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## A Message From Your Director

MUFON is pleased to report that corporation papers are now being processed through the Illinois Secretary of State's Office to officially make the Midwest UFO Network a "Not for Profit Corporation" under the State laws of Illinois. This is obviously a very important and necessary transaction if we are to expand and grow as an organization.

It is with extreme pride that we welcome to MUFON, Stan Gordon, 6 Oakhill Avenue, Greensburg, Pa., 15601, as our new State-Section Director for Westmoreland County. (Telephones: AC 412 834-8668 or 834-0724) Stan is Director of the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group, a well organized and active group that has continued the work started by Stanton T. Friedman and his fine associates as the UFO Research Institute of Pittsburgh.

With the appointment of Elmer A. Kral, 1124 W. Koenig St., Grand Island, Neb., 68801, Telephone AC 308 384-7195, as State-Section Director for Hall and Hamilton Coun-

ties, we have filled a significant gap in our reporting network of field investigators. Elmer's energy and enthusiasm will create the motivation, investigative research, and the public relations to fill this need.

Charles W. Jones, R. R. 3, Box 273, Sheridan, Indiana, 46069, Telephone AC 317 896-2024, has consented to represent MUFON as our new State-Section Director for Hamilton and Boone Counties. With the constant encouragement by his lovely wife, Emma, the team of Charles and Emma Jones plans to expand their UFO activities by training and developing a group of Field Investigators. Charles has worked closely with Lou Farish, our State Director for Arkansas; therefore, he is simply becoming more active as a UFO researcher with his new duties.

The Astronomy Arm of MUFON expresses sincere greetings to George A. Koch, 2118 Brookmeade, Quincy, Ill., 62301, Telephone AC 217 222-0519, who has been selected as the Astronomy State Director for Illinois. George is employed as an Electronics Engineer by Motorola, Inc. and is the Director of the recently organized Midwest Astronomy Club. The Astronomy Club works directly with MUFON in specific areas of (1) Satellite tracking, (2) Astro-photography, (3) Amateur astronomy, and (4) UFO research. George joins State Directors Mark R. Herbstritt, Pennsylvania, and Earl F. Watts, Texas, in this interesting field so intimately related to UFO research.

The March issue of SKYLOOK promises to report another significant milestone in MUFON's progress as related to our Field Investigators' work. An appreciative thanks is extended to the many MUFON members who have already sent your Director \$2.00 for their 1972 Midwest UFO Network annual dues as a means of helping to defray operating costs.

Walt Andrus, Director MUFON

### Calendar of Speaking Dates

January 19--Liberty Extension Club, Sedalia, Mo. - Ted Phillips  
January 27--St. Louis Optimist Club, St. Louis - Dr. W. P. Arms-  
trong, of St. Louis.  
January 30--Dinner Meeting of the Geneva Club, Kirkwood, Mo. -  
John F. Schuessler, of St. Louis.  
February--Date Not Set as yet--Naval Reserve, Topeka, Kansas--  
Ted Phillips, of Sedalia, Mo.  
April--Date open--Lion's Club in Sedalia, Mo. - Ted Phillips.

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Readers living in the cities named will have the opportunity to  
hear Stanton T. Friedman speak on "Flying Saucers ARE Real":--Feb. 7,  
C. W. Post College, Greenwale, N. Y. at 7PM; Feb. 9--Trinidad State  
Jr. College, Trinidad, Colo., at 10AM; Feb. 9--Otero Jr. College, La  
Junta, Colo., at 7:30 PM; Feb. 22--Texas A&M College Station, Texas,  
at 8 PM; Feb. 23--McClellan County Community College, Waco, Tex. at  
10 AM; Feb. 24--University of S. California, Los Angeles, at 12 noon.  
March 1--West Valley College, Campbell, Calif. at 8 PM; March 11, San  
Bernadino Valley College, San Bernadino, Calif., at 7:30 PM. (See  
speaking dates for remainder of March and April in next issue.)  
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### Phillips Spoke in Sedalia

Ted Phillips, of the SKYLOOK staff, presented a slide illustrated  
talk to the American Business Womens' Association at Maxine's Gourmet  
House in Sedalia, Mo., on Tuesday, January 4th, with 40-50 members  
of the group present. The talk included a summary of general infor-  
mation on the UFO history and included a number of cases which Phillips  
had personally investigated.

### McDonnell Planetarium to Present Star Show

Beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 15 McDonnell Planetarium in St. Louis,  
Mo., will present a star show entitled "Intelligent Life in the Uni-  
verse." The opening show will be of special interest to UFO buffs  
as Dr. J. Allen Hynek will be present to answer questions after the  
show which runs from 8:30 to 9:15 PM. The question and answer period  
will close at 10. Admission is \$1.25 for adults and 60¢ for children  
6 to 12 years of age.

### St. Louis Group Distributes "Alert Cards"

"Alert cards" are being distributed by the UFO Study Group of Great-  
er St. Louis. Each card lists the names and phone numbers of four of  
the group's directors, any one of whom may be called by persons wish-  
ing to report a UFO sighting. If an emergency alert is considered in  
order, the one called will inform all members by means of a chain  
system of phone calls. The cards are to be distributed as widely as  
possible throughout the area and to police departments and sheriffs'  
offices. For your card, write UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis,  
Inc., Box 9, O'Fallon, Mo. 63366. And write to the same address for  
your copy of the "Conference Proceedings" of the 1971 Midwest UFO  
Conference held in St. Louis last June. The price is \$3.00--it contains  
all the lectures given at the Conference and much more.

## CROSSED LINES 'REVEAL' RED ALERT

Man Says he Heard NORAD UFO Report - President Speaking

Editor's Note: Jeff Galyen, the young editor of the MIDWEST UFO REPORT, sent us this clipping from the Jan. 13 issue of "The Tulsa Tribune," Tulsa, Okla. We have no way of knowing at this time if it is an elaborate hoax--or something more--but as Jeff says in his note accompanying it, "If it's true, think what it means!" The complete report follows: quote--

OKLAHOMA CITY--The Daily Oklahoman, in its Thursday morning edition reported an Oklahoma City man said he heard a telephone conversation Wednesday night which appeared to be a high-level communication involving the North American Air Defense Command at Cheyenne Mountain, Colo., several military installations and the White House.

The senior director on duty at NORAD underground complex near Colorado Springs, contacted by the newspaper, said he was sure the purported conversation was "a ridiculous hoax." The officer, who identified himself as a Col. Doohar, also said that NORAD does not use telephone lines for secret or emergency communications.

Bill Eckhardt, identified by the Oklahoman as an employee of its advertising department, related that his wife was talking on the telephone at about 8:45 when the purported military conversations began interfering on the line.

Eckhardt said she called him to the phone. The newspaper reported he said he heard voices of men who said they were at Air Force Bases in Texas, Florida, New Mexico, California and Colorado discussing a "red alert" and "UFOs" approaching Los Angeles and Houston.

"He decided someone was playing an elaborate practical joke and hung up" said the Oklahoman.

He related that a second phone call yielded further interference from military conversations.

"They were usually very clear," said Eckhardt, "like a normal conversation. Some of the voices sounded like they were being transmitted over a radio instead of a telephone, though."

A voice which he said was from NORAD reported that two planes or UFOs were downed in the desert near Alamogordo, N.M., and that some telephone lines were down in Kansas.

Another voice, he said, reported that two teams of specialists were being sent to investigate the downed flying objects. A voice which he said was from Houston purportedly repeated several times, "This is not a test. We are under red alert."

Eckhardt told the newspaper that toward the end of the telephone conversation at about 9:40 p.m., the Houston voice said, "We have the President on the phone. Go ahead, Mr. President."

Then, Eckhardt related, a voice which sounded very much like President Nixon's said something to the effect of, "This is probably the most unusual phone call I'll ever have to make."

The conversation, it was reported, then became garbled.

The voices had also related, according to Eckhardt, that two UFOs were flying over the Gulf of Mexico toward Houston, and that one UFO was flying over the Pacific Ocean toward Los Angeles.

Local military officials said the possibility of NORAD lines becoming crossed with private lines was remote. A duty officer for the Defence Department's public affairs division in Washington, contacted by the Oklahoman, said the report would be duly noted but that chances of official comment were nil.

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More on "Red Alert" . . . Editor's Note: We held this page open for  
===== possible last-minute additions to the "Red  
Alert" report, and Lucius Farish made our dead-line with clips from  
other Oklahoma newspapers. Many thanks, Lou.

The Jan. 14 edition of "The Daily Oklahoman" says that whoever it  
was Bill Eckhardt heard on the telephone Wednesday night, it wasn't  
President Nixon, according to a White House report on Thursday.  
Ann Grier of the President's press information staff said the presiden  
was in his library working on the State of the Union message and did  
not make any calls and did not receive any.

A check of Defense Department officials Wednesday night and Thurs-  
day failed to explain the overheard conversation, the Oklahoman con-  
tinued. NORAD officers pointed out that the term "red alert" is not  
used--the proper term is Defense Readiness Condition One. They said  
they had nothing to do with any conversation of the sort Eckhardt  
heard.

Air Force Maj. George Jones, a Defense Department information officer  
said he had checked with the major commands in his own branch of ser-  
vice as well as the Army and Navy--both of which have some responsi-  
bility for defense of the nation from air attack.

None of them knew anything about such a conversation, he said, add-  
ing that none of the services was conducting a test alert or exercise  
that might account for the messages.

Jack Riley, an information officer for NASA in Houston, said they  
were not conducting a test and the only time the space administration  
worked with NORAD was during a mission "because NORAD is the one  
that keeps track of everything in space."

Telephone company officials were at a loss to explain the incident.  
They acknowledged that a person possessing communication training  
could cut into a telephone line and conduct such a conversation. They  
also noted that there are instances when radio or television stations  
will interfere with a telephone conversation for a short time due to  
"frequency drift," but they were sceptical of this causing what Eckhard  
heard because of its duration.

The January 13 "Oklahoma City Times" gives us a few additional  
details of the incident. Mrs. Bill Eckhardt was talking to her mother,  
Mrs. Roy Parker when the "alert" conversation broke in. She called  
her husband to listen in, which he did--just as Mrs. Eckhardt called  
Mr. Eckhardt to the telephone. The mother and daughter agreed to hang  
up, feeling they might be the cause of the interference as the NORAD  
headquarters apparently was having trouble reaching Tinker Air Force  
Base.

"We picked up the phone about five minutes after that and they were  
still on the line," Mrs. Parker said. "We heard that two F-104 fight-  
ers were shot at and downed in the desert in New Mexico," she added.

The next day, Jan. 14, the Oklahoman quoted Air Force Maj. George  
Jones, a Defense Department information officer as saying "We don't  
even use the F-104 anymore. It's not in the Air Force inventory."  
He said if fighter aircraft had been dispatched to make contact with  
anything flying near the U. S. it would have been the F-106s--current-  
ly being used by the Air Force.

Back to the Jan. 13th edition--it reported that a check was made  
of local television stations and failed to come up with any program  
that might have been mistaken for defense communications.

When questioned about the possibility of two Air Force planes being  
downed, a spokesman at Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo turned  
from the phone and said to her superior "We're not allowed to say  
anything about it." She then turned the phone to Sgt. Timothy Bailey  
who told the reporter, "There's nothing here, but it might have been  
civilian."

Some Dates to Remember: June 17, 1972 - Third Annual Midwest UFO Conference, at Quincy, Ill. July 22nd - Annual Skywatch and Picnic at Carlyle Lake. MUFON Radio Net-- 1900, CST, the 8th and 26th.

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### St. Louis Study Group Met

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis met Jan. 16 in a most interesting meeting.

Mrs. Lynn Jareo, the group's librarian, has been cataloging a large number of UFO books and articles, most of which were the generous gift of Mrs. Arthur Epstein and from the collection of the late Mr. Epstein, one of the founders of the Group. Forty-one book titles have been listed and lists distributed to group members who may borrow books at a rental charge of ten cents each (the money to be used for maintenance costs and purchase of new books). Donations of UFO material are also being received from other members.

The "Alert cards" were discussed and distributed and Mr. Larry Hanna played a tape recording describing a 1970 sighting in north St. Louis County. Mr. Hanna not only conducted the interview but made excellent drawings of the UFO as described.

W. P. Armstrong, of MUFON Amateur Radio Net, described the St. Louis Repeater Club most of whose members have mobile rigs which could be useful for tracking sightings in progress.

Following refreshments, the 23 members and guests helped Joe Gurney assemble copies of the second printing of the "1971 Conference Proceedings."

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 2 pm, in the upstairs meeting room of the Lemay Bank, 152 Lemay Ferry Road. Reported by Carol Armstrong.

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### Still Hunting for Meteorite

The January issue of SKYLOOK carried the report of a meteorite, possibly as large as a basketball, falling somewhere in the Taylor, Mo. area at 11:50 PM on Nov. 19th, 1971.

Smithsonian scientists arrived to search for the meteorite and were assisted by members of the Tri-State UFO Study Group and Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON. Mr. Andrus informs us the search was held up by snow and mud, but is now continuing.

The Jan. 13, 1972 issue of "The Herald-Whig" of Quincy, Ill., reports that Guenther Schwartz, of the Smithsonian, is now plying fields north of Taylor on his three-wheel Honda. The hunt can continue only a few hours a day as the soil conditions permit, and Schwartz expects other searchers to join him when conditions better. The scientists are very anxious to find the "rock of perhaps a basketball size which should be black on the outside from burning in the atmosphere and a gray, cement color inside."

"What's important about it," Schwartz said, "is where it came from and what it can tell us about that region among the stars."

Schwartz participated in the Smithsonian's successful search for a large meteorite which fell in Oklahoma on Jan. 9, 1970. The Taylor, Mo. meteorite is only the second whose descent have been photographed by Smithsonian field cameras.



## Ex-Navy Man Reports UFO Over Oshkosh, Wisconsin

The Oct. 28, 1971 issue of "Cross Country News," an aviation magazine published at Ft. Worth, Texas, has a UFO report from Molt Taylor, President of Aerocar, Inc. at Longview, Washington. Mr. Taylor attended the Navy Flight School, Pensacola, Fla., in 1934, was graduated as a Naval engineering officer in '39, spent 1941-46 at the Naval Aircraft Factory as officer in charge of pilotless aircraft development, developed guided missiles, rocket-propelled, pilotless aircraft and jet aircraft. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for Guided Missile development work and pilotless aircraft developments during World War II. His letter to the editor follows: (quote)

Knowing of your interest in U.F.O.'s, thought you might be interested in hearing of an experience we shared with several hundred people who were near us at the EAA-Oshkosh, Wisc., annual meeting, where we were able to show the COOT-A prototype to thousands interested in the "home-built" types. [A "play plane" light amphibian]

We were too far away, about half a mile, from the announcer's stand to bring the phenomena to the attention of everyone. We were able to yell and scream loud enough to get the attention of several hundred people who were nearby so they too saw what we did.

To our amazement, we found many of these people admitted to seeing "something" but indicated that since they didn't KNOW what they saw, they "didn't see it clearly enough to make any comment."

We were sitting in the COOT, watching Mary Gaffaney do her act during the evening show. The sky had a few high clouds, but was basically clear and blue. It was about 1830 with a bright sun. I had noticed a DC-8 or 707 fly across the area at perhaps 20 thousand. Then I noticed this 'object' travelling essentially in the opposite direction.

It looked like a fuselage without any wings. My first thought was it was a jetliner in a turn. I watched and could see it was not turning, but going in a straight line approximately Southwest. As it proceeded along its course, it passed behind the smoke trails of Mary Gaffaney's plane. Then I noted it was turning from a simple fuselage streamlined shape into more and more of an oblong such as one would see a "disc" as it rotated.

To my amazement, the thing finally rolled (or rotated) until it was perfectly circular and looked much like a smoke ring, only it was moving with a steady motion into the wind, since the high clouds showed they were moving off to the Northeast.

The perfectly circular ring then moved out from behind the aircraft smoke trail and became quite distinct. At this point I was standing up, screaming to the top of my lungs for everyone to LOOK!!! Dozens of nearby people had seen it. None could identify it.

Finally "It" rolled again, until it became more elliptical, during which it appeared to turn to the right, going off more to the West into the sun, where it finally just seemed to disappear.

I promptly interviewed several nearby friends, all of whom confirmed they had seen exactly the same thing I have outlined. Then I went to the announcer's stand and asked for anyone else who had seen the 'ring' or 'disc' in the sky to come to the COOT display and tell me what they had seen. Several did and said they had seen it from other parts of the airport.

I know the object we saw was not an illusion. It was something.  
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solid and mechanical. I have spent years flying radio controlled aircraft and know what aircraft look like from all angles and at very high altitudes. These RC aircraft were full size machines not models. I have studied aircraft and their flight for a life time.

This sighting closely parallels one which we had about 20 years ago in Longview, Wash., in that the object looked quite similar and performed very nearly the same, looking first like an ellipse, then rolling to look like a circle, rolling back and seeming to disappear.

Like many of the people I discussed this sighting with, I too, feel helpless in being unable to further identify what I saw.

Certainly it was an "Unidentified Flying Object." As an avid reader of every aviation magazine, classified papers, space data etc., I can assure you it was NOT earth-man made. "We should do so well. I fully realize what we saw might possibly be a clue to something that could be of far reaching importance the future of mankind. I am sorry I can offer no more of an explanation. I am hoping some of the hundred or so people who saw the object at the same time will communicate with me. If so I will pass their comments on.

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### Hat-Shaped Object Reported

Nelson E. "Sparks" Divine, of Denny, sighted an apparent U. F. O. on Friday night, October 8. Outside of his home at 11:45 that night, Divine observed a strange "Mexican hat-shaped" object in the sky, with at least three bands of lights. It was slowly circling over the New River Watershed and seemed to change shape when it turned, Divine stated.

The above appeared in the Oct. 27, 1971 issue of the "Klam-ity Kourier"; Willow Creek, Calif., and the editor seemed a little nervous in reporting the sighting as he assured his readers, "No--we are not kidding! Several phone calls, independent of each other, verified the same information."

Mrs. Mary Ann Wegner, of P. O. Box 732, Willow Creek, also reported a sighting to the "Kourier."

"I was coming home from Hawkins Bar on Monday night, Oct. 11, at about 11:00 p.m. I had just passed a big truck load of hay at the Suzy Q Ranch entrance and came around the first corner when I saw, hovering over the river, an extremely bright light that drew my attention. I looked and I was stunned. It was a flying saucer. I was scared and kept on going but I did see the large, round object with what looked like windows around the middle part of it. This was where the light was coming from. The truck that I had just passed must have seen it too because he stopped. I would sure like to know who the truck driver was so he can verify my story."

Credit: Lou Farish

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We urge all readers to send us their UFO reports--personal or newspaper clips etc--for use in SKYLOOK. Mail to SKYLOOK, Box 129, Stover, Mo., 65078. Material will be returned IF you request.

## Orange-Colored Object Seen at Benton, Mo.

Editor's Note: This is written from a report made by letter to Lou Farish by Mrs. Mildred Higgins, of Benton, Mo., Dec. 19, 1971.

"Am writing this to report something we saw last night that was NO airplane," Mrs. Higgins begins her report, then goes on to say she was asleep in an upstairs bedroom when the boys came home from a movie and Jim came upstairs to tell her there was something in the sky they wanted her to see.

The boys saw the object as they drove over the hill driveway to the Higgins home at 11 P.M. and, after stopping the car at the house, watched the object a minute or two before summoning Mrs. Higgins. It appeared "like a huge planet at about 25 degrees above the horizon," they said.

By the time Mrs. Higgins donned a heavy robe and went downstairs, the object was moving across the sky in the west, from the north to the south. "It looked like it was about two or three miles from us and it should have made a sound had it been any kind of conventional flying machine," Mrs. Higgins wrote.

The color was a "pumpkin-orange" and once she thought she detected a tiny red light blinking at the top of the "big, blurry orange." It moved very slowly and once she thought it was coming toward them as it seemed to be increasing in size, but it then continued on course and then suddenly "went out." It appeared again briefly, then went out the second time and was seen no more.

As it disappeared, the group heard a jet plane overhead and looked up to watch a plane going over in the clear, star lit sky. The sound was perfectly audible; while the orange object, which had seemed much closer, had made no sound.

Mrs. Higgins noted there had been some clouds in the west and it was possible the object had passed behind them when it "went out" but she wondered if it abruptly disappeared because of the presence of the jet.

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Editor's Note: This is the third request this week for ALL back issues of SKYLOOK, and the above ad was sent in after we sent all we had. Back issues are 35¢ each--suggest you write first to see what is available. You will note we do NOT have the ones listed above.

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The MIDWEST UFO REPORT - which has currently been published quarterly for \$1.00 a year, will begin bi-monthly publication with issue No. 3, due in about 2½ months. The new subscription price is \$2.00, as it is necessary to charge more with postal and printing increases. We hope this will not dissuade you from subscribing, as we promise to bring you six months of factual and interesting information, completely free of hogwash such as contactees or anything of the sort. Write to: Jeff Galyen, 4945 S. 72 E. Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74145. --Adv.

Tell your friends you read it in SKYLOOK.

Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON, and Other MUFON Members to  
Speak at UFO Symposium, March 24, 25 and 26, in Oklahoma City

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The International UFO Bureau is sponsoring its "Third Annual UFO Symposium--FACTS ON THE FLYING SAUCER CONTROVERSY" to be held March 24, 25 and 26, 1972 at the YWCA Auditorium, 320 Park Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla. Hayden C. Hewes, Director (also MUFON State-Section Director for Central Oklahoma) will host the meeting and act as Master of Ceremonies.

The lectures will be presented to educate the general public and news media to the extent that an understanding of the unique UFO phenomenon will replace fear of the unknown and encourage individuals who have observed strange and unexplainable things to report them.

Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON and other MUFON members--Ted Phillips, State-Section Director for Central Missouri; Sherman Larsen, State-Section Director of Cook County (Chicago area); and Cedric Leonard, Consultant in Anthropology, will appear on the program. As set up at this time, the program is as follows:

Friday, March 24

8-10 PM "Flying Saucer Missionaries"--Brad Steiger

Saturday, March 25

12-1:30 p.m. "Fragments & Photo Evidence"--Ray Stanford

2-2:30 p.m. "UFOs--a Publisher's Report"--John Magor, Editor of CANADIAN UFO REPORT.

4-5:30 p.m. "UFOs--A Photographic Analysis"--Walter H. Andrus, Jr.

8-10 p.m. "Science and Saucers"--Stanton T. Friedman

Sunday, March 26

2-2:30 p.m. "Landing Traces Physical"--Ted Phillips

4-5:30 p.m. "Documentation, Government"--Sherman Larsen

8-10 p.m. "UFOs In Antiquity"--Cedric Leonard

Editor's Note: We can't pass up the opportunity to mention that two of the speakers, Walter H. Andrus and Ted Phillips, are also on the SKYLOOK staff--SKYLOOK being, as you know, the official publication of the Midwest UFO Network (MUFON). Any additional information re the program coming in will appear in the March issue.

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### Bright Light Over Morrilton, Ark.

A bright light, displaying no characteristics of an aircraft, was observed at Morrilton, Ark. on the night of January 6, 1972.

Allen Love, of Morrilton, first observed the UFO from the Deerwood subdivision, south of town. He sighted the object at about 10:30 p.m. as it moved from southeast to northwest. The light occasionally seemed to pulsate and changed its color from white to red.

Love alerted CB operators via his car CB radio and drove to a hill northeast of Morrilton in order to obtain a better view of the UFO. It now appeared to be stationary near a mercury vapor "night watcher" light on Petit Jean Mountain, west of Morrilton. It was visible for approximately 20-30 minutes. At no time was any sound heard. Even though the UFO was observed through binoculars, no details were visible.

Love left his observation post to report the object to the Morrilton Police Dept. Accompanied by Patrolman Namon Mallett, he then returned to the hill, but the light was no longer visible. On the preceding night, a "fireball," visible for approximately five minutes, had been seen near Newport, Ark., some 85 miles east-northeast of Morrilton. Credit: Lucius Farish.

Sighting at Terlingua Ranch, Texas By Earl F. Watts, State (Texas)  
Director of Astronomy, MUFON

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On December 10, 1971, at 5:31 A.M. I witnessed a very brilliant light approximately 55 to 60 degrees above the western horizon, with an apparent magnitude of -2. The apparent size at arms length was approximately 1/4 inch between the thumb and forefinger. The trajectory was from west to east, which under normal circumstances would indicate a satellite. If it was a satellite, it had an extraordinary pattern of behavior. I estimated the speed at somewhat less than 1 degree of arc per minute. It was moving very slowly.

As I had just gotten out of my truck, I immediately reached for my binoculars (7X50) so as to have some optical aid in observing this light. In the 43 minutes of observation I was unable to pick up any trace of any navigational lights.

The weather at this time was cool (40-45 degrees) and the atmosphere was very clear and bright as related to the stars. No fog or haze to hamper observation.

After observing the light for a few minutes I noticed that it was making a change of course to the north in a long sweeping arc. After reaching approximately 70 degrees north it again changed course and returned to its original course. A short time after, I was able to see two distinct streaks of reddish-orange light shoot out of the westerly side of the light; which, to me, resembled the exhaust from rockets being short from an aircraft. I was not able to see any kind of objects at this time. The bright light that I had been observing seemed to vanish at this time. This may have been due to the increasing light from the sunrise.

There are a few theories which I might hypothesize on; but I will not take that liberty until I have more ironclad evidence. This is merely a report of something I did see and the co-ordinates are all estimations made in a part of the country that I am not too familiar with. There may be some margin or error due to this unfamiliarity and without instruments.

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New Zealand Press Says SAGA Report Is A Hoax

A report in the July 1970 issue of SAGA says that on Feb. 2, 1968, Auckland police found 39-year-old Amos Miller dead on his farm. He had apparently been killed by some force which had emanated from a flying saucer. The article also said the incident had been hushed up by the New Zealand authorities. "Truth" has checked it out and has found it has no basis in fact whatsoever. Auckland's coroner, Mr. A. D. Copeland, said he had never heard of the incident. Auckland records were searched, but nothing came to light about any such event happening. Auckland police were also mystified. Inquiries were made Waikato. Nothing turned up. "Truth" then searched the births, deaths and marriage records in Wellington and went back well before 1968. There was no record of the death of a Mr. Amos Miller, farmer, aged 39. "So much for the SAGA story--it was merely the figment of somebody's imagination," concludes the May 4th, 1971 edition of "Truth" in Auckland, New Zealand.  
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Venus may be seen in the southwestern sky just after sunset during the month; the brilliant sky object sets at 8:30 p.m. on February 1st and at 9:30 p.m. on March 1st.

Mars, now a rather dim, reddish object, may be seen in the early evening hours throughout the month, setting at 11:25 p.m. on February 1st and at 11:10 p.m. March 1st.

Jupiter is seen in the early morning hours, rising at 4:40 a.m. February 1st and at 3:15 a.m. on March 1st.

Saturn is visible before midnight in the high southern sky, setting at 2:20 a.m. February 1st and at 12:30 a.m. March 1st.

### The Constellations, No. 15. Canis Major (The Greater Dog)

The constellation Canis Major has been identified with a dog by many ancient cultures. In Greek mythology, Canis Major was the hunting dog of Orion. In ancient Scandinavia the constellation was the dog of Sigurd. In India Canis Major was the Deerslayer. Originally there was just one constellation called the Dog and this was it. Canis Major is a winter constellation and can be observed in the southern sky. It culminates at 9 P.M. on Feb. 18.

Sirius (Alpha Canis Majoris) is called the "Dog Star." Sirius is visually the brightest star in the sky. It is located at a distance of 8.7 light years and is the 5th nearest star known. It has a visual magnitude of -1.42. It is a main sequence star of Spectral type A-1 and is 23 times brighter than the sun. Sirius B is a companion star revolving around Sirius. Sirius B was discovered in 1862 by Alvan Clark with an 18 inch refracting telescope. Sirius B is a white dwarf star, with a mass nearly equal to that of the sun, but it is only 3 times the diameter of the earth. A cubic inch of this star material weighs over 2 tons. M-41 is a fine bright galactic star cluster in Canis Major. It is visible to the naked eye and is located about 4 degrees south of Sirius. M-41 contains about 100 stars and has a very red star in the center. (By Mark Herbstritt)

### U. S. Jupiter Probe Faces Rigors of 660-Day Flight

The first spacecraft in history to be launched on a voyage toward the planet Jupiter, Feb. 22nd, is expected to reach that planet at Christmas time in 1973.

The 560-pound "Pioneer" will be the first to travel beyond Mars on the longest space trip ever undertaken--an estimated 660 days. It will be a hazardous voyage, as it must attempt to fly through the thousands of asteroids that circle the sun just beyond the orbit of Mars. The asteroid belt is so large that it will take 200 days for Pioneer to fly through and some estimates are that it will have to avoid as many as 50,000 asteroids as large as a mile and a half across.

If Pioneer makes it through the asteroids, its next obstacle will be the hostile regions of Jupiter itself, particularly its giant radiation belts that are 10 times stronger than the earth's Van Allen Belts and reach out as far as 400,000 miles from the surface of Jupiter. The launch will be from Cape Kennedy.

Source: "Buffalo Courier-Express." Credit: David J. Gras

The most recent NATIONAL ENQUIRER article pertaining to UFOs was featured in the January 9 issue. A cigar-shaped UFO with a brilliant white light was seen over London last Oct. 11 and the details are given in the ENQUIRER article.

Oh, for the good old days when SAGA carried a few decent UFO articles! The quality of their UFO material has certainly deteriorated within the past year or so. The latest epic is by Ted Owens and purports to tell how you too can contact the Space Intelligences, as well as performing all manner of mental miracles via autosuggestion. The February issue also has a fairly interesting article on the possible renovation and colonization of the planet Venus at some future time, so perhaps your 60¢ for this issue won't be a total loss.

It is always a pleasure to see a new UFO book by British journalist Arthur Shuttlewood. One may not always agree with all of Mr. Shuttlewood's ideas and speculations, but that does not lessen the enjoyment of reading his prose. In his two previous books, THE WARMINSTER MYSTERY and WARNINGS FROM FLYING FRIENDS, Shuttlewood brought his readers up to date on the mysterious happenings which have centered themselves around his town of Warminster, England. In his latest volume, UFO'S--KEY TO THE NEW AGE (Regency Press Ltd. - 43 New Oxford Street - London, W. C. 1, England - \$6.00), he continues to report on phenomenal happenings (UFO and otherwise) in his area. Having been closely involved with the continuing drama in and around Warminster, Shuttlewood is uniquely qualified to assess the meaning and importance of the aerial visitations. He believes some of the UFOs seen are perhaps of matter similar or identical to ours, with the occupants of such craft having their origins on physical planets such as Earth. Other phenomena may be inter-dimensional in nature and, beyond even such mind-boggling concepts as these, there may be what Shuttlewood refers to as a "Supreme Universal Force." For some most interesting reading, I would recommend UFO'S--KEY TO THE NEW AGE.

Hasn't the "mysteries of the ancient past" theme been covered quite amply by such writers as Erich von Daniken and Robert Charroux, among others? Is there anything worthwhile left to be said? Well, Charroux and von Daniken have presented some interesting material, true enough. But there is more to be said and Andrew Tomas has now said it and said it very well. His book WE ARE NOT THE FIRST was published in England some months ago and has now been brought out in an American edition by G. P. Putnam's Sons - 200 Madison Ave. - N. Y., N. Y. 10016 (\$6.95). This is not a UFO book, per se, but I feel certain Ufologists will find much "background" material which relates both directly and indirectly to "our" subject. Tomas' book contains two chapters on prehistoric aviation and the possibility of space flights in ages past. These references pertain most directly to the UFO subject, but it is the whole concept of advanced civilizations in ancient times which constitutes the book's theme. Devoting chapters to such subjects as alchemy, medicine, atomic theory, astronomy, cartography, cybernetics and other such topics, Tomas makes a case for civilizations of old which matched, if not surpassed, our present day knowledge. Were such civilizations indigenous to this planet or were they introduced to Earthman from an "outside source"? Tomas makes no ready answer to this question, although he seems to favor the extraterrestrial explanation. Certainly one of the better books in its field, it deserves a wide reading.



The following is from a daily newspaper "Zycie Warszawy" of Warsaw, Poland, Feb. 12, 1959. [Sorry we can't reproduce the picture of a cone-shaped tilted object in the sky.]

On December 22, Over Muszyna . . . The photograph on the right - probably the first of its kind in Poland - was taken by Dr. Stanislaw Kowalczewski, MD from Warsaw, on December 22, 1958 at Muszyna, near Krynica. The circumstances surrounding it and what it shows is related to us by the author of this photograph.

"I was spending the Christmas holidays of 1958 at Muszyna near Krynica on a two week vacation. I am an amateur photographer and I decided to take some pictures of the landscape.

"On December 22nd of last year, at about 3:00 P.M. I noticed when looking through the window an interesting glaze, like that of the setting sun's beams coming through the clouds. As I had forgotten to take my photographic filters with me, from Warsaw, I thought that such a bright orange-yellow glaze would allow me to snap more contrast some interesting clouds over the mountain ranges. I decided to snap from the window the landscape showing the road to Zegiestow, the railroad, the Poprad River, and in the background a hill with trees visible against the clouds. The distance from the hill was about 550 yards. A moment before I pressed the shutter release button, a gleaming orange-yellow disc had sprung out from behind the clouds, which at the time I had taken for the sun.

"After a few days I developed the film. To my astonishment the photograph instead of showing the sun, registered a black, strange object shaped like a thick disc. The tree's shadows and the shadow line of a mast visible on the photograph shows that without any doubt that the sun's position was far away on the right side at the time when the photo was taken. It appears I snapped a mysterious object which I mistakenly took for the sun."

"What type of camera and film did you use, Doctor?"

"It was made in East Germany. 'Werra,' 58 mm, f:2.8. The shutter speed - 1/50 sec and the film was 'Agfa' Isopan 1ss 21 Din (100 ASA)."

"What is your personal opinion of this phenomena, Doctor?"

"I observed that sort of phenomena for the first time in my life and I had never seen a flying object like this before. I have no explanation as the nature of the phenomena."

So much told us our interlocutor. We want to add some details from ourselves. The experts who examined the original negative and prints mutually agreed that the negative presents a completely authentic phenomena of an unexplained nature. It is worth mention here that the phenomena by its shape, resembles to extremity the pictures from western press agencies presented as pretending to be the photographs of "Flying Saucers."

We hope the interpretation of the picture to the right would absorb the interest of our scientists.

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## A Report on UFOs Over England

Editor's Note: Going through newspaper clips from the British Isles, we find there has been a lot of UFO activity there during the months covered by the clips sent in by Lou Farish. In writing this article, we have used the date of the publication printing the report. In some instances we have consulted the 1971 calendar to pinpoint the exact date of "last Wednesday" or "Thursday night" referred to, and our readers may do the same in all reports if they wish. It will be noted that when authorities were consulted as to the identification of an apparent UFO, the usual answers were given--a flare, a meteor, a plane etc--in many cases ignoring the fact that the description given, if exact, would certainly eliminate the offered solution. In other cases, the conventional identification could be the correct one. We are giving you the sightings as told to the British Press, and you will read and draw your own conclusions.

The "Wolverhampton Express and Star" on Sept. 3, 1971 states that more than 30 people reported seeing a UFO on Wednesday night, Sept. 1st. M. Robson, an electrical technician of Parklands, Dudley, saw an object, glowing orange, that hovered about ten minutes, then glowed slightly, and accelerated at terrific speed to the southwest.

"It was definitely not an airplane," he stated. "It glowed orange all over and was too big for a planet."

Miss Lynette James, 17, of Cardinton-avenue, said: "This was a strange looking L-shaped object mostly green with red at the ends. Then as I watched, it changed into a flat, long object which became white in the middle and glowed even redder at the ends. The next change was into a flat sort of shape."

There were a number of reports from children between 11 and 15 years of age, and a report from an Oldbury woman who called the police after seeing a dark cigar-shaped UFO.

The "Gloucester Citizen" on Sept. 3 also reported UFO sightings. Bert Shipp, of Gloucester, telephoned the newspaper to say he had watched the flight of an object with the brightness of "a star of the first magnitude." He, his wife, their daughter and a visitor were in the garden at the Shipp home just after 9 o'clock when they saw the object travelling toward them.

"We waited for sound and flashing lights, expecting it to be a plane," Shipp said. "But none came. It seemed to be spinning and travelled in a south-west to east-south-east direction. It was moving quickly but because we were unable to judge its height we were not able to judge its speed."

They watched the object for three minutes. It then disappeared into a cloud.

The local airport control tower said flying had ceased just before 8 o'clock and RAF Pershore traffic control said there were no movements from the airfield.

The "Lancashire Evening Telegraph" on Sept. 3 reported a call from Miss Susan Walker, 18, a bank clerk, who had seen a flashing light in the sky and who had several telephone calls from others who had seen it. "One of them was an astronomer," she said, "and he said it was travelling in a zig-zag line and that it could not possibly have been a plane or a comet."

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Mrs. Alice Clarke and her husband spotted the light when they were in their car near Whitewell. "At first we thought it was a plane," Mrs. Clarke told a reporter. "It was very quiet and had a slip-stream." It was travelling slowly, not as fast as a plane, she said. "It was silver and shaped like a cigar but had no wings," she described it. "The time was about 8:30 p.m. and the last rays of the sun were on it."

Several others reported seeing the object.

Things really started <sup>buzzing</sup> in October. On Oct. 1 "The Basildon Recorder," of Southend, carried a report from Mrs. Mary Haley, 51, of Shakespeare Avenue, Langdon Hills. Mrs. Haley saw a UFO at five o'clock Saturday morning. "It was nearly as large as a full moon appears," she said. "Round the edge of a slightly oval, almost transparent looking centre, lights flashed and flickered."

As she watched from her window, it crossed the sky behind her house heading north. It lit up completely on three occasions. "When this happened," she said, "A lit projection appeared at the front. The best I can describe it is looking something like a daisy until it lit up. Then had more the shape of a beetle."

Mrs. Haley said her friends said she must have seen an aeroplane. She doesn't agree. "I was in the air force," she said, "and know a plane when I see one."

Also on Oct. 1 Jimmy Hall, of Lowbiggin, Westerhope, told the "Newcastle Evening Chronicle" that he saw a massive silver-coloured flying saucer "as big as five or six Jumbo jets put together."

He said he saw the object while out walking with a friend at about 6:15 last night. It was, over Westerhope golf course not far from Newcastle Airport.

Airport officials confirmed they had received news of another sighting from a woman in Winlaton.

"It looked just like two saucers joined together," said Mr. Hall. It was a bright silver colour and it was just hovering in the sky. I certainly didn't mistake it for a helicopter or jet."

Hall said a plane passed under the object and it then rose vertically into the clouds very quickly. He confirmed that his friend had also seen it.

Air Traffic Control at Newcastle Airport were puzzled by the sightings and suggested they could have been a plane on its way from Tees-side to Scotland or RAF Phantom jets which were in the area.

On Oct. 8 the "Bexleyheath Observer" reported that Stephen Hall, 18, a solicitor's clerk of 67 Hillside Road, Crayford, photographed the path of a ball of light as it streaked across the sky on August 30th at 10:30 p.m. The photo was taken from his house looking towards Princess Road, Dartford. Beneath the UFO, lights in the windows of surrounding houses can be seen in the picture, the "Observer" stated.

The "Banstead Herald," of Sutton, on Oct. 14 stated: "The UFO described as six or eight large lights suspended vertically in the sky was said to have been seen over Belmont two Sundays ago. The 'Times Herald' was told by Mr. Richard Edridge of Gelbe-road, Cheam that he and his four friends saw it as they were returning home. Mr. W. Keith White described the object as floating down like a para-

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chute.' He says that at the time he linked the object with some aircraft, and says that one low flying plane changed course and dodged the lights. However, in spite of this both police and Ministry of Defence say that they have no official knowledge of the sighting and cannot offer an explanation.

On Oct. 15 the "Walthamstow Guardian" told of two policemen seeing a UFO "larger than a jumbo jet" over Waltham Forest at 4:30 a.m. on Monday. They were in a patrol car in Fainer Road, Walthamstow, when they saw the object pass across the windscreen. It was cigar-shaped with a white light at one end. It made no sound and moved incredibly fast.

The driver of the patrol car, Pc Ray Parker, 35, said "We saw the thing for about six seconds as it flashed past us, and then disappeared in the direction of the Bakers Arms. I don't know what it was but it certainly wasn't an aircraft or a comet."

When the object disappeared Pc Parker stopped the car and called other police cars in the area by radio control to watch out for the mystery light, but nobody else saw it.

Hours after the incident, the Guardian investigated a claim that a UFO landed in a garden in Pentire Road, Walthamstow. It was a 2 ft. long, balloon-shaped object and had a white light inside it. A neighbour burnt it because he felt it might be dangerous. Residents believe it was a hot air balloon, because it appeared to be made from crepe paper.

On Oct. 21 two mystery objects were seen in the midnight sky over Bredon on Oct. 14 were reported by J. F. Chinn, of Walk Mill, Cropthorne, to the "Evesham Journal." Chinn and his wife had watched the objects from their bedroom window just after midnight.

"We saw two objects, they were flashing lights like Catherine wheels one above the other," Chinn said. "One went down the horizon just to the side of Bredon, and remained there. The one above it did amazing aerobatics which I couldn't attribute to an aeroplane."

They watched the objects for some time before they disappeared altogether. "One of them shot across to the East at tremendous speed," Chinn said.

An official for P.R.E. Pershore said that none of their aircraft was in the area at the time.

On Oct. 22 the "Walthamstow Guardian" said there had been nine UFO reports within the month. Two boys, Perry Douglas, 12, and David Gibbs, 10, saw a UFO hovering over the rooftops of Walthamstow on Sunday evening (Oct. 17). They said it was round, shaped like a plate with red and yellow lights. It was metallic and made a buzzing sound.

A UFO "travelling backwards" was reported by Mrs. Ann Baldwin, of Preston Ave., Newport, and her friend Mrs. Madge Jones, who were riding in Mrs. Baldwin's car on Tuesday evening at 6:20 p.m.

"It was travelling slowly towards Twm Barlwm mountain "with the thick end of the cone first," one of the women told the South Wales "Evening Argus" which printed the report on Oct. 27.

The women stopped the car to watch the object which Mrs. Baldwin described as "a red sort of vapour, cone-shaped" object.

"When it was overhead at Malpas Park, we could see it was not an aeroplane. There seemed to be flames coming from it, but they did

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not look like a plane's exhaust. We did not think it could have been the sun reflected from anything because there were no red clouds about. The object did not seem too high and it maintained its height and course."

"We ruled out the usual sort of explanations, like comets and falling stars, but we were, and still are, very puzzled by it. It appeared to be the size of an aeroplane at cloud level," Mrs. Baldwin said.

The supervisor at the control tower of Cambrian Airways at Rhosneigr said they had not seen an unidentified flying object and suggested it might have been a satellite or an aeroplane.

The Meteorological Office suggested that the women might have seen a weather balloon parachuting to the ground with the instruments still attached. "But this would be rare at this time," the spokesman added.

The RAF showed interest in the sighting and said they would investigate and report it to the Ministry of Defence.

On Oct. 28 the "Banbury Guardian" announced in big headlines "Ministry Seek UFO Details." "The Ministry of Defence is ready to conduct an investigation into the sightings of mystery flying objects over the Banbury area," the story opened and went on to say that reports "flooded in on Tuesday about a ball of light attached to a long vapour trail."

Housewife Mrs. Eileen Williams, of Rochester Way, Twyford, near Adderbury, thought there was a plane on fire. "There was a sudden burst of vapour and a yellow light moving very fast across the sky," she said.

People in Banbury also saw the object leave the vapour trail and appear to disintegrate.

It was seen by Insp. Ted Cawte of Banbury police while he was gardening and was later picked up by a television film crew over Enstone. A similar object was spotted over Chipiting Norton early yesterday morning.

On Oct. 28, the Wolverhampton "Express and Star" said their office had received "another couple of dozen calls" by midday and everyone started off: "I have seen it. It's up there and it's moving."

Peter Owen, 14, was delivering papers in the Penn area when he saw the UFO. "It was saucer shaped, with a tower in the middle. I saw it for about five to ten minutes and it was moving towards Sedgley," he reported.

Another paper boy, Alan Shields, 13, also saw a thin disc floating in the sky. "There was a vapour trail behind it," he added.

Mrs. Lindsey Kneller was walking to work in Wolverhampton town centre when she looked up and saw the object, still with the vapour trail.

Other calls came in reporting the object.

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We know we're beginning to sound like the needle is stuck, and the record is playing the same old tune--but again we have to leave out a lot of good copy--but we're happy that is the problem instead of not enough copy--and keep right on sending it in. The "new and now" reports are used first; others are held until space is available.--Ye Ed.

## More on That 1897 Airship

Editor's Note: As our readers have indicated a great deal of interest in "that mysterious 1897 airship," we will continue to publish old newspaper accounts, as they are sent in by our readers. Please send us yours (will return if you request).

### THE WILMINGTON MESSENGER

April 6, 1897

#### WAS IT AN AIR SHIP?

#### A Remarkable Object Floats Over Wilmington

Hundreds of People See It - It Was Brilliantly  
Lighted and Moved West - Looked Like It had  
Rigging - Seen in Cities Out West

Hundreds of people were out on the streets and wharves last night, looking at a brilliant floating mass in the heavens to the west of the city. It was moving very rapidly, and many persons saw net-work about the aerial wonder. Some of our very best and most reliable citizens saw so much of the heavenly stranger that they had not the slightest doubt but that it was the airship which has been reported from other cities. The ship moved to the west at a rapid rate. It seemed to have something like a search-light facing earthwards, and created a sensation among all classes of people.

The ship appeared to come from the ocean and passed opposite to Market street dock, going in the direction of the Navassa gunworks. Some gentlemen who saw the ship through field glasses inform us that they could see wires and ropes and rigging about it. To the naked eye many colored lights were visible. Even those who looked at it without glasses admit of no doubt but that it was an airship.  
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#### If You See a UFO. . .

The December 1971 issue of SENTINEL includes an interesting article on "What To Do If You See a UFO" and is well worth reading--and especially by the amateur investigator who can profit from the advice given--how to distinguish between a planet and a UFO; how to recognize a weather balloon; tips on photographing a UFO; and some good advice for the close-up confrontation with a space craft and/or occupants.

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BEFORE - Pre-1947 Sightings from the Files of Lucius Farish

From the May 1946 issue of AMAZING STORIES, letters-to-the-editor column:quote--

In 1942 I was on a little island outpost off our Southern coast. While on duty at the OP one clear, moonless night, I saw a brightly glowing, unidentified object, like a flare in appearance, travelling horizontally over the sea at moderate speed; I can't even guess at its height, its distance from the OP, or its size.

Possibly thirty seconds or a minute after my first glimpse of it, the object plummeted straight down toward the water and disappeared. I watched the area where it had vanished, and a couple of minutes later it reappeared, rising swiftly in apparently an absolutely vertical line until it was out of sight.

Last winter, when I was with an anti-aircraft battery in Germany I witnessed a recurrence of the incident, with the exception that before the object dove toward the ground, it shot to and fro, short dashes in various directions; the impression that came to my mind was that its erratic movements suggested a search.

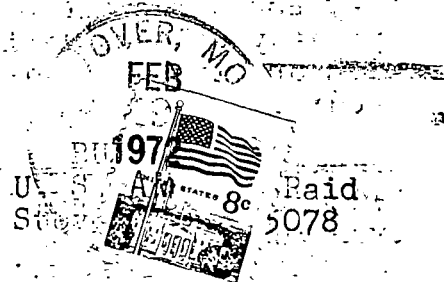
At neither occurrence were there any planes in the vicinity, nor do I know of any aircraft capable of such a performance. Furthermore, I make no claim for this yarn, and I have no witnesses; make what you will of it.. (Signed) Sgt. Dirk Wylie.

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