportedly 100' off ground, approximately 200 yards at closest point. Duration 15 minutes. No sound reported. Approximately seven aircraft (jets) observed in area during event period.

November 28th, 9:10 PM, Argos/Plymouth area, Indiana. FIs Lamberson & Learner. Two closely-joined white lights were observed by a single witness to hover at approximately 4,000' altitude for about 80-seconds.

An Illinois encounter: November 29th, 19:30 PM, Carbondale. The chairman and chief executive officer of Freeman United Coal Mining Co., Lincoln, claims he and his family saw something that has him stumped. He had just switched off Johnny Carson and, dozed off when his 24-year-old daughter, Kelcy Roan, burst through the door of their home and proclaimed that she had seen some weird lights. Lincoln: "All I can say is that I've never seen anything like it before. They were shining almost like reflected light, and they looked to be moving at a very high rate of speed. I still seek a logical solution."

Kelcy was returning home from Carbondale when she turned onto Grant City Road east of Carbondale from Illinois 13. She pulled off when she saw a pyramid of lights looming over her parent's house. About 15-20 other cars also were pulled off, and several people had gotten out to watch. Each side of the pyramid had two white lights, and the pyramid was headed her way. And there was no sound. Lights were headed south to north, then turned sharply and went east to west. (UFOs or new stealth technology?). (Ref.3)

Sometime in November, date unknown: 8:10 PM, Plymouth, Indiana. FIs Lamberson & Learner. Two witnesses reported strange red & white lights in a peculiar configuration. A drawing was made, a good one in fact, but no report was filed.

December 26th, 9:00 PM, right in my backyard, almost. Somebody in Mt. Vernon had a CE-1, or at least it seemed like it. A boy watching TV looked out his trailer window and observed a cluster of three unusual lights through a dilapidated barn, thought it was deer hunters. Lights rose above barn, cleared it and flew over trailer. No sound. Boy was scared by the experience. Report was never filed. A good way to end a year?

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CHAPTER 17: THE ACTION SLOWS

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By the end of the year there would be only 39 cases listed on the computer. Twenty-one would be Indiana cases. There were only five close encounters in the entire region at least that were reported. Unless otherwise noted, all the cases presented hereon are from the UFOFC files.

February 21st, 10:00 PM, Corydon, Indiana. FIs Delehanty, Baker & Tipton. There were two witnesses in this rural sighting. "Ms. M." and her girl companion described the lights as shaped like a triangle with three lights, one light on each side, and one on top with a smaller red light in the middle. She thought there may be something connecting all these lights, some sort of structure. The light followed her car, seeming to stop and hover at times, change direction, ascend up and down. As the car approached the Louisville area, the lights disappeared from view. When closest to them the object was reportedly at around 125 yards distant, and at one point 80-100' from the ground. The only sound reported was a humming sound. Duration of sighting: 25- minutes. Both girls visibly shaken.

Sometime in February, at 11:30 PM, Bloomington, Indiana. FI Will Ott. A couple driving in the Lake Monroe area witnessed a ball of light, like a "nerf ball", pass over their auto from front to back (east to west). Described as 7- 8" diameter and less than 10' from them. Observation time: 1-2 minutes.

June 8th. On the evening of June 8th a young man claimed he had been abducted. FI Don Worley investigated. Centerville, Indiana, is in Wayne County, east of Indianapolis and not far from the Ohio/Indiana border.

This is the Police Report: June 11th. PALADIUM-ITEM, Richmond, IN.

"Timothy Brandenburg, reported seeing an alien spacecraft in his backyard Saturday (June 8). He said he went aboard the 30' spaceship and gave the aliens \$20. The aliens, whom Brandenburg described as skinny, about 7' tall, and white with flat features and slanted eyes, scraped his arm and put a square box on his head "which put him to sleep", he said. Brandenburg woke up about 10:00 AM in his own bed."

Don Worley went to considerable time and expense to investigate this case. His report to me included an extensive transcript, which was conscious memory without hypnosis. It wasn't as bad as you might think. But, Mr. Brandenburg wouldn't sign a report form, and the case is worthless without it.

As I've said before, daylight sightings are rare, especially in the later years. But there was one reported at Troy, Ohio, on July 1st at noon. A man and his 12-year old daughter were on a three wheeler and saw a pencil or cigar-shaped object about a half a mile, to one mile away. (Ref.1)

I have a good relationship with the media because I avoid the nonsense issues and present only the facts. On August the 9th there was a trace case reported at Grayville, Illinois. The witness contacted Channel 14's Allen McDonald on the following Wednesday (14th) and he contacted me about an on-site investigation. The next day, Allen, his assistant and myself, loaded down with all the necessary equipment, headed over to Grayville to investigate and document the case. When we arrived, the lady had left a note. She was in the hospital! We checked the yard and found typical slime mold spots, got back in the TV station's remote van and headed home.

On September 23rd, things perked up a bit. 9:88 PM. Oakland City, Indiana. Evansville Regional Airport Control Tower referred the caller to me at the UFO Filter Center at Mt. Vernon. The call came in prior to 11:00 PM. The observer had been watching an object in the southwest for about two hours. Whenever you get a case with a duration like that, it's usually an IFO, a star or planet.

However, there were some problems. He stated that the object looked like a ball of fire that would rise out of the woods and descend back down when aircraft would overfly the area. That's not a star or planet. It did this repeatedly until the last observation. And that finale was the clincher. When it passed over the witness, it looked like a torpedo hanging down vertically. A small light was reportedly on the top of the object and a large light was seen on the lower portion. The silent object disappeared in the northwest.

September 26th. Three nights later at 6:45 PM, at New Salem, Indiana, there was a CE-1. FI Don Worley. The Stock Commissioner and two friends were traveling east on Hwy 52, approximately one mile west of New Salem, Rush County, IN. Rush County is the county southwest of Wayne, where the alleged abduction occurred.

It was still daylight. Confidential witness: "I was a passenger in the right back seat in a car headed east on Hwy 52. I was looking to the south when the craft appeared." At first he thought it might be "a large plane". He was amazed that something that big could disappear so fast. It looked like a large aircraft with no engines or fuselage. I could not detect any movement."

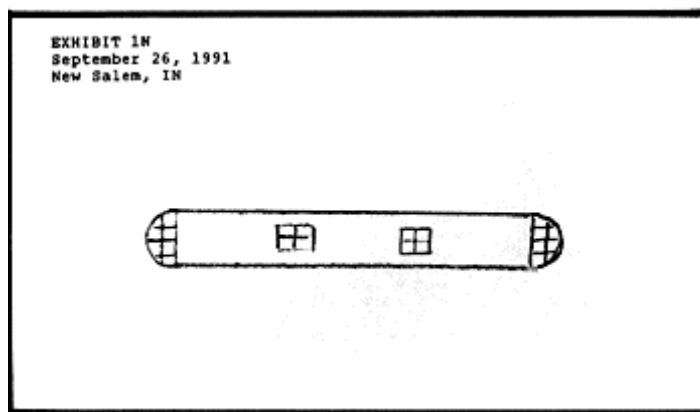


Exhibit 1n

It was described as cigar-shaped and a dull gray with four banks of four very large bright lights. Both ends of the craft were fuzzy. The cigar shape appeared to be about 20' thick and about 200' long, although the drawing by the witness (Exhibit 1N) suggests more of a 15-to-1 ratio. Height above ground appeared to be about 300', range about 300 yards.

"We passed a group of trees which blocked my view for about two seconds in which time it disappeared." Time in view, about two seconds.

The driver didn't see the object and therefore didn't fill out a Form 1.

The front passenger, James Payne, said he saw 6-8 bright lights approximately 200-300' off the ground. Duration was more like 3-5 seconds and the white round lights appeared to be in a row, rather than four groups of four. Both men had good vision and both wore glasses. Any sound produced by the object would have been masked by car and air conditioner.

November 8th, an Ekland, Missouri, a man was trying to photograph the "northern lights". He sighted an object which he described as the familiar "two saucers together, rim to rim", at not much more than treetop height above the ground. The main body of the object, which he estimated to be

about 50' in diameter and 20' thick at the center, was dark and did not appear to reflect any light at all. Its most striking feature was what looked like a row of windows lit from the inside which circled the object. Although showing the shape of the object more clearly, the lights were too bright to allow a comfortable view of the interior. The UFO was gliding along in level flight at slow speed when first sighted, but quickly began to gain both altitude and speed. As it rose in the air, the change in perspective brought into view three dim red lights in a triangular pattern on the underside. It was at this point that the startled witness remembered he was holding a camera. The single photo he managed to take before the object climbed out of sight is nothing spectacular, probably due to the dim nature of the red lights, but it does serve to offer evidence that something out of the ordinary was there. (Ref.2)

1992

There was more activity in 1992 than the previous year, but only 53 entries for the region. Twenty-one were close encounters. Seventeen cases were Indiana cases.

UFOs just don't seem to ever really go away. Of course, the Air Force always hoped that they would. Somebody back in 1947 knew the score, one had actually crashed. But at times it would appear that ET, EBE's or aliens have to take a breather. The year 1992 was one of those years. Either that, or ET activities had gone "covert" for awhile.

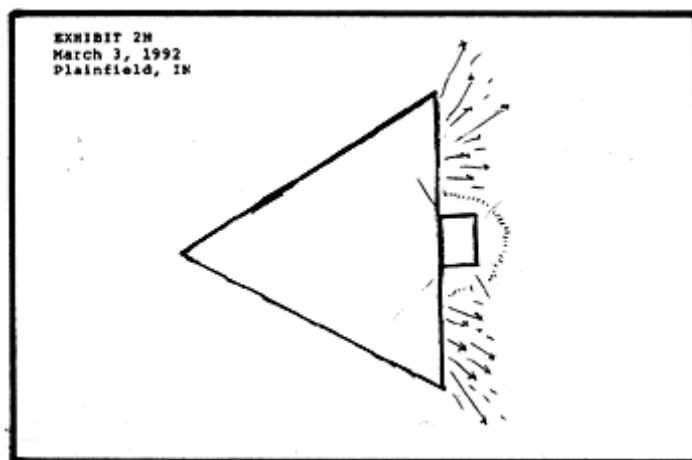


Exhibit 2n

March 3rd, 8:10 PM, Plainfield, Indiana. FI Croda. The drawing depicts a white vertical cone with a green glow at the base and bottom red light (Exhibit 2N). The witness was driving west on SR 40 near the Elk's Club when her attention was drawn to a large cone shaped light through her car window off in a nearby corn field. It appeared to be about 50' off the ground and about 500' away.

"I first thought it (was a) helicopter, but realized it was much too large. I slowed my car to the point (where) I was endangering other drivers. I realized I could not hear my air conditioner or the cars passing me!" At first it was in a vertical position as drawn. Later the cone moved horizontal and to the left. The red light got real bright and green sparks were visible on the right side. Duration: 3-1/2 minutes.

May 14th. A UFO flew over the suburban community of Gladstone, Missouri, only a few miles from downtown Kansas City. The man was on his lunch break and estimates the sighting occurred at

approximately ten minutes past noon, although he did not look at his watch at the time. He was just getting out of his car at a fast food restaurant when he noticed two teen aged boys on the lot staring up into the sky. His curiosity aroused, he took a look for himself. "It was a flying saucer. That's exactly what it looked like, a big shiny saucer flying upside down across the sky." It didn't do anything fancy, it just flew over and kept on going till it was out of sight." (Ref.2)

"Red Buttons", the comedian, was famous for saying, "Strange things are happening..." Well, some very strange things continue to happen even in lean years. This one still bugs me.

On June 29th I attended a baseball game my son Brandon (then 12) participated in. I was sitting in the outside bleachers, facing south. A number of people were shading their eyes looking "up". It was 8:19 PM and still very much daylight outside. Moving north to southeast on a curve and at a moderate altitude was something that looked OK at first. The best way to describe it was an ordinary aircraft at first glance. The "mind" never "flagged" this one as unusual while we watched AT ALL? After it was all over, it was like we had been hypnotized, and now awake we couldn't believe what we had just seen. Picture a slender jumbo jet like the old "747" with a jet fighter stuck on the nose? It looked like it was pushing the smaller jet, but it was obviously part of the main craft. If it was making any noise on the curving north to southeast pass it couldn't be detected very well. There might have been a slight roar, I really don't know. These ball games are very noisy. It was in sight only about a minute or less, last seen in the southeast.

When I got home I drew the sketch. This wasn't a hang glider. It was too big for that. And if it was what it appeared, there should have been a lot of noise. Can I guess the altitude? It was higher than an ultra light and lower than a regular jet. It was probably at a light plane altitude. But it was large and slender, much more slender than a "747" was. And I have to confess. It wasn't a flying saucer, but what on earth was it?

At various times I have seen witnesses point at something and tell me it is jumping up and down, has done all kinds of weird things, etc. In my own mind I know exactly what they are looking at. As an amateur astronomer I've pulled out the telescope many times knowing exactly what I will see, the planet Jupiter and its moons, Venus, etc. People make mistakes and the eye actually moves around alot, making still, lighted, objects only appear to move. However, with this incident I feel that I failed miserably in some way.

This was the third time that I had felt this way. The first time was when the object that looked like an emergency vehicle or EMT van had passed low over a cornfield. The second time was when the extremely slow light that took 25 minutes to descend turned into what appeared to be a low-flying jet right over the highway, twenty-five miles from the airport. These things are not supposed to happen, but they do and they did. I liked it better when we were dealing with flying saucers.

Most of us now agree that there is some form of deception involved in all this UFO business. Not only from the government, but from the phenomenon itself. Abductees speak of seeing a "deer" in a forest only to find that under hypnosis, that "deer" was actually a humanoid being and that they had been abducted. As Richard Hall stated in a recent video from the Fund for UFO Research, maybe even the "Nordics", the taller, muscular built blue-eyed beings are actually "screen images" of smaller aliens. That would mean that Travis Walton had been escorted out of the ship by a "friendlier" being than the ones he encountered earlier in the examining room.

Someday we will know the answer, or at least our children will know. We are getting closer every day.

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CHAPTER 18: REGIONAL UFO HISTORY

If the reader wanted stop here and skip the history lesson, my purpose in this report would have already been served. But I sincerely believe that the history will bring a surprise to those who don't know it, and to others who have forgotten it.

The record shows that UFOs are here, piloted by intelligent beings, and in the process of doing things besides abducting people. Many of us feel that "abduction" may not even be the right word. When we capture and "tag" an animal, we mean it no harm. In fact, we are concerned about its ability to resist extinction. I realize that it is much more complicated than that, but the abduction story is far from being as clear as many would suggest. Almost everyone agrees that deception is part of the phenomenon. Is this to protect us? Or is it to deceive for some other purpose?

If you are a newcomer to UFOlogy, you need the history lesson to see the whole picture. The UFO story is not all about extraterrestrial kidnappings by bug-eyed creatures. UFOs, structured nuts & bolts machines, have been around for quite a while. They've been picked up on radar and chased by military jets, seen by military and civilian pilots, as well as civilians on the ground, and even photographed. They leave indentations on the ground, break off tree branches, and have actually interfered with auto ignition systems and stopped trains. These are material objects with an aura of magic and mystery, simply because we do not understand the technology, any more than Geronimo what have understood the Porsche

The occupants of these craft are conducting varying degrees of activity. Some of these activities are covert, many are overt. Have you ever wondered why the craft are so well-lit at times? And why some are tracked on radar and others can't be? With our knowledge and possession of stealth capability we know that an advanced technology must have had it from the very beginning, in fact, at the same time we were first detecting their presence. Maybe they just simply chose certain times to use it, and other times to broaden our concepts of reality. The truth is: Sometimes they want to be seen, and other times not.

Truth about history becomes known after years of "settling" and revision. For those of you who are well-versed in UFOlogy, you should appreciate the history in light of all the new evidence.

For the first time, the activities of, what appear to be extraterrestrials, have been plotted over a region and over a large period. There is no mistake about it. The UFO operation is a mighty one and has implications for mankind beyond mere contact with stellar neighbors. Our very existence may be at stake, not because ET wants to consume us or replace us, but because Man may still want to remain unique and alone in the universe.

Just what ET may be doing may be as diverse as what we all do every day. There would be young ETs, adult ETs, and old & wiser ETs. As just one example, student ETs could collect rock and plant samples as part of their education process. This would seem repetitive and silly to us, but there may be thousands of ET students every year doing this for the first time. Just think how many frogs WE have dissected!

So, for those who are the experts, and those who are new at UFOlogy, and those that have simply forgotten why we got involved in all this in the first place, here is some sobering history provided by the Regional Sighting Information Database.

The earliest item listed on computer for the region is September, 1888. It is a very brief report because we do not have the newspaper article for the details. However, this allegedly occurred at Diamond Island, Illinois, and may have been a Close Encounter of the Third Kind. Some of the CE-3's listed in the EGBA (George Eberhart's Geobibliography Of Anomalies) are actually humanoid reports (HR) since a UFO has to be involved and, in many cases, was not. (Ref.1)

Out of over 4,000 UFO sightings on the RSID, about 6% occurred in the region in 1897! Most of these were hoaxes created BY newspapers to SELL newspapers. There was one sighting in Indiana, however, that appears to be a close encounter with aliens in 1897, a CE-3. Bear in mind, these early cases are very difficult, if not impossible, to verify. However, the purpose here is to show some of the earliest reported close encounter cases listed in the region.

On April 14, 1897, an object reportedly landed 2 km south of Gas City, Indiana, on the property of John Roush, terrifying the farmers and causing the horses and cattle to stampede. Six occupants of the "ship" came out and seemed to make some repairs. Before the crowd could approach the object, it rose rapidly and flew toward the east. (Ref.2)

By the turn of the century, some reports of what appeared to be genuine UFOs started to come in. On January 12, 1910, there was a daylight disc sighting at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

There were four other sightings for that year, including a humanoid case at Effingham, Illinois, exact date unknown.

The first close encounter recorded on the RSID for the new century occurred at Bowling Green, Kentucky, in the summer of 1913. Sorry to say, there are no details on this case or the ones above.

In 1923 there are three entries listed. One is a CE-1 at Indianapolis, Indiana, a Nocturnal Light at Greencastle, Indiana, and the CE-1 at Rend City, Illinois, below. The exact month and date of the latter is unknown.

Veral Lager lived in Rend City, Illinois. He was sitting on the front porch of his home when he observed an object, which he first thought was a falling star, as it seemed to be "coming down" from the north. Then it hovered, moved below the southern horizon, then reappeared and moved to its original position. The object was cigar-shaped and so bright, a newspaper could be read from its light. Mr. Lager and his grandmother watched the object for 30 minutes before it moved toward a swamp and disappeared. (Ref.3)

Decatur, Illinois. On an August evening in 1930, around 7:30 PM, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huffman and four other observers saw two white objects coming toward them, and the objects flew directly overhead. When overhead, they appeared to be about as large and of the same shape as the wings of

a modern airliner, but there was no body or tail. They flew side by side into the western sky, suddenly made a sharp 90-degree turn toward the south and disappeared from sight. (Ref.4)

In 1941 there was a CE-1 reported at Cleveland, Ohio, and a CE-2 at Middletown.

There were some sightings of distant objects or lights every year after that during the early forties. And then, in 1947, all hell broke loose!

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CHAPTER 19: THE FIRST WAVE - 1947

1947 - A MASSIVE UFO WAVE

In the summer of 1947, people all over the United States began reporting flying saucers. In fact, about half of the reports were OF flying discs observed in broad daylight. The RSID lists only four close encounters for the region, but the U.S. had over 888 sightings in six weeks.

I could devote a whole chapter to the Wave of 1947 and the Roswell, New Mexico, UFO crash. However, the 1947 wave dealt with mostly distant sightings. The Midwest region had more than its share of activity during those six weeks. The report you are about to read deals with special UFO cases, close encounters, pilot sightings and radar cases in our region.

And the Roswell crash, the single most important event of the century, occurred in New Mexico, not the midwest. Suffice it to say, a UFO (or possibly two) crashed, practically next door to the 509th Bomb Group, the only A-Bomb group in the world at the time. One of the possibilities for the massive sighting wave in the summer of 1947 may have been the discovery of a major threat. The massive action taken against that threat could have created a possible danger in itself, the danger of collision. It is also possible, but not very probable, that we shot down a UFO in July of 1947.

The most civilized nation of 150 tribes on Planet Earth dropped two atomic bombs, killing 200,000 people, mostly civilians. How it was perceived by an advanced race, one that understood us very little at the time, is not known. In 1947, we were working on missile delivery systems for bigger atomic weapons. During the massive wave that lasted only six weeks, a UFO crashed!

The crash of a genuine UFO and its recovery is borne out in the testimony of over 600 primary and secondary witnesses. The subsequent cover-up began, and has worked magnificently ever since.

On September 23rd, a letter was sent from Gen. Nathan Twining (ATIC) to Commanding General, U.S. Air Force, concluding that UFOs were real, disk like objects and recommending a detailed study.

1948 - A FAMOUS SIGHTING FROM AN AIRCRAFT

Some aren't aware of it. Some have forgotten it. Others think it was explained away. For the record, here is the Mantell case.

It was January 7th. At 1:15 PM that afternoon the control tower operators at Godman AFB, outside Louisville, Kentucky, received a phone call from the Kentucky State Highway Patrol. The patrol wanted to know if Godman Tower knew anything about any unusual aircraft in the vicinity. Several people from Maysville, a small town 80 miles east of Louisville, had reported seeing a strange aircraft. Twenty minutes later the state police called again. This time people from Owensboro and Irvington, west of Louisville, were reporting a strange craft. The townspeople had described the object to the state police as being "circular, about 250-300' in diameter", and moving westward at a "pretty good clip". (Ref.1)

At least twenty official UFO incidents have been logged on the RSID for that one day for the region. But, literally hundreds of people saw something unusual over a very large area that day. Fourteen official entries were for the state of Kentucky, alone, which included the Mantell case.

At 1:45 PM Godman Tower made visual contact with the object. And at 2:30 PM, Captain Thomas Mantell became involved. He and three wingmen flying F-51 Mustangs came in from the south, one wingmen low on fuel landed. Captain Mantell and their three F-51's were put on an intercept course for the UFO. Mantell was the only pilot to see the UFO at about 2:45 PM and went after it. He was reportedly killed while chasing a "flying saucer" when his Mustang crashed near Fort Knox (actually, Franklin, Kentucky). It was thought that he had "blacked out" due to anoxia when he had reportedly climbed to 30,000 feet without oxygen in an attempt to intercept the UFO. The F-51 then went into a spiral dive and disintegrated. There has been a lot of controversy about this incident and there isn't enough space here to present all the evidence, but he reported something "large and metallic" and "tremendous in size" just before radio contact ceased.

Based on all the data we have now, the object Mantell allegedly chased was estimated to be 300-450 feet in diameter, accelerated at 500 mph, and reached altitudes from 25-50 miles high. Reports of a large flying object came from citizens and state police over a wide area of Kentucky (and later Ohio) The Air Force insists that a secret "skyhook balloon" was the culprit. And at one time the Air Force said that the planet Venus was what lured Mantell to his death! Skyhook balloons were 100' in diameter, had average speeds of 175 mph and reached altitudes of 13.2 miles. And the Venus answer for this daylight sighting was ridiculous.

Nowhere in the records could investigators find any evidence that Mantell DID NOT have an oxygen mask! And nowhere in the records could anyone find the launch of a skyhook balloon for that time and location! If there had been a launch, even a secret one, there would have been a record of it. But it was never provided because it didn't exist.

Hundreds of witnesses from Kentucky and Ohio observed an unusual craft in the sky. Among the witnesses were police officers, military pilots, airport control tower operators and ranking military officers, all of whom are familiar with the planet Venus and balloons, but were unable to identify this object.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek (then an Air Force consultant to the UFO project) had studied the case and he found that the same object had been seen simultaneously at Madisonville, Elizabethtown and

Lexington, nearly 100 miles from Fort Knox, a few minutes after the F-51 had crashed. In other words, the object had been seen at the same time in three locations 175 miles apart!

Observers in the Lockbourne control tower (Ohio) estimated the speed of one object at more than 500 mph and reported that they were watching it for no less than twenty minutes. In twenty minutes an object traveling 500 mph can cover a distance of about 175 miles! (Ref.2)

On January 22, the Air Force Project, "Sign" was officially established.

The RSID shows a CE-1 at Indianapolis, at 9:55 AM. The source of the report is Project Blue Book Special Report 14. Nowhere in the report is the location given. Two men were driving across a bridge when they saw an object glide across the road a few hundred feet of them. It was shiny and metallic in construction, about 6-8' long and 2' wide. It was in a flat glide path at an altitude of about 30' and in a moderate turn to the left. It was seen for only a few seconds and apparently went down in a wooded area, although no trace of it was found. (Ref.3)

And on July 31st, there was another good sighting at Indy. This was a morning (8:25 AM) Daylight Disc sighting, not a CE-1, but worthy of inclusion because of the detail and the fact it was illustrated in an Air Force report. There were two witnesses to this object, described as cymbal-shaped, observed for 10 seconds. The first witness was looking out a window of his home, facing west, when he first sighted the object. He ran to his kitchen where he pointed out the object to his wife. The object flew on a straight and level course from horizon to horizon, west to east. (Ref.3)

September: Top Secret Estimate of the Situation concluded UFOs were interplanetary spaceships!

1949

Dr. Richard Haines is the foremost expert on sightings from aircraft and has collected a great number of these and placed them on computer (Ref.4). In cases where I was able to get the full reports, they are presented. In other cases, where there is minimal information, they are provided for the record to indicate the number and reliability of these encounters.

May 12th, somewhere over Indiana. The time was recorded as 2300 Zulu, that's military slang for Universal Time. This sighting involved a commercial aircraft and one witness. A UFO was observed for an unstated period of time. No other information available. (Ref.4)

May 19th, 9:00 PM, St. Louis, Missouri. A military aircraft with one witness, the pilot, observed a single UFO for only five seconds. (Ref.4)

July 21, 2013 Zulu (GM TIME), somewhere over Ohio. This sighting involved a military aircraft and one witness. There were two UFOs observed for about three seconds. No other information available. (Ref.4)

1950

March 8th, Dayton, Ohio. A Radar-Visual. About midmorning on this date, a TWA was preparing to land at Dayton and the pilot and co-pilot saw a bright light in the southeast. The tower also had it. They had called the operations office of the Ohio Air National Guard at the airport and a pilot was running toward an F-51, dragging his parachute, helmet, and oxygen mask.

The tower ops called ATIC (Air Technical Intelligence Center) and told them where to look. They also had it, an extremely bright light, much brighter and larger than a star. (This was mid-morning, now!) It was pretty high because thick, high, scattered clouds every once in a while blanked it out. While ATIC was watching, somebody ran in and called the radar facility at Wright Flight to see if they were "on the air". They weren't, but they said they could get operational in a hurry. They said they would search SE of the field and suggested, that ATIC send some people over. By the time the ATIC people arrived the radar was up and running and had a target right where the light was! The radar was also picking up the Air Guard F-51 and an F-51 had been scrambled from Wright-Patterson. Both pilots could see the UFO and were going after it. The master sergeant who was operating the radar called the F-51's on the radio, got them together and started to vector them toward the target. When they reached 15,000', the clouds moved in and they lost it. To be safe, the jets decided to spread out to keep from running into one another and go up through the clouds. The clouds were thick and the F-51's were icing up fast, but they stayed in their climb until radar called and said they were close to their target; in fact, almost on it. But it was too dangerous and they had to drop their noses and head for the clear. They circled for awhile but the clouds didn't break. In a few minutes the master sergeant on the radar reported the target was fading fast. The F-51's went in and landed.

The Air Force decided that everybody had seen Venus and that the radar was picking up ice in the clouds. However, those involved in the incident knew better. The master sergeant knew radar and stated he knew what weather targets looked like. The target was "fuzzy" and varied in intensity. But this target was a good, solid return and he was convinced that it was a good, solid object. Besides that, when the target started to fade, he had raised the tilt of the antenna and the target came back, indicating whatever it was, it was climbing. Ice-laden clouds don't climb, he commented rather bitterly.

The F-51 pilots also said that what they saw was no planet. It was getting bigger and more distinct all the time. Besides, the next day the so-called planet was not there! (Ref.5)

Ten days later on March 18th, at 8:40 AM, Bradford, Illinois, came into the picture. Robert Fisher and family reported that an oval UFO, self-illuminated, sped past their plane at an estimated 600-1,000 mph. (Ref.6)

On April 27th the action shifted back to Indiana. It was 8:25 PM and Goshen, Indiana. A Trans World Airways DC-3 was heading west. The pilot was Captain Robert Adickes, an ex-Navy pilot with 10-years experience with TWA. The co pilot was Robert F. Manning, a four stripe captain who was acting as first officer on this flight to Chicago.

The DC-3, Flight 117, was cruising at 2,000' when a strange red glow below and behind the airliner caught Manning's attention. Moving swiftly, it climbed up on the right, overtaking the plane.

The red light was too bright for a wingtip light. The DC-3 was cruising at 175 mph, but the light overtook it rapidly, growing in size. It was now an orange-red color, like a round blob of hot metal sweeping through the night air. He asked his co-pilot to take a look at it. Over the top of the object, its bottom half in shadow, could be seen the scattered ground lights and cars moving on the highway. Adickes called the ATC, but they had no record of any craft near them.

It was now parallel with the DC-3 and matched their every move. To Adickes it looked like a huge red wheel rolling down a road. When he banked toward it, it instantly slid away, keeping the same distance.

He asked the stewardess, Gloria Henshaw, to alert the passengers, then went back to the cockpit. He tried several times to bank in for a closer look and each time the UFO slid away. But this time he cut in sharply, at full throttle, for a direct chase.

Instantly the glowing disc dived, racing off to the north past South Bend. Adickes estimated its speed at nearly 400 mph. It had doubled its speed (175-400) in about three seconds. After a few minutes the weird light diminished to a small red spot and faded into the darkness.

Manning, the co-pilot, was an ex-Air Force pilot with six years for TWA and over 6,000 flight hours.

Both estimated the object's size at 50' diameter. Adickes caught an edge-on glimpse of the saucer. It seemed to be about 1/10th as thick as its diameter. Eleven passengers were also interviewed. (Ref.7)

May 14th, 2:30 PM, somewhere over Illinois. A private aircraft with four witnesses observed a daylight disc for several seconds. No other information. (Ref.4)

May 29th, 9:30 PM, somewhere over Tennessee. A commercial aircraft with a pilot witness observed a strange light for 15 seconds. No other information. (Ref.4)

September 13, 7:30 PM, somewhere over Illinois. A private aircraft with a pilot witness observed a strange light for an unspecified period of time. No other information. (Ref.4)

October 12th, 11:25 PM. Oak Ridge, Tennessee. On October 13, the FBI received a teletype message from Knoxville, Tennessee, which reported the radar detection of eleven or more objects at 11:25 PM on October 12. The objects appeared to be traveling across a controlled area of the atomic energy installation at Oak Ridge. The altitudes varied from 1,000 to 5,000 feet, and the densities of the targets were comparable to those made by light aircraft to aircraft equal in size to a C-47. The apparent speeds were about 100-125 mph. A fighter plane attempted an intercept but could not detect anything visually or on its radar. (Ref.8, FBI doc)

December 14th, 4:05 PM, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. In December the FBI was informed of one visual and two radar sightings of unknown objects over Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The Army attachment protecting Oak Ridge reported contacts for about three hours starting at 4:05 PM on December 14. According to the Army report, which was in the FBI file, "A group of targets blanketed the radar scopes in the area directly over the government Atomic Energy Commission projects at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. These objects could not be identified from radar image and a perfect fighter interception met with negative results." Photographs of the radar screen were made. (Ref.8)

December 18th, 8:30 AM, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The Army forwarded another report to the FBI. This one concerned a visual sighting by eight witnesses who worked on the Nuclear Energy Propulsion of Aircraft project (Project NEPA) then at Oak Ridge. The sighting was made from two vehicles traveling to work about 8:30 AM. Signed statements from the witnesses were obtained by the FBI Special Agent at Knoxville. The Army summary stated: "A light... in the shape of a circle, of an intensity much greater than that of the full moon, giving the impression of form in connection with the light (was seen). The light was white in appearance and did not show any signs of refraction into the band or continuous spectrum. This object was traveling in a northwest direction, 15-30 degrees elevation and appeared to diminish considerably in size during the 30 seconds of observation (by one of the groups of men). To another group the object appeared only as a bright reflection of the sun from an apparently metal surface. The radar log of the McGhee Tyson AFB Radar Station

nearby showed a contact at 8:39 AM lasting until 8:45 AM. "A fighter interception was attempted with negative results." (Ref.8)

December 20th, 12:47 AM. Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The Army report states, "small paint in area. Very, very slow. Made perfect intercept (F-82) and orbit surrounding small smoke cloud." Assuming the radar set was sufficiently sensitive to detect a cloud of smoke, then it would appear that this UFO was merely the exhaust from some furnace or engine. On the other hand, perhaps there was a solid UFO which vanished between radar sweeps leaving a cloud of smoke (e.g. Heflin case, Aug. 1965). (Ref.8)

December 27th, dusk, Bradford, Illinois. Brief entry, but a commercial airline case with two witnesses over Bradford, Illinois. Observed at sunset for 25 minutes. Pilot witness was a man named Shutts. (Ref.4)

1951

January 21st, 4:20 PM. Oak Ridge, Tennessee. A USAF F-82 jet fighter at 7,000 feet altitude established a radar contact over the Oak Ridge X-10 Atomic Energy Project plant. Initial contact was at about 10 miles. One of two aircraft made a lock-on approach at 4.5 miles where the unidentified EM (electro-magnetic) source descended below the aircraft's beam. When the nose was dropped the target was once more acquired. Two other passes were made over the plant area.

Just five days earlier (the 16th) at 4:45 PM five people driving in the control zone security area reported seeing an "unusually brilliant object." (Ref.8)

August 27th, 8:00 PM, Vandalia, Illinois. The following information came directly from Project Grudge Status Report No. 1, page 13:

At least five persons reported this event to the "Vandalia Leader".

It was a big orange light with blinding intensity when Ray Williams first noticed it over the southwest corner of the airport. He had just taxied his private aircraft out onto the runway preparing to take a flight around the city when he noticed the light. It was between 8:00 and 8:30 PM. He called over the radio to the CAA official on duty and another man and asked them to take a look. The light disappeared into the west and they decided maybe there was nothing to it, So he continued his flight plan.

Shortly after he had taken off he noticed the light again, approaching his plane. "It came directly at me and then circled my plane twice before heading toward Greenville. I followed it and made a circle around that town and came back toward Vandalia. I last saw it near the country club. The CAA radioed a transport pilot who was passing over Vandalia at the time at about 28,000 feet and he too saw the object!"

"It was all very spooky," the Vandalia airman said. "It wasn't an airplane but whatever it was the light was on the tail of it, there was a small red light on top."

The object was also observed by Dwight Kerns in St. Elmo the same evening. (Ref.9)

September 16th, Marion, Ohio. A object was reported by the pilot of a private aircraft at 12:17 GMT. No details available. (Ref.4)

October 9th, Paris, Illinois. At 1:43 PM a CAA employee at Hulman Municipal Airport was walking across the ramp in front of the administration building. His peripheral vision picked up a flash of something on the southeastern horizon. When he looked for the cause he couldn't find anything. Then he saw a pinpoint of light (this is afternoon, mind you). In a second or two the pinpoint grew larger and it was obvious that something reflective was approaching the airport at terrific speed. It grew larger and larger and then flashed overhead so fast he was amazed that he hadn't called anybody to come out of the nearby hanger and look. But he realized that the UFO had been in sight for only 15 seconds and had passed from horizon to horizon. It was shaped like a "flattened tennis ball", was a bright silver color, and when it was directly overhead it was "the size of a 50-cent piece held at arm's length."

A matter of minutes later a pilot radioed Terre Haute that he had seen a UFO. He was flying from Greencastle, Indiana to Paris, Illinois, when just east of Paris he'd looked back and to his left. There, level with his airplane at 5,000' and fairly close, was a large silvery object, "like a flattened orange", hanging motionless in the sky. He looked at it a few seconds, then hauled his plane around in a tight left bank. He headed directly toward the UFO, but it suddenly began to pick up speed and shot northeast toward a point southeast of the Newport, Indiana, Atomic Energy plant. The time, by the clock on his instrument panel, was 1:45 PM - just two minutes after the sighting at Terre Haute. (Ref.18)

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CHAPTER 20: THE SECOND WAVE - 1952

Maybe things wouldn't have turned out so well if the Joint Chiefs of Staff hadn't issued JANAP 146(B) in September of 1951. "Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings From Aircraft", including UFOs, whose contents were classified, may have been a blessing. For 1952 turned out to be a blockbuster. Many in Intelligence later felt that UFOs conducted a massive surveillance of every military base in the world in 1952.

1952

January: APRO (Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization) was founded, the first major civilian UFO organization.

UFO activity started on February 13th, time not listed, at Granite City, Illinois. According to a once-secret Air Force report (Project Blue Book Special Report 6, page 101) a "Radar Bomb Scoring Group observed unusual radar returns while attempting to score bomb run (SECRET)". Speed: High up to 1090 mph. Altitude: 30,000 feet. Heading: varied. Source: Radar crew. (Ref. 1)

March, 2:30 PM, Kirksville, Missouri. This pilot was flying for TWA. One day in March 1952 he, his copilot, and a third person who was either a pilot deadheading home or another crew member, were flying a C-54 cargo plane from Chicago to Kansas City. At about 2:30 PM the pilot was checking in with the CAA at Kirksville flying 500' on top of a solid overcast. While he was talking, he glanced at his No. 2 engine, which had been losing oil. Directly in line with it, and a few degrees above, he saw a silvery, disc-shaped object. It was too far out to get a really good look at it, yet it was close enough to be able definitely to make out the shape.

The UFO held its relative position with the C-54 for five or six minutes, then the pilot decided to do a little on-the-spot investigating himself. He started a gradual turn toward the UFO and for about 30 seconds he was getting closer, but then the UFO began to make a left turn. It had apparently slowed down because they were still closing on it.

About this time the copilot decided the UFO was a balloon; it just looked as if the UFO was turning. The pilot agreed halfway - and since the company wasn't paying them to intercept balloons, they got back on their course to Kansas City. They flew on for a few more minutes with "the darn thing" still off to their left. If it was a balloon, they should be leaving it behind, the pilot recalled thinking to himself; if they made a 45-degree right turn, the "balloon" shouldn't stay off the left wing; it should drop way behind. So they made a 45-degree right turn, and although the "balloon" dropped back a little bit, it didn't drop back far enough to be a balloon. It seemed to put on speed to try to make a turn outside of the C-54's turn. The pilot continued on around until he'd made a tight 360-degree turn, and the UFO had followed, staying outside. They could not judge its speed, not knowing how far away it was, but to follow even a C-54 around in a 360 and to stay outside all the time makes a mighty speedy object.

This shot the balloon theory right in the head. After the 360 the UFO seemed to be losing altitude. The pilot opted for a better look. He asked for full power on all four engines, climbed several thousand feet, and again turned into the UFO. He put the C-54 in a long glide, headed directly toward it. As they closed in, the UFO lost altitude a little faster and "sank" into the top of the overcast. Just as the C-54 flashed across that spot, the crew saw it rise up out of the overcast off their right wing and began to climb so fast that in several seconds it was out of sight. Total time in sight: 16 minutes. (Ref.2)

April 14, 6:34 PM, Memphis, Tennessee. Another computer entry with little detail, but worthy of mention because it is another report of a sighting from an aircraft. There were actually two witnesses and two objects mentioned. The sighting lasted about a minute and involved a military aircraft of some sort. (Ref.3)

On April 29th, Air Force Letter (AFL) 200-5 was issued. This allowed the AF project to by-pass channels and speed up transmission of UFO reports.

In May of 1952, the CE-3 began to be reported in the region. It occurred at 10:52 PM at Prospect Heights, Illinois. Through several windows around the circumference of the object the lady could see three human-like figures operating what appeared to have been "controls". She watched for about five minutes, until the object abruptly and silently departed to the north. (Ref.4)

In June there was another CE-3 at Little Spring Creek, Tennessee. No other data, just an EGBA entry. (Ref.5)

June 21st, 10:58 PM, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. On this date and time a GOC spotter reported a slow-moving craft nearing AEC's Oak Ridge Lab, an area so secret that it is prohibited to aircraft. The spotter reported the unidentified light to his Filter Center and the Filter Center relayed the message to GCI radar. They had a target. But before they could do more than confirm the GOC spotter's report, the target faded from the radarscope.

An F-47 aircraft on combat air patrol in the area was vectored in visually, spotted a light, and closed on it. They "fought" from 16,000 to 27,000 feet, and several times the object made what appeared to be ramming attacks. The light was described as white, 6-8 inches in diameter, and blinking until it put on power. The pilot could see no silhouette around the light. (Ref.6)

Action over a wide area! It was July 12th, 1952. It started at 8:04 PM in eastern Illinois near the Champaign, Urbana, Rantoul area. A commercial aircraft with two witnesses reported a strange light that was observed for 15 seconds. (Ref.3)

At Indianapolis, Indiana, thousands of citizens allegedly saw a huge, oval-shaped, object race over the city. Switchboards were swamped with calls. Before the object flew over Indy, the object had been seen by several other airline pilots. (Ref.7)

At 8:05 PM, a private pilot near Indy saw an unidentified light. (Ref.3)

At 9:04 PM, a military pilot near Chicago, Illinois, saw a UFO for 20 seconds. (Ref.3)

Then, one minute later at 9:05 PM, southern Ohio got into the action. A military pilot had reported a UFO. (Ref.3)

At the same time, a commercial pilot near Indianapolis, Indiana, saw an unidentified light. Captain Richard Case was flying an American Airlines Convair. When he first sighted it, his airliner was 30 miles southeast of the city, cruising at 300 mph.

"It was a controlled aircraft of some sort," he said when he landed. "We were flying at 5,000 feet when I first saw it. The saucer seemed to be at 15,000, going three times faster than we were. Then it changed course and came toward us, losing altitude. It dropped to about our level, then took off northwest, over the city." (Ref.8)

At 9:13 PM, a military pilot in Ohio reported two UFOs for 20 seconds. (Ref.3)

July, 1952, was a month to remember. That's because there were a lot of sightings of all kinds going on all over the country, and especially in the Midwest. And on the 19th and 20th, and the 26th and 27th (both were weekends), UFOs were tracked over Washington, DC. This made headlines all across the United States.

But even before the many airline reports reached the Air Force, they knew that some strange, high-speed craft was operating in the area. Just before the Indy sightings, Air Force radar at Kirksville, Missouri, had picked up a mysterious device flying with terrific velocity. Before the track could fade from their scope, they quickly computed the speed. The UFO had been making over 1,700 mph. From the size of its blips, the radar men estimated it was as large as a B-36. (Ref.9)

July 17th. A commercial pilot reported a UFO over northern Ohio. This was a daylight sighting and occurred at 11:00 AM. (Ref.3)

July 23rd, 11:35 PM. South Bend, Indiana. This is not a close encounter, nor a sighting from an aircraft. But, Captain Harold W. Kloth, Jr., a USAF pilot with over 2000 hours flying time, reported, from the ground, two blue-white light sources; one veered sharply. (Ref.18)

August 1, 10:38 AM. Vincennes, Indiana. Early in 1987 I had discussed the subject of UFOs with our parish priest here in Mt. Vernon, Father Hiliary Vieck, for theological reasons, and found that he had seen a UFO, himself. He told me that it was back in 1952 (he was 23 at the time) and he was going to get a copy of the news clipping where he and his brothers had reported it to the SUN-COMMERCIAL at Vincennes.

Then on February 1st, I made a copy of a video tape and delivered it to him and he just happened to have the zerox copy of the article there at his office. I asked for a copy and secured one, then asked if he would fill out an investigation form (Form 1). He agreed. I returned to my office and filled out a preliminary report (FI-4) and submitted a Form 1 for him to fill out.

On 12 March, I received the completed form and drawings; one of the objects (bottom & side view) and the other a sketch of the object's maneuvers.

The following is a verbatim account taken from the SUN-COMMERCIAL, dated August 1, 1952:

"FLYING SAUCER REPORTED OVER COUNTY FRIDAY"

"Vincennes had its first report of a 'flying saucer' operating over this community Friday, and it was a daytime 'saucer'.

"Hiliary Vieck, living 4-miles south of Vincennes, told the SUN COMMERCIAL he and his two brothers, Charles and Larry, heard three jets flying over the city Friday morning and were looking in the sky for them when they spotted the saucer

Vieck said it was 'real silvery' in color, was the size of a saucer, and was zigzagging very fast across the heavens, going southwest. It was visible for about 20-seconds. He timed the incident at 10:38.

"Vieck said he did not see the jets but heard the sound plainly and that the jets apparently were going in the same direction as the saucer." (Misquote. After they saw the object and no jets, they knew jets were not the source of the sound).

The following is taken from the interrogation Form 1:

"(We were) 3-miles south of Vincennes on Chris Vieck's Farm (his father). All three of us were painting a farrowing barn. (There was a) jet-like roar; sounded like three or four jets. (When asked

what he thought it was when he first saw it, he replied, "A flying saucer"). We all agreed it was a flying saucer that stopped in mid-air and began to lower itself toward the ground like a helicopter can (do). Then it stopped, remained there for 20-seconds, ascended to original height and went west, then east, then west, each time making a loud sonic boom, and swept toward the southwest with extreme speed." (Ref.11)

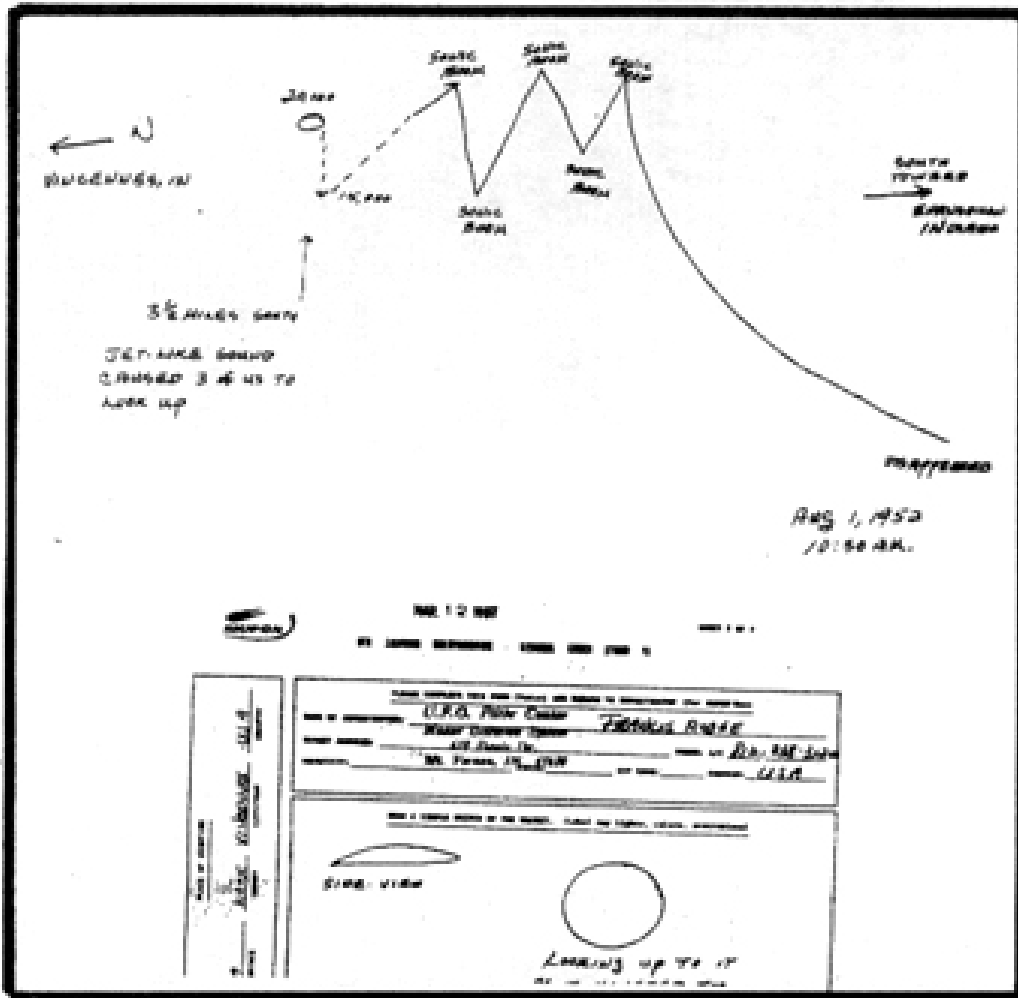


Exhibit 10

The description of the object, the drawing, shows an object with side view like a typical "saucer" with a flat bottom and no dome (Exhibit 10). The view of the bottom as it hovered featured a round object, the classic saucer description.

The sky was clear. The object was first seen overhead, last seen in the southwest. It moved from north to southwest. The elevations were as follows:

Overhead to 1/4 of the way up the horizon (23-degrees). The distance was estimated at 15,000 feet when closest (3-miles). The object never passed in front of, or behind, any other object.

The drawing, attached to the Form 1, illustrated the anomalous motion reported and shows the object moving back and forth, west to east to west several times. The size reported on the Form 1 was "30 times the size of a star or like a "basketball". The object appeared solid.

Father Hiliary Vieck, as I mentioned, was 23-years old at that time and was a theological student, employed by his father, Chris Vieck. During the summers of 1958 and 1959, I personally worked for Chris Vieck in the their potato fields and got to know most of the Vieck's at that time. Needless to say, they are very down-to-earth people. Maurice, Hiliary's brother, always respected my interests, but was not a "believer" by any means. The rest of the Vieck's were hard-working farmers and were definitely not kooks.

Father Hiliary Vieck's vision was excellent with eyeglasses which he was wearing. His hearing was good.

I promised him that as soon as I got the data on our computer at the UFO Filter Center, I would show him his report in relation to others already on computer, since 1952 was one of the biggest years in UFO history and the quality of the data at that time was exceptional due to the fact that most of the entries were military or airline pilot reports.

Two days before this incident, F-94's attempted an intercept vectored by Air Defense Radar over Michigan. This was on the 29th of July and the object(s) were tracked at 20,000' (same altitude as estimated at Vincennes) and at 635 mph, pretty close to that required for sonic booms.

But, on the same morning as the Vincennes incident, 13 minutes later in fact, there was a radar track at Bellefontaine, Ohio. USAF jets climbed toward a hovering UFO which accelerated and disappeared at high speed:

At 10:51 AM. Bellefontaine, Ohio. There are several entries on the RSID for 1 August 1952. One of those was the Vincennes incident, which occurred in the morning at 10:38 AM. Then there was a Sharonville, Ohio, evening sighting, which was an NL and is listed as a possible UFO. And then another daylight sighting at Cincinnati.

Of prime interest to me were the other two cases. One was a Radar/Visual.

I had first heard of these in the 60's when I had read Major Donald Keyhoe's book, FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE. The account on page 107 of that book mentions that at 10:51 AM (Ohio time), August 1, 1952, radar men at a GCI post had spotted a fast-moving UFO.

About this same time the strange machine was seen from the ground by several civilians near Bellefontaine. It appeared to be round, with a shiny, metallic gleam.

When the blips came on the scope, two F-86 jets were about ten miles from the UFO, on a GCI problem. The two pilots, Major James B. Smith and Lieutenant Donald J Hemer, were immediately vectored toward the UFO.

As Smith and Hemer reached 30,000 feet, they saw a bright, round, glowing object maneuvering above them. To make certain it was not a ground reflection, both pilots changed course, circled, climbed, to view it from different angles. The UFO's appearance did not change. Positive it was a solid object, both pilots switched on their gun cameras and climbed at full power.

At 40,000 feet the mysterious device was still above them. Pulling up at a sharp angle, Major Smith tried to get a picture. But his F-86 stalled and fell off. When Hemer nosed up for a camera shot, the same thing happened.

Then Major Smith, climbing again to 40,000', made a second attempt. This time he was successful, and he clicked off several feet of film before the plane stalled.

As he began the camera run, Smith's radar gunsight had caught the UFO for a moment. (Hemer's radar sight was "caged" - inoperative - so he saw no radar blips.) From the range of his radar set, Major Smith knew the unknown device must be between 12,000 and 20,000 feet above him to cause such a weak blip.

To confirm his estimate he quickly checked with his telescopic gunsight and found it just covered the UFO. But before he could get a better look, the machine quickly accelerated, disappearing at a tremendous speed. Later, using the radar and optical sight data, Smith carefully calculated the UFO's size. Apparently, it had been one of the medium-sized types. If it had been 12,000 feet above him, then it was about 24 feet in diameter. If it was at 20,000 feet, its diameter was not less than 40 feet.

The Intelligence report on this case, item #20 on a clearance list of 42 items cleared for Major Keyhoe in the 50's, also included the ATIC analysis. Later I found an unclassified copy which included the analysis. I have presented this as an exhibit to show the accuracy of earlier books and, also, to show that the Air Force listed this case as an UNKNOWN. (Exhibit 20)

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3 August 1952

Truth or Consequences, New Mexico

Description of Incident

On 3 August 1952, the source, a civilian engineer, observed three noticeless cylindrical objects from the town of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. The objects were in an inverted "V" formation at about 45° elevation. Their angular length was the span of two widths of the little finger at arm's length and the depth was 1/8" at arm's length. They were light green in color. At one time, one object shifted its position to form an echelon formation. This movement was smooth not erratic. As it moved, it seemed to roll on its longitudinal axis. The object apparently disappeared by rising at a rapid rate.

The total time of observation was 9 minutes.

Comments

The object was seen in the direction of the local airport which has a rotating beacon. Since they were noticeless, except for movement within the group, it is extremely doubtful that it was the beacon since the beacon was rotating. In addition, the elevation was 45°.

The size, which the source seemed to be sure of, would eliminate aircraft. Any aircraft appearing as large as source describes would be heard.

Light phenomena such as diffraction or reflection is unlikely since some of the objects remained stationary while one shifted position.

Unfortunately, there was only one source so too much weight cannot be put on the report.

Conclusion

Unknown

Exhibit 2o

Some strange things were going on in the region that day.

On August 22nd, at 11:48 PM, there was a good sighting at Chicago. The Associated Press reported (Chicago, Aug 23): "Two Air Force jet fighters, directed by ground observers, chased a yellowish light in the sky last night but reported that it blinked out when they started closing in on it. Air Force officers in the Chicago Filter Center said the blink-out of the light over nearby Elgin, Illinois, was reported simultaneously by D.C. Scott, Elgin Supervisor of the Center's ground observers in the Elgin area. Ground observers said that when the planes gave up the chase, the light reappeared and ascended rapidly in the night sky. A few minutes later, another GOC post about 20 miles to the northwest reported a glowing object which hovered, blinked twice, and ascended out of sight. (Ref.12)

September 26th: OPNAV 3820.1 (Operation Navy Regulation) issued directing all Naval units to report UFO sightings to the Air Force.

The following is an EGBA entry, but worth mentioning. On September 9th, Chicago radar tracked something, but there was no visual, Uncorrelated Target. (Ref.5)

Then, on the evening of December 8th, Chicago had a CE-1. Pilot, Ernie Thorpe; co-pilot, H.S. Plowe reported a string of lights, 5 or 6 white, one rapidly blinking red, flew alongside their aircraft. (Ref.13)

So ended the largest UFO wave in UFO history at that time. There were 1501 sightings reported to the Air Force alone in 1952.

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CHAPTER 21: THE DANGEROUS YEARS

The UFO sighting wave of 1952 was not only great in size, but staggering in the quality of sightings. Many researchers, and most people these days, have become accustomed to the great number of sightings by civilians, many of which are sightings of limited merit. However, there was a sizeable number of events, some of the best civilian cases, those witnessed by air traffic controllers, pilots and law enforcement personnel. There was also a very impressive group of sightings by the military.

These years were some of the most dangerous times. In fact, we were probably never closer to destruction than in those days, especially 1954. The threat of atomic war was never greater, except during a short period during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Many of us feared accidental nuclear war caused by jittery defense radarmen mistaking UFOs for incoming enemy missiles or jets. But we made it through those days.

1953 - SIGHTINGS CONTINUE

UFO reports continued to come in, but to a lesser degree than the previous year. On February 1st there was a military sighting at Terre Haute, Indiana, a visual sighting with a T-33 jet pilot. Unfortunately, I couldn't find this report in the literature or Air Force documents. This incident was item #28 on a list of Air Technical Intelligence UFO sightings and other information cleared by Mr. Albert N. Chop, Air Force Press Desk for Major Donald E. Keyhoe before he was Director of NICAP. (Ref.1)

On March 28th there was an incident at Scott AFB, Belleville, Illinois. An entry in Project Blue Book Special Report Number it, page 214 states: 28 (March 28) Scott AFB, Illinois. Possibly balloon. The page was stamped SECRET. No other information found. (Ref.2)

On May the 15th there was an incident not far from Scott AFB, at East St. Louis, Illinois. Project Blue Book Special Report No. 11 lists this as SECRET, also. Again, no details. (Ref.2)

Godman AFB, near Louisville, got back into the action on July 11th. No details, but it was classified SECRET and was listed in Report No. 12. (Ref.3)

Then, there was yet another SECRET report at, Peoria, Illinois on August 17th. (Ref.3)

August 26: Air Force Regulation (AFR) 200-2 was issued, specifying information to be included in TWX reports to ATIC and including restrictions on public discussion of UFO report contents.

September: A FLYOBRPT (Flying Object Report) Manual (200-3, Exhibit 1P) for use by USAF Intelligence and operations officers was forwarded to Air Force Installation commanders as a guide to procedures and operations of Project Blue Book. Taken from Chapter 9, Page 3, the caption states: "The Air Technical Intelligence Center is responsible for the prevention of technological surprise."



Exhibit 1P

September 7th, 8:15 PM, Vandalia, Ohio. (Date not certain). "At the time I saw this UFO I had had approximately 100 hours in the air. I am in the U.S. Naval Reserve and was on a routine cross-country night flight from NAS, Columbus to Indianapolis with a wingman. We were flying FG-1D Corsairs.

"About 2015 (8:15 PM) we were flying at 4,000 MSL, north of Dayton, near Vandalia. I was in #2 position at the time. I noticed a brilliant white flashing light pass directly below us from south to north, traveling extremely fast at about 2,000' altitude. I called my wingman, but he did not see it. After passing beneath us it pulled up and climbed rapidly out of sight to the north. The light was much like burning magnesium.

"Returning from Indianapolis about 2100 (9:00 PM) I was leading the flight. I noticed the same brilliant white light at 12 o'clock high and called my wingmen again. This time he saw it. It stayed motionless relative to the airplane's movement for about two minutes, then disappeared. It reappeared again quickly at 9 o'clock level. It again remained motionless for about two minutes and then dove and pulled up ahead of us and climbed out of sight. At no time were we close enough to see any concrete object or shape. Both of us were at a loss to explain this phenomenon. (Ref.4)

1954

On April 8th, at Chicago, Illinois, at 4:30 in the afternoon, there was a close encounter of the third kind by two witnesses. This appears to be a CUFOS listing, without details, but involved the observation of humanoid beings either on or near a craft. The event lasted thirty minutes. The craft was described as parachute shaped (dome-shaped) and actually touched down. (Ref. Uncertain)

On the afternoon of May 24th, an AF crew got a picture of a UFO over Indiana. An AF major, Leo Brubaker, flying a mapping mission over the Air Force's Photographic Test Range in Indianapolis, took a picture of what appears as an extremely bright, circular-shaped light almost directly below his aircraft. Major Brubaker estimated the object's speed at 440 mph, or about twice that of his plane.

The Air Force couldn't explain it, so it was listed as an unknown. Later, they tried again to explain the light, and failed. The angle the light appeared at didn't match close enough to create a "subsun" (reflection of sunlight off crystal-laden clouds). Besides that the weather conditions necessary to produce ice crystals in the atmosphere were not present. And this object was moving at twice the speed of the aircraft. Brubaker and his crew saw the object and photographed it. This eliminates hallucination or hoax. (Ref.5)

June 23rd, Columbus, Ohio. Just after 8:00 PM, an F-51 Mustang piloted by Lt. Larry L. Roe, Jr., was enroute from Columbus to Dayton when a UFO raced down through the twilight sky. Trying to see the shape behind the brilliant white light, Roe made swift right and left turns. Each time, the object stayed with him. As he picked up his course to Dayton he radioed the CAA tower at Vandalia Airport and told them he was being chased. In 45 minutes it had followed him to the Vandalia Airport and "took off" when he gave chase back to Columbus. Roe said the object "looked like a round white light". (Ref.6)

Three days later, on the 26th, Columbus, Ohio, had a Radar Visual. At 7:27 AM, Air Defense radar picked up an unknown object flying high over Ohio. Jets were about to be scrambled when Ground Control saw that the UFO was now flying above a United Airlines DC-6 near Columbus. Hurriedly alerting the captain, Ground Control asked him what he could see. The captain, switching on the loud-speakers, told his 60 passengers of the request. Included in the passenger list was an Army Colonel, Fred Mowery. The pilot made a wide circle and banked the plane so they could see the object. As he circled at 20,000' the object glowed in the sun. It appeared to be "a metallic blob, directly overhead, sort of pear-shaped The Colonel said, "I saw the sun reflecting from its surface against the blue sky. I didn't see it long enough to determine whether it was moving or how far away it was." (Ref.6)

July 23rd, 7:20 PM, Franklin, Indiana. Four large UFOs were spotted over that city, gleaming like metal in the twilight. They were immediately reported to the South Bend Filter Center by Robert D. Wolfe, Chief of the Johnson County GOC. In less than two minutes, jets from the 97th Interceptor Squadron at Dayton raced toward the scene. Meanwhile, word had reached Burk Friedersdorf of the Indianapolis Star.

By the time Friedersdorf reached the GOC post, three of the UFOs were rooming into the night. The fourth, described by Wolfe as about 500' in diameter, was maneuvering slowly and glowing brightly in the darkness, south of Franklin.

Just as Friedersdorf came into the GOC post, two Air Force jets reached the area. Wolfe had no time to order the reporter out, the pilots were already asking directions through a ground hook-up with the South Bend Filter Center. With Friedersdorf calling off bearings, the Chief Observer guided the jets toward the UFO.

As one jet dived over the UFO, the strange machine suddenly began to climb. The two pilots raced up beside it, then suddenly veered away and headed back to Dayton.

When Friedersdorf called Dayton, the 97th Squadron officers denied sending the two jets. (Ref.7)

November 11, 3:00 PM, Louisville, Kentucky. A huge, round, glowing object appeared over Louisville, Kentucky. Sighted by thousands, it caused a rush of calls to newspapers and police. Confirmed by the 784th Ground Control radar unit, 30 miles southwest of Louisville, who tracked the UFO and then lost it from the radarscope about 12 miles northwest of Godman Field, where in 1948 Captain Thomas Mantell had begun his fatal chase of another UFO.

It was later sighted visually near Bedford, Indiana, about 75 miles to the northwest.

After checking the radar reports, Lt. Col. Lee Merkel, Base Commander of the Kentucky Air National Guard, notified Wright-Patterson Field which sent an F-86 to investigate. But its pilot, they said, could not even sight the object. Just after this, Colonel Merkel and another Air Guard pilot tried to close in on the object with F-51 Mustangs, but were also unsuccessful. (Some researchers confuse this sighting with the Mantell case, saying Merkel was killed chasing a UFO. This is simply not true).

The wind was at 31,000' at about 50 mph and from the northwest. No free balloon, he said, could travel into such a wind. Also, a balloon should not give the clear radar image this object gave.

"I don't believe in flying saucers," he told reporters, "but I'm definitely getting curious."

In Louisville, Ground Observer Corps officials sent pictures taken by the COURIER-JOURNAL to "higher ups" in the Air Force.

Four days later, in spite of the evidence, the UFO was explained away as a large research balloon "believed to have been released near Minneapolis." (Ref.8)

1955

April. Rockford, Illinois. Four GOC members, all businessmen in the Rockford area, "on watch" witnessed a UFO near their post and reported it to their Filter Center in Chicago. Within minutes, jets were up on an intercept mission, and according to GOC members, fired on the mysterious object causing it to explode. Before the explosion, however, GOC reported that a smaller round object shot out of the side of the "parent" device, then, in horizontal flight, passed up the jets, after which it was seen to turn on edge and disappear straight up into the sky. According to the informant, Air Force personnel moved in quickly and warned GOC members to say nothing about the incident. (Ref.9)

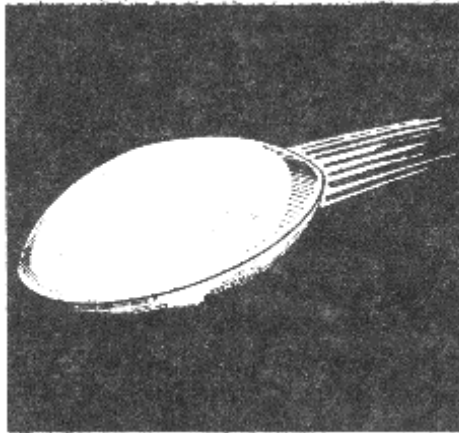


Exhibit 2Pa

Things started to get really weird, in fact too much for some UFOlogists, in August of 1955. It was the 21st, around 7:00 PM. The location was actually Kelly, Kentucky, but it is also known as the Hopkinsville case. It was a CE-3. This event is distinguished by its duration and the number of witnesses, eight adults and three children. The owner of the farmhouse (landlord) told the Sutton's he had seen a really bright "flying saucer", with an exhaust and all the colors of the rainbow, fly across the sky and drop into a 40' gully near the edge of their property. The Suttons' laughed the story off. At 7:30 PM the family dog began to bark violently and put its tail between its legs and hid under the house.



Exhibit 2P

The landlord (Billy Ray Taylor) and Lucky Sutton went to the back door to check on the dog and noticed a strange glow approaching the farmhouse from the fields. It was a 3-1/2' tall creature with a round over-sized head. The eyes were large and glowed with a yellowish light. The arms were long, extending nearly to the ground, and ended in large hands with talons. The entire creature seemed made of silver metal. As it approached, its hands were raised over its head as if it were being held up, and walked like an old man or some sort of monkey.

The two men reacted by grabbing a 20-gauge shotgun and a .22 rifle. Backing into the house the two men waited until the creature was within 20' of the back door and then fired. The entity flipped over backward and then scurried off into the darkness. They later saw a creature near a window and fired through the screen at it, knocking it back. Then later, as Billy Ray, who was in the lead paused under an overhang, a creature reached down to touch his hair. They shot at this creature, too. Several times the creatures showed up and were shot then fell back and scurried away. But they were never injured or killed, and no aggressive action was ever proffered by the creatures (Exhibit 2P).

By 11:00 PM the children were hysterical and the family had enough, got into their cars and headed to the Hopkinsville Police Department.

Later they all returned home with the police, the Kentucky State Police and a staff photographer. Nothing was found, so the searchers began to leave at 2:15 AM.

The family went to bed, but another creature showed up at the window. Lucky Sutton fired through the screen again. The creatures continued to make their appearance, never doing anything overtly hostile and only seeming to show curiosity, until about 5:15 AM.

The Sutton's were better witnesses and more credible than previously thought. Investigators couldn't shake their story and it still stands as one of the more provocative CE-3 events to date. (Ref.10)

Midnight, August 23, Cincinnati, Ohio. A "Cat 9/11". That's my computer designation for a radar case (Form 9) and a sighting from aircraft (Form 11). About midnight, residents throughout the city were jarred by the roar of jets. From the Strategic Air Command, Lockbourne AFB, south of Columbus, the ANG jets were alerted, scrambled and were over Cincinnati in 12 minutes, a remarkable performance. The alert began when three UFOs were sighted and confirmed by radar somewhere between Columbus and Cincinnati. A GOC official said UFOs had been active over Mt. Healthy and could be seen clearly by observers from the tower. In short time, the jets appeared at 20,000', and roared over eastern Cincinnati. The UFOs were deployed over a wide area. According to radar, the interlopers had extended 37 miles south, 24 miles north of the city, and as far as 10 miles east of Mt. Healthy. A later call from the GOC post disclosed that a UFO was seen hovering in pendulum-like motions directly over the tower. At about 12:10 AM, the interceptors made contact, and swooping in at about 20,000', chased the UFO which disappeared at incredible speed. In the meantime, the Forestville and Loveland GOC posts reported the erratic flights of UFOs to the Filter Center, describing them as round, brilliant white spheres and discs. Confirming reports of UFO activity came from the GOC in Loveland and as far west as Vevay, Indiana. (Ref.11)

1956

On January 9th there were three sightings listed, but no close encounters. However, one over Bedford, Indiana, was a sighting from an aircraft. Frank Edwards, News Director for WTTV, Indianapolis (and UFO investigator), told CRIFO that "GOC people near Bedford had seen a UFO. Jets from Louisville were sent to chase the objects which turned out to be (good sense of humor) high speed hallucinations, capable of out-maneuvering the jets."

Further northwest at Lafayette, responsible witnesses, including three officers of the state police post there, told of seeing the object for 15 minutes. Maurice Woody, communications officer, said the light passed in color from red to green then white and after 15 minutes in a fixed position, moved over to the southwestern horizon and disappeared. (Ref.12)

October: The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomenon (NICAP) was incorporated in Washington, D.C., the second major UFO group in the United States. It would be another four years before I would join this elite group.

Case Record Number "1536" is an interesting UFO report. If you would stick to the definition, this would have to be listed as a daylight distant encounter, but it has all the elements of a CE-1, except range. It was November 30th and occurred in Indiana. FI Frank Edwards: "Charles Malott, age 17, is an employee at Pete's Drive Inn, Petersburg. Thursday at noon, young Malott drove his truck three miles south on State Highway 61 to give his truck a test after he had worked on it. He turned at the top of Half Mile Hill and was driving to Petersburg and had gone only a half mile when he heard a noise at the rear of his truck, likened to 'three old-time thrashing machines' all operating at the same time. He drove off to the side of the highway and discovered that the noise was emitting from something that was slowly taking to the air from behind a woods about 1,000 yards southeast of the state highway. The object soon became visible and was about 16' (wide) and a height of 6 to 7'. After attaining a height of about 150', the strange object ceased to make any sound and took off in a northeasterly direction traveling at great speed, and attaining altitude until he lost sight of it. Malott

is a mechanic, and has been around airplanes and helicopters. He declared that what he saw was different from anything he ever saw, or heard about. The object did not appear to have any windows, nor was it equipped with a tail. It rose vertically as though being pushed upward off the ground by some hidden giant propeller. He saw no landing gear attached to the object. He was surprised when it rose 150' that all noise ceased." (Another famous case described the exact same thing, only in the spring of 1964, at Socorro, New Mexico). (Ref.13)

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CHAPTER 22: THE THIRD WAVE - 1957

1957 - THE CLOSE APPROACHES INCREASE

On January 16th, there was a NICAP press conference featuring Rear Admiral Delmer Fahrney, USN (Ret), former Navy head of guided missiles. This helped establish the civilian organization as a serious place to report UFOs.

The year started out rather routine for UFO activity. It was the evening of the 24th of January. The place was Indianapolis. A commercial pilot and others on the ground saw four UFOs in an in-line formation. The last object was larger and egg-shaped. (Ref.1)

There were a number of sightings all year, but these were mostly distant daylight and nighttime encounters. That is, until the fall of 1957.

The wave hadn't started in October, but there was a good sighting on .the 15th And this was an important piece of evidence. Covington, Indiana, is in Fountain County, and a farmer reported a silver disc which hovered over his combine as he worked in the field. The combine engine failed when the UFO rose.
(Ref.2)

By November 2, the wave had started. It began at Leveland, Texas, when elliptical UFOs were sighted repeatedly on or near roads. Many cars were stalled!

Two days later, besides distant sightings being reported, there was a CE-2 reported at Elmwood Park, Illinois. Interestingly, this was also an egg-shaped object and was observed for ten minutes by three witnesses. (Ref.3)

The next day, November 5th, there were ten sightings in the region. One was a CE-1 at New Castle, Indiana, another a CE-2 at Springfield, Ohio. (Ref.4) Not a close encounter, but another sighting of "eggs", this time at East St. Louis, Illinois. At 11:45 AM, two silvery elliptical objects passed overhead at high speed, observed by Southern Railroad employees. (Ref.5) Rack in Indiana, at 6:12 PM, near Wabash, a UFO with lights in a circular pattern made three passes low over a barn, emitting a humming sound. (Ref.6) That evening there was another CE-2, at Ringwood, Illinois. (Ref.7)

The 6th of November lists 18 sightings in the Midwest alone, including a CE- 3 (an encounter with aliens) at Dante, Tennessee. Unfortunately, this was just an EGBA entry. (Ref.4) There was a CE-2 at Montville, Ohio. (Ref.8)

At Danville, Illinois, there was a CE-2 with State Police officers. Officers Calvin Showers and John Matulis observed a brilliant white light that changed from amber to orange for twenty minutes when their cruiser radio failed. (Ref.9)

But one of the most interesting cases occurred back in Indiana. On the evening of November 6th, Rene Gilham, a young ironworker, had a CE-2. He was employed in Terre Haute, lived with his wife and children on the outskirts of the little community of Merom, Indiana, about 25 miles south of Terre Haute.

While Gilham was eating his evening meal, a neighbor's child came in and urged Gilham's youngsters to hurry out and see the funny star in the sky. The children rushed out, were properly excited by what they saw, and in turn urged the parents to come see for themselves.

The Gilham's followed the children out into the street in front of their home. The family which lived across the street was already there. They were watching a circular thing which hung motionless in the sky an estimated 200- 300' overhead. Both Gilham and his neighbor guessed that it was not less than thirty or more than forty feet in diameter. None of the little group of witnesses heard any sound from it, not even the buzzing oftentimes reported.

When brilliant beams of bright blue light began projecting downward from the center of the object, the family across the road decided it was time to retire. Mrs. Gilham suggested that they, too, should get back inside the house. Mr. Gilham laughed and told her to "take the kids and go on inside. I want to see this thing!"

He stood there under the object for a total of about ten minutes, in the recurrent blue beams of blue light, each of which lasted about half a second. Then, he said, "The thing made a sizzling, like a high speed electric motor, and away it went?"

That was on a Wednesday night. He felt no discomfort on Thursday, but by Friday he had eye inflammation and his face was beginning to swell and to itch. By Saturday the top of his head and his face were showing such unmistakable swelling and reddening that he went to a doctor. Dr.

Joseph Dukes sent him to a hospital in Sullivan, Indiana, for treatment. He was treated there and released a few days later after being interrogated by Air Force officers who advised him not to discuss the matter with civilians. Fortunately they were too late.

Dr. Joseph Dukes of Dugger, Indiana, told the FI (Frank Edwards) that the burns Gilham suffered were similar to the burns caused by overexposure to the rays from an electric welding torch. Gilham contended that he had not been near a welding torch for three weeks nor for that matter, anything else that could have caused burns, except that blinking light on the UFO.

Edwards stated that Mr. Gilham fully recovered from the effects of his unique experience.

Then, later, even I got involved in the case. In the late 60's my sister married a man who had been a lab technician at Mary Sherman Hospital in Sullivan, Indiana. He told me that Mr. Gilham was told to return to the hospital every year for blood tests. (Ref. 10)

November 7th: Following a rash of spectacular UFO sightings, mostly in the southwestern United States, the El Paso Times (Texas) reported - "Some of the nation's top scientists are 'pretty shook up' about the mysterious flying objects sighted in New Mexico and West Texas skies this week, said Charles Capen (scientist at White Sands). "This is something that hasn't happened before."

There was a CE-2 at Chicago on the 8th. The RSID lists a CE-2 at Lake City, Missouri on the 9th, along with a CE1 at Bedford, Indiana. The next day there was another CE-1 at Bedford, but not the same witness.

On the tenth, the wave wasn't even a week old, and there was a CE-1 at Martinsville, Indiana, and a CE-2 at Madisonville, Ohio.

The best case recorded that day was at Hammond, Indiana. Captain Dennis Becky, Officers Charles Moore, Charles Maunder, and Steve Betustak, reported an elongated object with one red, one white, body light. They reported interference on their police radio. This object eluded pursuing police. (Ref. 11)

November 14, 1957. Another important piece of evidence at Tamaroa, Illinois. A very bright circular object hovered, made sputtering or explosive sounds, then gave off three flashes. Electric power failed for 10 minutes in a four mile area. (Ref.12)

November 20th, near McMinnville, Tennessee. At about 10:00 PM, a flashing red light passed low over a sheriff's car. Calling in other police, the sheriff gave chase, but was unable to catch the UFO. (Ref. 13)

Sometime in November, on this particular night, Donald Dodge was driving toward Valparaiso, Indiana. A program had just ended at 8:00 PM and he switched off the car radio. Just then he noticed some revolving lights settling over a snow-covered field alongside the road. Thinking it might be a plane in trouble; he stopped and got out of the car. The thing stopped about 10' above the snow and switched on an extremely bright white light. Donald realized that he had never seen anything like this before. He scrambled back into his car and took off down the highway, the object pacing along with him. It banked across the road in front of him. He slammed on the brakes and stopped. The UFO hovered a moment, then streaked upward into the overcast and was gone. (Ref.13)

Sometime on an evening in 1957 at Crawfordsville, Indiana, a lady and her husband were returning home, walking up the front walk, when they observed a bright light to the north and east. It appeared lower than tree-top level and was coming down an alley, heading south, making a loud grinding noise, "maybe a roaring would better describe it." It was evening and there were plenty of lights in the area, a filling station, etc., so the object was very bright. "Then I recall seeing a cigar-shaped object with round window-looking things. Through the windows I could see heads on necks. They looked like the silhouettes people used to cut out. I don't recall any features or any hair, just that they were people-like heads on thin necks." The interior was flame colored. In an instant the object was gone and there was 1.5 to 2 hours of missing time.

This may be simply a two-witness CE-3 case, a rare event. Or, there may have been missing time and an abduction. The lady claims that she and her husband had "a rather heated discussion about how it had gotten so late." Even though he wouldn't substantiate it, his commission in the Air Force after ROTC training may have been a factor. The lady stated she was glad that they hadn't reported the incident to police at the time. "As closely as they checked his background, a report like that might have kept him out." (Ref. 14)

1958

On May 4th, Ret. Air Force Major, Dewey J. Fournet, Jr., confirmed in writing to Maj. Donald Keyhoe (NICAP's Director) the existence of two secret documents.

- 1) The 1948 Top Secret Estimate of the Situation concluding UFOs were interplanetary.
- 2) A 1952 Intelligence analysis prepared by Fournet himself concluding that UFOs were intelligently controlled.

Fournet later joined NICAP.

UFOs follow a train. The interesting thing about good close encounters is that a lot of them occur in the wee hours. This one started at ten minutes after three AM on October 3rd, at Rossville, Indiana. it was a very good CE-1 with five witnesses!

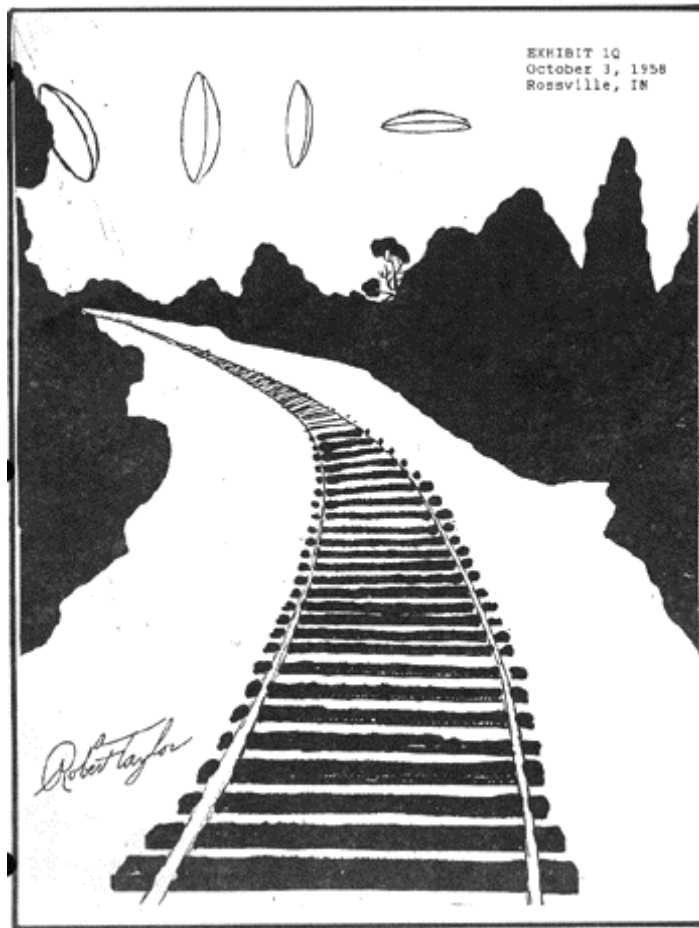


Exhibit 1Q

A Monon Railroad freight train was proceeding through Clinton County, Central Indiana. About 3:10 AM a formation of four odd white lights crossed ahead of the train. The UFOs turned and traversed the full length of the train, front to back (about a half mile) observed by the entire crew (Exhibit 10).

After passing the rear of the train, the objects swung east, turned back and followed the train. The bright glow concealed the exact shape of the UFOs, but they appeared flattened and sometimes flew on edge. Operating part of the time in-line abreast with coordinated motions, the objects followed the train until the conductor shone a bright light on them. Immediately, the UFOs sped away, but returned quickly and continued to pace the train. Total time of observation: about 1 hour and 10 minutes.

Finally the UFOs moved away to the northeast and disappeared. The coordinated maneuvers in formation, reaction to a bright beam of light, and pacing of the train, all suggest some form of intelligence. (Ref.15)

Earlier, on September 22nd, there had been a few interesting entries. The time is not given for this EGBA entry of a UT (uncorrelated target) observed on radar at Briceville, TN. (Ref.4) There was an NL reported (nocturnal light) by a single witness at Lake City, TN, also, but no way of correlating

since we don't have the time of the event. And there were eight sightings in the region for the 29th of September. One was a CE-1 at Wheaton, Illinois. (Ref.4)

The last good Close Encounter entry for 1958 was for Pioneer, Ohio. This was a CE-3. Again, no details because it is a newspaper account listed in the EGBA. (Ref.4)

1959

A lean year for good UFO reports, 1959 was a rest period after the close approaches in 1957 & 1958.

On December 24th, an Air Force Inspector General Brief to Operations and Training Commands said: "UFOs Serious Business". It specified investigative equipment to be used at base level, including Geiger counters and cameras.

The Air Force effort looked impressive behind the scenes then, but we can now see that the Air Force was putting on "a front". But some in the group were very serious. However, some agency higher than the Air Force had directed the recovery and coverup of a crashed UFO in 1947, ten years earlier!

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EPILOG

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Edward J. Ruppelt asked, in his book, "The Report On Unidentified Flying Objects": "What constitutes proof?" That was the first book I had read on the UFO subject back in the early 50's. And that question keeps popping up, especially after my many years of investigation and research and a study of over 4,000 sightings.

The answer seems simple. Individually we can't put the ET label on any of those cases. But we cannot explain them all, either. There is no doubt that there are real, solid, objects in our skies. We don't know where they come from. The cases presented are the unexplained ones, so the percentage of unknowns in the select group is very high. Could we explain them all if we had the money and the time? Skeptics like Phillip Klass think that we could. The Air Force couldn't do it. Battelle Memorial Institute couldn't do it. The University of Colorado couldn't do it. Well, neither can we. If only one of these cases in my files (or someone else's) is what it appears to be, we have something truly important going on.

Prior to the Roswell crash findings there was always one case I and others could use to illustrate a point: The Socorro landing case of April, 1964, mentioned on page 15. The Air Force couldn't explain it. The University of Colorado couldn't write it off either. For a while it was one of the highest rated cases on record. When the Berliner/Speiser Coefficient was being used, the Berliner number for each case ranged from 0 to 10. The same with the Speiser number. These two numbers were supposed to be multiplied together; therefore the best case possible would be "100". In the Socorro case the coefficient was "25". All of the other 150,000 some-odd cases were rated below it! For a long time that was the best and highest number we could come up with. But everyone pretty well agreed that the Socorro case was at least one of the very best we had.

With the documentation we now have concerning the Roswell crash, it appears we now have one case that outranks them all. Thanks to Kevin Randle, Don Schmitt, Stanton Friedman, and others, we now have, apparently, a case where at least one UFO was occupied by living creatures from somewhere else, whether that be another planet or another dimension.

My 34 years of investigation and research were worth the effort. But once we establish that there is something real out there, and manned by alien beings, the rest of the reports, including the one hundred year plus history, begins to make even more sense. And there's more to it than just abductions. "They" appear to be doing all the things we would do if we were in the same situation. In all probability, men and women and young adults, doing all kinds of round-the-clock scientific work. This would include younger aliens doing field work, collecting soil, plant, and animal samples, just as our children and college students do today.

What we understand less is the abduction phenomenon. Is it what it seems to be? Are we being deceived, or are we to take all this at face value? And as the Savah abductors "mentioned" through one of the abductees during regression, "You have something we need. We have something you need!"

One thing is for sure. The world will never be the same. We're not alone.

Francis L. Ridge



"Regional Encounters: The FC Files", is a 170-page, fully-illustrated (8-1/2x11) perfect binding book covering the best close encounters in the Midwest region since the turn of the century. It is now an exciting CD-Rom presented in pdf in its original form. The six-state region covers Missouri to Ohio and Indiana to Tennessee. The CD/book covers the entire sighting period from before the turn of the century, to 1991. The book includes the MADAR UFO detection study conducted from 1970 to 1991. Reports include some of the best encounters ever reported, including the case where a train was stopped by a UFO in 1973, and one where a man suffered from possible radiation exposure, and many incidents of jet chases. Francis L. Ridge is a veteran UFO researcher with service in NICAP, MUFON, and CUFOS since 1960.