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- #2 ANALYSIS SECTION - of all reports individually, in a general attempt to establish their authenticity. Analysis of reports, for the overall patterns that may be present, is also included in this section.
- #3 CREDIT SECTION - for all persons aiding the Review by sending in all reports, and making translations of foreign reports.
- #4 HISTORICAL SUPPLEMENT - will be added to future issues, discussing early 1800 and 1900 reports. This will be delayed until sufficient reports are available for the review.

REWRITE OF SAUCER REPORTS #1 to 14
(Covering Jan 1 to July 30, 1951)

- JAN 20 1951 8:26 PM. Newar Sioux City, Iowa. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, Long. $17\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$
#1 A strange light seen in sky. On closer view, it was a strong, bright white light attached under fuselage of unknown airplane with a very thin fuselage, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ times longer than a B29, with straight wings set very far back, no visible engines, and an unknown series of navigavtion lights. It came from a direction opposite to viewing airliner, but made an instant stop, and turn far faster than any known aircraft, and followed airliner 4 seconds, and then disappeared. SOURCES - Fate Magazine May 1951 - Sioux City Journal - Sioux City Tribune.
- JAN 25 1951 Evening. NORTH SCANIA, Sweden. Lat. 58° , Long. east. 15° .
#2 Brightly shining object at a great height was chased over Sweden by Swedis Airforce plane. NY Telegram - London Daily Mirror
- JAN 28 1951 9:24 to 9:40 PM. DETROIT, Michigan. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$. Long. 83° .
#3 Either a strange blue-green flashes of light or a blinding streak of light was seen in sky at height much lower than lightning, over 3 mile area. For next 10-15 minutes, radio and TV reception was interrupted SOURCES: - Brooklyn Eagle Jan 29 - NY Telegram Jan 29 - Detroit News
- FEB 1, 1951 6:55 PM. From Eureka to Stocton-Vallejo area, California. LAT. 41° , Long. 124° to Lat. 38° to Long. $121-3^{\circ}$.
#4 A white aerial object with red tail moving faster than an airplane, passed near Eureka. Over Hopland, a brilliant green object crossed the sky at apparently airliner speed, and disappeared with a large green flash. Near Petaluma, a fiery streak of light crossed sky. Near Vallejo and Stocton, something was believed to have struck the ground. SOURCE: REDWOOD JOURNAL PRESS-DISPATCH
- FEB 3, 1951 7:00 PM. Galena, Illinois. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$. Long. $90\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.
#5 Aerial object resembling a "fiery-red baseball bat", approximate size of a telephone pole, with lightning-like flashes coming from rear, making no noise, passed over city. It moved at varying heights from 100 to 300 feet above city, made several turns, avoided hills, and travelled at a speed the eye could follow. DOURCES: - NY Daily News - BROOKLYN EAGLE - Galena Daily Gazette
- 7:15 PM. ROCKFORD, Illinois. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, Long. 89° .
A perfectly roudh, brilliantly white disc, apparently larger than ordinary aircraft, travelling slightly faster than an airplane, left a trail of fireworks as it crossed over city in westerly direction. SOURCE: ROCKFORD REGISTER REPUBLIC
- 7:00 PM. FREEPORT, Illinois. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, Long. $89\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.
Blazing streak of light crossed sky. SOURCE: Freeport Journal Standard
- 7:15 PM. MONROE, Wisconsin. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, Long. $90\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.
Blue aerial object with occaisional blue sparks spurting from end, resembling a fireball meteor, "slowly" crossed sky in a flat trajectory in an east to west direction. It did not disappear over horizon like a meteor, but apparently faded into distance like an airplane. SOURCE: MONROE EVENING TIMES FEB 5 1951

FEB 3, 1951 MADISON, Wisconsin. Lat. 43°, Long. 89½°

Flash in sky, and bright object crossed sky.

#5

SOURCE: Rockford Morning Star - Rockford Register Republic

FEB 13 1951? Daytime. ELIZABETHVILLE, Belgian Congo. S. Lat. 12°, E. Long 27½°.

#6
2 glowing circular aerial objects about 36 feet in diameter with whirling rims, suddenly appeared over nearby uranium mines, then zigzagged about. A plane sent to chase them could not catch them in the next 15 minutes and sped off.

SOURCE: See Magazine July 1951.

FEB 13 1951? Evening?. ALAMAGORDO, New Mexico. Lat 33°, Long. 106°.

#7
1 Milk-white, flat aerial object resembling a dime, hovered near a large weather balloon at approximately 50,000 foot altitude, for about 5 minutes. Then it flashed a light resembling a photo flash bulb, 3 times, and disappeared.

SOURCE: DAYTON Journal Herald Feb 15 - NY Times Feb 16

FEB 19 1951 7:20 -7:37 AM. Mount Kilimanjaro, Kenya Border. S. Lat 3°, E Long 37°.

#8
Dazzling object seen hovering in sky 10000 feet above this 19,000 foot peak. Watched from airliner by 11 passengers by binoculars, - it was tube-shaped, with giant hind fin, approximate length 200 feet, with 3 bands or rings around it, but no windows. It hovered 17 minutes, then sped off at approximately 1200 mph leaving no trail.

SOURCE: - SEE M32 July 1951

FEB 24 1951 Evening. REDWOOD VALLEY, Mendocino County, California. Lat. 39°, Lon. 123°

#9
Flash of light in sky. Then a bright light at low height in sky began circling repeatedly, at speed faster than airplane, while making no noise for next 30 minutes. It appeared as plainly visible streak of light when travelling east and west, but as a fixed light when travelling south when leaving.

SOURCE: Redwood Journal Press-Dispatch. Feb 26 - NY Times Feb 26.

MAR 1, 1951 7:20 pm. UKIAH, Mendocino County, California. Lat. 39°, Long. 123°.

#10
Circular glowing light resembling a street light moved westward across sky at great height, at speed to slow for ordinary aircraft, and caused a glow behind westward mountains as it disappeared over them.

SOURCE: Redwood Journal Press Dispatch March 2.

MAR 18 1951 6:35PM? UKIAH, Mendocino County, California. Lat 39°, Long. 123°.

#11
Unknown aerial object or airship followed by a bluish-white flash or flame about 150 feet behind it, in turn followed by a long smoke trail, crossed sky in a straight line (not falling) at about 1000-1500 mph (eye-following speed) faster than plane, slower than meteor) and disappeared in a westerly direction.

SOURCE: Redwood Journal Press Dispatch March 21

MAY 17 1951 Evening. CENTRAL TENNESSEE. Lat 36-37°. Long. 84-87°. A "meteor" streaked across sky.

#12

Evening. BOWLING GREEN, Kentucky. Lat 37°. Long. 87½°. "meteor" exploded nearby.

PADUCAH, Kentucky. Afternoon. Lat 37°, Long. 88½°. Aerial object resembling an airplane turned in air, appeared to be in trouble, then a noise resembling an engine cough was heard, and object disappeared behind viewers streets. Was searched for all night, nothing found.

SOURCE: Paducah Sun Democrat, May 19 1951 NY Telegram May 18

MAY 21 1951 3:20 -3:40 AM. From near GARDEN CITY to DODGE CITY to SALINA, Kansas. From Lat. 38° Long. 100½° to Lat. 39°, Long 97½°.

#13

Bright aerial object resembling a blue-white star, maneuvered in sky while following airplane. It moved backward and forward, then up and down, then stayed motionless in air, then repeated pattern over again. It also trailed along after airliner at speed ranging from 500-1000 mph first parallel to airliner, then 2,000 feet underneath airliner, then over airliner, and finally disappeared in southeasterly direction. Pilot knew jet aircraft as stated it not a jet.

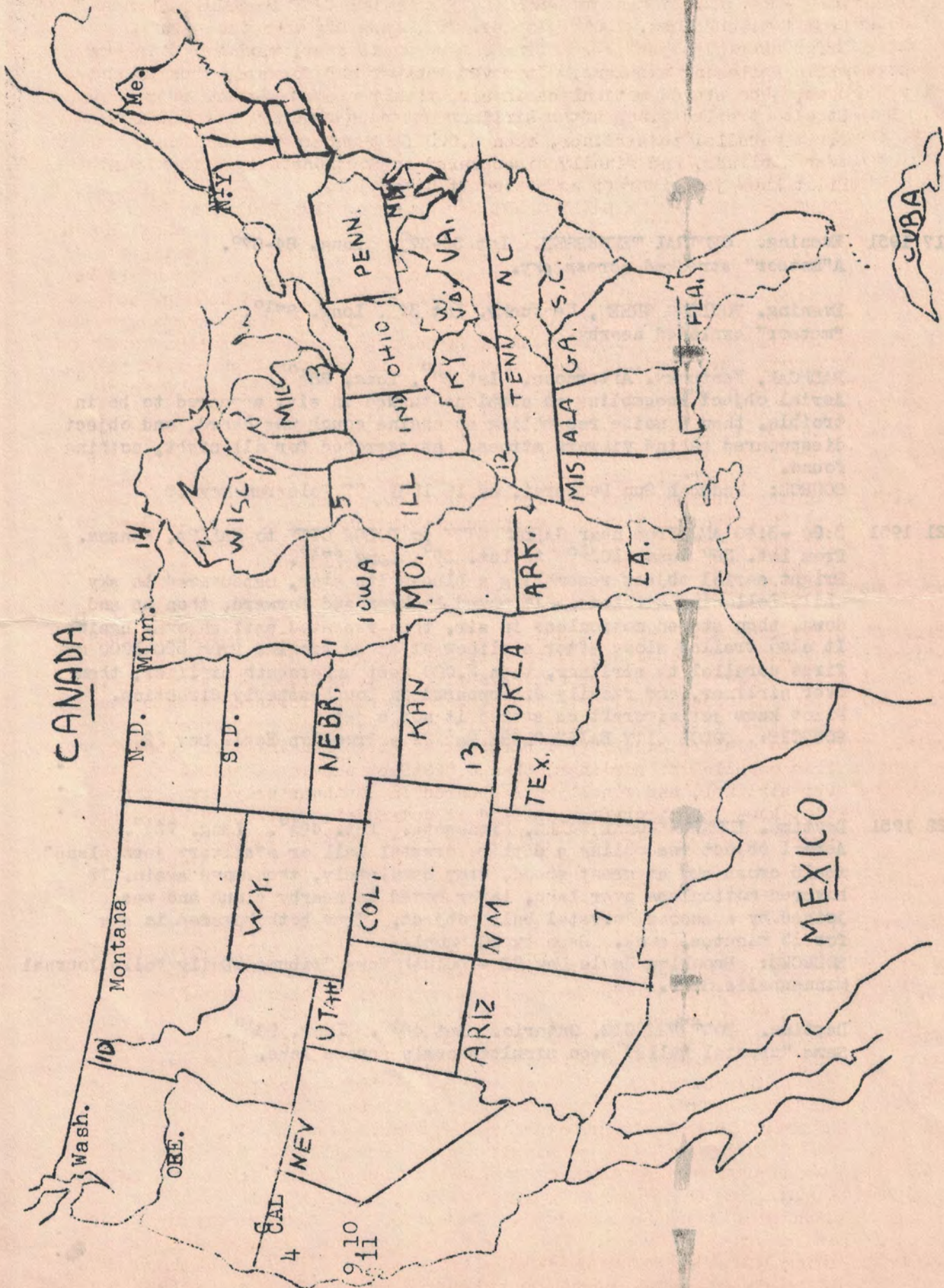
SOURCES: DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE May 22 - Brooklyn Eagle May 22

MAY 22 1951 Daytime. INTERNATIONAL FALLS, Minnesota. Lat. 48½°. Long. 93½°. Aerial object resembling a diamond crystal ball or a "silvery jet plane" would cross sky at great speed, stop completely, then move again. It hovered motionless over lake, later moved to nearby cloud and was joined by a second "crystal ball" object. They both hovered in sky for 15 minutes, away. Seen by 50 people.

#14

SOURCES: Brooklyn Eagle May 23 - Duluth News Tribune -Daily Falls Journal, Minneapolis Star.

Daytime. FORT FRANCIS, Ontario. Lat 48½°. Long. 93½°. Same "crystal balls" seen simultaneously across lake.



CANADA

MEXICO

CUBA

OVERALL PATTERNS: There appear to be 3 minor patterns in this period. #1 is that the Sioux City, Detroit, and Galena reports are all upon the same latitude parallel of $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, although separated in time by 13 days - suggestive of an organized study. Pattern #2 is that Mendocino County, California was the scene of 4 of the 14 reports, but with no apparent reason, excepting the remote possibility of some connection with a "gravity vortex" discovered there 5 years ago, which is in itself an even greater mystery. Pattern #3 is that after a period of little or no activity, 2 reports came in May 22, the day of Mars extreme opposition, when Mars emerged from behind the sun's disc, and which is reminiscent of the great increase in reports during March 1950 the month of Mars close opposition with Earth.

GENERAL ANALYSIS OF SINGLE REPORTS: #1 Sioux City. This story depends on whether you take the pilots word at full face value, and I am inclined to accept his trained judgement. This object is the first I know that resembles an airplane, and would be quickly marked as such, excepting for several reasons. First is that it made an instantaneous stop, and turn, and flew alongside the airliner. Such extraordinary speed is at once similar to many saucer stories, because no human could live thru such tremendous gravity pressures. Second, it is doubtful if even the fastest jet plane could perform such a maneuver, much less a giant B29-sized airplane, which requires MILES and MINUTES, not seconds to do this. Third, my clipping file shows there is no such large aircraft immediately planned, or in existence, excepting the B36, and this is strictly limited to the 500 mph range with all jets and propellers running. Fourth, this maneuver, with such a large airplane is extremely dangerous, and the pilots could be severely punished for endangering lives and a multi-million dollar airplane. Fifth, the pilot saw no engines - this needs no comment - there is simply no engine small enough that would not be easily seen on a planes wings, excepting gliders, and these are not this size. Sixth, it was found that there were no aircraft out at this time.

#2 Sweden. This was announced thru the Swedish defense Staff, who have as modern a jet airforce as anyone. If the object outflowed the plane, it could not have been a balloon. If it was followed some time, it most certainly wasn't a 150,000 mph meteor. It is doubtful if even the Russians would foolish enough to test aircraft over Sweden.

#2 Detroit. This is a confusing report, variously described as a blinding streak, many blue-green flashes, and with rumblings and explosion in Life Magazine. I very much doubt the official explanation that it was caused by a power breakdown, which may have occurred at about the same time - most people know what a trolley electric flash looks like, and can tell whether something is in the sky or on land. Also, anyone who has read Charles Fort know the laziness of newspaper reporters and their glib explanations without checking their actual source. This was probably flashes from a saucer engine, although it might possibly be a communication attempt. This report is similar to the Alamogordo report where the object flashed brightly 3 times when disappearing, the Wisconsin report where the object gave off blue sparks from its end, the Galena report where the object had lightning like flashes coming from its rear, and the Eureka report where the object disappeared with a green flash.

#4 Eureka. Also confusingly reported. However, its speed would seem to place it in the Saucer category, being watched easily by eye, but travelling much too fast for an airplane and in the wrong direction. Its various descriptions were probably caused by its showing different lights at different times, and being sighted in different areas and heights. Further information coming in on this report.

#5 Galena. This object had a most definite rocket-like shape, rare for a saucer report. Its tail also gave an apparent flaming exhaust, also uncommon in a saucer, but its noiselessness is a definite saucer characteristic. Its obvious maneuverability shows it could not have been a meteor. The most conventional object, a giant V2 rocket or Navy Viking rocket are most improbable theories - A these are extremely noisy B They would never be tested in such an inhabited area, C They carry fuel for only 10 minutes approximately D They are still nearly uncontrollable at any distance. This objects slow or deliberate travel suggest a possible study or reconnaissance

#5A Rockford, Illinois and Wisconsin. Blue or brilliant white object seen about same time as Galena report. It is very doubtful that a meteor and an unknown airship were seen at about the same time - both reports are probably of the same object seen travelling at cruising and full speeds and at different daylight hours near sunset, when the objects exhaust was superior in brightness to the reflected brightness of bodys light. The best report mentions that object disappeared in distance like an airplane and not over horizon which a meteor would do, and coupled with its speed superior to an airplane, would tend to back saucer theory.

#6 Elizabethville. First object with definite saucer shape. Its being chased would rule out hallucination, and meteors great speed, and location in the center of Africa would rule out liddels baloon theory, - even the Navy would not push this "explanation" this far. The outspeeding of the spitfire plane also back saucer origin.

#7 Alamogordo. A pretty authentic report from airline pilots. Nothing very unusual to report, apparently making an examination of balloon, but date of report very curious, coming as it did immediately after liddels baloon "explanation", and seeming to deny point blank the new official "explanation". Possibly the continued application of the "theres-no-such-thing-but-dont-believe-us-completely policy that Keyhoe wrote of, which the armed services plan to protect themselves with when full truth comes out.

#8 Kilimanjaro. Another rare rocketship-like saucer story. It seems very authentic with entire airliners passengers and pilots watching it, and photos taken. For some unknown reason, Central Africa was busy this month. Will try to get original papers report, if I can locate names of papers. There is no known aircraft in the world of this size and shape, although the atomic rocket may resemble it when it becomes practical in the next 5 years.

#9 Mendocino. Not very detailed, but lack of noise and speed greater than airplane infer saucer origin.

#10 Mendocino. Also not too detailed, but speed slower than airplane, and the light carried being brilliant enough to cause a glow behind a mountain, would rule out known aircraft, there being no known reason why any plane should carry such a light. At night most airplane lights are just star-like points that flash on and off, not glow.

#11 Mendocino. Speed easily followed means too slow for meteor, and speed still too great fro airplane would mean a saucer. The fastest American aircraft now are the S1 Bell rocket plane, and the D9558-2 Douglas, both reportedly capable of over 1,000 mph for several MINUTES before fuel completely gives out. Their range is so short they can be used over a few bases where landing surface is perfectly smooth for these high speed craft landing at over 100 mph.

#12 Tennessee-Kentucky. The 5th giant fireball meteor seen near or heading toward the Tennessee-Kentucky area in 7 months. Others were seen Sep. 20, Sept. 22, Oct 5, Nov. 2, and none of them in a meteor shower period. According to Sky and Telescope, 26 fireball meteors were seen over entire northwest USA in 20 YEARS, and such a frequency over a tiny southern area passes known possibilities, and probably all of these objects were saucers. In particular, the Sept. 22 Idaho-Utah-Wyoming-Missouri-Tennessee meteor that travelled in a curve path, was visible 30-40 seconds is most definitely a saucer. A possible reason saucers head toward this area, is that there may be a space station in this area, and the saucers head for it as would a scout plane toward a Navy aircraft carrier.

#13 Dodge City. The star like object with no apparent body has been seen several times in the past, and while probably not a saucer, is apparently allied to them in its unknown origin and ability to totally outmaneuver any aircraft against it. Somewhat resembles the 1945 Foo fighters and the Oct 1 1948 Gorman chase after object in an F51. The meaning of its definite maneuvers are unknown to me, and any suggestions will be welcomed.

#14 International Falls: Report is confusing, but objects ability to hover cannot be duplicated by a jet. The number of persons observing it back its authenticity and the few hours difference after sighting the object over Dodge City suggests it may have been the same object, seen under different lighting conditions of night and day. The 'crystal' effect has never been reported before, but such transparency compares well with the objects mistiness or semi-transparency of early reports.

THE SAUCER REVIEW

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PLANS: If the SAUCER REVIEW proves successful in contacting people interested in exchanging reports, a fourth section or a supplement may be added, concerned with saucer history since 1947 and earlier.

Sight Strange Aircraft Over Sioux City; It Does Tricks New to Pilots

Airline Flier Describes Amazing Performance by Huge Ship

Kansas City. — (AP) — A veteran airline pilot Sunday night told of seeing a strange aircraft Saturday night that did something "you just can't do with airplanes today."

Larry W. Vinther of Kansas City, Mid-Continent airline pilot who has been flying 17 years and has been with Mid-Continent seven years, said the incident occurred over Sioux City.

He described the strange plane as about "one and a half times the size of a B-29, with a long, slender fuselage, long straight wings set farther forward than a B-29s."

"There were no engine mountings on the wings and I saw no exhaust glow," Vinther said. "The wings were straight, not swept back like on the B-47 and other jet bombers, and there were no jet pods visible."

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Vinther said his DC-3 was doing 120 miles an hour and the other craft was going faster than that in the opposite direction. "I had just turned my head from watching him go past our wing when there he was again, flying right beside us about 200 feet to our left, going in the same direction we were," he said.

Vinther said that's what mystified him because "you just can't turn an airplane around that fast at that speed."

The strange plane flew alongside about four seconds then eased off below the DC-3 "and we lost him," the pilot said. Vinther's flight stayed overnight at Omaha. He said he checked the airbase at Offutt field there and learned there were no airforce jet planes scheduled in that area.

Attempts to learn further details concerning the strange aircraft reported over Sioux City were unavailing here Sunday night. A Mid-Continent airlines official said that as far as he knew no one at the municipal airport at Sergeant Bluff had seen the aircraft. Other sources, however, declined comment.

Reports grew Monday of an amazing performance by a strange aircraft over Sioux City.

Larry D. Vinther of Kansas City, a veteran airline pilot, told of seeing a plane over the city Saturday night that did something "you just can't do with airplanes of today." His account told how the plane passed him once in the opposite direction, then in an unbelievable short time passed him again going in the same direction.

Monday Capt. Richard Baugh of the 174th fighter squadron of the air national guard, disclosed he had a similar experience a month or so ago.

Capt. Baugh, like Vinther, was impressed by the bright light on the tail of the fuselage of the strange plane and its speed.

"It had more speed than anything I ever saw before," Capt. Baugh said Monday at Vermillion, S. D., where he is a senior in journalism at the University of South Dakota. His home is here at 2300 Douglas street.

Capt. Baugh, who at the time was up in a TC-3, said that he attempted to chase the mysterious plane, but it circled and out-climbed him. He lost it as it disappeared to the northwest.

Capt. Baugh said that the night of his experience was so dark that he could not describe the plane other than its bright light and speed.

Keith Arnold, Sioux manager of Mid-Continent airlines, Vinther's employer, said that he had been unable to learn any more details. However, he said that James Yarnaw, 1100 S. Glass street, had notified him of seeing a plane with particularly bright

Standing Performance of Strange Plane Over City Related by Fliers

Airline Pilot, Air Guard Captain Tell of Amazing Speed

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Morgasbord the Sky

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 26.—A Swedish Air Force plane chased a shining object across the sky yesterday. The Swedish defense staff reported last night. The communique said the object was traveling very high and appeared off the coast.

STOCKHOLM, Friday.—A Swedish Defence Staff statement says a brightly shining object was seen traveling very high and fast over the Scania. Southern Sweden last night.

Power Test causes Flash, startling N. E.

A power-line failure at the Detroit Edison, Co.'s Eight Mile road substation started residents of the northeast section last night when it sent eerie waves of light into the sky.

An Edison spokesman said a lightning arrester failed in a power line test. That resulted in a 5-second line being thrown out, causing a "power surge" in the area.

The surge caused momentary flickering of lights, interrupted reception and distorted TV pictures.

Edison engineers placed the instrument at 9:24 p. m.

Scores of calls from frightened persons jammed the switchboard at the Center Line state police station.

Several frantic citizens said they witnessed a blinding streak of light outside their houses at ground level.

Others ran from their cars in terror to the Warren Township station.

Weird Flashes of Light Frighten Detroiters

Detroit, Jan. 29 (U.P.)—Alarmists reported a 15-minute display of weird, unexplained flashes of light over the suburban east side last night.

The bluish-green lights flashed over a three-mile area, closer to the ground than lightning. Radios in the area were blacked out momentarily and house lights dimmed.

Flashes Alarm Detroit

BY THE UNITED PRESS.

DETROIT, Jan. 29.—Alarmed residents reported a 15-minute display of unexplained blue-green flashes of light over a three-mile area last night. Radios were blacked out momentarily and house lights dimmed.

Power Line 'Short' Blacks Out Radio

A short-circuit in a power line along Eight Mile road east between Gratiot and Van Dyke avenues caused a series of blue flashes in the sky Sunday night and a partial radio and television blackout, the Detroit Edison Co. said today.

Although the flashes lasted only a few seconds about 9:26 p. m., radio and television sets were swamped with calls.

Warren Township police said the same thing happened in that Macomb County area about eight months ago.

Edison linemen were searching for the source of trouble today.

DETROIT NEWS, MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1951

Brilliant Sky Rover Believed a Meteor

"Very brilliant green," was the way Mrs. Ethel Hartley of Hopland described the brightly glowing unidentified object that was reported seen last night by citizens all along the North Pacific coast.

All those who reported seeing this object reported seeing it at about the same time, within a few minutes of 6:50 last night.

Mrs. Hartley said that she was in her sun room about 6:50 when she saw what she at first thought to be an airliner with green lights, going down fast. "I was watching it through the trees," she said, "and it looked as if the lights were going off and on." She then reported seeing a large green flash which then changed to white and disappeared near Picta south of Squaw Rock.

Mrs. Hartley lives about four miles east of Hopland on the Lake county road. She reported that she had seen to the Sheriff's office in Ukiah.

Also reporting seeing the bright green object was Johnnie Myers of Ukiah. He was outside his home on Cherry lane cutting wood at about 6:50 when he saw what

he described at "a large green object about the size of a basketball traveling very fast."

"It seemed to be a little west of Hopland," he said, "and after it crashed I saw two streaks of white light flash in the sky. It happened very fast and it was all over in a few seconds."

Myers went into the house and reported this to his father, Capt. Myers of the state highway patrol, who then called the sheriff's office.

A Southwest airline pilot heading south near Eureka reported that he sighted the object at about 6000 feet. He said that it appeared to be moving faster than a plane and he described it as white with a red tail. He reported that the thing then dived vertically into the ground at a point he estimated to be around Hopland.

Dr. Arthur Bowdon of Santa Rosa reported that he saw "a streak of fire across the sky," as

he was driving towards Retar on Denman Flat. He said he and three passengers watched the glow at about 6:55 p. m.

Acting on the request of the sheriff's office and the local office of the California State Highway Patrol, Gayle Stone and Mrs. Stone took off from the Ukiah airport in a private plane at about 7:20 to scout the area. Stone reported that he found nothing of the ordinary and no fires anywhere around the area.

A Pacific Lumber Company plane was also over the area that time and Mr. Stone radioed request that this plane look over the area, but nothing unusual was found.

The object was also reported seen hitting the earth near Ukiah and in Stockton area as many persons swamped other switchboards throughout the northern area to report a plane crash.

Two possible explanations given for the glowing object were meteor or a flare dropped from one of the military planes taking part in the air maneuvers in northern California.

REDWOOD JOURNAL-PRESS-DISPATCH, UKIAH, CALIF., UKIAH, MENDOCINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1951

Hint Meteor Caused Flash Through Sky

Williams Bay, Wis. — (UP) — A brilliant flash of blue light, believed to have been caused by a meteor, lit central Wisconsin Saturday night "like a shower of electric welding sparks."

Dr. Bengt Stromgren, director of Yerkes observatory here, said, "From all of my information, it must have been a fire ball."

He said about a dozen reports of the flash came in from all over the central part of the state. No one at the observatory saw it, he said.

Beaver Dam police got a call about the light at 7:20 p.m. and notified the power company, believing a high tension wire was down.

C. A. Davison, rural Beaver Dam, told the police the flash was "a blue burst of light like a shower of electric welding sparks."

Police also got calls in Madison, Portage, Stevens Point, Mosinee, Rhinelander, and Columbus. Most of the callers were more curious than hysterical or frightened.

A Wisconsin Central Airlines pilot who had just taken off at Madison also reported the flash, and a state patrolman said he watched it move across the sky.

A University of Wisconsin astronomer said his reports seemed to indicate the flash was caused by a meteor less than 100 miles in the air traveling at about 25 miles a second.

ROCKFORD MORNING STAR
Sunday, Feb. 4, 1951 ★ A 3

Rockford Area Viewers Spot Comet in Disguise

An object, variously described as a "brilliant white disk," a "telephone pole shaped like a baseball bat," and "blue flash," was reported hurtling through the sky above Illinois and Wisconsin Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Erlandson, 1728 Rural st., and Lawrence Swenson and his son, John, 2120 17th ave., reported seeing a west-bound white disk in the skies above Rockford. Galena's Mayor E. R. Logan said "several reputable and responsible" persons reported they had seen "a telephone pole shaped like a baseball bat" overhead.

Persons in several Wisconsin towns reported a blue flash in the sky at about the same time. In Madison, an airline pilot reported seeing the object as he was about to take off, and a state policeman reported seeing it while on patrol.

Expert opinion from the Yerkes observatory in Lake Geneva and the University of Wisconsin indicated it probably was a meteor traveling about 90,000 miles an hour 100 miles above the earth.

Rockford Register - Republic
6 A ★ Monday, Feb. 5, 1951

Brilliant White Disk Is Spotted Over Rockford

A brilliant white disk, perfectly round and larger than an airplane, was reported Saturday night by four Rockford residents who said they spotted the object moving through the sky about 7:15 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. John Erlandson, 1728 Rural st., rushed to a nearby fire station to report the weird object after they spotted it "quite high in the sky" while they were driving near the intersection of 20th ave. and 11th st.

While in the fire station, Erlandson said, Lawrence Swenson and his son, John, of 2120 17th ave., came into the station to report that they had seen the same object.

Erlandson said it was almost impossible to estimate the size of the object, but that, from the ground, it appeared even larger than an airplane would while flying at a low altitude.

The disk headed west across the south part of Rockford, Erlandson said, and appeared to be followed by a trail of "fireworks."

It seemed to be moving through the sky slightly faster than an airplane would.

ROCKFORD MORNING STAR
8 R ★ Sunday, Feb. 4, 1951

Blazing Streak Of Light Seen In Freeport Area Was Meteor, Says Expert

Galena, Ill., Feb. 5. — (UP) — A blazing streak of light that tore across the sky of northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin apparently was a meteor, an expert said today. The streak was reported seen in Freeport and Rockford.

Dr. Bengt Stromgren, director of the Yerkes observatory at Williams Bay, Wis., said the "red telephone pole" and the "blue baseball bat" that residents saw was probably a "fire ball" meteor.

Mayor Ray Logan of Galena said that he had several phone calls Saturday night from citizens that said they saw something like a blazing red telephone pole zip across the sky.

These reports coincided with observations of Wisconsin residents who saw a blue object hurtling through the air.

A Wisconsin Central Air Lines pilot said that he saw something flying through space and that it gave off a shower of blue sparks.

U. W. Astronomer Asks Information on Meteor

Officials at the University of Wisconsin's Washburn observatory Sunday issued a request for additional information on the meteor that flashed across the state Saturday night.

Prof. A. E. Whitford, director of Washburn, said the university astronomy department would like to know in which direction witnesses saw the meteor travel.

They'd like the information according to compass points and the approximate angle above the horizon.

Persons who saw the meteor can contact the astronomy department at the university, he said.

According to preliminary reports, Prof. Whitford said, the meteor probably burned itself out between 50 and 60 miles above the earth's surface.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1951

THE JOURNAL-STANDARD, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1951

GALENA CITIZENS

REPORT SEEING

FIERY RED OBJECT

Saturday night at about 7:00 quite a number of very sober and upright citizens reported a flying phenomenon in the Galena area and, as yet, no official statements have been released as to its exact nature or purpose.

The construction or missile or whatever it is or was, was described as shaped like a huge baseball but that the size of a telephone pole. It must have been propelled by some sort of jet arrangement since lighting-like flashes were seen coming from the rear of the object. All reports in Illinois stated that the object was a fiery red and moved aimlessly. Since the "thing" avoided hills and made a number of turns during its flights it seems probable that it was not a meteorite or some other phenomenon. The object apparently did some "hedge-hopping" in this area, because all reports gave its approximate altitude as from 100 to 300 feet.

Mayor Ray E. Logan, who received several of the reports, stated that in his opinion, since the object was seen in Wisconsin and primarily in the same time it would be merely a collection of stars with the path they follow imagined.

However, enough the object was reported as being a very distinct color of blue by persons traveling north in southern Wisconsin.

Illinois Sees

'Flying Pole'

Galena, Ill., Feb. 4 (U.P.).—Mayor Ray Logan said today he was flooded with calls from persons who claimed they saw a 300-foot-long, brilliant red "telephone pole" fly over Galena last night.

And it was only a "typical Saturday night in Galena," the mayor said.

The report coincided with observations of a brilliant blue flash, believed caused by a meteor, over central Wisconsin.

Witnesses here said the pole was shaped something like a baseball bat and glided noiselessly along, not very high and not very fast.

Later reports said the pole was green in color as it sailed northward, and Logan said he received reports from the north that it was blue over Wisconsin.

Red 'Phone Pole' in Sky Called Fireball. Meteorologists

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DAILY NEWS, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1951

Phenomenon Startles Many

Huge Meteor Burns Way Through Wisconsin Skies

Fairly constant descriptions of what apparently was a large meteor were reported today after a "big ball of fire" flashed through southern Wisconsin skies about 7:15 p. m. Saturday.

Donald W. Woodman of the Times staff said he saw the phenomenon from the city. He said a "glow" bluish flash lighted the area. As he looked up, he saw a bluish formation with occasional sparks. "Like a Roman candle," from the tail. He said his line of vision put the object at tree-top level at a considerable distance away. It appeared to travel from east to west in (a) trajectory, fading out instead of disappearing behind the horizon in an arc.

William L. Daly, 1742 17th street, said it appeared to him "like a big, bluish ball of light right in my face," since he was looking down while walking to his house.

Michael Dammen, Argyle, reported seeing the meteor in the Lamont area.

Mrs. Bernard C. Poff, 1502 21st avenue, reported seeing the "fireball" shortly after 7 p. m. as she and her husband were

driving north on highway 81. "It looked like a big ball of fire," Mrs. Poff said. "It was headed north and had a fiery tail like a flame from a blow torch."

"If I had not seen it, I would not have believed it," she said. "I never want to see anything like that again."

Mrs. Poff reported it was dark one instant, then the whole area lighted up as if the moon suddenly came out. It reflected from the fields making the ground and sky light.

Sparks flew from the tail and gradually burned out, she said. The "fireball" passed over the Poffs traveling in a northerly direction.

Astronomers still were collecting data on the huge meteor today.

Dr. Bengt Stromgren of Yerkes observatory said it may take a week to determine the path of what he described as "apparently a fireball."

A fireball, he said, results when a chunk of metal or stone hits the atmosphere from out in space and friction caused by the terrific speed sets it afire.

MONROE EVENING TIMES, MONROE, WISCONSIN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1951

Saucer Visiting Balloon?

2 Field Pilots Not Sure

Airmen Sight Object While On Mission In New Mexico; AMC Officials Silent

Two Wright Field officers added another chapter to the "Flying Saucer story" last night.

Capt. J. E. Cocker, of the All-Weather Flying Division, and Capt. E. W. Spradley, of the Aerial Photographic laboratory, claimed they "saw a strange object" in the sky while on a test mission recently.

They said they were flying in a C-47 at about 12,000 feet near Alamogordo, N. M. Their plane had taken off from Holloman Air Force base to track a large balloon sent up to take weather observations. The balloon was similar to the type used in "Project Skyhook" disclosed this week by the Navy.

Captain Spradley described it:

"We were following the balloon when I noticed a strange object in the sky. It was flat and looked like a dime. It was a milky color. It wasn't doing anything, just hovering there near the balloon."

Higher Altitude

The object and the balloon were at a much higher altitude than the C-47, they said. It was estimated "somewhere around 50,000 or 60,000 feet."

Captain Cocker also saw the object. He got up from his seat and looked at it from the plane's astrodome.

"I saw something I never saw before," he said.

"It was perfectly round. But I don't know what it was. In a way it looked like a star without any observations to field authorities.

"STRANGE OBJECT" IN SKY
Fliers Watch Dime-Like Thing Hover Near Balloon

DAYTON, Ohio, Feb. 15 (AP)

Two Wright-Patterson Air Force base officers last night reported they recently "saw a strange object" in the sky over Alamogordo, N. M.

Capt. J. E. Cocker of the all-weather flying division and Capt. E. W. Spradley of the aerial photographic laboratory said they spotted the object as they tracked a large weather balloon. The bal-

the sighting made just as the N.R.O. was trying to debunk saucers. It was from Elizabethville in the Belgian Congo, and the sighting was made by dozens of people. This is a key spot on the world map, for here is one of the world's biggest deposits of Uranium.

Two glowing saucers suddenly appeared, circling over the pits from which Uranium is mined. Suddenly they shot off, zigzagging like snipe.

When Elizabethville authorities sent up a pursuing Spitfire plane, the saucers let the pilot get so close that he could not only judge their size—they were the standard model some thirty-six feet across—he could even see the whirling rim. After fifteen minutes the saucers accelerated and the Spitfire was left hopelessly behind. *see page July 1951*

Eleven People Watched This Skycraft

News of the second of the big recent sightings comes from East Africa. A week after the N.R.O. issued its "explanation"—on the 19th of February, at 7:20 A.M., in weather of perfect visibility—a Captain Bicknell and his co-pilot were flying the East African Airways plane *The Lodestar* with nine passengers on board. Approaching Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest (19,300 feet), they saw a dazzling object hanging in the sky some 10,000 feet above the peak. The pilots alerted the passengers. For seventeen minutes, eleven people watched—and they had strong glasses with which to do so.

The object, they agreed, was two hundred feet in length, a giant tube with a hind fin. This type has been seen a number of times. It hung there some time quite still. It had three bands or rings around it, but apparently it had no windows. Suddenly it shot away. In three minutes it covered sixty miles, a pace of 1200 miles an hour. There was no vapor trail or exhaust.

At last the watchers lost sight of the tube as it rose still higher. Fortunately, however, a cinema camera with a telephoto lens was on board and a shot was taken. The film, flown to Johannesburg, has been developed and has been shown at Durban, capital of Natal. All who have seen it are convinced. It shows a craft that no earthly air-manufacturing base could dream of making. And it shows this giant craft maneuvering as no one has ever seen a man-made airship sail. That film when shown publicly should, if not settle the controversy, at least debunk the debunkers. *See July 1951*

Another "flying saucer" was reported Saturday night flying for half an hour over Redwood valley. L. S. Wing, an employe of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, reported to the office of Sheriff Broadus that he was one of 12 people, six grown ups and six children, who watched the bright object circle Redwood valley for approximately half an hour. It then took off to the south.

Deputies in the sheriff's office called the Ukiah airport and the lights were turned on, in the chance that there was a plane in the air looking for the airport. Deputies also went to the roof of the courthouse, but neither the airport or the deputies could sight any moving light. Mr. Wing states that the object would have been south of Ukiah airport by the time he reported the light and action went into effect.

Mr. Wing gives a clear description of what he saw. He said that on first sighting the light he thought it was a flash from the beacon. But as it circled repeatedly he realized it was not the beacon light.

He said the light traveled at too fast a rate for an ordinary plane. He thought it might be a jet plane but there was no noise accompanying the light which was plainly visible as it traveled east and west, but dim as it traveled south, as if it might be a tail light. The circling, the speed and the absence of noise aroused Mr. Wing to critically observe the light.

As the object traveled east and west, Mr. Wing states, it was a streak of rapidly moving light, similar to a falling star, but it circled again and again and as it went south the light appeared to be more of a fixed light.

While it is difficult for Mr. Wing to give the height of the light, he states that it was not very high.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1951

REDWOOD JOURNAL-PRESS DISPATCH UKIAH, CALIF.

Street Light In Sky New Version Flying Saucer, Maybe

Another variation on the old flying saucer yarn came to light today.

Mrs. Chester Hill, 616 Myron street, Ukiah, reports that she saw a "street light" in the sky last night about 7:20.

Mrs. Hill was on her way to attend a first aid class at the high school when she looked up into the western sky and saw a round, glowing object that looked, as she says, "exactly like a street light."

At first guess Mrs. Hill discounted the vision as an optical illusion. But as she started up Grove street toward the school the floating light had disappeared behind the U in the mountains directly west of Ukiah. The glow behind the mountain outlined the immediate area, causing Mrs. Hill to begin wondering.

She says the lighted object was very high and moving too slow for an ordinary aircraft.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1951

REDWOOD JOURNAL-PRESS

DISPATCH, UKIAH, CALIF.

Flying Object Observed as It Cruised Heavens Sunday

Another flying saucer has been observed streaking westward to the sea, over Ukiah valley. Three people reported viewing the object. They are Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Brown and Ralph Manning all of Ukiah.

The Browns were driving north Sunday evening on the Redwood highway. At approximately 6:35, in the neighborhood of Burke hill, they saw the object in the sky. Irvin Brown is a veteran of the air force in World War II. He describes what he saw in detail; states it was not a jet plane nor a comet; did not look like anything he has ever seen, although he has seen or read descriptions accurately of planes of all known types. The speed of the object, Mr. Brown states, was faster than a plane, but not as fast as a comet or shooting star. It flashed a blue-white light, like the flash of an arc welder; he observed a brown spot ahead of the flash, and a smoke trail about ten times the length of the flash.

It traveled in a straight line and west. Mr. Manning, who is also a former air force man, gives his estimate of the speed at from 1000 to 1500 miles an hour. He observed the object, he states, for seven or eight seconds. "It looked like a ship of some kind," he reports, but not any familiar type. He judged that the rocket or ship or whatever the object was appeared to the eye to be about 150 feet ahead of the blue white flash.

He also says the object maintained its speed, and altitude in a straight line, disappearing in the west.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1951

REDWOOD JOURNAL-PRESS-DISPATCH, UKIAH, CALIF.

Local Man Hears Flying Object Report

R. L. Braddock, civil aeronautics association communicator on the night shift at the municipal airport was one of the radio operators listening in on a fascinating running account by an American airline pilot about a bluish white star moving back and forth at high speed in the southwest.

Mr. Braddock listened in while Captain W. R. Hunt, the pilot, reported the activity of an object about 100 miles southwest of Dodge City while he was flying the airliner on a flight from Phoenix, Ariz., to Chicago.

Mr. Braddock reported the pilot's words as being "Man, that thing is really moving." The pilot said he last saw the object while his ship was somewhere between Garden City and Dodge City.

Captain Hunt was flying at 21,000 feet above the overcast on Monday night when he spotted the strange light that was apparently propelled at speeds ranging from 500 to 1,000 miles per hour.

Mr. Braddock said the pilot reported he knew it was not a jet aircraft because he was familiar with such ships.

The strange light would fly parallel with him for a time and then fly about 2,000 feet below him and then would alter its course and fly above him, he said.

The object continually changed speeds, Mr. Braddock quoted the pilot as saying.

The pilot was asked by another communications point if he could make out any outline or solid mass, to which the pilot gave a negative reply. He said the object was too far away from him to properly discern anything solid about it.

The object sped off into a southeasterly direction, the pilot said, and then disappeared.

Airline Pilot Sees Strange Flying Object

CHICAGO —(AP)—An American airlines pilot said Tuesday he saw what appeared to be a bluish white star moving back and forth at high speed in the southwest.

Captain W. R. Hunt, the pilot said he saw the object about 100 miles southwest of Dodge City while piloting a regular airliner flight from Phoenix, Ariz., to Chicago.

Hunt said he sighted the object at 3:20 a.m. (CST) while flying about 270 to 280 miles an hour at 21,000 feet.

"It looked like a bluish white star but it definitely was something that was propelled," Hunt said. "It traveled about 500 to 1,000 miles an hour."

"The star moved backward and forward, then up and down, and then seemed to come to a stop. Then it would complete the pattern over again."

He said the object did not approach closer than five miles away but that it seemed to "play tag with the plane."

Hunt said he was talking to a radio operator at Garden City, at the time and that he gave the operator a "play by play" account of the mysterious object. He said the radio operator tied in several other operators who also listened to the description.

Hunt said he watched the object for about 20 minutes, and that it then descended to about 3,000 to 4,000 feet below the plane. Then it drifted away to the southwest, he said.

"I hated to see it leave," he added. "It was a very interesting sight."

the possibility of the light coming from "the plane."

A closer inspection of the fire disclosed it to be a burning tree.

Searchers continued throughout the night in the Fremont and Massac communities, to no avail.

State police said today they believed someone had made an "honest mistake" in reporting the "crash" to the district headquarters.

The Civil Aeronautics Authority had no record of any missing aircraft.

A meteor was seen over Nashville last night and it supposedly crashed in the Bowling Green area, and it may have had something to do with the star here.

The "crash" carried proof that news travels fast. Shortly after the first report of a crash was circulated, request for information kept all communication lines to The Sun-Democrat busy.

The New York Daily News telephoned twice and the Nashville Tennessean, four times. The Associated Press, in New York, was asking for pictures, as were several New York newspapers. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat and The Associated Press, Louisville, made their requests for detailed information.

Bill Birch, NBC television representative, who was in Indianapolis, inquired by telephone. His main office had called him.

When the search ended today, state police still were unable to answer the question, "Where is the crashed airliner?" but they can give a detailed description of just how weary they are.

Plane Crash Report Causes 'Stir' In County

"Where did the big airliner crash?" was the question on the lips of scores of frantic motorists searching in the central section of McCracken county Thursday night.

The turmoil came in the wake of a report to state police headquarters that a plane had crashed in the county.

State troopers and the county's volunteers went into action and not until today was the search abandoned.

Troopers said they thought a plane in trouble over McCracken county caused the report of a crashed airliner to be circulated.

William Brock and M. L. Smith, who live on the Henry Well farm, Standville road, said they saw a plane bank, heard engines cough and thought they saw the craft disappear behind some trees, according to the troopers.

A plane of the Kentucky Aeronautics Institute, Barkley Field, flew several hours last night and today in an effort to sight any possible wreckage. But the search failed to disclose any trace of a crash.

Motoring searchers spotted a fire in an open field a mile southeast of WKYB radio transmitting tower, Henderson community, and reported

Kentucky Hunts Crashed Plane

PADUCAH, Ky., May 18.—Searchers combed a wide area of wooded hills five miles from here today without finding any trace of a plane that reportedly crashed.

State police directing the hunt gave up their efforts last night until daylight.

Coincident with the crash report was word from middle Tennessee that a meteor streaked across the sky and exploded with a flash, apparently near Bowling Green, Ky. Bowling Green is about 150 miles from Paducah.

Flying Saucer' Excitement rips Falls-Fort District

Flying saucers—real or imagined—have border area citizens in a tizzy today. It would travel fast, then stop, drop and rise again. The object was joined by another and the two disappeared behind a cloud.

Reports of similar objects came from Duluth radio stations and one from Kansas, but the one that added to the interest—and confusion—was one from New York early this morning.

Don Hollenbeck, ace CBS newscaster and narrator of the News of America program at 8 a.m. daily, reported that flying saucers were observed "over International Falls, Minn., yesterday." Hollenbeck stated they were traveling about 700 miles an hour.

THE DAILY JOURNAL
Wednesday, May 23, 1951

Now 'Crystal Balls' Fly Like Big Birds

United Press
has denied finding any evidence of "flying saucers."
The Minnesota observers said their "crystal ball" dashed across the sky at speeds "in excess of 700 miles an hour." They then stopped suddenly and hung motionless above the lake. Then it shot upwards 200 feet in a split second, they said.

About 50 residents at the northern end of Rainy Lake near International Falls, Minn., said they saw a "crystal ball" which moved toward a nearby cloud formed like "a huge hummingbird" as it flashed across the sky. It was joined later by another "crystal ball," they said, around the area for 15 minutes before flying off.

Onlookers across the Canadian border at Fort Francis, Ontario, said they also saw the two saucers. The Canadian observer said the flying objects "flashed in a split second

'Crystal Ball' Seen in Skies

INTERNATIONAL FALLS

Residents in the area around the eastern end of Rainy lake said they sighted what appeared to be a "crystal ball" streaking across the sky at a terrific rate of speed yesterday.

One observer reported that the strange craft first appeared to be a jet plane flying at a tremendous height, but he said the movements of the object were unlike anything which a conventional aircraft could perform.

Other witnesses said the craft flew across Rainy lake with a tremendous burst of speed, stopped suddenly, and then hung motionless in the sky for several seconds.

The craft then shot up an estimated 200 feet in a split second. One witness said the strange object performed just "like a huge humming bird."

Some observers estimated that the craft was traveling in excess of 700 miles an hour.

They said that the object reflected rays from the sun and as it neared a cloud in the sky it was joined by another similar craft.

The craft stayed in the area for approximately 15 minutes, then disappeared in the distance.

4 Duluth News-Tribune
Wed., May 23, 1951

MINNEAPOLIS STAR

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 1951

AT RAINY LAKE 'Saucers' Soar Back Into News

FLYING SAUCERS — this time in the form of crystal balls and bluish white stars—either real or imaginary, were back with us today.

About 50 residents in the vicinity of Rainy lake, near International Falls, Minn., claimed they saw a phenomenon resembling a crystal ball, which "performed like a hummingbird," flashed across the sky and then "joined another crystal ball."

Its speed was estimated in excess of 700 miles an hour. At one moment it stopped suddenly, hung motionless, and then shot upward 200 feet in a split second, the reports said.

Meanwhile, 700 miles away, an American Airlines pilot reported that a "bluish white star" darted around his plane at 500 to 1,000 miles an hour.

Weather officials, who usually keep tab on such astral exhibitions, surmised that these new reports may be the results of cosmic ray tests being conducted by scientists who use balloons in the experiments.

White 'Star' Chases Airliner Over City

Chicago, May 22 (P)—An American Airlines pilot said today he saw what appeared to be a bluish white star moving back and forth at high speed in the southwest early today.

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Hunt said he watched the object for about 20 minutes, and that it then descended to about 3,000 to 4,000 feet below the plane. Then it drifted away to the southwest, away from Garden City last night he said.

The Garden City Daily Telegram

FINNEY COUNTY, KANSAS, TUESDAY, MAY 22, 1951

PILOT REPORTS SPEEDY 'STAR' PLAYS TAG WITH AIRLINER

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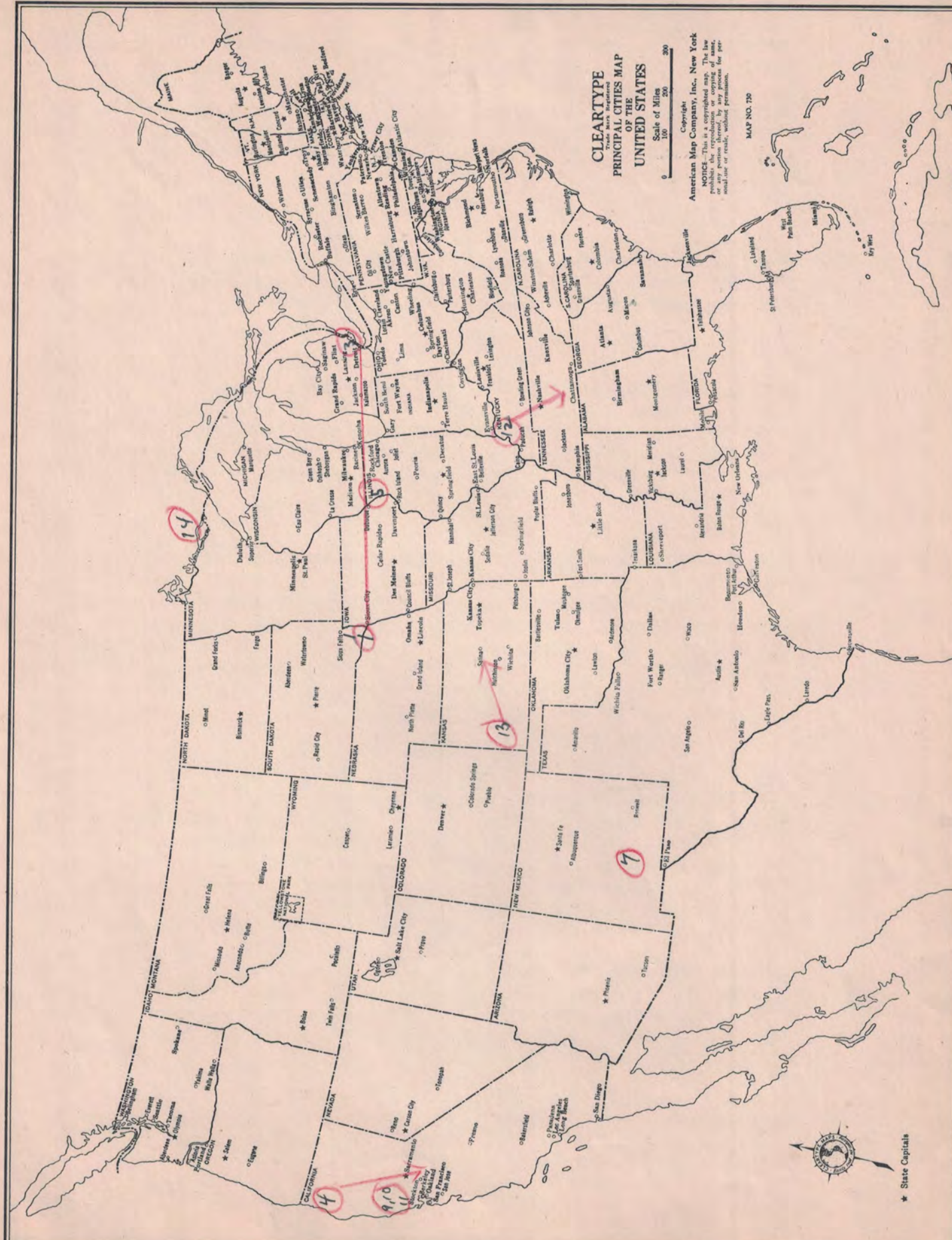
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REWRITE OF SAUCER REPORTS #1 to 14
(Covering Jan 1 to July 30, 1951)

- JAN 20 1951 8:26 PM. Newar Sioux City, Iowa. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, Long. $17\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$
#1 A strange light seen in sky. On closer view, it was a strong, bright white light attached under fuselage of unknown airplane with a very thin fuselage, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ times longer than a B29, with straight wings set very far back, no visible engines, and an unknown series of navigation lights. It came from a direction opposite to viewing airliner, but made an instant stop, and turn far faster than any known aircraft, and followed airliner 4 seconds, and then disappeared. SOURCES - Fate Magazine May 1951 - Sioux City Journal - Sioux City Tribune.
- JAN 25 1951 Evening. NORTH SCANIA, Sweden. Lat. 58° , Long. east. 15° .
#2 Brightly shining object at a great height was chased over Sweden by Swedish Airforce plane. NY Telegram - London Daily Mirror
- JAN 28 1951 9:24 to 9:40 PM. DETROIT, Michigan. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$. Long. 83° .
#3 Either a strange blue-green flashes of light or a blinding streak of light was seen in sky at height much lower than lightning, over 3 mile area. For next 10-15 minutes, radio and TV reception was interrupted SOURCES: - Brooklyn Eagle Jan 29 - NY Telegram Jan 29 - Detroit News
- FEB 1, 1951 6:55 PM. From Eureka to Stockton-Vallejo area, California. LAT. 41° , Long. 124° to Lat. 38° to Long. $121-3^{\circ}$.
#4 A white aerial object with red tail moving faster than an airplane, passed near Eureka. Over Hopland, a brilliant green object crossed the sky at apparently airliner speed, and disappeared with a large green flash. Near Petaluma, a fiery streak of light crossed sky. Near Vallejo and Stockton, something was believed to have struck the ground. SOURCE: REDWOOD JOURNAL PRESS-DISPATCH
- FEB 3, 1951 7:00 PM. Galena, Illinois. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$. Long. $90\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.
#5 Aerial object resembling a "fiery-red baseball bat", approximate size of a telephone pole, with lightning-like flashes coming from rear, making no noise, passed over city. It moved at varying heights from 100 to 300 feet above city, made several turns, avoided hills, and travelled at a speed the eye could follow. SOURCES: - NY Daily News - BROOKLYN EAGLE - Galena Daily Gazette
- 7:15 PM. ROCKFORD, Illinois. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, Long. 89° .
A perfectly round, brilliantly white disc, apparently larger than ordinary aircraft, travelling slightly faster than an airplane, left a trail of fireworks as it crossed over city in westerly direction. SOURCE: ROCKFORD REGISTER REPUBLIC
- 7:00 PM. FREEPORT, Illinois. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, Long. $89\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.
Blazing streak of light crossed sky. SOURCE: Freeport Journal Standard
- 7:15 PM. MONROE, Wisconsin. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, Long. $90\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.
Blue aerial object with occasional blue sparks spurting from end, resembling a fireball meteor, "slowly" crossed sky in a flat trajectory in an east to west direction. It did not disappear over horizon like a meteor, but apparently faded into distance like an airplane. SOURCE: MONROE EVENING TIMES FEB 5 1951

- FEB 3, 1951 MADISON, Wisconsin. Lat. 43°, Long. 89½°
Flash in sky, and bright object crossed sky.
#5 SOURCE: Rockford Morning Stat - Rockford Register Republic
- FEB 13 1951? Daytime. ELIZABETHVILLE, Belgian Congo, S. Lat. 12°, E. Long 27½°.
2 glowing circular aerial objects about 36 feet in diameter with whirling rims, suddenly appeared over nearby uranium mines, then zigzagged about. A plane sent to chase them could not catch them in the next 15 minutes and sped off.
#6 SOURCE: See Magazine July 1951.
- FEB 13 1951? Evening?. ALAMAGORDO, New Mexico. Lat 33°, Long. 106°.
1 Milk-white, flat aerial object resembling a dime, hovered near a large weather balloon at approximately 50,000 foot altitude, for about 5 minutes. Then it flashed a light resembling a photo flash bulb, 3 times, and disappeared.
#7 SOURCE: DAYTON Journal Herald Feb 15 - NY Times Feb 16
- FEB 19 1951 7:20 -7:37 AM. Mount Kilimanjaro, Kenya Border. S. Lat 3°, E Long 37°.
Dazzling object seen hovering in sky 10000 feet above this 19,000 foot peak. Watched from airliner by 11 passengers by binoculars, - it was tube-shaped, with giant hind fin, approximate length 200 feet, with 3 bands or rings around it, but no windows. It hovered 17 minutes, then sped off at approximately 1200 mph leaving no trail.
#8 SOURCE: - SEE NGZ July 1951
- FEB 24 1951 Evening. REDWOOD VALLEY, Mendocino County, California. Lat. 39°, Lon. 123°
Flash of light in sky. Then a bright light at low height in sky began circling repeatedly, at speed faster than airplane, while making no noise for next 30 minutes. It appeared as plainly visible streak of light when travelling east and west, but as a fixed light when travelling south when leaving.
#9 SOURCE: Redwood Journal Press-Dispatch. Feb 26 - NY Times Feb 26.
- MAR 1, 1951 7:20 pm. UKIAH, Mendocino County, California. Lat. 39°, Long. 123°.
Circular glowing light resembling a street light moved westward across sky at great height, at speed to slow for ordinary aircraft, and caused a glow behind westward mountains as it disappeared over them.
#10 SOURCE: Redwood Journal Press Dispatch March 2.
- MAR 18 1951 6:35PM? UKIAH, Mendocino County, California. Lat 39°, Long. 123°.
Unknown aerial object or airship followed by a bluish-white flash or flame about 150 feet behind it, in turn followed by a long smoke trail, crossed sky in a straight line (not falling) at about 1000-1500 mph (eye-following speed) faster than plane, slower than meteor) and disappeared in a westerly direction.
#11 SOURCE: Redwood Journal Press Dispatch March 21

MAY 17 1951 Across Central Tennessee. Lat. 36-37°, Long. 84-87°. "Meteor" exploded.

Evening. BOWLING GREEN, Kentucky. A "meteor" exploded nearby

Afternoon. PADUCAH, Kentucky. Lat

MAY 17 1951 Evening. CENTRAL TENNESSEE. Lat 36-37°. Long. 84-87°.
A "meteor" streaked across sky.

#12

Evening. BOWLING GREEN, Kentucky. Lat 37°. Long. 87½°. "meteor" exploded nearby.

PADUCAH, Kentucky. Afternoon. Lat 37°, Long. 88½°.

Aerial object resembling an airplane turned in air, appeared to be in trouble, then a noise resembling an engine cough was heard, and object disappeared behind viewers trees. Was searched for all night, nothing found.

SOURCE: Paducah Sun Democrat, May 19 1951 NY Telegram May 18

MAY 21 1951 3:00 -3:40 AM. From near GARDEN CITY to DODGE CITY to SALINA, Kansas. From Lat. 38° Long. 100½° to Lat. 39°, Long 97½°.

#13

Bright aerial object resembling a blue-white star, maneuvered in sky while following airplane. It moved backward and forward, then up and down, then stayed motionless in air, then repeated pattern over again. It also trailed along after airliner at speed ranging from 500-1000 mph first parallel to airliner, then 2,000 feet underneath airliner, then over airliner, and finally disappeared in southeasterly direction. Pilot knew jet aircraft as stated it not a jet.

SOURCES: DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE May 22 - Brooklyn Eagle May 22

MAY 22 1951 Daytime. INTERNATIONAL FALLS, Minnesota. Lat. 48½°. Long. 93½°. Aerial object resembling a crystal ball or a "silvery jet plane" would cross sky at great speed, stop completely, then move again. It hovered motionless over lake, later moved to nearby cloud and was joined by a second "crystal ball" object. They both hovered in sky for 15 minutes, away. Seen by 50 people.

#14

SOURCES: Brooklyn Eagle May 23 - Duluth News Tribune -Daily Falls Journal Minneapolis Star.

Daytime. FORT FRANCIS, Ontario. Lat 48½°. Long. 93½°. Same "crystal balls" seen simultaneously across lake.

OVERALL PATTERNS: There appear to be 3 minor patterns in this period. #1 is that the Sioux City, Detroit, and Galena reports are all upon the same latitude parallel of $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, although separated in time by 13 days - suggestive of an organized study. Pattern #2 is that Mendocino County, California was the scene of 4 of the 14 reports, but with no apparent reason, excepting the remote possibility of some connection with a "gravity vortex" discovered there 5 years ago, which is in itself an even greater mystery. Pattern #3 is that after a period of little or no activity, 2 reports came in May 22, the day of Mars extreme opposition, when Mars emerged from behind the sun's disc, and which is reminiscent of the great increase in reports during March 1950 the month of Mars close opposition with Earth.

GENERAL ANALYSIS OF SINGLE REPORTS: #1 Sioux City. This story depends on whether you take the pilot's word at full face value, and I am inclined to accept his trained judgement. This object is the first I know that resembles an airplane, and would be quickly marked as such, excepting for several reasons. First is that it made an instantaneous stop, and turn, and flew alongside the airliner. Such extraordinary speed is at once similar to many saucer stories, because no human could live thru such tremendous gravity pressures. Second, it is doubtful if even the fastest jet plane could perform such a maneuver, much less a giant B29-sized airplane, which requires MILES and MINUTES, not seconds to do this. Third, my clipping file shows there is no such large aircraft immediately planned, or in existence, excepting the B36, and this is strictly limited to the 500 mph range with all jets and propellers running. Fourth, this maneuver, with such a large airplane is extremely dangerous, and the pilot could be severely punished for endangering lives and a multi-million dollar airplane. Fifth, the pilot saw no engines - this needs no comment - there is simply no engine small enough that would not be easily seen on a plane's wings, excepting gliders, and these are not this size. Sixth, it was found that there were no aircraft out at this time.

#2 Sweden. This was announced thru the Swedish defense Staff, who have as modern a jet airforce as anyone. If the object outflowed the plane, it could not have been a balloon. If it was followed some time, it most certainly wasn't a 150,000 mph meteor. It is doubtful if even the Russians would be foolish enough to test aircraft over Sweden.

#2 Detroit. This is a confusing report, variously described as a blinding streak, many blue-green flashes, and with rumblings and explosion in Fate Magazine. I very much doubt the official explanation that it was caused by a power breakdown, which may have occurred at about the same time - most people know what a trolley electric flash looks like, and can tell whether something is in the sky or on land. Also, anyone who has read Charles Fort know the laziness of newspaper reporters and their glib explanations without checking their actual source. This was probably flashes from a saucer engine, although it might possibly be a communication attempt. This report is similar to the Alamogordo report where the object flashed brightly 3 times when disappearing, the Wisconsin report where the object gave off blue sparks from its end, the Galena report where the object had lightning like flashes coming from its rear, and the Eureka report where the object disappeared with a green flash.

#4 Eureka. Also confusingly reported. However, its speed would seem to place it in the Saucer category, being watched easily by eye, but travelling much too fast for an airplane and in the wrong direction. Its various descriptions were probably caused by its showing different lights at different times, and being sighted in different areas and heights. Further information coming in on this report.

#5 Galena. This object had a most definite rocket-like shape, rare for a saucer report. Its tail also gave an apparent flaming exhaust, also uncommon in a saucer, but its noiselessness is a definite saucer characteristic. Its obvious maneuverability shows it could not have been a meteor. The most conventional object, a giant V2 rocket or Navy Viking rocket are most improbable theories - A these are extremely noisy B They would never be tested in such an inhabited area, C They carry fuel for only 10 minutes approximately D They are still nearly uncontrollable at any distance. This object's slow or deliberate travel suggests a possible study or reconnaissance of area covered - also this was time when A bomb tests were being carried out.

#5A Rockford, Illinois and Wisconsin. Blue or brilliant white object seen about same time as Galena report. It is very doubtful that a meteor and an unknown airship were seen at about the same time - both reports are probably of the same object seen travelling at cruising and full speeds and at different daylight hours near sunset, when the objects exhaust was superior in brightness to the reflected brightness of body's light. The best report mentions that object disappeared in distance like an airplane and not over horizon which a meteor would do, and coupled with its speed superior to an airplane, would tend to back saucer theory.

#6 Elizabethville/ First object with definite saucer shape. Its being chased would rule out hallucination, and meteors great speed, and location in the center of Africa would rule out Liddell's balloon theory, - even the Navy would not push this "explanation" this far. The outspeeding of the Spitfire plane also back saucer origin.

#7 Alamogordo. A pretty authentic report from airline pilots. Nothing very unusual to report, apparently making an examination of balloon, but date of report very curious, coming as it did immediately after Liddell's balloon "explanation", and seeming to deny point blank the new official "explanation". Possibly the continued application of the "there's-no-such-thing-but-dont-believe-us-completely" policy that Keyhoe wrote of, which the armed services plan to protect themselves with when full truth comes out.

#8 Kilimanjaro. Another rare rocketship-like saucer story. It seems very authentic with entire airliners passengers and pilots watching it, and photos taken. For some unknown reason, Central Africa was busy this month. Will try to get original papers report, if I can locate names of papers. There is no known aircraft in the world of this size and shape, although the atomic rocket may resemble it when it becomes practical in the next 5 years.

#9 Mendocino. Not very detailed, but lack of noise and speed greater than airplane infer saucer origin.

#10 Mendocino. Also not too detailed, but speed slower than airplane, and the light carried being brilliant enough to cause a glow behind a mountain, would rule out known aircraft, there being no known reason why any plane should carry such a light. At night most airplane lights are just star-like points that flash on and off, not glow.

#11 Mendocino. Speed easily followed means too slow for meteor, and speed still too great for airplane would mean a saucer. The fastest American aircraft now are the S1 Bell rocket plane, and the DG558-2 Douglas, both reportedly capable of over 1,000 mph for several MINUTES before fuel completely gives out. There range is so short they can be used over a few bases where landing surface is perfectly smooth for these high speed craft landing at over 100 mph.

#12 Tennessee-Kentucky. The 3th giant fireball meteor seen near or heading toward the Tennessee-Kentucky area in 7 months. Others were seen Sep. 20, Sept. 22, Oct 5, Nov. 2, and none of them in a meteor shower period. According to Sky and Telescope, 26 fireball meteors were seen over entire northwest USA in 20 YEARS, and such a frequency over a tiny southern area passes known possibilities, and probably all of these objects were saucers. In particular, the Sept. 22 Idaho-Utah-Wyoming-Missouri-Tennessee meteor that travelled in a curve path, was visible 30-40 seconds is most definitely a saucer. A possible reason saucers head toward this area, is that there may be a space station in this area, and the saucers head for it as would a scout plane toward a Navy aircraft carrier.

#13 Dodge City. The star like object with no apparent body has been seen several times in the past, and while probably not a saucer, is apparently allied to them in its unknown origin and ability to totally outmaneuver any aircraft against it. Somewhat resembles the 1945 Foo fighters and the Oct 1 1948 German chase after object in an F51. The meaning of its definite maneuvers are unknown to me, and any suggestions will be welcomed.

...the object was seen at about the same time as the other reports. It is very doubtful that a meteor and an unknown object were seen at about the same time - both reports are probably of the same object seen travelling at different speeds and at different heights from the ground. When the object appeared was superior in brightness to the reflected brightness of the sky. The best report mentions that object disappeared in distance like an airplane and not over horizon which a meteor would do, and coupled with its speed superior to an airplane, would lead to back saucer theory.

...First object with definite saucer shape. Its being chased would rule out ballistics, and meteor's great speed, and location in the center of Africa would rule out libella balloon theory, - even the Navy would not push this "explanation", this far. The outspeeding of the spitfire planes also back saucer origin.

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#14 International Falls. Reports confusing, but ability to hover cannot be duplicated by a jet. Number of people seeing object back its authenticity, and the few hours difference since previous Dodge City report suggest it was same object, seen in different lighting of night and day. The crystal effect never mentioned before, but such transparency compares well with mistiness or semi-transparency of many early reports.

...Speed easily followed means too slow for meteor, and speed still too great for airplane would mean a meteor. The fastest American aircraft now are the Bell X-2, and the X-15, both reportedly capable of over 1,000 mph for several minutes before fuel completely gives out. There range is so short they can be used over a few bases where landing surface is perfectly smooth for these high speed craft landing at 500 mph.

...The 5th night libella meteor seen near or heading toward the Tennessee-Kentucky area is 7 months. Others were seen Oct. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and none of them in a meteor shower period. According to Sky and Telescope, 26 libella meteors were seen over entire northwest USA in 20 YEARS, and such a transparency over a tiny southern area makes known possibilities, and probably all of these objects were saucers. In particular, the Sept. 22 libella-meteor-meteorite-meteorite meteorite that travelled in a curve path, was visible 30-40 seconds in most definitely a saucer. A possible reason saucers head toward this area, is that there may be a space station in this area, and the saucers head for it as would a saucer plane toward a very efficient carrier.

...The star like object with no apparent body has been seen several times in the past, and while probably not a saucer, is generally allied to them in the unknown origin and ability to hover. Outnumbered by other "saucer" sightings recorded in the past and the Oct 1 1948 0 hour class object.