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"I am convinced there is intelligent life in outer space. UFO's are not just illusions. Some reports show them to be controlled objects. To me, the most acceptable and realistic theory is that UFO's are controlled by intelligent beings from outer space."
---Dr. Robert F. Creegan, Professor of Philosophy.

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You do not have to belong to MUFON to subscribe to SKYLOOK; but if you are a member, you'll find the best way to keep up with the organization plans and progress is by reading Director Walter H. Andrus' "Message" in each issue, along with "Organization Notes."

SKYLOOK is staffed by and for adults. Our policy is to tell it as it is, and we make every effort to separate fact from fantasy in investigating and reporting UFO's.

Readers are invited to send in reports. Credit will be given for material used, but anonymity promised when you request it.

The deadline for copy for next month's issue is always the 20th of this month. Please send material in as early as possible as we hold open only two pages for the morning mail of the 20th.

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The above are highly recommended by your editor.

A Message From Your Director

The organizational structure and philosophy of MUFON are definitely "on the right track." The leadership of State Directors and Staff Members is the key to our fine progress in the selection of State-Section Directors for every county in each state in which MUFON operates.

Elmer Kral, State Director for Nebraska, is an outstanding example of such leadership. Elmer is "pleased-as-punch" to announce the following appointments as State-Section Directors: (1) Rober Rutar, P. O. Box 281, West Point, Nebraska, 68788; telephone AC 402-372-2132, for Cuming, Burt, Dodge and Washington counties. (2) Raymond E. Kincanon, Rock County High School, Bassett, Nebraska, 68714; telephone AC 402-684-3943 (home) for Brown, Rock and Keya Paha counties. Ray has an MA in education and is the high school superintendent. (3) Eugene D. Boyer, Tilden, Nebraska, 68781; telephone AC 402-368-5875, for Antelope County. (4) Robert V. Reichert, 1001 York Ave., York, Nebraska, 68 467; telephone AC 402-362-3678 (home) for Fillmore, York and Seward counties. (5) David H. Smith, Ph.D., 1428 Boswell, Crete, Nebraska, 68333; telephone AC 402-826-3585 (home) for Saline and Gage counties. Dave has agreed to serve also as a MUFON Consultant in Organic Chemistry. (6) Everett W. Gross, 945 Longwood, Crete, Nebraska, 68333; telephone AC 402-826-3555. (Consultant to Nebraska Section in Physics). (7) John T. Say, 510 Phillip Ave., Norfolk, Nebraska, 68701; telephone AC 402-371-9408 (home) for Pierce, Wayne, Stanton, and Madison Counties.

Mrs. Idabel Epperson, State Director for Southern California, is proud to appoint Melvin Podell, 44 Seascape Shores, 325 South Sierra Ave., Solano Beach, Ca., 92075; telephone AC 714-755-7726 (home) as State-Section Director for San Diego County.

MUFON is proud to announce that Terence Dickinson, 663 East Avenue, Rochester, N. Y., 14607; telephone AC 315-595-6659, has accepted the dual role of Consultant in Astronomy and State-Section Director for the New York Counties of Monroe, Wayne, Ontario, Yates and Livingston. Terence is Assistant Director of the Strasenburgh Planetarium, Rochester, N. Y. and Staff Astronomer.

Richard H. Hall, State Director for Maryland, has selected John B. Carlson, 7319 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, Md., 20740; telephone AC 301-864-2568 (home) to assist the Maryland Section in Astronomy. John has his Master of Astronomy degree and is working toward a Doctorate.

Mrs. Lon (Mary) Moeller, 2900 State, Apt. 102A, Quincy, Ill., 62301, has volunteered to serve as a translator for Spanish.

This is another reminder that the Midwest UFO Network, Inc., Annual Corporate Meeting will be held Sunday, June 17, 1973, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, following the MUFON Symposium at the Plaza Inn at 45th and Main Streets in Kansas City, Mo. Be sure to make your motel reservations before May 25, 1973, to obtain the special rate at the Plaza Inn. State Directors and Staff Members should be prepared to give their annual reports on their activities, progress, and suggestions for the future. If you will be unable to attend, please mail your report to Walt Andrus prior to June 16. We solicit your ideas for a new name for the Midwest UFO Network, retaining "MUFON" and the portion "UFO NETWORK" in our existing name. Now operating in 28 states with representatives in several foreign countries, we need a name that is more indicative of the scope of our organization.

We hope to see all of you in Kansas City on June 16th for our finest UFO Symposium to date.

Walt Andrus
Director, MUFON

A continuous series of UFO reports, starting on February 21, 1973, when Coach Reggie Bone and five youths from his basketball team saw an unusual arrangement of colored lights performing erratically, was the initial stimulus that has grown to "flap" proportions in the news media. Based upon the world-wide coverage of these incidents in the press, it has been, without a doubt, the most publicized series of current UFO sightings to attract the wire services and news media outlets. A multiple-witness case was the kick-off to a steady rash of reports that followed nightly as many of the 1906 citizens of Piedmont, Missouri, scanned the skies from vantage points around this picturesque resort town in hopes of viewing one of the elusive UFO's.

Due to the clamor of the populace and press, State Representative Jerry T. Howard (Dem.) Piedmont, invited Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Chairman of Northwestern's Astronomy Department, and a consultant on UFO's for the Air Force for over 20 years, and Ted Phillips, Sedalia, Missouri, State-Section Director and Secretary of the Midwest UFO Network (MUFON) to Piedmont to investigate. Concurrent with this visit on March 31 and April 1, 1973, Edward O'Herin, New Madrid, Missouri, MUFON State-Section Director for southeastern Missouri; Robert Kewney, Quincy, Illinois, Chairman of the Tri-State UFO Study Group; and Walter H. Andrus, Jr., Director of the Midwest UFO Network joined Dr. Hynek and Ted Phillips in Piedmont for a week-end of interviews and investigations.

In anticipation of the team of investigators headed by Dr. Hynek and in the interest of interviewing as many people as possible, Coach Reggie Bone had arranged for a substantial number of the witnesses to meet at his home to conserve time. Each of the observers reported what they had viewed some time during the past month as it is related to possible UFO's in the area, starting with Reggie Bone and concluding with one of his basketball players, Gary Barks. The observation by Reggie Bone and his athletes in the Brushy Creek area was classified as a UFO, but would be categorized as "nocturnal lights" within approximately 200 yards.

The team of investigators is deeply indebted for the gracious hospitality displayed by the following people who accompanied us on nearly every visit: Police Chief Gene Bearden; Mayor John Anderson; Dennis Novis, Manager of Radio Station KPWB; Harold Ellinghouse, Reporter for the Piedmont newspaper; Dennis Keeney, announcer for KPWB, and Jerry Howard.

The late afternoon was spent in the home of Mrs. Maude Jefferis studying photographs that she and Gary Sutton, a student, had made. We were unable to come to any conclusions on the pictures made by Gary, since he was not available to answer some very pertinent questions. After studying the original print made by Mrs. Jefferis of the gyroscope shaped object that was published in numerous newspapers, the source of the light for the "lens flare" was readily apparent. Both St. Louis newspapers had "cropped" the mercury vapor yard light from the left side of the photograph before publishing it. The star trails for the ten minute exposure in Mrs. Jefferis' photograph are consistent in her photograph.

As a means of determining the validity of the gyroscope shaped object as a possible UFO, Mrs. Jefferis very generously conducted an experiment to duplicate the exact conditions under which the original photograph was made while the team was present. Two separate exposures of ten and twenty minutes were made of the attractive landscaping, pond, and overcast sky from the original camera location on her patio. After being developed by Mrs. Jefferis in her own darkroom, both negatives displayed the same gyroscope shaped disc in the upper right corner. These two photographs displayed no star trails due to the cloudy overcast, and no UFO's were observed by anyone present during the two exposures. Thus,

this was satisfactory evidence that the original must have also been a "lens flare."

Prior to darkness, several vantage viewing points, where reports have originated, were visited so that the team members would have a good idea of the locations of hills, valleys, bodies of water and roads. During this trek into the hills near Piedmont, other witnesses were interviewed. A bright light was observed beyond a pond on a farmer's property by multiple witnesses after being alerted by citizen band radio communications from the two original witnesses. The observation was made with an overcast sky and mist precipitation, eliminating the possibility of the object being a star. These gentlemen refused to have their interview recorded and would not permit their names to be used in the press.

The only daylight sighting reported was that of two young men, Ron Miller, Piedmont, and Joe King, Brushy Creek. Three of us went to Ron Miller's house on Sunday morning, but he was not at home. We were unable to interview either, but did hear their recorded interview made by Dennis Hovis. After making a verbal statement of our findings to Jerry Howard, John Anderson, and to the news media via Dennis Hovis and Harold Ellinghouse, Ted Phillips drove Dr. Hynek back to the St. Louis airport, and the Quincy team journeyed to Grand Tower and Murphysboro to interview Oscar Wills.

After the delightful hospitality of everyone in Piedmont, the most difficult job faced by the team was: "What do you tell a community of wonderful people that have been exploited by a 'self-appointed UFO expert' and have been engrossed in world-wide publicity from all angles --that this was not "the most well documented case in UFO history"?

This is not to say that there were no UFO's observed in Piedmont. On the contrary: there were enough legitimate sightings mixed in to keep the stimulus alive for nearly two months. When the local people and visitors sit out every night scanning the sky, hoping to see one of these elusive UFO's, statistically there are bound to be objects observed which the viewer is unable to explain. The MUFON team visited these locations Saturday night and found each well attended, even though an overcast sky blotted out the stars and light rain was falling.

Those of us who are anxious to resolve the UFO phenomenon through scientific study, recognize the positive aspects of the Piedmont sightings in keeping the subject before the scientific community via the news media. It proves beyond a question of a doubt that the majority of the people on Planet Earth are still interested in UFO's in the press.

Editor's Note: We received newspaper clippings of the Piedmont sightings from all over the United States and one from overseas, and we wish to thank all who sent them. Space doesn't permit listing all the names. Big city dailies sent their own reporters to Piedmont and carried full page spreads with pictures of the observers. David Branch (half of the team of Branch and Robert B. Klinn, who write those excellent UFO articles appearing in the Santa Ana (California) "Register") telephoned your editor to ask about the sightings, and we referred him to Mr. Andrus. Mr. Branch then telephoned our Director and used the information obtained for the Klinn and Branch report in the April 11th edition of the "Register."

SKYLOOK carried a page report on the Piedmont sightings in the April issue--page 7.

Bill Christian, Leo Wicklinski, Frank Brown, Larry and Dennis Hanna and David Schroth, of the St. Louis UFO Study Group, made a trip to Piedmont the week-end of April 14-15 and interviewed many of the witnesses including Mrs. Maude Jefferis. Mr. Schroth informs us the conclusions reached by his group is that Reggie Bone and the basketball players

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1973 MIDWEST UFO SYMPOSIUM - Saturday, June 16, 1973 - 9 A.M. to 10:30 PM.

At the Plaza Inn, 45th & Main Streets, Kansas City, Mo. (Note Change)

Theme: "A Scientific Approach to the UFO Phenomenon."

Morning Session

8:00 - 9:00 AM REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITS. Pick up advance registration tickets. Secure individual session tickets.
9:00 - 9:05 WELCOME TO KANSAS CITY--Thomas H. Nicholl, Leawood, Kansas, Co-Chairman of Symposium, MUFON State-Section Director.
9:10 - 10:45 "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS." A 92-minute black and white UFO documentary film distributed by United Artists containing the Great Falls, Montana and Tremonton, Utah motion pictures.
10:45 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK
11:00 - 12:00 "FLIGHT CHARACTERISTICS OF UFO's" - John F. Schuessler, O'Fallon, Mo., Deputy Director of MUFON; Consultant in Astronautics; MUFON State Director for Missouri; Director of UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis.
12:00 - 1:30PM ADJOURN FOR LUNCH - Place of your choice.

Afternoon Session

1:30 - 2:30 PM "LANDING TRACES, PHYSICAL EVIDENCE FOR THE UFO" - Ted Phillips, Sedalia, Mo., Secretary of MUFON, Staff Writer for SKYLOOK: MUFON State-Section Director; Co-Chairman of Symposium.
2:30 - 3:45 "VISION, PHOTOGRAPHY AND UFO's" - Adrian Vance, Adrian Vance Productions, Hollywood, Calif., MUFON Consultant in Photography and UFO photo-analyst.
3:45 - 4:00 COKE BREAK.
4:00 - 5:30 "UFOLOGY AND THE SEARCH FOR ET INTELLIGENT LIFE" - Stanton T. Friedman, Nuclear Physicist and Lecturer, Redondo Beach, Calif.; MUFON Consultant in Nuclear Physics.
5:30 - 6:30 RECREATION AND FREE TIME.
6:30 - 7:30 DINNER AT PLAZA INN - By advanced reservation.

Evening Session

8:00 - 9:40 PM "THE EMBARRASSMENT OF RICHES" - Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Director of Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; Scientific Consultant to the U. S. Air Force for 20 years; and author of the book "The UFO Experience, A Scientific Inquiry."
9:40 - 10:30 CRITIQUE WITH QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD - Panel: The Symposium Speakers.
ADJOURNMENT.

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Sunday, June 17, 1973. Plaza Inn.

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon MIDWEST UFO NETWORK, INC. ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING. All MUFON members are invited to attend.

Each of the speakers' presentations at the 1973 MUFON Symposium will be published and will be available on the day of the Fourth Annual Symposium. Cost: \$3.00 on June 16, and \$3.25 thereafter in the U. S. and Canada; \$4.00 in all other countries.

Ticket Information for 1973 Midwest UFO Symposium - Morning Session, \$2.00; Afternoon and Evening Sessions, each \$3.00; Dinner, \$6.50-- All three sessions and dinner, \$12.00. The cut-off date for advanced reservations is June 6, 1973. Advance reservations may be secured by writing to and making checks payable to: MUFON, c/o Thomas H. Nicholl, 1204 West 27th St., Kansas City, Mo. 64108. For more information, 'phone: Area Code 816 753-7343 or AC 913 642-9320.

Motel Information: The Plaza Inn is making a discount price to those attending the Symposium. You must advise the Inn you are attending the symposium when you make your reservation. Make your reservation directly with the Plaza Inn--write or telephone AC 816 753-7400 by May 25, 1973, the last day of the discount offer.

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probably did have a legitimate UFO experience. They did not see him on this trip, but did hear Ed O'Herin's taped interview with Bone, made March 24. They reached the same conclusions as the Andrus team on seeing Mrs. Jefferis' photos.

Mr. O'Herin sent SKYLOOK 86 pages of transcripts from taped interviews conducted by himself or Dennis Hovis (of Radio Station KPWB) and made a trip to St. Louis so that many of the study group could hear the tapes.

We are sorry we could not hear the 60-minute documentary on the happenings in Piedmont on KPLR-TV (Channel 11) St. Louis, Sunday, April 22 at 8 P.M. SKYLOOK goes to the printers, April 20, but we are informed Bill Christian and John Preisack will appear on the program to present the conclusions of the St. Louis group. (Hope we don't confuse you as we jump back and forth in tense --just remember the magazine you receive after the first of the month was completed on the 20th of the preceding month.)

For the most part, the residents of Piedmont have enjoyed the publicity that has resulted from the sightings.

"I'll tell you, it's put Piedmont on the map," John Carter, a plumber, told a reporter from a Detroit newspaper. Others say, "It's the greatest thing that ever happened in these parts."

Off-season tourist business is booming, and the Wayne County "Journal Banner" is printing and selling extra copies.

Signs reading "Welcome UFO People," "Free UFO Information" and "Piedmont is UFO Headquarters" are on display.

Some of the folks make light of the sightings, and some are frankly a little frightened. Others think government experiments are responsible for the strange lights reported, and some think space craft from another planet are looking them over. All want the mystery solved--even as you and I.

We hope our readers will continue to send in clips on the Piedmont sightings. Based on information received, SKYLOOK will continue to "tell it as it is."

Public Service Company Employee Sees UFO Over Illinois Power Station

Oscar Wills, 57, an operating engineer at the Central Illinois Public Service Company's power generating station on the Mississippi River at Grand Tower, Illinois, said he didn't believe in unidentified flying objects until Thursday night, March 22, 1973.

Wills was on duty inside the station when another employee, Willis Hughes, a turbine operator, telephoned from his home in Grand Tower to ask Wills to check on something that was hovering over or near the station's 66,000-volt transformer yard.

Wills, an employee of the company for 30 years, went out the north door of the power generating station and immediately saw an object approximately 1,500 feet high over the yard. The distance from the building to the fence surrounding this particular transformer bank is 250 yards and his estimate of the height of the object was based on the known height of the smoke stacks at the power plant and the bluff directly next to the plant. He estimated the object to be 25 feet in diameter.

He described the object as a ring of lighted panels or windows with definite spacing between windows, each emitting pulsating light varying from a dark red-to-orange-to-white sequenced in a clockwise rotation like a theater marquee. The pulsations gave the impression the object was spinning clockwise, but the window separators remained stationary. Wills said the object was doughnut shaped, or more like a wide wedding band, since only the lighted panels were visible. The time was 9:15 P.M. and the sky was clear with stars visible.

He had the impression that if the object was a solid structure, the bottom was concave, since nothing was visibly illuminated from the outer lights as he observed it directly over his head on two occasions.

Wills walked to within 150 yards of the transformer bank, viewing the object with great curiosity. Then he became a little apprehensive and decided to return to the Power Plant and ask two other employees on duty to come out to witness the phenomenon.

As he turned to retrace his steps, the object which had been hovering directly over the transformer bank, started moving directly toward him, and passed over his head. As the object darted noiselessly past the north-west corner of the building, he lost sight of it for a moment as the Plant building obstructed his viewing area. He walked rapidly around to the west side of the Plant, facing the Mississippi River, and noted the object was now hovering directly over the middle (No. 2) of the three water pumping station buildings. He walked up the ramp to the pump station house and on to the sea wall protecting the Plant from the river. He was now again directly under the hovering object.

He told Walter H. Andrus, MUFON Director and Robert Kewney, Chairman of the Tri-State UFO Study Group, in the interview from which this report is written that it would take a circular object $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 feet in diameter held at arms length to cover the object at this point of observation.

After watching for 7 to 8 minutes, the public address system operator called Wills back to the telephone within the Plant. It was Willis Hughes, who wanted to know what Oscar could see from his vantage point. Wills cut the conversation short so he and the other two men on duty could go outside to view the object.

When they went out the west door near the pumping stations, the lighted object was nowhere in sight. Wills remained outside, hoping for another view of the object, while the other two men went back inside. In about 25 or 30 minutes three or four jet aircraft (model unknown) made 8 or 10 sweeps across the Power Plant spaced about 2-3 minutes apart. The investigators have been unable to learn if the planes were from Scott Air Force Base and if "they were looking for something."

On being notified, Company engineers from Springfield, Ill., immediately consulted all of the automatically recorded charts from each generator at the Plant to determine if there were any voltage or output fluctuations at the time of the observation. None were found and no power outages were reported from the areas served by this particular Plant.

Willis Hughes and his family were also interviewed. The lighted object had first been sighted by Phyllis, 13, who called her mother's attention to flashing red lights in the northern sky. They watched a few minutes, then called Mr. Hughes.

He said at first it looked like several lights, but through binoculars it looked like a large globe of light. It had a white or amber light glowing continuously along with the red. He saw a green light once during the observation. The lights were brighter than any aircraft lights he had seen. When the cluster, or globe, moved toward the Power Plant and remained stationary, Hughes telephoned Oscar Wills. It was 9:15 P.M.

He then telephoned his son, Willis Hughes, Jr., in Grand Tower, so he and his wife could watch the object and they, along with two guests, also stepped outside to watch the object, making a total of seven known witnesses.

Hughes became impatient and called Wills the second time and this is the call that brought Wills back into the Plant and prevented him from seeing the departure of the object.

Hughes continued to watch as the cluster of lights moved across the river to Tower Rock in Missouri. He said the light disappeared going northwesterly.

Mr. Andrus concludes: "It is the sincere impression of this investigator that Oscar Wills definitely observed an object that may be classified as a UFO and from a reasonably close range (1,500 ft.) based upon my investigation of the total case."

Editor's Note: Thanks, also to Mrs. Ida Schuessler, for the report in the Springfield, Ill. "Register."

UFO Seen at Bernie, Mo.

A UFO has been sighted in the skies over Bernie, a small town about 40 miles southeast of Piedmont, and has been seen several times by reputable citizens. The strange, eerie light changes colors from white to red to green and to varying shades of color in between, moves slowly and steadily across the heavens.

One who saw the object is Norman Swafford, well-known professional photographer with military flying experience, who took pictures of the bright light in the sky and is convinced that "There is something up there."

The object moves in an irregular manner, stopping and starting, and changing speed, apparently at about 9,000 feet in the air and noiseless.

Many have seen the object, including police officers, the county sheriff, and farmers. Several farmers reported they thought the "thing had landed, or tried to land" on their fields.

"It seems strange to me," one observer said, "that the object would begin to appear in Bernie at just about the time that it seems to have disappeared from the skies near Piedmont."

Swafford is trying to make arrangements to secure the services of a much larger camera--the type that will "get a good, close up photograph of whatever is up there."

Just as the UFOs at Piedmont were usually spotted between 10 and 11 p.m., the same situation seems to hold true at Bernie. Swafford said that the fact that the object is never seen on a cloudy or hazy night would discount the idea that the object could be a reflection of ground lights off the clouds.

Source: "The Daily Standard," Sikeston, Mo., April 11, 1973.

Youths Watch Flying Sphere in Point Dume Area, Near Malibu, California

The "Los Angeles Times," carried a story in their March 25, 1973 edition, written by Bill Hazlett, of a UFO sighting near Point Dume, early Friday morning, March 23.

Three young men--Scott Aaland, 4751 Larkwood Drive, 18, and Chris Brekke, 4501 San Feliciano Drive, 19, both of Woodland Hills, Calif., and Joe Cavaretta, of 6510 Shoup Ave., Canoga Park, Calif., 18, were walking along the beach at Point Dume at 3:30 a. m. and had just moved up to higher ground and were standing on a plateau and looking toward the Santa Monica Mountains when suddenly they saw "this light, a kind of shining, yellowish light--like a big headlight on a car--just hanging there in the sky" above the mouth of the Malibu Canyon.

"It was sphere-shaped and just staying there, not moving. We watched for maybe 15 Minutes," Cavaretta told Hazlett. "Then it started to move. You could hear the sound of low-pitched jet engines, not really revved up--just a sort of whooshing sound," he said.

The object moved slowly out of the shadow of the mountains and turned right, heading directly for their vantage point.

"As it turned, the shape changed to only a half-sphere and we could see a red light glowing in the rear of the thing," Cavaretta said. "It came right out over the ocean toward Paradise Cove--sort of parallel to us--then it turned to face us and started coming down."

Cavaretta said he was scared and started running, but his companions held their ground, so he halted, then walked back to join them.

As the glowing sphere dropped down until it was about 1,000 feet off the ground, Cavaretta said, it turned toward them and stopped.

At this point, as learned from Brian G. Williams, a MUFON investigator who interviewed Scott Aaland, Scott wanted to communicate with the object and made an inviting hand gesture, as tho to say, "Come on down." The object then emitted two very bright flashes of light, of short duration. This was described as a piercing white light, as contrasted to the fellow-golden appearance of the object.

Cavaretta also told of the light, in less detail, and continued: "After that, it turned sideways again and just flashed across the bay at an incredible speed. You just wouldn't believe how fast it moved."

It appeared to follow the coastline and in less than ten seconds disappeared into the smog, haze and background lights of the Palos Verdes area. The term fog as used in the newspaper account was in error. Walter H. Greenawald, who interviewed Scott Aaland, learned the sky was clear at the time of the sighting, with stars out and a three-quarter moon almost directly overhead. The air was calm.

Aaland told Williams that some dogs, which had been following the youths, ran away when the object came toward them and the first low-pitched sound was heard.

From figures given and comparisons made, it was estimated the diameter of the sphere was 28 feet, with the length to 2 to 2½ times the diameter.

This was written from the "Times" account and two reports made by Brian G. Williams and Walter H. Greenawald. The latter stated: "My opinion is that these witnesses indeed observed a UFO or a real 'Unknown.'" Our thanks to Mrs. Idabel Epperson and Mrs. Ann Druffel for sending the material to SKYLOOK.

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To Our Readers: We have never had as much copy coming in as this month, and we've had to leave out much that we'd like to include. Next month we have an article by George Fawcett, a UFO car-chase report by Paul Cerny, more from Branch and Klinn, a report from Canada--and we better call a halt right here in order to leave room for the new reports. --Ye Ed.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown (not their real name) live on a farm near a small town in south central Missouri. Their home is in a heavily wooded area off the main road and surrounded by oak and evergreen trees. Mr. Brown, 45, is a Navy veteran of World War II with high school and two years of college education.

There were some unusual happenings on their farm the night of September 14, 1972, and all the evidence indicates that an unidentified flying object landed on their farm and took off again. Ted Phillips, of the SKYLOOK staff, went to the scene to interview the Browns and to study the site where a bright light was seen and strange marks left in the soil.

This report is written from a transcription of a tape recorded interview and Phillips' written account of his investigation.

There is no electricity on the Brown farm. Mr. and Mrs. Brown had just turned on their battery powered television, a Panasonic Model, at 10 P.M. and started to watch a program when "there started this sort of pulsation. I thought it was spark plug interference. The light was dimmed and then brightened; it would be as though you were adjusting the contrast back and forth--it would become bright and light--like that. The image would fade to a gray point. The pulses seemed to come and go in about two second intervals," Brown said.

This pulsation lasted for one or two minutes, and then the picture started to roll and this lasted for a short time, perhaps a minute.

After the disturbance ended, the Browns went outside where they saw a bright light in the south. It was 170 degrees south, 30 degrees above the horizon and stationary. Suddenly it moved upward about 5 degrees and stopped. Brown watched the object through 7 x 35 binoculars and is sure it was not a conventional aircraft, such as a helicopter. He stated that he would have heard sound and seen running lights on such a craft. What he did see was a round shape, slightly flattened at the base. When it was stationary, the color was blue-white; when in motion, a pulsation and various colors. The light was the size of a pea held at arms length. The light then moved to the right (west) about five degrees and stopped again, briefly. It then moved back to the left (east) slowly and repeated this maneuver five or six times. The object then brightened and suddenly moved away to the west at a slight upward angle and was lost to view behind the trees. The total observation time was 15 to 20 seconds.

The Browns went back to watch television which now operated normally.

The Browns have three large dogs, kept for security and hunting, and at 3:00 A.M. they were awakened by all three dogs barking and howling. On going outside to seek the cause of the alarm, the Browns found the dogs at the southeast corner of the house, looking towards the woods and "all bristled up and growling."

Brown unsnapped the chain from the collar of one dog and urged him to go after the intruder, whatever it might be. "This is a courageous dog, but he started whining and pawing the ground. He didn't want to go. I thought this was strange," Brown said and thought there might be a big cat around. The two other dogs continued to howl and face toward the woods.

Brown had a flashlight and was directing its beam about the area without seeing anything unusual, when suddenly he and his wife were startled by a flash of light. It appeared to come from a point on, or near, the ground and illuminated the entire area for a split second.

The dogs remained tense and excited, and Mrs. Brown was becoming a

little upset, so Brown decided to wait until daylight before doing any more investigating.

The dogs didn't calm down until dawn, and the Browns were unable to sleep.

When morning came, Brown went to the area where he had seen the flash of light. Walking slowly and looking all around, he proceeded about 300 feet when he saw an evergreen which was discolored.

"I was looking around and saw these strange little marks in the ground," he said, "and a place that looked like it was scorched, only it wasn't scorched--it was like a scorch, but it looked oily. This also called my attention to the marks," he continued. "No farm machinery of anything had been in there. The road is an inside lane and is not open to outside traffic. There were no footprints in the area, just the marks."

Ted Phillips went to the area Nov. 25, 1972. There had been several inches of rain and snow on the ground since the events of September.

The evergreen, two feet from the edge of a depressed area, was still discolored on the side facing the oval. Another evergreen 25 feet from the site appeared normal. The large, oval area with the grass still depressed so the outline was clearly defined, was measured and was 19.6 feet across from north to south and 14.4 feet across from east to west. The oval is located in the northwest corner of a large field surrounded by trees.

Brown had placed pieces of plastic and cans over the imprints to help preserve them, and the three formed a triangle. The one in best condition had gone into the ground at least 40 mm and seemed to have carried most of the weight.

"One has the impression that if something did land there, it made a vertical ascent and descent," Phillips concluded. "Judging from the size and depth of the imprints, one would assume that the object was fairly light."

He took soil samples, as well as a sample of the discolored portion of the tree, and made a plaster cast of the best imprint.

Asked what he thought the object might have been, Brown replied, "I couldn't make a rash statement, all I know is my observation. I'll say this about it, it didn't fly like anything we have, that I know. It was just totally different."

Phillips said the Browns were excellent witnesses. They did not attempt to color their story at any time, but simply related the events as they had seen them. "He has no doubt as to their reliability. Mr. and Mrs. Brown had read a few UFO articles in recent years, and Brown recalls hearing of the "foo fighters" during the war; however, their knowledge of UFOs is limited and it is obvious they were not enough interested in the subject to "expect" to see a UFO or to relate any unusual event to one.

In conclusion, Phillips says: "Although no definite object was seen at the site, the animal reaction and observation of the flash (for which there is no obvious explanation) leading to the discovery of the site, prompts me to consider this a high quality report. The ground markings were not made by animals. Whatever it was that penetrated the ground, it was a constructed device. One should also consider the fact that this type of landing site fits the pattern found in a number of other reports where a UFO has been seen at the site."

Phillips' original report, which we have had to cut because of space limitations, includes seven examples of other landing cases which fit the same pattern of a lighted object being seen, a depressed area and often burns, and the imprints forming a triangle.

The following appeared in "Nepszabadsag," a daily newspaper of Budapest, Hungary, Dec. 31, 1967.

The poet Benjamin Laszlo reported: "On the 20th of November between 1:00 and 2:00 P.M. I caught sight of a strange aerial object on the horizon of the afternoon sky which I would have to describe as a Flying Saucer. I am positive it was not an airplane. I thought to myself for a moment 'What a large and unusual plane.' Then, I realized it was not a plane.

"As early as my childhood I was a keen observer of the sky. I do not confuse Jupiter with Venus, nor a turbojet with a meteor. Day and night I can tell the difference between various celestial phenomena.

"This mysterious object was not like anything I had ever seen, but only could be described as one of those Flying Saucers, everyone speaks so much about these days. It was neither a cloud, a bird, a balloon nor an artificial satellite. I observed it from the Danube River side of citadel (Of Buda) at an angle of about 45 degrees.

"It was emitting a very intense, white light, which was most dazzling. I had the impression that it was moving on a vertical path, or perhaps on a oblique level, very inclined and gaining in its altitude all the time I was observing it.

"Here is a sketch I drew of how it appeared to me."



This report is from the "Tukor" (Mirror) of Budapest, Nov. 20, 1967. The observer was Peter Kuczka, a poet and novelist.

"Something has happened that I don't understand at all. On November 20, 1967 in the evening I left the house to go out for a walk. In front of the house, which is located at Attila Street No. 33 I looked up at the sky and saw a luminous circle of large circumference dashing through the sky at great speed. It left behind it a short, pointed tail (i. e. like a comet or meteor). The object was moving in a northeast to south westerly direction, entirely noiseless.

"Then approximately after two or three seconds, it disappeared in the sky without a trace, as if it were extinguished.

"I glanced at my watch. It was exactly 6:12 p.m. The color of the luminous circle was yellow in a frame of reddish or orange.

"I have seen in my lifetime numerous shooting stars, meteors, signalling rockets and fire works of all sorts. But for sure, this object did not in any way resemble any of those. The only thing I want to know: Was I the only person who observed it, or was there anybody else as well, who may have noticed it?"

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Many See Bright UFO Over Ohio

On Wednesday night, March 14, 1973, a bright "something" was in the sky over Paris, New Franklin and Louisville, Ohio, and above Alliance and Canton, and over Homeworth in Columbiana County. It was last seen streaking west from Alliance toward Akron.

Observers described what they saw, but don't know what it was.

Members of the Mt. Calvary Church at Freed Street and Whitacre Avenue northwest of Minerva were the first to see and report the bright object which was seen during a 30-minute duration, but for just a few minutes by any one person.

It was first seen by some of the church members driving home from a service, as they passed through New Franklin. That was about 9:30. About 20 minutes later the object was seen near the church.

It was also seen by another group which had left the service and were nearing Paris. Still another sighting was reported by members of the church as they reached their home at Homeworth.

With one exception none of the groups knew the others also had sighted the unidentified something in the sky. They learned of their common sighting later when the church pastor, the Rev. Johannos Maas described what he and his family had observed at the church.

Only Allen Carroll and his daughter Vicki had seen the mysterious object near the church and then driven home to Homeworth to find it in plain view there, sometime about 10 p.m.

The members of the church gave almost identical reports of what they saw.

Pastor Maas and his wife said they were sitting in the living room of their home at the church when they saw red and white flashing lights approaching. They thought at first it was an airplane but then noticed it remained stationary. They estimated it to be 1,000 to 1,500 feet away, across a small valley from their home and either on, or just above, the ground.

It was very dark and overcast following Wednesday night's downpour. They could see powerful lights like an airplane's landing lights--red and white, and flashing. From the positions of the lights they figured the craft which bore them must be circular or saucer-shaped and about 40 feet in diameter.

Ruling out an airplane because of the object's hovering capacity, they then thought it might be a helicopter. But subsequent observation of its fantastic speed and maneuvers riddled the helicopter theory. Besides, they could hear frogs in the valley clearly, and absolutely no sound--not even a hum--from the mystery craft.

The Rev. Mr. Maas, who has just returned from a trip around the world and who is familiar with airplanes, compared the craft's speed with that of a jet and estimated the mystery ship was moving at a speed of 2,000 miles an hour.

He said it apparently took a good look at Canton and the other cities, hovering here and there before darting off. He watched it disappear over the horizon once in the direction of southwest Canton (he could see the lights of the city reflected on the low clouds). Then moments later, it disappeared.

Mrs. Marjorie Ferguson, of Paris, dean of girls at Calvary Christian College there (the Rev. Mr. Maas is president), said as she watched the lighted object she felt it was not an airplane, and its subsequent movements strengthened this belief.

Pastor Maas doesn't have any "predrawn conclusions" as to what he saw. He thinks it could be something extraterrestrial.

Source: Canton (Ohio) "Republic," March 16, 1973. Credit: Amerigo E. Candusso, F. S. I. C., and George D. Fawcett.

Pennsylvania Housewives Report UFO

Mrs. Sharyn Stemmle, 25, and a neighbor, Mrs. Joyce Zettlemoyer, of Hamburg, Pa., say they have seen a "flying saucer" at least five times. Mrs. Stemmle described the object as having a round front with red lights in front and red lights in back and flashing "like sequins."

She said she first saw it March 8 while driving near her home with her 3½-year-old son, who spotted it first. Eight months pregnant, she says she is a little frightened, as she fears "they" may be watching her "to find out how all that works."

The St. Marys "Daily Press" which reported the sightings on March 20, 1973, also stated that vast numbers of persons in other areas of eastern Pennsylvania, including police officers sent to investigate, have reported strange flying objects.

According to Stan Gordon, director of the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group (also a MUFON investigator), more than 100 reports have been received this year.

Credit: Mark R. Herbstritt.

Two See UFO Near Orland, California

At 7:10 P.M. on April 14, 1972, Robert McGarr and his 5 year old son, Gary, were feeding stock on a ranch at the south edge of Orland, California.

The child called his father's attention to a bright, round light in the western sky. The object, a bright white in color, and round was as large as a dollar held at arm's length. The light, which was as bright as a headlight, did not shine a beam. The object appeared to come from over the Black Butte Reservoir area, about four miles from the observers, and approached in a gradual descent in a zig zag course, and also with an up and down motion.

At its closest position, it hovered briefly and a high pitched hum was heard. The object then retreated to the southward in the same motion, its approach and departure forming a V path. The total observation was about two and a half minutes. Elevation in the sky was about 30 degrees.

Mr. McGarr notified the sheriff's office in Willows, California. Investigated by Paul Cerny, MUFON State Director, Northern California.

NASA Engineer Believes the Prophet Ezekiel Rode In A Spaceship

A NASA engineer believes the land of Israel was visited some 2,600 years ago by a spaceship more sophisticated than anything modern technology will be able to construct in the next 10 or 20 years.

According to Josef F. Blumrich of the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., the craft was an atomic-powered atmospheric-entry vehicle with four helicopter-like "dinghies" for local transportation on planets it visited.

Blumrich, an Austrian by birth who has been in the United States since 1959, has written a book about the supposed visitation sometime around 592 B. C. Not yet available in English, it has just been published in Germany under the title "Da Tat sich der Himmel auf." This roughly translates into English as "the heavens were opened," which are words in the first verse, first chapter of the Book of Ezekiel that Blumrich believes set the state for the prophet's account of man's earliest experience with space travel.

Ezekiel's account of what he called his "visions of God" is one of

the most graphic passages in the Bible. Psychologists have suggested that the prophet must have suffered a fit of some sort, but Blumrich looks at the report through an aeronautical engineer's eye.

Viewed this way, he insists, Ezekiel's fiery chariot with wheels and winged beasts can be interpreted quite straightforwardly as a sort of cone-shaped central body about 70 feet high and about 75 feet across, with four landing legs that could be detached and flown independently in helicopter mode.

Blumrich told a "Chicago Sun Times" reporter the design of Ezekiel's chariot fits right in with work he has been doing for NASA for the last several years. Only the power plant--which must have been nuclear to perform as Ezekiel said it did--is beyond present-day technology.

Blumrich said he got turned on to Ezekiel some years ago when he read a book by the German author Erich von Däniken, "Gods from Outer Space" which explores the possible role of space ships in early mystery visitations.

"Looking at it from a strictly engineering point of view, I thought it was all baloney," Blumrich recalled. "I said to myself, 'Now I'm going to get the Bible out and I'm going to contradict von Däniken.'"

But the more he read Ezekiel, the more convinced Blumrich became that this ancient prophet was describing in his own awestruck unsophisticated terms a very advanced type of spaceship.

"Right in the first chapter there is a detailed description of the thing he sees," Blumrich said. "There are direct indications of landing legs, and it's clear that Ezekiel was very intimately familiar with structural detail.

"Once you know what the thing is about, it all fits together."

It took Blumrich about a year and a half to work out his theory. Now, he says, "the spacecraft reconstructed from the Bible is, first of all, feasible, and secondly, of a technology that is not much beyond our present technological limitations."

Summing it up, Blumrich said, "All the design features indicate a very clever project design group--very high level engineering design."

What impressed Blumrich most about Ezekiel's account is its internal consistency. "If this was just a fantasy there would have been a contradiction somewhere. But there is no contradiction. Ezekiel saw that spacecraft and he flew in it."

Credit: Thomas E. Miller.

We Correct An Error

With a red face and apologies to Leonard Sturm and the Jack Huffman's, your editor corrects the report "Decatur Residents Watch Oval Shaped Object" (Page 11, April issue of SKYLOOK). This was written as one report, witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Huffman and some friends--actually there were two sightings and no one is to blame for confusing them but Ye Ed--and we're sorry. It was a stupid mistake, and there is no excuse for it.

On an August evening, around 7:30, in 1930, Mr. and Mrs. Huffman and four other observers saw two white objects coming toward them and the objects flew directly overhead. When overhead they appeared to be about as large and of the same shape as the wings of a modern air-liner, but there was no body or tail. They flew side by side into the western sky, suddenly made a sharp 90 degree turn toward the south and disappeared from sight.

On Feb. 11, 1973 about 5:10 P.M., Mrs. Huffman was in the Tolly's Supermarket Parking lot in her automobile when she saw a completely round, white self-luminous object of the same intensity of brightness overall in the western sky at 45 degrees. It moved to the southwest and disappeared.

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The Constellations - Canes Venatici (The Hunting Dogs)

***** Canes Venatici is another modern constellation named to fill in space which was not occupied by any of Ptolemy's original constellations. Canes Venatici is supposed to represent two hunting dogs which are pursuing the bear (Ursa Major) as it circles the pole.

Canes Venatici lies directly below the handle of the big dipper in Ursa Major and culminates at 9 P.M. on May 20. The brightest star in this group is Alpha Canum Venaticorum (Cor Corali). It is one of the most attractive double stars for the small telescope and is 120 light years distant. --Mark R. Herbstritt.

A Look at the May Sky

Venus may be seen as an evening object in the south-southwest just after sunset. The planet sets at 7:25 PM on May 1st and at 8:30 PM on June 1st. Mars is seen after midnight as it rises at 2 AM on May 1st and at 1:10 AM on June 1st. Jupiter is seen in the general area of Mars as it rises at 1:20 AM on May 1st and at 11:25 PM on June 1st. Saturn is seen briefly after sunset as it sets at 9:50 PM on May 1st and at 8:10 PM on June 1st. --Ted Phillips.

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Orange Ball Seen in Illinois

Robert Woidt, Rick Wilcox and Rod Dudra, of Pana, Ill., were in a car six miles west of Pana the night of February 8, 1973, when they saw an orange ball coming out of the west. They turned off the car lights and almost at once the object seemed to turn off its light. Ten minutes later, they saw the object again moving to the north. There was no sound.

Red Light in California Sky

Miss Karen Harper, an xray student at the St. Francis Hospital, Los Alamitos, California, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Harper, of 11952 Weatherby Road, were outside their home about 8:30, Sunday night, March 25, 1973, when they saw a pulsating, stationary red light hanging in the sky below the clouds. The object was oval-shaped and had a strong white light in the center, with pulsating red lights on each side. Two planes were in the sky between the observers and the object which, after hovering, moved to the northwest. "Then it turned into a white flash and the whole thing disappeared into the clouds," Miss Harper said.

A report was made to Prof. Charles G. Kahlert and to the "Los Angeles Times" which carried the story in their March 27 edition. Credit: Prof. Kahlert and Mrs. Idabel Epperson.

Object Appears to Circle Star

Thomas A. LeVesque was standing on the balcony of his home in Beverly Hills, California, about 4:20 A.M. Feb. 14, 1973. The sky was clear and the moon was setting near the horizon. "I had a strange feeling of a presence in the sky," he said and looked up to the southwest to fasten his gaze on two distant "stars." Then, to his surprise, one began to move, slowly at first, then more rapidly, and appeared to circle the star. As it came around, almost making a full circle, it shot off to the southeast and disappeared.

Credit: Thomas A. LeVesque, Co-editor of "The Hollow Hassle."

An article dealing with Project Blue Book Report #14, the Condon Report and other governmental investigations of UFOs appears in the April 15 issue of MODERN PEOPLE. Largely re-hash of old material.

The May issue of FATE contains part I of a three-part series of articles on the 1896-97 airship flap. Written by Jerome Clark and Loren Coleman, the initial article discusses a new "twist" to the airship mystery and makes for most interesting reading. Parts II and III will appear in the June and July issues of FATE.

In a recent column, I mentioned a booklet, UFO'S OVER KIRKBY, written by John Parkinson. In further correspondence with Mr. Parkinson, he informs me that he is in the process of collecting material for another book. This volume will deal with such UFO-related phenomena as mysterious voices, dreams involving UFOs, etc. All information will be presented anonymously (i.e. "Mr. X") if so desired. For those who might wish to contribute material, Mr. Parkinson's address is: Southlands - Endbutt Lane - Crosby - Liverpool L23 0TS - Lancashire, England.

My apologies for failing to mention whatever UFO material may be contained in the May issue of SAGA. As it is always late appearing on the local stands, I decided to subscribe, thinking I'd be certain to have the issues in time for each column. So, I subscribed and what happened? You guessed it--I still haven't received my first issue!

A paperback edition of Andrew Tomas' WE ARE NOT THE FIRST is now available from Bantam Books for \$1.25. This is one of the better volumes dealing with mysteries of the past, possible space visitors in antiquity, etc.

I do not ordinarily review works of fiction in this column, but when something of interest comes along which pertains to the UFO subject, I make an exception now and then. Such a book is THE EARTH IS MINE by Luther Cox. Mr. Cox is an engineer and salesman living in Raleigh, N. C. He has made a study of the UFO enigma and as he says, "my ideas of the possibilities and probabilities about UFOs are pretty well wrapped up in this book." Briefly, the novel centers itself around a college professor whose unorthodox ideas concerning religion and the origin of man arouse a great deal of interest among his students. The professor theorizes that a remnant of a past race on Earth may have left the planet and colonized some other world. The UFOs, of course, are their vehicles. The endeavors of one particular student to either confirm or deny the professor's theories lead him to eventual contact with the UFO occupants and a visit to their home planet, Earth's twin. As UFO novels are relatively rare, I think you would find this one of interest. Copies may be obtained from Mr. Cox at his home address: P. O. Box 14007, Raleigh, NC, 27610. The price is \$6.00.

For those who are interested, a new edition of Frank Stranges' contactee book THE STRANGER AT THE PENTAGON is now available from I. E. C., Inc., 7970 Woodman Ave., Van Nuys, Ca., 91402. The price is \$4.25.

U. F. O. Conference to Be Held in Atlanta

The 10th Annual National UFO Conference will be held in Atlanta, Ga., June 22, 23, 24 and the public session will take place at the Lenox Square Auditorium, Lenox Square, Atlanta, while the delegate sessions will take place at the Rodeway Inn, 3387 Lenox Road, Atlanta Georgia. Stanton T. Friedman will be the featured speaker at the public session, June 22nd, at 8:00 P.M. All tickets to public sessions are \$1.00.

For further information, write to Allen H. Greenfield, 3200 Lenox Road, D-203, Atlanta, Georgia 30324.

Mysterious UFO Seen Over New Zealand

The following is from the Feb. 19, 1973 edition of the Dunedin, New Zealand "Evening Star", sent to us by Harold Fulton, MUFON Director and Field Investigator for New Zealand.

A huge, bright yellow and red, cigar-shaped unidentified flying object was sighted over Dunedin by several persons, Feb. 18, and it was estimated to be flying at a minimum speed of 1,800 m.p.h.

A professional mechanical engineer, also an amateur astronomer, sighted the UFO traveling north from Gilkison Street, and calculated its speed.

"Because it disappeared behind Flagstaff, it must have been at least two miles away; I allowed three in my calculations. We watched it for 5 seconds during which time it travelled through about an angle of 60 degrees. This makes its minimum speed 1,8000 m.p.h. If it was further than three miles away its speed would have been greater," he said.

He and his companion described the UFO as luminous and cigar-shaped with a small "ball of fire" following it. The engineer, who said he did not believe in UFOs, said, "If it was a meteor it was a huge one and its trajectory was different." It was travelling parallel to the western horizon." He did not want his name used.

Two other men in East Taieri, Mr. Major Miller and Mr. Ken Bailey, watched the UFO for about 20 seconds. Miller described it as huge, with a bright yellow nose with the yellow changing to bright red towards the tail.

"It made no noise and looked like an aircraft taking off but was going far too fast to be one. It seemed to have a flaming tail following it and after about 20 seconds it just vanished," Miller said.

The Feb. 21st edition of the "Evening Standard" quoted the director of Wellington's Carter Observatory, Mr. A. D. Gilmore, as saying the object was "almost certainly a fireball."

However, a director of the Begg Observatory, in Dunedin, Mr. S. D. Watts, discounted what Mr. Carter said on the grounds that the longest a fireball would last before it burnt itself out would be one to two seconds.

He described a fireball as a slow-moving meteor which travelled at such a velocity that they existed in the earth's atmosphere only one or two seconds before burning out.

A building contractor in Mosgiel, Mr. Stan Smith, who reported seeing the UFO said he saw parts of it dropping to earth. "There were large pieces dropping off it which glowed, then disappeared."

P. J. Edwards, associate professor of the physics department at the University of Otago, suggested that the object was "a piece of man-made space junk" which had fallen from orbiting the earth.

And so it remains--an unidentified flying object.

New Zealand Couple Watch Flying Object

Mr. Fulton, also sent a report obtained from Bruce Harding, a Christchurch correspondent.

F. R. Fleming, of I Mulgans Track, Clifton, Christchurch, N. Z. was awakened at 1:45 AM, March 13, 1973, by a cat entering his room at an open window. He got up and went to the window from which he has a good hillside view to the north and saw a very bright object speeding from west to east.

Suddenly the sharply outlined object, which Fleming was certain was solid, and not a light, stopped in mid-air and remained motionless

for 15-16 minutes. Mr. Fleming called to his wife and they both went outside to watch.

The object suddenly gave off an extra brilliant light for some 14-15 seconds, then slowly returned to normal. It then suddenly sped off on a reverse course, back the way it had come, and disappeared behind Balmoral hill; about one mile from the Fleming home. As it was departing, a red lighted portion could be seen at the rear.

Fleming, who had first thought the object was a conventional aircraft, dismissed that solution quickly because of its swift flight, sudden stop and hovering for a long period. There was no sound.

It was a clear, star lit night, with a bright moon in the west. The elevation of the object was estimated to be 35 to 40 degrees, and the distance from the observers, 2½ miles.

/ Mr. Fulton, thank you for your very nice letter, and we'll write just as soon as we can pin down another "flying object"--that spare moment.--Ye Ed7

Pennsylvania Man Frightened by Bright Lights

A 25-year old Mohrsville, Pa., man who "doesn't believe in UFOs" was frightened out of his wits by "something" in the Berks County sky, March 29, 1973, according to the story published in the next day's "Reading Eagle."

Curtis Lash at approximately 8:30 PM stepped outside an office building under construction on Rattle snake Hill road, where he was laying carpet, to light a cigaret.

"I saw this bright light in the sky about 500 yards away and I assumed it was a plane. But it just hovered in one place, so I thought it was a helicopter, but it wasn't making a sound," Lash said. "I don't believe in UFOs, but I know I saw something tonight and whatever it was, it was awfully scary," he added.

In describing the mysterious objects, Lash said the bright light would dim and a few seconds later, reappear. He could not discern the shape of the object, but saw red, green and white flashing lights. After about 10 minutes, a second object appeared in the sky and moved directly below the first one. It too began dimming its lights and then "just disappeared."

Lash was so unnerved by the event that it took him almost an hour before reporting his observations. Township police spoke to the man and concluded he had indeed witnessed a strange event, but a search of the area turned up nothing unusual.

Meanwhile police in Kutztown and Fleetwood came across three balloons near Virginville that had drifted into Berks County from Baltimore, Md. Cards attached to the balloons revealed that they had been launched by pupils at Pine Grove Elementary School, Baltimore, and asked that the cards be returned. A careful examination of the balloons failed to uncover any flashing red, green or white lights.
Credit: Stan Gordon, MUFON State Director for Pennsylvania.

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Organization News From Around the Network

John F. Schuessler, Director of the "UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, spoke on "The UFO Challenge" at the Alton Senior High School auditorium, in an open meeting Wednesday evening, March 28. His lecture was well received and great interest shown in the question and answer period. On Monday, April 2nd, Mr. Schuessler addressed the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club with with sixty-one business and professional members present and again all showed interest in the subject of UFOs.

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis will meet Sunday, April 29, at 2 P.M. at the Lemay Bank and Trust Co. 152 Lemay Ferry Road, and Dr. Peter Phillips, of Washington University, will speak on "The World of Ted Serios" and show a 40-minute movie on Serios who could create an image on photographic film by intense mental concentration. Dr. Phillips is conducting a scientific experiment in a search for "psychic photographers" and this lecture should be fascinating. Hopefully, the May issue of SKYLOOK will reach the St. Louis area in time to let our readers know about this. It will be open to all who care to attend.

George D. Fawcett spoke on UFOs at the Wingate College, Wingate, N. C. April 26, with his lecture sponsored by the Wingate Lions Club. Investigator, researcher, and lecturer for 25 years, his lectures draw increasingly large crowds. He has earned the respect of the Press, the confidence of all wishing to give him UFO reports, and the close attention of his audiences--a combination you can't beat. For UFO material, write to him at 607 North Main St., Mount Airy, N. C. 27030.

Don Richmond, of Pueblo, Colorado, a long time UFO investigator, has given several "mini-courses" on UFOs in the Pueblo area and recently completed a 12-week course at Seton Middle School and lectured at the Baxter School, Route 2, at a P. T. A. meeting. Mr. Richmond is a member of the South Central Law Enforcement Association and has given talks to law enforcement agencies on power failures and how communications can be disrupted. He plans to attend the Kansas City Symposium and looks forward to seeing his "good friends, Ted Phillips and Walter Andrus," again.

Stan Gordon, Director of the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group, of Greensburg, Pa., and also State Director for MUFON (sorry we goofed and referred to Stan as a state-section director in a recent issue) was interviewed and will be among national experts in the ufological field to appear on week-long UFO special on radion station WVAM, Altoona, Pa. Scheduled for April 9 through the 13th; this comes too late to inform our readers in Pennsylvania--but you might check the station. Sometimes these dates are changed. There seems to be no let down of UFO sightings in Pennsylvania, and Mr. Gordon and his group are kept busy almost around the clock. On March 6, Mr. Gordon and Dr. J. Allen Hynek appeared with Arch Mason, MUFON state-section director of Fayette County, on the Marie Torre show on KDKA TV, and Stan appeared on WOKU-FM radio in Greensburg, Feb. 19 for an hour discussion of UFOs. This has resulted in numerous requests for lectures from the area, including schools, colleges and the Buhl Planetarium.

Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON, was interviewed by Mr. Weldon John of Radio Station WVAM in Altoona, Pa., April 13, at which time a one hour tape was recorded. This will be used along with those from Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Stan Gordon on the week-long UFO Special, as mentioned above.

On May 16, 1973 at 7:30 P.M. the Tri-State UFO Study Group will sponsor a public meeting at the First United Presbyterian Church, in

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Quincy, Ill., with Walter H. Andrus speaking on "Documented Landing Trace Cases." The lecture will be illustrated.

Stanton T. Friedman spoke at Northeast Nebraska State College in Norfolk, Nebraska, on April 11 and on April 12 at the Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Elmer Kral and colleagues attended the Norfolk lecture (among many others); while Bob Smulling, Walter and Jean Andrus heard Mr. Friedman speak in Mt. Pleasant and enjoyed a luncheon visit with him. "Stan is a terrific emissary for MUFON nation-wide," Mr. Andrus reports. And don't forget--Mr. Friedman is one of the main speakers at the MUFON Symposium in Kansas City, June 16.

The MUFON Amateur Radio Net will continue to meet every Saturday morning at 0800 CDST on 3.975 MHz, effective with the change to daylight time, per Net Control, Ron Anderson, WA9PAM. On April 14, the MUFON net actively engaged in "on the spot" UFO research when two members reported in from the Bluff View Campground in Piedmont, Mo. WA0AZV, Gordon Brown from New Madrid, Mo., and WB0FDA, Cliff from Hillsboro, Mo., checked into the net via their mobile units and handled UFO traffic into Piedmont. Another new member reporting for the first time was WA0SWY, Don Campbell in Mt. Pleasant Iowa, who also attended the Stanton Friedman lecture on April 12.

And don't forget the annual SKYWATCH and CARLYLE LAKE PICNIC to be held July 21st and 22nd. We'll have a story on that from our Public Relations gal, Rosetta Holmes, in the next issue of SKYLOOK.

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