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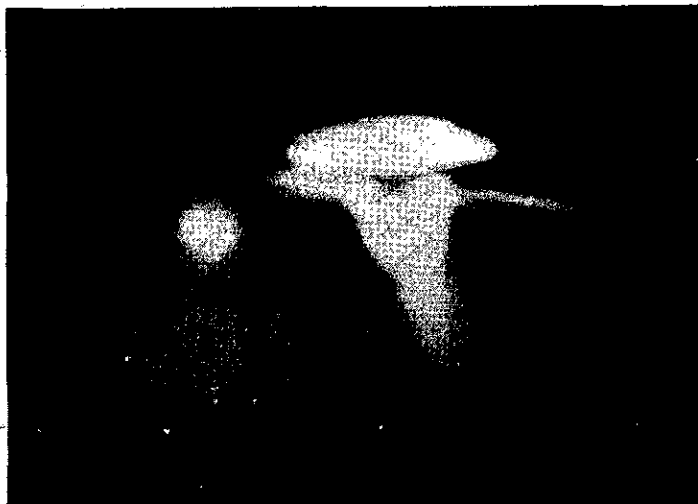
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New UFO Photos Prove Genuine

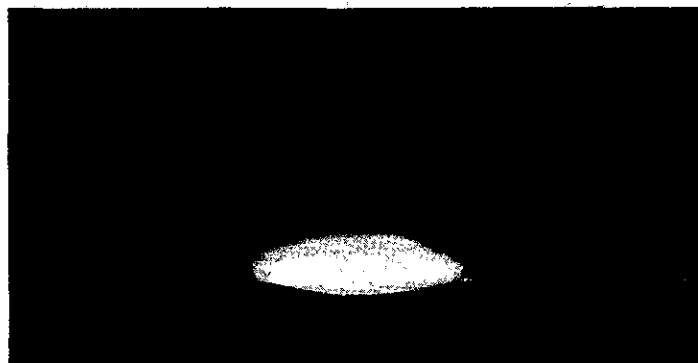
New photographs proving UFO reality, analyzed by experts, may be the most important evidence in the latest wave of worldwide sightings. One UFO was photographed at an Argentine Government scientific base, three more by U.S. and foreign newsmen, and other pictures are being checked.

Pictures of the UFO below, taken Aug. 8, in Beaver County, Pa., were declared genuine by three professional photographers who examined the negatives. (Signed evaluations given to NICAP in a five-day on-the-spot investigation.) Because of the close range (one-fourth mile) these photos have unusual detail.

In the first, the bright spot at the left is the moon. The white mass under the UFO, like a double exhaust, was invisible to witnesses. (A NICAP technical adviser suggests the film may have recorded a force-field emanation, a clue to the propulsion.) The streak behind and below the disc is believed a trail the UFO left in maneuvering over the trees.



In the second photo (same negative) the trail and "exhaust" are blacked out to show the disc more clearly.



Following is the detailed report secured by NICAP investigators:

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UFOs PANIC POLICE, MOTORISTS

In the last few months, there has been a disturbing increase in public fear of UFOs. Suddenly confronted with these strange objects, veteran policemen -- formerly skeptics -- have panicked and fled. In one case Texas police frankly told the AF they had raced away, badly frightened, at over 100 m.p.h. (Copy of report to AF in NICAP files.) In other verified cases, women motorists were found in a state of shock... a truck driver was terrified when a UFO came at him head-on... and other observers, here and abroad, were alarmed by UFO encounters, especially at close range.

We do not wish to add to the fear of UFOs, but the causes mentioned are already known locally. If such cases continue, and are not offset by publicizing the thousands of harmless encounters, it could seriously add to the problem of educating the public.

A case at Exeter, N.H., Sept. 3, is a typical example of fear caused by a closely approaching UFO. Around 12:30 a.m., Exeter police, investigating a car parked by a highway, found two women in a state of near shock. The driver told Officer Eugene Bertrand they had been chased 12 miles by a flying object with a brilliant red glow. Not seeing any strange object, Bertrand reassured the women and drove off.

Pulsating Lights

Half an hour later, Norman J. Muscarello, 18-year-old Exeter youth, was walking along Route 150 when a strange, red-lighted object came over some nearby trees. The almost blinding red glow came from five extremely bright lights, which pulsated in sequence.

Frightened, Muscarello crouched behind a stone wall. The UFO stopped and hovered just above a house owned by Clyde Russell, of Kensington. Muscarello could see it was larger than the house -- at least 80-90 feet long. After the UFO silently moved back over the trees, Muscarello ran to the Russell home and pounded on the door. But the Russells, thinking it was a drunk, refused to open the door.

About 1:45, Muscarello reached the Exeter Police Station, two miles from the sighting spot.

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BULLETIN

New reports in New England are being investigated as we go to press.

On Sept. 30, Norwich newspaper photographer Ken Skinner filmed an unidentified flying object seen maneuvering in the vicinity. NICAP will attempt to obtain the picture for evaluation.

On Oct. 1, a UFO was seen at fairly close range by three men and a woman near Charlemont, Mass. The witnesses estimated that at one time the object was within 75 to 100 feet from them. As it moved away toward Thunder Mountain it appeared to climb, making a right angle turn. Other residents in the area also reported seeing the strange object.

On the night of Oct. 2-3, a UFO which appeared triangular in shape was sighted by a large number of witnesses in Boston, and outside of the city. At one point, it was estimated to be hovering at about 1800 feet.

On Oct. 4, witnesses reported a UFO landed on a ridge in the vicinity of Southington, Conn. A NICAP investigator is checking.

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NICAP Staff; Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, Director; Richard H. Hall, Acting Director; Mrs. Lelia S. Day, NICAP Secretary; Harold H. Deneault, Assistant Editor. Don Berliner, volunteer Editorial Assistant.

During the past year, Mr. Hall's duties and responsibilities have been steadily increased and efficiently handled. His new title of "Assistant Director" is intended to indicate his permanent status and to clear up some confusion caused by the previous designation of "Acting Director," which occasionally was misconstrued as a temporary position. During periods when the director is fully occupied with editing the UFO Investigator, in public relations, etc., Mr. Hall will continue to act for the director in carrying out administrative NICAP policies.

Mr. Gordon Lore replaces Mr. Harold H. Deneault, who will be engaged in a full-time journalism course at a Maryland college.

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UFO PHOTOS (Continued from page 1)

On the night of Aug. 8, James Lucci, son of a professional photographer for the Air National Guard, was making time exposures of the moon near his home in Brighton Township, Beaver County, Pa. With James, a high school senior, was his brother John, 20. A third witness, Michael Grove, saw the UFO from his home across the road.

About 11:30, as James started another exposure, a round, thick object, glowing brighter than the moon, approached above the trees at the left. Realizing the camera must have caught it, James closed the shutter, quickly wound the film for another shot—the slow-moving UFO was then about a fourth of a mile away. Before he could get a third picture the strange device climbed steeply out of sight -- its swift ascent also seen by Michael Grove.

(Later, the AF admitted to the press that a UFO was reported about this time, near Pittsburgh. Whether it was the same one, seen before or after the 11:30 sighting, is not known as the AF refused to give details.)

At first, fearing ridicule, the Luccis avoided publicity. After two days, friends persuaded them to show the pictures to the Beaver County Times. The newspaper's three photographers superimposed the negatives and made other tests which showed the UFO had slowly moved closer, left to right, as described. After a full evaluation, they labeled the photos genuine. This was later confirmed by NICAP Photographic Adviser Ralph Rankow.

According to the Luccis, the disc appeared "larger than a Piper Cub airplane."

When the Times story broke, the negatives were quickly obtained for NICAP analysis by William B. Weitzel, Chairman,

**Chile, Argentina
Confirm UFO Films**

In official public statements, Argentina and Chile have solidly nailed down the existence of UFO color pictures taken at their Antarctic scientific stations. Adding to earlier press stories, the Secretary of the Argentina Navy confirmed these details:

On July 3, a giant lens-shaped flying object was seen, tracked and photographed at the Argentina scientific base, Deception Island, in the Antarctic. Lt. Daniel Perisse, C.O., confirmed by radio that the large UFO alternately hovered, then accelerated and maneuvered at tremendous speeds. While being tracked by theodolite and watched through binoculars, the unknown object caused strong interference with variometers used to measure the earth's magnetic field, and also registered on magnetograph tapes. Color pictures were taken through a theodolite by a member of a visiting group from the Chilean scientific base.

Also confirming these points, the Chilean Minister of Defense at Santiago added new information radioed by Cdr. Mario Janh Barrera, C.O. of the Chilean base: On June 18, a similar UFO had maneuvered over the area, seen by all personnel. During the July 3 sighting, the strange object has caused strong radio interference, temporarily blocking his attempts to report the UFO to the English and Argentina bases.

Other reported UFO photos not yet analyzed include pictures of:

Two bright cigar-shaped objects which maneuvered over Buenos Aires on the night of July 16 and were seen by many witnesses.

A glowing UFO photographed near Sherman, Texas, August 2, by TV cameraman Robert Campbell. Patrolman Peter McCollum was with Campbell and also observed the UFO. (This is the photo the Christian Science Monitor cited, rejecting the Air Force explanation.)

A sharply rimmed object, taken by highway accident investigator Rex Heflin on August 3 in Orange County, California. The NICAP-Los Angeles sub-committee is investigating.

A circular luminous object moving over El Salvador on August 17, taken by Editor Adrian Aldena, winner of the 1963-64 Merghenthaler award, presented by the Inter-American Photographic Society, as the best photographer on the American Continent.

A brilliant oval-shaped UFO, seen maneuvering over Santiago, Chile, and photographed by a news photographer of the Santiago "Mercurio".

Pittsburgh-NICAP Subcommittee. Aided by the Times staff, Weitzel and Subcommittee member Robert Brown spent five days cross-examining the witnesses, checking the photos against aerial and contour maps, and recording technical photographic evidence. The Times gave them this statement:

"To the best of our knowledge, and in our considered judgment, the negatives are not the results of photographic or physical faking...nor is the UFO image thereon the result of any photographic accident such as reflections...lens flare... developer bubbles and the like... and said image appears to be the result of photographing a self-luminous object positioned in the field of view of the camera."

These conclusions were signed by City Editor Jack Mitchell, Photographer Peter D. Sabella, Reporter Thomas W. Schley, Managing Editor F.N. Hollendenner and Photographers Harry K. Frye and J. C. Gardner. In addition, the witnesses' high character was vouched for by the Chief of Police, Brighton Township, the high school principal and Beaver County police.

Up to our press time, the AF has kept silent, though James Lucci offered them the photos for evaluation. The Times, calling the AF "elusive and mysterious," said one spokesman "bluntly described the official position when he said, 'My mouth is zippered.'" Commenting on this "official brick wall," the newspaper added:

"Where UFOs are concerned, the AF conception of cooperation is a one-way street -- IN ONLY."

Lucci camera data: Yashika 635 with Altipan 120 film (ASA 100.) Lens opening f 3.5, set at infinity; exposed 6 seconds. Film developed 12 minutes, fresh D 76, 70 degrees, with agitation. Prints on page 1 specially exposed to bring out detail. UFO slightly out of focus due to motion. A TV tower (not shown in prints) is in focus.

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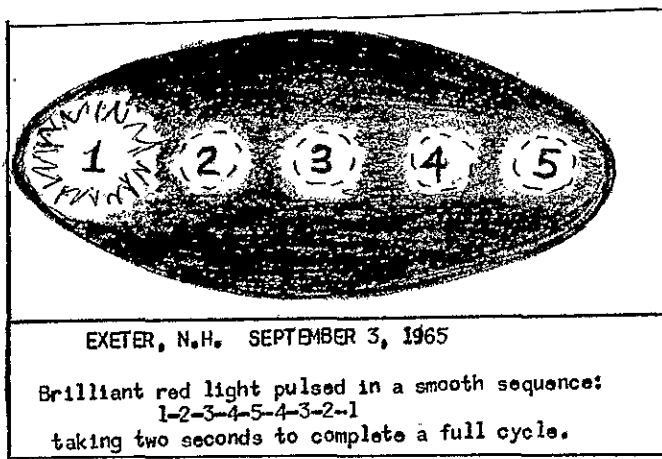
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"He was white with fear and hardly able to talk," Desk Officer Reginald Toland said later. Muscarello told Toland and Officer Bertrand the story, and though it seemed incredible, Bertrand drove him back to the scene in his police cruiser.

Muscarello and the officer walked into the field where the UFO had been seen. At first, nothing was visible. Then as Bertrand pointed his flashlight around Muscarello shouted, and Bertrand swung around in time to see a large dark object displaying "a straight row of extraordinarily bright red pulsating lights." The UFO, coming into the field at tree-top level, changed course and flew toward them, just clearing a 60-70 foot tree.

Bertrand reached for his revolver, then thought better of it. Shouting for Muscarello to take cover in the car, he also jumped into the cruiser, fearing they might be burned by the blinding red lights closing in.

As Bertrand radioed for help, he and Muscarello heard a dog barking furiously and horses in a nearby barn whinnying and kicking their stalls.



The sequence in which the five lights pulsed -- 1-2-3-4-5-4-3-2-1" gave Officer Bertrand the impression that the UFO was "an intelligently constructed vehicle." The brilliance of the lights created a halo effect; and at close range they were so blinding he could not look directly at them.

But even though he could not see clearly behind the lights, their reflection from the UFO's body indicated a "large, dark, solid object as big as a house. . . . It seemed compressed as if it were round or egg-shaped, with definitely no protrusions like wings, rudder or stabilizer."

Officer David R. Hunt arrived from Exeter in time to view the UFO for about six minutes. By then it was moving away slowly, but he "saw red lights pulsating in sequence "brighter than headlights at close range."

Moving on a westward course, the UFO disappeared below the tree line.

That night, Exeter police notified Pease AFB, and next day an AF major and a lieutenant interrogated the witnesses. Shortly afterward, NICAP Investigator Raymond Fowler also interviewed the policemen. They told him the AF officers showed special interest in the size and shape of the object. The policemen also said the AF men told them:

1. A USAF check revealed no aircraft in the area during the sighting. 2. Pease AFB had been receiving other UFO reports in the New Hampshire area almost nightly for the previous week. 3. There had been a case in late July where a motorist came upon a UFO hovering over the road directly in front of his car.

Most interesting of all, the police said the AF officers asked them to keep the story from the press to avoid frightening the public. But the details were already on the police blotter, and it was too late for secrecy.

Besides the witnesses, Investigator Fowler talked with several area residents. Most of them seemed more curious than frightened—but they had not had close-range encounters.

Later, the influential Saturday Review published details of this case after NICAP discussed it with John G. Fuller, writer of the

Review's "Trade Winds" column. After a careful check with the Exeter police, Investigator Fowler and Pease AFB, Fuller wrote a serious report, including a new statement by Officer Bertrand:

"My brain kept telling me this doesn't happen—but there it was, right in front of my eyes. . . it hovered there, about 100 feet away. . . I don't know what it was. All I can say is that it was there, and three of us saw it together."

(Mr. Fuller's report, crediting NICAP, appeared in the Oct. 2 issue of the Saturday Review.)

From an examination of recent fear reports, it appears that skeptics are the quickest to panic—people who have accepted official denials of UFOs' existence. One such case involved two Texas lawmen, both graduates of police schools—Chief Deputy B. E. McCoy and Patrol Deputy Robert Goode, of Angleton.

By coincidence, this incident occurred on Sept. 3, the same night as the Exeter scare. The following details are from the officers' signed report to NICAP and a signed copy of their statement to an AF investigator, Maj. Laurence R. Leach, Jr., 2578 Air Base Squadron, Ellington AFB, Texas.

After midnight, near Damon in Brazoria County, the two sheriffs sighted an enormous flying object from their patrol car. In the bright moonlight, they could see it was about 200 feet long, 40-50 feet thick at the center, tapering at both ends. It had a brilliant purple light at one end, a fainter blue one at the other.

Sheriff Goode turned the patrol car around, drove back three-fourths of a mile and stopped. As they were watching through binoculars, the strange craft came down to 100 feet, heading rapidly toward the lighted police car. In the moonlight, the UFO cast a huge shadow on the ground, and the officers could see it moving swiftly toward the highway.

Fifty Yards Away

As it neared them, the brilliant purple light illuminated the ground and the inside of the car. Sheriff Goode, leaning out the driver's side, suddenly felt heat from the approaching UFO. He hastily started the engine. By this time the huge flying object was barely 50 yards away.

With understandable panic, the sheriffs fled.

"We were traveling at speeds up to 110 miles an hour," McCoy told the AF.

When they reached Damon, the lawmen calmed down and decided to go back.

"We were both scared," McCoy frankly admits. "But we wanted to find out what it was."

But when they returned to the area, the UFO's lights began to shift just as they had before its swift approach. Again, the sheriffs raced away.

"We figured the object would start coming toward us again," McCoy said in his AF statement. In describing the UFO, he said the body appeared dark gray. There was no sound, nor any trail visible.

"I never saw anything like it before," McCoy concluded.

Both sheriffs admitted they had not believed in UFOs before.

"I've always been skeptical about these things," said McCoy.

"I'm not a skeptic any more."

Truck drivers, like policemen, are not noted for being easily scared. But Don Tenopir, a Beatrice, Nebraska trucker, had moments of sheer terror on the night of August 4, when a flying disc buzzed him:

"I was en route to Lincoln, Nebraska, about 25 miles from Abilene, Kansas. It was near 1:30 a.m. when all of a sudden the lights on my truck went out. Then they came back on, then off, then on again.

"About then, this thing went over my truck with a sizzling or wind-like blowing sound. It scared hell out of me; it seemed to almost touch the cab.

"It just swooped down over the road and hovered there, not more than 100 feet in front of me. I tell you I was standing on those brakes. It looked like it was going to fall right in the middle of the road. When it stopped there was another car approaching from the opposite direction, and it went into the ditch. Later the other driver told me it looked like a car accident until he got closer.

"I don't know how long it was there. I was just too damned scared to tell time. The thing looked around to me. It was orange like the color of a traffic policeman's jacket, I guess it was about

15 feet in diameter, maybe four to five feet thick. The edge was round and there was a hump or something in the middle. It had a dark spot on it and it might have been a window or something.

"The thing raised up a bit and slowly took off, toward the west, then it headed south.

Whether witnesses believe in UFOs or not, such experiences are bound to be alarming, and they have been reported increasingly in the U.S. and other countries.

Australian Encounter

During the first week of August, two residents of Nedlands, West Australia jumped from their car, fearing a UFO was about to hit it. It was close to 8 p.m., and Dr. Antonin Kukla, formerly a physician in Europe, and Mrs. Audrey Lawrence were driving near Carnarvon when a flying object dived toward their headlights.

Dr. Kukla hurriedly stopped and switched off the lights. As he and Mrs. Lawrence ran to the side of the road, the UFO stopped and hovered above the highway.

"It was rocking gently," Dr. Kukla said later. "And its orange color as it dived had changed to a fluorescent green glow."

The doctor's bull terrier, usually first out of the car when it stopped, was crouched in the back seat, hackles up. It refused to budge.

Dr. Kukla said the object was shaped like a "squashed football."

"I had the fear that whatever it was, it was not man-made," he reported, after the UFO had left the scene.

The sighting appeared partly confirmed by resident Ron Butler, owner of nearby Mooka Station. Butler said that his entire camp had been lit up by a greenish glow when "something" passed over it, though he could not be sure of the time.

These are only a few sample cases. There are enough more to cause a sober appraisal of the problem.

For years, serious investigators—individuals and groups, including NICAP—have said there is no proof of UFO hostility, that the evidence is strongly against it. We have said this despite a few head-on passes at planes, three or four near collisions with airliners, the loss of three AF officers in UFO chases, and other incidents. With all the thousands of harmless encounters or sightings, it seemed likely these relatively few accidents were the result of too-close observations or perhaps mechanical failures or mistakes in control.

The recent NICAP poll (still being analyzed) shows that 90% of our members are convinced that UFO landings would not frighten them. But specific incidents, like the cases already described, show that most people will be alarmed by sudden close encounters with UFOs.

Are officials justified, then, in withholding UFO facts, in trying to hide landing incidents, as in the Exeter case?

Most of us will agree that fear of the unknown is far worse than fear of the known—even if it is something frightening. The late Dr. Carl Jung, noted Swiss analyst and NICAP member, wrote the director that withholding information on UFOs from the public would be the most stupid policy one could devise, certain to increase fear rather than lessen it.

The indications are that close approaches and landings will keep on increasing. If a large number of UFOs should land at points around the country, or maneuver at low altitudes over a number of cities, the reaction could be serious. Millions of people, accustomed to thinking of UFOs as jokes, would abruptly realize they had been deceived. Many would probably suspect that something ominous had been hidden even if there was not the slightest sign of any hostility.

It is far better to get the truth out in the open and prepare people, as calmly as possible, for further landings and close observations, before some sudden development makes gradual and reasonable preparation impossible.

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Members' opinions and suggestions for solving this problem will be very much appreciated.

Several items intended for this issue have had to be held for the next one, including an interesting discovery of E-M wave effects on human beings and animals; the NASA contradiction of an AF attempt to discredit NICAP's director, and important cases in this continuing "flap".

CHARLESTON EVENING POST

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The Wild Blue Yonder

Information regarding a (UFO) sighting may be released to the press or the general public . . . only if it has been positively identified as a familiar or known object.

—Air Force Regulation 200-2.7

Without meaning to alarm the children, we would suggest ever so cautiously that another 15 or 20 years will see an explanation for the common phenomena known as Unidentified Flying Objects or, to some, "flying saucers." The Air Force says it is not alarmed. Neither are we. But the fact remains that something is going on "up there", and we rather suspect that the Air Force knows it.

The latest rash of UFO reports from scientists and others in Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Antarctic is really nothing unusual. Reputable scientists and equally reputable nonscientists have been watching UFO's perform over Europe, Asia, Latin America, etc., for many years. One or two of the earthlings, moreover, were sober at the time.

The most perplexing part of this whole business is not the UFO reports; UFO's, whatever they are, exist, and it is not unnatural that people have reported seeing them. Some have even photographed

them. What is hard to understand is the attitude of the Air Force.

Confronted by a UFO report, the service immediately begins to crank out of the wild blue yonder the same pre-recorded announcement it has been playing for 20 years: "scratch, scratch, the Air Force has no evidence, scratch, scratch, the Air Force has no evidence . . ." If all depends, of course, on what is meant by "evidence." If our courts shared the Air Force's professed suspicion of creditable witnesses our jails would be empty.

But in another 20 years or so, as we say, the full story will be told. By that time, one of these unidentified objects will have set down politely beside a television crew and had its image, in living color, flashed around the world. When that happens, the second most interesting story of the year will be the official Air Force version of why for 40 years it kept the public in the dark.

The above is typical of many newspaper editors' and broadcasters' forthright statements and refusals to accept official "explanations".

In the next issue we hope to print the full story of this different type of flap showing how members of the press suddenly woke up to the truth.

We have been told by many of them that NICAP and its solid evidence played a large part in convincing them of UFO reality.

LOST EDITORIAL

An editorial headed "Lost! Important UFO Evidence," was accidentally left out of the last issue during make-up. Here are the main points:

We are about to lose invaluable UFO evidence. In recent months, numerous important leads — some confidential — have come to us from scientists, engineers, pilots and other well-informed sources. All such leads should be followed up at once. Instead, dozens still await action because our limited staff is constantly swamped.

We urgently need at least two more staff workers, also moderate funds for special field investigations. Some members work hard to publicize NICAP's evidence, also to secure new members and orders for "THE UFO EVIDENCE". Some have made donations without which we could not have kept going. (Membership fees have never covered operations and publishing costs.)

Other members, though strongly interested in solving the UFO mystery, are mainly "readers". It would make a tremendous difference if all members would join in the fight. Several thousand people would then be actively searching for new evidence, backing NICAP in every possible way.

This would inevitably speed the final break. The rewards could be the most important and fascinating discoveries in your lifetime.

They could be worth the extra effort.

Police See UFO Blast Off from Highway

On the night of Sept. 16, 1965, Pretoria (South Africa) police had a close-range encounter with a flying disc which landed on a highway. The UFO took off with a blast of flame, leaving the macadam road ablaze.

The District Commandant of Pretoria North, Lt. Col. J. B. Brits, admitted the government's serious concern. In an interview with the newspaper "Die Vaterland" he said the event was considered "as being of a highly secret nature and an inquiry is being conducted in top circles."

Since the burned road had been seen by hundreds in the area, it was impossible to deny the incident. The two police witnesses were belatedly silenced, but their report was already on record.

The officers involved were Constables John Lockem and Koos de Klerk. Just after midnight on Sept. 16, they were patrolling the Pretoria-Bronkhorstspuit highway in a police van when their headlights picked up a round, gleaming object. As they got closer they saw it was disc-shaped, about 30 feet in diameter. Its copper-colored surface reflected clearly in the van's headlights, and it also had a luminous glow.

About ten seconds after Lockem and de Klerk spotted the UFO, it suddenly lifted from the road. The policemen could see tongues of flame coming from two tubes or channels underneath.



UFO Seen on Highway near Pretoria, South Africa
SEPTEMBER 16, 1965

"Its lift-off was quicker than anything I have ever seen," Lockem reported later.

Flames from the tar and gravel (macadam) road shot up three feet after the UFO departed, blazing long after it was out of sight.

Before the two officers were silenced, Constable Lockem drew a sketch of the UFO with the aid of a "die Vaterland" staff artist. A newspaper print of the sketch is shown above.

"I have always regarded reports of flying saucers as a lot of nonsense," Constable Lockem said. "After this I shall be the first to say that such things are possible."

Before a careful check of the take-off area, a suggestion was made -- implying the police were deluded or lying -- that a prankster had poured petrol on the road and ignited it. The idea was quickly rejected when it was found part of the road was caved in, evidently from a heavy weight, and gravel had separated from the tar in a severely burned area about six feet in diameter. An experienced road builder of the Provincial Administration denied that burning petrol could have caused such severe damage.

Scientists Discuss Space Communications

Contact with space beings would be deeply upsetting for earthmen, according to Dr. William O. Davis, former AF physicist, who at one time was involved in preparing AF public statements on UFOs.

Dr. Davis was one of a panel of scientists who discussed "Communications with Extraterrestrial Intelligence" during the 1965 Conference on Military Electronics, Sept. 22-24, in Washington. The moderator was Dr. Harold Wooster, Director of Information Sciences, AF Office of Scientific Research.

Panel members included Dr. John C. Lilly, noted for his Navy-sponsored research and experiments in communicating with dolphins. Dr. Lilly pointed out a prerequisite to any communication: A desire to make contact and a willingness to get along with other beings. Several panelists agreed there were many possible reasons why space beings might avoid contact with us.

Lambros D. P. Callimahos, a Government cryptologist, suggested that if space beings tried to contact us electronically they would first use some attention-getting device. Then they would send educational messages, gradually teaching us to understand their language and purpose.

Dr. Davis, now with the Huyck Corporation in Connecticut, opposed this view. Verbal communication would be the least likely means of first contact, he said, because we would lack cultural referents. The most likely visitors, he stated, would be beings of higher intelligence than ours. If they were at a similar level of intelligence, which he thought unlikely, they would be "the most dangerous," from our viewpoint.

Assuming higher-level beings, said Dr. Davis, they would realize that earthmen's contact with them would pose serious psychological problems for us. Therefore, he suggested, they would try not to frighten us, but would first get us accustomed to their presence so that we would relax and become prepared for communication. The burden of such contact, Dr. Davis assumed, would be on the more highly intelligent space beings, and they would probably learn our languages first. (NICAP: Presumably through our telecasts and radio programs.)

The other panelists were Dr. Paul Garvin, linguist for the Bunker-Ramo Corporation, and Father Francis Heyden, well-known Georgetown University astronomer. Dr. Garvin said if space beings were very different from us linguistically, communication would be exceedingly different, but if they had vocal cords, upright stature and other human-like characteristics communication would be more likely.

Father Heyden discussed the astronomical evidence for planetary systems, mentioning 60 Cygni, among other stars, as suspected of having a planet-like body 11 light years from the earth.

Indicating the strong public interest in space-being communications, nearly 1,000 people crowded into the meeting, including many scientists and engineers from government agencies.

Attention Radio Stations

A 28-minute tape-recorded documentary program on UFOs is available from International Broadcast News Service, 4906 Keppler Place, S.E., Washington, D.C. at a cost of \$40. (Sample available to stations, on request.) The program includes information on NICAP, actual voices of UFO witnesses, authorities and others covering all phases of the UFO controversy. Recorded at 7-1/2 i.p.s. using professional facilities.

"The UFO Story," tape UFO series, is available to radio stations from Bob Barry, 47 N. Main Street, Yoe, Pa. The series favorably describes NICAP's investigations, and Mr. Barry forwards inquiries about NICAP to this office.

There are apparently only two answers:

1. This is a fraudulent story, involving the District Commandant, the two constables and their superiors. Such an explanation is incredible.
2. A UFO did land on the road, and it did blast off as the police reported. If so, this is a powerful new link in the chain of evidence proving UFOs are real.

ARGENTINE NAVY DISCLOSES IMPORTANT E-M CASE

An official Argentine Navy UFO report, labeled one of the most important Argentine UFO cases, has been released to NICAP in accordance with an agreement to exchange UFO information.

This combined visual and E-M (electromagnetic) interference incident occurred late in 1963, involving the Navy transport A.R.A. "Punta Medanos."

During the night of Nov. 12, 1963, says the official report, "A large airship [never identified] was sighted from the stern of the vessel. The huge UFO was round-shaped, and it was moving at great speed. It displayed no lights and made no sound.

As the unknown machine appeared, the needles of the ship's magnetic compasses "suddenly and simultaneously" swung off course, pointing toward the UFO. The power which caused this E-M interference is indicated by the distance involved. At the time, the Navy report states, the UFO was 2,000 meters (well over a mile) away from the ship.

After the UFO was gone, and the compasses returned to normal, the transport commander radioed the Commander in Chief of the Argentine Fleet. The Fleet Commander was so concerned he ordered a full investigation by the Hydrographic Service.

Instrument experts found no electric cause for the E-M effect. No magnets had been near the compasses, which were separately mounted on different decks. The Geologic Division determined that the sighting area was magnetically quiet, and also ruled out submarines and military and civilian aircraft, leaving the UFO as definitely the cause of the E-M interference.

The official report was sent to NICAP by Lt. Cdr. O.R. Pagani, whom the Secretary of the Argentine Navy appointed to investigate UFO sightings. Pagani said that the Argentine Naval Hydrographic Service will investigate all future E-M cases, and he will send detailed reports to NICAP.

Lt. Cdr. Pagani also forwarded a summary of 1964 UFO cases registered with the Argentine Government, adding that fifteen 1965 reports already are on record with the Navy. NICAP will try to report the best cases as soon as space permits.

Chilean Scientists Back UFO Reports

Three scientists in Chile have publicly agreed on the importance of UFO sightings. One was the Director of Chile's Cosmic Radiation Center, Prof. Gabriel Alvia.

"There is scientific evidence that strange objects visit our planet," Prof. Alvia told La Tercera de la Hora, in Santiago, after a flood of reports in the southern hemisphere. "It is lamentable that the governments have drawn a veil of secrecy around this."

Prof. Claudio Anguita, observatory director, concurred: "We are not alone in the universe."

The third scientist was Dr. Mitrovan Zverer, a Russian at Carro Calan Observatory.

"Something unknown to our understanding is going around the earth," he said.

Prof. Alvia revealed that two technicians at the radiation center at Infernello, in the Andes, saw the mountains lit up one night by a very bright orange glow. After this, a brilliant object rose out of a nearby gully and disappeared.

Alvia was quoted as saying a university center would be set up in Chile in 1966 to study the UFO phenomena.

UFO LANDS ON NEW SOUTH WALES BEACH

On July 19, 1965, a revolutionary disc-type craft landed on a beach at Vancluse, New South Wales, technical aviation artist Denis Crowe reported. Mr. Crowe, formerly a technical illustrator for a British aircraft company, said it in no way resembled any conventional flying machine.

At 9:30 that evening, Mr. Crowe stated, he saw a light coming from the direction of Vancluse Beach. When he investigated, he found a metallic disc-shaped machine resting on the beach.

Mr. Crowe got within 50 to 60 feet of the strange craft, he said, before it took off. As it lifted, he could see a yellowish-orange glow beneath. The flying disc climbed rapidly, disappearing in clouds over Manly.

While it was on the beach, said Mr. Crowe, he looked around hoping to see some one who saw what he saw.

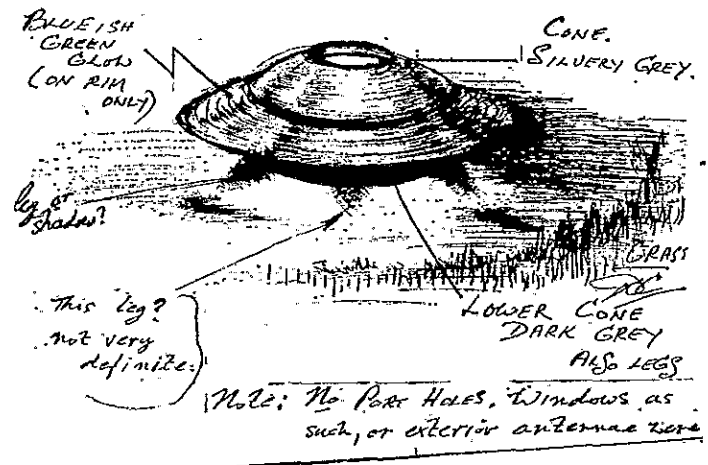
"But my only company was about a dozen or so dogs. While the object was stationary they were all barking loudly at it. After it took off they were strangely silent."

Only one recent landing report, from France, was an occupant case. On July 1, farmer Maurice Masse reported seeing an egg-shaped UFO resting on six legs and a central pivot. Near it, he said, was a humanoid being three feet tall. The figure jumped into the UFO, and it took off with a whistling sound. Imprints on the ground were confirmed by a gendarme. With the aid of Dr. Rene Hardy, NICAP adviser in Paris, we hope to prove or disprove this story.

Several other landing reports are being checked.
(See Cherry Creek story on another page.)

"Its diameter appeared to be about 30 feet," said Mr. Crowe. "I estimate its height at nine feet, including what appeared to be legs protruding from the bottom. The rim was glowing a greenish blue, while the top and bottom halves were dullish silver-grey. A hollow in the top could have been a glass dome."

The accompanying sketch by the technical artist shows the UFO's general appearance.



Gemini 5 Launching Observed by UFOs?

According to the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel, Sept. 21, three UFOs may have been maneuvering above Cape Kennedy as Gemini 5 was launched in August.

As reported by the newspaper, the UFOs were filmed by James R. Peek, a senior laboratory technician in Malabar. Mr. Peek, an experienced amateur photographer, said he intended to film the launching but missed the actual lift-off. Then, he stated, he saw an object traveling at very high speed near the launch area.

"It looked like a sliver of brilliant green phosphorescent light, just east of the contrail left by the rocket," Peek said. "It made a sort of S-turn in and around the contrail, became almost elliptical in shape as it turned, then changed into a clearly defined disc."

Peek says he hastily took a picture with his 35-mm camera, which was fitted with a 135 mm lens. Then he tried a second shot. When the color films were processed, the first showed a greenish blur. The second reportedly showed three objects, one a disc.

NICAP note: Many people watch and film rocket launchings and it would seem likely that other pictures would have been reported, even if most observers were concentrating on the rocket. However, NICAP investigators in the Cape Kennedy community were asked to interview the witness and attempt to obtain the negatives for analysis. We have just received a preliminary report that a disc-shaped object does show clearly on one film, and that Mr. Peek has agreed to an analysis. Results will be reported in an early issue.

ADM. HILLENKOETTER DENIES MENZEL CLAIM

In a recent Chicago broadcast, Harvard astronomer Donald H. Menzel -- an often violent attacker of UFO witnesses and believers -- made the following claim in regard to Vice. Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter, former NICAP Board Member:

"Adm. Hillenkoetter has read my book [The World of Flying Saucers] and has told me he fully accepts all my explanations." (Dr. Menzel rejects all positive evidence, insists UFOs are only natural phenomena, errors in identifying planes, meteors, etc.)

Dr. Menzel's statement apparently was an attempt to discredit NICAP, after an Affiliate member quoted Hillenkoetter as holding a contrary view.

The first time Menzel made this claim, as far as we know, was on Boston station WEEI, late in 1964. Adm. Hillenkoetter was already on record, in a signed Board Member statement, as stressing the UFO problem's importance, the risk of accidental war from mistaken identification of UFOs as a secret Soviet attack, and the urgent need for a Congressional investigation. Since a complete reversal of these views was incredible, NICAP's director, a Naval Academy classmate and personal friend of Hillenkoetter, wrote him about the Menzel claim.

Adm. Hillenkoetter's reply is reproduced below. (The reference to Maj. Hart was not concerned with Menzel.)

January 8, 1965

Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.)
National Investigations Committee
On Aerial Phenomena
1536 Connecticut Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

January 8, 1965

Dear Don:

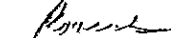
I apologize for the delay in answering your letter of December 13th but for part of the time over the holidays I was up in Massachusetts.

I think you were misinformed about some of the things you mention. First, as far as I can remember, I never talked to Major Hart nor, also as far as I remember, I have never met him and would not know him if he walked in the door.

I saw Dr. Menzel at a dinner in December but other than saying "Good Evening - Merry Christmas" there was no conversation and I have never carried on any conversation with Menzel about NICAP or UFO. He did send me a copy of his book for which I thanked him but took no position on the statements he made.

Please take my apologies again for being so long in answering your letter and with best personal wishes to you, believe me, as ever

Sincerely,



R. H. Hillenkoetter

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In spite of Dr. Menzel's unfounded attacks on NICAP, we could not believe he would deliberately make a false claim about Adm. Hillenkoetter. Since he was on a quiz program, arguing under some stress, we could only assume he had confused Hillenkoetter with some one else.

For this reason, we refrained from publishing the letter. But since Menzel is now repeating this claim, we have no choice.

During his five years on the Board, Adm. Hillenkoetter strongly supported all NICAP policies, including our views against unwarranted secrecy. When he left the Board, there was no ill feeling, as Dr. Menzel has implied. In a letter to the director, he said he felt we had reached a stalemate. He said he knew the UFOs were not secret U.S. or Soviet devices, and if they were extraterrestrial we could do nothing but wait for them to act.

Though we did not agree there was a stalemate, we did not argue the point. A majority of our Board, advisers and members are convinced a great deal can be done to prove UFO reality and help prepare the public for whatever develops. We believe the events of this past year have proved this policy correct.

Note to members: If you hear the above claim broadcast again, by Dr. Menzel or anyone else, please phone the station immedi-

Landing Probed by NICAP, AF

A curious landing report, in New York state on Aug. 19, has been thoroughly checked by NICAP, state police and a five-man AF team. This sighting, which occurred on the William Butcher dairy farm near Cherry Creek, N.Y., involved three members of the Butcher family and a fourth witness. Here is their report:

At 8:20 p.m., Harold Butcher, 16, was operating a milking machine in a dairy barn housing 17 cows. A portable radio on the wall was turned to a newscast, when a sudden static-like interference drowned it out. Then the tractor which ran the milking machine abruptly stopped. A moment later, a Holstein bull secured outside began to bellow and pull at a steel bar to which it was chained.

Young Butcher ran to a window and saw a large elliptical object nearing the ground, a fourth of a mile away. A reddish vapor could be seen underneath, and he heard a steady beep-beep sound. The UFO was on the ground only a few seconds, then it shot straight up, disappearing in low clouds.

When the other witnesses came out, after Harold Butcher phoned the house, they noted a strange odor, also a greenish glow in the clouds where the UFO had vanished. Meantime, it was found that the bull had bent the steel bar in his efforts to get loose.

Half an hour later, when the strange craft reappeared, circling the area, Mrs. Butcher called State police. Two troopers investigated, notified the AF. Next day, Capt. James Dorsey, Operations Officer, 4621st AF Group, arrived with four AF technicians. When they examined the ground, an odd purplish liquid substance was discovered at several places. Small unexplained marks, two inches wide and two inches apart, also were found, along with patches of singed grass and foliage.

After the AF team left, NICAP member Jeffrey Gow obtained samples of the purplish substance and singed foliage, and samples were studied by the Kaweck Chemical Co., whose president is a NICAP adviser. Spectrographic analysis showed the main elements of the liquid to be aluminum, iron and silicon. Some phosphorous was found in the weed samples, which the analyst said might cause a phosphine smell, explaining the odd odor.

On the night following the Cherry Creek incident, State Trooper Richard Ward, a few miles from this area, watched an object with eight circular lights in line flying twice as fast as a jet. It emitted a faint, unfamiliar purring sound.

Dr. Fred C. Fair and John Maxwell, of NICAP New York Sub-committee No. 2, carefully checked the Cherry Creek site and questioned the witnesses. On the basis of present evidence, they believe the report is genuine. Dr. Fair has confirmed that two state troopers who investigated also seem to be convinced.

We wish we could thank by name all the NICAP investigators, sub-committees and affiliates and other members who have worked so hard to investigate the many recent sightings. Without their aid, we would not have been able to check many important reports.

We regret we cannot personally thank all of you who have sent in newspaper clips on sightings. We appreciate this help very much, and it will be especially important now since we have had to cancel our clipping service. (During the recent months, we had expensive overcharges when hundreds of clips on the same sightings were sent to us by the clipping bureau.)

When you send in clippings, please give the name of the newspaper and date of publication, either in the margin or on a separate card or slip.

Because of the flood of recent sightings it took extra time to select and write up the details for this issue, causing a ten-day delay in going to press. We are starting on Vol. III/5 at once and will do our best to mail it well before Thanksgiving.

ately and quote Adm. Hillenkoetter's January 8th letter to get the facts on record.

We do not have space here for the admiral's signed statement cited in paragraph four, but if it becomes necessary we will print it in a later issue.

New Advisers to Help with Analyses

Two new appointments to the National Panel of Special Advisers have increased NICAP analytical facilities.

Mr. Henry C. Kawecki, Director of the Kawecki Chemical Company, producers of rare metals at Boyerstown, Pa., has already assisted NICAP several times, most recently in the Cherry Creek landing case, elsewhere described. The Kawecki Company has a complete analytical laboratory, including spectrographs and various types of X-ray equipment. Mr. Kawecki also is a private pilot and is willing to fly to the scene of reported landings to gather samples where physical evidence is involved.

The other new adviser is Mr. Arthur E. Sorenson, geological research scientist in Wallace, Idaho. Mr. Sorenson has been associated for ten years with one of the nation's leading non-ferrous and silver producing companies, which operates mines throughout the western United States. He has an M.S. in Geology from the University of Washington and has almost completed work for a PhD. During World War II and later, Mr. Sorenson served in the Marine Corps as fighter director and then electronics officer, with Marine fighter squadrons. He has a strong background in chemistry, physics and mathematics.

THE UFO EVIDENCE

We have found that many new members have not heard of "THE UFO EVIDENCE," the 184-page Report on NICAP's investigations from 1956 to January 1964. This Report contains some 750 cases selected from thousands in our files—verified reports by Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and airline pilots, control-tower operators, trackers, astronomers, and many other competent citizens in the U.S. and abroad.

This Report contains sketches from witness reports and several UFO photos. It has been ordered by technical libraries and other units in the Space Agency, the armed forces, astronautic companies and foreign governments.

This evidence has done an extremely important job in convincing members of the press, Congress and the general public. We would like to give copies to all members of the press, but it would cost thousands of dollars. If you already have a copy, perhaps you would like to order one for a local editor or program director. Or if you do not have a copy and you wish one, you can order it as follows:

"THE UFO EVIDENCE," NICAP Report, \$5.00, postpaid, sent at book rate. Persons just joining NICAP have been offered a combination of the Report and NICAP membership for \$9.00, and we are glad to extend this offer to those of you who are already members. You may renew your membership and order a copy of the Report for \$9.00, or if you order a gift membership you may receive the Report for yourself for the combination price of \$9.00.

A supplement to "THE UFO EVIDENCE" covering the most important developments in 1964-65, will be prepared after the end of this year. Details on printing date and costs to be announced later. Meantime, issues of the UFO Investigator for 1964 and 1965, covering many key cases, are available as a substitute until the Supplement is available. Members who do not have all these issues may order back copies at 50 cents each, or three for \$1.00.

SEATTLE SUBCOMMITTEE

The address of the Seattle NICAP Subcommittee has been changed to P.O. Box 25704, Seattle, Washington. This very capable subcommittee has been invaluable in representing NICAP in the Washington State area, not only in checking on UFO reports and securing helpful publicity, but also in correcting erroneous rumors about the so-called "National Investigations Commission on Aerial Phenomena." This is a one-man activity in Seattle, apparently named to sound as much like NICAP as possible. It has no connection with NICAP, and we urge members in the area who wish to discuss sighting reports or other UFO topics to get in touch with our Seattle subcommittee, at the address given.

We wish to thank Mrs. Lois Kemper, Public Relations Coordinator for the Subcommittee, for her efforts which have secured very helpful press coverage in the area.

An Indiana member has urged us to send the UFO Investigator bulk-rate, instead of first class in envelopes, and to use the money saved for extra office help. We have sent the Investigator by slow mail several times before -- and we may have to do it again, if our income does not warrant first-class mailing.

But each time we had numerous complaints. In a few areas it took three weeks to a month for delivery. Some members never received the issue at all -- even though others close by had it within a week of mailing. (Since issues are seldom returned, in such mailings, we have no way of knowing how many members are missed.) Sometimes press stories appear, quoting the latest issue, weeks before more distant members have their copies. Inevitably, the response to an issue is seriously delayed.

If we get a enough support, through prompt renewals, new memberships, and orders for the "THE UFO EVIDENCE," we shall try to keep on with first-class mailing. Though it is true we could put the postal savings to good use, we believe most of you want the news as soon as possible and will appreciate this extra service.

A talk on recent UFO sightings and other important developments will be given by NICAP's director, on Oct. 19, at the Veterans Auditorium, Columbus, Ohio. The address will be sponsored by the Columbus Dispatch, which has previously criticized policies of explaining away all UFO reports, especially those by highly responsible observers. The day before the talk, the director will take part in radio and TV programs and a press conference at Columbus.

Station KMYO, Little Rock, Arkansas, has informed NICAP it will offer a reward of \$1,000 for an authenticated photograph of a "flying apparatus" unique and not identifiable as anything made on earth. The offer is confined to a genuine UFO photo taken in Arkansas. NICAP has agreed to assist in evaluating any pictures received.

We are sorry that the large volume of mail, and our limited staff, keep us from answering all questions and requests as we would like. If you enclose an addressed reply card, or a separate question sheet on which answers can be typed, it will help us handle more mail. Letters from members are given priority over other mail, but until we can secure more office help the backlog will still pile up.

When you write us, it will be a real help if you will identify yourself as a member. If you enclose a check or money order, please indicate whether it is intended for a renewal, gift membership, an order for "THE UFO EVIDENCE," or as a donation. Also please consider your canceled check or money order stub as your receipt. (Normally we acknowledge receipt of cash, but we advise against mailing currency, unless the letter is registered.)

We recently informed members that the director's book, "Flying Saucers: Top Secret," published by Putnam, is out of print. We have since received word from a NICAP member, David Jesus, that he has on hand a large number of these books, for sale.

"If you wish to announce that these books can be ordered from me," writes Mr. Jesus, "the cost is \$2.60, including postage. [Publisher's price was \$3.95.] The checks should be made out to me and the books will be sent by return mail. The address is: 1437 N. Alta Vista Blvd., Hollywood, Calif., 90046."

We wish to thank those members who have jumped to our defense after unfounded attacks on NICAP by one or two UFO publications. We greatly appreciate their loyalty.

In our 6-1/2 years we have made mistakes, of course, but we have always tried to correct them. Our guiding policy is honest and it has, we believe, produced results helpful to all serious investigators. Most UFO magazine editors have been friendly and cooperative.

Except when serious charges must be fully refuted, we dislike using the limited UFO Investigator columns to answer malicious attacks. For this reason we are doubly grateful to members who have written the editor(s) concerned, correcting their erroneous statements with facts.