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### Part 10: *Inside Saucer Post ...3-0 Blue*

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Continuation of Norwood, Ohio, 1949 Incident

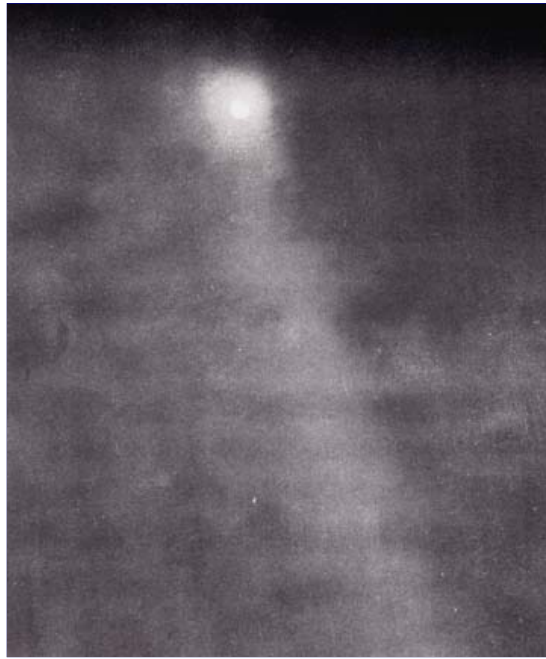


About fifty miles northeast of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, is Wright Patterson AFB in Fairborn, Ohio. Norwood is a suburb northeast of Cincinnati.

**Leonard H. Stringfield:** "Needless to say, I accepted Rev. Miller's offer with enthusiasm and with the least of persuasion, he got the studio's attendants to run the reel in the projection room. While Rev. Miller commented freely, Dell and I watched the screen in amazement as the giant stationary disc appeared, glowing intensely in the sweeps of searchlight's beam.



**Above:** Sgt. Donald Berger and the 8 million candlepower searchlight which he was operating when he discovered the "space platform." Photographs courtesy *Cincinnati Post*. **Below:** One of a series of photographs showing the searchlight beam illuminating the object which was computed to be 10,000 feet in diameter.



Cameraman for the movie, on request of Rev. Miller, was Sgt. Leo Davidson of the Norwood Police Department. Filming most of it on October 23, 1949, he used three rolls, 25-feet-each, and a Hugo-Meyer F-19-3" camera with telephoto lens. Commenting on the smaller objects, Davidson said, "they were visibly the size of pinheads, but they did not have the intensity to register clearly on the film." He pointed out, however, that to the naked eye, he and all others present, saw two groups of five small objects leaving the parent object. Each had halos and were brighter than the searchlight beam. Said Davidson, "we watched each group fade out of view."

Davidson also took ten "still" photographs using a Speed-Graphic camera with a 14-inch Wallensach telephoto lens. Two of these were exceptional shots, said Davidson, showing both the parent object and its "brood."

But, the two prize shots had a mysterious fate. Last to see them was Harry Mayo, who as a correspondent for *Time-Life*, had prepared a feature story for *Time*, which included the two photos. But Mayo's story and Miller's photos were not used in *Time* or *Life*. In spite of requests by Rev. Miller of Mayo and his publishers, the photos were never returned.

In 1955, I received permission from Rev. Miller to try to reclaim this film. Suspecting *Time-Life* of consorting with the Air Force, as had been suggested in the case of the Tremonton film, I wrote to Captain R. C. White of OPI, in Washington, D. C. His reply of May 20, 1955, denied that the U. S. Air Force had ever received the two photos. Said White, in part, "...we have made a thorough check of our files and they are not in our possession. Moreover, we have made a check of our correspondence as well as our photographic file (what other legitimate photos lie in that file?) and can find no reference to such photographs, either by name or by location. As I pointed out in our telephone conversation, the chances are that these photographs went no farther than to the magazine."

Long before cameras entered the Norwood scene, lending substantiation to the big object, the press on the very first night of the series of events, found supporting evidence. Said the *Cincinnati Post*, August 20, 1949, "Balls of fire hung over Cincinnati during the night. ...A Weather Bureau official said, 'One of our men who was working last night saw them. He said they looked like two weather ceiling balloons, but they weren't moving. There was a wind of 25 to 32 miles an hour, so if they'd been balloons, they would have moved.' Another witness saw 'two balls of fire' about 4 a.m. 'They seemed to grow dim, and then get bright again,' he said."

The most eventful night, according to Berger's log and testimony of others, was October 23, 1949. Again, the point of observation was the church grounds. This time about 50 persons witnessed the phenomenon. Using a telescope, William Winkler, a businessman, said he observed one of the two groups of five smaller objects leave the parent object and described them as "triangular." Rev. Miller and his brother, Rev. Cletus Miller, agreed they were shaped "like the apex of Indian arrow heads."

When I interviewed Robert Linn, Managing Editor of the *Cincinnati Post*, he admitted that he saw the searchlight beam "bounce off some definite object." But he said the smaller objects were "something like bits of paper." However, Linn was concerned enough to join Rev. Miller in reporting the incident to Intelligence at Wright-Patterson AFB. From

another source, I learned that the *Cincinnati Enquirer* was called about the Norwood object. While they did not publish the story of the night's activities, the newspaper did admit it received reports of unidentified lights in the sky - and beyond the vicinity of Norwood!

While no one among the thousands of Cincinnatians who saw the object could identify it, including experts, Harry Mayo of the *Post* wrote a feature article on April 6, 1950, headlined: "What Glows On Here? Norwood Muses." At the close of the article, Mayo wrote: "Dr. D. A. Wells, Professor of Physics at the University of Cincinnati, and Paul Herget, U.C. Professor of Astronomy, took a look. Said Dr. Wells: 'In my opinion, it's an optical illusion.' Said Prof. Herget, 'It's not a fake. I believe it might be caused by the illumination of gas in the atmosphere. We need an explanation to squash people's fears.'"

But as I have since learned, Herget's words, *We need an explanation to squash people's fears* 'were closer to the truth than his guess about the gas. While I cannot publish Herget's exclamation while he viewed the object on December 20, 1949, because of a confidence entrusted me, I can say that Herget's reactions and utterances indicated anything but indifference. Nor can I publish, for the same confidence, the actions and behind-the-scenes maneuvers of Dr. Wells, which are veritable guideposts pointing to, and confirming some, of my conclusions toward saucer secrecy. I can say, however, that Dr. Wells was there with camera and protractors and was in frequent hush-hush huddles with two O.S.I. members also present. Computations of the object's size were made and then confirmed by Dr. Wells. Like something out of Gulliver's Travels, *the size of the Norwood UFO was approximated to be 10,000 feet in diameter (nearly two miles)*.

The Mayor of Norwood, R. Ed Tepe, now deceased, told me during an interview in 1954 that he also was present during the computing and heard Dr. Wells confirm the object's approximate size. Tepe, who gave me a clear-cut unbiased report of his observations, firmly believed that the object was a solid, round body. "It had ridges or ribbing," he said, "which were very discernible." Tepe also said that "when the searchlight beam moved away, the target was lost."

And so concludes, in brief, the story of the Norwood searchlight incident and of Sgt. Berger's speculative "space platform." Perhaps Berger's guess is right, which leaves only one remaining question: who put it there, we? Or they?

On that question, opinion is divided, of course. If the computers were correct in their estimating the size of the object at 10,000 feet in diameter, then I believe by sheer logic, that it was "they." Certainly something of this tremendous size, harboring at least five or ten smaller craft, would have to land somewhere. And another point: Air Force interceptors were secretly sent up to investigate. If then, the satellite-sized object were a USA device, as suggested, *why bother to investigate* when Intelligence at Wright-Patterson AFB would have already known of its secret rendezvous in the restricted and vulnerable Cincinnati-Dayton area?

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