

Box 147
Black Mountain, N.C.
May 7, 1952

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
c/o U. S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The motive of this letter is a sincere effort to help avoid useless waste of life, time and money. It is written with full respect to your pressing work, and to the ability of this country's scientific experts.

Although your responsibilities may not be directly connected with the intended text of this letter, I sincerely hope that you will consider the possibilities, and forward the suggestions to the proper authorities concerned.

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The possibilities of this earth being visited by ships from outer space have been lightly suggested by some, while others believe the "objects" belong to some nation on this earth. Granted that some such objects do even belong to this country, it is obvious that we, nor any other nation possess and fail to use, in time of war, such useful means as have been reported by the balloon experts connected with General Mills, Inc.

I am sure that these suggestions will bear scientific investigation and that they are entirely probable. Similar to Columbus and the egg - they may not have been given due consideration.

These "objects" of undetermined origin" (not to be confused with our controlled weather balloons, etc.) are in all probability operated by the absorption, compression, and controlled emission of the sun's energy (basically electricity). As such, they probably carry a potential charge which is past our imagination. An earthly object approaching too close to the O.U.O. would have the same effect as grounding a high-tension wire, with the total destruction of both objects as a likely result.

Assuming that some of these objects are from outer space, we would certainly benefit considerably by establishing contact with them, where as, if such a nation as Russia should acquire this knowledge before us we would certainly suffer as a result

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Whatever means of power these objects possess, they may attain speeds far in excess of our latest rockets. It will be futile to give pursuit, or to attempt any forceful approach.

From reports, we have no reason to believe these objects have anything but friendly intentions, also, they may be restricted as to the distance they may approach the earth without danger. It is also my belief that given an opportunity, they will approach an earthly object, at high altitude, as close as possible without danger to either themselves or the object.

If my theory approaches the truth, then these strange objects will be unable to establish contact with the earth without our assistance.

Taking the earth at an age of two billion years, having suffered worldly catastrophies, and set-backs, we may be as children compared to a planet of four billion years, or of equal age without catastrophies.

Our scientific laws have worked well for us, however, they probably do not hold true for all planets. Lacking water and trees in the beginning we would have been an entirely different world, perhaps even further advanced.

My background includes a good foundation in high-altitude flying, and in the field of electricity. Although I am well established in business, it is my desire to enter the field of research related to this subject.

My name is not for publication.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Burgess
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Date: May 15, 1952

To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FLYING DISKS REPORTEDLY SEEN
IN VICINITY OF SAVANNAH RIVER PLANT
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

The Savannah Office of this Bureau has been informed that at approximately 10:45 pm, May 10, 1952, four employees of the DuPont Company employed in the Savannah River Plant near Ellenton, South Carolina, saw four disk shaped objects approaching "the four hundred area" from the south which disappeared in a northerly direction. At approximately 11:05 pm on the same date the above-mentioned employees saw two similar objects approach from the south and disappear in a northerly direction. At approximately 11:10 pm a similar object was seen by these employees approaching from the north-east and disappearing in a southwesterly direction. A similar object was also sighted about 11:15 pm traveling from south to north by the same employees.

The disks were described by the above-mentioned employees as being approximately fifteen inches in diameter and yellow to gold in color. All of the objects were allegedly traveling at a high rate of speed and at a high altitude without any noise. The disk shaped object referred to above which approached "the four hundred area" from a northeasterly direction was reportedly traveling at such a low altitude it had to rise to pass over some tall tanks which are in "the four hundred area." The employees referred to above advised the objects were weaving from left to right but seemed to hold a general course. According to these persons because of the speed at which the objects were traveling they were only visible for a few seconds.

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The above data, which was previously furnished to your office through this Bureau's liaison representative, is being furnished for your information and any action you desire to take in this matter. No investigation is being conducted by this Bureau.

cc - Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Intelligence Division

cc - Director of Naval Intelligence
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

cc - Captain John A. Waters
Director of Security
Atomic Energy Commission
Room 805B
333 Third Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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RE FLYING SAUCERS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. THREE WOMEN SAW ASTRANGE
OBJECTS FLOATING IN SKY OVER ASHLAND, KY. AT EIGHT FIFTY PM, EST,
MAY TWENTY FIVE LAST FOR TWO OR THREE MINUTES. OBJECTS DESCRIBED AS
LOOKING LIKE LARGE OYSTERS WITH FISHTAILS FLOATING LOW LIKE A CLOUD.
THEY WERE OVAL IN SHAPE AND ACCORDING TO OBSERVERS COULD HAVE BEEN
BALLOONS. THEY CAME IN OVER ASHLAND FROM THE NORTH, CIRCLED AND WENT
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

28 MAY 1952

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Received from OSI
Date *6/1/52*

ATTN: Mr. N. W. *Ward* *Ward* Liaison Agent

RE: Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted
General Area Ritchie Highway, South
Baltimore, Maryland, 10:45 PM, 29
Mar 52 by Donald Stewart, 2241 Warren
Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

There is attached for your information a copy of a report by Special Agent Boyce Royal of this office dated May 12, 1952, in regard to the captioned subject. Your attention is invited to the statement of Mr. Donald Stewart as reflected on page 4, paragraph 7, of the report, to the effect that, at the time of the alleged sighting of this object, he had in his possession a Thompson sub-machine gun. A copy of this attachment has also been furnished the Treasury Department.

No further inquiry into this matter is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations.

Sincerely,

Gilbert R. Levy

GILBERT R. LEVY
Chief, Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-411	DATE MAY 12 1952
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object, Ritchie Highway, SO. Baltimore, Maryland, 29 March 1952		REPORT MADE BY BOYCE ROYAL, S/A	hr
		REPORT MADE AT DO #4, Bolling AFB	
		PERIOD 10, 11, 12 May 1952	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN Hq. OSI	
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CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY		Unauthorized disclosure of information contained in this report is prohibited and will be considered a violation of AFR 205-1 and AFR 205-6, paragraph 11.	
REFERENCE Telephone message CI Division Hq. OSI, 9 May 1952			
SYNOPSIS Investigation requested by Hq. OSI predicated on information received from Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson AFB that DONALD STEWART and (FNU) TYLER had observed unconventional type aircraft on 29 March 1952 in the vicinity of Baltimore, Maryland. Information relayed to Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson AFB by ULIUS LOUIS AMOSS who received it from LOU CORBIN, a news commentator, employed by station WFBR, Baltimore, Md. CORBIN interviewed, furnished information that DONALD STEWART, 224 Warren Avenue and GEORGE TYLER III, 112 East Montgomery St., Baltimore, Md., had been interviewed by him on 24 and 27 April 1952 and had reported sighting a disc-like aircraft at approximately 2045 hours, 29 March 1952 on Ritchie Highway near the intersection of US Route 301; that automobile engine stopped and paint cracked as aircraft hovered 200 feet above car. STEWART interviewed and related substantially the same story which he had given CORBIN previously. RAY FOX, Engineer, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Baltimore, Md, interviewed, advised he had made complete examination of STEWART's vehicle at request of CORBIN; including examination with geiger counter and determined no unusual defects. AMOSS interviewed, stated had no direct knowledge of incident and had merely relayed information furnished him by CORBIN; advised that several residents, Gibson Island, Maryland had heard unusual noises but none had observed any such aircraft. TYLER interviewed and confirmed statement given by STEWART however, upon reinterview, admitted that he had not been with STEWART at the time of the alleged sighting, and had not seen any such aircraft; advised that STEWART had asked him to tell that story and that he had done so. Interviews conducted along Ritchie Highway in vicinity of location where aircraft			
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APPROVED  DONALD B. WHITE Colonel, USAF		District Commander.	

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was allegedly sighted indicated no knowledge of any such craft. Anne Arundel County Police Department had no record of reports of described aircraft. STEWART in reinterview reaffirmed sighting and that TYLER had been with him at the time and had seen the aircraft. File checks re STEWART at local police agencies negative. FBI, Baltimore Field Office records reflect STEWART fired from employment at Baltimore, Maryland, for placing a decal bearing Communist insignia on a truck belonging to the firm by whom he was employed. FBI check re TYLER, CORBIN, AMOSS negative.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated upon a request from Headquarters OSI on 9 May 1952 from Lt. Col. LUCIUS L. FREE, predicated upon information received from Lt. Col. RAY W. TAYLOR, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, to the effect that Col. TAYLOR had received information regarding an unidentified aircraft which was reported to have been seen at 2245 hours, 29 March 1952, on Ritchie Highway, south of Baltimore, Maryland. Air Technical Intelligence Center advised that the information had been received from ULTUS LOUIS AMOSS, a civilian.

2. This is a joint investigation of Special Agents CLIFFORD P. JONES, OLIVER R. WEATHERHOLT, and the writer.

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

3. On 10 May 1952 Lt. Col. LUCIUS L. FREE, Headquarters OSI, was interviewed and furnished the writer with a copy of a TWX received from the Air Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB. Information contained in the TWX is summarized as follows:

The TWX represents a copy of a letter to the Commanding General, Project Blue Book, from ULTUS LOUIS AMOSS, Gibson Island, Maryland, dated 24 April 1952. The letter stated that one DONALD STEWART, residing at 2241 Warren Avenue, Baltimore 30, Maryland, had observed an unconventional type aircraft on 29 March 1952. Present with him at the time of this observation was one FNU TYLER, believed to be a seventeen year old (17) high school student. The aircraft was allegedly observed while STEWART and TYLER were driving north on Ritchie Highway, approaching Baltimore, Maryland. It was described as shaped like a large pancake and was alleged to have hovered over the automobile, killing the engine. The letter also advised that STEWART had been interviewed by a LOU CORBIN, a radio announcer of WFER, Baltimore radio station. CORBIN was described as a reserve CIC officer. The letter also stated that a GEORGE WASON and son, JOHN WASON, alleged to reside on Yacht Club Road, Riviera Beach, Maryland, had also seen such an aircraft. A NELSON STRIEKCIUT and wife, and a Mrs. SALLY SYMINGTON HENDERSON and Judge and Mrs. HENDERSON were all said to have heard an aerial noise on 19 April 1952 at approximately 2300 hours. The Glenn Burnie Police were said to have had many similar incidents reported but laughed them off.

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

4. On 10 May 1952 Mr. HUBERT KEITH, U. S. Weather Bureau, International Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that the weather map for 2226 hours, 29 March 1952, indicated clear sky, NNW winds - eight (8) miles per hour; at 2256 hours, 29 March 1952, partly

cloudy, NNW winds - twelve (12) miles per hour; winds aloft at one thousand (1000) feet, NNW - sixteen (16) miles per hour.

5. On 10 May 1952 Mr. LOUIS E. CORBIN was interviewed at radio station WFBR in Baltimore, Maryland, and stated in substance as follows:

Mr. CORBIN advised that he had received information in the latter part of April to the effect that a DONALD F. STEWART, residing at 224 Warren Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, had, while accompanied by Mr. GEORGE S. TYLER III, observed a strange appearing aircraft on 29 March 1952. Mr. CORBIN indicated that the source of his information had been a newspaper reporter for one of the local newspapers, whose name he did not divulge. CORBIN related that he had for some time been interested in the "flying saucer situation", and that it had been his intention to write a documentary program for broadcast concerning that subject. He said further that inasmuch as the above incident was the first one to be brought to his attention within that area, he determined to investigate it.

On 24 April 1952 CORBIN interviewed Mr. DONALD F. STEWART and ascertained that he was employed as a clerk by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He further ascertained that the date of observation was 29 March 1952; place, Ritchie Highway near the harness track; time, 10:45 PM; weather, clear; moon and stars out; approximate length of observation, two (2) minutes; estimated altitude, two hundred (200) feet. CORBIN obtained the details of the incident and set them down in a chronological order. A photostatic reproduction of the information obtained in that interview is being forwarded as an inclosure to this report. CORBIN also interviewed Mr. GEORGE S. TYLER III relative to the above incident and made a similar writing, a photostatic reproduction of which is being forwarded as an inclosure to this report.

CORBIN advised the writer that he was acquainted with the editor of a civilian intelligence bulletin, Mr. ULIS LOUIS AMOSS, to whom he communicated the above information. Mr. CORBIN further advised that he would not release any of the information publicly and did not intend to do so until such time as the authorities completed investigation of the incident. CORBIN related that when he had called the Anne Arundel County Police they had informed him that they had had numerous reports of that nature but had passed them off as harmless. CORBIN stated that he had had a friend of his, RAYMOND FOX, conduct a scientific examination of STEWART's automobile for the purpose of determining any unusual characteristics which might have been present. CORBIN advised that he was not a reserve CIC officer; however, he related that he had been an intelligence officer with the staff of General GEORGE S. PATTON in Europe and that he presently holds an inactive reserve commission as lieutenant colonel, O-375086.

Mr. CORBIN, during the course of the interview, made no mention of GEORGE or JOHN MASON, and when specifically questioned with regards to the two above individuals, he said that he did not recall either.

6. On 10 May 1952 the records of the FBI Field Office, Baltimore, Maryland, were reviewed and reflected that DONALD FRANKLIN STEWART, 224 Warren Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, was questioned for illegal wearing of the Navy uniform in July 1948. Records also reflect that STEWART was a member of the U. S. Naval Reserve and the investigation was discontinued as no violation. These records also reflect that STEWART was fired from the Baltimore Supply Company, Baltimore, Maryland, for placing a decal of the hammer and sickle and red star on the door of a Baltimore Supply Company truck. This act was committed on 30 July 1948. The FBI Field Office records reflect no records of ULIS LOUIS AMOSS and no derogatory information on LOUIS E. CORBIN. No information concerning reports of unconventional aircraft sighted during the past two (2) years were on record at the FBI Field Office.

7. Mr. DONALD FRANKLIN STEWART was interviewed at his residence, 224 Warren Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, on 10 May 1952, and with reference to the incident in instant case, he related in substance as follows:

STEWART, accompanied by his friend, GEORGE TYLER, were returning to Baltimore from Glenn Burnie, Maryland, via the Ritchie Highway, on 29 March 1952. They were in a 1949 Anglia Vampire, an English car, and were proceeding in a northerly direction, having just left a Howard Johnson Restaurant adjacent to the intersection of Ritchie Highway and U. S. Highway #301. While approximately opposite a harness track five hundred (500) yards north of the above named intersection, STEWART related, he observed a strange looking aircraft appearing on the horizon ahead of his automobile. STEWART described the aircraft as being a flat disk with a cupola or dome in the center of one side. He described the dome as having what appeared to be a small porthole on one side and the shadowy outline of what appeared to be a "hatch, similar to those found on a ship". He stated that this craft approached his vehicle from a northeasterly direction and hovered above his automobile.

He further described the object as being of a luminous silver color and emitting bright lights around the edges similar to neon tubing of high brilliance. He stated that at the time the incident occurred he had in the rear seat of his vehicle a Thompson sub-machine gun with which weapon he left the automobile and walked around the car several times debating as to whether or not he should fire upon the aircraft. He advised that his companion, TYLER, remained in the automobile and had pleaded with him not to discharge the weapon for fear of retaliation from the aircraft. Mr. STEWART declined to comment as to the origin, present whereabouts, or owner of the above named weapon.

STEWART stated that when the aircraft came to rest above his automobile, it appeared to be "at least fifty feet (50) in diameter, and wavered slightly." While in sight the aircraft gave off a sound similar to that of a vacuum cleaner. STEWART averred that the aircraft maintained its position above the automobile for approximately three (3) minutes and then turned on its edge, thereby presenting its flat surface to his vision, and appeared to roll across the sky at a terrific rate of speed, greater than that of a jet plane. STEWART estimated the horizon to the southwest of his vision, towards which the object was traveling, as approximately three and one-half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) miles from his position, and that the object as it disappeared across the horizon was approximately the dimension of a five (5) inch disk held at arm's length. He advised that when the object first appeared, it appeared to be at an angle to the horizon of fifty (50) degrees, and as he was proceeding north it appeared on the northeast horizon on the crest of a hill. He also advised that during the period the object was in his vision he noticed no sign of activity within it and discerned no odor from it.

STEWART advised that during the time of the above observation of the aircraft there was only one other automobile in the immediate vicinity. He described this to be a 1948 Pontiac convertible, yellow, with 1952 Maryland license plates, the first three (3) digits of which were six-zero-zero (600). He related that the car was apparently occupied by a man and a woman and that the man had dismounted his automobile and was looking at the aircraft, but that upon being hailed by STEWART, had returned to his automobile and driven off rapidly. It was Mr. STEWART's opinion that he did so upon seeing the aforementioned Thompson sub-machine gun. Mr. STEWART informed the writer that he was not addicted to or a casual indulger of any form of alcoholic beverages and was not under such influence at the time of the sighting. He further advised that he wore glasses only for purposes of reading and that the only obstruction to his observation of the above described aircraft was the windshield of his automobile when first sighted; however, when he emerged from the automobile he was able to observe the aircraft without any trouble.

STEWART contended that the above incident had a singular effect upon his automobile in that it killed the motor and apparently magnetized its wiring. He also stated that the above incident had resulted in the paint on his car cracking.

AGENT'S NOTE: An inspection of STEWART's automobile revealed that it had been recently painted.

It was ascertained from STEWART that his hobbies were the collection and handling of weapons, American History, and that his avocation was politics. He stated that he had been active in the political candidacy of a senatorial contestant of the State of Maryland and was currently leader of the political club supporting the above mentioned candidate in his ward. He advised that on the night of the

above incident he had been engaged in distributing campaign literature with reference to the above campaigning in Glenn Burnie, Maryland, and was returning to Baltimore when he observed the aircraft. During the course of the above interview STEWART appeared calm and answered all questions without hesitation and when subjected to questioning, did not change his statements in any particular.

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

8. Mr. LOUIS GITEOS, 228 Warren Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, was interviewed on 10 May 1952, and stated that he has known STEWART all his life and has found no fault with him. GITEOS advised that STEWART comes from a good family and he would recommend him for a position of trust. GITEOS stated that he does not believe STEWART has ever been in trouble with the police.

9. Miss MARY HOOVER, 226 Warren Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, was interviewed on 10 May 1952 and stated that STEWART "shoots a lot of bull", usually bragging about himself and his accomplishments. Outside of talking too much, HOOVER believes that STEWART is honest, makes a good impression, does not drink, a good worker, and loyal to the government. She would recommend STEWART for a position of trust, but stated that she did not believe he could keep a secret.

10. Mrs. LOUIS GITEOS, 228 Warren Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, was interviewed on 10 May 1952 and stated that STEWART talks too much and likes to exaggerate. Other than that, Mrs. GITEOS would recommend STEWART for a position of trust. She considers him honest, loyal, and a good boy.

11. Mr. RAYMOND FOX, Project Engineer, Engineering Department, Radioactive Detection Division, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Baltimore, Maryland, was interviewed at the Maryland Yacht Club on 10 May 1952, and advised that during the latter part of April 1952 he examined the automobile described in the above paragraph with a geiger counter and could detect no radioactive reaction. He also stated that he examined the engine and all working parts of the automobile and was unable to detect any unusual defects or characteristics. He stated that the automobile had been repainted and that he was inclined to disbelieve the incident as it was related to him.

AT FERNDALE, MARYLAND

12. On 10 May 1952 Officer J. L. GAVIN, Anne Arundel County Police Department, Ritchie Highway Sub-Station, advised that the only report relative to instant investigation that he was aware of as being received by the department was purported to have been an observation during the latter part of March by the bridge keeper, Curtis Bay Bridge, Curtis Bay, Maryland. Officer GAVIN volunteered that the proximity of that area to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds resulted in frequent noises of explosions

and that the police department had many calls of inquiry but that they all, with the above exception, were reports of noise and not of the sighting of any such aircraft. Officer CAVIN stated that in his opinion it was highly unlikely that an automobile could stop for a period of three (3) minutes on a Saturday night, as during the time of the alleged incident, without several other vehicles passing by. He gave as his reasons that Ritchie Highway was an arterial highway for several outlying districts of Baltimore as well as being a portion of the north-south route from Baltimore to the Potomac Bridge, and that traffic was usually frequent at all times, and especially so during that part of the evening on weekends.

AT GIBSON ISLAND, MARYLAND

13. ULIUS LOUIS AMOSS, Colonel, USA, Retired, residing at 8 Cotterhill Road, Gibson Island, Maryland, was interviewed on 11 May 1952 with reference to his knowledge of above alleged sighting of an unconventional aircraft. He stated in substance that his knowledge was third-hand and therefore he was not in a position to give detailed information. He advised that he was informed of the above incident by CORBIN who, in addition to the information set forth above, had told him that a GEORGE MASON and his son, JOHN MASON, purported to reside on Yacht Club Road, Riviera Beach, Maryland, also had information with reference to instant incident.

AMOSS stated that the residents of Gibson Island frequently heard noises in the night, reported like that produced by a large formation of conventional aircraft. Col. AMOSS described this noise as of a magnitude and intensity similar to a major bombing group of at least one hundred (100) planes. He advised that Mr. and Mrs. NELSON STINCHCOMB (whom he previously reported as STRIEKCIROT), and Judge and Mrs. HENDERSON, Sr., and Mrs. SALLY HENDERSON SYMINGTON had all reported loud noises of the above type on the night of Saturday, 19 April 1952, and that he had included this information in his letter to General ACKERMAN only as miscellaneous data. He related that the noises occurred nightly but were particularly intense on Thursday nights.

Col. AMOSS informed the writer that he had attempted to locate GEORGE and JOHN MASON but had been unable to contact them. He stated that there was no street designated Yacht Club Road at Riviera Beach, Maryland, and that the nearest approximation of that name was Club Road. He further stated that there was only one residence on Club Road and that residence was presently occupied by a Mr. GEORGE REA, whom he was unable to contact.

14. Attempts by the writer to interview individuals named in the preceding paragraph met with negative results.

AT GLENN BURNIE, MARYLAND

15. Mr. ROBERT MEADOWS, Proprietor of a Shell Service Station, located at 1501 Ritchie Highway, approximately three hundred (300) yards north of the intersection of Ritchie Highway and U. S. Route #301, was interviewed on 11 May 1952, and advised that to the best of his recollection he had been on duty in the station on the night the above incident was said to have occurred, and that to his knowledge no such incident took place. MEADOWS related that had the aircraft traveled in the direction as alleged, he would surely have observed it; or if he had not been on duty that night, he would surely have been informed of the incident by the man who had been on duty at the time. MEADOWS informed the writer that it was highly unlikely in his opinion that any three (3) minute period could elapse without the passage of several automobiles at the time the above incident was alleged to have occurred.

16. Mr. WILLIAM ROBLECKE, Jr., employee of Howard Johnson Restaurant, located at the intersection of Ritchie Highway and U. S. Route #301, was interviewed on 11 May 1952 and advised that he had no knowledge of the above incident.

AT CURTIS BAY, MARYLAND

17. Mr. MAHLEN HOLLINS, Drawbridge Operator, Curtis Bay Bridge, was interviewed on 11 May 1952 and advised that he is the regular drawbridge operator on the Curtis Bay Bridge on the 1600 hours to 2400 hours shift. HOLLINS stated he was on duty the evening of the 29th of March 1952 and that he had not observed, nor ever observed, any unconventional aircraft. HOLLINS further advised that he did not make a report to the Anne Arundale Police Department of such an incident.

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

18. On 11 May 1952 Mr. GEORGE S. TYLER III, aged sixteen (16), 112 E. Montgomery Street, Baltimore, Maryland, was interviewed at 1030 hours and repeated the same story as he related to CORBIN. One variance in the story was that the car engine did not stop until after STEWART and TYLER had gotten out.

19. GEORGE S. TYLER, Jr., father of GEORGE S. TYLER III, was interviewed on 11 May 1952 and stated that STEWART is "off the beam" and "not normal"; at times he is smart, but "too smart". TYLER said his son is a little careless with the truth and he believes the story is made up. TYLER stated STEWART is a peculiar person, and he has known him for several years. TYLER thinks STEWART made it up to get his name in the papers. TYLER also stated that Ritchie Highway is very crowded and more than one person would have seen it. Mr. TYLER thinks that if his son had seen it he would have discussed it with him or some other member of the family, but he did not do so.

20. On 11 May 1952 LOUIS F. TYLER, uncle of TYLER III, 230 Edgeville Road, Baltimore 25, Maryland, was interviewed and stated that he does not believe his nephew's story. He stated that TYLER III can dream up fantastic stories at times. He believes it is a hoax and thinks his nephew was talked into telling the story.

21. At approximately 1215 hours, 11 May 1952, GEORGE S. TYLER III was reinterviewed in the presence of his father and mother, at which time TYLER stated that STEWART had seen the "saucer" prior to the time of meeting him and that all the information which he had given was information that STEWART told him. TYLER advised that he did not see a thing and had reported the description of the aircraft as STEWART had told him. He stated that STEWART had told the sighting of the aircraft to him as they returned from Glenn Burnie, Maryland, to Baltimore, and asked him (TYLER) to affirm the report because he feared that no one would believe his story. TYLER advised that he called the newspapers, the Sun and the Post, to find out if anyone else had reported the incident, and was informed that several reports had been received. TYLER further stated that at first he believed the story STEWART had told him; however, he now believes that STEWART made it all up. TYLER averred that he had been in Glenn Burnie visiting friends and was waiting at a bus stop to return to Baltimore on the night of 29 March 1952, when he met STEWART who had been in Glenn Burnie posting campaign posters; that STEWART had offered to give him a ride back to Baltimore and he had accepted; that it was on the trip back to Baltimore that STEWART had related to him the sighting of the strange aircraft earlier in the evening.

TYLER stated that they left Glenn Burnie at approximately 2230 hours and had driven to Baltimore without incident; that they had made no stops along the road; that he did not see any sub-machine gun in the automobile as reported by STEWART.

22. STEWART was reinterviewed at approximately 1315 hours, 11 May 1952, and stated that TYLER was with him and had witnessed the incident. STEWART denied emphatically any falsehood in the story and stated that the whole thing was the absolute truth.

23. On 12 May 1952 Special Agent OLIVER R. WEATHERHOLT interviewed Mr. HAROLD B. ISENNOCK at the Griebel Motor Company, Light and Henrietta streets, Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. ISENNOCK stated that work was performed on STEWART's car on 8 May; that the work performed was adjustment of brakes, installation of clutch, adjust generator, repairing or taping the wires leading from the generator, change oil, and lubrication. He stated that the car needed only routine repairs and there was no indication of any unusual repairs.

Mr. ISENNOCK advised that STEWART had traded at the garage regularly and that he considered him a "screwball". Review of the

records at the garage reflected that the car had been serviced on 23 April, 8 December, 18 December 1951; and 31 January, 20 March, and 8 May 1952. The records reflected that the car had been brought in for routine check-ups and repairs. There was no indication in the records that the car had been repainted. Mr. ISENNOCK stated that the car was still the same green color; however, he could not state as to whether it had been recently repainted. He did state he knew the car had not been repainted at his garage.

24. On 12 May 1952 records checks at the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore County Police, and Maryland State Police reflected no records of STEWART.

INCLOSURES

FOR HEADQUARTERS OSI

1. Photostatic reproduction of information obtained from STEWART by CORBIN (with sketch).
2. Photostatic reproduction of information obtained from TYLER by CORBIN.

C L O S E D

INTERVIEW # 1. ----- WEDNESDAY --- APRIL 24, 1952 --- PROJECT EYEFUL

NAME: Mr. Donald F. Stewart , ADDRESS : 224 Warren Avenue, Balto. 30, MD.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: Saratoga 1423 , AGE: 23

EMPLOYMENT: B. and O. Railroad ---- Clerical Work

DATE OF OBSERVATION: March 29, 1952 PLACE: Ritchie Highway-- Harness Track

TIME OF OBSERVATION: 10:45 P.M. WEATHER: Clear --- MOON and STARS OUT

APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: TWO MINUTES

ESTIMATED ALTITUDE: 200 FEET

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

At approximately 10:45 P.M. on Saturday, March 29, 1952, near the Harness Track on Ritchie Highway, The above in company with a Mr. George Tyler of East Montgomery Street in Baltimore, witnessed the following:

A sound similar to a vacuum cleaner attracted attention. Upon investigation, while traveling north toward Baltimore, a strange object was proceeding in the sky in an approximate north-south direction. It appeared to be moving very slowly (considerably slower than a commercial airliner).

WITNESS SKETCH ATTACHED -----

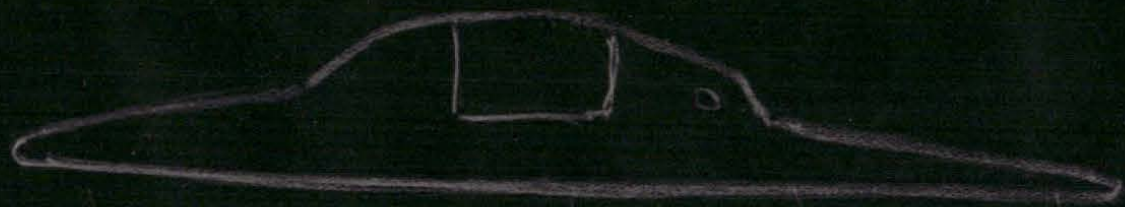
This object was estimated to be at least as large as a two motored transport plane. It hovered directly over the highway and over the automobile. After approximately two minutes, it suddenly turned perpendicular with a whirring sound and seemed to roll down the sky with fantastic speed like a rocket.

When the object was over the highway the car engine died suddenly and remained dead until it departed. A yellow Pontiac convertible traveling south along the highway experienced the same situation. Occupants in all cars were very frightened. The automobile, A British Ford was taken to Griebel ~~3222222~~ Motors on Light St. They over-hauled the entire car. A friend, Mr. Kenny Johnson, an electrician, in a repair shop said something about wiring being magnetized. Mr. Johnson had previously been an aviation Jet mechanic during the war. Mr. Stewart is not sufficiently familiar with the technical situation to recall his exact explanation.

A check with the Glenn Burnie Police on this date April 24th, indicated that several times during this year the Headquarters at Glenn Burnie Police were notified concerning a curious object in the sky. The Police have always considered the source of such objects as being Aberdeen Proving Grounds. In all events the Police have not conducted a detailed investigation as a result of any such call to their headquarters.

General summary of an appraisal made by "R.F."

Several checks of the automobile apparently indicated a negative reaction.....safe to conclude that something was observed in the sky. A thorough examination of the witness suggests that it's unlikely he could have made up a story. His reported observations are aero-dynamically possible and fall into a logical sequence. Impossible at the moment to identify object or its origin.....SPECULATION: Possibly "ours".



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INTERVIEW # 2, ----- SUNDAY ---- APRIL 27, 1952 ---- "PROJECT EYEFUL"

NAME: MR. George S. Tyler III ADDRESS: 122 East Montgomery St. Balto.,

TELEPHONE NUMBER: BLaza 2119 AGE: 17

EMPLOYMENT : Southern Highschool ---- Third Year.

DATE OF OBSERVATION March 29, 1952 PLACE: Ritchie Highway --- Harness Track

TIME OF OBSERVATION : 10:45 P.M. WEATHER: Clear

APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF OBSERVATION : A Minute or so!

ESTIMATED ALTITUDE: Maybe a hundred feet or so

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

(THIS WAS A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW ---- THE YOUNG MAN WAS REQUIRED TO REMAIN AT HOME TO WATCH HIS SISTER. HE WAS UNABLE TO COME TO STUDIO AS PLANNED EARLIER.)

Attention was first attracted while driving north along Ritchie highway toward Baltimore. In company with Mr. Donald Stewart, a friend, a slowly-moving object was observed just ahead of the automobile. It was approximately 10:45 P.M. The engine in the car seemed to die and car drifted to a stop, the driver pulling slightly off the road. The object was approximately over the car and had no forward motion. It seemed to be tilted slightly and was giving off a yellowish-greenish light which faded and then grew intense and then fade again. The outer edges of this object which seemed to be round with a thickness toward the center, seemed to have what Mr. Tyler described as St. Elmos fire. He said that he could not say for sure whether he had observed anything that looked like a port hole. He stated he wasn't sure either whether there was another car in the exact location, but there might

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have been one a few yards south of where he was. He indicated that he was quite "astounded" at what he saw. He indicated that he was slightly scared for fear people would think he and his friend had made up the story just to get some publicity, but felt better when the newspapers had told them that others had reported a strange object in the sky. As a note of interest, the young man confided that since he got home rather late that Saturday evening his parents had confined him to the premises. He wasn't allowed to go out with the boys for awhile. PERSONAL OBSERVATION ---- Mr. Tyler seemed a good deal more conservative than his friend, Mr. Stewart. He is on the LaCrosse Team at Southern Highschool. He seemed (at least over the phone) to be fairly intelligent. He stated that Mr. Stewart was in his opinion a great deal more excited about it than he was.

There were several after-thoughts occurring to him during the conversation. Some of these are as follows: The object when it departed increased in altitude and then sped off with a dazzling speed....faster than anything he had ever seen before. He also said that its highest altitude was still considerably lower than most commercial planes he has seen over his home. As it was increasing in height just prior to leaving he thought he could detect a highly polished surface which resembled a chrome plate. As it sped away it seemed also to have a short yellowish-greenish exhaust. All the time it was hovering, he stated the object was wavering slightly.

He added this toward the end of his story.....I know this doesn't make sense, but I'd swear the engine on that car started up on its own. To him the car seemed to run all right the rest of the way into Baltimore. He admits the car engine starting up has him baffled. But he said definitely that it wasn't started by his friend. He added....it doesn't make sense. In closing the conversation he added again.....I'll stick to my story....we saw something and you can be sure we didn't make this up to get publicity.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERT RHODES
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
FLYING DISCS

DATE: June 10, 1952

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PURPOSE

To recommend that Bureau Liaison contact OSI to determine whether photographs allegedly taken by the captioned individual of a flying disc in 1947 were furnished by OSI to the office of Drew Pearson.

BACKGROUND

Bureau files reflect that on August 29, 1947, a Mr. George Fugate, Jr., called at the Phoenix Office exhibiting credentials reflecting he represented A-2, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California. He asked an Agent to accompany him to interview William Rhodes who previously reported the photographing of a flying disc in Phoenix on the afternoon of July 7, 1947.

The Phoenix Office contacted SAC Harry Kimball of the San Francisco Office and Mr. Kimball verified the fact that Fugate came to Phoenix as a representative of Colonel Donald Springer of Hamilton Field, and it was suggested the Phoenix Office assist Fugate not in investigating the matter, but in simply talking with Dr. Rhodes. A

By letter dated September 4, 1947, the Phoenix Office set forth in four pages the results of this interview and stated Fugate had requested the negatives from Rhodes who did not have them in his immediate possession. Rhodes stated, however, he would deliver them to the FBI the following morning for transmittal to Fugate at Hamilton Field, California.

On the morning of August 30, 1947, Rhodes delivered the negatives to the Phoenix Office at which time they were accepted with the understanding they were being given to Mr. Fugate, a representative of the Army Air Force Intelligence, United States Army, and that there was little, if any, chance of his getting the negatives back. Mr. Rhodes turned the negatives over to the FBI with the full understanding they were being given to the Air Force and he would not get them back.

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On April 17, 1950, Mr. Rhodes advised the Phoenix Office that True Magazine would like to secure the photographs which he had made available to Air Force Intelligence. At that time Rhodes was referred to OSI, Fourth Air Force Base, San Francisco, California, since they had been made available to this agency by the Phoenix Office on August 30, 1947.

By letter dated June 8, 1949, the Phoenix Office advised the Bureau that on the previous day Mr. Lynn C. Aldrich, OSI representative, Phoenix, Arizona, called the Phoenix Office stating he had been requested by his superiors in San Francisco to obtain detailed information concerning the negatives since Rhodes had requested their return. Aldrich pointed out that Fugate's recollection on the matter was "hazy." OSI requested and was given with Bureau approval a memorandum setting out essentially the information related above concerning this matter. (62-83894, Serials 80, 184, and 225)

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

On June 4, 1952, Mr. Fred Blumenthal, in the office of Drew Pearson, called and talked with Special Agent Wick. Blumenthal stated Pearson had been in contact with the captioned individual concerning photographs which Rhodes had taken of flying discs in the Phoenix area in July of 1947. Blumenthal stated the subject told Pearson the FBI borrowed his negatives and when he asked for their return the FBI told him the negatives were not available. Blumenthal inquired whether there was any truth to Rhodes' statement and what the Bureau knew concerning him. It appeared that Pearson was interested in using the photographs on his television program and was desirous of borrowing them from the Bureau or having them returned to the subject.

Mr. Blumenthal was advised by Wick that the FBI did not have in its possession the negatives referred to by Mr. Rhodes and in fact Rhodes knew full well the FBI turned them over to Air Force Intelligence representatives, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, on August 30, 1947, with the understanding he might never have them returned.

Blumenthal was advised the FBI did not investigate this matter, did not investigate Rhodes, and had no interest whatsoever in the matter other than to accompany the representative from Hamilton Field while interviewing Rhodes. Blumenthal was told that for these reasons, of course, we had no information concerning the reliability of Rhodes.

Blumenthal was most appreciative for receiving this information and said he would contact the office of Special Investigations of the Air Force for what assistance they might be to him. He said also he would straighten out Rhodes, informing him the FBI only as a courtesy to the Air Force representatives received the negatives from him and transmitted them.

It has been reported that ~~Drew~~ Pearson, on his television program of June 8, 1952, demonstrated photographs of flying discs. It is not known whether the photographs displayed by Pearson on his television program are those referred to in the captioned case.

RECOMMENDATION

In order to bring our file in this matter to an up-to-date status and to resolve the question raised by the subject, it is recommended liaison contact OSI and determine whether the photographs displayed by Pearson on his television program of June 8, 1952, are the photographs obtained from the subject in this case. Inasmuch as Blumenthal indicated he would contact the OSI concerning this matter it is believed highly probable that is where the photographs of flying discs were obtained by Pearson's office.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

FROM : V. P. KEAY *VPK*

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Reference is made to the memorandum captioned as above dated June 10, 1952, from Mr. Branigan to Mr. Belmont, which requested that OSI be contacted to determine if they turned over negatives of photographs of flying discs taken by the above-captioned individual to Mr. Fred Blumenthal who works for Drew Pearson. *Branigan*

Lieutenant Colonel Leroy Barnard and Lieutenant Colonel E. M. Neville of OSI were both contacted and both advised that no inquiries had been received by OSI from Blumenthal.

The Bureau's Air Force Liaison Representative then contacted Colonel C. M. Young of Air Force Intelligence (A-2) who likewise advised that no inquiries had been received by the Office of the Director of Intelligence from Blumenthal or anyone in Pearson's office. It is noted that matters involving flying discs are handled by A-2. Colonel Young advised that it was possible that any inquiries made by Drew Pearson's office would be made in the Office of the Public Information Officer of the Air Force. However, Colonel Young contacted the Public Information Office, and he was advised that no inquiries had been received from Drew Pearson's office regarding flying discs and no photographs or negatives of photographs of flying discs had ever been furnished to Drew Pearson's office. *A*

Colonel Young advised that ordinarily when information regarding flying discs is received by Air Force representatives in the field, the information is referred to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, for research and correlation.

ACTION:

None. The foregoing is for your information.

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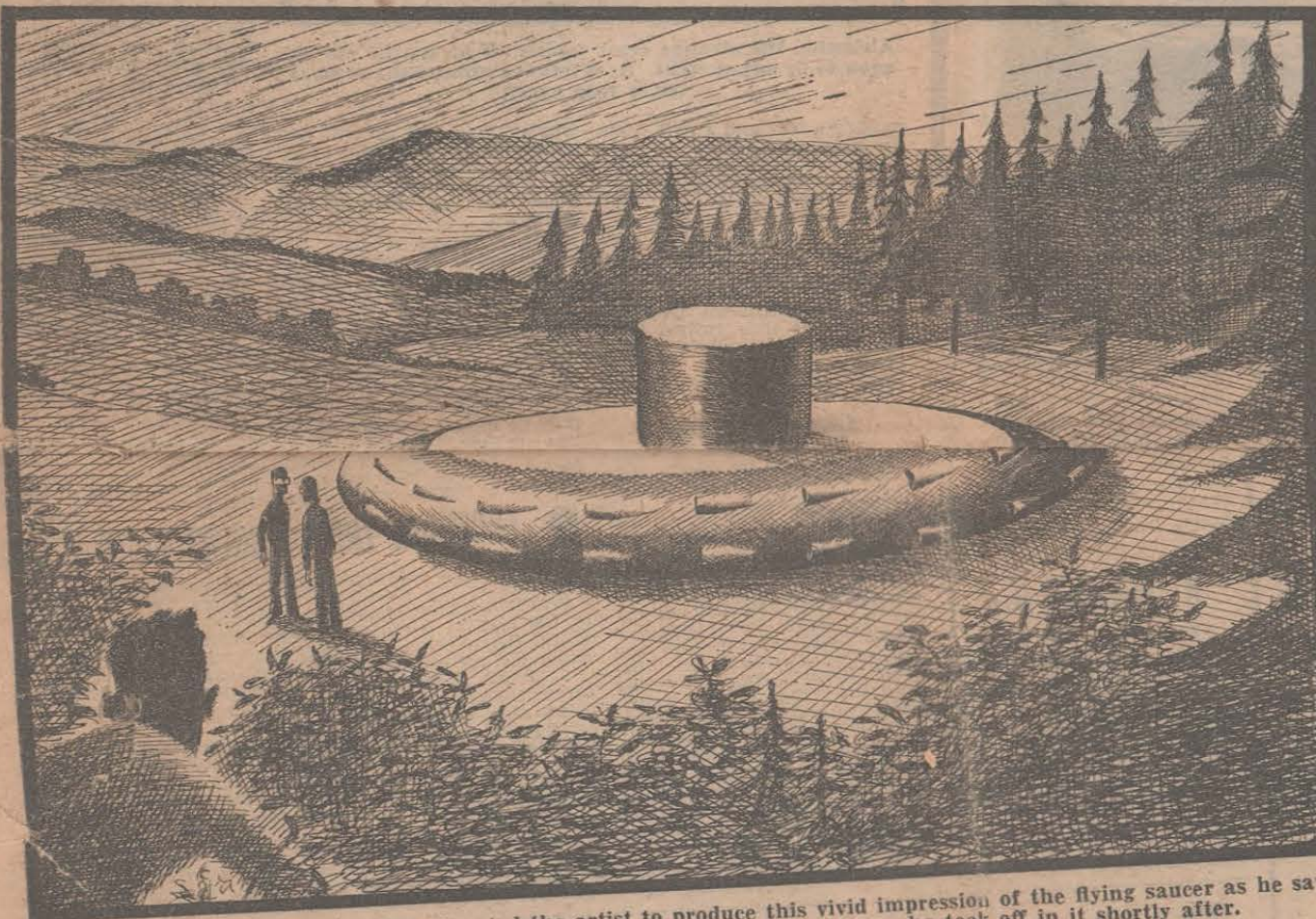
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The most amazing Flying Saucer story of them all BY THE MAN WHO SAW IT TAKE OFF



Eye-witness Herr Linke himself directed the artist to produce this vivid impression of the flying saucer as he saw it in the clearing: beside it stand the two members of the crew, who took off in it shortly after.

They saw the Flying Saucer: Oskar Linke and his 12-year-old step-daughter.

Gegenwart abgegeben hat.
Berlin, den 1. Juli 1952

Oskar Linke
Notar

im Bezirke des Kammergerichts Berlin
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Der Notar :
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Here is part of the signed, sealed, official deposition which Herr Linke made in Berlin, telling the whole story of his fantastic experience.

Are 'Flying Saucers' a Russian invention? Western intelligence officers are now trying to answer this question following sensational reports by 48-year-old ex-Mayor Oskar Linke, who escaped from the Soviet zone. Linke has sworn an oath before a judge that he and his daughter saw two metal-clad figures and a '50ft saucer with a 10ft conning tower' take off from a forest clearing four miles inside the Russian zone.

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'COPYBOY' MAKES THE BIG TENNIS NEWS OF YEAR

By HAROLD LAWRENCE

MAUREEN CONNOLLY, the 17-year-old San Diego copy-boy (she fetches reporters' tea and they call her "boy"), gave her Californian newspaper its biggest story of the year when she joined the great few who have won Wimbledon at their first attempt.

Playing a perfectly-timed tournament and reaching her peak form when most others are too nervous to reproduce their best, Little Mo defeated three-times winner Louise Brough 7-5, 6-3 in 70 minutes yesterday.

American champion at 16 and virtually world champion 11 months later is no fluke, for Maureen has been working for years with this one ambition in mind.

Coming back

We may as well get used to Maureen's successes for she is a lone youngster stepping into the future when her once famous compatriots are past their best. "Sure I'm coming back, love, and lots of times," she said. "I think Wimbledon is wonderful."

It has not been an easy debut for the young American. Two days before Wimbledon began she was forced to scratch from a London championship final with fibrositis. In spite of the pleas of her coach to scratch from Wimbledon, Maureen carried on.

Most of us expected Louise to at least win the first set and we were encouraged when she broke Maureen's service in the fifth

LITTLE MO BECOMES MIGHTY MO



Duchess of Kent presents the men's doubles cup.

game. Before we had time to congratulate ourselves on our foresight, Maureen sent back four of Louise's best services with "an outright winner" label attached.

At this stage, with Louise still full of confidence, it was great tennis thoroughly worthy of the occasion which strangely enough is a rarity at a Wimbledon final.

Then the former champion was being pulled up for foot-lifting. Her sureness began to waver and for the first time we all knew—sure I think she did—that a successful come-back, the toughest thing in sport, was not to be hers.

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with outright winners. But with Maureen hitting at the lines, it was only a slight delay before Louise finally put a low back-hand into the net.

Maureen had to wipe tears of joy from her eyes before she received the famous trophy from the Duchess of Kent, who chatted with her quite a while on the court.

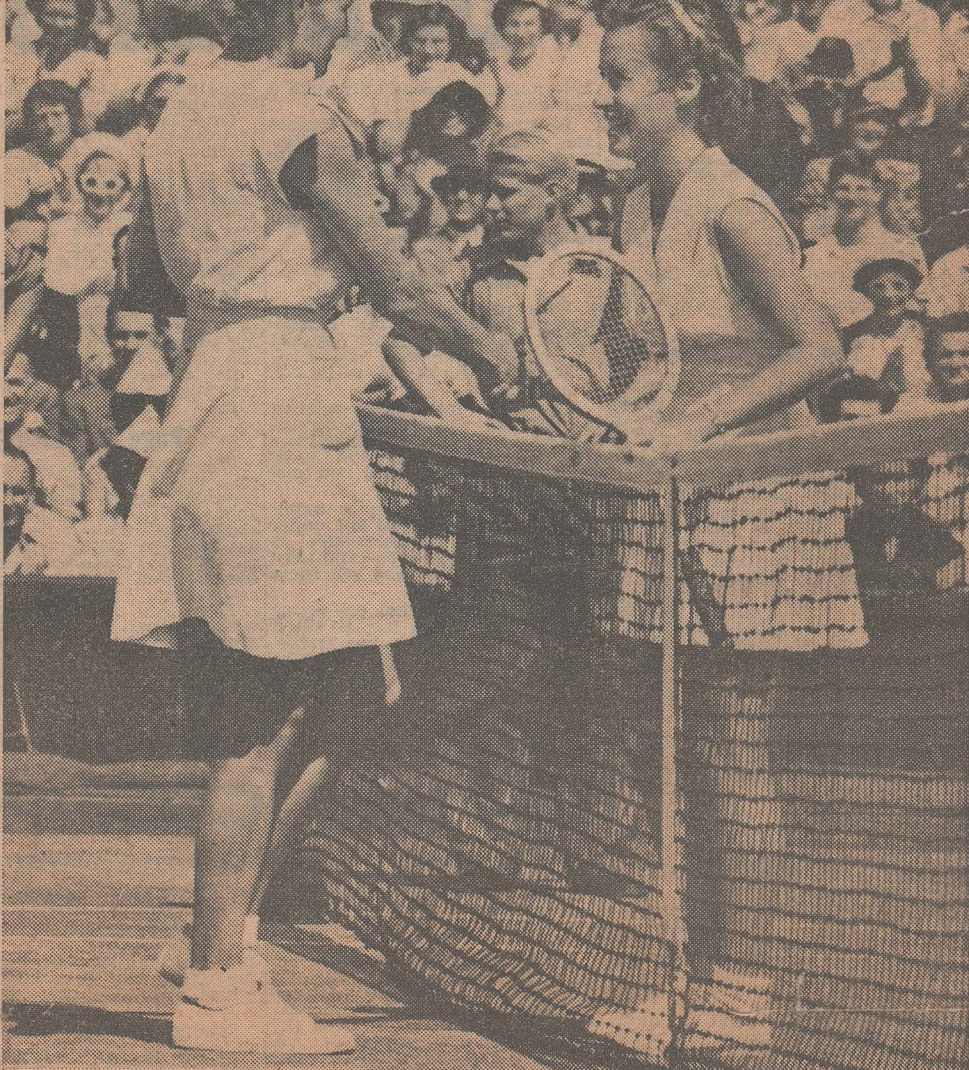
So excited

"I was so excited that I can't remember what the Duchess said. I wish I could. She was so sweet," Maureen told me.

Neither the women's nor the men's doubles titles changed hands for both Doris Hart and Shirley Fry and Ken McGregor and Frank Sedgman were too strong for their opponents.

The outstanding player of 1952 and one of the finest winners since the war is Frank Sedgman, who followed his Friday singles success by taking the triple crown back to Australia for the first time in history. Results:

Women's Singles—Final: Miss M Connolly beat Miss L Brough 7-5, 6-3. Men's Doubles—Final: K. McGregor and F. A. Sedgman, holders, beat W. S. Sayers and E. W. Sayers 6-2, 7-5, 6-4. Women's Doubles—Final: Miss S. Fry and Miss D. Hart, holders, beat Miss D. Brown and Miss M. Connolly 6-2, 7-5, 6-4. Mixed Doubles—Semi-final: E. S. Moore and Mrs. D. Long beat K. McGregor and Miss L. Brough 6-2, 7-5. Final: F. A. Sedgman and Miss Hart beat Moore and Mrs. Long 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.



WINNING SMILE from Maureen Connolly and "Well done!" from Louise Brough. America's Little Mo had just beaten Louise 7-5, 6-3 to win the women's singles.

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MUM

End-of-the-paper smile

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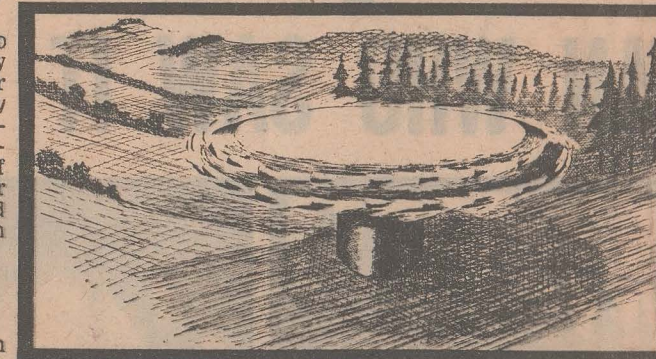
50 YARDS AWAY I SAW TWO MEN TAKE OFF IN A 'FLYING SAUCER'

From ANTONY TERRY, Berlin, Saturday

ARMED with a sensational affidavit sworn by an eye-witness, intelligence officers in West Berlin are to-day investigating one of the most amazing "flying saucer" stories ever reported.

Evidence that a weird contraption—"like a 50ft. warning pan with a handle, and with a 10ft. conning tower"—took off with a crew of two from a forest clearing in the Soviet zone is being studied at the highest level. It is hoped to answer the big question: Are "flying saucers" a secret new Russian invention?

Man who first brought to light this remarkable story (reported briefly in later editions of the *Sunday Graphic* last week) is grey-haired, 48-year-old ex-Mayor Oskar Linke, of Glei m e r s h a u s e n, near Meiningen. He had escaped from the Russian zone with his wife and six children.



The Saucer begins to take off: the outer disk whirls faster and faster, rising up the centre "conning-tower," which remains stationary.

Men in metal

I can now reveal that in the company of West Berlin officials, Herr Linke, with his 11-year-old step-daughter Gabriele, last week swore this solemn and formal affidavit before a judge:

"I was riding home on my motor-cycle, with Gabriele on the pillion, when a tyre near the village of machine toward Hasselbach, Gabriele pointed to something about 150 yards away. At first sight, in the half light, I took it for a young deer."

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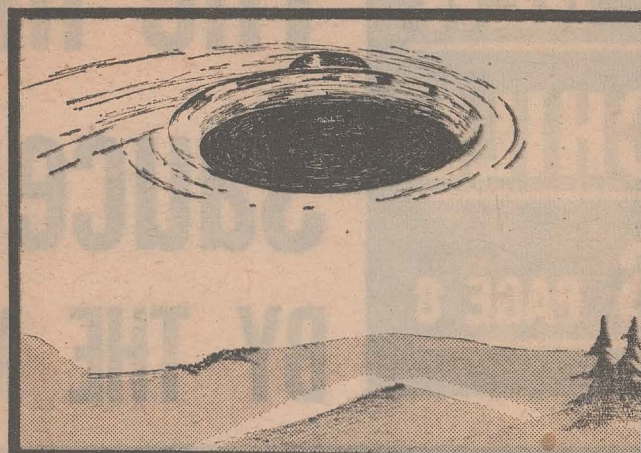
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Airborne, the strange craft whirls off at terrific speed, soon to be out of sight. As it left the ground the central tower rose again.

roughly a foot and a half from the next.

"Out of the metallic object rose a black cylindrical 'conning tower' about ten feet high."

Linke went on. I was now alarmed by a call from my daughter, who had remained some distance back. The sound must have reached the two figures, for they rushed back to the object, clambered rapidly up the side of the 'conning tower,' and disappeared inside.

The rate of ascent now became much greater, and at the same time my daughter and I heard a whistling sound, rather like a steam locomotive.

"The object rose in a horizontal position, swerved away towards a nearby village and disappeared again through the trees."

Clawing, colourless, that one appeared to be carrying a lamp on his chest. The lamp flashed on and off at regular intervals.

The outer edge of the 'warning pan,' in which the holes were sunk, now started to glow.

"The colour at first seemed green, then changed to red. At the same time I heard a slight hum. As the glow and the sound increased, the 'conning tower' was retracting into the centre of the 'warning pan,' and the whole object rose slowly from the ground."

From the swirling effect of the glowing 'exhaust,' I got the impression that the whole object was spinning like a top.

"It seemed to be resting on the cylindrical piece which had sunk through the centre of the object and was now protruding from the bottom and standing on the ground."

"The warning pan, with its glowing outside ring of flame, was now some feet off the earth."

"When the thing had gone, I went to the place where it had been standing. I found a circular depression, evidently freshly made, where the shape had been driven down."

"This was exactly the shape of the 'conning tower' I realised then that I had not been dreaming."

He continued: "I never heard the expression 'flying saucer' until I escaped to West Berlin from the Soviet zone."

"When I saw the thing first, I thought it was a new Russian war machine."

"I was terrified for the Soviets do not like one of their 'glimpses-on,' and people are shut up for years in East Germany for knowing too much."

FOOTNOTE FROM VICKERS CHIEF DESIGNER

Mr. George Edwards, Chief Designer for Vickers Aircraft, had this to say about the East Zone "saucer" last night: "Believe in flying saucers? I don't know. There is little wrong in the idea of a circular wing. Before and during the First World War Britain developed a circular wing aircraft. And it flew. We called it the 'Flying Doughnut'."

There is little to stop us developing a flying Saucer—better than a conventional aircraft? What can a Saucer do that is better than a conventional aircraft?

"If Herr Linke's description is accurate it may be that the machine is designed as a military hover plane. It would appear from his comment on its 'glow' that it houses a jet plant obviously have to retract into the 'body' in order to prevent resistance."

"Metallic suits are possible, too—they could be a form of protective clothing for use in high altitudes. There is nothing impossible about the story, although, to believe in the actual existence of the Saucer I would have to be shown one myself."

That snowman again

FOOTPRINTS like those of the Abominable Snowman were found, around 16,500ft. up, by the Swiss expedition which got to within 900ft. of Mount Everest's summit.

Dr. E. W. Dunant, leader of the expedition, said in New Delhi yesterday that the prints—about five of them—were 10in. long and 6in. broad, with nail marks. No living animal was encountered.

AGROUND on a sandbank off Clacton, the London pleasure steamer, Queen of the Channel with 800 aboard, re-floated after three hours yesterday.

PIT DISASTER which cost 48 lives at Zwickau, in East Germany, has resulted in a total of 45 years' jail for the manager and six other employees accused of "raising human health."

BISHOP of Chichester, Dr. G. K. A. Bell, was presented with an honorary member's card by the National Union of Public Employees at Uckfield

QUICK LOOK AT THE NEWS

Miss Pamela Mant (Christine Archer, of the B.B.C.'s "The Archers" programme), Ernest Williams Slater, of Tewkesbury, was remanded on bail at Tewkesbury.

BICYCLE presentation was yesterday to Garry Garrad, of Ilford, winner of a Sunday Graphic competition at the State Cinema, Barking.

DR. MOSSADEQ, telling Persia in a broadcast yesterday that he had resigned as Prime Minister, said any new Government would be forced to continue his oil policy.

ONLY ONE of the quadruplets born to Mrs. Eileen Bennett, of Lucerne-road, Wallasey, was alive last night. The child, a girl of 1lb. 14oz., is in an oxygen tent.

BOY of 15, Bob Fletcher, yesterday swam the 10½-mile Lake Windermere in 6hr. 31min.—nine minutes over the record. He lives in Rotherham, Yorks.

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SENORA PERON 'WORSE' Condition of Senora Eva Peron is believed to have taken a turn for worse, says Buenos Aires report. She has been ill nearly a year and underwent a major operation last November.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER: Fine and warm; thundery rain possible. OUTLOOK: Warm and thundery.

TWIN DAY FOR BEDSERS

EVEN the gasometers winked broadly and the bars buzzed with hilarious bowler-hatted gentlemen of South London as the mighty Yorkshire crashed with an unholy crash at the Oval.

Latecomers could not believe that the cocky, so-called omnipotent Yorkshire could be out for a meagre 137, and among the early slain England's captain, Len Hutton.

The crowd of Test match proportions—over 25,000 people crammed into the ground—were happy with the sunshine, the thirst engendered, and Surrey's magnificent bowling achievement.

The toast over the twinkling glasses was the Bedser twins, who had celebrated their 34th birthday the previous day.

Test-match style

Brother Alec, in his fiercest, most magnificent Test match style, took five Yorkshire wickets for just over ten runs apiece, and the equally massive Eric, who has come into his own as an opening batsman, scored 67 and is still there to worry the Yorkshire attack to-morrow.

Surrey—134 for three at the close—could not in their wildest dreams have believed that they would be only three runs behind Yorkshire on the first innings in the first day of a match. And the Oval wicket, though it needed watching, was never anything remotely wicked.

Yorkshire have a job on to save this match but Yorkshire

determination needs only such a stimulus.

In a memorable day for Surrey the captain, Stuart Surridge, deserves a meed of praise. He took three cheap wickets and the slip catch by which he dismissed Halliday was a "gem of purest ray serene." He held it one-handed and very low down.

Catch disallowed

Yorkshire left-handers, slow-bowler Wardle, and tall Wilson, saved the side from dire disgrace though Wilson, who scored 50 exactly, was lucky not to be out when seven.

Constable made a wonderful attempt to catch him with his hand on the ground. Wilson was walking to the pavilion until recalled. The umpire had disallowed the catch.

Was Denis Compton's handsome face flushed and hot under the sunburn at Colchester as Essex ran to 402 for 8—and then declared—after he had put them in?

It was the biggest cricketing gaffe of the season for the pitch was never anything but docile. Young amateur Colin Griffiths rubbed salt into the Compton wounds by clouting the Middlesex

captain's left-hand deliveries all over the place.

Griffiths and an unusually restrained Trevor Bailey had a prolific stand and both men were out in the eighties. Ray Smith had previously hit a half-century and Dicky Dodds, 75 before lunch, showed that he is the most fearless opener in the game—some-what reminiscent of George Gunn. Our Dicky's first scoring stroke was a six.

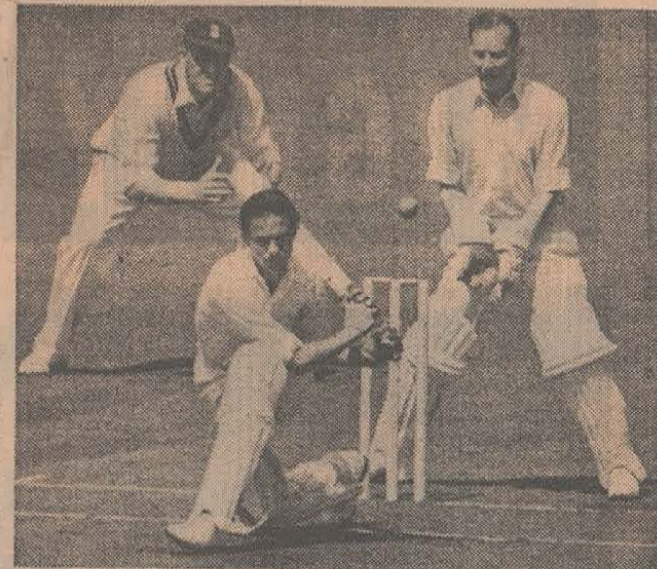
Dozens of people drowsed on the grass near George Parr's tree as Indian batsman Roy plodded his weary way from noon till the end of a weary day.

Roy batted all day for 142 and took over five hours for his century.

Page to rescue

When the Kent bowling looked like being severely mauled at Coventry young Page brought about a Warwick collapse and the champions were out for 304 after having been 231 for three. Page played only twice for Kent last season but is obviously an acquisition.

That solid opener and elegant wicket-keeper, R. T. Spooner, had given Warwick a great start by scoring a century. Godfrey Evans, promoted in the batting order, gave Kent some confidence.



Frank Lawson, Yorkshire's opening bat, went all out for a big sweep to leg here—the result... lbw b Laker.

Oxford slow march

By ROLAND ALLEN

IT was the spin of Robin Marlar, bowling his accurate off breaks up the hill in the University match at Lord's yesterday, which worried Oxford's better batsmen much more than the high speed of the two Cambridge Test bowlers, Cuan McCarthy and John Warr.

Oxford batted all day for 233

among the "25 to 1" others? It shouldn't. The Hon. Michael Scott was 55 when he won the amateur title.

Sarazen could be a tough proposition at 50. It's 20 years since he won the championship and he modestly claims he hasn't come over to win but to "meet some old pals, and show the youngsters how." At 25 to 1 Gene seems a nice bet for "showing how" to more than the youngsters.

SPORTS FRONT FLASHES: Bob Maitland (Birmingham) not picked for Helsinki, beat all Britain's Olympic riders in London-Leamington road cycle race... he rode 84 miles in 3hr. 26min. 24sec., selectors having second thoughts?

Wolves made £10,609 profit last season, £21,993 season before... fans will still pay more next time.

American Private Stanley Dudas, here from Germany, misses open golf championship because R. and A. never received his entry... tough luck, especially as Antonio Cerdá (Argentine) was admitted although his entry was late.

Bannister burst lets him down

By TERRY O'CONNOR

WHITE CITY'S international athletics meeting yesterday, billed as an Olympic Games preview for British runners (who go to Helsinki in two weeks' time), was not a very encouraging one for Roger Bannister.

He was beaten in the 800 metres in the triangular match by another Englishman, Albert Webster.

Although this is not Bannister's Olympic distance—he is our leading 1,500 metres man—the manner of his defeat must come as a shock to his admirers.

For once the famous Bannister burst 300 yards from the tape failed him.

Slow start

After a slow first lap, 59.7sec., Webster led with Bannister comfortably behind. As they entered the back straight, the 35,000 crowd was hushed, waiting for the Bannister burst.

But when he began to open up his stride, 26-year-old Webster doggedly refused to be overtaken. For 100 yards these two runners electrified the meeting by running neck and neck.

At the third bend, Bannister was forced to drop back, but came again in the home straight. Webster kept his famous rival at bay to win in the moderate time of 1min. 55.7sec.

There has been criticism of Bannister's lone-wolf training this season. It's obvious from this race that even he cannot do without first-class competition.

He will find the Swedes and Germans a far tougher proposition than stout-hearted Webster at Helsinki.

World's best equalled

Records fell in the relay events. The Australian women's quartet won the 4x100m relay in 46.9sec., equaling the world's best set up by a South African team.

Marjorie Jackson, who ran the anchor leg for Australia, had earlier won the 100 metres (11.7sec.) and 200 metres (24.2sec.), fastest times for these distances by a woman in Britain. In the 4x400 yards relay the Jamaican team broke the British Empire record of 3min. 13.6sec. by 2.5sec.

The England-Wales team won the triangular match with 110 points. Scotland scored 66, Ireland 34.

GILLINGHAM SIGN KIRMAN

GILLINGHAM yesterday signed their fifth player in a week, Harold Kirman, 22-year-old wing-half from Hull City.

Other soccer transfers: Allenby Driver, Ipswich inside or centre-forward, to Walsall; Joseph Coupland, Bradford City full-back, to Carlisle.

Another easy victory for Newcastle in South Africa. They beat Eastern Province 5-1.

John Wardrop (Motherwell) and Lillian Freese (Wallasey) will captain Britain's men's and women's Olympic swimming teams.

Third-round results 12 English Bowling Association inter-county championships: Northumberland (holders) beat Nottingham 121-59; Surrey beat Warwick 123-101; Middlesex beat Norfolk 121-112; Hampshire beat Somerset 111-110.

Addiscombe cyclist J. B. Smith broke Southern Road Association 50-mile record by six seconds. His time was 2hr. 4min. 5sec.

Poole-to-Wareham and back road race (191 miles) was won by D. A. Tunbridge (Highgate H.) in 2hr. 53min. 44sec. Highgate won team race.

GILROY'S SPORT GOSSIP

MORE than the world's best athletes will be tested in the 1936 Olympic Games, due to start at Helsinki on July 19. The Games themselves will be on trial.

We British, who have so loyally believed in and tried to live up to the ideals which inspired the Games, will know if we have been right in our faith. Or if we have been sentimental fools.

This Olympic will probably resolve itself into a titanic duel between America and Russia. No need to go into what those two great nations think of each other in the world of politics.

Will this international political rivalry be carried into the sporting arena and justify the cynics who allege nationalism is rampant in the Olympic Games?

Nazi vulgarity

OLYMPIC prestige slumped when the 1936 Games were held in Berlin. This Olympic was used by Germany to boost their particular political creed of that era.

Of course the staging and organisation was spectacular and efficient. But the whole boastful affair was vulgar and turned British stomachs.

The 1948 Games at Wembley

restored the Olympic ideal to its pedestal. Remember, we were even harder up then than we are now.

We struggled through somehow. Our arrangements may not have been as good or luxurious as the Berlin or Los Angeles Olympiads. But we showed the world the real spirit of the Games. And the world went away happier than before.

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the world will be focused on them closer than ever before.

Be frank about it. There can be sharp practice, unfair tactics and bad sportsmanship even in the Olympics. A bump or a nudge can mean the loss of a title.

Will good sportsmanship still shine forth at Helsinki among athletes who detest each other's political creeds? The British say it can and should.

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD

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L Hutton b A Bedser 8
A Lawson lbw b Laker 50
J V Wilson c McIntyre b Surridge 12
H Halliday c Surridge b Lock 12
W Watson c McIntyre b Surridge 2
N W D Yardley c McIntyre b Surridge 3
D E Close c Fishlock b A Bedser 36
J H Wardle c Laker b A Bedser 2
E Leadbeater c Parker b Surridge 2
D V Brennan not out 2
W E Holdsworth b A Bedser 8
Extras 8
Total (3 wickets) 137
Bowling: A Bedser 5-54, Surridge 3-22, Lock 1-8, Laker 1-27.

Essex v Middlesex

At Colchester, Essex—First Innings
T C Dodds c and b D Compton 75
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B Horsfall c Brown b Young 11
D J Insole b Young 14
T E Bailey c Robertson b Young 82
R Smith lbw b Bennett 50
F B Vigar c L Compton b Bennett 6
C Griffiths b Young 89
W T Green Smith not out 24
K C Preston not out 0
Extras 14
Total (3 wickets) 402
Bowling: Young 4-106, Bennett 2-54, D Compton 1-22.

Sussex v Glamorgan

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Total (0 wickets) 1
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Speedway racing

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A W H Raymond c Walsh b Spencer 64
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D Shackleton b Spencer 13
V Dare b Palmer 35
R Cannings c Palmer b Spencer 17
Penton c Firth b Spencer 9
C H Knot not out 0
Extras 10
Total (2 wickets) 219
Bowling: Palmer 5-13, Spencer 6-67, Tattersall 2-27.

Derbyshire v Lancashire

At Burton, Derbyshire—First Innings
C S Elliott lbw b Statham 19
A Hamer b Tattersall 19
G L Willatt c Hilton b Tattersall 23
A C Revell b Statham 3
D B Carr b Hilton 55
J Kelly b Statham 24
D Morgan run out 18
A E Rhodes c Howard b Statham 16
C Gladwin not out 19
G Dawkins c Washbrook b Hilton 4
L Jackson c Whetton b Hilton 0
Extras 17
Total 217
Bowling: Statham 4-53, Hilton 3-66, Tattersall 2-27.

Lancashire v Derbyshire

Lancashire—First Innings
C Washbrook not out 1
J T Kinn not out 0
Extras 0
Total (0 wickets) 1
Bowling: Statham 4-53, Hilton 3-66, Tattersall 2-27.

Speedway racing

NATIONAL LEAGUE—Div. I—Belle Vue 46, Birmingham 38; Norwich 47, Haringey 36.
Div. II—Coventry 44, Poole 40; Cradley Heath 51, Motherwell 33.
NATIONAL TROPHY (2nd leg)—Odsal 67, West Ham 40. Odsal win on 1st leg of 105-106.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE—Rayleigh 65, Southampton 19.

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At Paisley, Ireland—First Innings 136 (Nichol 6-22); Scotland—First Innings 70-2.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: June 4, 1952

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERT RHODES
INFORMATION CONCERNING
FLYING DISCS

BUREAU FILE 62-83894, Serials 80, 184, and 225

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RECORDED

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cc - Mr. Ladd
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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

June 4, 1952

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ACTION TAKEN:

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Mr. Thad W. Culmer II
Post Office Box 99
Robinson, Illinois

Dear Mr. Culmer:

Your letter of July 8, 1952, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, the subject matter of your communication does not relate to an activity within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. I have, however, taken the liberty of referring a copy of your letter to The Honorable, The Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense Building, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C., who may be able to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, District of Columbia

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Perhaps this is a little out of your line of endeavor, however, I feel that perhaps you or your organization might be able to give me some information concerning the following matter.

From the first time it was written up in the press I have been keenly interested in strange celestial phenomena such as the flying disks popularly called "flying saucers."

Now out of all the thousands of people who have reported sightings not all of them have had too much to drink, nor could they have been victims of optical illusions, retinal retention, or hallucinations. Some of the objects sighted could not have been jet craft, guided missiles, or rockets, neither could they all have been weather instruments. Unretouched and undoctored photographs have given evidence that someone must have seen something.

It seems that both civil and military authorities are most willing to proclaim what the objects are not. I feel there is more to the matter than meets the eye. My decision to write you was based on the thought I would get straight answers.

Do you have any ideas or data on this subject? What are your opinions? If not, where might I write for such information? Any kindness, consideration, or information which you can extend toward me concerning this matter will certainly be most sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD 62-0

SUBJECT: AERIAL OBJECTS
"Flying Saucers"
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: July 29, 1952

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Captain DEEGAN stated that the Air Force is greatly concerned about this matter of aerial objects and said that the Air Force Intelligence would appreciate the execution of the requested procedure, mentioned above. It is suggested that the Bureau bring this matter to the attention of its night supervisors, since these night supervisors also receive complaints from persons outside of the Bureau and may receive information concerning the observation of aerial objects.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 31, 1952

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (62-0)

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS SEEN NEAR THESSALON LAKE,
ONTARIO, CANADA, JULY 27, 1952
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Dr. R. E. McINDOO, 820 West Walnut Street, Kokomo, Indiana, on July 30, 1952 advised Special Agent JOHN F. GERRIS that on July 27, 1952 at approximately 10:00 A.M. while fishing in the back waters of Thessalon Lake, Ontario, Canada, he noticed a formation of bombing planes, sixteen to twenty in number, in two groups flying south at a height estimated by him to be four or five miles.

Dr. McINDOO stated that the planes went over the lake, suddenly dropped objects at first thought by him to be parachutes. He continued that these objects fell straight down for a short time, then suddenly spurted vapor and at a high rate of speed flew off in a southwesterly direction.

Dr. McINDOO was unable to identify the nationality of the planes, but stated that they had twin trails of bluish smoke. He further stated that the objects which had been dropped from the planes had a single trail of bluish smoke.

He stated that he had been accompanied on his fishing trip by PAUL GADDIS, Kokomo, Indiana. Dr. McINDOO had no further information concerning instant planes or the objects dropped by them.

Dr. McINDOO was referred to the FBI by DONALD D. SMITH, President of the First National Bank of Kokomo, Indiana, who advised that Dr. McINDOO enjoyed a good reputation in Kokomo.

UACB, no further action will be taken in this matter. The above is being forwarded for the information of the Bureau in the event they desire to communicate this information to the Air Force.

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Date: August 11, 1952

To: Mr. Glenn H. Bethel
c/o The Commissioner
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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The above is furnished for your information. No further inquiries are contemplated.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 29, 1952

FROM : V. P. KERRY

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERSPURPOSE:

To advise at the present time the Air Force has failed to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion in its research regarding numerous reports of flying saucers and flying discs sighted throughout the United States.

DETAILS:

Mr. N. W. Philcox, the Bureau's Air Force Liaison Representative, made arrangements through the office of Major General John A. Samford, Director of Air Intelligence, U.S. Air Force, to receive a briefing from Commander Randall Boyd of the Current Intelligence Branch, Estimates Division, Air Intelligence, regarding the present status of Air Intelligence research into the numerous reports regarding flying saucers and flying discs.

Commander Boyd advised that Air Intelligence has set up at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, the Air Technical Intelligence Center which has been established for the purpose of coordinating, correlating and making research into all reports regarding flying saucers and flying discs. He advised that Air Force research has indicated that the sightings of flying saucers goes back several centuries and that the number of sightings reported varies with the amount of publicity. He advised that immediately if publicity appears in newspapers, the number of sightings reported increases considerably and that citizens immediately call in reporting sightings which occurred several months previously. Commander Boyd stated that these reported sightings of flying saucers are placed into three classifications by Air Intelligence:

(1) Those sightings which are reported by citizens who claim they have seen flying saucers from the ground. These sightings vary in description, color and speeds. Very little credence is given to these sightings inasmuch as in most instances they are believed to be imaginative or some explainable object which actually crossed through the sky.

(2) Sightings reported by commercial or military pilots. These sightings are considered more credible

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by the Air Force inasmuch as commercial or military pilots are experienced in the air and are not expected to see objects which are entirely imaginative. In each of these instances, the individual who reports the sighting is thoroughly interviewed by a representative of Air Intelligence so that a complete description of the object sighted can be obtained.

(3) Those sightings which are reported by pilots and for which there is additional corroboration, such as recording by radar or sighting from the ground. Commander Boyd advised that this latter classification constitutes two or three per cent of the total number of sightings, but that they are the most credible reports received and are difficult to explain. Some of these sightings are originally reported from the ground, then are observed by pilots in the air and then are picked up by radar instruments. He stated that in these instances there is no doubt that these individuals reporting the sightings actually did see something in the sky. However, he explained that these objects could still be natural phenomena and still could be recorded on radar if there was some electrical disturbance in the sky.

He stated that the flying saucers are most frequently observed in areas where there is heavy air traffic, such as Washington, D.C., and New York City. He advised, however, that some reports are received from other parts of the country covering the entire United States and that sightings have also recently been reported as far distant as Acapulco, Mexico; Korea and French Morocco. He advised that the sightings reported in the last classification have never been satisfactorily explained. He pointed out, however, that it is still possible that these objects may be a natural phenomenon or some type of atmospherical disturbance. He advised that it is not entirely impossible that the objects sighted may possibly be ships from another planet such as Mars. He advised that at the present time there is nothing to substantiate this theory but the possibility is not being overlooked. He stated that Air Intelligence is fairly certain that these objects are not ships or missiles from another nation in this world. Commander Boyd advised that intense research is being carried on presently by Air Intelligence, and at the present time when credible reportings of sightings are received, the Air Force is attempting in each instance to send up jet interceptor planes in order to

obtain a better view of these objects. However, recent attempts in this regard have indicated that when the pilot in the jet approaches the object it invariably fades from view.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. The foregoing is for your information.

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Date: August 8, 1952

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To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: AERIAL OBJECTS;
"FLYING SAUCERS"
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

There are attached two copies of a letter dated August 1, 1952, from Florence Whitish, Post Office Box 526, Charleston, South Carolina, regarding "Flying Saucers."

Miss Whitish's communication has been acknowledged and she has been informed of this referral.

No investigation is contemplated with regard to this matter.

Attachment

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J. Edgar Hoover:

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Would like to express
my opinion on the flying
saucers, and guess it will
be as good as some else
read.

OF FLYING SAUCERS

I can't remember of hearing
any thing about them
until television came
into existence

I wondered if the rays
could be strong enough
to give off a bright
object looking apparition

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No, special reason for
saying you my idea
just couldn't think of any
one else to send it to.

Sincerely
Florence Whitish

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August 15, 1952

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
The Inspector General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

To:

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

From:

Subject: [unclear]

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
The War Dept
Washington D.C.

Just
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Gentlemen: FLYING SAUCERS

Since reading & hearing
over Radio about the
"flying saucers",

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I am compelled to write
to you -

Harry
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I am a strong believer in
our almighty God & Christ
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I have the fourth Daniel
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They are operating through
the Communist Party
right here in the, or
our United States, by radio.

Every Group of saucers has
a picture. The best pictures
are kept for bombing
purposes.

Why "we" see them just
once & a while;

They don't want the
U.S. to catch on.

To my opinion they have
a way of causing them
to be invisible.

They can Lower them or
 send them high; When
 high they are invisible;
 It could be from an enemy
 plane, or from a tall
 building in the United States.
 It could be the camera is
 carried in to cities and
 operated from tall buildings
 the ones that some one
 seen with a tail of fire
 in the picture that is
 kept.

So let's be on the look out
 for the next one and
 follow their path.

Please keep my Name
 confidentially.

Wm. A. Tygutt.
 (over)

DS.

When they were over Washington
D.C. it could have been from
the Tallest building there.
You might start from
the first place they were
ever seen. trace back
you might find the
secret place.

And pray with out seeing
"and have faith"
Our good Brod. says donot
let our secrets be known,
when praying & trusting
in God pray secretly
into him.

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R #.1,
New Palestine Indiana
July 31, /52

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The War Dept
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen:

Since reading & hearing over Radio about the "flying saucers," I am compelled to Write to you -

I am a strong believer in our almighty God & Christ our Lord.
I have the faith Daniel had.

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So lets be on the look out for the next one and follow their path.
Please Keep my Name confidently.

/s/ Mrs. Ora A. Tygrett

P.S.

When they were over Washington D.C. it could a been from the Tallest building there. You might Start from the first place they were ever seen - trace back you might find the secret place.

And pray with out sceasing "And have faith" Our good Boood - says do not let our secrets be known, when praying & trusting in God pray secretly into him.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont *ahb*

DATE: July 31, 1952

FROM : J. R. Higgins

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL FLASHES DURING
ELECTRICAL STORM, JERSEY SHORE, PA.,
JULY 28, 1952
HARRY H. WINCHESTER, COMPLAINANT

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At 2:15 AM on July 31, 1952, Harry H. Winchester, 315 Cemetery Street, Jersey Shore, Pa., telephonically advised that in the early morning of 7-28-52, during a severe electrical storm in the area of his residence, he had observed seven unusual flashes in the sky, each flash being accompanied by a loud report. *Wingman*

Complainant, who appeared to be under the influence of intoxicants, called as a result of recent newspaper stories regarding phenomena allegedly observed during past week in this country.

Bureau indices contain no information identifiable with the complainant.

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EX-25

Mr. Benedicto Romero
1647 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Romero:

I have received your letter of July 31, 1952. The matter referred to in your letter is not within the jurisdiction of this Bureau and I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Department of the Air Force for appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc - 1 - New York (Attachment)

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I have to laugh because
I know that the peace comes
very soon after I explain
this mystery to my lovely
government of the United
States of America.

Nobody can explain the
mystery of the "Flying Plates"
in a sincerely truth before
me. Just make a try with
the scientific people; and
after call for me.

Sincerely with all my
good
Benedicto Romero
6 47 Park Ave N.Y.
City

RA.
my

Flying Saucers

New York City

July 31/52-

Department of Investiga-
tions
Washington D.C.

Benedicto Romero

Dear sirs:-

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Am sorry hearing
and reading too; much
noise about the mystery
of the "Flying Plates"

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Broth news papers
said about of our

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and may excuse me again
because I laugh of this

Mystery that put in
troubles my government.

Just I was waiting for
this to write to you again.

Now you are in the line
because you don't know
what happen.

The letter that you
"refused" from Washington
to me; was send again
to the Organization of
the United Nations
at the New York State.

So if you like to know
about the "flying plates"
look for that letter that
should be there. And also

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government of U.S. is going
to catch a picture of the
Misteriously

"Flying Plates"

by the radar detectors.
I say impossible !!!! ???

Ja !!! Ja !!! You please
and excuse me; for my
laughing.

If you would hear me
when I wrote to you about
sixth months before. Now
you would not be in
troubles with what
happens in the atmosphere

Ja !!! Ja !!! Ja !!!

I say if you please

August 14, 1952

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EX-25 Mrs. Fred Haufe
606 Walnut Avenue
Fairmont, West Virginia

Dear Mrs. Haufe:

I have received your letter of August 1, 1952, and want to thank you for making the information contained therein available to this Bureau.

The matter referred to in your letter is not within the jurisdiction of this Bureau and I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Department of the Air Force for appropriate action.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc - 1 - Pittsburgh (Attachment)

NOTE:

Bureau files fail to reflect any information that can be identified with Mrs. Haufe.

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EX-100

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: [illegible]
[illegible text follows]

Sincerely,

[illegible signature]

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August 1, 1952

RA
my
Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Dept. F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have been hearing so much about the objects called Flying Saucers that I begin to speculate as to whether we are the only Nation or country to witness such a display.

Of course it could be that these odd objects are pest filled Radar controlled waiting to be punctured. We have been so accused by another Nation that no doubt they have devised some diabolical plan to test on us.

I am not inclined to pass these over lightly, because I believe that these gadgets can be made and controlled to the extent of great numbers in groupings.

Also, I believe it is very unwise to make public the locations of sightings as many folk are prone to worry, and a state of mind like this is exactly what our enemy is seeking.

Any one wise enuf to perfect such would not only know their travel distance but also their location, therefore no talk or publications could benefit us in that.

I hope that someone has had the integrity and foresight to learn where if in any other country these 'things' have been seen.

Thanking you in advance for the courtesy of a reply, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Fred Haupe

8-13-52
Let to Mrs. Haupe
Let to OSI
E.H.M.:K

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have been thinking about the
situation in the Philippines since I began
to speculate as to whether or not the
situation there is really such a disaster.

Of course it could be that I am old
fashioned and just liked what I had
witnessed to be true. I have been so
accustomed to the situation that I do not
know how to feel about it. I am not
sure of it.

I am not inclined to pass these over
lightly. Because I believe that these
can be made and controlled in the extent of
the situation.

First, I believe it is very unlikely to
make anything of the situation of the
people there. I am not sure of it. I am not
sure of it. I am not sure of it.

And one other thing. I am not sure of it.
I am not sure of it. I am not sure of it.
I am not sure of it. I am not sure of it.
I am not sure of it. I am not sure of it.
I am not sure of it. I am not sure of it.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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AUG 11 4 29 PM '55
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Date: August 6, 1952

Director, FBI

SAC, Cincinnati (100-2)

RE: ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION WRITTEN
IN GERMAN LANGUAGE RECEIVED BY
"CINCINNATI ENGINEER" PERTAINING
TO "FLYING SAUCERS"
SECURITY MATTER - X

Mr. A. DAVIS of the staff of the "Cincinnati Engineer" furnished the Cincinnati Office with the enclosed letter and envelope received anonymously at the "Cincinnati Engineer" in an envelope postmarked 7-3-52 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

It will be noted that the enclosed letter is written in the German language, and I am also enclosing a rather loose translation of the letter as furnished by the "Cincinnati Engineer."

In view of the widespread interest in so-called "flying saucers," I am forwarding this material to the Bureau, with the thought in mind that the Bureau may desire to have a careful translation made of the attached letter, and the results, if deemed advisable, made available to other Governmental agencies.

Enclosures (3)

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EX-129

Date: August 13, 1952

To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION WRITTEN
IN THE GERMAN LANGUAGE, RECEIVED
BY THE "CINCINNATI ENQUIRER"
PERTAINING TO "FLYING SAUCERS"
SECURITY MATTER - X

There is attached for your information and any action you desire to take in this matter a Photostat of a letter, written in German, received from an anonymous source, which was addressed to the "Cincinnati Enquirer." A Photostat of the envelope, in which the letter was forwarded, is attached and indicates it was mailed on July 31, 1952, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

For your further assistance in this matter a translation of the attached letter from the German is attached.

Attachment

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ENCLOSURE

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Fliegende Untertasse.

Seit 1944 - ausprobierte Waffe welche jetzt
schon sehr einmündig hergestellt wird
und in Zeit viel von sich reden macht
ist eine V. Waffe, welche einen Diskus ähn-
lichen Körper hat, der im Durchmesser etwa 42.50
m Durchmesser hat, hat am Ausstrich etwa 45.50
automatische Hebelchen, die nach Zündung der
Schraube, um eine im Zentrum befindliche flieg-
glas Kugel herum, in der befinden sich die Steuer-
und Kontrollgeräte für Fernsteuerung befinden.
In der Kugel ist noch genug Raum für hoch
explosive Atombomben, diese Waffe befindet
sich in Königsberg und kann einen Abstrich
von 30-35000 km aufweisen. V. Waffe Konstruktion
Aber Riedel Deutschland sagt es ist eine
typische V. 7 davon er selbst gearbeitet hat.
Ich bin sicher das die Wahrheit besser ist
als eine Fabel mit dem Volk
bei Nichtwissenheit.

H. S. H.

Fliegende Untertasse.

Seit 1944 - ausprobierte Waffe welche jetzt
schon sehr einmüßig hergestellt wird
und in Zeit viel von sich reden macht
ist eine V. Waffe, welche einen Diskus ähn-
lichen ^{runde} Körper hat, der im Durchmesser etwa 42.50
m Durchmesser hat, hat am Ausstrahlung etwa 45-50
automatische Geschützen, die nach Zündung der
Schraube, um eine im Zentrum befindliche flieg-
glas Kugel herum, in der befinden sich die Steuer-
und Kontrollgeräte für Fernsteuerung befinden
In der Kugel ist nach gering Raum für hoch
explosive Atombomben, diese Waffen befinden
sich in Königsberg und kann einen Abstrich
von 30-35000 km. aufweisen. V. Waffen Konstruktion
~~der~~ ^{richtig} Riedel Deutschland sagt es ist eine
typische V. 7 davon er selbst gearbeitet hat.
Ich bin sicher das die Wahrheit besser ist
als eine Fiktion unser Volk
bei Nichtwissenheit.

H. S. H.

Fliegende Untertasse.

Seit 1944 - ausprobierte Waffe welche jetzt
schon sehr einmüßig hergestellt wird
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m Durchmesser hat, hat am Ausstrahlung etwa 45.50
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Schraube, um eine im Zentrum befindliche flieg-
glas Kugel herum, in der befinden sich die Steuer-
und Kontrollgeräte für Fernsteuerung befinden
Insider der Kugel ist noch genug Raum für hoch
explosive Atombomben, diese Waffe befindet
sich in Königsberg Stadt und kann einen Abwurfwinkel
von 30-35000 km. aufweisen. V. Waffe Kanstons
~~der~~ ^{richtig} Priedel Deutschland sagt es ist eine
typische V. 7 davon er selbst gearbeitet hat.
Ich bin mir sicher das die Wahrheit besser ist
als eine Fiktion unser Volk
bei Nichtwissenheit.

H. Sch.

FLYING SAUCERS

Since 1944 there have been experimental weapons which should now be in production. The one about which there has been so much discussion is a V-Weapon which has a disc-like round body, about 48.50 metres in diameter and has by way of emission 45 to 50 automatic ----- (word not legible). With the setting off of the disc these rotate around a sensitive plexi-glass sphere in the center in which are located the ----- (word not legible) and guiding apparatus for distance flights. Inside the sphere there is also enough space for high explosive atom bombs. These weapons ----- (net legible) and show an effective range of from 30 to 35,000 kilometres. V-Weapon Konstruk (Technician?) Riedel (or Riedet), Germany, says it is a typical V-Weapon on which he himself worked.

I am positive that the truth is better than keeping the people in ignorance.

H. Sch.

This letter is written apparently by a not highly literate person with undeveloped handwriting. It is my opinion that he is not making up what

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he has written. If I were handling this, I should turn his letter over to the FBI or some other investigating agency to see if he knows anything more.

F.Y.

August 4, 1952

~~Mr. Jones~~
~~1000~~

THE



CINCINNATI

ENQUIRER



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~~Mr. J. H. ...~~
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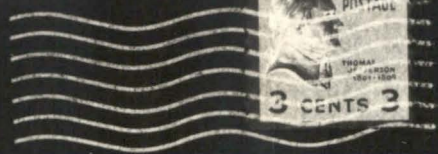


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CINCINNATI

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Winding Gulf

WVa. Aug 5 1952

0 flying SAUCERS

15 Mr. Edgar Hoover

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A few lines to
let you know a few of
things that the Govern-
ment should know
for all of US takes ps
stop the people from
Broadcasting how
far these flying
saucers are going, and
where they are seeing
them at. ~~is~~ the
reason Russia is
inventing some thing

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that is coming over
here by radio activity
and later they will
be sending the atomic
Bomb over here so try
to stop them are now
getting the distance
and they send out one
and then our people
tells where they see
at and that is all
they want to know.
later on they will send
suicide planes with out
air pilots here to bomb.

Mergie M. Taylor

Mergie M. Taylor

August 13, 1952

Mr. W. H. Jennings
3096 Hazelmary
Zone 17
Pontiac, Michigan

62-83894-294

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Dear Mr. Jennings:

I have received your letter of August 5, 1952, and want to thank you for making the information contained therein available to this Bureau.

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The matter referred to in your letter is not within the jurisdiction of this Bureau and I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Department of the Air Force for appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - 1 - Detroit

Note for Detroit:

Mr. Jennings advised the Bureau, in his letter, of his theory regarding flying saucers. It was Mr. Jennings' opinion flying saucers are manufactured by General Electric or General Motors Research Laboratories, consist of aluminum tanks filled with helium gas under pressure, and work on magnetic principles.

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Pontiac, Mich

Aug 5 '52

my
FBI
Flying Discs

F.B.I. Wash. D.C.

Gentlemen:- Dear Sirs.

I have a theory on the so called
flying saucers.

I don't know where to write to express
my opinion.

But yours is the best office in the land
when it comes to investigations.
W. H. X JENNINGS

If and when I get ready to commit a crime
I will expect to get caught but so be it.

If the flying saucers are real then
in my opinion they are not from another

planet. I would be willing to bet
they are the Brain child of General
(over)

8-13-52
Left Jennings
to FBI
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W. H. X JENNINGS
Mossberg

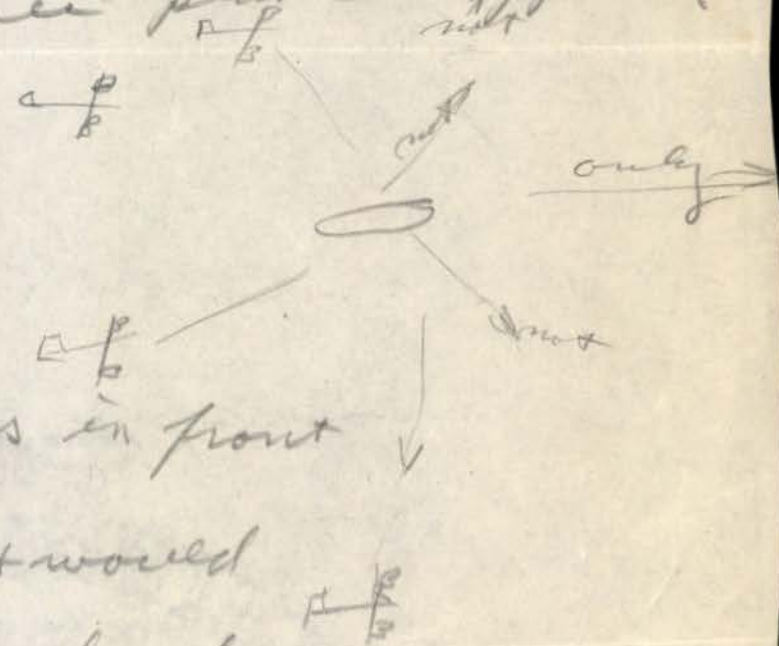
Electric or General Motors Dechwick
Laboratories.

I am not an electrician all I know
about Elect. is to grab a hold of one
wire at a time on alternating current
and let it run strictly alone.

It's my opinion that these discs
or what have you are aluminum
tanks filled with Helium gas under
a lot of pressure. and permanent magnets
(power full one) built on the sides
with the north poles outside.
When another metal object approaches
them. they are repulsed at the same
speed as the approaching object.

when you look at it from that slant
 you can see why can never be caught
 no matter how fast the pursuing plane
 goes why retreat at the same speed.

One good way to check that would
 be to have their plane to approach
 at three angles



The retreating
 object could not cross in front
 of any of the planes it would
 have to go straight ahead.

you try and get the north pole of a
 magnet and south pole to connect and
 you will see what I mean.
 (over)

I've seen a steel bar hang in space at auto shows. it was nearly two poles pushing against each other instead of pulling together.

Or Push your watch or a piece of steel through a demagnetizer and you will see what I mean.

If a plane were equipped with a magnet of about two or 3 Gs and the north pole pointed at the nose of the plane or stuck out ahead of the propeller a foot or two I think those saucers would be caught.

Respectfully yours

W.H. Jennings
3096 Hazelmar Pontiac Mich
Zone 17

SERVICE UNIT
SEARCH SLIP

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Supervisor Messburg Room 3708

Subj: W.H. Jennings

☐ Exact Spelling
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William H. Jennings

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William Harry Jennings

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Philadelphia
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

DATE: 8/7/52

At the weekly liaison conference held in the Philadelphia Office on August 5, 1952, Major H. B. ELDRIDGE advised that OSI is no longer interested in receiving reports concerning flying saucers.

The above is submitted for the Bureau's information.

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Letter to
SAC, Philadelphia
8/15/52
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WMP

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

August 15, 1952

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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FLYING SAUCERS
OSI LIAISON

EX-25

Reurlet August 7, 1952, in which you stated that at a weekly liaison conference held in Philadelphia Major H. B. Eldridge advised that OSI is no longer interested in receiving reports concerning flying saucers.

OSI, as the official Air Force liaison agency, has agreed to accept reports regarding flying saucers and to transmit these reports to the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where all information pertaining to flying saucers is coordinated. If Major Eldridge still insists that he does not desire to receive reports regarding flying saucers, you should advise the Bureau and the matter will be discussed further with OSI Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

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August 5, 1952

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Mr. Dewey T. Wilson
3727 Maryland Avenue
Baltimore 18, Maryland

D. T. Wilson

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Your letter postmarked July 30, 1952, has been received, and I appreciate the interest prompting you to bring your comments to my attention.

Since your communication may be of interest to another governmental agency, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of it to The Honorable, The Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense Building, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Copy of incoming sent to the Secretary of the Air Force by short form.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter of July 20, 1953, is received, and a copy of the same is being furnished to the Bureau of the Air Force.

Since your communication was received on July 20, 1953, I am sorry to hear that you are unable to furnish a copy of the same to the Bureau of the Air Force. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to furnish a copy of the same to the Bureau of the Air Force.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Copy of incoming sent to the Secretary of the Air Force by airtel form.

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J. Edgar Hoover

F. B. I.

Washington DC

Dear Sir,

2727 Maryland Ave
Baltimore 18 Md

July 28-1952

FLYING SAUCERS

I would like to submit a Theory
that may lead to a solution of what
the Flying saucers really are -
These objects could be Lights.
Caused by Radio Television Beams
illuminating moist vapor, not unlike
Phosphorus on rain soaked wood in
certain seasons - The northern lights
"aurora Borealis" have manifested themselves
for years, setting up Electro magnetism
& Earth potential which distorts normal
Telegraph Communications. The lights es
are somewhat like a Fan + can
be seen as far south as Equator

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It is my opinion that FLYING
Saucers are Electrically induced
currents onto a space (small clouds)
and causing it to glow - This
cloud being charged Electrically
and a Magnetic polarity being same
as the interceptors it can never
nml. ack 8-4-52 DDC

be overtaken and would if pursued
gradually grow dimmer + disappear
giving the impression that it
outdistanced the pursuer with
a great burst of speed -

This is submitted as a theory
as I do not have the power
or facilities to prove or disprove.

But I submit a suggestion
whereby a test could be made.

When these saucers appear
again have the TV + all Broadcasts
silenced from the air and check
for results - This may not change
immediately, as other elements in
this Brief U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
F. B. I.
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off or on at a given signal -

However I firmly believe that, if
the idea as set forth in my crude
way is submitted to more learned
persons than I some solution
is inevitable -

Dewey T. Wilson

JUL 8 1952

2727 Maryland ave
Baltimore 18 MD
July 28-1952

J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washn DC

Dear sir,

I would like to submit a theory that may lead to a solution of what the Flying saucers really are-these objects could be Lights. caused by Radio Television Beams illuminating moist vapor, not unlike phosphous on rain soaked wood in certain seasons-the northern lights "aurora Borealus" have manifested themselves for years, setting up Electro magnetism & Earth potential which distorts normal Telegraph Communications. The lights are somewhat like a Fan & can be seen as far south as Equator-

It is my opinion that Flying Saucers are Electrically induced currents onto a space (small clouds) and causing it to glow-this cloud being charged Electrically and a magnetic polarity being same as the interceptor it can never be overtaken, and would if persued gradually grow Dimmer & dissappear giving the impression that it out distanced the persuer with a great Burst of speed.

This is submitted as a theory as I do not have the power or facilities to prove or disprove. But I submit a suggestion whereby a test could be made.

When these saucers appear again Have the TV & all Broadcasts silenced from the air and check for results-this may not change immediately, as other Elements in this Build up can not be turned off or on at a given signal.

However I firmly believe that, if the idea as set forth in my crude way is submitted to more learned persons then I some solution is inevitable.

/s/ Dewey T. Wilson

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : W. A. Branigan *WAB over EHM*

DATE: August 12, 1952

FROM : E. H. Mossburg *EHM*SUBJECT: FLYING DISKS *my*

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There is attached a copy of a periodical entitled ~~X~~ "Sunday Graphic" dated July 6, 1952, received by the Bureau from the Office of the Legal Attache, American Embassy, London, England.

It is desired that the attached periodical containing an article relating to the captioned matter be filed in the captioned file.

Attachment

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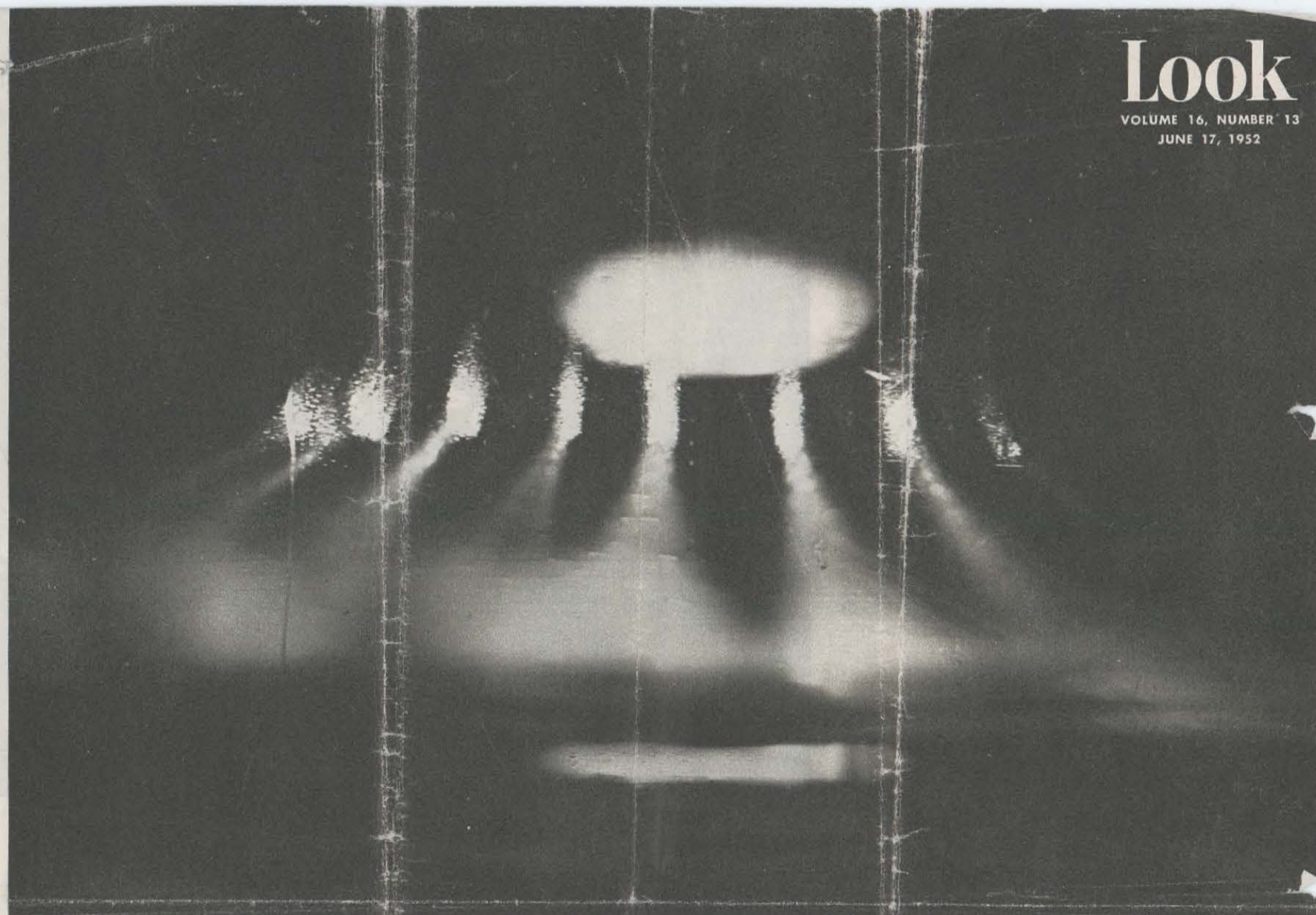
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This might be a picture of flying saucers taken at night over Arizona or New Mexico. It was in fact taken in Dr. Menzel's laboratory at Harvard University.

THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS

One of America's leading astronomers goes into his laboratory at Harvard and disposes of the flying-saucer myth. He adds simple instructions for making flying saucers in your own kitchen

By Dr. DONALD H. MENZEL



Donald H. Menzel is professor of astrophysics and associate director of solar research at Harvard University. His work on flying saucers was done in response to a request from LOOK. The Air Force has expressed a lively interest in it.

I SUPPOSE that I should be especially well qualified to write about flying saucers since I happen to be one of the few persons who has actually seen one.

My solar studies take me frequently to Colorado and New Mexico, and I was at the Holloman Air Base, near Alamogordo, N. M., at the height of the flying-saucer scare. That very morning, I had glimpsed what seemed to be several saucers moving overhead—until I focused my eyes more clearly and recognized the objects as weather balloons. That afternoon, I expressed my belief that most of the

saucers could be thus explained. But others in the group—including several well-known scientists—indicated that there was probably more to the saucer story than that.

Early that evening, I had my second attack of saucers. I was in the back seat of an automobile, being driven toward Alamogordo and admiring the full moon as it rose over Sacramento Peak toward the east. A few degrees north of the moon, I noticed what seemed to be a bright star, and then a second star not far from the first. Casually, I assumed that they were Castor and Pollux in the constellation of

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FLYING SAUCERS continued



Orderly processes of natural laws explain saucers

Gemini. Then, very suddenly, I realized that Gemini was a winter object; the two stars had to be something else.

Like most astronomers, I am always hopeful of finding a nova (exploding star) which can be seen with the naked eye, so I rapidly opened the window of the car for a better look. I could bring neither of these objects into clear focus, although nearby Antares was sharp. Both hazy disks shone with a slightly bluish light. They were, in a sense, "flying" simply because they were elevated. Suddenly, alive to the fact that I was seeing something unusual, I asked the driver to stop. We climbed out of the car just in time to see the saucers literally fade away as mysteriously as they had appeared. I reported the occurrence in detail to the Air Force.

I later found that an English meteorologist, Edward J. Lowe, had recorded a similar phenomenon as long ago as 1838—similar except for the fact he saw four instead of two ghostly images flying near the moon.

Perhaps you expect me to say, at this point, that I can explain exactly what I saw that evening. I am sorry to disappoint you. I cannot. I have certain ideas on the subject, but they are only hypotheses—reasonable but not yet fully confirmed.

I shall explain those ideas, but first let me say what I do NOT believe. I do NOT believe that what I saw, or anything anyone has reported seeing, were missiles or messengers or vehicles from the moon or Mars or space. I do NOT believe they were missiles or messengers or vehicles from Russia or any other foreign country.

Indeed, how simple science and life would be if every time we encountered some seemingly inexplicable fact, we could blame it on some outside force over which we have no control. Such a mode of thought is as old as man himself. Our prehistoric ancestors personalized

all the forces of nature. Gods blew the winds, threw lightning bolts and stoked the fires that belch forth from volcanic craters.

Brilliant showers of meteors have made men fear that the end of the world was imminent. The ancients have interpreted a solar eclipse as a dragon devouring the sun and rejoiced when their beating drums and weapons frightened the dragon away.

How simple this type of science. No laboratory experiment to prove or test the hypotheses. No complicated mathematics to study the details of the process. Nothing to argue about here. For each new and unexplained fact, we invent a new god—or assume the existence of a superintelligence.

How simple—and how wrong!

Centuries of civilization have taught us the futility of inventing mysterious forces and superhuman beings. You could explain *anything* that way. Such explanations, however, are completely useless and nature falls into chaos, subject to the whim of a pagan deity instead of to the orderly processes of natural laws.

"An Uncivilized Attitude"

As a scientist, I am not bothered if I cannot give a complete, iron-clad explanation for every phenomenon I meet. Unraveling the puzzles of science is my business—as well as my pleasure. I find the world still full of unsolved problems. I look for the explanations, but I do not arbitrarily invent forces that make explanation unnecessary.

Why, then, have so many civilized people chosen to adopt an uncivilized attitude toward flying saucers? I think there are three reasons:

First, flying saucers are unusual. All of us are used to regularity. We naturally attribute mystery to the unusual.

Second, we are all nervous. We live in a world that has suddenly become hostile. We

have unleashed forces we cannot control; many persons fear we are heading toward a war that will end in the destruction of civilization.

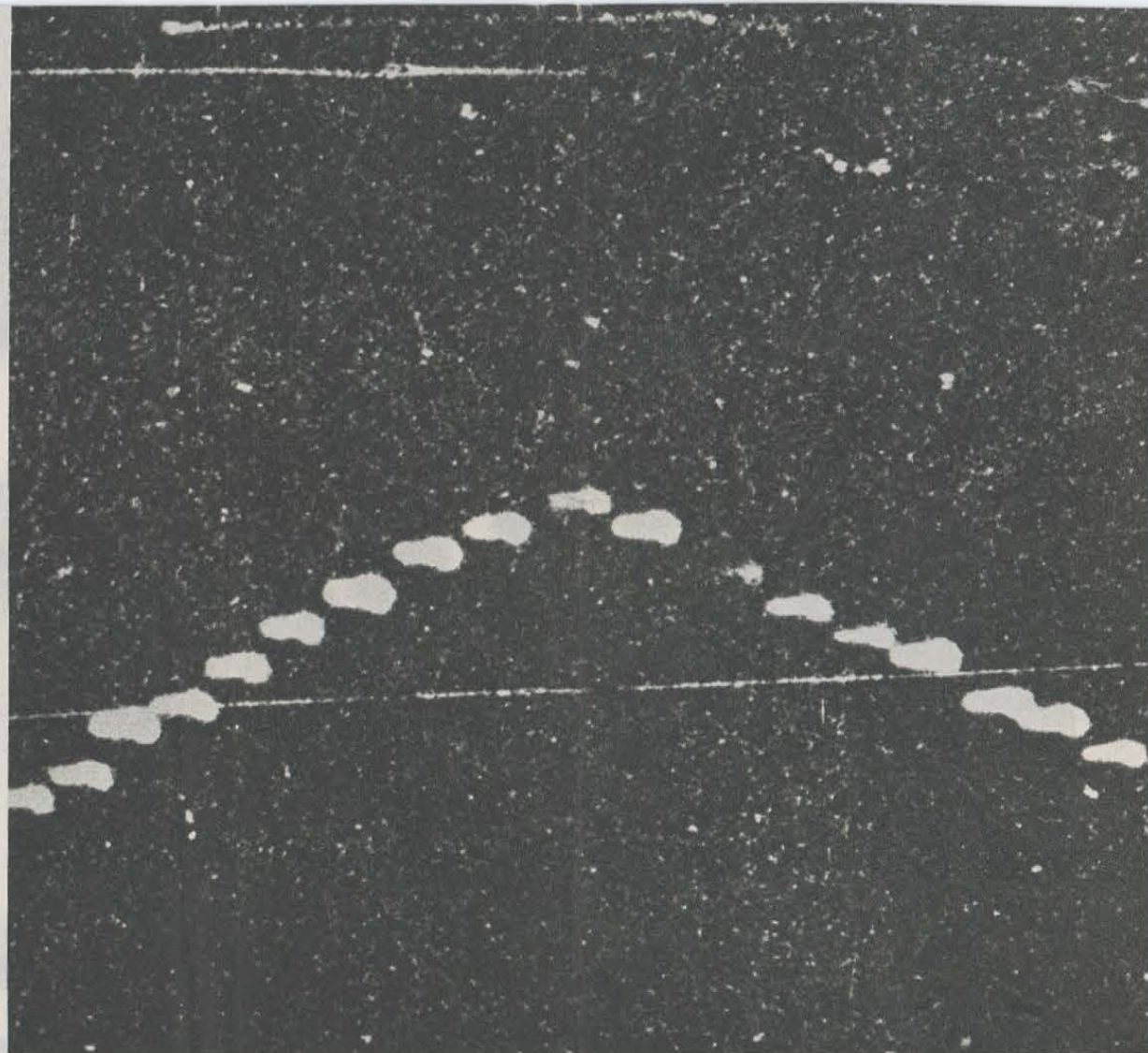
Third, people enjoy being frightened a little. They go to Boris Karloff double features.

But such analysis should concern the psychologist rather than the natural scientist, so let me hasten back to our flying saucers.

First of all, we must recognize that "flying saucers," in the public mind, cover a wide variety of objects and phenomena. Some of them, we can almost immediately dispose of, although the mere fact of their misinterpretation has been one of the chief difficulties men have encountered in getting at the basic truth.

A man sitting in the park on a calm summer afternoon scarcely realizes how intense the winds aloft may be. Perhaps real gales exist, with speeds in excess of 60 miles an hour, different layers moving in opposite directions. Light, flat objects such as newspapers or kites can be caught in an occasional whirlwind and lifted to enormous heights, where they may fly for hundreds of miles before they again reach the ground. Weather balloons, which are often released in groups rather than singly, are not at all uncommon. Indeed, most such objects lose their true identity when viewed against the sky. And it is extremely hard to recognize them.

Occasional reflections from distant planes or even from the backs of high-flying birds account for some of the reports. The planet Venus has, on many occasions, produced its own series of sensations. Few people seem to realize that this planet, when at greatest brilliance, can be plainly seen in the daytime. I floating cirrus clouds overlie it, the planet may give the illusion of being in rapid motion. Most people find it difficult to focus their eyes on a distant object; hence, they see a bright blur in the sky and thus give rise to another flying saucer story.



These are the Lubbock Lights, as photographed Aug. 30, 1951, over Lubbock, Texas, by 18-year-old Carl Hart, Jr.



Routine sight at Brooks: a show girl hurrying off to try on her next new costume.

"costumes executed by BROOKS"

This familiar theater-program credit represents a \$2,000,000-a-year gross business, costuming everything from Broadway stars to circus elephants

THE 39-year-old Brooks Costume Company is the biggest in the business. It is responsible for the eye appeal of 80 per cent of Broadway's current musicals. It does a large part of New York's TV-costume business and will open a TV service branch in Hollywood shortly. Brooks' biggest regular customer is the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus, with its annual \$300,000 wardrobe. And for \$400,000, Brooks costumed Cecil B. de Mille's movie about that circus. Arena skating shows like *Hollywood Ice Revue*, Sonja Henie's *Ice Show*, *Holiday on Ice* run about \$200,000 for costumes — three times most Broadway show budgets.

The bulk of Brooks' business, however, does not come from its big customers like Roxy and Radio City shows, *Guys and Dolls* chorus lines, *The King and I* cos-

tumes. It comes from the 175-odd shows Brooks outfits weekly for universities, drama clubs, church societies, junior leagues, civic pageants, summer theaters and municipal operas all over the country. Brooks has 135,000 costumes for rent, from \$2000 ball gowns once owned by Mrs. Robert Ogden Goelet to Indian costumes from *Annie Get Your Gun*. For \$10 a night, the lead in a Northwestern University play goes on in a gown once worn by Maude Adams, Bea Lillie or Mary Martin.

This is possible because of suave, silver-haired James E. Stroock's policy of buying back the costumes he was originally paid a fat fee to make. "He's king of his own state," says producer John Murray Anderson. Famous for his nicknames, he calls Stroock, president of Brooks, "The Pope," "because he is so omnipotent."

Produced by PATRICIA COFFIN

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A wardrobe is born: designer Irene Sharaff with producers Ben Segal, Chandler Cowles in Stroock's office.



First, costumes are made in drab muslin, tried on for freedom of movement. Later, best materials are used.



Irene Sharaff discusses Paul Hartman's vice-presidential pants for *Of Thee I Sing*.



conditions exist, flying saucers become likely

spread out horizontally to form a thin layer of smoke and haze. This ceiling occurs at the point of highest temperature. Smoke, dust and all kinds of general haze tend to collect in this layer. From below or above, you may not be aware of its existence. But as you pass through it, you see a fine black line extending from horizon to horizon.

On that famous day in June, 1947, when Kenneth Arnold of Boise, Idaho, spotted from his private plane nine distant saucers moving at "fantastic speeds" along the slopes of Mt. Rainier, he may well have been flying not too far from one of these layers of inversion haze. His was the observation that touched off the saucer scare.

Let us turn to the official Air Force release and quote Arnold himself: "I could see their outline quite plainly against the snow as they approached the mountain. They flew very close to the mountain tops, directly south to southeast down the hog's back of the range, flying like geese. I watched for about three minutes—a chain of saucerlike things at least five miles long, swerving in and out of the high mountain peaks. They were flat like a pie pan and so shiny they reflected the sun like a mirror."

In Arnold's own story, there are several clues that should have pointed out the answer long ago. Anyone familiar with mountains knows that the ridges, where ascending currents of air from opposite sides meet and mix, are subject to the most violent drafts. From the Harvard and University of Colorado observatory at Climax, Colo., I have observed with a telescope the blowing snow on the ridges of 14,000-foot peaks, and have noted the billowing gusts rage along the "hog's back." It is indeed highly probable that the slopes of Mt. Rainier are equally turbulent. And, if their turbulence reaches upward into the haze, the warped layers would reflect sunlight and a progression of moves would make the crests seem to move with phenomenal speed.

And if you doubt whether mere bending or crinkling of a hazy layer could cause the bright reflection, note how a fold of a lace curtain—or piece of cheesecloth—similarly reflects the light. The reflection is brightest when the curvature is sharpest. Most daytime saucers are a variant of this phenomenon. The mirage effect is here of secondary importance.

The "ghost" balloons are perhaps the simplest of all mirage phenomena. The balloon itself is responsible. As it "punctures" some fairly high inversion, a large bubble of colder

air settles down from above, forming in effect a sort of supermagnifying lens or telescope. This imperfect lens of air forms an image of the balloon. And, as the lens changes its size and shape, the distorted image darts wildly around, with phenomenal speed—like a reflection of the sun from a hand mirror.

To demonstrate some of these effects—chiefly those associated with the luminous night saucers—I prepared a simple laboratory experiment, as follows: I filled a cylindrical jar half full of benzene and carefully floated a layer of acetone on top. Gentle stirring produced a narrow region where the chemical composition changed slowly upward. Benzene has optical qualities analogous to those of cold air and acetone to those of warm air. I thus reproduced in a small space what would ordinarily require miles of terrestrial atmosphere. The liquids produce remarkable effects.

A beam of light, focused diagonally upward from a small slide projector, would ordinarily strike the ceiling. But caught in the "inversion layer," the beam obediently curved downward. Tiny globules of glycerine emulsified in the benzene scattered the light and made the beam visible. The original circular pinhole used in the projector was distorted into an oval shape and clearly marked with some pattern suggesting a surface structure.

Laboratory "Saucers"

Any motion of the liquid—produced as the result of a rocking—made the saucer slip about. Turbulence, caused by a delicate stirring of the medium near the light beam, gave dozens of flying disks. The color effects, resulting in part from the glycerine globules, were startling and beautiful. Finally, when I replaced the single pinhole with a row that simulated distant street lights, the resulting images behaved and looked like the Lubbock Lights.

These considerations do not explain everything. The green fire balls are still something of a mystery, though many will prove to be meteors. Prof. Fred L. Whipple of Harvard has called my attention to the fact that the color probably arises from the presence of magnesium in the meteor itself. This metal, well known to be an abundant constituent of the rock meteors, emits green light when incandescent. The reported slowness of motion may be due to great distance, associated with the clarity of the desert skies.

This mirage-phenomena theory includes the flying saucers seen on radarscopes. The

same sort of conditions which cause optical mirages cause radar mirages as well, as any radar expert will hasten to tell you. They cause television mirages too. Everyone knows cases where a television station, normally miles out of range, suddenly comes in powerful and steady.

Also, the stress laid on the optical peculiarities of air over deserts should not be misleading. The temperature inversions of which I speak are common over the desert (and over coastal waters) but they are not limited to such areas. They can appear anywhere, and do. A bad smog, for example, is usually a sign of a temperature inversion. But they are more frequent over deserts, which explains in part the fact that saucer reports are more frequent over deserts.

You, too, can have flying saucers in your home. Perhaps not as elaborate as the ones I have just described, but nevertheless adequate to demonstrate some of the effects. You may simulate the gradual bending that causes a mirage by using a sharp reflection at a water surface.

Fill the kitchen sink to the brim and set up a candle or row of candles close to the edge along one side. A box with a series of pinholes illuminated by a light or candle is even better. Now face the lights from the opposite side of the sink, keeping your eye close to the water surface and see the bright reflections. Now have someone gently stir the water and produce waves. The lights will float and travel—and even show the disklike form characteristic of a reflection from the trough of a wave. One can even reproduce the saucers with light reflected from the surface of coffee in a cup.

As I have said earlier, these experiments are suggestive rather than definitive. More work is necessary to prove the phenomenon. The analysis indicates, however, a clear plan for future study and research. I believe that these experiments will eventually cause the saucer scare to vanish—most appropriately, into thin air, the region that gave birth to it.

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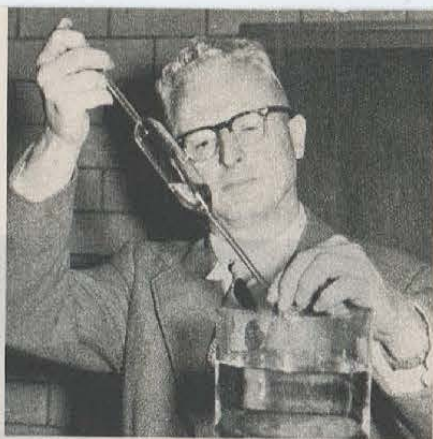
The forces entrusted with the defense of the U. S. from the skies still must look for "flying saucers." In its next issue, Look will tell the story of this secret hunt by our aerial defenders.

In normal air, light from the ground simply spreads out into space. Outside its range, where the earth curves away, there is darkness and no strange phenomena.



With a temperature inversion, light bends in refracting layer of air. A ray of light will thus be seen in areas far distant from its source.





FLYING SAUCERS continued

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luminous by night. They may appear singly, in clusters or fly in precise geometrical formation. The best-defined patterns of this type have been called the Lubbock Lights, since their best-known appearance was in Lubbock, Texas. They have, however, appeared elsewhere. Next, we have the mysterious balls of green fire. Are they or are they not related to the luminous "Foo Fighters" that occasionally seem to accompany a plane or even engage it in a mysterious sort of shadowboxing? Finally, there are the "ghost" saucers that seem to hover suspiciously around a freshly launched balloon, and rush off at some unprecedented speed—presumably to report their findings. At least four such ghosts have been reliably reported.

Many of the records refer to some tremendous distance or speed. And here I ask this question: How can an observer on the ground, from a single station and with his eyes alone, give a reliable estimate of all three figures: distance, size and speed? If you think that this is easy, try it sometime—on the moon, for example.

The reported saucers move at varied angular speeds, either sideways or vertical. Their unknown actual speed depends on how far away they actually are. They may "veer" sharply at any given moment. At times, the images are extremely brilliant. Sometimes, they show a trace of structure, which some observers have associated with "windows" or "portholes" of a space craft.

They move without sound and hence seem to be controlled without any normal forces of power that we would ascribe to a craft on earth. The objects are generally round or oval and bear no resemblance to any known aircraft already built or being built on earth.

But are we justified in reversing these arguments and saying that, since no terrestrial craft could have such properties and since no human beings could withstand the tremendous buffeting that the flying saucers seem to get, the objects must perforce be space ships manned by beings of decidedly nonhuman characteristics? I ask again: Is this sweeping

conclusion justified? Or shall we accept temporarily what seems to be a much more reasonable alternative: that the flying saucers are not material objects at all?

The one thing that can respond instantaneously to force is a light beam. You can stand at the foot of a high mountain and with a hand mirror flash a signal from base to peak and back again, a distance of more than 10 miles, in a tenth of a second or less. But, if we see something flashing over cliff and forest with a speed of 100 miles a second or accelerating with a force 1000 times greater than that of gravity, must we conclude that it is a manned craft?

An Optical Phenomenon?

Let us, then, accept as a working hypothesis the idea that saucers may be an optical phenomenon—though nonetheless real.

To me as a scientist, this was the only course along which to proceed. And the hypothesis that these were optical phenomena, taking place primarily in desert regions, inevitably brought the next logical consideration to my mind.

In the science of atmospheric, there is a well-known condition known as "temperature inversion." It is simple enough. Normally, the air grows colder as one goes farther up from the surface of the earth. But sometimes the reverse is true, and a layer of warm air overlies layers of colder air.

During the war, I was a member and later chairman of the Wave Propagation Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which conducted a series of tests on the desert. We were studying radar images; but light behaves, in many ways, like radar. What we learned about the desert applies as much to light as to radar.

We learned that temperature inversions were, as we had expected, extremely common on the desert. During the day, the desert is extremely hot. At night (or even during the day under certain cloud conditions), the ground rapidly cools off. But the air cools more slowly. Thus, the air cools more quickly where it actually is in contact with the ground, but for some distance continues to get warmer with height. Then, well away from the ground, it begins to become cooler again.

Scientists have long known that regions of the atmosphere wherein the temperature changes rapidly with height can cause a mirage.

Mirage. That is the key to the whole prob-

lem of saucers. And, working on that assumption, I have been able to reproduce in the laboratory most of the essential features of the saucers. Much more study, both theoretical and experimental, is necessary before we shall understand this complicated problem in all its details. I am confident, however, that we can eventually produce and observe the phenomenon at about any time we wish to.

Mirage. A mirage is fundamentally an image caused by a lens of air. Since air lenses are almost never perfect, the world we see through them is distorted and unreal. Like seeing through spectacles that do not fit your eyes. Or looking in one of those highly curved mirrors in an amusement park.

And yet you see mirages every day, without really knowing it. As you drive along a highway on a hot day, the dark asphalt in the distance seems to be covered with water—a film that evaporates as the car advances. This is the ordinary mirage we familiarly associate with the desert: the thirsty traveler, the vision of a receding lake, and only sand. The water, of course, is an image of the sky, projected against the distant landscape. The light rays that produce the illusion traverse a path that is concave upward.

But give us a cool layer of air at the ground, as in the desert at night, and light rays will curve in the reverse direction, following along the surface of the earth.

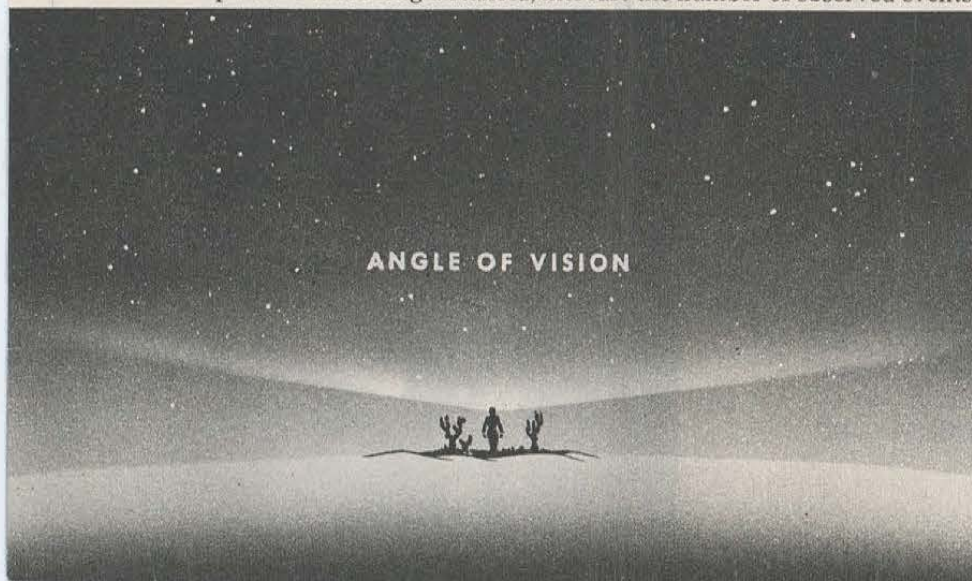
City Lights Become "Saucers"

Where the daytime mirage projects the image of the sky against the earth, the nighttime desert variety projects the image of the earth against the sky. And hence, if we have distant lights—such as those of a city—these lights will appear to float in the sky. Moreover, if the intervening air contains waves or is turbulent to any degree, the lights will appear to move, riding in on the crest of a wave, like ripples of moonlight on the ocean. If the source is a line of distant street lamps, the images appear to fly in formation—the Lubbock Light phenomenon.

One further property of these temperature inversions serves to emphasize the effect and undoubtedly contributes to the daytime saucers. Daytime inversions are fairly common, but they usually lie higher than the ones that occur at night on the desert. You can often see them—or at least recognize their existence.

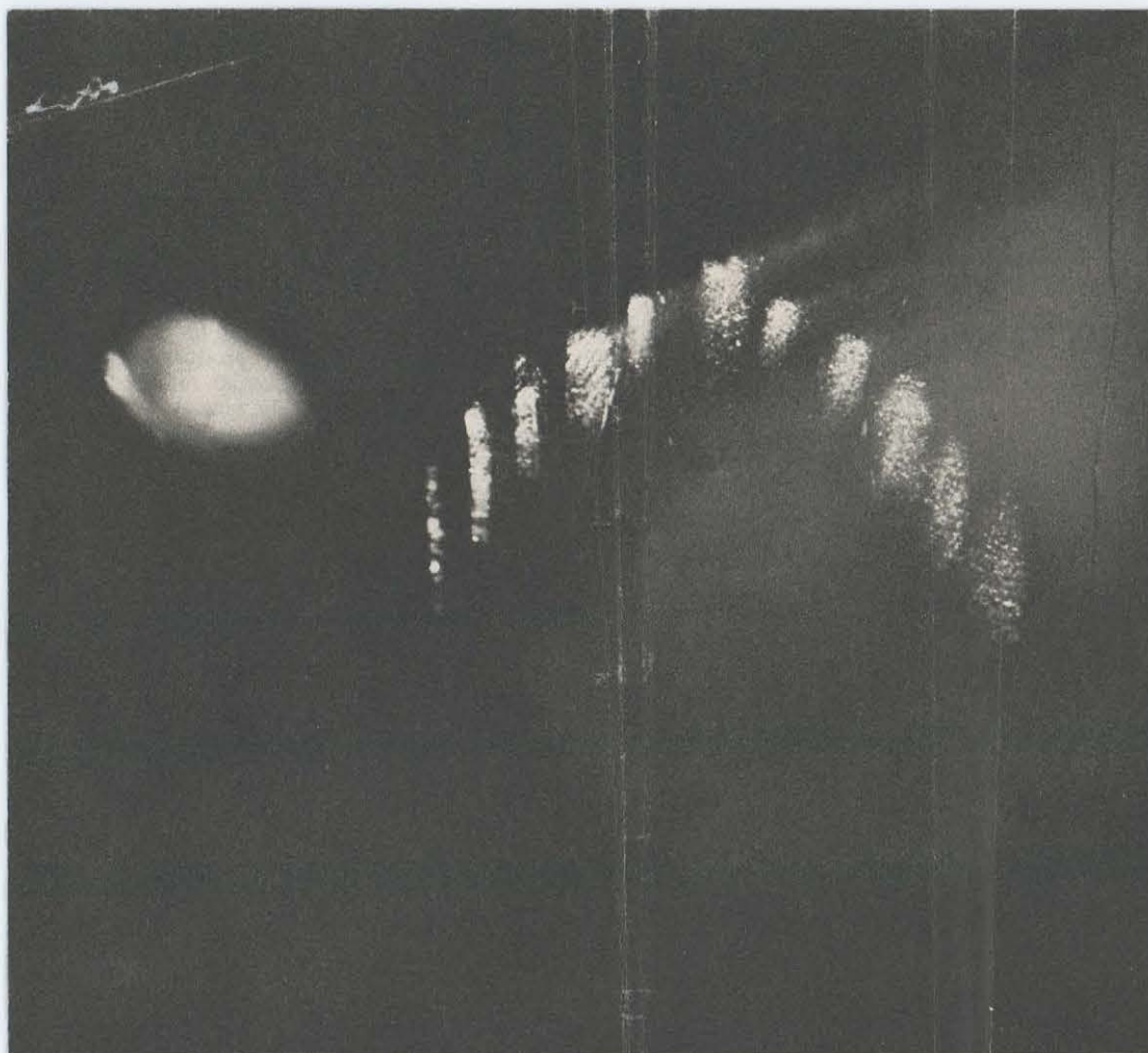
A column of smoke from a distant chimney will sometimes rise smoothly upward and then

The clear air of the desert, and the lack of buildings or of hills, make it possible to see long distances; increase the number of observed events.



In the city, the angle of vision is small and the sky is full of smoke and dust. Thus, even if conditions were perfect for "saucers," fewer would be observed over cities.





These "lights" were one of many sets of "saucers" made by Dr. Menzel in his laboratory. Note the "mother ship."

But by no means all of the objects can be so dismissed. After we have eliminated the false saucers and the erroneous reports that we trace to misidentification, there do remain a number that we cannot completely write off. Such as the ones I saw myself.

The first question we are called upon to answer is this: If these objects are natural objects, why did they suddenly appear for the first time in 1947? An honest question and a basic one; for if it cannot be answered, we are in difficulties. But the answer is simple: They were seen in the skies long before 1947. Scientific literature is full of them.

England Had Durham Lights

Take, for example, the Lubbock Lights, which appeared in the sky near Lubbock, Texas, last summer and were photographed. Similar phenomena have been long reported. England was mildly excited over the Durham Lights almost a century ago.

In 1897, our papers were filled with stories about a mysterious cigar-shaped airship seen at odd places over the country. The lights and men aboard were clearly visible. Finally, the great inventor Thomas A. Edison himself disposed of the rumor.

Here is a quotation from the magazine *Nature* for May 25, 1893: "During a recent wintry cruise in H.M.S. *Caroline*, a curious phenomenon was seen. . . . Unusual lights were reported by the officer of the watch. They appeared sometimes as a mass, at others spread out in an irregular line. They bore north until I lost sight of them about midnight. . . . The globes of fire altered in their formation. . . . now in a massed group with an outlying light, then the isolated one would disappear and the others would take the form of a crescent of diamonds."

The account also mentioned a "looming mirage," of which I shall have more to say later. This report interests me for two reasons:

First, it would almost serve as a description of the Lubbock Lights. Second, my own theory of the Lubbock Lights was developed, and tested in my laboratory, before I found this account in *Nature*—and my theory directly associates looming mirages with the lights.

The next question is quite natural: Even granting that these phenomena have a long history, why are they so much more frequent today than in the past?

List the places where flying saucers have been seen, and you will notice that the great majority were reported in very hot areas, over deserts—in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. For years, these states were sparsely settled.

But since the war began, they are the areas in which the most startling population growth has been tallied. Irrigation has brought farmers in. The dry heat has made tourist havens of Phoenix and Tucson. The air age has made these flat, clear-skied areas the natural locations for great bomber and fighter bases. Finally, atomic energy has chosen New Mexico as its headquarters.

In brief, there are more eyes to scan the heavens. Hence, more is seen. The answer is as simple as that. The clear skies are themselves a partial answer. Beyond two or three miles, especially toward the horizon, the milky haze cuts down visibility in Eastern areas. In the West, one is accustomed to seeing a mountain peak more than 150 miles away.

Finally, the most important question of all: If the saucers aren't superhuman or controlled by superhumans, what are they?

First, we must study the reports.

A careful analysis of all the available data indicates that—after we have subtracted the balloons, papers, distant planes, Venus and the like—a substantial amount of reliable but unexplained material still remains. This falls into several definite patterns: ovals, disks or other patterns, either shining silver by day or

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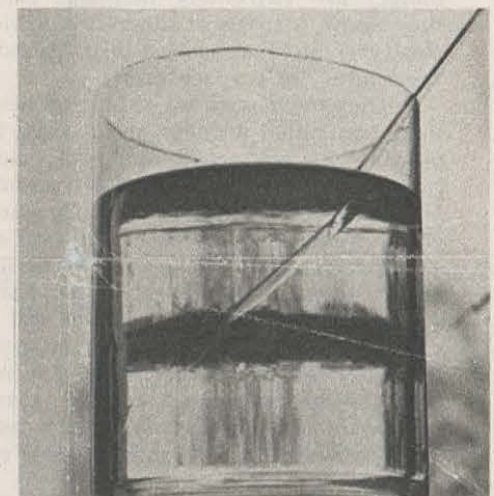
Photographed by Arthur Rothstein



Dr. Menzel begins setting up his apparatus, using a large glass jar, benzene and acetone.



Acetone floating on benzene simulates air levels; lens effect distorts Dr. Menzel's face.



A glass rod seems to bend as it passes from one liquid to other. Light bends in this way.

A light shining through the liquids bends at the meeting point. Same is true in air layers.



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Dr. R. E. McIndoo, 820 West Walnut Street, Kokomo, Indiana, on July 30, 1952, advised that on July 27, 1952, at approximately 10:00 A. M. while fishing in the back waters of Thessalon Lake, Ontario, Canada, he noticed a formation of bombing planes, sixteen to twenty in number, in two groups flying south at a height estimated by him to be four or five miles.

Dr. McIndoo stated that the planes went over the lake and suddenly dropped objects, at first thought by him to be parachutes. He continued that these objects fell straight for a short time, then suddenly spurted vapor and at a high rate of speed flew off in a southwesterly direction.

Dr. McIndoo was unable to identify the nationality of the planes, but stated that they had twin trails of bluish smoke. He further stated that the objects which had been dropped from the planes had single trails of bluish smoke.

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He stated that he had been accompanied on his fishing trip by Paul Gaddis, Kokomo, Indiana. Dr. McIndoo had no further information concerning instant planes or the objects dropped by them.

No further inquiries are contemplated in this matter. However, if additional information is received by this Bureau, you will be promptly advised.

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Sincerely yours,

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Flying SAUCERS

Fellow Americans,

I am writing the same letter to all three Departments on August 1st. I wrote a letter, and mailed it on August 2nd to the Air Force Intelligence Telling my views of a flying saucer. In about four days the physicist Ned Scott gave out a report of findings identical to my report. Now if I have hit upon the meaning of a flying saucer I would like to get the credit for it. I have reason to believe my ideas have been hi-jacked. It should be easy to find out when did Mr. Scott start his experiment? Which office did my letter go through? Was my letter placed on file? It had a return address. If you cannot find it that proves it was destroyed and the information used.

I have much better working proof of my theory than Mr. Scott, which has been before me all along, until I hit upon the idea.

The solution should not have been published. There is a great deal more to it than that, which I can explain. The idea should have been worked out thoroughly and secretly. Rainmakers could probably do a great deal of harm with the answer. There is a possibility that it could mean a entirely different type of air warfare. The Air Force could possibly use it for defensive warfare. It could lead to man-made flying saucers which the enemy could use against us.

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Man-made flying Saucers possibly could be used in conjunction with atom and hydrogen bombs or to destroy them. Astronomers could use the information to predict about other planets or planetary warfare. This information could be of use in a trip to the moon.

Does the Air Force wish me to keep my impressions to myself or shall I give a statement to the press? My country comes first if the information should be kept secret.

I signed my other letter "Respectfully". When a lady from Virginia pays her respects to the Air Force she expects the Air Force to pay its respects right back to her.

Respectfully,

Mrs Nellie T. Dull

Route 3,
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Virginia

MRS. NELLIE T. Dull

C O P Y

Staunton, Va.
Route 3
August 12, 1952

Air Force Intelligence
F. B. I.
Justice Dept.

Fellow Americans,

I am writing the same letter to all three Departments. On August 1st, I wrote a letter, and mailed it on August 2nd, to the Air Force Intelligence telling my views of a flying saucer. In about four days the physicist Noel Scott gave out a report of findings identical to my report. Now if I have hit upon the meaning of a flying saucer I would like to get the credit for it. I have reason to believe my ideas have been hi-jacked. It should be easy to find out. When did Mr. Scott start his experiment? Which office did my letter go through? Was my letter placed on file? It had a return address. If you cannot find it that proves it was destroyed and the information used.

I have much better working proof of my theory than Mr. Scott, which has been before me all along, until I hit upon the idea.

The solution should not have been published. There is a great deal more to it than that, which I can explain. The idea should have been worked out thoroughly and secretly. Rainmakers could probably do a great deal of harm with the answer. There is a possibility that it could mean an entirely different type of air warfare. The Air Force could possibly use it for defensive warfare. It could lead to man-made flying saucers which the enemy could use against us.

Man-made flying saucers possibly could be used in conjunction with atom and hydrogen bombs or to destroy them. Astronomers could use the information to predict about other planets or planetary warfare. This information could be of use in a trip to the moon.

Does the Air Force wish me to keep my impressions to myself or shall I give a statement to the press? My Country comes first if the information should be kept secret.

I signed my other letter "respectfully." When a lady from Virginia pays her respects to the Air Force she expects the Air Force to pay its respects right back to her.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Nellie T. Dull
Route 3
Staunton,
Virginia

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August 8, 1952

Miss Florence Whitish
Post Office Box 526
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Miss Whitish:

Flying SAVERS

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated August 1, 1952.

Since the matter referred to therein is within the jurisdiction of the Department of the Air Force, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to that Agency.

Your interest and cooperation in furnishing this material are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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