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CARRIER AIRMEN SIGHT UFOs

DID NAVY SILENCE OFFICERS WHO SAW UFOs?

Editors Note: At the request of the witness in this case, his name and the name of his ship have been omitted.

Somewhere off the Carolina coast a few months ago, a U.S. Navy ship lost a helicopter with three crewmen aboard. A destroyer stationed nearby "heard" the helicopter hit the water (on the destroyer sonar equipment), and steamed to the area of the crash in a matter of minutes. Nothing was ever found in the crash area to indicate the helicopter had gone down—no wreckage, life jackets, nothing.

The search continued, however, and on the second night of the search, one of the carriers was stopped because they wanted to remain in the same area. The bow of the carrier was pointed south, the temperature was approximately 40 degrees, the sky was completely clear and moonless. There were four destroyers visible on the horizon about ten miles from the carrier.

The witness stated that at about 2100 hours, he was informed by a sailor running by to get a camera that three UFOs were near the carrier. He went up to the flight deck to see the UFOs, but was too late for they had gone. He did, however, witness their "aftereffect." He observed what he termed a "round cloud of luminous dust." The cloud, according to this witness, was "glowing brightly, but not as bright as the stars behind it, which could be seen through it." He added that there was no wind, and that although the cloud was spreading very slowly and getting dimmer, it could still be seen for about thirty minutes after he arrived on the flight deck.

By walking from the aft end of the ship forward, he could estimate the distance from his ship to the cloud at about 150 to 200 yards, and the size of the cloud itself to be approximately one hundred feet in diameter. He encountered many of the one thousand crewmen who were on the flight deck, and began questioning as many of them as he could before they went back below deck. The witness has provided NICAP with the following "first person" account of what went on that night in the North Atlantic:

A few airmen were on deck and saw the UFOs approach. These UFOs came out of the East, very low over the destroyer which was on station there. The craft were in a "V" formation, and they were extremely fast.

They were over the horizon, then in one or two seconds, they were right next to us. They stopped without seeming to slow down, and they hovered east of us about one hundred and fifty yards off the port beam. They were some forty to fifty degrees up from the flight deck surface.

The crewmen described the three UFOs as "Saturn types". They each had rings which were red, and the spheres themselves were orange and glowed very brightly. None of the spheres had any outside projections, no portholes, and they made no sounds whatever.

The UFOs did not move, and in fact stopped for about twenty to twenty five minutes. All three spheres were the same size, about forty to fifty feet in diameter.

"What was just incredible to me," continued the witness, "was the way in which they left. They did not fly away—they just disappeared. They vanished! I

made a point of trying to find witnesses who saw which direction they left in, but everyone I talked with was consistent—the UFOs just winked out. All that remained was the glowing white cloud in the spot where the UFOs had been."

The next morning, everyone on the ship was talking about the event when the officers not on watch were called to a meeting. When the witness got off duty and asked a fellow officer about the UFOs, the latter said that as far as he was concerned, no such thing had ever happened, and that there was to be no further discussion.

The witness finished his report by stating that he has spent countless hours researching all available sources for answers to the unexplained disappearance of the helicopter and its crew, but that the incident still remains a mystery.

THEY WERE AWARE OF US

Harold Stanton, a television engineer, will not speculate on the nature of the "objects" he saw dancing over Forrest County, Mississippi. He will state, however, that he had the impression that "they were aware of us."

Stanton and several other Hattiesburg area residents reported spotting seven unidentified flying objects northeast of the city. They said the objects changed colors, flew in various formations, and even landed in a field. When the witness attempted to close in on five of the objects after they had landed, he stated that "they came up in a formation and joined the other two UFOs high overhead."

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UFO Follows Car in Massachusetts

Last December, Paul Amichetti and Catherine Kear, his girlfriend, were driving to the home of Miss Kear's aunt in Dedham, Massachusetts. Near the edge of town, both observed an extremely bright light in the sky, hovering at tree top level.

Mr. Amichetti detoured and followed the unusual phenomenon as it proceeded through the suburban Boston town. After several minutes of following the illuminated object, Mr. Amichetti stopped his car when he drew within several hundred feet of the object's lights.

Mr. Amichetti reported, "The thing flipped over on its side, and then it came toward my car. When I saw it begin approaching, I put the car in reverse and backed away."

Returning to his original route, Mr. Amichetti glanced out of his car only to see that the object was following a course parallel with the car's. Amichetti said, "When I stopped the car, it stopped. So I got out of the car and looked at the thing's lights for about thirty seconds. I made no noise. I started the car again and

when I looked up again, the lights were gone."

Miss Kear's report to NICAP concurred with her boyfriend's observations. She added, "When Paul got out of the car to get a closer look, the UFO stopped and began to rise slowly in the night sky until it disappeared."

Police officers responding to the couple's call reported that they saw a noiseless cluster of lights over a swampy area near Dedham. One officer radioed other units. Two policemen described "low, slow moving clusters of red lights shaped like inverted cups with white lights fore and aft." Police witnessing the unexplained phenomenon describe Mr. Amichetti and Miss Kear as reliable witnesses.

NICAP investigators have determined that nearby Norwood Airport reported no aircraft in the area at the time of this sighting. The description of the object by the witnesses does not correspond to conventional aircraft illumination patterns or configurations.

erie," he said. Robert Grandstaff, chief of flight services for the Federal Aviation Administration office at the Walla Walla City-County Airport, discounted the possibility of mountain airplane beacons because most such lights have been discontinued.

An official of the National Weather Service said it was "pretty doubtful" the UFO could have been a weather balloon. "The balloons that we do send up (near Spokane) don't have lights on them," he said. He added to the mystery, and the possibility of extraterrestrials, by musing, "With the cloud cover we've had the past couple of days, there haven't been many stars showing. I just don't know what it could be."

HOW CAN WE CONTACT UFOs?

In a recent column, syndicated columnist Roscoe Drummond not only recognizes the existence of UFOs, he also urges that we take the initiative in contacting them.

"Now that Unidentified Flying Objects are widely and wisely accepted as real," Drummond wrote, "the next step which must concern everybody—public and government alike—is how we on earth can begin to make contact.

There is no reason to be surprised that our planet should be under surveillance by intelligent extraterrestrial beings. Most astronomers now share the once heretical view of Dr. Harlow Shapley, former director of Harvard Observatory, that there are at least 100 million inhabited planets in the universe."

Citing Maj. Donald Kehoe's figures of over 3,000 chases by U.S. fighter planes with no retaliatory attempts by any of the UFOs, Drummond agrees that their main purpose requires peaceful contacts and cooperation with humans.

"The question now is how to bring about such cooperation," says Drummond, adding that, "Some might be understandably apprehensive as to what might happen if we make contact with intelligent space beings or, indeed, with extraterrestrial beings from a society far more advanced than ours. The astronomer, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, feels it would be a great adventure leading to tremendous benefits."

GUARDS SPOT UFOs THREE TIMES

Prison guards at the Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla spotted what they called an "Unidentified (apparently) Flying Object" on three different occasions. "It was very weird, really," said Correctional Officer William Hill. "I was trying to think of a hundred things I wish it could have been." From their vantage points in the towers at the prison, Hill and seven other officers used binoculars to better see the object in the sky southwest of the prison. Twice on the first day it appeared, and once in the afternoon of the second day.

According to Hill, the object "looked like a little moon. It was round, and had a bluish-green light on each side of the sphere." Hill added that it appeared to be revolving in a clockwise direction, and although it "didn't sparkie, there seemed to be something reddish colored at its base." The object also gave off some type of emission from the underside. "When the officer in tower seven saw this thing, he thought it was a shooting star, but it

was throwing the gas out of the bottom—sparks or something," said Hill. Hill very logically put aside the theory that it might have been an airplane, because "it was the same size all the time and it was there for forty-five minutes" the first time the guards spotted it. After the first sighting, the object disappeared, then, according to Hill, it reappeared briefly to the west for a short time.

The third sighting took place at 3:45 the next morning, and the object was located in the same area of the sky. Although the UFO appeared to be a bit smaller, "it stayed there for ten minutes and then it moved west," said the officer.

Early speculation that the object could have been radio transmission towers in the distance were discounted by the owner of the station who said there was nothing unusual (no new beacons) at the station. The station's announcer, however, said the area around the station was "quieter than usual" when he opened the station at 4:50 a.m. "It was almost

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VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA—According to the Department of Civil Aviation, two pilots on domestic flights saw UFOs flying in formation, and "traveling very high and very fast." Dozens of people in the area sighted the same objects, and all reports stated that they were traveling in a north-west to south-east direction. They also agreed that the objects had long tails and that no sound could be heard.

One witness, Mr. Ron Pigdon of Benalla, said that at 10:10 p.m., he saw "five of them traveling towards Melbourne." Another witness, Mrs. Carol Wells of Warrandyte, said she counted four or five objects. "They were flying in formation and appeared very organized." According to Senior Sergeant Les Milborn of the Mildura police, "I thought it was a comet, then a plane, but then I counted fifteen of them!"

NEW GLASGOW, NOVA SCOTIA— For more than a month, several sightings of strange objects in the skies have been reported in the Pictou County area and also in part of New Brunswick. Another strange sighting has been reported in the sky over Pictou County, this time by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson of New Glasgow. They stated that a bright light appeared in the sky, stayed for approximately thirty seconds, then "streaked out of sight." Mr. Peterson said the light was similar to an extremely bright searchlight, but was "high, very high in the sky." A short time later, they saw the same light appear for another thirty seconds, then disappear again. Local airport officials and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had no explanations to offer.

LITHGOW, AUSTRALIA—Mr. Stan Sharpe, his wife and grandson, all of Hassan Walls reported that they had seen a "bright orange object" flying across a nearby valley. "It was about 10:40 p.m. when we noticed this extremely bright light, orange colored it was, suddenly appear to the west. It started off right away from Sheedy's Gully and off across the channel six booster. Without turning

at all, off it went towards the Lithgow Golf Club." Sharpe estimated, and his wife confirmed that the object took at least five minutes to cross the valley.

WHITE ROCK, BRITISH COLUMBIA—"I hadn't taken a drop to drink, so I know what I saw last night," stated a very well respected, and very skeptical lady. The witness claimed to have seen a huge, oval object "hanging in the sky east of Mount Baker." It was a clear night so the visibility was excellent. The witness stated that she was sure it was not a plane, because the object hung stationary for about five minutes, and then vanished. The UFO was described as having a bright orange center, and was "bordered by ten very bright white lights."

Similar sightings have been reported in the same area, including one which traveled soundlessly from the northern to the southern horizon in no more than one and half minutes. It was described as very bright, like a large crystal colored light and appeared round. There were no colored lights to indicate an airplane. One very bright light kept flashing on and off, but as it traveled north, the flashing light went off.

MACKAY, AUSTRALIA—A witness from another Australian city reported seeing an object that she described as having "two lights, much stronger than car lights." A mother with her three children were driving along a straight, open road when she observed the lights shining at a low altitude. Suddenly, the lights turned and went upwards. As they turned, the bright lights went out and were replaced by a green light. The object rose for about a half minute, then descended again somewhere close to the roadway and disappeared altogether. At first the witness thought the lights might be those of an airplane, but airport officials said no planes were flying in the area at the time of the sighting.

About two months prior to this report, two brothers stated that they had seen what is believed to be the same UFO in approximately the same area.

THERFIELD, ENGLAND—Residents have frequently seen a "mysterious flying object" hovering above their village. Some of the residents want to believe the object is simply an airplane, while others correctly point out that they cannot hear any engine noises, neither piston nor jet.

One couple has seen the strange object on a number of occasions. Although they could not describe its size, they stated it is "oval and displays a bright light, like that of a car headlamp."

It appears to hover quite low over the village and surrounding area, and a bright light flashes as it slowly moves from one area of the dark sky to another.

At least once each week the mystery object is spotted, and it is usually seen about the same time on each occasion, between ten and eleven at night.

GRAVENHURST, ONTARIO—The wife of a local high school teacher sighted an unidentified flying object several hours before a similar sighting by a family on the other side of town.

The witness was returning home in her automobile when she was suddenly attracted to a strange object hovering over a large field. She stopped her car briefly and watched the large, oblong object while it remained motionless in the air. There was no sound, and only two lights—one very bright white light and one red light.

The UFO was still there as she continued to her home to pass the news along to her husband. But by the time she convinced him to go outside to see if the machine was still hovering over the trees, it was gone.

A similar sighting was reported the same night by a man, his wife and daughter, who saw a strange object over a neighbor's barn at about midnight, some five hours after the first sighting.

NOTE TO MEMBERS

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PENNSYLVANIA BUSINESSMAN/ PILOT SPOTS UFO

R. Michael DeLong is a businessman and an experienced pilot who has logged many hours of flying time. He is also a dedicated UFO watcher whose vigilance on the ground and in the air has been nonproductive until recently.

While driving to his company's store in Pottsville, DeLong had "a very interesting craft in sight for several seconds." He said he saw a "V" of five intense red lights speed over the horizon, and that the "V" was pitching toward earth from 30 degrees off the horizon. "I'm familiar with speed, if that had been an airplane, it certainly would have crashed."

DeLong said he estimated the object to be traveling at between 400 and 500 miles per hour. Because of the brief time he was able to see them, he was not able to determine if there were five separate objects or if the lights were part of a fuselage.

"You have to be able to compare it with something else to estimate the size, so I couldn't say what the relative size would have been. I knew positively that what I saw flying was nothing that I'm familiar with."

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The objects were described by Stanton as having "variable shape and size because of their varying intensity. At times they appeared to be a bright, glowing orange, then they would dim until they were a bluish halo-like affair which seemed to rotate."

Another witness, a University of Southern Mississippi professor, said the UFOs appeared to change color from "a dim blue to a bright orange." The professor further stated that the light was of a type that he had never seen before. He described the light as being more of a neon type glow.

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

February 13, 1974—Barrington, New Hampshire. A student from the Univ. of New Hampshire reported observing a cigar-shaped object that appeared to have brilliant white lights on both sides. The witness further described the UFO as having an elongated dome on the top with a red light toward the front. The craft moved slowly but with controlled maneuvers and then suddenly sped completely out of sight.

March 1, 1974—St. Louis, Missouri. A mother and her two teenage sons observed a flat, saucer-shaped object having between twenty-five to fifty lights spinning in a counter-clockwise direction. The three witnesses were able to observe the "phenomena" for approximately five minutes until it disappeared from sight.

March 14, 1974—Mays Landing, New Jersey. A teacher of Electronics contacted a NICAP investigator by telephone while observing an object in the sky that he was able to view while giving the following description. The object looked like a solid mass and seemed to have a metallic hull. The craft remained stationary for a time and the brightness seemed to fade in and out. NICAP's regional investigator decided to contact the police department and the officer he contacted revealed that he too had seen an object in the same vicinity with the same characteristics.

October 17, 1973—Pomona, California. At approximately 3:40 a.m., a housewife went outside to try and observe Skylab which was due to pass over southern Calif. early that morning. The witness reported the sky as being extremely clear and while searching for Skylab, she noticed a light coming from the south traveling north. At first the witness stated that she thought it was a large meteor, then a beam from a search light, but realized there was no light coming from the ground. The light was white and flew in a zig-zag pattern and seemed to vanish as it neared the mountains to the north. The witness stated that the object was faster than a jet but that it was the zig-zag flying pattern that was the most amazing characteristic.



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Ralph and Judy Blum, authors of *Beyond Earth: Man's Contact With UFOs*, have spent a year studying evidence and listening to people who have had close contact with UFOs. In their outstanding new book (Bantam, 248 pp., \$1.50), they cite Dr. J. Allen Hynek's prediction that Air Force policy (of silence) will change during 1974, and that by 1975 the government will release definite proof that extraterrestrials are watching us. This documentary is a valuable addition to the library of anyone seriously interested in what the authors call "the phenomenon."

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