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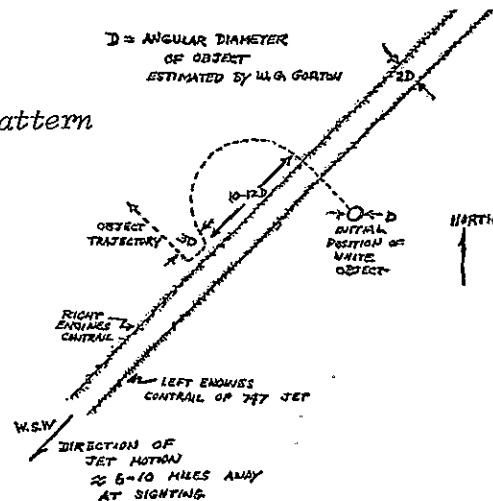
After a careful and thorough investigation by NICAP's assistant investigator Eugene Mallove, the following sighting has been listed as and still remains categorized as "unknown".

On October 9, 1973, a clear autumn day in Belmont, Massachusetts, William G. Gorton was painting the outside of his house. A Boeing 747 jet aircraft passed overhead at an altitude of approximately 25,000 feet, leaving a double vapor trail. Gorton states, "I glanced along the trail and noted a circular object close to and moving toward the trail in a direction perpendicular to it at what appeared to be the same altitude (see diagram). "The object moved through the vapor trails and changed course by 180° describing a perfect semi-circle about 10 times its diameter and then the object slowed or hesitated before continuing on.

The trail was evaporating, so Gorton decided he'd hurry into the house for the telescope that he kept in the kitchen. (Among Gorton's hobbies is building telescopes.) The door was locked, and by the time he returned to his point of reference, the object had vanished.

Gorton, a retired electrical engineer and practicing amateur astronomer, claimed, "I'd never seen anything like it before." Gorton described the object as being opaque with a dark irregular border, controlled and maneuverable. According to Gorton there were no highlights as on a reflecting object. He also pointed out that while the jet aircraft was grey and hazy, the object was pure white in color but not luminous.

Diagram showing pattern of movement and relative size of UFO sighted by William Gorton



NICAP's investigators worked diligently in evaluating this case and tried to prove a conventional explanation for this object's presence, but to no avail. Local weather balloon launching sites were checked only to find that Logan International Airport, Boston, had discontinued all such launches, and the weather station at Hanscom Field (USAF) had also discontinued weather balloons since their weather station closed down in September of 1973. As far as could be ascertained, the only weather balloon launching site in operation was Chatham, on Cape Cod. The launch times did not coincide with Mr. Gorton's sighting.

Gorton was positive that the UFO could not have been a balloon. He is an extremely well versed man, obviously experienced in the field of astronomy. He also has had 38 years of military electronics experience to give him the background to make such a decision. He reported that he had seen balloons before which he knew to be at 100,000 foot altitudes, and felt he could easily identify them. He also pointed out that weather balloons would have a dangling instrument package which would usually be recognizable.

After all possible explanations have been completely ruled out; the sighting remains unexplained.

ROCHESTER ASTRONOMERS VIEW FLIGHT OF UFO's

Early in the evening of Wednesday, October 24th, 1973, Mr. Terrence Dickinson, Assistant Director of the Strasenburg Planetarium in Rochester, New York, was observing the planet Jupiter with five of his astronomy students at the observatory. Their attention was suddenly attracted by an unusual light formation in the sky and these trained observers directed their total attention to this formation. Mr. Dickinson observed the object through an 8 X finder telescope, while the students continued to observe with the unaided eye.

The lights had first appeared in the southern sky and then moved in an northwest heading over the city of Rochester. The lights climbed for approximately 2 minutes after being first sighted (at approximately 8:00 P.M.). They rose from an elevation of about 25 degrees above the horizon to about 55 degrees and were getting brighter during this time until they appeared to be approximately as bright as the planet Venus. Mr. Dickinson and his students were able to watch the lights for approximately three more

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SILVER-SUITED CREATURES

Editors Note: At the request of the witnesses in this case, their names and the geographical location have been omitted.

"On November 3, 1973, at approximately 7:30 P.M. EST I observed a UFO for the first time in my life. It was hovering over the WKBR radio Towers," stated a New Hampshire witness. So began one of the more interesting and baffling reports from NICAP's Regional Investigator, Mr. Ray Fowler.

At 7:30 P.M. on November 3rd, the witness' neighbors called him to watch a glowing object in the sky that they had sighted previously through their telescope. The neighbors thought that the glowing object was Mars. The witness after looking agreed with them that it probably was a planet. However, while looking through the telescope he viewed another glowing object that seemed to be hovering above the radio station towers (which were about one mile to the East). He described it as being "a silverish saucer shaped craft with four red glowing windows at one end." None of the other witnesses were able to get the object within field of view on the telescope as it disappeared. The witness was not a believer in UFO reports prior to this time.

After returning home from visiting with friends, the witness and his wife retired for the night. Shortly after midnight, their dog seemed restless and the witness got up to let him out. It was then that he noticed a light coming from beyond the partially closed bedroom door. Approaching the kitchen, he realized that the light was coming from outside. The witness went quickly to the kitchen door and looked out.

What he saw both frightened and amazed him. A diffused glow came from two silver suited creatures. They appeared to be self luminous, had oversized pointed ears with dark egg-shaped holes for eyes and large noses. Their boots had no heels and they curled up at the toes.

The witness called his wife but she ignored him thinking he was kidding. He then returned to the bedroom to get his .38 automatic hand gun, adding more shells to the clip and returned to the kitchen.

At the command of his master the snarling vicious German Shepard lunged to attack. However, reaching the creatures the dog stopped dead in his tracks

and immediately retreated whining to the house.

At this point the witness was extremely upset. His hands shook so badly that he could hardly hold the gun. However, he vowed that if the creatures came any closer he would shoot.

The creatures went back to what they were doing, which consisted of picking up things from the ground and depositing them in a large bag. The witness was giving a running commentary to his wife of what was happening. She still did not get up until he said they were walking off. When she finally did come to the kitchen door all she saw was a glow in the woods.

The witness had called the police who arrived at about 12:30 P.M. They investigated the scene and could find nothing except for a few broken twigs. No footprints were found due to the hard dirt and rocky terrain which was covered by a thick blanket of pine needles.

Mr. Oswald and Mr. Fowler investigated this case very thoroughly. Extensive interviews with the witness and his wife, character checks, and police interviews were conducted. A thorough investigation of area around the property was undertaken as well.

BASEBALL or UFOs?

On October 24, 1973, sixteen year old Jane Flynn and her mother had gone to watch a baseball game at Memorial Park in Dedham, Mass., in which her younger brother Mark was playing. Sometime between 7:30 and 8:00 P.M., Jane noticed a white light in the sky moving in her direction. It appeared to be flying less than 1,000 feet high. As it drew closer, Jane noticed additional lights on it. The object circled around Dedham and vanished.

Soon the craft reappeared and this time passed overhead with a loud roaring noise. Jane became very excited and turned to her mother calling her attention to it. Jane and her mother described the craft as having a white beam on the nose and perhaps 5 blue and red lights along the leading edge of each wing, a yellow belly light and a plume-like shimmering orange flame at the tail end. Jane's mother assumed the object was a low flying air plane and did not want Jane to disturb anyone else about it.

After the game was over the Flynn's drove 2 miles south to their home. As Jane got out of the car, she spotted what

appeared to be the same craft. At this point Jane and her brother rushed to the house to get their father to observe this strange object. Shortly thereafter, the object disappeared.

Jane called a Boston radio station to report her sighting, but the station referred her to NICAP's investigator Ray Fowler, who then in turn referred Jane to his Assistant, Walter Nebb, who lives in her town.

One very perplexing point about this report is the lack of confirming witnesses at the baseball game. However, NICAP has received several similar reports from the same proximity, and all were seen and reported during the month of October.

Barry Goldwater Speaks Out on UFOs

"I believe the earth has been visited many times by creatures from outer space," stated Arizona republican Barry Goldwater to Alan A. Zullo of the National Enquirer. Senator Goldwater, relying on his 44 years as a top-notch pilot and his experience as a retired Air Force Brigadier General, rejects claims that UFO's are imaginary or natural phenomena.

Goldwater and other observers of the UFO phenomena may doubt stories from many witnesses, but reports from pilots and other experts are something in which all interested researchers can put their faith. Senator Goldwater recalled a number of cases involving military planes following UFO's only to come near them and then see the objects zoom away at incredible speeds.

It is well known that Goldwater is an enthusiastic ham radio operator, and although he admits never having seen a UFO he was quoted by the National Enquirer as hearing strange signals on his ham receiver which apparently came from outer space. These signals had a sequence which sounded definitely like a code, but unlike anything that Goldwater had ever heard before.

Even though Goldwater is a highly respected senator and former presidential candidate, he stated that he had been thwarted in trying to see the research files at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Goldwater was further quoted as stating that some highly secret Government UFO investigations are going on that we don't know about and probably never will unless the Air Force discloses them.

Astronaut Young— A UFO Believer

Recently in the Seattle, Washington, *Star News*, an article appeared that stated Astronaut John W. Young believes that unidentified flying objects do exist.

Navy Capt. Young, an Apollo 16 crew member and the ninth American on the moon, commented: "If you bet against it, you'd be betting against an almost sure thing. There are so many stars, that it's mathematically improbable that there aren't other life sources in the universe."

Florida Official— Seeing is Believing

Jan. 6th.—Norm Pellegrini, Assistant Administrator, Orange County Florida was accompanied by Don Logan, an ITT employee, on a pre-dawn fishing trip to St. Cloud on Sunday, January 6th. UFOs were the last thing on their minds and in fact both men wanted it made clear that they were "not flying saucer freaks". They soon became believers in UFOs in the pre-dawn darkness as they drove along State Road #523 in St. Cloud.

Pellegrini stated that they spotted an object hovering about 200 feet above a group of pine trees about 200 yards south of the road. They stopped their car and got out to watch the object which at first they thought was a large helicopter. They soon realized that it was not a conventional aircraft and Logan would later describe the craft as "fabulous... something you would see in a science fiction movie."

The men watched the object for approximately 2 to 3 minutes and described it as being about as large as a 747 jet aircraft with a fin like structure protruding from the bottom of the windowless craft. At one point during their observation lights from the flying object brightly illuminated the trees below. The men described the object as making a sound which resembled jet propulsion which changed tone as the object maneuvered over the trees. They also reported seeing some type of insignia on the downward protruding fin.

Both men were reluctant to report their sighting to authorities and in fact, have discussed their experience with only a very few people. However, their puzzlement over the object and their inability to explain it in any conventional terms led them to come forth with their report.

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minutes as they moved over the city, then disappeared.

The observers estimate that the formation of lights was about 2 miles away from the planetarium and were at an altitude in excess of 10,000 ft.

To the observers without optical assistance the lights appeared as four white dots in "V" or "check mark" formation. Mr. Dickinson, observing through the 8 X telescope, confirmed this impression, but he also noted a somewhat dimmer object at the rear of the formation that had an apparent pink coloration. When observed through the telescope, the lights appeared as steady, solid, unwavering point sources. At no time during the telescopic observation did Dickinson observe any blinking or colored lights as one might expect from conventional aircraft. He feels certain he would have seen these had the object been an aircraft. The rear pinkish colored light was observed to deviate from its fixed position in the formation, while still maintaining its relative position. This movement was not rapid or unusual, nor was it inconsistent with the behavior of conventional aircraft. One of the student observers reported seeing the lights in the formation as blinking, although the other four students and Mr. Dickinson were certain the flashing did not occur.

Mr. Richard Quick, Director of Libraries at State University of New York located in Geneseo (a city south of Rochester), later wrote to Mr. Dickinson and described in detail an independent observation of essentially the same phenomena. Other Rochester residents reported essentially similar observations to the press and to Mr. Dickinson at the planetarium.

Other phone calls received by Mr. Dickinson indicated that virtually an identical formation of lights was observed over Rochester on October 11th. However, NICAP's Regional Investigator Dr. S. Appelle has been unable to confirm this earlier sighting.

Mr. Dickinson, a member of NICAP, and other UFO organizations, is interested in and familiar with UFOs and the need for cognizant observations and detailed evaluation. He and Dr. Appelle have contacted civilian and military air installations, NORAD, etc. All sources insisted that none of their aircraft were in the vicinity.

Dr. Appelle and other NICAP researchers have reached the following con-

clusions concerning this case. There is no doubt that a formation of lights having an unusual appearance were in the sky over Rochester on the evening of October 24th. Even though there was nothing in the behavior of the objects that would argue against them being conventional aircraft, the appearance of the objects was unusual and not at all typical of conventional aircraft. In addition the denial of all civilian and military authorities that any of their aircraft was in the area at the time of the sightings strengthens the supposition that this was not a sighting of conventional aircraft. The report also does not coincide with any known astronomical or meteorological phenomena. The behavior of the lights would strongly suggest a real object in controlled flight.

In the absence of any additional information presently in NICAP's possession this case will be classified as being "unidentified flying objects witnessed by highly qualified observers."



"Flickering Lights" Take Hunters by Surprise

Clarence Bizet, a resident of Tallahassee, Florida, and former newspaper man, was on a hunting trip in the Apalachicola National Forest when he and a companion spotted a light over Hitchcock Lake. "It was the brightest light I ever saw," stated Bizet. The hunters described the object as "flickering" like that of a heartbeat.

"The light hovered over the treetops, then moved off quickly." Bizet was able to follow it with the help of his field glasses for a short time but then lost it. Moments later both men looked behind them, and it was hovering over the treetops again but higher up this time. Bizet observed it with binoculars and described the craft as having flickering blue and green lights and much more distant than one would realize at first.

That same night came a second report from Mayor Curley Messer of nearby Carrabelle. He claimed to have seen strange lights in the same area, thereby giving supporting data to the prior sighting.

\$50,000 REWARD

The ENQUIRER is continuing its offer of \$50,000 to the first person who submits proof that an unidentified flying object (UFO) came from outer space and is not a natural phenomenon.

From thousands of entries submitted since this offer was first made on March 12, 1972, none has so far qualified for the award. However, a \$5,000 award was made last March to Durel Johnson and his family, of Delphos, Kansas, who supplied the most scientifically valuable evidence on UFOs, though not the proof required for the main award.

Entries are judged by the ENQUIRER's Blue Ribbon Panel of UFO Investigators, consisting of five of the country's top scientists.

The panel includes Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, associate professor of psychology and director of the Division of Counseling and Testing at the University of Wyoming; Dr. James Harder, professor of engineering at the University of California in Berkeley; and Dr. Robert F. Creegan, professor of philosophy at the State University of New York in Albany.

Also on the panel are Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, professor of plant science at Utah State University; and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, former adviser on UFOs to the U.S. Air Force, currently chairman of the Dept. of Astronomy at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

If you believe you have proof of a UFO from outer space, submit your evidence in writing to: UFO Reward, NATIONAL ENQUIRER, Lantana, Fla. 33462. If the Blue Ribbon Panel unanimously agrees that your evidence meets the conditions of the offer, you will receive a check for \$50,000 from this newspaper.

This offer is valid throughout the world. It shall not be construed as an inducement to betray any military secret of the United States.

NICAP is presently evaluating cases for the panel and the best ones will be referred to the *National Enquirer* to be considered for the reward. Witnesses will be contacted before their case is submitted to receive permission to enter the report on their behalf.

SIGHTING ADVISORY

Preliminary information on new reports. Details and evaluations will be published when available.

October 30, 1973 — Hastings, New Zealand. A teenage girl who was returning home from a nearby community reported seeing a circular object with shining blue lights and a pulsating red dome. Too frightened to stop to investigate, she later returned to the scene with a friend and discovered four pad marks eight feet apart where the ground had been scorched.

November 4, 1973 — Allentown, Pa. Three newsmen sent out to investigate a UFO claimed they observed a "bright, shiny object across the sky, that seemed to disintegrate in the early morning dawn." A similar sighting was reported by Bethlehem residents the same day.

November 8, 1973 — Indio, Calif. A young man disclosed a personal incident which involved 100 mph chase down a California freeway early this morning. He claimed a UFO was 30 feet above ground when it began pursuing him. The object was said to have red and green lights and a circular bubble top.

November 19, 1973 — Williamsport, Pa. Twelve residents of this Pennsylvania area sighted two cigar-shaped objects with ultra white lights in the center and red lights at top and bottom. The objects darted around the dark, clear sky for about eight minutes before disappearing behind a mountain.

November 21, 1973 — Coos Bay, Oregon. A high school student related an incident of seeing a round, gray object thirty feet above the trees at 11 p.m. The boy, although frightened by the experience, rolled down his car window to listen for an engine, but could not detect a sound.

November 21, 1973 — Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii. A large group of hospital employees witnessed a large, white object coming in from the ocean in mid-afternoon. It appeared to be 10 to 15 feet square, almost transparent with solid sides. The workers felt that the craft had landed as it disappeared into a wooded area. A thorough check was hampered because of the density of the trees.

Q/A

Q. Is J. Allen Hynek's book "UFO Experience" still available thru NICAP? Linda Kieffer, Gaithersburg, Md.

A. No, unfortunately NICAP has completely sold out their stock. Your local bookstore should still have a supply. It may also be ordered thru the Henry Regnery Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill.

Q. Could you tell me how to go about receiving the NICAP lapel pin? K. Arnold, DeKalb, Ill.

A. The sterling silver, rhodium plated NICAP lapel pin is available to any NICAP member for a nominal fee of \$4.00 for each pin. Mail your check or money order to the NICAP office.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dec. 12, 1973

Dear Sir:

I am interested in UFOs. I am taking a Seminar in July to Stockholm, Leningrad, Moscow, cities in Germany and London. I want to contact UFO investigators in each of these cities.

If you know of anyone who would like to go with me on this investigation send me the name and address. You will find my record in Who's Who.

Cordially,

Jerome Davis, PH.D., LL.D., Litt.D.

Individuals joining this excursion will be responsible for paying their own expenses.