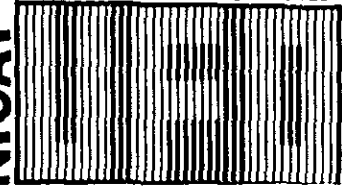


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UFO SIGHTING AT PINECASTLE ELECTRONIC WARFARE RANGE

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Following is a report from NICAP regional investigator, Ernest T. Jahn, on the May 14, 1978, sighting by personnel at Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range, Ocala, Florida.

On May 14, 1978, at 10:00 P.M., S.K.1 Robert J. Clark, U.S.N., stationed at Pinecastle E.W. Range, received a phone call from a civilian in Silver Glen Springs, reporting a bright light in the sky which resembled a bright flare. At 10:10 P.M. he received a second call from a man who stated that he and eight other persons had observed an object approximately 50 to 60 ft. in diameter with multi-colored lights which passed over them at treetop level as they were driving on Highway 19.

Upon receiving the calls, S.K.1 Clark contacted the base air controller, and together they proceeded to the tower to check on the possibility that a commercial or military aircraft may have crashed or was experiencing mechanical difficulties. In addition, Jacksonville Center was contacted to determine if any military or private aircraft were known to be in the area. The answer was negative.

While attempting to make visual contact, S.K.1 Clark notified external security and had them contact T.D.2 Timothy Collins, radar technician. Collins stated that at 10:30 P.M. he was notified that S.K.1 Clark wanted him at the tower, that it was an emergency. He further stated that upon arriving at the tower he was given a pair of binoculars with which he observed a cluster of glowing lights that appeared to be moving from north to northwest, but he could make no identification. He further stated that although it was a quiet evening, he could hear no noise coming from the cluster of objects. He was asked to power up the radar and attempt to lock onto the targets.

During the five minute period needed to warm up the track radar and twenty minutes needed for the acquisition radar, he searched the area with the periscopes and again sighted the object.

When both radars were fully operational, the radar detected one object approximately 60 miles north. Using the known bearing, range and elevation of the C.D. tower, Collins locked the tracking antenna on the tower into automatic tracking. He then saw one stationary object and one other object moving slowly around the C.D. tower. The computer readout indicated that at that time the object was almost motionless in relation to ground velocity. Collins then switched to manual tracking and continued to search for other objects. He observed another object north of them but was unable to lock onto it. Turning to the PPI radar (planned position indicator), he then noticed a moving object northwest of the range and three to five miles away and south from the general direction of the C.D. tower.

As he locked on the object, it accelerated rapidly, moving approximately five miles in one sweep (sweep at one second intervals). After accelerating

in a southerly direction, it veered north in the direction of Pinecastle and decelerated as it approached the base. Total time of visual and radar contact was approximately one hour.

[Of this maneuver, Collins said, "First it was heading south, and then it was heading north. All in the split of a second. . . . Planes just don't have a turning radius like that." Although Collins would not guess at the speed, he said he had tried to figure it out mathematically. "At 500 knots we can lock up on an aircraft pretty fast," he said, suggesting that the object's speed had been even greater.]

After receiving preliminary report on this sighting, this investigator contacted Lt. Cmdr. John Sullivan to confirm the sighting and resulting reports. The Commander advised me that the reports as presented were an accurate account of the events of May 14, 1978, and the personnel involved were highly competent and possessed extensive experience in visual and electronic identification of airborne objects, an ability which was a necessity in order for them to perform their assignments with the accuracy required. In all, eight Naval personnel assigned to Pinecastle observed the objects either visually or electronically and confirmed the above report.

Commander Sullivan further advised this investigator that additional calls had been received from civilian personnel in relation to this sighting and other sightings occurring within a few weeks of the May 14 occurrence, but although attempted, no other radar or visual contact by Naval personnel had been made.

Any additional information relating to these sightings that can be confirmed by me will be forwarded to NICAP headquarters.

I have extended my personal thanks to Commander Sullivan and personnel in his command for the prompt, professional manner in which they acted and for the cooperation given to me and this organization in our attempts to obtain accurate information concerning this incident. I feel that their action clearly shows that it is possible for military units to work hand in hand with private research organizations such as NICAP in the best interests of science and the nation in seeking an answer to these highly controversial phenomena.

FROM OUR READERS

GEORGE D. FAWCETT, NICAP member since '56, is making a study of human reactions to UFO's. Anyone with information to contribute should write him at 602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton, North Carolina 28092.

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Back Issues of Newsletter	70.00	
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Publications	174.85	
Miscellaneous	760.77	
		<u>\$25,975.93</u>
TOTAL INCOME		

EXPENSE

Newsletter	\$ 1,549.62	
Book Refund	57.00	
Advertising	800.00	
Publicity & Promotion	70.50	
Accounting Fees	290.00	
Postage	321.56	
Telephone	707.71	
General Printing	504.25	
Contracting Services	25,525.00	
Miscellaneous	651.00	
		<u>\$30,476.64</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE		
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PENNSYLVANIA FAMILY WITNESSES UFO

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On the night of August 21, 1978, shortly after 10:00 P.M., a Hanover, Pa. woman, Barbara Biundo, and her son and daughter went into their backyard to observe the stars. The crystal clear night was a welcome sight to Mrs. Biundo, a regular star-watcher for twenty-five years and volunteer assistant in local school astronomy programs.

Having set up the 180 power telescope, a 4 1/4" f15 refractor, they scanned the sky with 10 x 50 binoculars, deciding where to begin to split double stars. Mrs. Biundo's son "pointed out a small pulsing light in an area between Libra and Scorpius. . . . A second pulsing light appeared on its right, and the two remained equidistant for about ten minutes."

Using the binoculars, the Biundos perceived that the pulsating "seemed to be caused by a rotation or shifting of the brightness in a counter-clockwise direction." The small object on the left descended about 5° and moved rapidly off to the south,

Suddenly from the west near Arcturus, a large orange, glowing object shot directly southward across the sky. As Mrs. Biundo's son continued trying to pick up through the telescope the small object which had remained hovering in the sky, "the larger one swept across the field of the scope." The object appeared to him to have a definite structure.

Mr. Biundo, a World War II veteran and also a sky watcher, then joined the family and took the binoculars to the front yard to follow the large and small object. The small one, its light still pulsating but now dim, continued to hover.

The second small object, which earlier had moved southward, then "stopped suddenly, reversed course, and headed for the larger object." At about 5° from it, the small object "simply disappeared." The other small one began to glow more brightly and seemed to increase in size. It veered off to the west, disappeared momentarily behind some trees in the yard, and climbed vertically and rapidly about 10° before the Biundos lost sight of it.

At that time, the large light which had stopped almost directly below Antares seemed to move in the Biundo's direction. Mrs. Biundo reports that its size seemed to change from that of a nickel held at arm's length to that of a quarter at arm's length. "In the binoculars," she states, "it glowed orange towards the ends and reddish at the center," a color comparable with Antares. Next, it stopped again, remained for about fifteen seconds, and then moved rapidly to the west. Concentrating on the larger object's movements, the Biundos lost sight of the smaller one.

Mrs. Biundo reports that an aircraft from the Baltimore area and headed west passed over during the sighting, and a satellite from the north crossed overhead at a high altitude about a minute before the larger object disappeared.

Mrs. Biundo asserts that what she witnessed, clearly and for forty-five minutes, was neither conventional aircraft nor astronomical phenomena.