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POLICE SIGHT UFOs ALONG COASTLINE

The Atlantic seaboard has recently been the location for a "mass" of UFO reports. The area in which most of the objects have been observed was Ventnor, New Jersey, a small, quiet summer resort south of Atlantic City. An account of each sighting reported is printed herein. Contradictory to other multiple location sightings is the fact that the object was described by all the witnesses as having almost identical characteristics, shape and mobility.

On January 20, 1976 at 5:25 a.m., Patrolman Frank Ingargiola was meeting with an Atlantic City press reporter, Sonny Shorts, in the vicinity of Jackson and Beach Avenues, Ventnor, on the boardwalk. This Patrolman has been in the Naval Reserve for over eight years and has experienced a lot of sea duty during his service. He has been trained to observe and report accurately not only as a police officer but throughout his Naval training as well.

It was a cloudy morning when suddenly the two men were awed by a "blinding, clear crystal of light." There appeared to be three spikes of lightning in a circular shape emitting from the large mass of light. Other police units were called in immediately. A police station north of Ventnor (Brigatine) was alerted. As the officers were observing this overwhelming phenomenon, which was estimated to be only 1,000 feet away, it began to close in on them.

Officer Ingargiola got into his patrol car in an attempt to elude the object. As the patrolman drove, he was being paced by the object. The mass of light then proceeded north toward Brigatine where it was spotted by the Brigatine Police who had been alerted earlier. The object travelled slowly, 5 to 10 mph and hovered at different intervals during its flight. The Atlantic Coast Guard was called and they sent a helicopter out to explore the area. However, by the time they arrived, the object had vanished from sight and the Coast Guard agency "passed it off" as a light reflection. This explanation was not satisfactory to NICAP's Regional Investigator, Gary Vendetti, because of the haze and clouds and nothing for light to be reflected from. The object disappeared from sight, going out toward sea at 6:15 a.m.

Earlier that same day, at approximately 12:10 a.m., an object was sighted and reported to Mr. Vendetti by a Federal Aviation employee. The object was described as having very similar characteristics as the Ingargiola-Shorts sighting; i.e., hovering, brilliant, extremely low. The witness stated, "It hovered, moved very slowly and I lost it as it passed behind some trees." He further stated that the object appeared to have a brilliant lighted white top with a red pulsating light on the bottom. The observation lasted approximately four minutes.

Only three days later, an adult family of four, who wish to remain anonymous, reported being awakened by their dogs barking frantically at an object that was hovering about 300 feet off the ground. It was 5:30 a.m. on January 23 when the family experienced this terrifying incident.

The object was hovering over their greenhouse as the family watched intently through a pair of binoculars. The witnesses stated that the object had three spikes of light emitting from the bottom and ascended with a "rocket-like" exhaust flame. There was no sound connected with the take-off. The witnesses described a "tear-drop type" object dropping from the bottom of the larger craft. The small object descended slowly and hovered directly over the greenhouse for five minutes, and then ascended back inside the larger object. All four witnesses described the object's motion as "rising and falling" slowly. The object's size was estimated to be a little smaller than the greenhouse which is 30X40 feet. As of this writing, there has been no physical evidence discovered.

FLORIDA OBJECT NOT EXPLAINED

The UFO sighting which was reported in Dade County, Florida and published in the December issue of the *UFO Investigator* has undergone an extensive, yet frustrating investigation. This particular sighting was observed by more than thirty witnesses in Florida. However, each report received varied considerably regarding the object's size, shape and mobility.

As with all NICAP's investigations, the witnesses testimony must concur with any physical remains, photographs and/or additional reports made by separate witnesses.

Experience has proven that in some cases, when a sighting is reported and receives wide publicity, it triggers a rash of reports made by people that do not take the time to evaluate their observations carefully. Just about anything that moves is reported--birds, planes, weather balloons, etc.

With the Florida incident, we are left with nothing more than many varying reports, and no hard data.

THE AIAA GIVES CREDENCE TO UFOs

A symposium was sponsored by the Los Angeles and Orange County sections of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the Los Angeles chapter of the World Futures Society on September 27 in Los Angeles. The conference was dedicated to the late James McDonald, who worked for many years in an effort to involve more scientists to research the possibility of extraterrestial existence and UFOs.

Many renowned experts in the field were guest speakers for the conference.

Dr. William F. Hassel introduced the program by discussing the hypothesis concerning the origins of UFOs. Dr. Hassel was the symposium chairman for AIAA. He gave an overall picture of the position that AIAA has taken regarding the phenomena of UFOs. Dr. Hassel stated, "the UFO phenomenon is one worthy of study, as evidenced by the existence of its UFO Subcommittee, and the occasional inclusion of UFO sessions in national meetings. Papers presented at these sessions have generally been concerned with a statistical study of UFO reports—do UFOs exist; are they under intelligent control; or are they explainable in terms of poorly understood natural phenomena?

"The AIAA position on UFO's has neither been pro nor con but basically recognition of the need to examine the data. The data on UFOs has been primarily observational, that is reports by observers. Although observational evidence is fully admissible in the Halls of Justice, it is not generally accepted in the Halls of Science. Science requires hard evidence—quantitative measurements of a phenomenon which can be correlated with known physical laws or theories. But the UFO phenomenon does not necessarily conform to existing scientific theory; it may conform to yet undiscovered physical laws. However, until quantitative data becomes available, one must work with the reports of the observers.

"It is not the purpose of this symposium to debate the reality of UFOs—a Gallup poll has shown that 51% of adults accept that reality. Another poll by Industrial Research magazine has shown that most scientists and engineers likewise share that opinion. The working premise of the symposium is that UFOs do exist."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, one of the speakers present discussed problems with the UFO hypothesis. AIAA's distinguished lecturer, Dr. Robert M. Wood spoke about the testing of extraterrestials and Stanton T. Friedman analyzed the scientific approach to flying saucer behavior. Other lecturers present were Dr. Jacques Vallee, James McCampbell, Alvin H. Lawson, and Niels T. Sorensen.

Dr. Hassel concluded his introduction with the following statement. "The hypotheses presented by our panel of scientists, based upon their individual intensive studies of UFOs over a period of many years, do, however, represent basic structures which may, or may not, as the case may be, be expanded upon and verified by new pieces of data resulting from new UFO sights. The real value of this symposium is not only in promoting discussion on the possible origins of UFOs, but hopefully, in pointing out specific observables which should be sought out in UFO sightings, which are critical to support a particular hypothesis. In this way the validity of the various hypotheses can be determined, which will lead us one step further toward establishing the identity of the Unidentified Flying Objects."

CLIP BOARD MEMOS FOR MEMBERS

A meeting of the Ancient Astronaut Society will be held on Saturday, March 13, 1976, at the O'HARE INN, Mannheim and Higgins Roads, Des Plaines, Illinois. The meeting will be an all day affair, from 10:30 A.M. until 8:00 P.M.

For further program and registration information contact: Ancient Astronaut Society, 600 Talcott Road, Park Ridge, Ill. 60068.

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LIMA, PERU A REAL MYSTERY . .

In the December 1975 issue of the *UFO Investigator* an article was published regarding the crash of a UFO in Lima, Peru. This report stimulated chaos among NICAP Investigators, staff and the news media across the continent.

The initial article regarding the alledged crash was reported by a NICAP investigator who resides in France and had read the account in the *Gazett del Norte*, one of Spain's leading newspapers.

Since that time, NICAP has been trying to verify the report by contacting Lima's local police authorities, the Embassy for Peru and the Spanish newspaper that had run the story initially. The local police department has been most cooperative but has no record of "any" crash in Lima during that time period. The Embassy has been checking back through their files in an effort to locate the report but they too have been unsuccessful.

It would seem that either a lid of secrecy has been clamped down or the report could possibly be a hoax contrived for publicity.

NICAP has made arrangements with the *Gazett del Norte* to receive any information they have regarding the alledged crash. The "UFO Invest." will continue to keep their readers informed.

UFOs TO LAND ON THE FOURTH OF JULY?

Lake City—A small Northwestern Pennsylvania town will celebrate the Nation's Bicentennial Fourth of July in a "bright" way.

The 2,300 residents plan to "throw the switch" on what is probably one of the Nation's most unusual Bicent Projects—a landing site for "flying saucers."

Jim Meeder, the town spokesman, stated that this project is bringing the whole town together, and "isn't this what the Bicent. is all about?" The reason for the UFO landing site idea is that, "we wanted to something different," and they are . . . .

Received from A/P wire service

NICAP's Reg. Investigator, Henry H. McKay, has provided some additional information concerning the sighting made by Robert Suffern of Ontario, Canada. His follow-up report contains some information not available in the original article which appeared in the Dec. *UFO Investigator* under the headline—Canadian Farmer Regrets Sighting.

The Editor and concerned parties,

"My first visit to the site was in the early hours of Oct. 9 (7 am) in the company of Constable F. Dean. A preliminary search was made of the area and following an interview with Robt. Suffern a more detailed extensive study of the sites was made." Nothing of an unusual nature was noticed. A subsequent visit was made two weeks later and again the ground was examined followed by a brief interview with Mr. & Mrs. Suffern.

Points to be clarified: (1) As R. Suffern turned his automobile south on the secondary road from the Three Mile Lake Road his headlights illuminated the ship and he braked the car, immediately the ship ascended. He turned the vehicle around and then proceeded back along the Lake Road (heading east) when he first glimpsed the creature, he slammed on the brakes and skidded to a stop. He claimed the creature was only a few yards in front of his car. He stated to me that he had observed this figure only once. Point (2) Some time after arriving home he observed a glowing orange light source move out over the lake and vanish behind Bathycock Island to the south. He had waited a considerable length of time (approx. 30 min.) (and tried a number of times) before contacting the local authorities by telephone.

The only supportive observation reported (other than Mrs. Greer) was by Mr. Suffern who claimed that a school teacher, while out walking, had observed a glowing red light in the general direction of the Suffern residence at approximately that time. This has not been confirmed. The school teacher lives a few miles N.E. from Suffern.

Unusual behavior of the Greer dog, Suffern's dog, cattle restlessness and absence of bears was reported by Mr. Suffern. His T.V. malfunctioned just before the glowing light vanished behind the island. Conflicting statements made by local Hydro authorities as to the cause of a power disruption the following evening, which effected the police station, adds to the mystery. A more recent phone conversation with R. Suffern was most friendly but provided no further information.

SIGHTING ADVISORY

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

January 1976—Eglin A.F.B., Florida. An object was sighted by an Air Police sergeant and 6 other witnesses. The UFO emitted a blue-green aura, trailed a light vapor exhaust and made no sound. The object hovered over the eastern section of the city for over an hour shortly before dawn. The object's size was estimated to be that of a Boeing 707. A military photographer was dispatched to film the object. The development of 40 frames of exposed film showned the background but failed to capture the UFO on film. The Air Force explained the sighting as an illusion caused by poor weather conditions.

January 9, 1976—Gloucester, Massachusetts. A science teacher and student observed a "strange-looking" object for a matter of seconds. The witnesses described the UFO as a white globe-shaped object which exhibited a yellow glowing band around the circumference. It left bright white, rapidly dissipating streaks in it s wake which were totally dissimilar to normal aircraft contrails. The diameter was said to be that of a full moon.

The sighting evaluation was made by Ray Fowler, NICAP consultant, and was as follows:

A weather balloon was ruled out because of object description, speed, contrails, NWS launch times and wind direction/speed. The wind from the WNW at 10 mph. The UFO was moving S-N at 4 degrees per second. (It moved from an elevation of 60 degrees to the horizon in an estimated 15 seconds.)

A high-flying aircraft reflecting sunlight and emitting a contrail is unlikely if the object was reported accurately because of the UFOs—Clearly-defined shape; color; angular size and speed. Such an aircraft, even at supersonic speed, would appear to move much slower than the reported object.

A low flying aircraft would probably have been recognized as such.

In either case, an aircraft reflecting sunlight would not be clearly-defined but a fuzzy bright light source which would be short-lived because the reflecting position of a moving aircraft in relation to the sun and observers would change rapidly.

"It is my opinion that two reliable witnesses sighted an unusual object. I would classify this report as being in the UNKNOWN ("Ordinary") category."

FEEDBACK/Readers write

The following paper has been submitted by a NICAP member for publication. The *UFO Investigator* publishes the author's theory for your reading pleasure. This theory does not necessarily reflect that of NICAP. Please refer any comments directly to the author, Mr. Gerald Roski, Gravidyne Research Company, P.O. Box 2241, Alexandria, Virginia 22301.

A NATURAL EXPLANATION FOR THE UFO PHENOMENON

General relativity theory predicts the existence of natural objects whose movements are independent of external gravitational fields. The theory is too complex for the *UFO Investigator* newsletter, but it does predict material content and spectral emissions that such an object should have. The explanations in this report will present such objects as natural occurrences of super-nova explosions. It will be left to the reader to decide whether or not it is more reasonable and necessary to invoke extraterrestial intelligence for the construction of such an object.

Some qualitative evidence exists that tends to support certain proposed characteristics of the object. The Tungus incident of 1908, and certain general characteristics of a number of reports (typical of which is one which occurred in Zorocco, New Mexico) support major conclusions drawn concerning the nature of the UFO.

The simplest explanation of the theory is to consider how to make a rocket into a gravitational repulsion device. The term gravitation repulsion is not quite correct. One can have hyperbolic orbits with an attractive gravitational force if the initial velocity of the object is sufficiently great. Then the two objects, one being the earth, will move away from each other. If one were able to take the exhaust products of a rocket, transform them into fuel to be recycled, put all the necessary equipment including the rocket into a spherical shell, and then get this shell to move up, then this movement would be gravitation repulsion. But what would happen would be that stress would develop in the system but no movement would result. What is needed is a system that can take itself apart and put itself together again, possibly at a different point (maybe even up).

Such a system could be a combination of uranium and anti-uranium. Normally any element and its anti-element would annihalate each other. But due to the neutron and anti-neutro chain reactions in these uranic elements, and the resulting possibility of forming Yukawa-type forces, a further possibility exists that these elements would not annihalate each other but would take each other apart and put themselves back together again at a different point (so to speak). This amounts to imparting initial conditions in a system to get it to move in a hyperbolic orbit. Einstein's equations amount to a set of external boundary conditions, and if treated as such yield the above possibility.

Such a system could have been formed in super-nova explosions. Uranium could have been blown into a series of ring-type molecules. If the thermodynamic conditions were correct, the nuclear reactions necessary to create anti-uranium from uranium would be sustained long enough for the anti-uranium rings to form and couple with the regular uranium rings.

These UFO objects would be created in a size and quantity dependent upon the number and distribution of super-nova explosions. A super-nova explosion occurs once every 25 years and may recur in the same star system. By assuming a natural creation for these objects one avoids arguments like those of Sagan's against their being built by extra-terrestials. But the same theory that supports this explanation of UFOs leads one to conceive of a means of communication without flying saucers. Weber has detected gravitational waves in metals at room temperatures. But these were in reality simultaneous events detected in two cities many miles apart. Considering the theory that the universe was created in a single event, all atoms in the universe contain a remnant of this initial condition or state. Then perhaps one could communicate via probability and statistical means through these initial conditions.

The Tungus meteor explosion is construed by Habana and others to be possibly caused by a nuclear event, and some evidence exists of an abnormal path taken by the object. Perhaps it was an object like I have described. Another object fell in Zorocco, New Mexico, that had a red glowing center and abnormal gravitational characteristics. This is one characteristic found in a number of UFO reports. If the system described herein is realizable it would be necessary for the neutrons and anti-neutrons from the fission and fussion processes of the uranium and anti-uranium to be directed toward the center of the synchronized rings, and react to form mesonic products, which in turn are re-emitted to stabilize the system and keep it from blowing up. Thus it is predicted that a central core with different characteristics than the rest of the system exists. The emissions that would result at the outer parts of the object would be those that would result if mesonic products replaced electrons in the uranium spectrum. The radio emissions would result from a molecular mode of vibration of the ring of uranium atoms.

Anyone interested in the details of the matehmatical theory should contact the newsletter. Notables such as Hynek and Wheeler have been contacted but have not responded. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

Einstein refuted the concept of simultaneous events because he considered it to be in contradiction with the concept of relativity. But let us reason as follows. Consider what happened before the big bang of creation. The most logical explanation of what happened is that there was another big bang. Thus in the larger view relativity reigns, but simultaneous events occur in any one set or universe. Perhaps enhancement of this effect could explain some of the psychological effects often associated with these objects, especially when no normal electromagnetic radiation exists.