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SPECIAL BULLETIN

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IMPORTANT ADDITIONS TO NICAP BOARD and SPECIAL ADVISORS PANEL to be announced soon; also a prominent citizen to succeed Admiral D. S. Fahrney, forced by his wife's illness and his heavy business pressures to withdraw as chairman. Admiral Fahrney states: "I will continue an interested member of the organization."

RUMOR NAVY FORCED FAHRNEY TO QUIT, reported by some NICAP members, refuted by a telegram to Major D. E. Keyhoe, Director: "I sincerely believe that serious, factual investigations by NICAP should continue and I have faith in your leadership to carry out this program. Also, I am under no compulsion to resign, this being due solely to personal reasons. Best wishes for the success of NICAP. (Signed) Admiral Delmer S. Fahrney, USN, Ret."

HEAD OF NACA BACKS DOWN ON FLYING SAUCER CLAIM. On March 14 Dr. Hugh Dryden, Director National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, was publicly quoted: "Flying saucers do not exist." In answer Director Keyhoe wrote Dr. Dryden: "If you can provide absolute proof that UFO's are non-existent, I shall request the Board to dissolve this Committee at once."

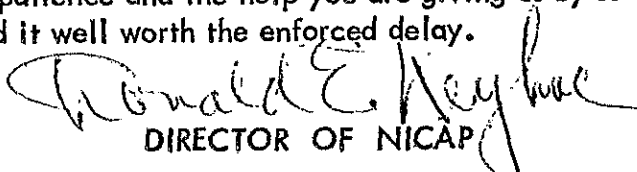
In reply Dr. Dryden said he had denied reports that the Nazis had a flying saucer in 1945. (Keyhoe had already denied this story.) Next day, interviewed by WIP Philadelphia, Dr. Dryden was asked if important information on other flying saucer possibilities was withheld by the Government. Dr. Dryden: "No comment." In a second NICAP letter he was asked if he still denied existence of all flying saucers, or merely the German rumor. Replying by telegram, Dr. Dryden flatly refused to answer.

NEW, IMPORTANT INFORMATION—now being included in first issue of NICAP magazine—is reason for advance of mailing date. This issue will contain: Dramatic inside stories on recent UFO sightings, with details kept from the press. New documentary proof of censorship. A revolutionary plan to reveal the mass of UFO sighting reports and other official information now withheld from the public. Special reports on important unpublished sightings, revealed to NICAP by commercial, private and armed forces pilots, airport tower operators and other reputable observers—including cases where witnesses were ordered or requested not to talk.

In addition to important news items, the No. 1 issue will fully report on NICAP operations, affiliation with existing UFO groups, setting up new NICAP clubs and local evaluation units. Questions asked by NICAP members will be answered, either in specific articles or in a special department answering questions of wide interest to members and prospective members. Although we are still short of editorial help, we expect to mail the magazine the first week in May and thereafter on a precise monthly schedule. (All memberships now in effect will be extended to cover a one-year period and twelve issues of the magazine.)

MANY MEMBERS ARE SENDING NICAP NAMES OF PROSPECTS. Make yourself a Membership Committee of One and extend to your friends the invitation to join NICAP. Send us lists of names!

Meantime, I wish to thank you for your patience and the help you are giving us by sending items for this first issue. I believe you will find it well worth the enforced delay. Sincerely,

  
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Dear NICAP Member:

(Special Bulletin)

August 1, 1957

This is a confidential letter about NICAP's plans and problems. Please do not let it be made public. Since the July UFO INVESTIGATOR went to press, there have been important new developments. Certain influential persons in Washington are planning to spotlight the entire UFO situation, with NICAP's assistance. This should be a major breakthrough, with nationwide publicity. The next issue of the UFO INVESTIGATOR will tell how you can help. It will also reveal new information about jet pilot attacks on UFO's; two important Armed Forces UFO sighting reports, withheld until now; a factual report on airline pilots' near-collisions with unidentified objects; and other vital UFO material. (Make-up and general appearance of the magazine also will be improved.)

New Washington sources of "inside" information have been secured, not only on UFO operations but disclosing official "behind the scenes" thinking on this problem. All the facts will be given to NICAP members, Congress and the press.

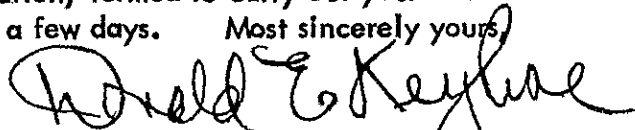
As soon as finances permit, we shall go ahead with plans for a NICAP research library to help answer questions from members. Meantime, we shall expand this department in the magazine.

In the past month we have had good publicity via press-wire stories, radio and television. Other news stories are coming and if the expected breakthrough comes, this fall NICAP should benefit with a greatly increased membership, ending our present financial problems. These problems, of course, concern every one of us members. When I was appointed Director in January, I was promised strong financial support to cover operations and magazine publications until the membership was large enough to cover all expenses. Some support was received, but not enough to cover expenses, not to mention adding badly needed editorial and office help. But for the aid of the hundreds who became NICAP members, the Endowment members like Talbot Speer, Jim McAshan, Dr. Earl Douglass and a score of others who made donations, NICAP could not have continued. Even with this aid, it has continued only because Mrs. Rose Hackett Campbell, our Administrative Assistant, and I have worked all these months without pay, fighting to make NICAP the success we are sure it will be. We simply cannot fail.

NICAP membership is growing steadily; we are close to our first goal of serious acceptance by the press and public; but any halt or slowdown in presenting the facts to the public will seriously affect NICAP. Therefore, now we must have help. We are working hard on the second issue of UFO INVESTIGATOR and we badly need more editorial and office help to make our deadline. Even working at nights and on weekends is not enough, though we are doing just that. There is a limit to human endurance.

There is one quick answer to this problem. If each NICAP member will get us at least one new member we can go ahead on schedule. Many have done so and it is greatly appreciated, but we now heed an active drive by all NICAP members to help us through this important period. Your loyal support will make NICAP succeed. This is your organization, formed to carry out your demands for the TRUTH. We look forward to hearing from you within a few days.

Most sincerely yours,



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### CONFIDENTIAL BULLETIN TO NICAP MEMBERS

September 6, 1957

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL to our members for their help in securing new memberships, and to those who sent NICAP donations. Because of this and your sympathetic understanding of our problems, we had hoped to be on schedule with the magazine, but we were unable to get extra editorial help. We sincerely regret the delay and we appreciate the lack of complaints. To the very few who have written, we can only say: We don't blame you; but we are doing our best under heavy odds, accepting the necessity for long delayed salaries to make NICAP a success.

To catch up, we have combined the August and September issues, counting these as one, all members to get their full quota of twelve issues. This will also help us to catch up with the mass of unanswered mail.

SENATOR GOLDWATER STATEMENT. The No. 2 issue contains a statement by Senator Barry Goldwater, Arizona, telling NICAP of his strong interest in UFOs. Goldwater is not only a Senator but an Air Force Reserve colonel, qualified to fly jets.

CAA PROMISES NICAP UFO REPORTS. The Civil Aeronautics Administration has promised NICAP reports on any UFO sightings or radar tracking cases not under JANAP 146. Many pilots, — especially airline captains, report unofficially to CAA towers; also most CAA reports on UFOs are not restricted. This is therefore an important step forward. There is one condition: NICAP's request must be made within 30 days or the log of the incident may be destroyed. We urge members with knowledge of such reports to advise us immediately, since our requests must be specific as to date, time, locale and basic facts.

IMPORTANT 1946 REPORT. NICAP is fortunate to obtain a detailed UFO report by a World War 2 Army Air Corps captain, who with his crew encountered a UFO flying at approximately 2000 mph. This case, officially recorded, proves the Air Force was aware of UFOs long before this was publicly admitted....Details in the coming issue.

TRENDEX POLL. According to this syndicated poll, 25.3% of American citizens believe there is a possibility that UFOs are from outer space. Voting "No": 52.9%. Some of the 52.9% group believed UFOs to be secret weapons, U.S. or Russian. But the majority of Americans are still skeptical that such objects exist.... By special permission, the entire TRENDEX poll appears in No. 2 issue with NICAP comments. The poll emphasizes the need for constant education of the public to need for serious, factual investigation.

CONTACTEE LETTERS. In reply to letters to the most prominent "contactees" who claim contact with UFOs or space beings, NICAP has received answers in full from Truman Bethurum and George Van Tassel. Both men answered the eight questions listed in No. 1 issue of our magazine. General letters without answers to all the questions were received from Daniel W. Fry, George Adamski and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Menger. Mr. Van Tassel agreed to a lie detector test, though stating he believed such tests of no value. Those disagreeing with the need for a test: Mr. Bethurum, Mr. Menger and Mr. Fry. Mr. Adamski agreed providing that the NICAP panel, certain armed forces officers and officials up to the President also should take such tests. Mr. Menger did not agree with the need for either public or private hearings by NICAP. To date replies have not been received from Mr. Buck Nelson or Mr. Orfeo Angelucci.... Since

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"Contactee Letters" continued

this brief summary cannot include personal reasons and opinions, these are covered as fully as possible in the coming issue. We also are again requesting detailed answers where not received and are also querying several persons who claim to have communicated (but not necessarily by physical contact) with UFOs and beings from outer space.

TAX EXEMPTION. We have now applied to the Treasury for tax exempt status, the legal waiting period having elapsed. Since no profit has been made by NICAP, we hope to receive approval. This will permit deduction of all membership fees and donations on income tax returns and if granted this will be retroactive to include all payments.

THANKS FOR CLIPS AND REPORTS. We greatly appreciate all the newspaper clippings, firsthand UFO reports and other information our members have sent us. Often a local news account contains vital details missing from wire service stories. Because of our very small staff we are unable to thank each member personally, but hope to later.

PLEASE LET US KNOW. Frequently members ask the names of others in their area, but legally we cannot give these without permission. Please let us know if we may release your name and address, also if we may list you in the magazine as interested in helping to form a local NICAP club.... As cards or letters reach us granting this permission we shall list such members' names by cities, for mailing to other interested members. If you also grant permission for listing in the magazine, this will be done in the next issue to be printed.

HEADLINE ITEM IN No. 2 MAGAZINE. Among the lead items in the combined August-September issue is a "sleeper" story which NICAP has investigated through the Air Force, the CAA and the Civil Aeronautics Board. Involving an airliner chase of a UFO, it may well set off an investigation by a Congressional committee when all the details are known.

YOUR PATIENCE HAS BEEN A BIG FACTOR in helping us to keep going despite the obstacles and pressure. We are nearer a break in the UFO situation than may be apparent from press stories. We will do our best to bring you all the important developments until all the answers are known.

Also in No. 2, UFO INVESTIGATOR: Article on "The Battle for the Moon" mentioned by an AF major general as "the great battle of the next world war"... Details from an official UFO report, Far East Air Force Command, showing jet chase of a UFO with radar confirmation.... Detailed analysis of the Galt, Ontario reported "touchdown landing" of a UFO with spot checks made by NICAP members and a summary of the evidence by Special Adviser Wilbert B. Smith, former head of Canadian PROJECT MAGNET.

Continued from lefthand column:

Lack of permission to release names has been a serious obstacle to the formation of local NICAP units — or NICLUBS. As soon as we receive enough names from various areas, we shall forward suggestions for establishing the local clubs.

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Dear Member:

This is a crucial period for all of us. New efforts to kill off NICAP probably will be made—though the first has backfired. Answering for the Air Force Chief of Staff, Maj. General Joe W. Kelly, Director of Legislative Liaison, has just written NICAP that the Air Force never had any intention of giving its UFO reports to the Committee.

This proves the falsity of public Air Force claims that "all information in Air Force hands" had been given to NICAP's Director. (General Kelly's letter also admits Air Force censorship (which he and top officers have denied to Congressmen) by the device of labeling UFO reports "For Official Use Only." This and other documents have gone to a Congressional committee, with evidence that the latest Air Force figures and claims on UFOs have deliberately misled the public.

To offset misleading AF claims, NICAP's staff has worked day and night for two weeks. Over 30 broadcasts, live and recorded, were used by stations from coast to coast. Press interviews led to UP and AP wire stories, an NEA feature article, and other important publicity. Inevitably, this has delayed our magazine issue No. 3, already slowed by our former associate editor's return to broadcasting work, which has put all the writing and editorial work on the Director. However, the columns are now being prepared and will soon go to press. Meantime, a brief rundown on developments:

The Levelland, Texas case where UFO interference with car ignitions was reported, got wide publicity and was quickly followed by similar reports of stalled cars and radios fading, by a rocket engineer and others near White Sands, New Mexico. Scores of witnesses, including state police, reported similar effects at Danville and Elmwood in Illinois, Kodiak, Alaska and Geauga County, Ohio. The latter case involved high radioactivity in a field where a UFO reportedly touched down briefly, with Geiger counter checks being made by Civil Defense officials. Meantime, official UFO reports mounted. The Coast Guard cutter radar and visual tracking case in the Gulf of Mexico; sighting of six discs at Long Beach, California by Major Louis Baker, USAF, and ten AF witnesses; a sighting by Navy Lt. Richard Spencer and others at Los Alamitos, California.

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Dear friend:

Please accept my apologies for this form letter, made necessary by hundreds of queries about the Armstrong Theater UFO program. The statement I began when cut off the air was as follows:

"In the last six months, we (NICAP) have been working with a Senate committee investigating official secrecy on Unidentified Flying Objects. If open hearings are held, I feel it will prove beyond doubt that the flying saucers are real machines under intelligent control."

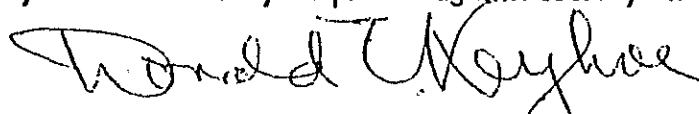
This statement was discussed with a sponsor's representative and he agreed it would get wide attention; but later the producer told me that since he personally was not informed he had no choice under CBS rules but to cut me off; however; even though this action was not deliberate censorship by CBS, strong AF pressure previously had caused deletion of a vital statement from my script. This script contained a statement listing four Air Force documents never officially released but which had been confirmed by the former chief of the AF Project Blue Book, Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, and by another former Project officer. The documents were:

1. A September 23, 1947 secret conclusion by Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC) that the flying saucers were real.
2. A 1948 top secret ATIC document concluding that the UFOs were interplanetary spaceships.
3. A secret Air Force Intelligence analysis of UFO maneuvers, also concluding that the objects were interplanetary.
4. A secret report by a panel of top scientists convened at the Pentagon in January 1953 which urged a) that the Air Force quadruple its UFO project, and b) that they give the American people all UFO information, including secret Air Force conclusions, unsolved sightings and photo analyses. (These recommendations were officially rejected.)

According to one of the program staff, when my script was shown to the AF representative he warned that the Air Force would immediately deny the documents' existence if I were permitted to make the statement. This would also include denouncing the quoted source—their own former Project chief—even though his book containing these items had been cleared by Air Force Security and Review. This Air Force threat, which appears to be censorship by intimidation, caused my planned statement to be cut out. In addition, though the program officials tried to present an impartial program, the AF insistence on an unfair share of the time forced me to delete many factual items refuting most AF claims. Among these were: Listing of official orders which silence armed forces personnel; citing of an AF letter to NICAP by Maj. Gen. Joe Kelly, Director Legislative Liaison USAF; refusing to release UFO reports; and admitting they are classified "For official use only."

In case you wish to join us and help to make all the facts public, we are enclosing information on NICAP. Regardless, we appreciate your interest and your protest against secrecy on this vital subject.

Sincerely yours,



Major U. S. Marine Corps (Ret.) — Director of NICAP

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These reports and many others by reputable civilians increased pressure on the Air Force. Some officers accepted reports as genuine; one, Col. Dean Hess, Korean ace, former minister, revealed that the AF was seriously concerned, also publicly urged the Pentagon to release the facts. Evidence indicates he was immediately muzzled; in a TV appearance he practically retracted his words.

To offset growing fears the UFOs were Russian devices, stressed by some papers, nine NICAP Board members publicly warned Americans not to be misled, that UFO had been reported long before USSR rocket tests. The AF then rushed its press release (prepared in July, held for such a crisis) denying saucers' existence. It deleted, however, a sharp attack on NICAP because the false claims already cited had backfired after they were sent to Vice Adm. J. M. Hoskins, Director of Declassification.

At this time Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, former UFO Project Head, issued a public demand that the AF publish all facts. He also blasted Menzel's usual "mirage" answer, said top scientists under AF contract had absolutely rejected it. More important, he revealed that the AF had earlier "induction" reports of electrical interference.

To stop now nationwide pressure, the AF told INS all recent UFO witnesses were either hoaxers or deluded by natural phenomena, reviving its often used technique of ridicule to keep other witnesses from talking. As before, this has temporarily silenced not only witnesses but some newspapers that had begun to demand the truth.

Despite Gen. Kelly's sarcastic rejection of NICAP's requests, our offer to cooperate with the AF still stands. We hope to avoid an open battle, but NICAP intends to expose in every way possible the false claims, censorship and muzzling of witnesses. Full details of the above, and vital behind-the-scenes developments, will appear in Issue No. 3, also:

Publication of important sightings by well known Baltimore astronomer Dr. James C. Bartlett, for whom the British Astronomical Association named "Bartlett Square" on the moon. Dr. Bartlett who has seen disc and cigar-shaped UFOs has become a NICAP Special Adviser; he will also reveal his opinions about UFOs and the possibility of life on Mars...A statement for NICAP by Dr. H. Percy Wilkins, the noted British Lunar authority, confirming his sighting of two UFOs, also clarifies his moon-bridge report proving it was no optical illusion...A special UFO report by new NICAP Adviser Ralph Mayher, Cleveland TV announcer, who in 1952 took the famous Miami UFO film which is still being withheld by the Air Force.

NICAP's Director wishes to emphasize he is no relation to Richard Kehoe of Long Beach, who recently claimed a UFO contact. Mr. Kehoe will be asked for a detailed report...We are sorry about the hundreds of unanswered letters, many enclosing UFO news clips and direct reports. As soon as we have enough office help we shall try hard to answer all the letters we receive, for we greatly appreciate all of them. We are still limited to three full-time workers; NICAP is growing but we still cannot afford the extra help so badly needed. We appreciate your remarkable patience and understanding; without it, we could not keep on under such pressure.

We seem to be nearing a major breakthrough. Please continue to help by being patient; send us new members and lists of interested friends; keep the clippings coming; keep believing in us. We intend to keep on fighting. We are so close to our goal that NICAP must not be halted for one moment. This is a struggle for freedom. We urgently need all the support you can give us.

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CONFIDENTIAL BULLETIN — NOT TO BE MADE PUBLIC — March 5, 1958

Dear Member:

Since the Armstrong TV show, when I was cut off the air, there have been important developments affecting you as a NICAP member. First, you should know that there was AF pressure during the Armstrong rehearsals which caused censorship of my script. The section deleted listed four AF documents never officially released but which had been confirmed by Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, former chief of Project Blue Book, and another former Project officer. These were:

1. A September 1947 ATIC conclusion that the flying saucers were real.
2. A 1948 top secret ATIC conclusion that the UFOs were spaceships.
3. An AF Intelligence analysis of UFO maneuvers, with the same conclusion.
4. A secret report by a scientists' panel at the Pentagon in January 1953 which urged
  - a) that the AF quadruple its UFO project, and
  - b) that they give the American people all UFO information, including AF conclusions.

According to an Armstrong official, the AF officer on the show warned them the AF would immediately deny the documents' existence if I were permitted to name them. This would also include denouncing the quoted source—their former Project chief—though his book with these items was cleared by AF Security and Review. This threat, which appears to be censorship by intimidation, caused my statement to be cut out. Though Armstrong producers tried to be impartial, AF insistence on most of the program time forced me to delete many vital items including: Official orders which silence armed forces personnel, and an AF letter to NICAP by Maj. Gen. Joe Kelly, Director of Legislative Liaison, USAF, refusing to release UFO reports and admitting they are classified "for official use only."

Because of this pressure, I tried to ad-lib the following statement on the Armstrong program: "In the last six months, we (NICAP) have been working with a Senate committee investigating official secrecy on UFOs. If open hearings are held, I feel it will prove beyond doubt that the flying saucers are real machines under intelligent control."

Though this had been discussed with a sponsor's representative, who reacted favorably, the producer later told me that since he was not informed he had to cut me off, under CBS rules. However, this does not alter the fact of Air Force censorship before the show.

Since then, there have been intensified attacks on NICAP and its Director. I hope to cover the items omitted on the Armstrong show on next Saturday, March 8, when I am scheduled to be interviewed by Mike Wallace of the ABC network at 10 pm EST; also when I appear on the "Long John" program on Station WOR after midnight following the Mike Wallace show. I hope to offset one serious effect of the Armstrong show.

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Many Americans, uninformed on UFOs, took the Air Force statements without question, since I had too little time to refute their claims. As a result, there has been a sharp drop in membership applications at a time when NICAP was already in need of immediate support to carry out its program. As an organization, NICAP still rates highly with most of the press and broadcasters. Our months of work with the Senate Permanent Sub-committee on Government Operations seems to be leading to open hearings—though the Air Force is strenuously resisting. Such hearings should fully establish the UFOs' reality, official secrecy and NICAP's leadership in this field.

Unfortunately, we are seriously handicapped just as we seem near this goal. NICAP's income since its creation in August 1956 has never been sufficient to cover all the essentials—rent, telephone, purchase and rental of office equipment, printing, postage, office supplies, janitor, payment for part-time typing and filing work, and salaries. Since 1957 both the Director and the Administrator-Treasurer have worked without pay; during 1957 both worked at a personal loss for more than half the year. This is not a complaint but an explanation; only a sense of obligation and belief in NICAP caused us to do this. But because of this situation and the lack of adequate help, and resulting pressures, we have not been able to make NICAP the powerful force it should be—and can be, with stronger backing.

A few members have told us they have waited to help us secure new members until we are on schedule, at full efficiency. Fortunately, others have gone all out to help us, explaining to friends that though the NICAP magazine is not yet on monthly schedule, we are working hard to reach that goal.

If every NICAP member secured one new membership, it would end our problems quickly. It would enable the hiring of a badly needed editor and an editorial-public relations-promotion man. At present the Director is trying to serve in all three capacities, without doing justice to any. We could publish the magazine and bulletins on schedule—and have more time to search out vital information for our members.

A few members have generously sent us contributions — NICAP Member Bernard Haugen, a North Carolina state bacteriologist, has even volunteered a donation of ten dollars a month until we are on our feet — and many of you have already sent new members to NICAP. We realize that many cannot afford to give regular donations, of course, but most members can promote NICAP and try to get new members.

Notices about NICAP, our aims, and our address, can be put on office or shop bulletin boards; a few members might combine to run small ads in local papers; members with access to trade papers or bulletins might also help publicize NICAP. Getting NICAP mentioned on the air or in local newspapers is another way to help.

We are sorry to have to make this urgent plea for help. But it is only fair to all NICAP members that they realize the truth. With your backing—the backing of all members—this crisis will soon be ended. The small NICAP staff is doing all humanly possible to win this fight against censorship.

Please help us in any way you can. This is your fight, too.

Sincerely,

  
Donald E. Keyhoe, Director of NICAP

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#### Note:

This bulletin contains several off-the-record items, besides a private discussion of NICAP's finances and plans. It is not to be publicly released.

#### ROCKET ENGINEERS SIGHT UFOs

Four veteran engineers of a well known rocket company recently signed and sent to NICAP one of the most convincing UFO reports on record.

In mid-afternoon in a fairly clear sky a large flying object—shaped like a thick cigar—was sighted at approximately 10,000 feet, accompanied by two smaller disc shaped objects flying precise formation. The cigar shaped UFO—at least as large as a four engined airliner—shone like stainless steel, as did the smaller objects. Flying a southwest course the UFOs swiftly climbed to an estimated 30,000 feet. The speed, by consensus of opinion, was at least 5000 mph. There was no sound nor exhaust.

One engineer, a former skeptic, states: "I am now firmly convinced. What are these UFOs and where do they come from?"

—Sources verified by NICAP are now confidential; names may be given later.

#### STATE DEPARTMENT CHECKING APPARENT HOAX

With the aid of NICAP, State Department Security is investigating an apparently false letter written on State Department letterhead signed "R. E. Straith, Cultural Exchange Committee."

The letter implied the State Department has evidence confirming the published claims of Mr. George Adamski regarding contacts with space beings. At this stage it appears the letter was sent to Mr. Adamski in the expectation that he would make it public—which was done—and that a State Department denial would cause this to backfire.

Security officers have told NICAP there never was any Straith on State Dept. rolls. Obtaining the official letterhead and envelope would not be difficult, say the Security men.

There is also evidence in NICAP files that an anonymous smear letter attacking an officer of Civilian Saucer Intelligence (New York) was written by the same person. We suggest that all UFO researchers be on guard to double check all information before making it public. Publicized hoaxes harm all serious UFO groups.

#### HAM RADIO VOLUNTEERS

Several NICAP members who are ham radio operators have offered to relay UFO reports to this headquarters by way of hams in the Washington area. We shall appreciate suggestions from any hams as to an operating plan.

#### NEW AIR FORCE ORDER TIGHTENS UFO CENSORSHIP

On February 5, 1958, new instructions to insure secrecy on UFO developments were issued to all Air Force commands. The orders are contained in a revised 7-page edition of AF Regulation 200-2, the official "bible" on UFOs. Following are the key censorship points, from Page 4, Paragraph 9:

"Information regarding a sighting may be released to the press or the general public by the Commander of the AF Base concerned only if it has been positively identified as a familiar or known object. Care should be exercised not to reveal any classified aspects of the sighting or names of persons making reports.

"If the sighting is unexplainable or difficult to identify because of insufficient information or inconsistencies, the only statement to be released is the fact that the sighting is being investigated and information regarding it will be released at a later date.

"If investigative action has been completed, the fact that the results of the investigation will be submitted to ATIC for review and analysis may be released. Further inquiries should be referred to the local Office of Information Services."

NICAP note: Such requests to Air Force Information officers for complete UFO reports and conclusions are almost invariably denied; as stated by Maj. Gen. Joe W. Kelly in a November 15, 1957 letter to NICAP, these reports are classified "For Official Use Only."

The new AFR-200-2 also lists a classified AF Memorandum—No. 200-9—a further guide for UFO censorship.

(If possible without violating actual security, NICAP will reveal its main points later.)

There is a statement in Paragraph 3 of AFR-200-2 which implies Air Force acceptance of UFO reality, despite previous denials. It reads:

"There is a need for further scientific knowledge in such fields as geophysics, astronomy, and the upper atmosphere which the study and analysis of UFOs and similar aerial phenomena may provide."

If magazine space permits, other sections of AFR-200-2 will be printed in the next UFO INVESTIGATOR.

#### MIKE WALLACE PRIVATELY ADMITS UFO FACTS IMPRESS HIM

Just prior to Mike Wallace's interview of NICAP's Director March 8, he stated he was "just about convinced there is something to all this," (the UFO reports). On the air, as expected, he appeared skeptical, leaned heavily on Air Force statements. For members not tuned in, here are some of the key items in the broadcast:

- Air Force denial of the 1947 ATIC report that saucers were real.
- Denial of 1948 ATIC secret conclusion that UFOs were spaceships.
- Denial of 1952 Intelligence analysis, same conclusion.

In rebuttal, the NICAP Director exhibited a page from Armstrong Theater's prepared script with these Air Force conclusions as confirmed by Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, former chief of UFO Project. The page showed items as crossed off by Armstrong staff after Air Force objections.

● Wallace's hasty retraction of statement that over 99% of those reporting UFOs were hoaxers. Possibly realizing slander suit danger, he quickly apologized when NICAP Director asked if he included the hundreds of airline captains, armed services pilots, CAA men and many reputable Americans whose names are on record.

SENATE INVESTIGATION—In 1957 the McClellan Committee (Subcommittee on Government Investigations) asked NICAP cooperation and has since interviewed the Director four times about UFOs. NICAP summary of evidence and Board statements

are almost ready. We urge any members withholding vital evidence to send it to NICAP. It could affect the subcommittee's decision on holding open Senate hearings.

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL to the members who responded to our plea for help—with new memberships, renewals, donations, pledges of monthly contributions and advertisements promoting NICAP. In the next magazine we shall thank all these members by name for their generous aid, excepting those who wish to be anonymous.

Many members also have suggested ways to cut NICAP's expenses until we secure more financial support. A plan based on these ideas is outlined in this Bulletin.

### LIFE ON MOON POSSIBILITY CANCELS H-BOMBING PLAN

NICAP's public warning against bombing the moon, a warning seconded by several space travel planners, is believed to have influenced White House advisers in banning an H-bomb shot.

NICAP stressed in the October issue of UFO INVESTIGATOR the possible dangers of a bomb hit—if the moon were occupied.

On March 27 the President's Scientific Advisory Committee made a cautious reference to this in their official "Introduction to Outer Space." The paragraph follows:

"While the moon is believed to be devoid of life, even the simplest and most primitive, this cannot be taken for granted. Some scientists have suggested that small particles with the properties of life—germs or spores—could exist in space and have drifted on to the moon. If we are to test this intriguing hypothesis, we must be careful not to contaminate the moon's surface, in the biological sense, beforehand."

In another possible hint at a moon base, the President's Committee stated:

"Photographs of the back or hidden side of the moon may prove quite unexciting, or they may reveal some spectacular feature now unguessed."

Behind the announced "lunar probes," not to include bombing, is a serious official concern. Defense Department references to the "hidden side of the moon" are rapidly increasing. On March 19 Dr. James B. Edson, Army's Assistant research and development director, stated the future danger of "an opponent whose main base may be shielded on the back side of the moon."

Though he probably meant the Soviet, other officials have shown intense interest in present moon conditions. One was Maj. Gen. Donald N. Yates, C. O., Missile Test Center, Cape Canaveral in Florida. Discussing camera-equipped rockets for moon "probes", General Yates stated that such a rocket could collect "good information" if it passed within 1000 miles of the lunar sphere. Several

rockets will be sent, he added, to get pictures of "what is on the moon."

Pictures of what? Lunar craters? The moon's terrain?

In general, these are well known. Only one vital question remains unanswered:

Do living creatures occupy the moon—perhaps on the hidden side?

If White House and Defense officials now suspect this is true, it would explain the canceled H-bomb shot and the sudden drive for careful "probes".

Convincing UFO evidence—much of it kept secret—may have led to the lunar probe policy. The first camera rocket may bring us the answer, perhaps in months.

### WW2 UFO REPORTED TO NICAP BY AIR FORCE RESERVE MAJOR

Three official UFO sightings, one in WW2, have just been revealed to NICAP by a veteran Air Force pilot with combat service in Europe and Korea. An Air Force Reserve major with the Distinguished Flying Cross, four Air Medals and five other decorations, this pilot has offered to help NICAP and soon may let his name be published.

"In December 1944," he reports, "my B-17 and my crew and I were kept company by a Foo Fighter—a small amber disc—all the way from Klagenfurt, Austria, to the Adriatic Sea. This occurred on a 'lone wolf' mission in the 15th Air Force 5th Wing, 2nd Bomb Group.

"The Intelligence officer who debriefed us stated that it was a new German fighter but could not explain why it did not fire at us or—if it was reporting our heading, altitude and air speed—why we did not receive anti-aircraft fire."

The other two sightings—in 1952 and 1957—will be covered in a later bulletin or magazine. Both occurred during AF missions and were officially logged.

"As a crusader for truth," the pilot told NICAP's Director, "I understand the difficulties under which you and your associates labor, and I offer my services."

From his impressive record in the Air Force and in private life, we believe his offer of aid will lead to important developments—probably on Capitol Hill. Our members will be kept informed.

### WHITE HOUSE REFERS UFO QUERY TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

For reasons still unexplained, the White House has referred at least one UFO query to the Department of Justice instead of the Air Force as usual. NICAP member Richard Tuttle of Lorain, Ohio, who wrote the President asking "What is the truth about the UFOs?" was answered by Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins, Internal Security Division.

"This department," wrote Mr. Tompkins, "is limited by law to servicing the execu-

utive departments and agencies of the Federal Government in the exercise of official functions. In the circumstances, I am sure you will appreciate that I am unable to furnish the information requested."

NICAP Members: This may have been an isolated case, result of a White House forwarding error. If not, it could be a new way to avoid releasing any UFO information. Please let us know if you have received similar letters from the Justice Department.

### NICAP MEMBERSHIP CARDS

NICAP membership cards for 1958 are being prepared and will be mailed with the next magazine or bulletin.

### AIR FORCE REVEALS POLISH SCIENTIST REPORT ON OTHER WORLDS

Sixteen nearby solar systems may have planets with life like ours, according to a Polish scientist whose report was recently disclosed by the Air Force.

Calculations made by Dr. Jan Gardomski, Director of the Polish Observatory in Warsaw, were made public in Washington by the top U. S. Air Force expert on space medicine, Dr. Hubertus Strughold.

Four of the sixteen solar systems, said Dr. Gardomski, have even more ideal conditions for life like ours than does the earth itself. The Polish mathematician and astronomer based his conclusions on a long study of the ectosphere, extending an original concept by Dr. Strughold.

The ectosphere is an area surrounding a star where conditions permit development and support of life.

Dr. Gardomski studied the 59 stars within a 17-light-year radius of our sun. The studies included measurements of each star's heat and ultraviolet radiation and other factors which will produce an oxygen atmosphere like the earth's.

Results convinced the Polish scientist that planets probably revolve about 16 of the 59 stars. One of these is Alpha Centauri, the star nearest to us.

Commenting on the conclusions, Dr. Strughold said that some of these stars seem to have a much broader ectosphere than our sun.

Indicating that a more ideal life might develop on some of these stars' planets, the Air Force space expert said we appeared to have a "fifth rate solar system." But it may take a century, he added, for us to determine what kind of life may exist in these other star systems.

### SEN. SALTONSTALL SAYS MORE UFO INFORMATION SHOULD BE RELEASED

Replying to a recent query by NICAP member Fred A. Tourelle of Arlington, Massachusetts, Senator Leverett T. Salton-

stall, Armed Services Committee, said he was "deeply interested" in the problem of releasing information about Air Force information about Air Force investigations of UFOs.

Conceding that genuine security necessities must be considered, Senator Saltonstall said, "I think there are many cases in which more information should be made available to the public."

NICAP will appreciate hearing from other members regarding the reactions of their Senators or Representatives on this question.

#### DITTMAR TAPE SERVICE AVAILABLE

Tapes of the Armstrong Theater UFO program and the Mike Wallace-Keyhoe interview may be obtained for cost of tapes and mailing from non-profit Tape Recorded UFO Information Service.

Address nearest official: Dr. Adolph G. Dittmar, General Coordinator, Au Sable Forks, New York; L. E. Lindvig, Midwest Director, 4510 West Adams, Chicago 24, Illinois; Rudy Hudak, West Coast Director, 1033 Allen Avenue, Apt. 3, Glendale 1, California.

Other UFO tapes are available at cost. Write Dr. Dittmar for the list.

NAVY CHASE OF UFO—On the March 9 Long John show (Party Line, WOR, N. Y.) a hitherto unreleased Navy sighting was described by NICAP's Director with details provided and verified by Capt. W. J. Hull, Capital Airlines. For those not tuned in, here are the key points:

Tracked by radar at Jacksonville Naval Air Station, a maneuvering orange-red object also was seen by scores in the area. Two Navy jets ordered to intercept got the UFO on their radars. Pilots trying to close in saw the swift moving object as it zoomed, dived and circled, leaving the jets helpless. Stated one pilot:

"We didn't have a chance. Its performance surpassed anything we'd ever seen."

#### LONG JOHN PROGRAM ON NICAP DRAWS WIDE RESPONSE

We are very grateful to Long John Nebel for his generous promotion of NICAP during the Director's appearance on his program (Party Line, WOR; transmitter in Newark, studio in New York) on March 9 just after the Mike Wallace show.

During this interview from midnight to 3:45 a.m. Long John repeatedly recommended NICAP—with our full address—to anyone interested in UFOs. Besides resulting in urgently needed memberships, the program caused a number of listeners to send in UFO sighting reports they had previously kept secret.

The Long John show has covered all phases of the UFO problem, with guests and pro and con panelists discussing the

reality of UFOs, the Air Force attitude, reports of contacts and communication and many other angles.

The WOR program is heard in 27 states. Later, taped excerpts are repeated on a network. Resulting mail, Nebel says, proves UFO interest is rapidly increasing—an interest covering both sexes and many professions and trades.

#### NEW ADMISSION OF AF SECRECY

January 23, 1958, Capt. G. H. Oldenburgh, Air Force Public Information Officer at Langley Field, officially confirmed AF secrecy on UFOs in a signed letter to a NICAP member.

On January 14 the member had asked to run an ad in the Langley FLYER, the base newspaper, asking those interested in UFOs to contact him. This and revised ads were rejected by Oldenburgh, whose official letter (original now at NICAP) states: "I felt it would encourage Air Force personnel to violate present Air Force policy and specifically AF Reg. 200-2." He said regarding the revised versions submitted by the NICAP member:

"Though the wording has been changed, it is my belief that one of the objectives of your organization is the public dissemination of data on unidentified flying objects. As I pointed out to you on the 20th of January, this is contrary to Air Force policy and regulations."

NOTE: This official Air Force policy letter was signed 24 hours after Air Force Assistant Secretary R. E. Horner stated on the nationwide CBS Armstrong Theater network that the AF was not withholding any UFO information. Said Horner: "I do not qualify this in any way."

#### CRITICISM OF AIR FORCE — ?

NICAP has been urged by one of its members to cease all criticism of Air Force UFO policies. The great majority of the NICAP members, including most Board members, believe that the Air Force is concealing facts from the public.

If NICAP ceased its attempts to end AF censorship it might as well disband, since this is the key to the whole problem. Such an act would mean a complete victory for the censors. It would be labeled as an admission that NICAP had found no factual evidence. NICAP will continue its present policy; however, we shall also continue to offer the Air Force full cooperation in any worthy program to end the present confusion and misunderstanding.

#### NEW NICAP OPERATIONS PLAN

In the past year NICAP and its members have scored important gains against heavy odds. NICAP's influence has caused the press, broadcasters and many of the public to examine seriously the UFO evidence. Nationwide networks have carried the

NICAP story; so have the press wires, with many NICAP releases. Despite Air Force pressure on the McClellan subcommittee, a NICAP inspired deluge of letters to Congress may still result in open hearings.

These gains benefit all of you who joined NICAP in search of the truth. We hope they will partly offset the irregularity of our magazine publication caused by financial problems.

We appreciate your lack of complaints and we hope this new operations plan, suggested by many members, will be acceptable.

For new members and others unaware of the background, here are the basic facts.

When the present Director was appointed early in 1957, NICAP was in debt. He was promised substantial funds which would have helped to reduce debts and also would have covered operating costs, including the services of an editor, promotion public relations man, administrative assistant, evaluations chief and two other helpers.

Because of the expected support, the membership fee was cut from \$15 to \$7.50 and prospective members were offered a 32-page monthly magazine.

Despite sincere intentions of the expected donors, the funds were not received. This left two choices: NICAP could go into bankruptcy or try to exist on memberships alone.

The Director and Administrative Assistant (the only full time NICAP workers) chose to go ahead, though it meant financial loss working without pay for many months.

Later with the help of a third full time worker, the first UFO INVESTIGATOR was put out, but high costs and lack of more editorial help made it impossible to get on a monthly schedule.

The magazine could have been cut to a 32-page digest size and mimeographed, but having set a higher standard we tried to maintain it.

Most members accepted the enforced delay, though some suggested a smaller more frequent publication. In February NICAP reached a financial crisis as new memberships dropped. The recession, infrequent publications, public Air Force attacks — all played a part.

NICAP's urgent plea for help saved us for the time. Over 6% of the members responded. Donations ranged from four \$100 checks to others for \$50 and on down. Other members sent gift subscriptions or advance renewals; still others ran paid ads in local papers or urged friends to become members. Several more pledged monthly contributions to help us carry on. (As many of these names as possible will appear in the next issue of UFO INVESTIGATOR.)

Without this generous response we could not have survived. Now our printing bills, rent and other bills have been paid. But our income is still not enough to add the badly needed help or to publish the large sized magazine every month.

Because of this many members have urged us to reduce the size of the magazine and to alternate it with news bulletins. In this

way members will receive up-to-date UFO news every month. Under this new plan more items will be covered, some in digest form, others in more detail.

We fully realize that most members were promised a 32-page monthly. This has now been changed, at least temporarily. If we receive enough outside funds or a big enough jump in memberships, we shall do everything possible to get on schedule with twelve full sized issues—even if this requires more than a calendar year.

Even if we operate on the new plan, it still means reduced pay—and sometimes none at all—for the Director and Administrator-Treasurer. This also means "doubling in brass" at two or three jobs each. It would be easier to give up and return to far more remunerative work, but it would be tragic to end NICAP now.

The Air Force "silence group" would hail it as a victory—proof that NICAP had failed because we knew the UFOs were a myth. We are willing to carry on without a full staff, if the membership will back us.

Under the new plan the next magazine planned for later in April will be eight pages of up-to-date items more compactly written. A news bulletin will follow in two to three weeks.

We hope that a sudden increase in income will make this plan only temporary, but it seems the best way to continue at the present time.

Meantime, please help NICAP in every possible way. If even half of our members secured one new membership, we would soon be on full schedule. We are doing everything humanly possible to reach that goal.

#### NEW ANGLE ON ARMSTRONG SHOW

According to a CBS statement, the Armstrong Circle Theater's UFO program on January 22 had to be cleared by the Air Force for security reasons.

The admission by Herbert A. Carlborg, CBS Director of Editing, was made in answer to queries as to why NICAP's Director had been cut off the air. Mr. Carlborg's statement about security follows:

"This program had been carefully cleared for security reasons. Therefore, it was the responsibility of this network to insure performance in accordance with predetermined security standards. Any indication that there would be a deviation might lead to statements that neither this network nor the individuals on the program were authorized to release. As a consequence, public interest was served by the action taken by CBS in deleting the audio in Major Keyhoe's speech at a point where he apparently was about to deviate from the script."

**NICAP Comment:** High Air Force officials repeatedly have insisted that they are withholding no UFO information, that UFOs are non-existent. If this is true, why was it necessary to clear such a program for security?

What were the "unauthorized statements"

they feared might be made?

These are questions which many NICAP members and other citizens are asking their Senators and Congressmen, queries which may lead to open hearings on Capitol Hill.

#### FEAR OF UFOs SEEN WITHOUT FACTUAL BASIS

Recently NICAP has noted an increase in rumors and some printed warnings that there may be hostility behind UFO operations. One group responsible for these rumors now hints—or openly claims—that the flying saucers are of Soviet origin. The second group with even less foundation for their alarms seems to believe that the UFOs are controlled by evil forces from somewhere in the Universe.

The case for a Soviet built flying saucer has been carefully evaluated by NICAP. Shortly after the first Russian Sputnik was launched NICAP Board members made a public statement cautioning American citizens not to be misled into believing the UFOs were Soviet devices.

We repeat: If the Soviet had had flying saucers perfected in 1947 when they were seen en masse around the globe, by now this would be a Communist world. The ruthless, practical men in the Kremlin would never have bothered with building ordinary jets, short range missiles or the first Sputniks, if they already possessed such a tremendously superior weapon—a global flying saucer.

The Soviet could not possibly have produced a fleet of global saucers by 1947 when it was still trying to repair its ravaged country. There are many other unanswerable reasons why the UFOs are not and could not be Russian. If fear of Soviet saucers increases, NICAP will give all these answers carefully detailed in the UFO INVESTIGATOR.

As to the second fear—that the UFOs are controlled by evil forces from space—there has not to date been the slightest proof of such danger. It is not impossible but until actual evidence of such evil intentions has been produced, the spreading of these rumors is a distinct disservice to our country—and to all serious UFO investigators.

Because of Soviet advances in space experiments, the first rumor is the more dangerous. If the USSR should falsely claim the UFOs as their secret weapons, it could—as we have warned before—frighten many Americans and possibly cause a panic. We urge all NICAP members to consider the facts calmly—and to do all they can to refute such false reports.

#### REDS MAY SACRIFICE MAN IN SPACE ROCKET FOR PROPAGANDA VICTORY

An increasing number of United States scientists and Government space experts believe that the Soviet will fire a manned rocket in the near future, to offset the American advances.

In Washington several space authorities have privately warned that we should be prepared for a coldblooded Soviet trick—

the deliberate sacrifice of a man's life perhaps—in order to claim another "first".

If it comes, this trick may be hard to refute. A special transmitter could be rigged to send messages at uneven—but predetermined—intervals. These messages could appear to answer Russian queries radioed to the man in the rocket, and there would be no convincing proof that the answers were sent mechanically.

The Soviets' absolute disregard of human life should be carefully considered, if a "man in space" claim is made by the Reds.

The United States will never fire a manned rocket until our space travel authorities believe the first volunteer will probably return safely.

The men in the Kremlin have no such compunctions and there are hints they are nearly ready to risk a man's life—without any plan or expectation of returning him safely to earth.

On March 29 a top Soviet scientist, Anatoli Blagonravov, stated via Radio Moscow that the time is "quite near for solution of such a problem as cosmic flight of a man in a rocket."

If such a flight is announced, the free world should demand proof that there is a living man aboard—and not the corpse of a Russian sacrificed for publicity, as was the dog Laika.

#### NICAP ADVISER REPORTS CIA WARNING NOT TO TALK ABOUT UFO FILM

Ralph Mayher, news cameraman for KYW, Cleveland, and a NICAP special adviser, reports that two Central Intelligence Agency investigators tried to muzzle him in regard to a UFO movie film.

The film, taken in 1952 by Mayher, (then in the Marine Corps) showed a glowing UFO speeding over Miami. Retaining a small section, Mayher gave the film to Air Force Intelligence. Later, Air Force HQ informed him they had never seen the film.

In November 1957 Mayher gave a frame from the film to United Press which published it coast to coast. Next day Mayher reports two fully identified CIA agents in a private meeting told him the Air Force had lost the other film and wished to analyze his section at ATIC (Air Technical Intelligence Center). On a promise it would be returned with the Air Force conclusion, Mayher agreed.

He was then sternly warned, Mayher has told NICAP's Director, not to divulge the CIA investigation or the Air Force interest. Later the film was returned, with no ATIC comment.

On March 13, 1958, NICAP wrote the CIA Director, Allen Dulles, asking about the incident and the CIA's connection with the UFO investigation. To date there has been no answer.

As stated in No. 3 UFO INVESTIGATOR the Air Force says no security is involved, hence no reason to hide information. We know of no legal authority for any Government agency to silence private citizens regarding UFOs. We would like to have details of any such cases, for release, if possible; otherwise, in confidence.

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#### AIR FORCE ASKS NICAP FOR ITS UFO REPORTS

In an official Air Force letter which admits serious interest in Unidentified Flying Objects, NICAP has been asked to turn over to the Air Force specific cases showing that UFOs are under intelligent control. Dated June 12, 1958, the letter indicates a concern which is in plain contradiction of its public claims that UFOs do not exist.

Referring to NICAP's letter to the Joint Chiefs of Staff which drew an admission of "technical difficulties" regarding communication with UFOs, the Air Force letter reads as follows:

"Your statement that you possess a number of important UFO sightings fully verified, which prove the absolute reality of UFOs as machines under intelligent control, is most pertinent.

"The Air Force has the responsibility for investigating and evaluating the UFO phenomena. This can only be done properly and without endangering the National Security if responsible citizens report all evidence and intelligence on the subject to the authorities charged with this responsibility. It is requested therefore that any specific cases of the nature mentioned above be forwarded to the Office of Information Services HQ USAF, Washington 25, D. C. for submission to the Air Technical Intelligence Center for analysis and official evaluations."

By an odd coincidence, NICAP at the same time received a signed statement from a missile engineer who was curtly brushed off by the Air Force when he tried to report sighting three UFOs. The witness, Mr. Harold Lamb, Jr., is one of four Rocketdyne engineers who observed a large oval shaped object and two smaller UFOs near the Rocketdyne plant in Canoga Park, California.

Lamb, a former skeptic now convinced of UFO reality, says he was rebuffed when he called the Air Force and was "told to call the police."

In this case, as in several others, the Air Force apparently was seriously concerned but wished to mask this concern because Lamb and the other engineers would not be easy to silence. But no matter what the excuse, such a rude brush-off will not encourage "responsible citizens to report all evidence" to the

#### UFO PHOTOS BY STATE POLICE UNDER SECRET AIR FORCE STUDY

The existence of authentic UFO photographs taken by a Louisiana state policeman has been officially confirmed by authorities at England AFB, Louisiana. The two officers, who said the Air Force demanded that their names be withheld, spotted the objects close to the base at 12:20 p.m. on June 23, 1958.

Apparent attempts to keep the sightings secret were forestalled when the police officers gave copies of the Polaroid camera pictures to the Alexandria, Louisiana DAILY TOWN TALK. The chief of England AFB information services then confirmed that the photographs and the officers' report had been turned over to special UFO investigators.

"If any object exists," said the information chief, "it is being investigated by qualified UFO personnel and any comment as to what it is and where it came from must come from the Pentagon."

The state trooper who shot the photos first caught the UFOs against a background of trees. The picture clearly shows three globe-shaped objects at treetop level just off Highway 28. (The officer said he saw only two "glowing balls" when he first glimpsed the UFOs. He was not sure whether they were a "double object" or two separate UFOs.)

After the first shot he snapped on a filter and caught another picture against a cloud background with the UFOs above the treetops. This photo clearly shows two globelike objects close together. A few seconds later the UFOs, or double UFO, moved swiftly out of sight.

"I'll be honest about it. It scared hell out of me," the state trooper admitted. "I don't believe in stuff like that, but we saw it and the pictures are there to prove it."

Air Force sources at England AFB said the only other occasion of UFOs being photographed was the Lubbock Lights Texas case.

*NICAP Comment: This is incorrect.* Air Force gun camera pictures, the White Sands film, the famous movie of the Tremonton, Utah saucers—all are officially on record.

The official reaction at England AFB was noticeably different from the usual treatment of UFO reports. Usually some explanation is quickly advanced, but the close-up pictures and the troopers' report of the UFOs' swift climb and disappearance rule out the most convenient explanation: leaking weather balloons. Confronted so abruptly and publicly with the photographic evidence and reports, the Air Force authorities refused even to speculate.

NICAP is indebted to a veteran Air Force pilot, a man decorated for wartime service, for the first lead to this story and the later published account.

Air Force. Such treatment suggests that the AF request for NICAP's reports should be carefully weighed.

It may be a bonafide request, though the Air Force already has a mass of conclusive UFO evidence—enough for ATIC to decide in 1948 that the objects were interplanetary spaceships. (Documentary evidence in NICAP possession proves that AF denials of this 1948 conclusion are untrue.) But it could be an attempt to discredit NICAP if our reports are withheld from the Air Force.

In a number of cases NICAP has promised to keep its sources confidential. To release these reports would not only break a promise, it could lead to legal action for invasion of privacy. Some of these sources are in the armed forces, the airlines, the CAA and other agencies. Though none has violated security, if NICAP revealed their

names it could cause them trouble.

Since the Air Force has refused to release its own UFO reports to avoid "invasion of privacy," NICAP feels justified in adopting the same policy. If permission is granted by witnesses in important confidential cases, we shall offer the reports to the Air Force under a plan of mutual cooperation and exchange of UFO information. Details will be announced in our next publication or through a special press release.

#### NEW MEMBERSHIP FORMS

To conform to our altered publications plan for a temporary period of time, the green forms describing a 32-page monthly magazine have been replaced by a yellow form listing alternate bulletins and a digest magazine. Members may secure the yellow forms for interested persons. Please destroy any green forms in your possession.

STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND REPORT HINTS SAC KNOWS UFOs ARE INTERPLANETARY

From several radar tracking cases admitted by the Strategic Air Command, there is strong evidence that SAC's chief, Gen. Thomas Powers, knows that the UFOs are interplanetary spacecraft.

In one significant case General Powers withheld the usual "scramble" order when radar showed a formation of unknown objects approaching the Pacific coast. Had there been any question that the objects were Soviet planes, the SAC commander would have swiftly dispatched H-bombers prepared to retaliate.

Radar blips of the mysterious formation were picked up by United States picket ships, by radar patrol planes over the Pacific, and later by stations ashore. Previously, similar radar warnings had caused "numerous dispatches" of SAC bombers, according to an official release. This admission by SAC was cleared by top level Air Force and Defense Department censors and published by United Press President Frank H. Bartholomew on April 7, 1958.

In at least one case, said the Pentagon cleared article, SAC bombers were scrambled when defense radar picked up strange objects flying toward the United States in precise formation. The bombers were recalled by special code signals when the Air Force realized the objects were not Soviet planes. These mysterious formations, said SAC, have never been explained.

But in the Pacific coast case—when an identical formation was tracked—Gen. Powers said, "Wait." Radar reports continued to pour in from the picket ships, DEW (Distant Early Warning) stations, and radar planes. Still Gen. Powers waited. The UFO formation had almost reached the coast—in quick striking range of west coast cities and bases—when the radar blips suddenly disappeared from the scopes.

Though previous identical formations were listed by SAC as unexplained, this report was explained away as due to false radar blips.

Why weren't the SAC bombers dispatched as in the other cases?

If Gen. Powers had believed it even remotely possible that the objects were Soviet planes or missiles, hundreds of SAC bombers would have roared aloft from United States bases within minutes.

**ONE REASON FOR SECRECY?**

But if General Powers knew these objects were not earthmade, it would fully explain his action. It would also mean that all high U. S. commands must know this problem—the danger that erroneous identification of UFOs could start World War 3.

This may be alleged to be one reason for official secrecy on UFOs. But publicly disclosing the truth will not alter SAC plans to handle the UFO problem. On the other hand, bottling up the UFO facts by the top commanders could possibly lead to a serious—even fatal—error by subordinates unaware of the truth.

If the UFOs actually were a spacecraft formation, why did the radar blips so suddenly vanish? One possibility, based on CAA radar experts' opinions, is that the UFOs suddenly climbed to a high altitude—completely out of the radar beams—as was recorded at Washington Airport in 1952.

Also a UFO's propulsion system may be able to repel radar beams, as recently suggested by Pres. Eugene Gluhareff of the Gluhareff Helicopter Corporation. At full power, he said, electrons ejected by a nuclear reactor would create an electronic field which would divert radar beams. No image would be reflected back to the scope.

If this theory is correct, sudden acceleration to full power could have caused the UFO formation's blips to disappear.

Regardless of this, it appears certain

**DISEASE ON MOON COULD PERIL SPACE TRAVELLERS**

The possibility that low forms of life could be perilous to the first men to land on the moon was voiced recently by Dr. Burgess L. Gordon, president of the American College of Chest Physicians. The comments by Dr. Gordon add weight to the suggestions of some UFO investigators that the peril of disease could be one factor preventing mass UFO landings.

Dr. Gordon said, "We must be alert to the possibility that spaceships can bring us new diseases that we don't know how to fight."

**NOTE ON CSI**

Current rumors that Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York is being disbanded are untrue. CSI is undergoing reorganization but will continue to hold meetings, evaluate information, and publish findings.

that SAC is now able to distinguish between the radar blips of UFOs and earthmade aircraft. Studies of radarscope photos may have revealed identifying characteristics involving their high speeds, sharp maneuvers and other factors.

But it is the fact of identification—not the method—that is so important. If UFOs can be so completely identified as non-hostile machines, then the secrecy should be ended now.

The American public has a right to know exactly what SAC has learned.

**NEW POLICY ON UFO SIGHTINGS**

In the past year many members have objected to what they called "run-of-the-mill" UFO reports. However, recent requests indicate that most members do wish to know of current UFO activity. So future NICAP publications will carry a cross-section of verified sightings.

Meantime here is a brief rundown on typical reports in the past few months.

March 2, 1958; Tampa, Florida:

As reported by Station WTVT "Late News" the International Airport control tower crew saw a "large silent orange-lighted object" land on the far end of a runway and immediately take off again "like a helicopter." Later MacDill AFB said the object might be a lighted weather balloon released 30 minutes before the sighting.

NICAP Note: Only a serious leak would have caused the balloon to land and no balloon with such a leak would suddenly take off again.

March 9, 1958; Eureka, California:

R. E. Williams and three other witnesses observed a shiny oval-shaped object above nearby mountains. Through binoculars the UFO was seen to hover, move forward, reverse course, circle, then disappear into a cloud bank.

April 8, 1958; Elyria, Ohio:

About 7:20 p.m. a NICAP member, (name withheld by request) sighted a round fiery object also reported in Ohio papers as seen by hundreds of citizens. NICAP member's description said the center—between two hornlike projections—showed as an intense yellow light brilliantly illuminating a half mile area. Sparks or particles like molten metal from a Bessemer furnace seemed to come from the front and sides. Object believed to have fallen into Lake Erie.

April 17, 1958; Porto Alegre, Brazil:

Press report says "Newspapers and radio stations at Rio Grande de Sul state that three flying saucers landed about 65 km. north of Santa Maria City. Two objects flew on but the third remained, emitting—said the report—an unbearable heat." The Brazilian Air Force declared they had no official confirmation.

April 21, 1958; Georgia, West Virginia:

A bright bullet-shaped object was reported traveling at high speed over areas from Georgia to West Virginia. Witnesses included airline and jet pilots, weather bureau observers, and many others. A weather bureau spokesman said all of its reports confirmed the bullet shape and the extreme brilliance. The main color was a fiery red with a yellow trail or exhaust. Results of an Air Force investigation have not been released.

April 29, 1958; St. Paul, Minnesota:

A UFO similar to the one reported in the east on April 21 was sighted by control tower operators at Wold-Chamberlain Airport and by other observers. The CAA men said the UFO did not resemble a meteor or any other known object but that it moved west to east at high speed on an even path without climbing or descending. It was described as emitting sparks from its glowing nose before its abrupt disappearance. The UFO also was seen by NICAP member H. T. Sherman, insurance underwriter and astronomer, who reported it to an Air Force Captain Nueman at Wold-Chamberlain. The captain first suggested Venus, which Sherman as an astronomer quickly ruled out. The captain then suggested a meteor.

"Too slow," stated Mr. Sherman. "A parallel path and the UFO's appearance rule that out."

Finally Captain Nueman suggested a new anti-collision light on a plane, but Sherman pointed out these items:

- When the light went out no plane was visible in the sky which at 9 p.m. was still fairly light.

- He would have heard any aircraft.

- No pilot in his right mind would approach a field with such heavy traffic at such high speed and suddenly at low altitude turn out all lights.

The Air Force captain had no other suggestions and the sighting was officially recorded.

From a NICAP member in the USAF we have received the following unclassified items from a 1957 UFO report:

In late December at a Joint Operations Control Center outside the United States observers of the USAF and a friendly foreign power witnessed by telescope and naked eye a bright white object moving slowly on a southwest heading at 30,000 feet. Shortly afterward a mass of white material (evidently so-called angel hair) dropped from 10,000 feet for 39 minutes.

Another NICAP member just ending active AF duty has requested Air Force permission to release a sighting which took place at an AF base in this country.

Previously, he states, he was refused permission to release on Air Force filter report on a UFO formation. Air Force approval or denial of his request will be made public, with all possible details.

For the information of members, NICAP Confidential Bulletins are not intended to be released to nonmembers. In particular these bulletins should not be distributed to the press or radio. Items contained therein are to keep members informed of NICAP's progress and of projects being undertaken. When indicated, complete stories will appear in the UFO INVESTIGATOR for general release after full evaluation.

## NICAP ASKS AIR FORCE FOR MISSING UFO MOVIE FRAMES

As authorized by Air Force Regulation 200-2, NICAP has asked for the release of the missing frames from color movies of four UFOs taken last December which an Air Force spokesman now claims were "positively identified" as balloons.

This Air Force claim is a surprising reversal. Earlier two Air Force spokesmen in California had endorsed the film as the best UFO pictures they had seen and had commended the owner of the film for submitting it to the Air Force.

The facts are as follows:

On December 1, 1957 at about 3 p.m. Ralph Benn of Los Angeles, using a 3x telephoto lens, took about six and a half feet of Kodachrome film showing four of six objects—resembling those in the Tremonton, Utah film—which made repeated passes over the area.

Benn described the objects as dull white and oval shaped and said they moved slowly west at constant speed. Other passes—one described as "very fast"—were observed by Benn's children.

After contacting a Captain Schaller, Chief of the local AF pictorial branch, Benn agreed to let the Air Force develop the film. Col. Dean Hess, AF Chief of Public Information for the West Coast, later contacted Benn, complimented him for his handling of the case, and said the film was the best he had seen.

Benn also requested and received written acknowledgement of his film from Captain Schaller. This acknowledgement—a copy of Captain Schaller's letter to ATIC on January 3, 1958—again endorsed the job Benn had done.

In May Major Lawrence J. Tacker, Executive Officer of the Air Force Public Information Division, officially explained the UFO:

"ATIC evaluated the film and the objects were found to be cluster type weather balloons."

The original film, returned to Benn, showed horizontal scratch marks, had been overexposed, and a few frames had been removed.

NICAP Comment: Judging by past Air Force handling of UFO films (for example, the Ralph Mayher films reported in past issues of the UFO INVESTIGATOR) those frames obviously were the clearest ones.

Now that the objects allegedly have been positively identified, there is no reason for withholding the missing frames. AFR 200-2 states: "...it is permissible to inform news media representatives on UFOB's when the object is positively identified as a familiar object."

NICAP has written a letter requesting an examination of the missing pictures.

## UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA SCIENTIST INVESTIGATES UFO REPORTS

As a result of the recent Tucson sightings, Dr. James E. McDonald, Director of the University of Arizona's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, has begun a scientific investigation of UFOs.

More than 50 witnesses privately described sightings of mysterious objects to Dr. McDonald after he urged observers to give him detailed reports.

"There is no doubt about their veracity," Dr. McDonald told the Arizona REPUBLIC. He said the observers talked freely with him, though they declined to be quoted in newspapers for fear of ridicule.

NICAP note to members: Probably thousands of UFO witnesses keep silent, fearing ridicule. If you know of any hidden reports, please urge observers to send us details with permission to use their names. Although limited magazine space prevents immediate publication of most reports sent in, they form an important part of a NICAP project—a detailed report of UFO evidence for members of Congress, the press, and broadcasters.

## NO NICAP AGENTS

Complaints reaching NICAP indicate that some groups or individuals are claiming to be NICAP agents and some apparently are reselling their own copies of NICAP publications. If members know of any abuses of this sort, please inform us.

No individual or group has been authorized to accept NICAP memberships or to sell subscriptions to UFO INVESTIGATOR. This of course does not apply to the legitimate promotion of NICAP by its members. Anyone desiring information about NICAP membership or the UFO INVESTIGATOR can be given the pertinent facts or be referred directly to us for free NICAP material.

THANKS to the many members sending us newspaper clippings of UFO sightings and related developments. In forwarding clips, please note the date and the name of the newspaper, if this is not a part of the clipping.

## MEMBER IDEAS ON PROMOTION

NICAP welcomes suggestions for promotion of new memberships and publicity regarding NICAP's work. Some very helpful member projects have been sending names and addresses of interested people, advertising in local papers, and writing letters to Congressmen asking for public hearings on the UFO problem. All ideas of this sort will receive prompt attention.



## STRAITH LETTER FALSE, STATE DEPARTMENT TELLS ADAMSKI

The State Department has informed George Adamski that a supposedly official letter sent to him signed "R. E. Straith, Cultural Exchange Committee" was not a State Department document, that no such committee exists, and that no one named Straith was ever employed by the department. The Straith letter implied that a State Department investigation of the UFO situation had confirmed some of Adamski's published claims regarding contacts with space beings.

As revealed in our April 4 Confidential Bulletin, NICAP has carefully investigated the Straith incident with the full cooperation of State Department security officials.

On March 28 NICAP wrote Mr. Adamski and told him that the letter appeared to be a hoax by a person or persons unknown. He was told that if the hoaxer's identity could be established NICAP would make the name public if this could be done without danger of a lawsuit.

About mid April the next issue of Mr. Adamski's cosmic science booklet appeared with a new reference to the Straith affair. Answering a question as to the letter's authenticity, Mr. Adamski said that the original Straith letter and photostats show the impression of the official Seal of State which he stated is never found on blank paper but is impressed only after a letter has been written and signed. In addition Mr. Adamski said that this official seal is carefully guarded and only a few privileged persons are allowed to use it.

A few days later a letter to the same effect was received by NICAP's Director. From a long personal experience with various Government agencies, it was immediately clear that Mr. Adamski had been misled. However, a double check was made at once with the State Department Security Division and another department source. This double check confirmed that because of the great volume of official mail State Department letterheads impressed with the official seal are turned out by tens of thousands.

Also, said the Security men, a few of these blank letterheads could be picked up by any visitor who dropped into one of the hundreds of State Department offices. It was stressed again that the letterhead used in the Straith case was an old type not officially used for several years.

This, to date, is the Straith-Adamski case. From all the evidence it seems plain that the hoaxer counted on Mr. Adamski's inexperience with Washington departmental practices. It also appears that the guilty person or persons were willing to risk arrest for illegal use of an official letterhead and for misrepresentation—in order to discredit George Adamski.

## FLYING SAUCER REALITY ENDORSED BY GENERAL MILLS RESEARCH CHIEF

That flying saucers are probably space-ships was publicly suggested on April 10 by General Mills Research Director John L. Cramer. The latest in a growing number of scientists to speak out on UFOs, Cramer said that we ourselves will be "all over the universe by the year 2000."

"Someone in the universe may be years ahead of us," he told the Minneapolis TRIBUNE. "Someone may have solved the problems of flying through space and may be visiting us."

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are in urgent need of your support—more than ever before. Censorship of UFO reports and the resulting lack of newspaper stories have caused a serious decrease in public interest. Certain important developments should change this by mid-Fall, perhaps sooner, and a new sighting "flap" could revive public interest overnight.

But meantime, new memberships have fallen to the lowest point in the last 16 months. Only through the generosity of a small percentage of members has NICAP survived. The Director and Administrator are continuing to work without pay to keep NICAP operating until the expected news breaks end this crisis. Please continue to do all you can to get us new members and to promote NICAP in every way possible.

## AN ERRONEOUS CLAIM

In the February 1958 issue of the UFO JOURNAL an article by Charles Marcoux states that NICAP's Director is one of the "saucer researchers in the know who have flocked to Arizona in droves."

The article deals with a so-called Cavern World including an alleged underground base for UFOs and links these with an ancient civilization now underground.

The Director of NICAP has not been in Arizona since 1927 nor does he have any factual knowledge supporting the various claims by Mr. Marcoux. The editor of the UFO JOURNAL has been informed of the error.

## UFO TAPE RECORDING SERVICE

Dr. A. J. Dittmar, Director of Tape Recorded UFO Information Service, asks that all inquiries be sent to him at the AuSable Forks, New York address and not to the regional offices as NICAP previously stated. A list of over 250 tapes is now available. Interested persons may receive copies by sending blank tapes with return postage. No charge is made for copying tapes; however, contributions will help to keep this non-profit service in operation.

## TRUE OR FALSE STORY

NICAP's request for substantiation of the article "The First Man Killed by a Flying Saucer" remains unanswered to date.

In the July 1958 issue of TRUE OR FALSE Magazine an unnamed author had stated that he was dying after exposure to a radioactive flying saucer.

Because of the important implications of this claim, NICAP asked the editor for proof on a confidential basis last April. NICAP hopes either to prove or disprove the story and to expose possible deception.

## Fear of UFOs Seen as Result of Censorship

Fearful of attack by invaders from space, several hundred alarmed Mississippians recently gathered on a hilltop near West Point, Mississippi, after an approaching weather balloon was mistaken for a flying saucer. Some of the crowd were armed with shotguns; others carried clubs, pitchforks and various makeshift weapons.

Some of the public may have seen this as a good joke, but a number of NICAP members have pointed out the actual dangers involved. One member summed up the general reaction with:

"This is a RECEPTION COMMITTEE?"

Two factors combined to cause the mass fear shown in Mississippi. One, the constant publicity on space travel set off by Sputnik I; second, official secrecy on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects. Of the two, the latter is far more important because many Americans are now firmly convinced that the Air Force—and possibly a higher Government agency—is hiding the truth from the public.

Judging from the mail and from some UFO publications, more and more people suspect that there is something ominous behind the official denial of UFO reality. Since authentic evidence that UFOs do exist continues to mount, along with proof of official censorship, this suspicion will probably increase until the secrecy is ended.

If we discover any proof of hostility linked with UFOs or any other serious dangers, deliberate or otherwise, NICAP will make the facts public.

Meantime, NICAP members and all others acquainted with the facts may do their country an important service if they will try to allay fears of UFOs whenever they have the opportunity.

A list of new donors to NICAP has been prepared—to add to lists already published—but there is no room for it in this bulletin. We say "THANK YOU" nevertheless and hope to print the list next time.

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## NEW WAVE OF UFO SIGHTINGS CRACKS CENSORSHIP WALL

A sudden increase in UFO sightings, here and abroad, is now under intensive investigation by AF Intelligence. As we go to press, a new Baltimore UFO case has just led to the revelation of a dramatic AF sighting withheld for three years.

The Baltimore sighting, now being investigated by AF scientists as well as Intelligence teams, occurred early on Oct. 27, near Lock Raven Reservoir. About midnight, Philip Small and Alvin Cohen, Baltimore residents, sighted an enormous "egg-shaped" object hovering above a bridge. They estimated its length to be at least 100 feet. As they neared the bridge, they reported, their car lights went out, then their engine stopped.

As the men climbed out, they felt an intense heat from the object. They watched it 45 seconds, then it shot straight up, with a "thunderous noise." They notified Baltimore County police, who immediately called the AF Office of Special Investigation. Because of the reported electrical interference, and a burned area on Cohen's face, Air Research and Development experts also were called in.

This ARDC development was uncovered by NICAP Special Adviser Lou Corbin, who is News Director of Station WFBR. Checking with nearby Andrews AF Base, Corbin also was given the long-withheld 1955 UFO case by a veteran AF pilot who believes the facts should be told. (Though his name and rank are known to NICAP, we have promised Adviser Corbin not to disclose the officer's identity.)

In 1955, stated this AF pilot, while flying in Alabama, he and five competent witnesses chased a UFO similar to the one seen at Baltimore. Among the witnesses was a Lockheed Aircraft representative and a jet engineering expert. All five drew up reports agreeing they had pursued a solid object of "considerable size" which they believed was intelligently controlled.

"Don't let anyone fool you," the officer told Corbin. "That object did not come from the earth. The case has never been solved by the Air Force. And I've every reason to believe it was the same kind as in the Baltimore case."

Though Mr. Cohen has not admitted taking a radiation-exposure test, NICAP has reason to believe the AF has arranged such a test.

The heating effects described in the Baltimore Oct. 27 case lend special interest to an earlier report just sent us from South America, which follows.

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## Unconfirmed Newscasts Link UFO With Moon Rocket

In at least two radio newscasts, an unidentified flying object was reported as hovering over Cape Canaveral just before the ill-fated moon rocket "Pioneer" was launched on Oct. 10. In one broadcast, reported by several NICAP members in Washington, the announcer was quoted as saying "Maybe the moon rocket will have company." A similar broadcast was reported by members in the Baltimore area.

NICAP is still checking, though it has found no confirmation of the broadcast reports. If other members heard such newscasts, or read similar news reports, please write us. It is important to prove these reports true or false. There are increasing rumors that UFOs have destroyed some of our rockets, or forced them off course. If such claims have any foundation, this will vitally affect the UFO situation. If they are false, they should be vigorously denied to prevent new ridicule of UFO investigations.

## Pilot Feels Intense Heat From Hovering UFO

A bright silvery UFO, hovering over Uruguay on May 5, 1958, created such intense heat in the cabin of a plane that the pilot was forced to open the windows and door, and remove his jacket.

Carlos Alejo Rodriguez, flying his Piper aircraft from San Carlos to Montevideo, saw the brilliant object approach on an easterly course and apparently stop, wobbling slightly. Rodriguez, an experienced pilot and parachute instructor, closed to within 800 yards and saw a metallic-appearing "top-shaped" object, its form symmetrical above and below. Then, as the object took off at fantastic speed south toward the sea, intense heat filled the cabin of the plane. A slight vapor-like trail was noted though both the UFO and the plane were only at about 3000 feet altitude.

A team of investigators for C.I.O.V.I. UFO group in Uruguay, who submitted this report to NICAP, said that Rodriguez had always been skeptical about UFOs. After this experience, however, he reported the incident to the Director of Aeronautics and Air Force authorities. Later he described it publicly over the radio.

Rodriguez said that the heat from the object caused him to "sweat profusely." The outside temperature was only about 77° F. He estimated that the object, which was hovering in the vicinity of a Naval Air Base, was about 50-60 feet in diameter.

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## NICAP ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAM

A new plan to speed up UFO investigations, through local committees of scientists, engineers, pilots and other experts, is now being set up by NICAP. With such committees established throughout the U.S. and all countries outside the Iron Curtain, a mass of scientifically evaluated evidence will pour into NICAP headquarters for release to our members and Congress.

The new system, suggested by Associate Editor Richard H. Hall, will not only offset the scarcity of UFO reports in the press, but should make possible valid conclusions about several points, including:

- Any correlation with A-bomb tests.
- Sighting cycles linked with Mars or Venus approaches to the earth.
- Specific areas apparently under special UFO observation.
- Any correlation with launchings of satellites, moon probes or other space-rockets.
- The question of possible UFO links with certain aircraft accidents and disappearances.
- Reports of strange radio signals, suggested as linked with space craft.
- Reports of UFO interference with radio, television, engine ignitions and other electrical systems.

Here is how the plan will work. Let's say a UFO sighting occurs near City A, in the midwest. The report may be published or broadcast locally, with no national pickup. The chairman of the local NICAP subcommittee will arrange for interviews (taped if possible) with key witnesses. If a photo was taken, the subcommittee will ask to examine the negative. Information will be collected on the time, weather, lighting conditions, UFO maneuvers, other aircraft involved (as in a jet chase) etc.

The group's astronomer will see if there is any astronomical answer, and its meteorologist will check such "weather answers" as temperature inversions or sundogs. A subcommittee pilot, or other aviation expert, will check possible mistaken identification of a plane or balloon. If no conventional answer is found, the group will evaluate the evidence, reach a conclusion if possible, and forward a report to NICAP.

Where there is no conclusion, or there are unsettled questions, final evaluation will be made by NICAP Special Advisers or Board Members, or both. Final conclusions and key points will then be given to the membership and appropriate groups in Congress. In press releases, full credit will be given the subcommittees; also, local publicity by subcom-

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## Recent Sightings Cont.

The current sighting increase coincides with Mars' 1958 approach to Earth, though it does not prove a definite connection. Beginning with '48, every Mars opposition (at 26-month intervals) has been accompanied by increased UFO sightings, usually noted two or more months before and after the opposition. This time, the first spurt of sightings, in August, came in our northeast states, with a later concentration in the mid-west. (Mars will be closest in early November.) Here is a digest of several sightings during the present "flap."

Aug. 11, Chautauqua Lake, N.Y. Between 9:15 and 10:30 pm Dr. Fred C. Fair, a retired professor of engineering, observed several inexplicable lights in the sky. On two occasions he saw groups of lights in roughly geometrical patterns. In the last of these sightings, Dr. Fair noted a white light rapidly moving north. Through a transit telescope the object appeared as five white lights spaced "as though on the circumference of an oval." A red light was visible above and slightly to the rear of the white lights. Dr. Fair followed the object with the telescope until it disappeared behind some nearby trees.

Aug. 24, Brook, Ind. Theater manager Henry Hermansen and his cashier, Mrs. Ethel Tinder, at about 6:45 pm saw a brightly-lighted object "like a pie plate sailing through the air on its rim." It moved "very fast" toward the NE, then suddenly changed direction and disappeared toward the SE. Mr. Hermansen's description of the object recalls the 1947 reports which gave rise to the name "flying saucer."

Sept. 8; Omaha, Nebr. A NICAP member who is an Air Force Reserve officer has reported that he and several high-ranking officers sighted a huge "pencil-shaped" UFO in the western sky at 6:40 pm. They watched it for about 20 minutes. More details are expected. Observers in California next day reported a long, rocket-like object with an orange flame-tail.

Sept. 21; Sheffield Lake, Ohio. A brilliant light at 3:00 am attracted Mrs. Wm. Fitzgerald and her son John to their windows. From separate rooms they watched a disc-shaped object descend, with a slight side-to-side oscillation, low over a neighbor's lot. The object, flat and circular with a dome in the center, was illuminated by glowing gas which came out of "tubes" on one edge. Both witnesses heard a humming and whirring noise. After maneuvering around above the lot, the object ascended vertically.

We are indebted to Robert J. Durant, NICAP member in Lorain, Ohio, for his UFO group's investigation and report of the incident.

Oct. 3; Stephensburg, Ky. Four Hardin County residents — Mrs. Harvey DeVore, Miss Ella Sutzer, Mr. Leslie Sutzer, and Mr. Alvin Duncan — reported seeing a UFO at about 6 am in a field 500 yards away. It was silvery, and had stubby protrusions which were seen to move. As Mr. Sutzer approached, the object

took off, moved and hovered about 4 feet off the ground, then flew away. In the air, it appeared cone-shaped. It made no sound. Where the object had touched, the grass was said to be mashed, with markings visible. Fort Knox said that it knew of no military equipment in the area. The U.S. Weather Bureau could not account for the object.

Oct. 8; Newark, Ohio. For the second time in less than a month, formations of odd lights maneuvering over Newark were reported by police officers H. E. Sherburn and T. H. Francis. In mid-September, they reported similar white, red, and green lights hovering and performing erratically over the city. Sherburn, an Air Force veteran, said the lights were arranged in a crescent. (See the Aug. 11 report by Dr. Fair.) Sherburn was "certain" the lights were not on conventional aircraft.

Oct. 12; Aurora, Ill. Between 9:50 and 10:15 pm DuPage County police officers saw brightly-lighted golden UFOs from several viewpoints in the Aurora area. Shortly thereafter, a patrol car in Lisle spotted the objects moving southeast over DuPage County. The patrolmen said the objects were well-lighted and had "spotlights" turned toward the ground. Other patrol cars confirmed the report.

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At 10:10 pm the Aurora police called the sheriff's office to report seeing similar objects headed southeast over Batavia. DuPage County Deputy Sheriff Jack Adams said he saw three objects near Batavia, one brighter than the others. Officials at O'Hare AFB were then notified, and jets apparently in pursuit, were heard shortly afterward. When questioned by the *Aurora Beacon-News* O'Hare officials refused comment.

Oct. 14; Aurora, Ill. For three consecutive nights, residents in Aurora, Wheaton, and Glen Ellyn watched brilliantly lighted objects maneuvering through the skies. Many witnesses, including police officers, saw four "incredibly bright" objects over Aurora between 8:39 and 8:45 pm. The objects then took off eastward over DuPage County in perfect formation. As the UFOs moved, their color changed from intense white to a dazzling gold.

DuPage County Deputy Louis Parreant attempted to follow one of the objects in a squad car near Downers Grove, but it soon left him behind. Another deputy, Melvin Lowe, said he saw one of the UFOs rise straight up and vanish after hovering about 1,000 feet off the ground. (Allen Etzler, a former Army radar operator for guided missiles, recently told NICAP investigators that on Oct. 10 he had seen a large round glowing object hover about 60 feet over a field in Laytonsville, Md. He said he watched it about 8-10 seconds when it suddenly shot straight up.)

mittees will be recommended, via newspapers and broadcasts.

This system requires that highly trained NICAP members volunteer their services — men and women expert in astronomy, photography, aviation (including aviation medicine), electronics, rocketry, meteorology, etc. Fortunately, NICAP has members in all these fields, also analysis specialists, researchers, detectives and former Intelligence men. Some have already volunteered, and probably many others, both American and foreign, will help if the working time involved is not too great.

Where enough specially trained members are not available, subcommittees may secure the help of non-member experts interested in the UFO problem. A subcommittee member can keep such service confidential, though the use of the experts' names will be of value when reports are made public.

Special subcommittees may analyze individual problems, such as propulsion methods, artificial gravity and the "angels hair" reports. The system may be broadened to cover non-technical questions such as religious aspects, general publicity, approaches to Congress, etc., in which members without technical training could participate.

Meantime, all NICAP members can help by reporting sightings and other technical UFO information to local subcommittees. (Names, addresses, to be listed.)

The Washington, D. C. subcommittee is already partly formed, and we are working to start others quickly. Whether you live in the U.S. or abroad, if you have special training, as indicated, we hope you will help form a local subcommittee. The only other provision is that you accept NICAP's policy of factual approach. If you volunteer, please list your special qualifications and whether you have access to a laboratory or other analysis equipment.

We will be glad to have suggestions from all members regarding this new plan.

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Note: The *Chicago Daily News* said on October 14th that Air Force B-47 jet bombers in a 3:00 am SAC exercise were responsible for at least one "flying saucer" report in Chicago. No explanation was offered for the sightings of the previous nights.

Oct. 14; Indiana. Residents in south-central Indiana reported sighting UFOs in pre-dawn hours. Police discussed the reports on police radio and confirmed sightings in Columbus, Franklin, Greensburg, Greenwood, and Indianapolis.

Oct. 15; Southeast U.S. The Civil Aeronautics Administration control office in Atlanta, Ga., asked the AF to investigate a "strange flying object" seen over several southeastern states. The CAA said airline pilots had seen the object, one estimating its altitude at 65,000 feet. Citizens in North and South Carolina, and other states, said the object was very large and appeared triangular in shape.

## THE NIKE UFO CASE

Early on the morning of Sept. 29, 1958, a UFO sighting was officially reported at the Army's Nike missile base, near Derwood, Md. Later, news and radio reports from Maryland and other states indicated that a fiery object seen by hundreds at the same time was a disintegrating meteor.

On-the-spot investigations by a NICAP team confirm this. But because of the contradictory official answers given the press — one of them known to be false at the time, as NICAP can prove — a detailed account will be given.

The NIKE story, kept quiet for a week, broke on Oct. 6 in the *Jersey Journal*, which ran an interview with Pvt. Jerome Scanlon, one of the Nike base witnesses. According to the news story, Scanlon and a Sgt. Riney Farris had seen a "cigar-shaped craft" land and take off near the base. A scorched strip a half-mile long was said to have been found where the object landed.

An Associated Press query led to an Army news release at Ft. Meade, Md., confirming the two soldiers' report and adding that 12 investigators (later revealed as AF) had quizzed them and searched the area.

A NICAP team — Assoc. Ed. Richard Hall and Washington members Richard Lechoux and Samuel Coe — made three trips to Derwood, interviewed Sgt. Farris, two other Army witnesses, the Nike duty officer, and area citizens. The team also mapped and photographed the area. No scorched area or signs of a landing were found, though the rough, hilly terrain prevented a complete search.

In addition, NY member Ted Bloecher (a CSI officer) reached Pvt. Scanlon, on leave at Jersey City, quizzed him for 45 minutes. Scanlon had not seen the object take off, or even land, but merely saw it pass behind trees.

This tallied with Sgt. Farris' statement to NICAP; he had merely seen the object flash overhead. But it added a puzzle: Why had the Ft. Meade news release gone along with the landing and take-off story?

Soon after, a new puzzle was added by NICAP Adviser Lou Corbin, radio news director at Baltimore, in an exclusive interview with Lt. Richard Platt, Nike base duty officer who also saw the fiery object. Platt did not see a landing, but insisted he saw a strange glow where the object was supposed to have landed. He said he watched it 45 minutes, saw the pulsating glow alternate from greenish white to orange. (The AF later said a helicopter search found no trace of such an object's presence.)

Reports from astronomers and others in states as far as Ohio and Kentucky, and an analysis by NICAP Adviser Jas. C. Bartlett, Jr., strongly backed the meteor answer. But instead of using this answer, the AF hastily rushed out a typical debunking story, claiming solution of over 98% of UFO sightings.

(This may have been caused by uneasiness over the sightings increase and the possible Mars link.)

Immediately afterward, the AF put out a news story "solving" the Nike report. The Nike men, it said, had been misled by the reflection of arc-welders' torches as Potomac Electric Power Co. (PEPCO) men worked on nearby high-tension lines.

A NICAP check proved this untrue, and obviously known to be false when released. At PEPCO, a spokesman told NICAP this was impossible and the AF knew it. A Capt. Maxwell at Andrews Field, said the PEPCO official, had tried to establish this answer; he had been told that no PEPCO men worked at that hour (5:30 am) and none had been in the area. A NICAP call to Capt. Maxwell resulted in a prompt refusal to comment, because of Air Force Reg. 200-2.

The PEPCO spokesman also told NICAP that *Newsweek* had called and had been given the facts. (Later, *Newsweek* cited an AF explanation that the Nike men had seen a 200-watt lamp on a distant barn; no mention was made of the false arc-welder answer. Lt. Platt, informed of the barn-lamp story, flatly said it was impossible.)

What Platt saw is unknown. One suggestion is that there was another object beside the meteor, or that a fragment fell from the meteor and started a fire. Lt. Platt denies the glow was any ordinary flame.

Regardless of this unexplained angle, the case is important. Again, the AF UFO policy is clearly revealed: Hurried debunking of any news report, even to planting of a false answer — and, simultaneously, serious investigation by Intelligence teams, behind the scenes.

### Reprint of Issue No. 1

In response to frequent requests, we have arranged to reprint Issue 1 of the UFO INVESTIGATOR. This contains 32 pages of still timely information, including several unexplained UFO cases: A CAA radar report of UFOs flying at 3600 mph., two important sightings by former Navy pilots, the Pan American Airways UFO incident of March, 1957, which the Civil Aeronautics Board says is still unsolved, and other authentic UFO reports.

Issue No. 1 also contains a flying saucer history installment, opinions by Board members, an 8-point cooperation plan offered the Air Force and full details of NICAP's policy on "contact" claims.

If you wish Issue No. 1, please send your check for \$1.00 and it will be mailed postpaid in a 9 by 11 inch manila envelope. Also please indicate whether you are interested in ordering copies of Issues 2 and 3 (each containing 32 pages of important information). If there are enough requests, we shall reprint either issue, or both, at the same price of \$1.00 each.

## Majority Backs NICAP

Though the ballots are still coming in, the votes received indicate that over 90% of our members back NICAP's policies, as stated in the Aug.-Sept. issue.

Question 1. Should NICAP keep trying to end secrecy about UFOs? Yes, 98.9%. No, 1.1%.

Question 2. Do you think NICAP is a smokescreen, an AF cover-up? No, 99%. Yes, 1%.

Question 3. Do you agree with NICAP's policy on contact stories? Yes, 89.14%. No, 10.86%. Apparently, from comments on several ballots, some voting "no" believed NICAP meant to ignore all contact reports. This is not correct; NICAP is steadily collecting such reports and will evaluate them after its stated first goals are reached. (See discussion on p. 7, Aug.-Sept. issue.) Possibly the new NICAP committee system (which see) will expedite examination of contact claims.

Question 4. Do you vote for reelection of the Board of Governors until Oct. 1, 1959? Yes, 98.32%. No, 1.68%.

Question 5. Will you do everything possible to promote NICAP, secure new members and end the financial crisis? Yes, 99.3%. No, .07%.

We greatly appreciate our members' vote of confidence, also ballot suggestions indicating a majority desire for:

1. More UFO sighting reports. 2. Digest treatment of news items, to cover more subjects. 3. More discussion of possible UFO sources, motives, types of beings. 4. A question-and-answer section in the magazine. These ideas will be carried out as fully as space permits.

If you have not yet voted, please mail your ballot — and your suggestions for improving our publications.

Several members have suggested NICAP memberships as Christmas gifts. If you wish, we will enclose your personal Christmas card with a NICAP membership card and the current publication — or we will forward a NICAP-signed Christmas gift notice, if you prefer.

### Washington Meeting Scheduled

A meeting of NICAP members in the Washington area has been set for 7:45 pm, Saturday, Nov. 15, at the auditorium of the Washington Post and Times Herald Building, 1515 L St., NW. After a 10-minute report by NICAP's Director, the meeting will be thrown open for questions and answers and general discussion of the UFO problem and NICAP's operations. Out-of-town members in Washington at the time are cordially invited to attend. Please show your NICAP card at the door.

If by error you receive NICAP literature for prospective members, please pass it on to a friend or to your local library.

## Justice Dept. Hunting "Straith" Hoaxer

The State Dept. has informed NICAP that the Dept. of Justice is investigating the so-called "Straith case," in which a hoax letter on State Dept. letterhead was written to Mr. George Adamski. NICAP believes it knows the identity of the hoaxer and has given the State Dept. another letter apparently written on the same typewriter and maliciously aimed at an officer of Civilian Saucer Intelligence, N.Y.

Mr. Lonzo Dove, a NICAP member, also has loaned Government investigators several letters written to him on the same typewriter and signed by the supposed hoaxer, a man well known in UFO investigation.

The "Straith" letter, widely publicized by Adamski, implied State Dept. endorsement of his claims to contact with spacemen. NICAP has been given an official copy of a State Dept. letter sent Adamski by Acting Deputy Ass't. Secretary Jameson Parker, which flatly denies Adamski's claims about the hoax document.

"As you have been told orally, this is a spurious letter," Secretary Parker wrote Adamski. "Neither is there an R. E. Straith connected with the Department of State nor is there any record of any person of that name having been an employee of the Department."

Secretary Parker also said there never has been a "Cultural Exchange Committee" in the Department, as the "Straith" hoaxer claimed. Referring to the Department letterhead used by the hoaxer, Secretary Parker added:

"This stationery has the seal impressed at the time of manufacture, *not* at the time of mailing. That is, the seal is placed on blank paper, and any person who had access to supplies of this paper would be in a position to misappropriate it and to write an unauthorized letter such as the one in your possession."

Secretary Parker then officially cautioned Adamski not to keep on claiming the "Straith" letter was genuine:

"I should appreciate your informing all who inquire about this letter that it is spurious, and request that you cease distributing copies of it."

If Adamski persists, legal action may be taken.

NICAP hopes the State or Justice Dept. will publicly expose the hoaxer and remove one of the trouble-makers in UFO investigation. If not, NICAP will do everything legally possible to reveal his identity.

## Fry Withholds Data Asked For NICAP Analysis

To date, Mr. Daniel Fry has failed to send the data requested by NICAP regarding a small round object Fry offered for analysis. No UFO link is claimed by Fry, nor does he reveal where he got it.

## NICAP PROGRESS REPORT

Thanks to those members who quickly renewed, or who generously sent us contributions, the danger of suspending operations has been averted. We have tried to thank all these members personally; if anyone was overlooked, please forgive the error.

Thus far, this life-saving help has been limited to about 9% of the members. However, we have not had time to hear from all areas, because of the slower third-class mail delivery of Issue 5.

Not everyone can make donations, of course. But everyone can try to get us new members. We must have *continued* support, through renewals or new memberships every month, to operate on schedule. We urgently need more full-time office workers; though several Washington members have kindly volunteered to help in their spare time, our correspondence and editorial work are still accumulating.

Prompt help by 9% of NICAP's membership has kept us from disaster. If each of the others — or most of them — will get us one new member, our financial problem will be licked. Investigations, editing and other work will be speeded up, along with liaison with Congress and other important projects. More information will reach NICAP members; publications can be enlarged, or printed more frequently.

Please do all you can to promote NICAP. Urge your public libraries to subscribe for NICAP publications. Send us the names of interested friends — or write us for membership blanks. Another helpful step is to ask your local broadcasting stations and newspapers to mention NICAP's work; many are glad to interview NICAP members. You can write letters to editors, quoting key items from our publications, names of Board members and Advisers, and giving NICAP's address.

A *new* NICAP, operating at full speed, is bound to have a strong impact on Congress, press and public. We believe we can end the secrecy, given full membership backing.

Please help us reach that goal.

### Correction of Moseley Statement

In his latest UFO publication, James W. Moseley quoted NICAP's Director as saying he had "fired" Mrs. R. H. Campbell and Mrs. Bessie M. Clark. As Associate Editor Richard Hall will testify, Mr. Moseley was told specifically that Mrs. Campbell had *resigned* and had planned to have Mrs. Clark assist her in other work. Mr. Moseley has been asked to retract this statement.

Mr. D. W. Opperman, editor, the Olympic Review, says he will gladly correct the NICAP membership statement he attributed to Mrs. Campbell, that we had 35,000 members. We wish this were true; she evidently said NICAP had about 3500 members, and the actual number is some 3200. We thank Mr. Opperman for the correction.

## Four Huge UFO's Pace Freight Train

A freight train southbound on the Monon Railroad in Clinton County, central Indiana, was paced by four glowing UFOs for over an hour early Friday October 3, 1958. All five of the crew saw the objects, which stayed with the train for 40 miles between Rossville and Kirklin. The objects, glowing white at high speeds and red-orange at lower speeds, dipped low over the train and maneuvered in formation.

Fireman Cecil Bridge, a former Air Force bomber crewman, and Engineer Harry Eckman first spotted a formation of 4 odd white lights crossing the tracks ahead of them at about 3:10 am. The lights turned and approached the train, dropped down to about 200-300 feet, and traversed the full length of the train (about one-half mile.) The crew in the caboose, notified by intercom, then saw the objects wheel east in formation and turn back to follow the train.

Conductor Ed Robinson at one point shone a powerful flashlight on the objects, which immediately flew away, returning a few minutes later. Finally, after maneuvering around the train for an hour and ten minutes, the UFOs moved off to the northeast and disappeared.

Robinson said the UFOs flew at tree-top level part of the time, and appeared to be about 40 feet in diameter and 8 to 10 feet thick. At times they flew in a vertical position, and occasionally sped up approaching the caboose. No definite configuration could be discerned through the bright glow.

That night, on WTTV, Bridge and Robinson described the incident to Frank Edwards, NICAP Board Member in Indianapolis, who relayed it to NICAP. Brakeman Morris Ott and Flagman Paul Soshey also saw the objects and agreed with the descriptions given by the other crew members.

About 50-60 miles west of the Monon Line, a New York Central Railroad engineer in the railroad yard near Danville, Illinois, reported seeing blinding blue-white objects in the eastern sky between 3:00 and 5:00 am that same morning.

### Reasons for First Class Mailing

Though it is considerably more expensive, we are sending this bulletin by first class mail. We hope this will make up for the unexpected delay, in some areas, of Issue No. 5, which went third-class. Also, this should speed up organization of the new local subcommittees, and prompt news of the current sighting "flap" may help members interest other persons in joining NICAP. Even though we will have to go back to third-class mailing for the next issue (an approximate saving of \$150 in postage, envelope and stuffing costs) the interval will not be so great because of this special first class mailing.

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## PLANNED LUNAR VILLAGES RESEMBLE ODD DOMES ALREADY ON MOON

In 20 years or less, plastic-domed villages built by earthmen will dot the surface of the moon, according to Dr. I. M. Levitt, director of Fels Planetarium at Franklin Institute, Philadelphia. Bright reflections from these plastic domes may be visible from the earth, he added.

Dr. Levitt made no reference to the hundreds of mysterious domes which Dr. Gerard Kuiper and other leading astronomers have seen on the moon in recent years. But his statement immediately renewed speculation about these strange round objects which have been described as possibly structures built by unknown space travelers.

In the past few years, clusters of these domes have appeared in several areas on the moon. They are perfectly round and appear white through telescopes. Sometimes a group of domes will disappear from one area and reappear — or a similar group will appear — at another point. In one published statement, Dr. Kuiper said their purpose and origin were a mystery.

In Dr. Levitt's "moon villages" statement on Jan. 15, he predicted that by 1980 or sooner earthmen would be living in such settlements, extracting water from rocks, and drawing energy from the sun to "transform the moon from the bleak body we know it today into a flourishing civilization." From the moon rocks, he said, will come an atmosphere, water, and hydrogen for fuel. With a nuclear power breakthrough, he stated, we may even be able to build moon settlements much sooner than 1980. From this base, he said, it will be possible to explore space and carry out a reconnaissance of our solar system planets.

NICAP: If we can do this within 20 years, a race which had already mastered space travel could easily have beaten us to it and set up similar doomed settlements on the moon. There is no proof that the mysterious domes actually are artificial structures, but the possibility should be kept in mind — especially by those who urge that we try to hit the moon, not merely orbit it with our rockets.

## MEXICAN EMBASSY DENIES NATION EVER HAD SIGHTINGS

In a surprising official statement to NICAP, the Mexican Embassy has declared there have been no UFO sightings in Mexico, hence there has been no cause for official investigations. By Mexican newspaper records, and statements by pilots in Mexico and other witnesses, it is indisputable that UFO's have been sighted there since 1948.

## AF RIDICULES OWN EXPERTS

Six circular objects sighted over California by AF weather experts during the November 1957 "flap" have been explained belatedly by the AF as probably "balloons or aircraft." An official AF letter states that the witnesses—13 in all—probably had been the victims of an optical illusion due to light reflections. This statement, in effect, branded supposedly well-trained observers as incompetent. Also, no proof of any balloons' or aircrafts' presence was produced.

Three AF weather experts at the Long Beach airport, and ten other military personnel waiting for a plane, saw the objects November 5, 1957. The commanding officer of the AF weather observation post, Major Louis F. Baker, reported the sighting to the press.

"They were circular and shiny like spun aluminum," he said. "They changed course instantaneously without the loss of speed which planes have in a dog-fight." He also stated that the objects, which moved at high speed at an altitude of about 7000 feet near the base of a cloud bank, were larger than C-47 aircraft.

The AF letter to a NICAP member said, "The conclusion is that the objects probably were optical phenomena caused by light reflections on balloons or aircraft..." This implied that the three weather experts were such poor observers that aircraft appeared as metallic discs to them or that drifting balloons appeared capable of high speed flight and maneuvers. It also indicated the official attitude toward important UFO cases—to attempt any "natural explanation", no matter how contrary to the facts, rather than consider a report valid.

## SCIENTIST SUGGESTS MOON UFO BASE

Dr. John Russell, head of the University of Southern California astronomy department, has suggested that visitors from space might use the back side of the moon as a base of operations. Without accepting UFO reports, Dr. Russell said, "if there were flying saucers from Mars scrutinizing our planet, then the back side of the moon would be an ideal staging platform for them. Martian space craft could (at the time of new moon) circle around the moon several times before a landing, and still go unobserved. And once landed on the back side, they would be absolutely safe from further detection later on," he added.

Membership in NICAP, at \$5, includes voting privileges and a year's subscription to the UFO INVESTIGATOR and NICAP bulletins.

## CIGAR-SHAPED OBJECT REPORTED ON NIGHT OF B-47 CRASH

A cigar-shaped object, its shape outlined by "strange yellow-orange lights," was reported by many St. Petersburg citizens on the night of Dec. 16, 1958, after a B-47 stratojet crashed and exploded in Tampa Bay.

No evidence that the object was linked with the crash has been produced. The AF investigation is classified, as in all such cases, but a conclusion as to the cause may be released later.

The B-47 pilot, Capt. George E. Whitney, was "apparently uneasy about something," according to a public information officer at MacDill AF Base. Soon after takeoff, he radioed the tower he was returning to land.

Ex-Coast Guard pilot Robert Mitchell, who was about to take off in his private plane, said he saw a bright white light on the extreme tip of the bomber's right wing. The B-47 began to stall, he said, then he saw a huge, bright red flash that seemed to come from the starboard wing, near the fuselage. The bomber slid in on one wing and crashed.

Since local press stories of the "cigar-shaped object" and the jet crash were printed side by side, some NICAP members have asked if a UFO could have caused the accident. The transcript of the AF pilot's report to the MacDill tower may reveal mechanical trouble which forced him to turn back. NICAP is asking the AF for a copy of the transcript, for the AF conclusions about the crash and also the UFO report. If an answer is received in time, it will appear in the February UFO INVESTIGATOR.

## STRANGE OBJECT IN SPACE PHOTOGRAPHED

A "strange object floating through space" has been photographed by powerful astronomical cameras at Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, according to U.S. News & World Report. The object may or may not have been the Russian moon rocket launched January 2nd, the report says.

In its January 23rd issue, the publication describes futile attempts to track the Russian rocket into space. The only non-Russian station reporting was the California Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and the signals it received were too few and too weak to confirm the Russian claim.

The unknown object, which Smithsonian officials said may not be identified for 100 years, was photographed at a distance of 450,000 miles after Soviet reports of radio contact with their rocket ended, on January 4th. NICAP is checking the Smithsonian report, and will attempt to obtain the photographs.

## FIVE HUNDRED CAA RADAR CASES REVEALED

During the past month, a series of syndicated articles by John Lester of the Newark *Star Ledger* has greatly increased public interest in UFOs. In his first article, Mr. Lester summed up opinions by hundreds of CAA radar operators. At least 500, he disclosed, said they had tracked UFOs, and a sizable number believed the "unknowns" were interplanetary machines.

In a later article, Mr. Lester said the AF had spent about two hundred million dollars in investigation of UFOs. One result of this claim, reported by the Washington representative of the *Star Ledger*, was a move by a Senator on the Preparedness Committee to investigate the whole UFO situation — particularly the AF operations and the question of censorship. (Some of the material in the Lester articles was supplied by NICAP.)

As this bulletin goes to press, there are reports that Senator Lyndon Johnson, chairman of the Committee, may order open hearings. NICAP is prepared to go into any such hearings and prove the AF withholding policy.

Even though hearings may not develop immediately, we believe this subject will break into the open in coming months. We urge members to ask their Congressmen's support for such hearings.

## SHIP'S MASTER SEES OVAL-SHAPED UFO

On Oct. 7, Joseph Gwooz, Master of the S.S. Nantucket, and several passengers spotted an oval-shaped UFO which first hovered over Nantucket Island, Mass., then sped away. The Nantucket Steamship Authority vessel was moving out of the harbor when the sighting occurred.

Mr. Gwooz, who had never before seen a UFO, quoted from the ship's log in his report to NICAP:

"Time 1455 (2:55 pm, EDST). Entrance Nantucket Channel. White out-bound from Nantucket for Martha's Vineyard, Woods Hole, and New Bedford, sighted unknown object hovering in the sky, estimated height 8,000 to 10,000 feet, at an angle of about 160°. Object remained stationary for a minute or more, then shot up and away to the N.E. and disappeared out of sight at a rapid rate of speed. Color of object grayish. Oval shape."

Included in his report was a sketch of the object showing that the ratio of the major axis to the minor axis was about 2 1/2:1 (or approximately the proportions of a football.) It hovered almost directly overhead before zooming away.

Other UFO sightings were reported from Pennsylvania and Connecticut on October 5-6.

We shall be glad to have you send us lists of interested friends. Or we can send you NICAP membership forms and literature to distribute to interested persons.

## Life Probable Through Space, Says Panel

A far-reaching belief that living organisms exist in space, as well as on planets, was recently made public by prominent biologists at a symposium in Washington, D. C. In a panel discussion arranged by the Society for Industrial Microbiology, scientists agreed that some micro-organisms can survive in outer space in spite of intense radiation from the sun and other celestial bodies.

Such organisms, they said, may have produced similar forms of life (including our earth type) by their movement through space to various planets. One method of transportation, they added, could be by meteors, which might have carried — and may be still carrying — living organisms to the earth.

It has been proved, said the panel, that some spores survive long trips very high in our atmosphere, though radiation there is much higher than on the earth's surface. Spores from Mexico, it was said, have been discovered in Canada.

This theory, presented by the panel to the Association for Advancement of Science, should cause a new evaluation of the suggestion that earth life "was brought here." If living organisms can be carried from one planet to another, it would eliminate the frequent objection that no two races could possibly evolve similarly. If such organisms drifted, or were otherwise transported between two similar planets, then the chances of almost identical life developing on the "receiving planet" would probably be fairly good.

By no means does this panel's theory indicate that life throughout the universe would be the same. But it does present a reasonable explanation of how life like that on earth could exist elsewhere.

## National Security Council Evades UFO Question

James H. Lay, Jr., Executive Secretary of the National Security Council, has twice refused to tell NICAP whether the NSC has considered the UFO problem, though he denied that the Council was connected with any policy decisions on UFO information. Because of the vital importance of the problem, and the fact that the Central Intelligence Agency is closely involved, it seems logical that the National Security Council must play a leading role in shaping policy, also in summing up important developments for the White House.

## MEMBERSHIP CARDS COMING

The 1959 NICAP membership cards will be sent with the next publication which goes by envelope mail. There has been a delay caused by the necessity to separate the names of paid members from the names of press and network representatives, etc., who receive NICAP publications but are not members.

## RECENT SIGHTINGS

### BULLETIN

A bright silver object arcing across the sky over the Republic of Panama on January 23rd was tracked by United States radar stations, according to a report in the New York Times. The object, which could not be identified, was also reported seen by scores of persons in the Canal Zone and elsewhere. A similar object was observed on January 8th in the same area.

As Mars reached opposition on Nov. 16, and during the weeks following, speedy, highly maneuverable UFOs were reported all across the country. The objects, usually elliptical, sometimes flew in formations of three or more. Two definite patterns were established during this period:

(1) glowing objects which separated into two or more maneuverable parts. (2) brilliantly lighted slower-moving objects which gave off sparks or colorful rays of light as they moved. As often reported in the past, the UFOs frequently departed upwards at high speed. A digest of selected reports follows:

Nov. 12: Dahlgren, Ill. Two men driving near Dahlgren at about 6:30 pm spotted three oval-shaped objects in V-formation. Don M. Gorey first noticed three brilliant lights hovering in the NE sky. Alerting his companion, Gorey rolled down the car window to make sure the lights were not reflections. As the men watched, the objects began moving steadily toward the WNW. In view for about 3 minutes, the objects showed a slight orange coloration as they moved out of sight in the distance. The three objects, brighter and many times larger than the brightest star, moved in a tight formation.

Nov. 17: Gainesville, Fla. An orange star-like UFO was reported in this area between 11:15 and 11:30 pm. Two men, Sid Robertson and Ray McKinney, told police the object moved straight up and disappeared.

Nov. 25: Old Saybrook, Conn. Some 40 oblong reddish objects were reported at about 9:00 pm by a hotel caretaker, Kenneth Loeffel. Moving from north to south, the objects were scattered over a wide area. They were brighter than stars and one appeared to be larger than the rest. After about 5 minutes the UFOs disappeared into a cloudbank.

Nov. 29: Santa Cruz, Calif. Several people reported sighting a silvery-white elliptical object moving steadily southeast. As others gathered to watch, the UFO climbed and separated into two distinct discs which moved at high speed. Finally one disc stopped, then shot straight up out of sight, while the other made a sharp turn and disappeared to the west.

Nov. 30: Cleveland, Ohio. A former Navy aircraft identification officer reported sighting six to eight unidentifiable objects moving in a crescent formation in the southwest sky at about 7:40 pm.

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John W. Baker, a chemical engineer by training, stated the objects resembled pictures of UFOs he had seen. For about 15 seconds he watched them move across the sky at an estimated elevation of 25-30°.

"They were very clearly defined," he told NICAP, "and moved in a constant shape of a crescent."

Dec. 1: Montebello, Calif. Four young people in a secluded area claimed to have seen a lighted object which, apparently reacting to a flashlight shone in its direction, turned and followed their car as they fled the scene. Mrs. Ann Druffel and Robert Bulkley, NICAP members in California, investigated the incident. Alleged physical evidence was found to be lacking, and it was learned that police expressed some doubt about the incident. NICAP is studying the member reports and hopes to clarify the incident.

Dec. 2: California. A huge green fireball, sighted at 5:37 am, and brilliant enough to be seen from Santa Monica to the Mexican border, may have been a Russian test missile, according to a satellite tracking expert. Tom Hamphill, a Convair engineer who performs radio and photographic tracking for the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, suggested that the object might not have been a meteorite as other authorities had claimed. If this is true, there is also a possibility it was a UFO. Many citizens thought the object, which fell into the ocean south of Palos Verdes Peninsula, was the booster casing of Sputnik III in its death plunge.

NICAP Note: Whether test missiles, meteorites, UFOs, or satellite rocket casings, brilliant green fireballs have been reported frequently since 1951. Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, meteoritics expert in New Mexico, has been studying these objects for several years and has stated that they are not normal meteors. A special Air Force study, "Project Twinkle," was also established to study the green fireballs, but never released its conclusions.

Dec. 3: Lykens, Pa. At about 8 pm, a printer for the Sunday Patriot News and three other witnesses saw a round, bright object which bobbed around in the sky for at least an hour and a half. John McCormick, described by newspaper men as "completely reliable," watched the white object through binoculars for about a minute while it remained motionless. As it began to move, he noticed a dark, rotating band across its face. The object alternately started, stopped, and moved up, down and sideways. Each time it moved, "shooting lights" of red, blue and green leaped out to a length of about one radius from its edge.

Fearing ridicule, McCormick and his family kept quiet about the incident for almost three weeks. On the night after McCormick's sighting, reporter Joe Keel of the Frankfort, Indiana, Morning Times watched two orange-colored UFOs maneuvering in different directions, at one point stopping in mid-air. (See UFO INVESTIGATOR; Dec. 1958)

Dec. 11: Dallas, Texas. The Dallas Morning News reported that several ranchers in Blanco Canyon had watched weird, glowing, oblong lights circling low over the area within the past few nights. Q. D. Williams, owner of the

T-Bar Ranch, called his family outside at about 8:10 pm to watch a light which was making a complete circle every 10 seconds. After about 30 minutes the object stopped circling and moved off to the west. Two neighbors, J. S. Hale and Roy Fawver, also saw the object independently. The same or a similar object was seen on three nights by the Williams family. Notified of the incidents, Reese AFB sent helicopters to make observations for two nights. The AF did not report whether the crews also saw the object.

Dec. 14: New England. An enormous elongated glowing object, which hurtled through eastern skies in the early morning of Dec. 14th, may not have been a meteor as first suggested. Although Prof. Robert L. Brown, astronomer at New Haven State Teachers College, said the object was probably a nickel-iron meteor "of tremendous size," three independent reports indicate the object

## New NICAP Affiliate In Kansas City

We are glad to announce the formation of a Kansas City NICAP Affiliate, the second such group to be formed. (The first is in New York City.) The Kansas City group is composed entirely of NICAP members, and it has accepted basic policies of this Committee. Any Kansas City NICAP members interested in joining this new Affiliate should write or telephone Mr. Arthur Campbell, at 4923 Troost Avenue, Kansas City 10, Mo.

deviated sharply from its straight course before disappearing.

Sgt. Romeo Borgatti, police officer and amateur astronomer in Agawam, Mass., said the completely silent object was egg-shaped with a flame trail. The object left its horizontal south to north course, he said, and veered upwards, growing dimmer until out of sight. Observers in Canada and Connecticut said the object made a sharp turn to the east, which would have been toward Borgatti's vantage point.

Reports from 7 states, D.C., and Canada pinpointed the time at 12:43-12:45 am (EST). Triangulations based on the best data available showed that the object was at an altitude of roughly 80 miles as it crossed Pennsylvania. The apparent size was comparable to a half dollar held at arm's length, indicating the tremendous size of the object. (If NICAP members have any information on sightings for this date and time, we would appreciate receiving it for comparison purposes.)

Dec. 14: Long Beach, Calif. Two residents at about 5:35 pm observed a bright, shiny object at high altitude which separated into three parts and disappeared upwards. C. C. Rath first noted the object and called a friend to watch. Through a seven-power telescope, Rath saw the object divide into two separate bright parts, then a smaller third part. The smaller object then appeared and disappeared behind or into one of the larger objects. Finally, as a group, all three objects went straight up

out of sight.

Dec. 24: Uxbridge, Ontario, Canada. On Dec. 26, two Toronto men, withholding their names for fear of ridicule, told the Toronto Daily Star they had seen a brilliant UFO descend slowly from the sky two days before. The object, described as "like a 20,000-watt bulb in an aluminum disc," dropped, rose again, then sped out of sight to the west. One of the men, the Star pointed out, is a science graduate of the University of Toronto.

Dec. 28: Belfast, N. Ireland. As reported by the press, a large black object hurtled from the sky with a rush of wind, split a 40-foot oak tree in two, and continued on, disappearing into the sky. Joseph Bennett, an employee of the Bracknamuckley Portglenone Co., said the object was about 7 feet wide. Other citizens confirmed the fact that it sliced through the tree about 20 feet from the ground. Terent Nonweiler, a scientist from Queens University in Belfast who investigated, said: "This would appear to be the first case in the United Kingdom where such a mysterious happening has been reported and some tangible evidence remains, in this case the damaged tree."

Jan. 1: Newport Beach, Calif. Six guards of the County Harbor Dept. and Newport Beach Life Guard Headquarters reported watching a brilliant hovering object divide into four parts and scatter in different directions "as if propelled by a powerful force." Deputy Fred Gunzelman of the Harbor Dept. first saw the object and summoned associates to watch at about 4:55 pm. The men then notified life guard headquarters. As six men watched through binoculars, the round or disc-shaped object rotated in line with Venus which was also visible. After 15 minutes the object suddenly separated into four parts which moved away rapidly. Lt. Mike Henry, at life guard headquarters, said two parts rose vertically at extreme speed; one part headed southeast, and one remained stationary near Venus. Thirty seconds later all four of the objects had disappeared.

Jan. 8: Maryland, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, California. Fiery appearing objects which throw off sparks as they moved were reported in the early evening across the country. In Eastport, Md., Mrs. Margaret Wanex spotted a huge mass of red sparkling light in the sky to the southwest at 6:17 (EST). Questioned by a NICAP team of investigators, she said the object suddenly started up with a roar and began to move south-southeast with green flashes coming from the trailing edge. Clearly nothing astronomical, the object made a sweeping U-turn and slowly dropped out of sight below the horizon near its original position in the southwest. Mrs. Wanex compared the brilliance and color of the object to the taillights of late model American cars.

The FBI was called in to investigate debris which fell from so-called "fiery balloons" near Martinez, California. (Police reported that a ball of fire seen over nearby Suisun Bay Jan. 6th also may have been a flaming balloon.) After five of the objects exploded in the air over Shell Oil Co. refineries, police and FBI officials gathered up the pieces for analysis.



## HUGE PLANET COLONIES PREDICTED

An increasing number of space experts now predict not only bases on the moon and our solar system planets but huge, permanent colonies.

One of these scientists is Dr. Simon Ramo, head of the Space Technology Laboratories and executive vice president of Thompson-Ramo-Wooldridge, the AF's chief space consultant firm. The Space Technology Laboratories were in charge of the AF moon shots.

Emphasizing that the true space age had not yet arrived, Dr. Ramo said it would have to include permanent colonies on the moon, Mars and Venus, and large space-platforms in our solar system. He said it probably would take 25 years or more to achieve this.

In agreement with this, Dr. Gilford G. Quarles, chief scientist of the Army Ordnance Missile Command, makes the following prediction:

"Before the year 2000, we will have men on the moon and Mars and possibly Venus." He adds that we may be sending small instrumented "probes" out beyond the orbit of Pluto, our most distant planet. "We may even find more planets — dark bodies still undiscovered between the sun and Proxima Centauri."

Populating other planets would also be an answer to future overcrowding here on earth, states the leading space-legal expert, Andrew G. Haley, former president of the American Rocket Society and now president of the International Astronautical Federation.

Though he envisions this as in the distant future, Mr. Haley pictures population of the planets by means of 10,000-passenger space ships traveling at a third the speed of light. Such rocket ships could reach Mars or Venus in a few hours, and Mr. Haley suggests that hundreds of daily trips may be made to populate the planets.

What would happen if any of the planets already are inhabited was not mentioned by these experts. Nor was the possibility suggested by Col. W. C. Odell, USAF Intelligence, that the UFOs are from a dying planet and are surveying the Earth with a view toward migrating here. Whoever controls the flying saucers may have the final decision as to our colonizing the planets.

### FINAL BALLOT COUNT

Here are the final results of the vote on questions in the UFO INVESTIGATOR #5:

	Yes	No
(1) Keep trying to end secrecy?	97.4%	2.6%
(2) Is NICAP an AF cover-up?	3.1%	96.9%
(3) Approve policy on "contacts"?	90.2%	9.8%
(4) Vote for present NICAP Board?	97.6%	2.4%
(5) Help promote NICAP?	98.8%	1.2%

We appreciate the many helpful suggestions, comments and criticisms which accompanied the ballots, and have taken action on several of them.

## VON BRAUN REVISES ORBIT PLANS TO AVOID RADIATION DANGER

Existence of a powerful radiation belt, discovered during rocket tests in 1958, has caused space scientist Dr. Wernher von Braun to change his 1952 blueprint for an orbiting space platform at 1075 miles altitude. To avoid the dangerous radiation at that height, Dr. von Braun now suggests an orbit between 300 and 800 miles altitude.

It may be only coincidence, but the two unknown satellites reported circling the earth six years ago were said to be in orbits approximately 400 to 600 miles out.

Please send us local news clippings of UFO sightings and other developments; often these reports do not get on the national press wires. We shall acknowledge their receipt and if you wish we will return them after making copies.

### New Navy Radio Telescope Could Track UFOs

A new 84-foot radio telescope, the largest steerable type in this country, has been erected at the Naval Research Laboratory observatory, Charles County, Md. Its main purpose will be the study of radiation from the sun, moon, our galaxy and invisible objects (the so-called "radio stars" which give off radio emanations). But since it can be easily maneuvered, the new Navy apparatus could also be used to pinpoint signals from earth-made satellites, moon-probe rockets — or unidentified flying objects.

A new "three-dimensional" radar which for the first time simultaneously computes distance, bearing, and altitude, has been developed by the Army. Called "frescaar" from "frequency scanning radar," the system was designed by Hughes Aircraft for use at Nike sites. It could also be used for tracking UFO's.

### PLEASE HELP US GET NEW MEMBERS!

Please show this bulletin to friends, to demonstrate the facts behind the UFO mystery. Follow the lead of members who have shown the UFO INVESTIGATOR to editors and news announcers at TV and radio stations. Help NICAP put over the seriousness of the UFO problem and end the ridicule.

We are grateful to those who have secured new memberships or contributed to speed up our investigation. The number of these supporters is gradually increasing, but it is still too small. We urgently need majority support. You will quickly benefit from wider news coverage, and from the increase of NICAP influence on Capitol Hill, with the press and networks, and with the general public.

## Poll Shows Fear of Space Travel Effects

A nationwide Trendex Poll, released Jan. 17, reveals fear of space travel effects by 36% of those queried. Some feared space travelers might bring back terrible diseases; others said, that leaving this planet would be against God's wishes. An Arizona engineer warned against "bothering" the moon; a Michigan banker said we were not meant to know about outer space.

Countering this, 30.9% of those questioned believed space travel would bring good results — progress in science, secrets from outer space which could improve our weather and food, and possibly meetings with other races.

Regardless of these varied views, 64.1% expect that man will be traveling in space in less than five years.

### HELPFUL POLL BY MEMBERS

Members who wish to help NICAP in their areas, and don't have enough time to support us in other ways, can do so under a new plan. A simple telephone poll of public opinion on UFOs should also result in lists of prospective members for NICAP. If you wish to lend support in this way, we suggest this plan:

(1) Select 30 names at random from the phone book, and list them with addresses. Call 6 a night for 5 nights.

(2) Introduce yourself, asking if the party is willing to take part in a public opinion poll.

(3) If so, ask these two questions (accepting only "yes," "no," or "don't know" as an answer.):

"Do you think that some unidentified flying objects are real and unexplained?"

"Do you think the Air Force investigation of UFOs has been satisfactory?"

(4) Send us the lists of names and addresses showing the results of the poll, which we will make public. We will send NICAP literature to those who seem interested.

All members are invited to participate in this plan, which should gain us new members and furnish a significant sampling of opinion.

### REPRINTS OF ISSUES 1 AND 2

Approximately 60 reprints of No. 1 issue of the UFO INVESTIGATOR remain; copies may be secured for \$1 each, postpaid. Reprinted by request, No. 1 contains still timely information including important UFO sightings by AF, Navy and airline pilots, and interesting behind-the-scenes developments.

The supply of Issue 2 has been depleted. This is also a 32-page edition with interesting sightings and other valuable information. If we receive enough paid orders, at \$1 each, we shall reprint this issue in February; otherwise the orders and checks sent in will be returned. The same situation applies to Issue 3, a 32-page edition containing an 8,000-word detailed report on the November 1957 sighting "flap." We must have at least 150 paid orders to cover the cost of reprinting and mailing any 32 page issue.

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### AF GENERAL BELIEVES SPACE MESSAGES WILL PRECEDE ANY CONTACTS

Major General Donald J. Keirn, chief of the Air Force nuclear-engine program, has stressed the prospect of communicating with other worlds as an important reason for establishing a moon base or space-station. In an address before the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, General Keirn cited the valuable knowledge which might be gained in such communications with more advanced races.

Following the usual AF policy, Gen. Keirn said they had no proof that intelligent beings existed elsewhere, but the UFO reports had "emphasized our innate curiosity." If such beings do exist, he said, we may identify their existence through interception of their communications before we meet them face to face.

"It is entirely possible," he went on, "that some of them may have passed through our stage of evolution, and may have already achieved a higher level of social and technological culture than our own."

Because of the earth's background noise, said Gen. Keirn, it would be hard to pick up weak signals from far distant worlds. But reception on the moon or a space station should be much better.

"In listening for messages, the general stated, he would seek some orderly pattern. If communications were established, then informative conversation might take place, leading to visual communication.

"Because of the wealth of information and knowledge which might be gained through this means," he said, "I consider this another good reason for establishing a moon station or other suitable space station... I doubt if success in any other project conducted from a space station would provide more dramatic impact than that created by a positive announcement that intelligent beings do exist elsewhere in the universe."

NICAP Note: Gen. Keirn's views are a reminder of the Joint Chiefs of Staff letter to NICAP, in 1958, which said that no communication, by radio or otherwise, had yet been established with UFOs. The JCS letter also mentioned the "technical difficulties" involved in such an undertaking.

Ham Network

Several ham radio operators have inquired about the possibility of forming a UFO reporting network as has been done in Texas. If such a network concentrated on relaying sightings, it would help to make NICAP's UFO investigation more effective.

### Justice Dept. Refuses Answer

The Department of Justice has refused to state whether any Federal law can be used to require UFO reports from private citizens, or to compel citizens to keep such reports confidential. The refusal came as a reply to an inquiry from NICAP to the Attorney General.

In the NICAP query, the requirements of JANAP 146, which invokes the Espionage Law, were fully accepted. Under this Joint Chiefs of Staff document, secrecy is required of anyone who reports a UFO through the officially established CIRVIS communication channels. (CIRVIS stands for "Communication Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings.")

### SEE PAGES 2 AND 3 FOR LATE UFO DEVELOPMENTS AND SIGHTING REPORTS

The Committee's question was based partly on an official statement by Capt. W. W. Elwood, Air Technical Intelligence Center, that a private citizen has a responsibility to report a UFO sighting to the Air Force.

In reply J. Walter Yeagley, Acting Assisting Attorney General, noted that NICAP's purpose is to obtain all possible facts regarding UFOs, to evaluate and make them public, with any reasonable conclusions.

The Department of Justice is not authorized, said Mr. Yeagley, to furnish legal advice or opinions except to the executive branch of the Government. He refused further comment on the UFO subject.

Since NICAP did not request any legal advice, this refusal to give a simple yes-or-no answer seems completely unwarranted. Conferences with business representatives and other non-Government citizens occur regularly in the Department of Justice, regarding various matters under Federal law. NICAP had already secured a private legal opinion indicating that, except for the JANAP 146 requirement, no Federal law applied.

Since the Department of Justice has not confirmed this officially, NICAP will take the question to the appropriate Senate and House committees. Meantime, we would be glad to have opinions from some of our lawyer members.

Thanks to the many members sending us newspaper clippings of UFO sightings and related developments. In forwarding clips, please note the date and the name of the newspaper, if this is not a part of the clipping.

### MINISTER AND WIFE REVEAL CLOSE UFO SIGHTING

A huge oval-shaped UFO with brightly lighted windows, which hovered over Cleveland, Ohio, in 1955, has been reported to NICAP by a Lutheran minister and his wife. As they attempted to drive their car under the object, apparently only a few blocks distant, it moved away silently, disappearing in about a minute.

Fearing ridicule, the couple kept quiet about the sighting until they learned that many people were seeing similar objects. Then they decided to make their report public, to inform others.

While driving toward the airport on November 5th between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m., Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Hoffmann first spotted a row of bright lights in the sky directly ahead. They stopped to get a better look, then they saw that the lights were coming from a huge oval object shaped like two saucers, with "the uppermost inverted and resting on the edges of the lower one."

An intense white light shone from eight large rectangular windows visible on the perimeter of the object, casting a beam of light downward at about a 45° angle from each window.

"The light rays were so bright that we could see the air dust in them," Rev. Hoffmann said.

The body of the UFO appeared to be metallic, and was a pearly or gray aluminum color. Since the apparent diameter of the UFO was wider than the street, Rev. Hoffmann estimated that the actual diameter must have been nearly 100 feet. At their closest approach, he estimated the object to be about a half mile away, and about 500 feet above the highway.

After watching the motionless UFO for about 10 minutes, Rev. and Mrs. Hoffmann started the car, hoping to get under the object. When they had driven about two blocks nearer, it began to move slowly west, without any sound. When they reached an open area near where it apparently had been, it had disappeared.

Recently, after learning about other cases, they released their report to NICAP Member C. W. Fitch, for use by the Committee. NICAP congratulates Rev. and Mrs. Hoffman for joining the others who have braved ridicule to help end secrecy on this subject.

The Embassy of Finland has notified NICAP that there is no official investigation of UFOs in that country. Investigations have been carried out by individual authorities and scientists, however, but no uniform conclusions have been made.

**NICAP INTRODUCES NEW FEATURE.** From now on, late news and special items will be set by typewriter the day before printing. This saves a week's time and permits better coverage of recent developments.

**UFO LINK HINTED IN C-118 CRASH.** Prior to the "collision" crash of an AF C-118 transport near McChord AFB, April 1, a strange aerial blast shook the area, two unexplained bright lights were seen by airport towermen, and other witnesses reported a fast, glowing object crossing the sky. Minutes later, AF Lt. Rob't Dimick radioed they had "hit something, or something has hit us." Ablaze, the C-118 crashed. The 4 aboard were presumed killed, though doctors were certain of only 3 bodies, and a witness reported seeing one or more parachutes. Six helicopters searched, found no sign of what hit the plane. AF now hinting at structure failure, despite pilot's "collision" report and hint of UFO in the area.

**CAPT. KILLIAN MUZZLED.** After denouncing a new AF "explanation" of his Feb. 24 sighting of three UFOs, confirmed by other airline crews, Capt. Peter Killian was silenced by American Airlines at AF insistence. When ridicule and "stars seen through clouds" explanation failed to stop Killian, AF published new answer --AF tanker plane refueling 3 B-47's. When Killian hit back in newspapers, showing the obvious flaws, AF told the airline to shut him up. Rep. S.N. Friedel, after conference with NICAP Director and Adviser Lou Corbin, promises thorough investigation and a request for AF explanation.

**SENATOR BEALL SAYS UFOs MAY BE SPACE SHIPS.** Discussing our Venus probe plans, Sen. J. Glenn Beall, Md., suggests these may be linked with UFOs, and adds that intelligent beings from Venus or other planets may be visiting us.

**SIGHTINGS STILL INCREASING.** Details of best cases scheduled for next issue. Meantime, here is a digest of selected reports: Feb. 4, three cases: At 3 am, PAA Capt. H. Dunker, co-pilot & engineer saw unknown, glowing device speed before them, stop abruptly, change color, reverse course, again halt, then streak upward... San Jose, Costa Rica, tower operator reported oval object flashing across airport ... Caribbean Sea; Captain, Third Officer of Liberian SS Ore Regent sighted a brilliant, slow object, visible 14 minutes. Feb. 7, Atlantic City. Radio technician at WBAB, Frank Samaha, reported huge, saucer-shaped object, square windows, at low altitude. Feb. 25, Watsonville, Calif. Surveying party sighted an elliptical object, after explosive sound above them. Object hovered overhead and then raced SW, vanished. Confirmed by Chief Surveyor Tom Burgess and utility workmen. March 3, Pasadena, Md. A bright, metallic object, disc-shaped, was seen by reporter Fred Whitehouse. He stated the UFO took off "at incredible speed."

**AUSTRALIAN EXPERTS CHECK UFO LANDING REPORT.** Woomera rocket scientists are investigating recent reports of a huge, dome-shaped UFO said to have landed, then taken off near Purnong. Postmaster and mail carrier said machine, on the ground, was like "brightly lit circus tent." UFO took off steeply as they approached.

**FILM OF UFOs REPORTED DAMAGED MYSTERIOUSLY.** A case of apparent tampering with a film showing UFOs has been reported to NICAP by Gene Schaeffer, Wyoming pharmacist. After taking pictures of two strange flying objects, Schaeffer was queried by AF investigators. Told it was a movie, in color, the AF men asked Schaeffer to permit analysis after it was developed. When returned from processor, UFO images were strangely blurred, details lost. Suspecting possible AF interference, Schaeffer told NICAP the AF investigators never reappeared and his calls to their station went unanswered. (See also film tampering story in this issue.)

**REP. VINSON REFUSES TO PROBE AF UFO CLAIMS.** In a letter to another Congressman, relayed to a NICAP member, Rep. Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, states that he and his committee "must accept" the AF statements about UFOs. Since Rep. Vinson is noted for his forthright demands on the Pentagon for facts about every other military project, it seems strange that he refuses even to question the AF claims about "saucers." NICAP is forwarding documentary proof of AF contradictions and secrecy to Rep. Vinson and will continue to press for hearings by his committee.

In spite of some members' valiant efforts, it is now painfully clear that we must secure outside financial support, unless there is a decided spurt in new memberships and renewals. If you know of any group or foundation that might assist in our fight for the facts, please write us. We urgently need more office help to speed up NICAP projects, especially our drive for Congressional hearings. Meantime, our sincere thanks to those of you who have helped us in the past.

## NAVAL RESEARCH PROJECT FINDS SPACE CONDUCTS ELECTRICITY

Departing from the traditional belief that space is empty save for planets and meteors, scientists on an Office of Naval Research project have concluded that our solar system (and perhaps all space) is filled with a thin gas or "plasma" of ionized hydrogen.

As explained by Drs. Serge A. Korff and Arthur Beiser of N.Y. University, who made the investigation for the Navy, the rotation of the lines of force of the earth's field must induce electric currents in the surrounding hydrogen gas. This induction results in an electromagnetic field extending thousands of miles from the earth into space.

No mention was made of the possibility of "tapping" this electromagnetic force for propulsion of satellite rockets and space ships. But these discoveries strongly support the belief that such power is available — and not merely in our ionosphere, as has been suggested. If strong electric forces and magnetic fields do fill our solar system, then the "electric space ship" recently mentioned by Prof. Hermann Oberth as a U.S. project may be the eventual answer to interplanetary travel.

## SPANISH UFO GROUP TO COOPERATE WITH NICAP

A group of scientists in Spain, who recently set up a study center to investigate "unexplained phenomena in space and unidentified objects in the skies," has agreed to exchange information with NICAP. The Centro de Estudios Interplanetarios (Interplanetary Research Center) was legally formed in Barcelona, Spain, on October 9, 1958. In a letter to NICAP the President of the Center, Eduardo Buelta, volunteered the services of the Center and offered to exchange information. NICAP is now cooperating with similar groups, on an information exchange basis, in Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, and several European and Asiatic countries.

### Member services

At NICAP headquarters in Washington is a file marked "Member Services." It reminds us constantly of the fine cooperation displayed by members whose offers of help take many forms — all sincerely appreciated.

One woman member offered to come from Seattle to Washington to make a transcript of public hearings for us, should they develop. A Connecticut member has donated several thousand imprinted envelopes. Some local members have volunteered to sort clippings, type, and do other office chores and a North Carolina member has arranged for chemical analyses of unexplained material.

Often, support like this has come at a time of discouragement over NICAP's many problems. We are truly grateful.

## UFOs OVER RUSSIA?

*Strange glowing objects flying over Soviet territory near the Arctic Circle were reported on many occasions last fall, according to a recent story in the Christian Science Monitor.* Seen from the Finnish side of the boundary with Russia, the objects were circular and cigar-shaped and sometimes gave off a loud hissing sound. Reports of the objects, assumed at the time to be missiles, began when the nights grew long, early in the fall, and have continued from time to time thereafter. The usual color of the objects, which flew at different distances from the border, was something in the red-yellow-orange sequence.

Paul Sjoblom, special correspondent of the *Monitor*, said on January 29th that the objects flew mostly on a course parallel to the border, or roughly in a north-south line, over barren territory. Some of the glowing spherical "missiles" moved vertically up and down, sometimes coming straight down or at an angle toward the ground. They glowed brilliantly.

A long glowing object, so brilliant that it lit up the ground like a flash of lightning, was sighted from a town in central Sweden on November 18th at 10:30 p.m. The object moved south on a gradually ascending course over Soviet territory giving off a very loud hissing noise. It remained visible for over two minutes. On the previous day, observers in the same area had seen a fiery red and orange sphere falling toward the earth.

Military observers in Finland speculated that the objects were Russian test vehicles which preceded the launching of the Russian moon rocket in January, though no launching sites were pinpointed. Since the sightings mentioned were all at night, it is possible that observers could have seen ordinary rockets, appearing as balls of fire when at a distance and as "cigars" when seen at closer range; or they might have seen UFOs which were observing Russian bases. NICAP is now attempting to obtain some reports from an observer who travelled through Russia recently and talked to many Russians who claimed to have seen UFOs.

Although a few NICAP members who wrote to Radio Moscow were told that no UFOs had been seen in Russia, there are several indications that they have been reported there frequently. In 1953, NICAP's present Director saw USAF Intelligence reports on current sightings in Russia.

## REDS PLAN CRAFT USING IONOSPHERE POWER

Russia has announced plans for a jet-type craft which will use the electrically charged gas of the ionosphere. These machines, they say, will take off and climb with ordinary fuel, and then switch to the inexhaustible "fuel" of the ionosphere.

## NAVY PREDICTS GENTLE LANDINGS ON PLANETS

A new rocket engine which will permit a "feather-soft landing" on the moon, Mars or Venus has been produced by the U.S. Navy at its China Lake, Calif., ordnance test station. Using two valve-controlled fluids — listed as secret — the new rocket does not burn all its fuel immediately after launching. Instead, it uses only the necessary amount for launching, leaving a reserve for changing directions and speed in flight.

"This means we can slow down and make a soft landing on the moon or any planet — and also take off again," stated Douglas D. Ordahl, chief of the China Lake missile propulsion division. "And it means we can bring manned satellites safely back from orbit by controlling speed and direction as they re-enter the atmosphere."

Rocket thrust can be varied or cut off for coasting in empty space, either by a space-ship pilot or by radio remote control. Using the new principle, rockets of any desired size can be built, says the Navy. The new engine should make moon and planet landings possible much sooner than was expected.

## NEW TV-TELESCOPE TO RECORD AERIAL OBJECTS

A highly sensitive new TV-telescope device which can spot aerial objects (including UFOs) at great distances, day or night, is now in use by Air Force scientists in Dayton, Ohio, and nearby Wittenberg College. Known as the "Cat-Eye," the latest AF detection system can photograph stars in broad daylight, permit pilots to see the ground clearly on dark nights, and give ground stations a clear look at any high flying objects. Some of its intended uses are classified.

Originally developed by the AF for observation from air to ground, and from ground to high flying objects, the Cat-Eye will also be used for deeper space probes and to obtain clear pictures of the planets. Since very short exposures are possible with the Cat-Eye, high-speed film is expected to produce several clear exposures of Mars besides those which are normally blurred by atmospheric tremors. (The AF recently released a Cat-Eye photograph of the moon.)

In its application to tracking aerial objects, the device will "tune down" the brightness of the daytime sky so objects will present a bright image on the darkened screen. A TV type camera with special tube will transmit the image it receives to the screen where a camera can record it.

The Cat-Eye marks an important advance in daytime optical astronomy and visual detection. (Radio telescopes, though able to operate day and night, only record objects which are emitting radio waves. Radar depends on reflecting signals off an object back to an antenna.) The Cat-Eye is also expected to advance nighttime astronomy as an image intensifier, extending the present range of telescopes up to 40-50 times.

## CONFISCATION OF UFO FILMS REPORTED

In recent months NICAP has received reports of cases where 8mm and 16mm movie film containing sequences showing UFO's have been returned to the owner by the film processor with the "sighting" portions either partially or entirely removed, or so blurred as to be useless. Measurements made by the owners of the returned film have verified the fact that the film had been "edited", yet in no reported instance was the film owner notified by the film processor that any editing had taken place or even that the film was accidentally damaged in the course of processing. (Most of the cases involved color film.)

Most film processors agree to replace any movie film which is lost or damaged, in the course of processing, with a new roll of the same type of film. Where this is done, the film processor also inserts a printed notice to the customer informing him of the fact that the processed film was either lost or damaged in processing.

Although NICAP has insufficient evidence at this time upon which it can arrive at any definite conclusions, investigation of the cases thus far reported reveals parallel instances of apparently illegal film confiscation by sources as yet unknown. NICAP is undertaking a more comprehensive study and analysis of such reports and will endeavor to check with the appropriate authorities as to the legality of such film confiscation. All members are urged to report to NICAP any past or present cases involving the "editing" of movie film containing pictures of UFO's, furnishing the following information:

(1) Type and make of the film; (2) Approximate date when the film was submitted for processing; (3) Name of the retail store or other distributor to whom the film was delivered for processing; (4) The amount of film removed by the processor or others, and a brief description of what the removed portion contained; and (5) Whether or not any notice or new film was included when the processed film was returned to you.

## TROOP CARRIER ROCKETS

According to Redstone Arsenal experts, troop rockets carrying battalions — or even full divisions — can eventually be launched for surprise landings on beachheads or behind enemy lines. Plans already have been started, under "Troop Carrier Project," and the first of such rockets, carrying only a few men, may be ready in less than five years.

These first smaller scale troop carriers could be made up by utilizing the nose-cone of a Jupiter or similar rocket. At some point in the re-entry phase, glider wings could be extended from the nose-cone, enabling a pilot to guide the unit to its destination.

## NEW ATOMIC-ELECTRIC DEVICE COULD POWER MOON BASE

The new atomic device that creates electricity directly could be the forerunner of a power-station on the moon or Mars. Though the tiny "power plant" — a sealed cylinder  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches in diameter — produces only 2.5 watts, the principle of generating electricity directly through a change in temperature can be extended to much larger and more powerful units. Such power plants could be set up at moon or planet space bases or even used on space vehicles.

Army studies of sleep cycles have shown that future space ship crews can adjust to short periods of sleep, though the individual's proficiency might fluctuate with time. It was also learned that an electric current passed through a person's legs varied with activity, so that a "built-in alarm clock" would be possible to keep space pilots awake.

The X-15, manned and rocket-powered U.S. space-probe plane, has started its exploratory flights as scheduled. Altitudes will gradually be increased, up to an expected 200 to 250 miles.

## NICAP MEMBER REPORTS AF WARNING TO DROP UFO WORK

Pressure by the AF Office of Special Investigation has been reported to NICAP by a Milwaukee member. In a long distance call, the Milwaukee member told the Director he had previously requested a copy of AFR 200-2 (the AF regulation concerning UFO reports) from a base commander of the Air National Guard. In late December, he said, he was visited at his home by two OSI agents who told him he could not be given the AF regulation and advised him to stop his investigation of the UFO subject.

NICAP: AFR 200-2 is an unclassified document. If requests to local commanders are refused, write to the Office of Public Information, Air Force HQ, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C. Or write directly to your Congressman.

Members are advised there is no legal authority for any Government agency to order citizens to discontinue investigations of the UFO problem. The only exception would be where such investigations or inquiries were linked with classified defense items. Please advise NICAP of any such warnings or orders, giving dates and names of persons involved.

The Navy has publicly demonstrated a \$100,000 instrument called the "gooney bird" which will be used in tracking rocket flights. The device, consisting of a tracking-camera system on an electric-powered mount, should have the maneuverability (lacking in large telescopes) to follow and photograph UFOs. The Navy said the camera system produces the results of a 96-inch lens.

A NICAP volunteer in the Washington area is working on a mapping project to show UFO sightings by geographical distribution, patterns of electrical interference associated with UFOs, and other correlations. Anyone who has done work along these lines, or who can furnish maps of any type for use in this project, please contact Associate Editor Richard Hall.

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# Flying Saucer Sightings Increase;

By Jim G. Lucas

Scraps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Commercial airline pilots report between five and 10 flying saucer sightings each night, it was learned today.

Representatives of major airlines will meet Wednesday in Los Angeles with Military Air Transport Service intelligence officers to discuss speeding up saucer reporting procedures. The idea will be to "get the reports in the quickest possible way" so that the Air Force can send fast jet fighters to investigate.

## Pilots Gagged

Heretofore, commercial pilots have landed and then reported to MATS through their companies. By that time, the trail usually is cold. Now, pilots are instructed to flash reports direct from the air to MATS intelligence in Washington or to the nearest Air Force base.

Airline pilots are asked not to discuss their sightings publicly or give them to newspapers.

One well-informed source said that until recently the largest number of sightings were from the Southwest Pacific. Saucer sightings have been particularly numerous around Australia,

## Escort of "flying saucers"

MELBOURNE, Thursday. Navy radar at Nowra air station south of Sydney picked up two objects believed to be flying saucers, the Melbourne Herald said yesterday.

The Minister of the Navy, Mr. Frazer, who is visiting Nowra, told how a Royal Australian Navy pilot flying back to Nowra after dark was joined in the air by two strange aircraft resembling flying saucers.

The pilot reported this to the Nowra air controller, whose radar showed three aircraft flying together. The pilot identified himself as moving according to pattern.

The pilot said after landing that the two objects were much faster than his Sea Fury fighter. No other planes fast enough to keep him company were in the air at the time.—N.Z.P.A.—Reuter.

# Plane Passengers, Pilots See Huge Flying Saucer

KANSAS CITY, April 28 (AP)—Capt. Robert Adickes, veteran Trans World Airline pilot, can hardly believe it either but—he thinks he saw a flying saucer.

And he has witnesses to back him up—his first officer, his hostess and some of the 19 passengers aboard a flight from Washington to Chicago last night.

It happened between Goshen, Ind., and Chicago.

Adickes reported he was flying about 2000 feet when his copilot, Robert Manning, called his attention to the strange object.

## Hard to Approach

Manning couldn't believe his eyes and he said he observed it for a minute or two before he told Adickes about it. To confirm what they saw they called the hostess, Miss Gloria Hinshaw. Then they told the 19 passengers aboard about it.

"The object was about a half mile away when we first saw it," Adickes related. "It was flying along about 200 miles an hour."

## SAUCERS SEEN ON WEST COAST

Jan. 30, 1953

LOS ANGELES—(INS)—Flying saucers zoomed back into the news in Los Angeles today with two incidents of mysterious sky objects reported on successive days.

Rex Hardy Jr., a Northrop aircraft test pilot who was a lieutenant commander in the naval air service during the war, declared that he saw four saucers, flying in formation near Malibu yesterday afternoon.

Two men who were with him in a plane 9,000 feet above Malibu confirmed Hardy's story. They are Chester Mathews, another test pilot, and Jim Wilkinson, a Northrop photographer.

Earlier officials at the El Toro Marine Corps Air Base, southeast of Los Angeles, reported that one of their jet interceptor planes chased a large fiery, disc-shaped object Wednesday night but was out-distanced.

Several persons in the Los Angeles area reported sighting what apparently was the same object.

sneak over and come up from behind it or from above.

Each time he tried to move into a closer position, he said, the flying saucer moved with his two-engine plane, a DC-3.

## 'Man-made Object'

"It is my opinion," he said today, "that it was equipped with some sort of repulse radar."

"It was a disk 20 to 50 feet in diameter and appeared to fly on its edge just like a wheel going down the highway."

Adickes said he and his crew observed the object for seven or

## RADAR SCREEN SPOTS 'SAUCERS' OVER CAPITAL

## Objects Sighted Near National Airport

BY LLOYD NORMAN

(Chicago Tribune Press Service) 1952

Washington, July 21—The flying saucers are getting closer to the Pentagon and perhaps the big brass will start worrying about them.

The Pentagon bigwigs have laughed off the dancing disks as a lot of poppycock or midsummer night's dreams. To satisfy the public's fancy for these amazing happenings in the sky, the air force has maintained a unit at Wright Field near Dayton, O., to keep a record of the saucer sightings.

But now the air force is investigating strange objects in the sky over Andrews Air Force base near here Saturday at 11 p. m. [Chicago time]. The air force announced tonight that radar operators at Washington National airport south of the Pentagon picked up on their screens eight unidentified objects moving at from 100 to 130 miles an hour.

## British Air Mystery

## Radar Spots Big Sky Ball

By Associated Press 1953

LONDON, Nov. 19.—An object described by observers as huge and glowing and probably metallic has been tracked by radar high over England twice this month, the war office disclosed last night.

Official reports of the sightings have been made by members of two army radar crews who estimated the object was 60,000 feet up.

The first report came from Sgt. Harry Waller and three other witnesses who were testing radar in London on Nov. 3.

The report said the object was kept in sight from 2:30 to 3:10 p. m. that afternoon, when it moved out of range.

"There was a strong echo on the screen, so I looked through the telescope and there it was, just like a tennis ball," Waller told reporters. "It was dead white and completely circular. I couldn't see it with the naked eye."

"The sky that day was very clear and blue with only a few high clouds. The object was stationary for about 15

## 'FLYING SAUCERS' POP UP IN KOREA AND OVER TOKYO

SEOUL, Aug. 2 (AP)—Those "flying saucers" have popped up in Korea and Japan.

A Canadian destroyer reported sighting two such objects July 10 and recorded them on its radar, it was learned today. A navy report placed the objects two miles high and seven miles away.

A second report dismissed the radar find as the planet Jupiter. One officer commented, however: "Jupiter doesn't come in pairs and it is several million miles out of range of our radar."

In Tokyo Kosuke Miyazaki of the central meteorological observatory said he saw a greenish-white thing with a tail flying thru the sky last night. Makoto Sakai, a university student, saw it. He said it was bluish-white and split into halves before disappearing. Another witness said it was orange-white. Dr. Hideo Hirose of the Tokyo astronomical observatory said it must have been a meteor.

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# U. S. Jet Pilots Chase Light Clusters Flying At Blinding Speed Over Northern Japan

TED STATES AIR BASE, Northern Japan (Thursday), Jan. 22 (AP).—Strange clusters of red, white and green lights flying at blinding speed have been chased twice by United States jet pilots over northern Japan, the Air Force said Wednesday.

The hurtling, rotating clusters were seen the nights of December 29 and January 9 over northern Honshu, the main island of Japan. The Japanese government recently complained of flights over Hokkaido Island just north of Honshu by Russian fighter planes from Kurile and Sakhalin Island bases.

December 29 spotting, indicating the mysterious lights had been seen many times before.

viously was increasing in size," the report said. Blakeslee extinguished all the lights of his

## 2 Veteran Airline Pilots Add To Flying Unidentified Objects Fly 3600 MPH

MIAMI, Fla., (July 16—UP)—Two veteran airline pilots added to the flying saucer lore today accounts of seeing eight huge discs zipping in formation at supersonic speed near Norfolk, Va.

Pilots W. B. Nash, 35, and W. H. Fortenberry, 30, of Pan American Airways, said the "glowing, orange-red" saucers maneuvered too sharply

July 12, 1957  
By Robert J. Serling  
United Press

A Government radar set tracked four unidentified flying objects traveling up to 3600 miles an hour over California last spring, a private search organization said yesterday.

The incident was reported to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) by Civil Aeronautics Administration controller operators in the Los Angeles area. NICAP disclosed its report in the first issue of its monthly magazine.

The magazine reported that the objects were seen at 11:50 p.m. In the more than an hour at estimated to 3600 miles an hour.

## RAF Spots a Saucer At Allied War Games

Topcliffe, England, Sept. 20 (Reuters).—A flying saucer entered the eight-nation-Baltic area maneuvers here today.

The RAF base here reported to maneuvers headquarters that an unidentifiable silver circular object had been sighted 15,000 feet above

Pilots Nash and Fortenberry were flying to the "centrifugal force" which turns at such speeds reports

BER 21, 1952

## Those Mystery Lights in the Sky Were NOT Jets, LI Pilot Insists

LONG ISLAND DAILY PRESS MARCH 24, 1959

"I don't care what the Air Force says. The objects I saw could travel at 2,000 miles an hour and were definitely not conventional aircraft."

Thus Captain Peter W. Killian of Hicksville, a two-million-mile pilot for American Airlines, dismissed the latest Air Force explanation of the saucer-like objects he saw at 8,500 feet the night of Feb. 25.

Capt. Killian wasn't the only one who saw what were described as "three objects giving off a blinding brilliance" in the night sky. Three other pilots and all 35 passengers on Killian's plane saw them, too.

Last Friday, an Air Force spokesman said the mysterious objects were nothing more than three B-47 bombers being refueled in flight by a KC-97 tanker. The operation, the spokesman said, takes more than an hour during which several types of signal lights are used.

"If the Air Force wants to believe that," Killian said last night, "it can. But I know what a B-47 looks like and I know what a KC-97 tanker

## 'FLYING SAUCER' CHASED BY MARINE JET PILOT

CHERRY POINT, N. C. (UP)—The Marine Corps air station here, alerted many times for "flying saucers," reported today that a Marine jet pilot chased a mysterious, glowing object through the skies Monday night at more than 500 miles an hour. A Cherry Point Marine information spokesman said "it's the first time we've had anything that comes close to being anything to release. We've been alerted to these (flying saucer) reports before."

The Norfolk Naval Air Station tower alerted Marine Lt. Ed Balocco Monday night to watch

Denies Air Force Version

looks like, and I know what they look like in operation at night. And that's not what I saw." Killian claimed this was the Air Force's third explanation of his sighting, "all contradictory and none satisfactory."

for a silvery object sighted from the ground, the spokesman said. Balocco, a 24-year-old pilot from Antioch, Calif., with more than 1000 hours flying time, was flying at 20,000 feet near Edenton, N. C., when alerted. Flying toward Cherry Point he sighted "what looked like an airplane with red lights."

"It appeared to be below me. What caused me to look back at the light was the fact that it moved from below me 10,000 feet vertically in a matter of seconds," Balocco said. He estimated that the object was about 10 miles from him.

"I've never had a drink before or during a flight," he said, "and there wasn't a cloud in the sky that night."

Another thing jerks Killian. "These explanations come from Washington," he said, "but not one of these fellows has bothered to contact me to hear my story first hand." State Uni-

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NICAP is aware that many in the AF personally dislike the secrecy about UFO's. Some AF members have given us assistance, without violating security, which indicates a wide acceptance of UFO reality. There is growing evidence that the AF is the "whipping boy" carrying out the policy of a higher agency, and we regret that our fight to end the secrecy has to be directed at the Air Force.

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## UFO OVER PACIFIC CONFIRMED BY SIX AIRLINE CREWS

For the second time this year, six courageous airline crews have braved ridicule by publicly reporting their encounter with a strange flying object. Besides causing several newspapers to take a new look at the UFO question, this case also emphasized the seriousness with which the AF privately regards these reports.

(This account includes extra details secured from Pan American Airways crews by PAA Capt. W. B. Nash, NICAP special Advisor, and in an interview by member Paul Ceray.)

It happened in the early hours of July 11, 1959. A PAA Stratocruiser, bound from San Francisco to Honolulu, was 900 miles north east of the Hawaiian city when a group of fast-moving lights suddenly appeared ahead.

In a report to NICAP, Capt. George Wilson estimated their speed at "thousands of miles per hour." The sky, he said, was clear above 5,000 feet. The airliner was at 20,000 feet.

"A large and very bright light appeared on the horizon at the 11 o'clock position," he stated. "The large bright light was flanked by 3 or 4 smaller, lower magnitude lights in a line below, behind and to the left of the main vehicle."

Holding a constant altitude, the UFOs hurtled across the sky toward the airliner.

"Then the formation made an abrupt right turn," said Capt. Wilson, "and disappeared to the south."

Soon after this sighting, radio reports came in from five other aircraft in the general area, including two other PAA planes, an AF B-50, a Canadian Pacific airliner and a Slick Airways cargo plane. Capt. Lloyd Moffat, the Canadian Pacific pilot, later told newsmen:

"You can take it from me, they were there. I never saw anything like it in my life."

First Officer Daniel W. Frost, on a PAA flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, also confirmed the sighting and said the brilliantly-lit UFO (he could not see the smaller lights) appeared to hold a definite course. But the most significant details came from Capt. Wilson and his first officer, Richard Lorenzen. After landing, Wilson told Honolulu newsmen:

"It was faster than anything I've ever seen. It may have been one very large object with brilliant center lights and surrounding lights of lesser magnitude, or separate objects. The smaller lights

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## Army Withholds UFO Order, Says Duty to Protect public

With a specific reference to NICAP, the Adjutant General of the Army, Maj. Gen. R. V. Lee, has implied it is the duty of the military services to thwart our attempts to give UFO information to the American people. This frank admission of military attempts to control public thinking was made in an official letter to Rep. Thomas N. Downing, Va.

The Adjutant General's statement resulted from a request by NICAP member Larry Bryant for the unclassified DA (Department of the Army) letter of Aug. 6, 1957, which covers Army reporting of UFOs. After repeated evasions by the Army, Mr. Bryant asked Congressman Downing's help. A query to the Army by Downing, identifying Bryant as a NICAP member, brought this revealing answer from the Adjutant General:

"The military services would be remiss in their duty to the American public if we, by our assistance, encouraged these organizations in their sensational claims and contentions."

Like all the DA letters, the one dated Aug. 6, 1957 was mass-produced for all Army units. But Gen. Lee could not find a copy.

"A search of the Department of the Army files does not locate this letter," he wrote Rep. Downing. "Accordingly, a copy cannot be furnished unless Mr. Bryant can further identify this letter by file number or agency within the Department of the Army."

NICAP comment: Mr. Bryant obviously could not be expected to know the file number, nor the exact office where the DA letter is now located. The expressed intent to keep official UFO information from NICAP makes this seem a plain subterfuge.

In addition to the regular bulletin, this mailing includes a supplemental issue, the first step in making up for delayed issues. Other extra bulletins will follow as soon as possible, until we are on precise schedule.

The two issues are a combination of varitype columns and reductions of typewritten material. This achieves two purposes. It permits us to use typed last minute inserts, and also to reduce the cost of varitype. We expect future publications to include a larger amount of varitype, but with a typed section reserved at least for late news.

## CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN UFO'S RAPIDLY INCREASING

Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Jr., Missouri, has asked the Senate Space Committee to consider holding public hearings on the UFO subject. After examining evidence NICAP sent him, Sen. Hennings, who is Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, wrote a NICAP member:

"This certainly is a subject which concerns everyone. I am bringing your letter to the attention of the Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences, with the request that full consideration be given to the possibility of public hearings on this issue."

Sen. Barry Goldwater, Ariz., recently indicated his continued interest by asking the AF for the facts in the Killian case. As most NICAP members will recall, Sen. Goldwater—a jet flying brigadier general in the AF Reserve—has publicly stated his opinion that the "flying saucers" are real and has said that the AF "clams up" when asked about the reports.

In the House of Representatives, three additional Congressmen have made significant statements about UFOs.

Rep. William M. McCulloch, Ohio: "I believe it is time that the citizens of our country be advised of what is happening in this field, if such information be proper and it would not in any way endanger the security of our country."

Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand, Calif. On July 15, 1959, Mr. Hiestand inserted an article by commentator George Todt in the *Congressional Record*. (Mr. Todt, columnist for the *Valley Times*, N. Hollywood, is also a NICAP Special Advisor.) Rep. Hiestand's remarks, headed "Pressing for Flying Saucer Inquiry," included these extracts:

Mr. Todt's subject, "Flying Saucers," is one that has held public attention for several years. It has drawn the interest of many of our colleagues also. It has become a very controversial subject and reaction to it runs the emotional gauntlet through humor, fear, and a healthy desire for more information and knowledge... What is the real story behind the flying saucers, anyway?"

A third Congressman, from Ohio, may permit us to publish his name later. Meantime, here is a statement from his signed letter, in NICAP possession:

"Although I do not know, there does seem to be a strong probability that there is some form of flying object. However, since all information here is classified and even a Member of Congress cannot secure access to whatever

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## Breaking-Point Space Test Expected

Some heroic human "guinea pig" may have to sacrifice his mind before we achieve space travel, a former Navy aviation medical expert recently told the American Psychological Convention in Washington. This grim warning was stated during a symposium on "man in space" by Dr. Wilse B. Webb, former staff member of the Navy school of aviation medicine, who is now a space-age expert with the University of Florida.

Dr. Webb emphasized that he did not advocate tests designed to make men go insane, and he stressed that at present he knew of no such program in American space laboratories. But he warned that a test "to the breaking point" was a vital necessity, because very little is known of the extreme tension space explorers will encounter.

Another member of the "man in space" symposium, Col. Charles Hill of the Army's research and development office, said that two big space problems — isolation and acceleration — have been largely solved, at least in the laboratory. The only big problem still to be explored, he said, is that of weightlessness, which has been duplicated by scientists for only about 90 seconds at any one time.

Col. Hill stressed that scientists still do not know much about the combination or interactions of isolation, acceleration and weightlessness; that is, how much a man is affected by isolation while weightless, etc.

In connection with UFOs, the acceleration and weightlessness factors may not be important. If, as Oberth and others have suggested, these machines have artificial gravity fields, this would eliminate both effects. But in a space flight of any length, isolation would still be a factor for any creatures aboard UFOs.

If, then, UFOs are finally proved to contain intelligent beings we may expect to encounter creatures who, in one way or another, have overcome the isolation problem. (That is, isolation within a space ship as well as its isolation in space.) In addition, they will have conquered the problem of living in close quarters with other such creatures, while on long space flights. Perhaps such beings will have acquired special attributes to make this possible.

The reports of the "man in space" symposium are a timely reminder that we are not even past the threshold of space travel, a threshold that others may have passed long, long ago.

A new "air bottle" device to enable space travellers to move around outside their space ship under weightless conditions is being developed by the Wright Air Development Center, Dayton, Ohio. Called a "reactor gun," the device was anticipated long ago in science-fiction writings, including the famous Buck Rogers comic strip. High pressure air rushing out of a nozzle provides enough force to propel a person in the opposite direction, and he can fire the gun to start, stop or change direction.

## TESTS PLANNED FOR FREEZING SPACEMEN ON LONG TRIPS

Experiments on the possibility of freezing space travelers for long journeys into space are underway at the University of California at Los Angeles. This idea, as startling as any linked with UFOs, was suggested about a year ago by Dr. George Gamow, famous physicist and writer. Unlike far less fantastic theories about UFOs, this announcement was received without ridicule by other scientists or the press.

Dr. John Lyman of UCLA biotechnology laboratory, in announcing experiments in which mice and rats will be frozen and then later thawed out and revived, said that the big problem in space travel is to prevent men from going insane during the unnatural conditions encountered in space flight. Large space ships equipped to simulate a natural environment would probably be too costly to produce. The answer, he suggests, is "frozen sleep."

A frozen space traveler would need no food, oxygen, or companionship in his remote-controlled ship, and would be revived automatically by a warming process as he neared his destination.

"What we want to do," Dr. Lyman said, "is to stop the life processes completely, then resume them at will."

In that way, man could travel to a distant planet over a period of several normal lifetimes, arriving no older than when he left earth. Presumably the traveler would be forced to work out all the problems of life in an unknown world with little advance knowledge.

A major problem, which Dr. Lyman did not mention, is whether a human being would ever consent to being frozen for years on the chance that he might be revived millions of light years away in unknown space, all alone and his survival in doubt. Even if return to earth were possible, the traveler would probably find an alien earth populated (if at all) by unfamiliar people in a strange culture.

Assuming that some volunteers could be found, however, then the reverse situation is equally possible. Skeptics who have scoffed at the idea that UFOs could be coming from another solar system should consider the possibility that beings on other planets may have developed this same technique, using it to cross the vast reaches of space to our solar system.

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## AF Planning Weapon To Destroy Satellites

Maj. Gen. B. A. Schriever, AF rocket expert, has revealed plans for a weapon system to shoot down hostile satellites and space vehicles. His statement to the Senate Space Subcommittee did not indicate any specific enemies. Though this weapon system probably is intended for use against any hostile Soviet space vehicles, there would be nothing to prevent its use against UFOs.

### Congressional Interest *from page 1*

information there is, I am not in a position to make a statement about this subject."

Most of this rapidly increasing Congressional interest is due to the nationwide efforts of NICAP members. As a direct result, we have made an important advance, on Capitol Hill. Details must be withheld temporarily, to avoid jeopardizing our plans, but all members are urged to tell their Congressman their views on the UFO problem — especially official secrecy. Please write your Senators and Representatives and ask their cooperation.

### Air Lines *from page 1*

were either part of the mysterious object or this was an example of dam good formation flying."

In a report to NICAP member Cerny, First Officer Lorenzen stated:

"The rate of closure with us was much greater than any I had ever experienced before. It was not until the object turned that I was able to distinguish the smaller lights associated with it."

Then he revealed that two AF majors had interviewed the crew soon after they had landed. The other airline witnesses also were quickly interviewed by AF Intelligence, and the combined reports were immediately flashed to AFHQ, ATIC, the Air Defense Command and Naval Intelligence.

NICAP comment: Up to now, the AF has been noticeably silent about this case, perhaps recalling how their hasty attempt to explain away the "Killian case" backfired. (Capt. Peter Killian, American Airlines, piloted one of the six airliners involved in the mid-west sighting of three UFOs last February. After AF pressure, Capt. Killian was muzzled by the airline. The silencing has been admitted by the chief pilot.) NICAP will watch for any attempted brush-off of this July 11 case. Meantime, details have been given to interested members of Congress.

This important case brought sober comment in the press and in several newscasts. In a thoughtful editorial entitled, "The UFOs You Can't Laugh Off," the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* concluded:

"One may laugh at the fantastic stories told in connection with UFOs while keeping an open mind concerning serious investigations. Too many experienced pilots have seen strange things in the skies to uphold any contention that they just imagined things."

In a recent development, the Air Force is now circulating a statement, allegedly from American Airlines, quoting Capt. Peter Killian as saying that he had never seen jet refueling operations at night and the UFOs he saw on February 24 could have been jet refueling operation. The unsigned statement is in direct contradiction to the statements Killian made to the NICAP Director, to the Long Island Daily Press, and in taped interviews. In effect, Killian's statements have been branded by the AF as lies after they apparently requested American Airlines to silence him so he could not answer back. American Airlines had deliberately arranged some of Killian's early publicity before he was suddenly told to stop talking. Copies of the contradictory statements have been sent to several members of Congress.

Train crew muzzled.....In a recent brief flying trip to Indiana, the NICAP Director was told by Frank Edwards that the crew of the Monon RR train that reported four UFOs pacing the train on October 3, 1958, had been "advised not to talk." The warning came from RR officials after official "suggestion" from Washington. All five crew members, including Cecil Bridge, a former AF bomber crewman, saw the glowing objects at close range maneuvering in formation for over an hour. The silencing of the train crew is further evidence of the official determination to stop authentic UFO reports.

According to some reports circulating in Washington, the Venus probe program was abruptly abandoned because of the possibility that Venus is inhabited, and might be one source of UFOs. A sudden orbiting of Venus by a satellite, the reports say, could be mistaken for a hostile action. Obviously no proof of this is available and it could be unfounded, but there has been no sensible explanation for sudden dropping of the idea. After concentrated, almost feverish, efforts to prepare the probe, it was announced that no equipment was ready and that none could be prepared in time.

Sighting reports by reputable observers not under military control indicate that the increased UFO surveillance recorded in July is still being maintained. Digest of recent, selected cases follows:

Aug. 2, Halifax County, Nova Scotia. At 8 pm, a silvery, cigar-shaped machine with a dome-like projection on top was sighted by Ronald Beazeley and four other witnesses in a car on Hwy. 7. The nearby Canadian Naval Air Station had no explanation for the sighting.

Aug. 19, Des Moines, Ia. Swift passage of three round objects, at 8:30 pm, was observed by hundreds of citizens. The UFOs, about 10 miles high, had a long glowing trail, possibly a jet-type exhaust. Witnesses luckily included four researchers of Collins Radio Co., leading electronics supplier for the U.S. rocket program. Their evidence offset an attempted "meteor" explanation:

Merrill Ludvigson: "There were three objects which went on north." Alan Anway: "They weren't in the same line, but slightly displaced from each other." Walter Iliff noted the UFOs were in sight at least 10 seconds. (Meteors disappear in far less time.) Also, he said, the trajectory was different, roughly horizontal, instead of a meteor's descending angle. Harold Justice, the fourth expert, confirmed the unusual sighting. NICAP note: Extra details were secured by Member Frank McSpaden, Cedar Rapids business man, whose help with press and broadcast coverage also aided NICAP. His radio appeal brought 56 witness reports, in hours.

Earlier selected cases indicate UFO operations from June on through July:

On June 11, a formation of four disc-like objects was reported near Las Vegas, Nevada, by six witnesses. One was Edward D. Arnold, a World War II naval aircraft identification expert, now a security officer for Titanium Metals Corporation. Arnold was on duty with another Titanium security officer, Berdell S. Haycock, when the four UFOs were sighted moving west to east at moderate speed.

As the two men watched, the UFOs flew past in a circular formation, switched to in-line formation for about two minutes, then back to circular formation. Two couples bringing a boat into Las Vegas Boat Harbor also reported sighting the formation at about dusk.

July 1, Racine, Wisc. - At about 2:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Earl sighted a round, silver-white UFO when their attention was attracted to the sky by a "whirring noise." As the sound increased in intensity, the UFO dipped low over the city a building hiding it from view before it disappeared. Police learned that other residents also had heard the odd sound.

July 6, Princeton, Ill. - A slow-moving UFO, glowing white with a small red light on one side, was reported at about 9:30 p.m. by Chief of Police John Walters, other police officers, and many citizens. Though apparently at a low altitude, the UFO made no sound. Chief Walters told the Peoria Star Journal he was certain the object was not an airplane.

July 8, Peoria, Ill. - From 10:25 to 10:27 p.m., Clair W. Duncan of the Peoria Housing Authority and two other witnesses watched nine brilliant UFOs move over East Peoria, illuminating the sky. Duncan told NICAP investigators that the UFOs made sharp turns and moved both horizontally and vertically. A decided sightings increase in the Peoria area has been reported to NICAP by subcommittee members Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burr.

July 8, Columbus, Ind. - At about 10:30 p.m., three UFOs which glowed an orange color were spotted by James F. Baker and his family while driving near Columbus. Baker, a toolmaker and an ex-Marine, chased the objects along the highway, attempting to get closer. The pulsating UFOs in V-formation, were moving slowly at low altitude. At one point they turned sharply to avoid trees, then continued parallel to the highway. As Baker pursued them at high speed, blinking his headlights, the objects crossed ahead of the car and sped away. Two employees of Station WTTV in Indianapolis saw the same formation a few minutes earlier from a point 25 to 30 miles west of the Bakers' position. All witnesses agreed the UFOs were silent.

July 8, Victoria, Australia. - At 6:30 p.m., an intensely lighted UFO with an exhaust-trail was seen flying parallel to the ground by fishermen and members of an expedition near the Norman river below Karumba. Mr. J. Horn, a director of General Motors-Holden; Mr. W. A. Green, managing director of Eagers Holding, Ltd., and two doctors with the expedition reported the sighting to the press when they returned to Brisbane. The UFO, seen as about half the size of the full moon, was observed also by other Australians fishing at Karumba. <sup>7</sup>6:30 p.m. Victoria time was 2:30 a.m. July 9 Central Standard Time.

July 8, Prince of Wales Island (between Queensland, Australia, and New Guinea). On this date, a huge, glowing red object landed on a hilltop at the southern tip of Prince of Wales Island, according to a report received by Thursday Island police. Natives on the island were said to be too terrified to go near the unidentified object, which could be seen giving off a reddish glow. This incident occurred on the same night as the sighting near Karumba. NICAP is seeking details as to whether the UFO took off or what happened to it.

July 14, Salisbury, N.C. - A revolving UFO, elliptical in outline and making an oscillating high-frequency sound, was seen moving from east to west at 8:22 p.m. by Larry Godwin. As the UFO passed, the Godwin family's TV set blanked out completely. Six other families in the neighborhood either heard the sound or reported interference with their lights and TV.

July 16, Stockton, Calif. - Six sheriff's deputies, Stockton airport personnel, and many residents reported sighting two round, blinking UFOs "with a sort of intelligence" early today. First noted at about 1:25 a.m., the UFOs remained in the area for over an hour. They blinked about once per second and varied in hue from white to dull orange. Deputy Elmer Van Sant, who kept a continuous watch, said, "Once a plane flew over; the blinking speeded up as though the objects may have been communicating with each other." Local authorities ruled out aircraft and balloons and could offer no explanation.

July 18, Peoria, Ill. - A large, glowing UFO which looked like a "ball of fire" was reported by a drug company salesman and two other witnesses at about 10:30 p.m. Watched through binoculars, the UFO moved from the SW horizon to the NE horizon in about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  minutes. To the naked eye it appeared to be as bright as the full moon, and one-fourth its size. It left no trail. (Note: The witness interviewed did not wish his name used; however, the names of all three men are known to NICAP and the Peoria subcommittee.)

## SENATOR KEATING GIVEN UFO EXPLANATION AF REJECTED 7 YEARS AGO

In complete contradiction of the facts, the AF has given Sen. Kenneth B. Keating a suggested explanation for the Washington Airport sightings which was officially discarded in 1952. On behalf of the New York City NICAP Affiliate, Sen. Keating recently asked the AF for their conclusion in this famous case. The AF reply was signed by Maj. Gen. W. P. Fisher, Director of Legislative Liaison:

"The Air Technical Intelligence Center reports concerning the Washington Airport Control Center sighting of July 1952 state there were radar blips observed and that they were caused by temperature inversion."

Here are the facts:

On July 19, 1952, a formation of UFOs appeared on radarscopes at Washington Airport Control Center and the airport tower. For several hours, they were tracked as they maneuvered over the White House, the Capitol and other Washington areas. During this time several UFOs were seen — exactly where radar showed them — by Capt. Casey Pierman of Capital Airlines, control tower operators at Washington Airport and Andrews AFB, and other civilian and military personnel.

On the night of July 26, the UFOs' visit was duplicated, and again radar tracking was publicly confirmed by actual sightings. One witness was AF Lt. William L. Patterson, jet pilot who vainly tried to intercept a UFO. Others who saw the maneuvering objects were airline crews, a CAA pilot and airport personnel.

On the second occasion, the Control Center blips were seen by a Navy radar expert, Lt. Holden, and the Project Blue Book monitor, Maj. Dewey Fournet, who is now a NICAP Board member. Both agreed with Senior Controller Harry Barnes and other CAA radar experts that the blips were caused by solid objects which seemed to be under intelligent control.

All the radar operators were familiar with weather radar effects, a necessity if they were to guide airliners safely to the airport. All such effects were ruled out in these two sightings, especially a temperature inversion, since the inversion on the first night was only 1½ degrees, the second night only 2 degrees. And as confirmed later by outside experts, including Dr. John Hagin, head of Project Vanguard, it would require at least a 10-degree inversion to cause fake blips. Not only that, any trained operator would distinguish them instantly from blips of solid objects. Inversion blips would not appear to maneuver intelligently, nor would they explain the visual sightings.

Despite all this, the AF Director of Intelligence, Maj. Gen. J. A. Samford, told a press conference he personally

thought inversion blips were to blame. (Maj. Fournet and Lieut. Holden were not permitted to appear and state what they saw, nor were the Control Center and Andrews Field operators, Capt. Pierman, Lt. Patterson, or any of the other witnesses.)

About five weeks later, this tentative answer by Gen. Samford was officially rejected. During a check of this case, for *True Magazine*, NICAP's present director was given the official AF opinion by Maj. Lewis Norman. Maj. Norman was assigned for this purpose by AFHQ at the request of the Office of Public Information. In an interview officially witnessed by Mr. Albert M. Chop, the PIO who handled all UFO information, Major Norman said the temperature inversion answer was impossible with such negligible inversions as 2 degrees.

In Dec. 1953, the *Washington Times Herald* secured an official AF statement that the Washington Airport sightings were unexplained. This was confirmed in 1956 by Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, in his "Report On Unidentified Flying Objects."

But the Washington case continued to plague the AF; Fournet, Holden, Ruppelt, Barnes, and the other experts were constantly being quoted and the evidence added up to proof of UFO reality. To end this, the AF began to change its answers. In 1958, a new AF statement was given veteran news correspondent Bulkley Griffin, who was flown to ATIC, apparently in the hope he would help debunk the "saucers." Regarding the Washington case, Mr. Griffin was told by ATIC:

"A series of unidentified targets appeared on the radar scope. A careful visual search of the sky was made immediately afterward. Nothing was seen in that area."

But Mr. Griffin had all the evidence, and he publicly exposed the new AF claim, adding:

"A poverty of information is bad enough, but misleading the public is far worse." (For complete report of Mr. Griffin's disclosures on this and other key cases, see Vol. 1, No. 6, *The UFO Investigator*.)

From misleading newsmen and the public, the AF policy now has been extended to include deceiving a United States Senator.

It is not known who ordered this deception. There seem to be two alternatives: Either Gen. Fisher was deliberately given this untrue explanation, to pass on to Sen. Keating—or Gen. Fisher had to give Sen. Keating an answer he knew was untrue, in carrying out official AF policy of concealing the truth.

We believe this proves the need for a continued struggle against official secrecy. We repeat, this is not an attack on individuals carrying out orders, nor against entire agencies. It is a sincere struggle, approved by the majority of NICAP members, as well as the Board of Governors and most of our Advisers, against the UFO censorship. NICAP opposes the attempt by a small, high-level group to decide what is best for the American people to know.

It is undemocratic — and it is dangerous.

## MEMBERS HOPE RUPPELT WILL STICK TO HIS GUNS

In the preceding issue, NICAP's director reported a conversation with Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, former head of Project Blue Book, in which Ruppelt said he was revising his book, "The Report On Unidentified Flying Objects." An open letter to Ruppelt also was printed, discussing rumors that he is under AF pressure to back down on his revelations of AF censorship, explaining away of UFO reports, and a secret AF conclusion that the "saucers" are spaceships.

We hope to receive Capt. Ruppelt's answer in time for the next publication. Meantime, here are some members' comments.

"I fail to see how he can retract any of his statements of fact when they are from the AF records. How could he be made to do this?...I truthfully must say this book convinced me that the UFOs were and are real...Capt. Ruppelt should stick to his guns...I read his book and it left on me a lasting impression of authenticity. To think that he may 'back down' now makes one wonder just what to believe...There are many who feel as I do and are equally determined that the truth must not be crushed by military pressure..."

Many comments prove the warm admiration most NICAP members have for Ruppelt, because of his courage in exposing the AF cover-up. We earnestly hope that he will prove the rumors to be false.

### SATELLITE OBSERVATORY PLANNED

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has announced plans to launch "orbiting astronomical observatories" around the earth to study radiation from space. Telescopes will be mounted on platforms stabilized to prevent spin, and placed in orbit at an altitude of about 500 miles. In theory, a similar arrangement could be used to study the moon and other planets in the solar system, as has been attempted with high altitude balloons.

Please send us the names of interested friends who might wish to become NICAP members.

Tracking a space vehicle to Pluto is possible, according to Walter K. Victor of the Cal Tech Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The statement was made during a review of technical progress at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., involving about 700 scientists. Mr. Victor also said that later space probes may be accelerated to velocities approaching the speed of light, and new techniques of communication will be needed. The tracking of a vehicle at the distance of Pluto, he said, would only require modifications in the bandwidth of the radio receiver. (From *Missiles and Rockets*.)

## NICAP BONUSSES IN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

One new member: A Rand McNally space map, or a six-month extension of your own membership, or \$1.00 cash.

Two new members: A \$1.00 Rand McNally space map and a six month extension of your own membership—OR \$1.00 cash in lieu of the map, plus the extension.

Three new members: The \$1.00 space map, and a one-year extension of your own membership—plus \$1.00 cash. In place of the map you may select \$1.00 cash, for a total of \$2.00 plus the extension.

Five new members: One autographed hard-cover book by Major Donald E. Keyhoe, either *Flying Saucers From Outer Space*, or *The Flying Saucer Conspiracy*, and a one-year extension of your own membership—plus \$2.00 cash. Instead of a book, you may select \$2.00 cash, or a total of \$4.00 plus a one-year extension.

Ten new members: The two autographed books listed above, and a two year's extension of your own membership, plus \$5.00 cash. You may select \$2.00 instead of either book. That is, one book and \$7.00 in cash; or neither book and \$9.00 in cash—plus the two year's extension.

Fifteen new members: The two autographed books, and a two year's extension of your own membership—plus \$10 in cash. Instead of the books you may have \$2.00 each. That is, one book and \$12 cash, or neither book and \$14 cash—plus the two year's extension.

If you wish, you may let your credits pile up toward a larger bonus. For instance: if you secure three new members, you may either ask at that time for the appropriate bonus or prize; or you can tell us to list your credits until you reach the five-member point or a higher bonus point. In any case, be SURE to let us know what you wish done and what your bonus selections are, if there are alternate choices.

If you select a book as a bonus, please let us know to whom you wish it autographed if not to yourself.

### FALSE NEWS REPORTS

News reports and letters reaching NICAP indicate that false stories have been circulating to the effect that Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, NICAP Director, attended the Spacecraft Convention at Giant Rock, California, sponsored by George Van Tassell. Major Keyhoe did not attend this convention, which was held on May 23-24. NICAP does not know who is responsible for the reports. Due to similarity in names, Major Keyhoe is frequently confused with Richard Keyhoe (no relative), contact claimant in California, and Mr. Wayne Aho, currently employed by Otis T. Carr Enterprises.

## Dr. Bartlett Adds Reasons Why Big Telescopes Don't Catch UFO's

"A well-known astronomer at ----- Planetarium scoffs at flying saucers," a new NICAP member from Pennsylvania writes us. "He says there is not one case where an observatory telescope ever picked up a UFO, and this proves they don't exist. I believe all the reports by pilots are true, but I don't know how to answer this astronomer."

Similar letters have reached us, mostly from members who recently joined. An answer to this claim, written for NICAP by Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto, was published in an earlier issue.

In the following article, Dr. James C. Bartlett, Jr., famous Baltimore astronomer and a NICAP Special Adviser, adds several interesting points which agree with Dr. Tombaugh's analysis.

### Doctor Bartlett's Statement

The fact that professional observatories have not reported UFO sightings is hardly surprising, and hence the argument that such failure is proof of the non-existence of UFOs is completely invalid.

The Schmidt photographic telescope is a wide-field instrument; yet the 24-inch Schmidt of the Warner and Swasey Observatory gives a field only 5° in diameter, and the 48-inch Schmidt of Pajomar, one of only 7°. Thus the same argument applies. Unless a UFO chanced to be within the small field commanded by the Schmidt it would go unnoticed.

With a power of only 50x (which is a moderate power) on my 4¼-inch Newtonian the actual field of sky covered is only a little over a degree in diameter, i.e., about 1/180 of the visible sky hemisphere. Assuming a lone UFO in the sky at the time of observation, the minimum chances would be 180 to 1 against its being in the same field with the telescope. Now consider that an equatorially mounted, clock-driven telescope is following a star in its diurnal course. The telescope and star will be moving at the rate of 0.25° per minute from east to west (we assume that the star is on or very close to the celestial equator).

Next suppose that a UFO suddenly darts across the sky, but from west to east, and at a rate of 36° per minute. Also assuming that the UFO is on or quite near to the celestial equator; this means it would cross the sky from horizon to horizon in just 5 minutes.

The telescope is moving so slowly in the opposite direction that it may be considered stationary relative to the UFO, which would dart across its field like a meteor and be gone in a flash. To follow it therefore, one would first have to disengage the clock (otherwise the direction of movement of the telescope could not even be reversed), bring the huge instrument to a stop, then reverse its motion, and attempt to follow the UFO which by this time would probably

## "CULTURAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE" IDENTIFIED AS RUSSIAN

For over a year, believers in the so-called "Straith letter" have claimed the existence of a cultural relations committee in the U.S. Department of State. This has now been revealed as a Russian committee, in an official Soviet statement.

Early in 1958, Mr. George Adamski released copies of a letter purporting to come from a Mr. R. E. Straith, member of a "Cultural Exchange Committee" in our State Department. Written on State Department letterhead, it implied secret backing of Mr. Adamski's contactee claims by a group in the Department. A thorough investigation by NICAP proved that the letter was a hoax. No one named Straith had ever been employed by the State Department. The letterhead, with seal impressed, is printed by the thousands, and picking up a copy in one of the many Department offices would be no great problem. (The Department of Justice is now on the trail of the hoaxer.)

The State Department itself denounced the letter as a fraud, and told Adamski to stop claiming the Straith letter was official. Despite this, the claims continued, with Adamski and others insisting the committee did exist. To back this up, they quoted comedian Bob Hope as saying the State Committee for Cultural Relations had helped him secure a passport to visit Russia.

It now develops that Hope was referring to Soviet aid. In a January 1959 issue of the Soviet weekly magazine *New Times*, the Soviet State Committee for Cultural Relations is quoted as denying false reports about their space plans. The existence of this Soviet committee is thus fully established.

Labeling the committee as American, to bolster up the Straith hoax letter, may have been only a stupid mistake. But it is indicative of the carelessness of those who tried to make this fraud stick.

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have vanished over the horizon.

There are therefore very sound reasons why it is not likely that UFO sightings will be reported from large observatories, and reasons which have nothing to do with the question of the existence or non-existence of the objects.

Should any ever occur it would have to be by purest chance. I myself have made thousands of telescopic observations over many years, and yet only once — last summer [1957] — did I ever pick up a UFO with the telescope (this does not include the observation of several years ago, when I had an opportunity to examine a UFO with a 3-inch refractor, because in that case the UFO had first been sighted by my wife who called attention to it, and so I had time to train the instrument and prepare for the UFO's passage across the field).

MEMBERSHIP BONUS DRIVE EXTENDED. By request, our membership drive has been extended to Oct. 31. (See list of bonuses for NEW memberships, reprinted in this bulletin.) This allows members more time to accrue credits toward larger prizes. Note: Several members have sent new memberships without specifying their choices or stating their desire to let credits build up. Please inform us, by post card if you have not already done so; this will speed up mailing of bonuses.

ADAMSKI CLAIM REJECTED. A majority of NICAP members (7 to 1) have rejected George Adamski's claim that in December, 1958, a space man took him from a train near Kansas City for a spaceship flight to Davenport. Adamski stated the train had made an unscheduled 10-minute stop. The train crew's signed statements deny any such stop. And since the train traveled at its maximum safe limit, from K.C. to the next stop, any lost 10 minutes could not have been made up without illegal and reckless speed, almost inevitably causing a wreck. (See June issue for full details.) Final vote, with pro and con member statements, in next issue.

#### MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Could present missiles and rockets be used against UFOs?

A. Yes. So could anti-satellite weapons now underway. But it has been suggested force-fields, anti-gravity devices, might ward off gunfire and missiles. If so, very high altitude attacks might be made by upper-atmosphere A-bomb explosions, as tested by Project Argus. We know of no rocket or A-bomb attacks against UFOs, but the AF admits jets have fired on unidentified objects.

Q. Could UFOs control or vary our weather?

A. Rocket expert Oberth suggests that satellites with giant mirrors could focus the sun's rays, burn forests and cities, boil off reservoirs and lakes, melt glaciers and thus raise ocean levels. All these would cause at least indirect climatic changes. We ourselves plan weather control. One way could be alter the great ocean currents like the Gulf Stream-- and too much change could be dangerous. Presumably an advanced race could do all this, and more, but we have no evidence of such attempts, nor any proof of outright UFO hostility.

Q. Have sounds been reported from UFOs? What about "skyquakes"?

A. In a small number of cases, humming, buzzing or high-pitched whining sounds have been reported -- usually by witnesses at relatively close range. Such sounds seem like the whine of generators or other rotating mechanisms. But most UFOs are reported silent. "Skyquakes" at times accompany visual UFO reports but many are from jets' sonic booms. The completely unexplained "quakes" are under study by a NICAP subcommittee.

Q. Have there been any new angles in the Kinross case?

A. The Kinross case, in which an AF two-man jet and a UFO merged on a radar screen, then vanished, is still unexplained. Conflicting stories were given relatives of the two missing men. The AF has never released its investigation findings, though it publicly admitted the jet was tracked by radar until it merged with an unidentified object. No similar cases have been officially admitted, although one such report, from a NICAP member who visited ATIC three years ago, is under investigation.

#### ADDED SIGHTINGS

July 20, South Australia. - A bright white UFO travelling S in the western sky was reported by authorities of the Woomera rocket range, according to the New Zealand Herald of July 23. The authorities said it was not associated with any range firing. Observers of the object, which was visible for nearly a minute, included trained members of the range staff as well as villagers. Other reports of UFOs came from many places in Australia that same night.

July 21, Lima, Ohio - A disc-shaped object which moved from N to S across the sky was reported at about 8:30 a.m. The witness, Doris Bankerd, said it first appeared spherical in shape. After coming out of a cloud, the UFO turned and revealed its disc shape.

Dear NICAP members:

This supplemental bulletin is the first step to put NICAP publications on a precise schedule. Meantime, all memberships are automatically extended until 12 issues have been received.

Planned earlier, this first supplemental issue as well as the accompanying bulletin was held up because of an unusual membership slump in July which cut our income below publishing costs. Further delay was averted only by the generosity of a few members who helped us meet the printing bill. To prevent a recurrence we urgently need your support of our bonus membership drive. We can then continue to speed up publication, providing supplemental numbers with or between regular issues.

It is ironic that NICAP has to wage a constant financial battle when it is so near its main goal. We have now won the support of Congressmen who know, or suspect, that censorship hides the truth about UFOs. A showdown with public hearings at the next session is inevitable. You have helped us achieve this. Through our member network in 50 states and 30 foreign countries, and from well-placed sources in the Armed Forces and airlines, we have secured a mass of verified, convincing UFO evidence. By concentrating on facts, we have won the respect of most of the press. Through radio and TV, and lecture programs, NICAP has become nationally known for its serious investigation.

We think you will agree that NICAP is performing an important public service, one which may prove to have been invaluable; yet, we still have to fight for funds to carry on. This is partly due to censorship which keeps most UFO sightings out of print. When a "flap" breaks out, interest builds up usually bringing new memberships or increased renewals. But low income months off-set this causing publication delays. As a result, we spend too much time on the financial problem--time which should be put into vital projects.

Please don't misunderstand. We have no intention of letting NICAP fail after this successful struggle for Congressional help. If we have to, we'll keep on fighting on two fronts--the main battle, and the fight for funds to wage that battle.

Because of high publishing costs, NICAP's other expenses are cut to the minimum--so much so that we are always understaffed. To operate, putting out 1 monthly publication, we must have at least 300 new memberships or renewals every month. With 400 per month, we could print the extra issues required and be on exact schedule by December. In July, memberships dropped to approximately 100. Our drive is improving the situation, but too slowly--only 5% of the members have taken part. If the majority of you--or even one-half--got us just one new membership, it would end the problem for good. The momentum from speeded up operations would insure steady growth.

Besides putting out our publications--the main link with members--there are many jobs you naturally don't see: Investigations, probing for new evidence, working to convince Congress, the press and newscasters of UFO reality. You have an important part in this--these are your aims too. We're glad to do the work, but we must have more backing.

We are not asking you to donate money. For getting us one new member, at \$5.00, you receive either a 6 month extension of your own membership, a \$2.00 space map (previously listed as \$1.00), or \$1.00 cash. For additional new members bonuses increase (see details, this issue.) And each new member is also eligible for bonuses. Please help us get the new members we urgently need. You'll see results in faster publication, more inside news and a speeding up of the fight to end unwarranted secrecy.

Sincerely yours,

Donald E. Keyhoe, Director  
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## UFO FOLLOWS BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE PLANE

A luminous object, also observed from an air base control tower, followed a Brazilian Air Force B-26 on July 14 frightening the pilot, according to a report from J. Escobar Faria, NICAP correspondent in Brazil.

At about 8:30 p.m., the control tower operator at the airport of Pampulha, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais State, saw a light hovering in the sky on a bearing of 270°. After checking with the Meteorological Institute to make sure it was not a balloon, he radioed the pilot of a military plane who was requesting permission to land. The pilot, who was enroute to his base in the north in a B-26, turned his plane on a 270 degree heading and confirmed the sighting, then landed.

Disappointed that the pilot had not investigated the light, the tower controller decided to fire some flares toward the UFOs. Just as he did so, the UFO began to change color, from white to amber to an intense green. Then it turned white again and darted upwards, disappearing in the darkness.

Startled by this reaction, the controller phoned the pilot, who by this time was in the canteen, to question him about the UFO. The officer answered that he had no desire to get any closer to the unknown object. It had followed his plane for about an hour from the vicinity of Pico do Gouto, and he wanted to escape it.

Twenty minutes later the pilot asked permission to take off without any lights on—even though the plane was armed—so the UFO would not follow him.

The incident was registered in the airport log book and transmitted to the FAB, Diretoria de Rotas Aereas (Air Routes Administration). Commander Hulvio Brant Aleixo relayed the information to Mr. Faria.

### NEW NICAP ADVISER

Patriok J. Lucey, President of the American Association of Engineers, has accepted a post as NICAP Adviser. Mr. Lucey, who took his training at Lewis Institute and I.C.S., is a registered engineer in Illinois, and member of several other engineering societies. We are pleased to announce his appointment.

## Glowing UFO Chases Car

A glowing blue "ball of light" which pursued a car down the highway near Statesville, N.C., early November 3, is under investigation by a group of North Carolina NICAP members. Police in other areas nearby said that a similar object had been reported by other motorists.

Robert L. James, Taylorsville, and a passenger Carl Campbell said they first noticed the UFO about 4:00 a.m. while driving on N.C. Highway 90 near Stateville. The UFO moved alternately at slow and very high speeds, following low over the car at just above tree-top level. James said he stopped the car six times, and the object also stopped each time. "I don't mind telling you, I was scared to death," James said.

The UFO moved from left to right in a pendulum-like motion as it chased the car, at one point coming very close to the ground. Finally, it veered away and disappeared.

The same or a similar UFO was reported to police in the Hickory and Salisbury, N.C., areas the same morning. The North Carolina NICAP members are attempting to interview the witnesses.

## State Official Reports UFO Over Highway

The Treasurer of the State of Nebraska, while returning to the State Capitol in Lincoln from an out-of-town trip early October 12, saw a pulsating UFO which made a siren-like noise as it maneuvered above the highway. He was questioned by an officer at Lincoln Air Force Base.

Richard R. Larsen was approaching Lincoln on Cornhusker Highway about 4:30 a.m. when he heard a noise like a siren. Then he saw the UFO, a glowing object, moving slowly "like a glider" and pulsating. Stopping his car to watch, Mr. Larsen saw the object rise abruptly, cross the highway twice, then hover near the air base.

Moments later, the UFO began moving again parallel to the highway. After about 30 minutes it disappeared in the distance moving in the general direction of Omaha.

## FIERY UFO EVADES AIR GUARD PILOT

A fiery-looking UFO evaded an Air National Guard pilot who tried to intercept it October 7, pulling away as the 600 m.p.h. jet tried to keep pace with it. The pilot attempted to obtain a photograph, but failed. Other witnesses on the ground, and a passenger in the plane, confirmed the sighting.

Lt. E.L. Barksdale of the Memphis police department, former Air Force pilot now in the Air Guard, was flying a T-33 jet over Arkabutla Lake, Miss., headed for Memphis when he spotted the UFO in the vicinity of Forrest City, Arkansas. Police patrolman J.L. Wolf, the passenger, also saw it. According to Barksdale, the UFO was about the size of an automobile, flying at the same altitude.

Hoping to photograph the object, Barksdale banked into a sharp turn to head it off, but it was moving too fast. Unable to intercept, he turned in behind and chased the UFO at 600 m.p.h. over Germantown. The UFO, he estimated, was going about 750 m.p.h., steadily pulling away. Then, as he tried to line up his camera sights, the object spewed a shower of sparks and disappeared from view.

When he landed, Barksdale learned that ground observers had also seen the object. Other witnesses included personnel in the Municipal Airport control tower and a Navy man who mistook the object for the afterburner of a jet.

On September 24, a similar glowing object had hovered over a small central Oregon community, darting up into clouds as Air Force jets screamed into the area to intercept it. Police patrolman Robert Dickerson first sighted the UFO while on night patrol in Redmond just before dawn. Thinking it was a meteorite about to crash nearby, Dickerson stopped his car to watch. The UFO rapidly increased in size, then suddenly stopped about 200 feet above the ground and hovered, moving back and forth. The brilliant glow lit up trees on the ground below.

After watching the ball-like object for about 10 minutes, Dickerson drove to the airport and notified Laverne Wertz, flight service specialist for the Federal Aviation

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## A Plea For Help

This is a crucial time; we seriously need your assistance. An organized Air Force debunking campaign (first exposed by veteran Washington newsmen Bulkley Griffin) is now in full swing. Also, a new AF Regulation 200-2 has further tightened censorship of UFO reports.

Despite this, we have proof of new UFO operations: Jet chases, UFOs pacing airliners, near-landings. Most important, additional members of Congress have agreed with the need for ending secrecy, and documented NICAP evidence is sure to get wide publicity early in 1960.

It has taken three years of hard work to reach this point, and to slip back now would be tragic. Unfortunately, some members lose interest when few UFO reports appear in news papers. If NICAP's important news could be published without delays, it would offset the lack of press reports. But, in a vicious cycle, when members lose interest and fail to renew or back our membership drive, then our income drops and we are compelled to postpone issues. Even though memberships are automatically extended to cover this, it does not sustain high interest, as regular publications would do.

To avoid this direct appeal for aid, the undersigned have donated personal funds, even borrowed, to help pay NICAP's rent and other expenses. But now even to continue at reduced speed, we need help badly.

One suggestion has come from Prof. Charles A. Maney, NICAP Board member, who knows the sacrifices that have been made and how serious the problem is:

"The membership of NICAP," writes Prof. Maney, "is composed largely, I would suppose, of persons of modest income who believe in the cause of NICAP. I for one would be glad to join a dollar-a-month club of members to help keep NICAP going."

We are not asking for such a club. Nor do we ask for help from those who already have contributed to keep NICAP alive. But the next two months are critical. If the majority of other members would follow Prof. Maney's suggestion—for just one month—it would end this financial ordeal. We would quickly publish the next issue, complete an important member poll and be ready with our Case for Congress early in 1960.

Please consider this question: Do you still wish to end the blackout, to learn the truth about "flying saucers?" If you do, please help

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## BOY FIRES SHOTGUN AT HOVERING UFO

A young hunter, surprised by a strange object hovering over a Virginia swamp recently, fired his shotgun at it and heard his shot strike a metallic surface. A companion nearby also saw the UFO and heard the metallic sound.

Mark Muza (15) and Harold Moore, Jr. (14), both of Poquoson, Va., were hunting in a swampy area known as the "Big Marsh" about 6:15 p.m. on October 19 when Muza heard a sound "like a tornado." Looking up, he saw a small dark object with a surrounding silvery ring hovering at an altitude of about 80 feet, and dipping slightly from side to side.

When the UFO began to descend, Muza fired two "Maximum 4" shells at it. Then reloading, he fired a steel-bearing shell which struck the UFO with an audible metallic clang. Then the UFO shot straight up into the clear sky and disappeared from view.

Standing about 100 yards away, Moore heard Muza fire, saw the UFO, and heard the metallic noise. Then he saw the UFO go straight up out of sight. The object was visible for about a minute and a half. At its lowest point, Muza estimated, it was only about 55 feet up and was about four feet in diameter.

Both boys were interviewed by NICAP member Larry Bryant, whose report included a signed form and a sketch Muza had made to help describe what he had seen.

A Newport News reporter who had covered the story said the boys were well-known in the area, and that there was no reason to consider them unreliable.

A new NICAP subcommittee, including technicians and engineers, has been formed in Manitoba Province, Canada, by William Car. Mr. Car, a member of the RCAF (aux.), is an engineer. Other members have experience as radar and radio operators. The team has a complete photo lab.

NICAP in any way you can—with a contribution, a renewal, or securing a new member. It is embarrassing to be forced to make this plea, but we have no other choice. With your support, we will do everything possible to get the final answers. And to those who have already helped us in this struggle, our sincere and heartfelt thanks.

Donald E. Keyhoe, Director  
Richard H. Hall, Secretary

## AIR GUARD (from p.1)

Agency (FAA). Together they watched the object through binoculars for nearly an hour. It was flat and round, glowing various colors and occasionally emitting what appeared to be streamers of blue flame.

Contacting the FAA office in Seattle, Wertz was told the UFO had been observed on radar for about two hours, between 6,000 and 25,000 feet. Air Force jets were scrambled from the Portland air base, but as they neared the scene the UFO flashed up and disappeared into clouds at 14,000 feet.

Acting under orders from the FAA office in Seattle, Wertz then flew around the Redmond area in a private plane using a device to check for radioactivity. Nothing was found.

An IGY camera, designed to photograph the whole sky for aurora and air-glow studies, was reported to be operating near Redmond, taking pictures at two-minute intervals. NICAP has ordered a copy of the film from IGY officials, who said the local camera operator had asked special permission to develop the film immediately.

The Oregon case fits both patterns which have resulted from the many UFO sightings in the past three months: (1) A heavy concentration of UFOs on the west coast and in British Columbia. (2) UFOs hovering and moving low over the ground, illuminating the area, and in some cases nearly landing.

A report of a disc-like object which hovered low over the ground in Wallingford, Kentucky, on the night of September 6-7, etching a ring on the ground when it shot away, is under investigation by NICAP. Walter Ogden, a rural mail carrier saw the UFO in the early morning when he sought the source of a bright light low in the sky. It came from a bluish-grey object, shaped like a flattened sphere, hovering about 200 yards away. Then the UFO flared up into the air leaving a trail of "flame" which struck the ground, and zoomed off horizontally disappearing in seconds. A search party later found a darkened ring of grass, weeds and soil where the object had been.

Ogden told a NICAP investigator the UFO gave off a light-bluish glow similar in intensity to the full moon as it hovered. Then with a sudden burst of flame and a "poof" sound, it rose quickly to about 500-600 feet, levelled off without slowing or stopping, and shot away toward the east. The fiery ascent caused a black smoke ring to form, which remained visible for about 15 minutes.

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## UFO SIGHTINGS (Continued from p.2)

Attorney William D. Leet, NICAP member who is investigating, had samples of the soil tested with a geiger counter on September 28. They showed no unusual radioactivity. More samples have been sent to NICAP Board member, Col. Robert B. Emerson, head of Emerson Testing Laboratory, for further analysis.

The ring (which was turned brown, not charred) measured 12-13 inches in width and formed a circular marking about 13 feet in diameter. The measured distance from Ogden's position to the ring was 655 feet.

In his investigation, Mr. Leet learned that Ogden is considered by his neighbors to be an honest and reputable person. NICAP is attempting to obtain a confirmatory report by a college professor who saw a UFO on the same night.

Two civilian employees of the Air Force visited the site, also taking samples for analysis, and the local FBI agent conferred with the sheriff about the case. NICAP has the names of the official investigators on file. The results of the analysis by Col. Emerson will be reported in a future issue, along with any new developments.

### Other Reports of Near-Landings

July 13; Marlborough, N.Z.—A farm woman saw a green glow lighting the ground, then saw a disc-shaped UFO descend and hover low above the ground. Silvery figures were visible through a dome on top. Then the object took off suddenly making a high-pitched whine. Other reports the same morning corroborated her account. Local citizens took the report seriously, and the Royal New Zealand Air Force and police are investigating.

August 5; Briarcliffe Manor, New York—A woman watched a reddish object descend rapidly and apparently settle to the ground in the distance. Flickering constantly, the UFO then took off vertically and rose rapidly out of sight. While near the ground, it seemed to be moon-sized.

August 13; near Fraeport, Texas—A report in the September APR0 Bulletin stated that a brightly lighted UFO passed low over a car, causing the motor to stall, then settled in a wooded area to the side of the highway. Six people in two separate groups sighted the object between 9:30-9:45 p.m. The local sheriff was called in and searched the area next day, but was unable to penetrate the dense underbrush and reach the site of the apparent landing.

August 14; Hilo, Hawaii—A silvery, oval-shaped UFO was seen about 5:30 a.m. by a woman who conducts a radio-TV variety show. While driving to work, she saw the UFO rise from some low hills as if it had just taken off. A row of lights was visible on the base. The object accelerated rapidly, banked to the right, and disappeared behind mountains.

Mid-August; Damariscotta Lake, Maine—A Naval Reserve officer and his wife saw a large luminous object apparently hovering over the lake at night. The UFO was roughly spherical in form, and glowed with a pale light. A number of very bright smaller lights circled around the equator of the UFO as if it were rotating on a vertical axis. The object bobbed around erratically, but maintained the same relative position above the lake.

## ASTRONOMER SAYS LIFE POSSIBLE ON NEARBY STARS

The possibility that two stars within a few light years of the earth may have planets with intelligent life was announced recently by a research astronomer at the University of California. Su-Shu Huang gave the results of his survey on the possibility of life elsewhere in the universe through a colleague, Dr. Krishna Abhyankar, at a meeting of the Pacific Coast Astronomical Society.

After surveying a region within 10 light years radius from the sun, Huang located two stars whose size, luminosity and composition are similar to our sun. There were 42 stars in the area, but most were too faint to serve as energy sources for the development of life.

The two stars which might support life, he noted, are only about a third as bright as the sun, but if they have planets there would be a "habitable zone" within the orbits of the planets.

### Other Recent Sightings

August 24; Yakima and Bremerton, Wash.—Strange maneuvering lights, observed in the area off and on for two months, were seen again at 8:45 p.m. (PST). Don Sherrill, Kitsap County Sheriff's office, said each UFO was "a dark object, more or less of a circle with a light at the exterior. The light was very brilliant and kept changing from red to green to white."

Fairchild AFB in Spokane suggested the lights resulted from jet refueling tankers. However, McChord AFB, when asked if the lights could

be tankers, told the Associated Press: "No, we don't believe they are. What you see has been seen before, but we do not believe you can place the lights in the same classification with the two percent unidentified flying objects that have been sighted in recent years." No explanation for the objects was suggested.

September 15; Trenton, Ohio—A disc-shaped UFO which hovered over northeastern Delaware county for nearly two hours after 7:00 p.m. was seen by several residents. Ray Wright, South Condit, observed the UFO through binoculars at 7:00 p.m. and reported it to the sheriff's office. He described it as round and flat with two lights and a dark space in between. Alerted by Wright, a group gathered to watch. All said the lights blinked out each time a plane passed nearby, then came back on again.

September 15; Dundee, Illinois—An odd cigar-shaped UFO with short wings was seen about 3:45 p.m. by two real estate salesmen. It seemed to be at high altitude and tremendous in size. Ralph M. Roscher, Jr., one of the witnesses, described the object in detail in a report to NICAP. The silvery, cigar-shaped UFO moved swiftly and steadily to the SW. At each wing-tip was what appeared to be a flame-spouting tube, with flame coming from both ends, not just the rear. There were no vapor trails. As the UFO passed, a soft, high-pitched sound could be heard. Mr. Roscher said he was familiar with the latest commercial jets, including the Boeing 707, and this object had shorter wings and a much longer body. The UFO moved at a gentle upward angle, disappearing into clouds after about three minutes. Roscher added that he had never before seen anything of this sort "that after careful observation was not explainable."

September 26; Ruthven, Iowa—A brilliantly lighted UFO, elliptical in shape, was reported to police by several citizens, who watched it for nearly two hours after 4:00 a.m. Roger Olson and Fran Wilbur, of Spencer, told police the brilliant object had swooped in from the north passing over their car, then doubled back and hovered at low altitude. The couple drove into Spencer and reported the incident to police. Officers Ben Decker and Homer Runge, equipped with field glasses and a powerful telescope, watched the UFO maneuver around the area. Decker said the object had a shape similar to a fat cigar (i.e. an ellipse) and glowed a brilliant white tinged with blue on the perimeter. It moved erratically, hovering, going up and down, back and forth. Occasionally the light would dim, then brighten again. The Spencer Times determined that no balloons were in the area.

## SCIENTIST ACCEPTS UFOs, ADVANCES ICE THEORY

A Convair scientist, accepting the crucial data on UFOs as unexplained, has advanced a theory which argues that UFOs are ice meteorites.

In Saturday Review, Sept. 5, 1959, Donald H. Robey, physicist on the pre-design staff of Convair-Astronautics in California, said the UFOs reported by reputable observers probably were pieces of space ice-bergs which plummet into the earth's atmosphere, then erode into discs of ice which maneuver erratically due to aerodynamic forces.

Admitting that "there are no eyewitness accounts of a confirmed cometoid" (his name for the chunks of ice which allegedly glide through the atmosphere), Robey said the cometoids could explain unusual ice-falls. The main difficulty of his theory in regard to UFOs is that it fails to explain how UFOs could pace planes for long periods of time, or hover and then dart upwards, and other similar maneuvers which have frequently been reported. His theory might have merit in accounting for the huge chunks of falling ice which have never been explained satisfactorily.

Although his theory does not explain many UFO reports adequately, it is encouraging to note that another scientist has accepted UFOs as a real phenomenon requiring an explanation.

A report that an Anglican priest and several natives saw a UFO at close range last June over New Guinea, with some sort of glowing "figures" visible on top, is under investigation by NICAP. Information sent by attorney P.E. Norris, NICAP member in Melbourne, Australia, is being examined. A complete report will be made if justified by the evidence.

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## RUSSIAN STATEMENTS INDICATE BELIEF IN SPACE LIFE

Recent Russian statements indicate that the Soviet Union either takes UFOs and space races seriously, or considers it a worthwhile propaganda line to give that impression.

One Russian theory involving the presence of intelligent beings on other planets was reported on May 1 from Moscow. Dr. I. Shklovsky, in a Russian Communist youth paper, wrote that the two moons of Mars probably are artificial satellites put up millions of years ago by a race of Martians now extinct.

The scientist said the "moons" are probably hollow and appear to be speeding up as our artificial satellites do when they come closer to earth.

"Intelligent beings," he added, "had probably appeared on Mars at that time (two or three billion years ago) and had achieved a high level of culture."

On January 5 the Soviet newspaper "Pravda" quoted Prof. Alexander Kazantsev, in a discussion of the Russian lunar rocket, as saying that in the near future a moon-ship would take scientists to the moon to study "the constructions erected by the inhabitants of other planets." It was not clear whether this referred to artificial constructions believed by some to be on the moon, or to direct observation of other planets from the moon.

The same scientist in a new book titled "A Guest From the Universe," states his belief that the famous Siberian meteorite of 1908 was actually an atomic space ship from Mars or Venus which exploded in the air. He bases this conclusion on the similarity of the explosion to that of an atomic bomb, and the fact that no meteorite fragments were found in

## FINAL ADAMSKI VOTE

Approximately 85% of NICAP members who voted in the recent ballot on claims made by George Adamski are convinced that his claims are false. This was the result of the final ballot count.

Since many members checked off two boxes on the ballot instead of one, the statistics were broken down as follows to correspond to the two questions asked: (1) about the 1958 Kansas City claim, (2) about his claims in general:

	true	false
Kansas City claim-	16%	82%
All claims-	13%	87%

NICAP members have thus rejected Adamski's claims by a resounding margin; however, NICAP will continue to examine any claims made by people who are willing to present evidence in support of their claims.

spite of the tremendous area affected by the blast. Many residents of the area reportedly fell victims to an "unknown" disease now known to resemble radiation poisoning.

The apparent strong Russian interest in space travel and life in space, with the implications that space ships have visited the earth and moon, seems to be a new outlook. A few years ago, the Russians blamed UFO reports on Western "war-mongering Capitalists," and semi-official reports indicated that no UFOs had been seen in Russia. (This is contrary to the evidence.)

Now the Russians are apparently taking life on other planets for granted and attempting to learn more about it. It remains to be seen whether this is genuine. If so, then they may be preparing their people for attempts to communicate with intelligent beings who might live on other planets.

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## NICAP EVIDENCE READY FOR CONGRESS

Documentary proof of the AF cover-up on UFOs has been prepared by NICAP for seven Congressional committees. Key points in this documentary evidence include:

1. Proof that the AF secretly ordered an airliner carrying passengers to leave its assigned course and chase a UFO.

2. An extract from an AF Intelligence Report describing mysterious UFO "explosions" near an AF transport over the Pacific, and the transport captain's opinion that the plane had been "shot at" by some unknown object. This report also cites unsolved disappearances of AF transports in the same area and states that the crewmen who saw the "explosions" appeared to have linked this action with the previous disappearances.

3. A new public statement by Major Dewey Fournet, USAFR, who as an Intelligence officer was assigned to monitor the UFO Project "Blue Book" for AF HQ. Major Fournet, now a NICAP Board member, has just confirmed the existence of a document the AF has repeatedly denied.

The Top Secret Estimate of the Situation drawn up in 1948. This hidden document was first publicly cited by Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, former head of the project. Ruppelt revealed that the secret official conclusion was that the UFOs were interplanetary spaceships. Numerous members of Congress, also members of the press and NICAP, have been flatly told by high AF officers that no such document ever existed. Major Fournet's new confirmation will probably have an important effect on Congressmen who were given the official denials.

4. The censored page of the Armstrong Theater script on UFOs. This page contained a disclosure about the 1948 Top Secret conclusion and other hidden AF opinions about UFOs, first approved by the Armstrong Theater writer for broadcast by NICAP's director. This important section was stricken from the NICAP script at AF insistence, along with other important evidence.

5. Hidden UFO sightings from confidential sources, including: An encounter with a giant flying-disc, by a Navy plane over the Atlantic; a close-up observation by a Navy commander who admitted the sighting had scared him; a sighting by a well-known scientist and some of his staff; an encounter with a rocket-shaped UFO by pilots of a Navy squadron, with subsequent orders by the Air Force to keep it secret.

6. Contradictory AF documents and letters which fully prove that the facts have been kept from the public.

Several of the preceding items, among them surprising proof of the secret airliner chase, the hidden cases and the Pacific mystery report, are included in the new book *Flying Saucers: Top Secret* by the Director of NICAP. This is a

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## FORMER CIA DIRECTOR SAYS UFOs UNDER INTELLIGENT CONTROL NICAP Majority Conclude Objects Interplanetary

In his first public opinion on the nature of UFOs, Vice Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, has stated that the "unknown objects are operating under intelligent control." Speaking as a NICAP Board member, Adm. Hillenkoetter said it was high time the secrecy was ended.

"It is imperative," he said, "that we learn where the UFOs come from and what their purpose is." Commenting on official sighting reports in World War II and the years immediately afterward when he headed the CIA, he added: "I know that neither Russia nor this country had anything even approaching such high speeds and maneuvers."

Also for the first time, the majority opinion of the Board and Special Advisers has now been released:

The unknown devices reported by reliable observers are intelligently controlled machines from outer space.

Joining in this opinion were the following:

Board members: Dr. Marcus Bach, Rev. Albert Baller, Mr. Frank Edwards, Col. R. B. Emerson, Rear Adm. H. B. Knowles, Prof. Charles A. Maney. Special Advisers: Norman Bean, chief of engineering, WTVJ, Miami; Albert M. Chop, former AF information official on UFOs; A. L. Cochran, electronics expert; Samuel Freeman, former AF major; Frank Halstead, for 25 years curator of Darling Observatory; Dr. Leslie Kaeburn, chief of bio-electronics, Univ. of Southern California; Prof. N. N. Kohanowski, Univ. of N. Dakota; Capt. R. B. McLaughlin, Navy missile expert, and Capt. W. B. Nash, Pan American Airways.

detailed, behind-the-scenes story of the Committee's fight to end UFO censorship and determine the facts. Some of the basic incidents are known to members, though more details are given than was possible in condensed NICAP publications. In addition, there are several discoveries which were held for the documented report to Congress, including the officially approved script prepared for closed-circuit use at Lackland AFB, which fully admitted that UFOs are interplanetary devices.

(In the following months, the main topics of this book will be reported, in digest form, in the UFO Investigator, and if space permits also in NICAP bulletins, so that members can learn the essential facts without securing the book.)

(To date, we still do not have a majority vote on the question of purchasing the above-mentioned book through NICAP, at a discount. If a decision is reached before we go to press, a bulletin will be inserted on another page.)

## Menzel Admits He Did Not Get UFO Facts

Dr. Donald H. Menzel, harshest skeptic of UFO reports, has admitted that he failed to get all the factual evidence before debunking important sightings.

In a discussion with NICAP's director, on the Garroway program of May 16, the head of Harvard Observatory conceded that he did not have the detailed AF reports when he labeled many UFOs as mirages and illusions. He said he found the AF would have muzzled him if they gave him the cases. Before this interview, Menzel had publicly scoffed at charges of AF censorship.

During the TV interview, it was also revealed that the chief AF consultant on UFOs, noted astronomer Dr. J. Allen Hynek, had labeled Menzel's UFO explanations as "not a serious treatise." Anyone looking for a serious study, stated Dr. Hynek, would be disappointed.

In 1958, a high AF official wrote Rep. Carl Vinson that Dave Garroway had agreed to help put the UFO story in "proper perspective," obviously implying aid in debunking the subject. But during a moment off camera, Garroway told Menzel that he was one of the "believers." In addition, one of Garroway's staff said they had no knowledge of any promise to help debunk UFOs. Rep. Vinson is being informed of this apparently false statement by the AF.

## "Argosy" Exposes UFO Secrecy

This June issue of *Argosy* contains a documented expose of AF censorship, including photographed sections from AF Reg. 200-2 and JANAP 146. By-lined "as told to Harold Salkin" by NICAP's director, the article also includes new details of the AF censorship imposed on the Armstrong Theater staff during rehearsals for the January 1958 program "UFO-Enigma of the Skies."

Because of the unfortunate U-2 "spy plane" publicity, a long-planned Washington press conference, to get these new UFO revelations into the newspapers, had to be canceled. If expected developments materialize, an important news story will probably go on the wires within a month. Meantime, all NICAP members are urged to inform their local newspapers and broadcasting stations of the key items in this bulletin.

## BOOK DISCOUNT

A semi-final count of member polls shows a substantial majority in favor of NICAP's selling the Director's new book, Flying Saucers: Top Secret, at a discount to members. Accordingly, we are preparing to mail single copies at \$2.65 each, a reduction of \$1.30. The \$2.65 rate includes the book, special packaging, handling and postage costs. Any member who wishes to obtain this reduction may do so by sending \$2.65, by check or money order, to NICAP, 1536 Connecticut Avenue, Washington 6, D.C. Books will be sent as quickly as possible, at book-mail rates. This arrangement will also apply to anyone joining NICAP besides those who are already members.

(Note: For those who wish to order the book directly, ask your local book dealer. Or order direct from the publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 210 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N.Y. The full price is \$3.95.)

### SCIENTISTS URGE UNMANNED PROBES OF PLANETS

The Space Science Board of the National Academy of Sciences has recommended that the first probes of other planets be accomplished by means of instruments. Man is "a teeming reservoir of microbial contamination, the most difficult to neutralize," the report says. Human exploration might contaminate a planet and the chance to study other forms of life in their native environments might be "irretrievably lost."

Discussing a hypothetical study of Mars, the report describes a combination microscope-telescope device which could land and unroll a tape to collect information. The tape would then be viewed microscopically and a picture transmitted to earth by television.

In connection with the possibility that some UFOs are space ships, any extraterrestrial race might well have the same reservations about landing on earth. Such beings, conversely, might not be immune to certain disease germs on earth and would have to avoid direct contact with earth life until a study could be made with instruments.

### NEW PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

Effective this month, NICAP has revised its literature to promise new members a bi-monthly UFO INVESTIGATOR and occasional special bulletins in between whenever developments warrant. A chronic shortage of funds in the past has made this necessary.

In the past, members were promised 12 publications a year. When issues were missed, memberships were automatically extended.

A new system of figuring renewal dates will have to be devised so that an equitable adjustment can be made for new members as well as old. This will be announced in a future issue.

## AIR FORCE CONTRADICTS FAA REPORT

A new letter denying a Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) report that a UFO sighted last September 24 in Redmond, Oregon, was tracked by AF radar men, is being circulated by the Air Force. FAA observers had watched the rapidly maneuvering UFO and reported it to the Air Force. After AF radar confirmed the sighting, the FAA said, jets were sent up to intercept the object. The FAA logs state that AF radar was still tracking the UFO more than an hour later "at altitudes that vary from 6000 to 54,000 feet." The new Air Force letter implies that GCI radar men were confused by a blip from a stationary antenna on a nearby hill-top which "was promptly identified as not being the erratic moving UFO." New information obtained by NICAP confirms the original FAA report.

The Air Force letter was released following a NICAP letter to AF Secretary Dudley Sharp asking for an explanation of the contradictory reports, and a newswire story citing the FAA report. Instead the second reply came from the regular UFO spokesman admitting that there had been a radar target, but denying that it was a UFO blip. The same reply has been given to NICAP members who inquired through their representatives in Congress.

Apparently unaware until then of the full FAA reports, the AF said: "Copies of the information contained in the FAA logs have been forwarded to Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center for possible additional consideration...should any additional evidence warrant a change in the evaluation category for this particular sighting, a press release will be made."

Elsewhere in its reply, the AF also admitted that nine aircraft had conducted an active search for the UFO: Seven jet fighters, a B-47 bomber, and a Tripacer which later searched the area for signs of radioactivity. The AF said none of the planes made visual or radar contact with the UFO.

Apparently anticipating a flood of queries after the NICAP press story broke, the AF rushed out the long, impressively detailed answer knocking down the radar report which NICAP said had been suppressed. The reply consisted of two basic statements:

(1) An active GCI (Ground Control Intercept) radar site had suddenly been fooled by a blip from a fixed antenna, had "promptly identified" it as such, (but apparently had not bothered to explain this to the FAA either then or later.)

(2) The non-moving radar target could not have been the UFO reported visually because "they all testified it maneuvered rapidly and at times hovered," the AF said.

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## Other Worlds' Messages To Space Probes May Be Heard

Dr. Frank D. Drake, director of the government search for intelligent signals from space, has stated that the 85-foot radio telescope of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, W. Va., may intercept messages from space probes launched by other civilizations in space. The Project Ozma search was first based on the possibility that there could be intentional signals beamed toward our sun by other intelligent beings whose civilizations may be far more advanced than ours.

Associated Press science writer Alton Blakeslee, who interviewed Dr. Drake, quoted him as saying: "We might hear faintly the signals sent by some planet to guide or instruct deep space probes, just as we send signals to our recent space probe launched toward Venus."

### The Facts

The description of the UFO and its strange maneuvers has been confirmed in a tape-recorded interview of two witnesses, policeman Robert Dickerson who first reported the UFO to the FAA and Laverne Wertz, FAA flight service specialist at Redmond. Wertz, stating that the changes of altitude were confirmed to him "by radar contact," also describes the odd tongues of flame in detail. Tentacle-like projections extended out from different portions of the UFO one by one, first glowing crimson red, then taking on a greenish tint, then retracting. "I never observed anything like it," Wertz says. When asked whether he thought the UFO was under intelligent control, Wertz replies: "I would say it was." Citing its maneuvers and vertical take-off, he continues "it would have to be very maneuverable and controlled." (The first AF reply to NICAP had suggested the object was "probably a balloon.")

Patrolman Dickerson also confirms early press reports that "the trees were lit up and the object moved from side to side" when it descended close to the ground.

### NICAP Comment

The serious reports from the FAA observers, the use of nine planes to search for the UFO, and the later check for radioactivity all indicate that the case is far more substantial than the Air Force would previously admit.

It appears that the "insufficient data" category is often used to hide the facts about important UFO cases which can not be explained in terms of conventional objects. NICAP hopes that members will encourage their Senators or Representatives to hear the testimony of the FAA witnesses. The tape recorded interview with Wertz and Dickerson will also be made available to any interested Congressional committees.

## FBI DISOWNS UFO PHOTO

The photograph taken by a Grand Blanc, Michigan, man February 13 showing a UFO against the moon (see March UFO Investigator) has been turned over to the Air Force by the FBI agents who collected it at the owner's request. This was confirmed by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in answer to a NICAP query.

Joe Perry, owner of the picture, learned of the official UFO investigation after displaying the picture in his restaurant and notified the Air Force about it. The AF referred him to the FBI and two agents came and took the picture. Director Hoover has now told NICAP that the Bureau does not investigate UFO reports for the Air Force, but does accept information that is volunteered. "We did furnish these photographs to a representative of the Department of the Air Force for whatever action was deemed appropriate by that agency," he added.

Later FBI agents visited Perry several more times and repeatedly gave him the exact address where his picture was being held—an office at a local AF installation. In a taped report to NICAP, Perry said he thinks they were hinting for him to take the picture back. This, he suspected, would give official investigators an easy out. If anyone inquired about the analysis, officials could claim that they were not given enough time to complete an analysis. After learning about past treatment of photographic evidence, however, Perry decided to make an issue out of his case and insist that his picture be analyzed, then returned and the facts made public.

The FBI action may have been taken to offset any idea that the Bureau, which has the high regard of most citizens, would participate in any cover-up of data which rightfully belonged to a citizen. The failure of the AF base to take further action has not been explained; NICAP has asked the AF UFO spokesman about the analysis and what further action may be expected.

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The Air Force has notified NICAP that the color photograph taken by Joseph Perry, Grand Blanc, Michigan, has been returned to the owner. "It is the Air Force's opinion," the letter said, "that the blue spots on the slide are not images but result from damage to the emulsion during the developing process."

NICAP has asked Mr. Perry to make the slide available to NICAP photographic advisers who will check this conclusion.

We urgently need your support at this critical time. Please send us the names of friends who are interested in the UFO problem, if they are not already NICAP members.

## NEW SCIENTIFIC ADVISER SAYS UFOS MERIT STUDY

Frank G. Rawlinson, physicist for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), has agreed to serve on the NICAP Panel of Special Advisers. In accepting the position, Mr. Rawlinson made the following statement of his personal position on the UFO problem:

"I have no pet theories or orientation toward the subject of UFOs other than a scientific one. The only valid approach to the study of any subject is the scientific methodology. I believe that UFOs need to be approached in this manner.

I think it is established that phenomena exist which merit a careful scientific study. Such a study is important for two reasons. The first is the existence of phenomena which may be of considerable importance. If UFOs are spaceships of extraterrestrial origin, and this is a reasonable but to me unproven hypothesis, their importance is readily apparent.

Second, all the nonsense about UFOs which is being spread by crackpots, mystics, and opportunists looking for self-advancement, has created a state of confusion which needs to be counteracted.

I believe NICAP is approaching the subject of UFOs with a scientific and rational attitude. This organization appears to have no axe to grind other than a desire to acquire a sound knowledge of UFOs and to instigate a scientific investigation of the subject. For this and the above reasons I have agreed to become a NICAP Adviser."

## NEW UFO MOVIE SUBMITTED TO AIR FORCE

A new color movie taken April 11 by a Wisconsin woman has been turned over to the Air Force for analysis. The movie, showing three bright UFOs, has been viewed by NICAP member Charles Morris, Dubuque, Iowa, who reported sighting three elliptical UFOs March 4 (see March UFO Investigator.) Morris, who had unsuccessfully exposed several feet of movie film during his own sighting, is investigating the new case on behalf of NICAP. The UFOs are visible on about 20 seconds of 8 mm color film.

The successful color movie was taken by Mary Jo Curwen, Hazel Green, Wisconsin. She and her family all saw the UFOs. The film was first viewed by the staff of the Dubuque Telegraph-Herald, which had reported Morris' sighting and film to the Pentagon. (The AF later told the paper that Morris had seen real UFOs—not any known military or civilian aircraft.) ATIC has promised to notify the paper about its conclusions on the Curwen film. The AF answer, and more details on the sighting, will be covered in a later issue.

## APRO METAL EXTRATERRESTRIAL?

A sample of metal found after a UFO was seen to explode in Brazil in 1957 has proved to be magnesium of 100% purity, according to the analysis reports released by the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) in New Mexico. As reported in the March UFO Investigator, APRO challenged the Air Force on March 12 to have the metal analyzed openly, giving all the facts to the public. APRO later rejected an AF offer to have ATIC scientists conduct the examination on the grounds that the facts would be buried. The original analysis reports, including spectrographic film and X-ray diffraction analysis film, are on file at APRO headquarters (1712 Van Court, Alamo-gordo, N.M.)

A group of fishermen on a beach near Ubatuba, Sao Paulo State, Brazil, sighted a disc-shaped UFO flashing down toward the sea just offshore early in September 1957. As they watched, the APRO report continues, the object suddenly veered upward and exploded, showering fragments and sparks like fireworks. Fragments of the UFO were later obtained by Dr. Olavo Fontes, surgeon in Rio de Janeiro, who arranged several tests. Dr. Fontes is an APRO representative in Brazil.

Among those who examined the metal were: Dr. Luisa Barbosa, chemist at the National Mineral Production Laboratory; Dr. Elysiaro Tavora Filho, Geology and Mineralogy Division of the National Department of Mineral Production; and Brazilian Army scientists. No impurities were found other than magnesium hydroxide formed by contact with the water. Ordinarily traces of other metals are apparent in the purest magnesium on earth.

The APRO conclusion: "The airborne object which exploded above the beach at Ubatuba, Brazil, consisted, at least in part, of 100 per cent magnesium, which is not within the technology of our times." APRO considers it "highly probable" that the chunks of metal are actual pieces of an extraterrestrial object.

Max B. Miller, former editor of "Saucers" magazine and author of the Trend book "Flying Saucers—Fact or Fiction?" has agreed to serve as a NICAP Adviser for photography. Miller was recently cited by the Air Force Association for a documentary film of the World Congress of Flight, and has long experience with photography related to UFO investigation.

Please help us to secure new members, to increase public awareness of the UFO problem and to build up NICAP's influence with Congress and the press.

## RECENT UFO SIGHTINGS

March 9; Beverly, Mass.—Mr. & Mrs. Elwyn Ayers and their daughter saw a large circular UFO about 7:15 p.m. which maneuvered, divided in two and then sped away. The object, which first hovered, had star-like rays around it and appeared to be larger than the apparent diameter of the moon. Then it began to drift eastward from its position in the south sky, suddenly changed to a red color and accelerated upward at an angle to the south. Still visible in the distance, the UFO then split into two red lights and moved away northward across the eastern sky, rejoining into one object. The sighting was investigated by members of NICAP who are forming a Subcommittee in the area.

March 24; Baltimore, Md.—An odd UFO, like a double cylinder, was sighted about 5:00 a.m. by Camilla Pannone, driver for the Hoffberger Company. The sighting was investigated by a Baltimore detective who is also a NICAP member.

While driving east on Taylor Ave. Pannone chanced to look up and saw the bright orange UFO angling from left to right across the road ahead of him at low altitude. The UFO passed low over a 40-foot house about 250-300 feet away, and in comparison with the house appeared to be about 15 feet long.

The two closely-spaced cylindrical sections of the UFO were rounded on the front and blunt on the trailing end. As the perspective changed, Pannone could see a space between the two sections, but could not be sure whether the two were actually linked together. The UFO vanished behind landmarks and was not seen again.

April 1; Raleigh, N.C.—A bright pulsating UFO which hovered, then moved below the eastern horizon was reported by Bernard Haugen, Dept. of Water Resources chemist, and Don Patten, a former Air Force control tower man.

Haugen and Patten were standing on the N.C. State College campus engaged in conversation about 7:00 p.m. when they noticed the bright object about 35° above the eastern horizon apparently moving slowly to the south. As the men watched, the UFO flared up, then dimmed. After hovering in one spot for several minutes, the UFO began moving more noticeably and, still pulsating, dropped out of sight behind buildings to the east.

April 2; Long Beach, Cal.—Three young men sighted a V-formation of eight "round white-lighted objects" which swept over the city from the south at about 9:00 p.m. The UFOs changed positions in formation and disappeared to the northeast after about a minute.

April 6; Opa Locka, Fla.—Norris Cook and several children watched a bright disc-shaped UFO apparently maneuvering around a B-52 bomber about 5:30 p.m. Cook was interviewed by NICAP member Al Koblack, who reported that the apparent diameter of the UFO was one-fourth to one-third the wingspan of the B-52.

"At first sighting the UFO was astern of the aircraft...it moved to port of the aircraft then to dead ahead and then to starboard," as it circled the plane at a constant distance of about 400-500 feet. The B-52 and the UFO both disappeared in the distance.

April 11; Hazel Green, Wisc.—The movie film of three UFOs reported elsewhere in this issue.

## UNAVOIDABLE DELAY

We regret that publication of this bulletin has been delayed until now. A combination of unexpected developments prevented earlier release and led to the postponement.

First the release date of the new book by the NICAP Director was postponed until May 16. A press conference and simultaneous report to members also had to be postponed. Unexpectedly, copies of the book began to appear in bookstores before the official release date. To prevent a premature news break which would undermine the press conference, the conference date was moved up to May 9. Then, on the eve of the conference, the U-2 "spy plane" story broke. This jammed the press wires and forced cancellation of the conference.

The book was released May 16 (see notice to members elsewhere in this issue.) Since then other publicity has developed which has brought new attention to NICAP's work. This should benefit all members.

April 12; LeCamp, La.—The Leesville Sheriff's office is investigating a report of a strange UFO which landed with a loud explosion near LeCamp, then took off again knocking the top out of a tree. The report is similar to the "New Haven signboard case" of 1953 in which an exploding fireball crashed through a metal signboard in Connecticut, then angled upward and continued on. Traces of copper were detected on the jagged hole in the sign.

The Louisiana UFO was seen about 9:20 p.m. as it landed with a loud explosion, bounced along the ground for about 1000 feet, then rose and headed west clipping the top out of a tree. Witnesses told sheriff's deputies the object was about eight by twelve feet, or roughly spherical. It was leaving a fiery exhaust about a foot long. The object made definite impressions on the ground and scorched the grass.

April 13; Lexington, Mass.—Streater Stuart, noted Boston area newscaster, along with his wife and family watched a bright white UFO sweep across the sky about 8:40 p.m. The UFO moved from west to east, then made a gradual turn to the north over the eastern horizon.

Stuart checked with observatories and ruled out the possibility of a satellite before reporting the sighting on WBZ-TV. While checking he learned that Fort Monmouth, N.J., radar had tracked a UFO at about the same time—apparently the same object.

April 19; Conrad, Montana—A young farmer spotted an oblong UFO about 5:45 p.m. while driving his tractor in a field, when the sudden glare of reflected sunlight from the UFO caused him to look up. David Doheny, described by the local newspaper as "sober and industrious," said the strange silent UFO circled around slowly, at times hovering at low altitude. The editor of the local "Independent-Observer," who said he too had seen some strange UFOs, talked to Doheny and then advised him to report the sighting to the local Air Force base.

April 25; Plymouth, N.H.—Former Selectman Arnold W. Spencer reported seeing a bright cigar-shaped UFO with blunted ends, hovering in the eastern sky about 9:00 p.m. Then it suddenly moved off to the south at high speed, lighting up tree branches as it passed, disappearing in about 30 seconds.

The UFO was dark scarlet in color and had bands or streamers of pulsating light running vertically through the body. It was sharply defined.

(April 15 at about 11:00 p.m. other witnesses had reported a long red cigar-shaped object moving erratically near the top of Mount Prospect, N.H. On April 28 a similar cigar-shaped UFO was sighted by a West Thornton, N.H., woman about 9:30 p.m. The bright red object looked "like a huge candle or log standing on end, pointed or tapered toward the top." It rose quickly casting a bright light on the ground and moved off to the west.)

May 4; Sarasota, Fla.—Architect S.B. Parker, Jr., sighted a yellow elliptical (or blunt cigar-shaped) UFO about 9:15 p.m. Four apertures, like square lighted windows, were visible along the side. Faint vertical bands of light were also noted. The UFO moved out of sight in a northerly direction at tree-top level within seconds.

## NOTICE

As an economy measure, all or part of recent NICAP publications were set in this small type on a special rented typewriter. Future issues, as often as possible, will be set by Varitype with justified columns as on the front page of this issue.

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## UFO SURVEILLANCE LINK WITH SPACE

The Office of the Secretary of the Air Force has made two important admissions about UFOs, in a private "policy letter" to all AF commanders:

1. The AF maintains a "continuous surveillance of the atmosphere near Earth for unidentified flying objects--UFOs."

2. The Air Force's interest in space surveillance is related to this constant alert for UFOs.

The policy letter from Secretary Dudley Sharp's office, dated Aug. 15, 1960, was signed by Maj. Gen. Arno Luehman.

As in the UFO surveillance, the space watch is on a round-the-clock basis, the policy letter stated. Tracking of both known and unidentified space objects is carried out by the National Space Surveillance Control Center, aided by "a selected scientific group under the supervision of the Air Force."

The Space Surveillance Control Center, on Air Research and Development grounds at Bedford, Mass., receives data on satellites and unknown space objects from over 100 sensor stations in the U.S. and abroad. Positions of both known and unidentified space objects are indicated on a luminous map of the world. The Center has a computer with data on all known earth-launched satellites, orbiting boosters and rocket parts, so that any strange object reported in orbit can be quickly recognized as such.

Recently, the Center tracked an orbiting mystery object which also was seen by observatories and Moonwatch teams. The director of Adler Planetarium publicly declared the object was a UFO, faster than any known earth satellite. (See Mystery Object story.)

To date, the AF has been silent about this strange space object; the usual answers could not explain away factual reports by well-known professional astronomers. Instead of the usual brush-off, the AF now has announced plans for two systems to detect and identify unknown objects and relaying images to earth. The other program, labeled "Project Saint," will involve "big brother" satellites also designed to identify strange orbiting objects. An AF spokesman has stated these inspection-satellites probably would be equipped with TV and telemetering devices to provide descriptions of unknown satellites.

The AF has publicly implied that these detection devices are mainly intended to spot secretly launched Russian satellites. But the private AF admission in the Aug. 15th policy letter strongly indicates they will have another purpose equally vital--perhaps even more important:

To detect and identify space-machines coming from other

## False AF Answer in Red Bluff Case

In utter disregard of astronomical records, the AF has issued an impossible explanation of the August 13-14 UFO sightings in the vicinity of Red Bluff, Calif. The Red Bluff case included a dramatic encounter by State police, visual reports by other witnesses, and an AF radar station's admission that it had tracked "an object" at the time of the State police sighting.

Answering a NICAP request for the AF conclusions, the official spokesman on UFOs, Lt. Col. L. J. Tacker, sent this signed statement:

"The individuals concerned witnessed a refraction of the planet Mars and the two bright stars Aldebaran and Betelgeux (Correct spelling: Betelgeuse) . . . . Not only was there a temperature inversion but during part of the time double inversions existed."

A check of August 13-14 star positions by a NICAP astronomical adviser reveals these facts:

1. Mars and the two stars were below the horizon, invisible, when police sighted the UFO at 11:45 p.m., August 13.

2. Mars did not appear until an hour later. Aldebaran was just visible above the horizon at 1 a.m., August 14, and Betelgeuse did not rise until nearly 3 a.m.

It is absolutely impossible for Mars, Aldebaran or Betelgeuse to have been the UFO seen from 11:45 to 12:45, Aug. 13-14, nor could they in any way explain the relatively low-altitude radar tracking.

Apparently the AF gambled that no one would check the star positions when they risked this answer. Probable reasons:

1. To kill this important new report and stop the growing press interest in the new wave of sightings.

2. To avert any speculation that the Red Bluff UFO came from the orbiting "mystery object" tracked by astronomical observatories and the Space Surveillance Control Center. (See separate story.)

The importance of this case is shown by the key points:

At 10:30 p.m., Aug. 13, a large, oval-shaped object was seen maneuvering over Hollywood, Calif. At about 11:45, State Policemen Stanley Scott and Charles A. Carson, cruising near Corning, south of Red Bluff, sighted the same or another UFO. At first they took it to be an airliner in trouble. Then they saw it had no wings. A red light showed at each end, with several white lights on the side. The strange machine was moving at a low altitude.

## CONGRESSMEN AID NICAP IN FIGHT AGAINST SECRECY

Direct Congressional support for the release of hidden UFO information -- possibly before next session -- has developed rapidly in the last few weeks. The increased Congressional concern has resulted mainly from the first submission of NICAP's Confidential Report, which was photo-copied and sent to a selected group on Capitol Hill.

All the remaining legislators are now being sent copies of the documented evidence, thanks to the aid of NICAP members. Answers will be reported in the next UFO Investigator. Meantime, here are a few statements and actions by members of the first Congressional group:

1. In a letter to AF Secretary Dudley Sharp, Sept. 19, Congressman Edgar W. Hiestand, Calif., asked that AF policy on UFOs be re-examined, with a change to "complete frankness."

"I am apprehensive," stated Congressman Hiestand, "that right now, in the middle of a campaign, some concrete and well-documented incident may occur, and a sensational revelation could really hurt."

"After all, although the UFOs are unknown devices, there seems to be enough evidence available to convince that they are real rather than imaginary . . . . Therefore, what harm could complete frankness do?"

2. On Aug. 31, Congressman Leonard G. Wolf, Iowa, Member of the Science and Astronautics Committee, told the House of Representatives:

A. "There is real concern by many Members of Congress."

B. "The conclusions of these experienced NICAP officials should be given careful consideration."

C. "A thorough study of the UFO problem should be made. Pending such action, I believe that publication of the NICAP Report (with confidential Section V deleted: NICAP note) will help to reduce the dangers cited by Vice Admiral Hillenkoetter and the other NICAP officials." (See Sept. 2 Congressional Record, Page A 6714.)

Detailed excerpts from Congressman Wolf's statement include the following:

"Admiral Hillenkoetter's request that Congress inform the public as to the facts is endorsed by more than 200 pilots, rocket, aviation and radar experts, astronomers, military veterans and other technically trained members of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena." (Typical examples were listed, with names.) "I believe the conclusions of these experienced NICAP officials should be



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given careful consideration. Certainly their sober evaluations should be completely disassociated from the obvious frauds and delusions about UFOs which unfortunately have been publicized. The NICAP report is stated to be the result of a 3-year investigation -- its conclusions based only on verified visual, radar and photographic evidence by trained, reputable observers."

Referring to NICAP's warning that UFOs might be mistaken for Soviet missiles or jet aircraft, accidentally causing war (a danger also emphasized by Gen. L. M. Chassin, NATO Coordinator of Allied Air Services) Congressman Wolf stated:

"Certainly every Member of Congress will agree that any such danger of accidental war--even if slight--must be averted in every possible way. It is also important to prevent any unfounded fear that the UFOs are secret enemy devices.

"After discussing the subject with colleagues, I am certain that there is real concern by many Members of Congress. Without necessarily accepting all the conclusions of the NICAP Board of Governors and technical advisers, we are convinced that a thorough study should be made. Pending such action, I believe that publication of the NICAP report will help to reduce the dangers cited by Vice Admiral Hillenkoetter and the other NICAP officials.

"For those Members desiring to do so, the previously mentioned confidential report can be obtained upon request at the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C."

Congressman Wolf also has assured NICAP he will cooperate with other legislators to secure open hearings early in '61.

3. Congressman Dante B. Fascell, Fla., Government Operations Committee, to NICAP director after receipt of Confidential Report:

"I am sure because of your interest and work that when Congress convenes the matter will be amply brought to our attention."

4. Congressman A. Sidney Herlong, Jr., Fla., Ways and Means Committee, to NICAP member Del Santee: "Before any major legislation (to bring the UFO matter before Congress) Committee hearings will be held and ample time afforded for NICAP . . . (to present UFO data.) I will fully familiarize myself with NICAP testimony."

5. Stanley M. Andrews on Staff of Senator Frank J. Lausche, Ohio, to NICAP member Catherine Carter Golden: "I am sure he (Senator Lausche) would feel that an open hearing on the entire subject would clear up the matter and determine who is right."

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6. Congressman Frank Thompson, Jr. N. J., to NICAP members Mr. and Mrs. John B. Power: "I am bringing this matter (a congressional investigation of the UFO problem) to the attention of the proper officials, and I shall do all that I can to help along the lines you suggested."

7. Senator Leverett Saltonstall, N.Y., Committee on Armed Services, to NICAP director: "Thank you for your confidential letter regarding Unidentified Flying Objects. It will make a useful addition to the Senate Preparedness Investigating Committee files . . . they maintain continuous liaison with the Air Force on this subject."

Sen. Saltonstall's previous statement to NICAP member Fred A. Tourelle: "This is a problem in which I am deeply interested . . . We must consider the genuine security necessities . . . (in releasing military service information) . . . but I think there are many cases in which more information should be made available to the public."

8. Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, Chairman, Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee. As previously reported, Senator Johnson, after examining the NICAP Confidential Report, wrote the director that the subcommittee staff was keeping close watch on new UFO developments, recent significant sightings and the AF investigations.

#### OTHER CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENTS

The following digests are examples of other Congressional opinions:

Sen. Goldwater (Brigadier General, AF Reserve): UFOs--flying saucers--are real. When queried, the AF 'clams up.'

Sen. Symington: The public has sound reason to be confused about UFOs. They should be told all facts not adverse to security.

Sen. Smathers; referring to NICAP stand against secrecy: I would not oppose open hearings. The public should know all facts not violating security.

Rep. Ashley: I share your concern over the secrecy.

Rep. Ayres: Most (UFO) material for the Committees is classified.

Rep. Marshall: There is growing interest in release of UFO information.

Rep. McCulloch: Citizens should be fully advised about UFOs, if it would not endanger security.

Rep. Moeller: All available facts should be made known. I believe Americans could take such information without hysteria. Fear of the unknown is always greater than fear of the known.

Rep. R.J. Scott: The public should be told the facts in a manner which would avoid alarm. If the information were presented to appeal to reason, not emotion, I think it would be a good thing.

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Rep. Scherer: Even a Member of Congress cannot secure access to whatever military information is available.

Additional Members of Congress who have shown unusual interest in trying to secure UFO facts from the AF include Senators Harry F. Byrd and Kenneth B. Keating, and Representatives Baumhart, Frelinghuysen, Hardy, Metcalf and others.

Since barely a tenth of the legislators received the NICAP report before adjournment, the amount of serious Congressional support is remarkable. Also, it is sure to increase; thanks to financial and personal help from members, copies of the 10-page confidential document now are going to all other Senators and Congressmen.

This is a big chance to end the secrecy, with the help of NICAP members.

It is important that all Members of Congress realize that NICAP represents serious, responsible citizens in all 50 states, who fully support our attempts to end unwarranted secrecy through a Congressional investigation.

If you are concerned over the potential dangers, it will greatly help to speed action if you tell this to your Senators and Congressmen--at the earliest possible moment. Despite campaign pressures, they will not ignore urgent requests to read NICAP's Confidential Report and our plan for ending the hazards.

Send your letters to your legislators' home addresses, if known. If not, send to either the Senate Office Building or House Office Building, Washington 25, D.C. and mark the envelopes: "Please forward immediately."

Judging from answers to date, most legislators will put themselves on record as backing open hearings--regardless of their UFO beliefs. The publicity could snowball into demands for early action--even before the next session.

The NICAP Confidential Report asks all legislators to weigh the massive documented evidence by expert observers and also the majority conclusions of NICAP's Board, Advisers and members:

1. The UFOs seen and photographed by competent observers are unknown objects under intelligent control, but are NOT Russian devices.

2. The AF secrecy is wrong, and has caused increasing dangers.

3. These dangers include:

A. The hazard of accidental war, by defense radarmen mistaking UFO formations for USSR missiles or jets, stressed by Gen. L.M. Chassin, NATO Co-ordinator of Allied Air Services, who warned we should openly recognize the UFOs' existence. B. The increasing risk that the USSR may start rumors that the UFOs are Russian secret weapons.

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## ASTRONOMER SAYS "MYSTERY OBJECT" MAY BE SPACE SHIP

The strangely orbiting object which for over a month has puzzled the AF, civilian satellite trackers and astronomers may be a visitor from another world, according to Prof. Robert L. Brown, Director of Southern Connecticut State College Observatory. "Our civilization has made real progress only in the past 50 years," stated the observatory head. "Isn't it possible then that a civilization on a distant planet, much older than ours, could have progressed far more?"

The large mystery object, which orbits the earth intermittently—evidently changing its course at will—was first observed soon after Aug. 12, when the U.S. launched the big Echo balloon satellite. After this, UFO sightings—already on the increase—took a new spurt, beginning with the Red Bluff case.

Frequently an unknown, high-altitude device has been sighted and tracked as Echo passed over, causing speculation that the "mystery object" is a carrier ship which is launching observer units or that the "space ship" itself is checking on the orbiting balloon.

Astronomers' reports of the object include:

An Aug. 24 sighting by Georgetown University Observatory, just after the 8:49 pass of Echo over Washing-

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ton. Horizon-to-horizon time, 2 1/2 minutes.

The Connecticut State College sightings, Aug. 24-25, reporting the red-glowing object moving "about three times as fast as Echo."

The Aug. 26 sightings by Adler Planetarium Director Robert Johnson and aides, at Chicago. Johnson publicly stated the object was a UFO.

"It was faster than any earth-launched satellite. And it orbited the wrong way—all our satellites are launched with the earth's rotation, for extra speed to escape the atmosphere."

The mystery device was photographed Aug. 25 by a tracking camera at Grumman Aviation Corp., L.I. (See LIFE, Sept. 7)

Sept. 26, Convair Aircraft engineer Tom Hemphill, head of the San Diego Moonwatch team, said he was convinced a huge mystery satellite was orbiting the earth.

Hemphill agreed with Dr. Johnson and other leading astronomers that the object could not be a manned Russian satellite launched secretly. Aside from the extreme difficulty of launching against the earth's rotation, he said, catching such a manned capsule would be like trying to shake hands with someone in a passing car, while the two machines were racing in opposite directions.

NICAP's request for AF conclusions has not been answered. However, at last reports, the Space Surveillance Control Center was still unable to identify the mystery object.

## UFO SIGHTING INCREASE WORRIES AIR FORCE

The sudden spurt in UFO operations, after the Echo launching Aug. 12, is known to worry the AF because expert observers involved are not easily discredited. Among them: AF, airline, private pilots; FAA tower operators, missile engineers, astronomers, Moonwatch tracking teams, police, etc. Adding to AF concern is growing pressure from Congressmen.

From Aug. 13 to early October, many UFOs, singly and in formation, have been seen from coast to coast. Following are typical cases:

At Akron, O., FAA tower saw and reported to AF a rapidly maneuvering UFO. Eureka, Calif., Pilot Herb Hartley, 3 UFOs, one very large with six even-spaced lights. Oak Forest, Ill., Pilot Harry Deerwester, Jr., former AF, in describing large, maneuvering UFO: "This was no conventional aircraft." Chicago, astronomer George Corso, 8-9 oval-shaped UFOs seen circling in echelon.

In one 48-hour period, scores of UFOs, often in formation, were sighted over San Francisco, L.A., 16 other California cities by police, engineers pilots, etc. Manchester, N.H., Pilot Aime Dallaire: "It must have been controlled to behave as it did."

UFOs reported were mainly discs, (some with domes), and a few cigar or rocket-shaped UFOs seen, as at Toronto, Canada, and Rumney, N.H. In N.H. case, WW II AF pilot Kenneth Elliott stated object had blinking lights on the side, like portholes. Evanston,

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Few Senators or Congressmen will disregard these dangers, once they see the evidence. Many are now completely unaware of the facts hidden by AF secrecy—or the sober conclusions of NICAP's experienced military men, scientists and engineers.

NICAP's letter forwarding the Confidential Report asked each legislator these six questions:

1. Do you agree with Gen. Chassin, NATO Co-ordinator, and the NICAP majority that we should openly confirm the existence of UFOs to avoid a danger of accidental war? Will you urge the Secretary of Defense to inform all defense personnel as to UFO characteristics, to prevent mistaking them for UFOs?

2. Do you believe airliners should be ordered by the AF to chase a UFO and aid jets in an interception, as in the April 8, 1956 case of Capt. Raymond Ryan, American Airlines, documented by NICAP? If you disapprove, will you so inform the AF, the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Federal Aviation Agency?

3. NICAP's Report cites AF Regulation 200-2, which forbids AF personnel even to discuss UFO cases with "unauthorized persons." It also cites an AF letter by Capt. G.H. Oldenburgh, Public Information Officer, stating it is against AF policy to release UFO information; and a statement by the Acting Commandant of the Coast Guard, that official UFO reports can not be released. On the basis of this and NICAP's documented cases, do you agree the AF has withheld UFO information and given contrary-to-fact reports to the public?

4. Do you agree, on the basis of NICAP documented evidence, and the majority Board and Adviser conclusions, that UFOs are real and under intelligent control?

5. Regardless of your personal belief, will you urge and support open hearings by either the Armed Services or Space Committees of the Senate or the House, in order to end the public confusion and the dangers cited? Do you agree such hearings should include testimony by NICAP officials and by expert pilots, tower operators, missile engineers, astronomers, radarman and other trained observers who have seen, tracked or photographed UFOs?

6. Pending such hearings, do you favor the release of NICAP's documented evidence which proves the UFOs could NOT be USSR devices—this to serve as a stopgap and to avert the dangers mentioned?

The NICAP letter also indicated the increased Congressional disapproval of AF secrecy, by members of both political parties.

If you should mention the six NICAP questions in writing your Senators and Congressmen, they may answer them directly in reply, before sending the answers to NICAP. If so, please send us the letters as soon as possible; if you wish, we will copy and return the originals.

We earnestly hope to hear from a majority of the legislators by October 25. This will make possible a crucial move by NICAP. With the help of members and our increasing supporters on Capitol Hill, we are going to win this fight.

We are very grateful to the members who made it possible to finish the first part of this important Congressional project.

## Sightings, from page 3

Ill., S.A. Dell'Aria (AF in WW II, now advertising executive) sighted apparently revolving UFO with intermittent halo-like glow. Aug. 18, at Concord, Calif., AF jet sent to chase spinning, circular object. Lexington, Ky., an Army captain (missile expert), an ex-AF radarman, others, reported large, luminous UFO moving at high speed. White Bear Lake, Minn., former AF pilot (known to NICAP Minnesota Subcommittee) reported UFO "like small reddish moon" crossing sky in two minutes. Aug. 30, a slower UFO tracked by Chicago Moonwatch team.

On Sept. 15, many Caracas citizens alarmed by huge UFO over city, seen as giant object in Venezuelan searchlights. Attempt to communicate with UFO via airport tower unsuccessful. Numerous other S.A. sightings recorded.

Sept. 22, observatory, Maui, Hawaii, tracked a bright-glowing UFO. Sept. 29, FAA stations at Grand Junction and Eagle, Colo., and Farmington, N.M., tracked high altitude mystery object with flashing lights. Spokesman reported the UFO was at 37-mile altitude. Object described as apparently transparent sphere enclosing square device from which emanated vari-colored flashing lights. UFO confirmed by Frontier Airlines captain and a jet pilot.

Unusual cases prior to Echo launch: Stalling of tractor engine, near Boulder, Colo., Aug. 11, by large UFO hovering at about 500 feet. Driver Ray Hawks, interviewed by John Hall (brother of the NICAP Secretary) said engine re-started after the UFO shot up, surrounded by "heat waves." A "thrumming sound" heard by Hawks was reported in other low-hovering cases, also steady blinking of lights on low-operating UFOs, assumed by some to be signals. There are several indications of attempted or actual "touch" landings.

Since most military sightings are kept from the press, we urge members to send us all available UFO sightings, with personal reports and news clips if possible. Records of this "flap" will be extremely important in preparation for Congressional hearings.

NICAP is indebted to Frank Edwards, well-known commentator, and to Lee Vogel, WMAQ, Chicago, for informing their audience about NICAP operations during Edwards' recent guest appearance on Vogel's "Night Line" program. (Mr. Edwards' Mutual network broadcasts originate at WAIT, Chicago.)

Note for new members: Last May, the majority voted for NICAP to sell the director's recent book, "Flying Saucers: Top Secret," with our discount passed on to members. Published by Putnam, at \$3.95, the book may be secured from NICAP for \$2.65, postpaid.

## RED BLUFF, from page 1

As the officers halted their car, the UFO stopped in mid-air, then reversed direction. Quickly accelerating, it climbed a few hundred feet, then hovered.

Twice the unknown machine approached the police car, one of its red lights sweeping the ground like a searchlight. One policeman angled their red spotlight upward, and the descending UFO swerved away. Throughout the encounter, a static-like roar drowned the police radio. (Apparently this was an electro-magnetic field effect, like that reported in other close UFO approaches.)

"While we were watching it," Scott said later, "the object performed aerial feats which were absolutely unbelievable. After a time, a second UFO joined the first. They remained together a while, flashing their red lights occasionally. Then they headed eastward and disappeared."

Other witnesses included Clarence Fry, Red Bluff night jailer, and three deputy sheriffs who had heard the police radio alert. At midnight, after Carson and Scott had sent the first flash, the AF radar station at Red Bluff confirmed the UFO report for the press.

The San Francisco Examiner: "The Red Bluff radar station admitted that at 11:45 p.m., Saturday, when the phenomenon was first seen by highway patrolmen, it was tracking 'an object.'"

The Corning Daily Observer: "One of the objects was spotted on the radar scope at the AF radar station near Red Bluff... This morning the radar station was considerably more vague than it was Saturday night when it confirmed the officers' report of the object."

NICAP Note: Since all evidence points to a deliberate cover-up, the disproved "star refraction" answer is almost certain to backfire on the Air Force. NICAP is making all the facts known to those with the power to demand an explanation.

The star positions were checked by NICAP Adviser Walter N. Webb, lecturer in Astronomy, Charles Hayden Planetarium, Boston, Mass.

An attempted brushoff of factual UFO evidence, by Lt. Col. L.J. Tacker, will appear this month. A NICAP member who has seen an advance copy reports that the book is a repetition and enlargement of previous AF denials. This was to be expected, since Tacker is the AF UFO spokesman. A list of his previous official errors and contradictions will appear in the next Investigator, with an analysis of his book.

Many thanks to the members who wrote or phoned about my recent brief stay in the hospital. I sincerely appreciate your good wishes.

Donald E. Keyhoe

ARMY DEBUNKS AVRO  
"SAUCER"

Two months ago the AF released a newsphoto of the so-called Avro "saucer," an experimental ducted-air device planned over seven years ago. Some newspapers were led to portray the AF-Army sponsored device as a successfully tested machine capable of swift vertical take-off, high speed flight and hovering. An AF spokesman stated it would fly at about 1500 m.p.h. Some papers speculated that this explained recent UFO sightings.

Here are the facts, from an Army HQ "policy" letter dated 24 June 60. (Copy at NICAP). The first "Avrocar," built in Canada, is at Moffet Field for wind-tunnel tests. The second is being ground tested at the contractor's plant. States the Army:

"Although the Avrocar has been flown within ground effect (lifting a few feet by downward air pressure) it is difficult to control and lifting power is inadequate... does not fly well enough to justify entrance into a research flight program."

As you know, we urgently need to build up NICAP. As a token of appreciation, we will renew your membership for \$4.00, if you recruit one new member at the annual \$5.00 fee, or if you send in a gift membership for a friend. This takes effect beginning October 15.

We are grateful to the group of members who secured new memberships, sent in renewals or contributed funds and services in answer to our emergency message. Thanks to their quick and generous response, we were able to resume the temporarily halted Congressional project.

Those who responded, however, were less than 6% of the membership. As a result, important projects linked to the drive for Congressional hearings are seriously delayed. To push our plans through, we must have extra office help from now until the next session of Congress.

We earnestly ask those who did not help, by securing new members, to re-read the emergency message in the July-August UFO Investigator. As it shows, we have cut operating expenses to the limit. Now, if each of you recruits just one new member, we can immediately put on the badly needed help and finish the job.

This bulletin proves we are finally nearing a victory, after 3 1/2 hard years. One business-man member who got us two new memberships and renewed his own, just wrote us:

"I never thought you'd make it, against that powerful AF opposition. But I'm convinced now NICAP will win out."

If you feel the same way, please give us the help we need to put it over!

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENON  
1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

\* Special Report to Members \*

Donald E. Keyhoe, Dir.

November 1963

Richard Hall, Ass't. Dir.

"UFO EVIDENCE" TO BE PUBLISHED  
(See Late News Items, p. 2)

We are pleased to announce that a quick response to our Special Interim Issue (Vol. II No. 9) has assured a larger print order for the "UFO Evidence" Report, with high quality format and added documents. Unlimited member orders can now be accepted; checks earmarked exclusively for the Report will be placed in a special account. A substantial portion of the Report is now written. The first draft should be completed on or about December 1. Target date for printing will be sometime in December, as soon as possible after careful checking and editing.

Book publishers, film producers, radio and television stations in large cities and small towns in recent weeks have bombarded us with requests for information, indicating that UFOs will be publicized extensively in coming months. But our first responsibility is the Report. When it is circulated, NICAP representatives will make public appearances to discuss it and answer questions. Then in 1964, Congressional hearings could result immediately (a possibility indicated by the number of Members of Congress who have shown strong interest in studying the full Report). If not, we will be in a position to steadily publicize reliable UFO sightings so that Congress could not ignore them indefinitely.

You can force the UFO subject into the open by acting now.

More members than ever before have responded, giving us nearly all that we required. We are extremely grateful for your timely help. Because of your generous response, we are able to pledge you a thorough Report. But we cannot afford to be complacent at this point. The membership--particularly those of you who have not ordered the Report--could put us over the top. If you carry on the momentum of this drive, your orders and conditional renewals (see coupon below) will enable us to operate at peak efficiency. Effective publicity would assure national and international attention to the Report, plus a revitalized NICAP to lead the way in a new, serious era of UFO investigation.

Our Action Plan includes these vital steps: (1) Assuring an even wider distribution of the Report; (2) Hiring extra office help on a temporary basis to assist with follow-up publicity preparations; (3) Re-opening memberships, resuming regular bi-monthly publication of the UFO Investigator at the earliest possible moment (with three issues paid for in advance to forestall delays).

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Late News Items

\* State Representative L. B. Martin, East Hartland, Conn., Oct. 4 sighted triangular UFO about 1:00 p.m. UFO sped over at estimated 2000 m.p.h., trailing fire-like exhaust. In report to NICAP, Rep. Martin said details were sharp, including row of black dots near forward edge. UFO flew with base of triangle forward.

\* Other recent sightings: Sept. 17, Copley, Ohio, E. J. Diehl, fire insurance inspector, Ohio Inspection Bureau, sighted two brilliant hovering UFOs in NE sky at 11:30 p.m. One suddenly took off W, stopped and hovered again. Other took off E, disappeared over horizon. (Credit: Member George Popowitch, Akron UFO Research Committee). Sept. 26, Sunnyvale, Calif., Disc with small off-center bright spot (see Aime Michel books) spotted 4:15-4:20 a.m. by observers in scattered locations. Investigated by Bay Area NICAP Subcommittee. Signed report by police officer Galen Anderson describes straight line flight, sudden turn and edgewise view in 45 second observation.

\* Analysis by west coast scientist of film taken in Venezuelan jungle last December delayed until first of year. Meanwhile, film examined by photographic adviser Ralph Rankow, New York City. States UFO seems to be self-illuminated; "I feel that this film is authentic and a lucky shot of a UFO."

\* "Dr." Frank E. Stranges, whose membership was revoked some time ago for other dubious activities, convicted in California of operating "mail order diploma mill." Issued honorary doctor of divinity degrees for \$25 each. (Los Angeles, Oct. 22, UPI). All NICAP units previously had been alerted to monitor his combined UFO-"religious" meetings, and offset his wild and unfounded "contactee" claims.

\* Sigma Chi Delta, professional journalistic society, blasted the Defense Department Oct. 27 for its "oligarchy of control" over news. Said Pentagon pattern was "to quash dissent and to close up the avenues through which evidence of dissent normally finds its ways to the press and to the public." Statement coincided with opening of Senate Judiciary subcommittee hearings on a freedom-of-information bill sponsored by Sen. Edward V. Long (D-Mo.) and 18 other Senators, aimed at minimizing government secrecy in general.

Not to Board, Advisers, Affiliates, Subcommittees and member experts: You can help put across the "UFO Evidence" Report by making yourself available for local radio-TV interviews. Let us know what radius you are willing to travel for this purpose. Also let us have your essays on the "Significance of UFOs", in terms of your specialty, for the Report. Please limit to 1500 words, typed, double-spaced.

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Dear NICAP Member:

We are facing a grave crisis. We may have to suspend operations at the worst possible moment -- just after "THE UFO EVIDENCE," our documented Report, goes to Congress and the press. (Details on pp. 1-2.)

We have had to stop accepting new members until we can operate on an entirely new basis. This will cause a serious loss in revenue.

We are not asking for donations, but there IS a solution: Majority orders for "THE UFO EVIDENCE" and "conditioned renewals." A quick response will end the emergency.

Some members have urged us to keep on as before, depending on donations to fill the gap, even if we never get on schedule. THIS WE WILL NOT DO. Once "THE UFO EVIDENCE" is out, NICAP must follow through 100%. No limping, undermanned half-broke organization can do it. We will not accept memberships or contributions on that basis.

If a large number of members order "THE UFO EVIDENCE," and most of those due to renew act promptly, the threat will be ended for good.

WE MUST KNOW THE ANSWER BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER.

If the combination of orders and renewals brings enough funds, NICAP will go on the new operations basis. "THE UFO EVIDENCE" will get maximum distribution. Our Action Plan for following up in Congress and with the press will be fully carried out. At least three issues of "The UFO Investigator" will be paid for in advance to guarantee being on schedule. We shall resume accepting new members -- and a flood of applications is certain from "THE UFO EVIDENCE" publicity.

If we do NOT receive enough money to insure this, then all member orders will be returned. Further renewals will be refused. We shall get out "THE UFO EVIDENCE" even if distribution cannot be made as planned. We shall try to print a final special issue, to meet our responsibilities. We shall allow a publisher to issue "THE UFO EVIDENCE" as a book, after submission to Congress, royalties to be used to pay our debts. If possible, we would arrange for copies at cost to NICAP members.

This has been a hard decision. But we have no other course. For six years, we have endured a financial ordeal, vainly asking full support for a membership drive to end the problems. We have now come to a dead-end street.

It seems incredible that the membership would let our six year struggle come to such an untimely end. WE DO NOT BELIEVE YOU WILL LET IT HAPPEN. We shall go ahead, counting on your quick response, finishing "THE UFO EVIDENCE" and readying the Action Plan.

Meantime, we wish to thank all those who joined NICAP to help determine the UFO facts -- and our special thanks to those who repeatedly gave us encouragement and the funds to make up for our lack of regular income.

Sincerely yours,

Donald E. Keyhoe  
Major, U.S. Marine Corps. Ret.  
Director of NICAP

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Special Bulletin

June 8, 1964

ENLARGED REPORT ON THE PRESSES

The "UFO Evidence" Report, grown from 128 to about 192 pages, will have been on the presses and close to the mailing process as you read this. The 50% increase in size added printing and mailing expense, but the good response to our post card has prevented a serious delay. However, because of its weight the Report must be mailed at Book Rate.

We regret the delays that have antagonized some members (the majority has been extremely patient). The sheer size of the Report on top of normal organization work was bound to cause unpredictable problems. The increased size will be a bonus to members at no extra cost, making up in some degree for the delay.

The current wave of sightings has renewed interest in the subject, which should increase the impact of the Report. We are doing everything possible to expedite mailing. Your assistance is now requested to achieve the best results; see questionnaire below.

The staff: Donald E. Keyhoe      Richard H. Hall      Mrs. Lelia S. Day

WAVE OF UFO LANDINGS REPORTED; SIGHTING RATE HIGHEST SINCE 1957  
(Full details in next UFO Investigator)

The first quarter of 1964 brought a flurry of UFO sightings, then a series of landing reports beginning April 24. As of the end of May, reports are still pouring into NICAP.

April 24; Socorro, N.M. Officer Lonnie Zamora, about 5:45 p.m., observed an egg-shaped UFO resting on four legs in a gully. From a distance, he saw two small figures near the object. While moving in for a closer look, he lost sight of the figures. Then the UFO began roaring, raising a cloud of dust and flames beneath it. It took off, becoming silent once airborne, moving away horizontally. Two other witnesses, alerted by radio, arrived quickly, discovered four fresh imprints and scorch-marks. Only feature on the UFO was a red marking: An upper crescent over an inverted V, with a vertical line in the center and a cross-bar below. Status: NICAP interviewed Zamora, inspected landing site. Witness completely reliable. One of best authenticated landing reports on record.

April 24; Newark Valley, N.Y. A farmer reported belatedly (in first week of May) he had observed egg-shaped UFO on ground. He claims two small beings covered head to

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UFO LANDINGS  
(Continued from page 1)

foot in shiny material emerged, spoke to him at length in English, expressing interest in agricultural techniques. Status: Sensational report, must be viewed with skepticism. Conflicting character testimony to date. Further investigation planned.

April 26; nr La Madera, N.M. Case very similar to Socorro: egg-shaped UFO, four imprints, scorch-marks. State Police captain Martin Vigil: "There was definitely something there." Status: Official report requested through N.M. Member of Congress.

April 29; Canyon Ferry, Montana. Group of children saw egg-shaped UFO take off about 9:30 p.m. Four imprints, scorch-marks found. Status: Air Force (May 4) called it "a hoax...a child's prank." Parents, others, strongly challenged this answer.

Last week of April; Parma, Idaho. Kenneth Arnold reported sighting of landed UFO by a "very responsible" farm couple. At 3:30 a.m., a pulsating greenish object was seen on ground, farm animals frightened. Status: Official report requested from state of Idaho.

April 30; nr Baker, California. Motorists on U.S. 91 saw dome-shaped object on hilltop, large depression found at site. Status: Details lacking, NICAP investigating.

About May 1; Santa Ana, California. Large UFO with rotating orange light on dome observed landing, taking off about 8:30 p.m. Status: NICAP investigating.

May 5; nr Comstock, Minnesota. Farmer Alfred Ernst, 8:30 a.m., saw oval UFO take off from field, rise quickly into overcast. Depression, imprints found at site. Status: Investigation completed, witness reliable. Soil samples to be analyzed.

May 15; nr Geneva, Ohio. Motorists on Interstate 90, 11:50 p.m., saw large UFO on ground. Object rose slowly, changed color to bright orange, sped away. Status: Cleveland-Akron groups and NICAP members investigating.

About May 10-16; nr Colorado Springs, Colorado. Report from member that his cousin in Colorado said there had been multiple landings, imprints on ground. Status: So far a rumor. NICAP attempting to confirm.

May 18; Hubbard, Oregon. Postmaster's son saw silvery elongated object resting on four legs in a wheat field about 7:00 a.m. UFO rose slowly, then zoomed straight up emitting a beeping sound. Wheat flattened, three imprints found. Status: Sheriff's department confirmed sighting. Area member asked to investigate.

May 22; Hopkinsville, Kentucky. About 9:00 a.m., high school cafeteria employees witnessed landing and take-off of round UFO. Object emitted four beams of light. Grass flattened. Status: Report from member in town, under investigation.



20 June 1964

**SPECIAL BULLETIN TO NICAP MEMBERS  
AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN UFO's**

**-----U R G E N T-----**

The American Broadcasting Company, ABC-TV in Los Angeles is now in the process of presenting a series of UFO programs on television. The Los Angeles Sub-Committee of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) is assisting in the make-up and presentation of this series which has been running in the L. A. area for about two weeks now. The outstanding interest generated by these programs has been extremely gratifying. Such personalities as Frank Edwards, Capt. Willis Sperry, Tom Towers (newscaster), Dr. Leslie K. Kaeburn (Univ. of So. Calif. Bio-physicist), George Todt (L. A. Examiner writer), and others have been and will be featured on the programs. Local and national sightings of UFO phenomena are discussed and illustrated, along with other interesting aspects of the phenomena which are presented.

In order for this series to be presented in the Bay Area and also other parts of the country, possibly Nationally, it is every individual's responsibility to immediately write a note or letter to the ABC-TV station manager in San Francisco. Write your note or letter to the ABC station stating you have heard of the UFO series of programs being presented in the Los Angeles area and ask that the series be put on TV here in the Bay Area; emphasize the many people who would be interested in seeing such a series of programs. Please inform all your friends and other people that you know would be interested and urge them to write also. Pass the word along to as many as possible and urge them to write to the --

Station Manager  
American Broadcasting Co.  
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This is up to you, if you want to see this UFO series on your T.V., write today and request it. It will take a certain amount of requests for such a program to accomplish this. Considerable interest from the public is necessary.

P. C. Cerny, Chairman  
Bay Area Sub-Committee of  
NICAP

# NICAP SPECIAL BULLETIN

1536 CONN. AVE., WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

SEPTEMBER 1965

Dear NICAP Member:

THIS IS IMPORTANT NEWS! THE NEW, WORLDWIDE FLOOD OF UFO REPORTS HAS LED to the biggest break in years: News editors' blunt rejection of the "official explanations." (Examples, pp. 1, 2, 3.) If we can impress enough other newsmen and broadcasters with our documented evidence, their demands for the full UFO story will be irresistible.

TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUCH AN IMPORTANT BREAK WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP. Please show this Special Bulletin and the next UFO Investigator to your local editors and broadcast directors. The Investigator is being closed so it will reach you in September; material already set up had to be taken out of the issue so we could cover the vital new sightings and the latest press developments.

THIS CHANGING PRESS ATTITUDE GIVES US A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY. PLEASE do all you can to present the facts to your editors and broadcasters.

## Thousands See Jets Chase UFO's Over Duluth Area

HOUGHTON, Mich. —(UPI)— Personnel at the U.S. Air Force Radar Base in the Keweenaw Peninsula today reported "solid radar contact" with up to 10 unidentified flying objects moving in a "V" formation over Lake Superior yesterday.

The objects were moving out of the southwest and were heading north-northeast at about "9,000 miles per hour," the men said. They were 5,200 to 17,000 feet high.

Elsewhere seven other objects were spotted over Duluth and jet interceptors gave chase, he said, but they could not maintain the speed of the UFO's and were easily out-distanced.

### FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

They can stop kidding us now about there being no such things as "flying saucers."

Too many people of obviously sound mind saw and reported them independently from too many separate localities. Their descriptions of what they saw were too similar to one another, and too unlike any familiar object.

And it's going to take more than a statistical report on how many reported "saucers" have turned out to be jets and weather balloons to convince us otherwise.

## Flying Objects Newsmen Take Pictures

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI) — Reports of mysterious objects that float, sit and speed along in the atmosphere came in from Minnesota to the Mexican border Tuesday.

Two newsmen came up with pictures of UFO's.

One of them, Bob Campbell, a radio newsman from Sher-

man, Tex., watched a bright flare in the sky for about an hour and a half. He said it did not move while he was watching it.

A picture he took of the object showed a slightly oval burst of light that appeared to be giving off sparks.

## Unidentified Flying Objects Reported In Twin City Areas

MINNEAPOLIS — (UPD) — Unidentified flying objects were reported hovering a n d bobbing over the northern a n d western Minneapolis suburbs last night.

Capt. Robert Riley of the State Highway Patrol said

three of their patrolmen in Chaska, Wayzata and Anoka and several Hennepin county units observed the space phenomena during the early morning hours Tuesday. Sightings were reported over Blaine and Fridley also.

## French Space Expert Reports Sighting UFO

PARIS (UPI)—One of France's leading space experts, Alexander Ananoff, said he watched a flying saucer for 35 minutes in the sky near Dreux, about 50 miles west of Paris, at sunset Thursday.

Ananoff, 1950 winner of the international Astronautics Prize which U.S. rocket scientist Werner Von Braun won a year later, said he took photographs of the object.

Among other witnesses of the sighting was the mayor of the village where Ananoff was staying.

He described the object as "disc or lens-like in shape." It moved a considerable distance while he watched it and finally disappeared above a cirrus cloud, "which exist only above 21,000 feet."

# Air Force Scoffs Reports Persist

WICHITA, KAN. — (UPI) — Unidentified flying objects of a type reported over at least eight states showed up as blips early Monday on a radar screen at the Wichita weather bureau.

At Sidney, Neb., a Sioux Ordnance Depot guard captain reported seeing "one large object and four smaller ones in a diamond-like formation" on successive nights.

Similar reports of unidentified flying objects came from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas.

From

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

"Flying saucers" sighted early this month over Texas may give scientists something to think about for a long time.

They were among many reported sightings around the world lately. But they give the clearest evidence of all that something strange was actually in the sky.

Many Texans definitely saw something that even experienced investigators now admit defies explanation.

The Texas saucer appeared as a bright light in the sky with lesser lights clustered around it. It was visible to some for several hours.

It was photographed. Careful study of the negatives now show something was there. Star trails show up sharply. This means the camera was in sharp focus and did not vibrate.

There was no temperature inversion strong enough to produce such an effect.

It wasn't a scientific balloon, since none had been launched.

It makes the clearest case yet for a thorough look at the saucer mystery.

## Unidentified Object Seen Near Airport

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — A mysterious glowing object hovering near Canberra Airport while the U.S. Mariner space probe was taking pictures of Mars — has baffled experts in Canberra. Air traffic control officers and other expert aircraft observers said they spotted the object Thursday.

Six members of the traffic control tower crew said it hung suspended at about 5,000 feet for 40 minutes. When the sun glinted off it, it became clearly visible, they said. It disappeared when an air force plane was sent out to identify it.

Coincidence Studied  
Experts are now wondering if it was coincidence that the object was sighted shortly before nearby Tidbinbilla tracking station was scheduled to pick up

Mariner signals. The station had unusual difficulty in locking on to Mariner at the time.

The sighting also came as Goldstone tracking station received irregularities in messages while Mariner was photographing Mars.

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Glowing objects that zipped across the sky and interfered with the operation of radios and electromagnetic clocks were reported sighted over Portugal and the Azores this weekend.

Descriptions of the objects appeared to tally with descriptions given in an official Chilean air force report of objects sighted last week over the Antarctic.

# FORT LAUDERDALE NEWS

## Unidentified Flying Objects Can Have Basis In Fact Despite Doubting Experts

### Lights in the Sky Stars, AF Insists

## The Air Force, Seeing Stars

The Richmond "News Leader"

Project Bluebook officials, the Air Force people who are supposed to identify mysterious objects in the skies, are seeing stars again. An Air Force spokesman said that glowing aerial objects reported over a four-State Western area were astronomical in nature. The planet Jupiter and the stars Betelgeuse, Rigel, Aldaban and Cappella, were said by the Pentagon spokesman to be the likely objects sighted. "At the time of the reported sightings, the azimuth and elevation of the reported sightings supports this preliminary conclusion," said the official news release.

This finding sent surprised professional astronomers back to their charts, only to confirm their original beliefs: At the time the Air Force reported the stars visible from the United States, they were in fact visible only from the other side of the world. Walter N. Webb, chief lecturer in astronomy at the Charles Hayden Planetarium in Boston, was one scientist who noted the discrepancy. Robert

Risser, director of the Oklahoma Science and Art Foundation Planetarium, was quoted as saying of the Air Force report: "This is as far from the truth as you can get."

Equally mystified by the Air Force's explanation of the aerial phenomena were law enforcement officers in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas and Colorado. Never before had these officers observed stars which, according to their statements, crossed the heavens speedily in diamond-shaped formations, at times altering course.

In a time when each week brings a revolutionary scientific discovery, only the imprudent would categorically deny the possibility of any UFO explanation. Attempts to dismiss the reported sightings under the rationale as exhibited by Project Bluebook won't solve the mystery, however, and serve only to heighten the suspicion that there's something out there the Air Force doesn't want us to know about. If Project Bluebook officials want the UFOs to go away they'd be well advised to wish on another star.

## RADAR VERIFIES UFO

Air Force Scopes Pick Up Policeman's Sighting

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 31. — (AP) — A policeman at Wynnewood, in south central Oklahoma, reported sighting a unidentified flying object early Saturday.

The policeman, Lewis Sikes, said he first saw the object at 1:30 a.m. He said it appeared to emit a red, blue and white light.

He said it seemed to hover and he observed it for about

45 minutes before reporting it to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City was advised of the sighting and located the object on radar at about 8,000 feet. After checking with other Government installations, Tinker officials said no air traffic was authorized to be in the area.

Carswell Air Force Base at Fort Worth, Texas, also located the object on radar and both Tinker and Carswell tracked it to a point 15 miles southwest of Tinker where it disappeared from both radar scopes.

# How Many Have Anomia In U.S.?

(Alameda, Calif., Times-Star)  
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According to Air Force spokesmen two weeks ago, a powerful assortment of police officials, sheriff's deputies and various other individuals, including even some members of the Air Force itself, were suffering a mild form of anomia — the loss of the ability to name an object correctly — as evidenced by their failure to recognize such obviously common things as weather balloons, planets, comets, etc., when they spotted them in the skies over an area of some eight states. They saw the objects plainly enough, of course, but their error lay in terming them unidentified flying objects, more commonly called flying saucers.

Just how the Air Force spokesmen were able to tell that the hundreds of reports of UFOs from an area about as large as Free Europe were faulty — and especially how they were able to do it within 24 hours of the time the reports came in — ought to rank as one of the most remarkable examples of lightning-like mass diagnosis of all time.

That is, it ought to if the Air Force spokesmen were actually correct.

However, it now appears that — as countless thousands of well informed persons have suspected for years now — the Air Force spokesmen were wrong. According to a UPI story from Houghton, Mich., this past weekend, personnel at the U.S. Air Force radar base in the Keweenaw Peninsula reported "solid radar contact" with 7 to 10 unidentified flying objects moving in a V formation over Lake Superior. The objects were moving out of the Southwest and were heading North-Northeast at about 9,000 miles an hour, at an elevation ranging from 5,200 to 17,000 feet.

What distinguishes that story from many others involving Air Force personnel during the past several years, is that it was not accompanied by a paragraph or two explaining that the objects had finally been identified as a flight of ducks, comets, balloons or something else equally commonplace.

Why wasn't it?

The most likely reason is that the Air Force spokesmen, whose job it is to explain away the seemingly improbable in terms of the commonplace, have been getting such a workout lately that either they are starting to break down or their superiors are finally coming to the conclusion that they are making the Air Force appear ridiculous.

Of the two, the latter seems more likely. The business of attempting to protect the public from panic — the obvious reason for the Air Force's traditional policy of identifying unidentified flying objects as weather balloons, etc. — is something that cannot be indefinitely sustained, particularly when the source of the presumed potential panic is a mass of peculiar things that persist in flying around where large numbers of persons can see them. To do that is no more possible than it is for panic to be sustained by individuals for more than a few hours at most. It's too exhausting. One can flee a horde of little green men from outer space only so long. Presently one gets tired and decides to do something else, even if it is no more than sitting down.

But whatever the reason may be why the Air Force spokesmen are becoming less vocal, the time is long overdue for the Government to disclose to the public all it knows about the UFOs.

It is now generally admitted in the scientific fraternity that Earth is not the only heavenly body to have intelligent life, and since we ourselves are now invading outer space, it would be nonsensical to suppose that the inhabitants of other worlds have not already done so.

In other words, it would surprise almost no one today to learn that some UFOs are spacecraft from elsewhere in the solar system or beyond. In fact, it would be even more surprising to learn that they were not. Hence, the only way in which the public interest can be served in this matter is for the Government to disclose what it knows about these phenomena.

THIS BULLETIN IS SENT AT NO COST TO YOU. Despite the heavy printing and postage bill, we felt it imperative to tell you the latest developments while changing the next Investigator to cover the important details.

THE PRESENT WAVE OF SIGHTINGS IS THE BIGGEST SINCE 1957 -- IT MAY EVEN PROVE THE GREATEST ON RECORD. Since July, between 2000 and 3000 letters a week have swamped NICAP, plus constant requests for TV, radio and press interviews.

THE NEXT ISSUE -- VOL.III, No. 4 -- WILL INCLUDE: Dramatic but factual reports by pilots, scientists, engineers and hundreds of other competent citizens in the United States and foreign countries; recent UFO photographs; official reports to NICAP by the Argentine Government; a new, surprising angle on the EM (Electromagnetic) interference caused by some UFOs; a full story on the changing press attitude and its effect on the AF; a document disproving the AF "explanation" of unknown objects tracked near Gemini I, as reported by NICAP's director in TRUE, January, 1965; and many other important items.

(IF YOU ARE OVERDUE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND YOU RENEW NOW, YOU MAY STILL BE IN TIME TO RECEIVE III-4 VIA THE REGULAR ADDRESSOGRAPH MAILING. OTHERWISE, YOUR COPY WOULD HAVE TO BE MAILED FROM THE NICAP OFFICE AFTER YOUR RENEWAL WAS RECEIVED.)

ISSUE III-5, SCHEDULED FOR MAILING THE LAST PART OF OCTOBER, WILL CONTAIN ANY IMPORTANT INFORMATION WE CANNOT GET INTO THE NEXT ISSUE, PLUS THE LATEST SIGNIFICANT REPORTS.

BECAUSE OF THE OVERWHELMING MAIL (OVER 900 LETTERS IN ONE RECORD DAY) WE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO HIRE ADDITIONAL HELP. WE DID THIS TO AVOID BEING HOPELESSLY SWAMPED, AND BECAUSE WE FELT SURE THAT NICAP MEMBERS WOULD REALIZE THE URGENT NEED AND WOULD HELP US MEET THE UNAVOIDABLE FINANCIAL BURDEN.

IF YOU DO WANT TO HELP, IN THIS CRUCIAL PERIOD, HERE IS HOW YOU CAN:

1. Try hard to get us new members. If everyone really tried, we could double NICAP's size -- and influence -- before the end of 1965.
2. If you can afford it, order a copy of "THE UFO EVIDENCE" to give to a newsman, broadcaster or an influential local citizen. (Cost is \$5, postpaid.) Copies of this documented NICAP UFO report have been a powerful factor in converting former skeptics.
3. Renew without waiting for notices, if you have received six copies of the UFO Investigator.
4. Contribute to help cover the cost of extra office help.

REGARDLESS OF THIS FINANCIAL HELP, PLEASE FOLLOW UP EVERY CHANCE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE UFO FACTS.

MEANTIME, OUR FERVENT THANKS TO ALL THE SUBCOMMITTEE, AFFILIATE AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WHO ALREADY ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO HELP US GET THE UTMOST FROM THE SUDDEN PUBLICITY BREAK.

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NOTICES: All members residing in or visiting Florida are invited to attend a Florida Subcommittee meeting to be held at 2 p.m., September 25, at the Orlando Motor Lodge, 1825 North Mills Street, Orlando, Fla.... The documentary movie "U.F.O." will be shown at 11:30 p.m., October 1, on WRAL-TV, Channel 5, Raleigh, N.C. (Arranged by Subcommittee Chairman Ben Haugen.)

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In the midst of this tremendously important UFO build-up, as we are working hard on serious investigations and press connections, malicious attacks on NICAP and its staff have been made in two or three UFO publications. We are sure that most members recognize these as spite attacks and will want us to stick to our important job and not waste time answering false accusations. A few members have asked why we do not hit back and expose those responsible. We may cite a few of the false claims in the next issue, but we are not going to waste valuable space in any childish controversy.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL AFFILIATES AND SUBCOMMITTEES

Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.)  
Director of NICAP

Mr. Richard Hall  
Assistant Director

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July 26, 1967

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Policy Re: Direct Dealings With Publications

As predicted in previous newsletters, NICAP personnel in the field have been besieged by newsmen and others for information, often for use in "quickie" publications that are now flooding the market. In a few instances, NICAP personnel have contacted magazines or newspapers on their own initiative attempting to sell or purvey articles. It is urgent that all Presidents/Chairmen be apprised of NICAP policy in this regard.

(1.) Under no circumstances should any Subcommittee approach a publisher or editor without prior consultation with NICAP headquarters. Freelancing of this sort could result in an utter lack of coordination, and even publication of cases NICAP does not consider authentic. Affiliates, whose main business is public relations, may of course contact publishers and others. But in the event an interest in NICAP material is expressed, NICAP should be consulted before any commitments are made.

(2.) If a publisher, editor, or reporter should approach a Subcommittee for information, the Chairman should be guided by the Subcommittee Handbook and previous instructions from headquarters. Subcommittees are under no obligation to supply information, and should be very discriminating about the type of publications involved. If in doubt, consult NICAP. If negotiating with a publication, notify NICAP and keep us informed.

(3.) In general, do not try to accommodate publications at the expense of impeding or delaying investigations. Publishers, editors and reporters may always be referred to headquarters.

(4.) Unless special arrangements have been made to the contrary, do not send reports directly to the University of Colorado or others. Reports must first be screened and evaluated by NICAP. It is essential that our full informational and evaluative resources be brought to bear on a report before it is given our stamp of approval.

(5.) The above does not apply to the Colorado Early Warning net, which involves only preliminary verbal reports.

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MEMO TO AFFILIATES & SUBCOMMITTEES

After nearly ten years at NICAP, Assistant Director Richard Hall has decided to resign effective at the end of September. His reasons are primarily personal, due to saturation with the subject of UFOs and a desire to pursue an independent career in writing and editing.

Mr. Hall was married in June to the former Mrs. Martha Triche, who also worked on the NICAP staff. They have taken up residence in Maryland and will keep in touch with NICAP. Both have a strong continuing interest in the future of NICAP and the development of a full scientific investigation of the phenomena.

Mr. Gordon Lore, senior NICAP staff member, is to be appointed as Assistant Director replacing Mr. Hall. Other reorganization plans will be announced later.

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