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A Message from Your Director

One of the major objectives of the Midwest UFO Network is to have competent Field Investigators in every county of each state in which we operate. MISSOURI has made rapid progress in this direction by the selection of the following State-Section Directors: St. Louis County--William F. Christian, 758 Ferry Road, St. Louis, Mo., 63125 - Telephone A/C 314 ME1-0972. St. Charles and Lincoln Counties--Clifford Palmberg, 3306 Hannibal Drive, St. Charles, Mo., 63301 - Telephone A/C 314 723-0439. Pike County--Cliff R. Pritchard, Route 2, Clarksville, Mo., 63336 - Telephone A/C 314 242-3985 (Amateur Radio Operator WØNYT). Jackson, Cass and Clay Counties--Dorance Becker, 303 Brush Creek, Kansas City, Mo., 64112 - Telephone A/C 816 PL3-3756.

It is an extreme pleasure and an honor to welcome two new consultants to MUFON's advisory board. The first is nationally known, having prepared a paper

for the SYMPOSIUM ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS for the Committee on Science and Astronautics, U. S. House of Representatives, July 29, 1968. Dr. Garry C. Henderson, 4305 Plantation Drive, Fort Worth, Texas, 76116 - Telephone A/C 817 244-0985, is a Consultant in GEOPHYSICS, specializing in magnetics, electromagnetics, and gravity. Professionally, Garry is Chief of Applied Research for General Dynamics in Fort Worth, Texas. Allen Benz, M. A., Box 548, Tinton, Missouri, 65081 - Telephone A/C 816 433-5758, has volunteered to serve as a Consultant in Library Science for MUFON. Allen has been very active as a Field Investigator and in library research for the past several years.

The growth of MUFON in the East to the Appalachian Mountain States has been very exciting and gratifying as we greet these new State-Section Directors. The TENNESSEE counties of Greene, Washington and Carter will be ably represented by George D. Fawcett, 1905 Moore Avenue, Greeneville, Tenn., 37743 - Telephone A/C 615 639-5404. George is a professional YMCA Director and is available to lecture on UFO's. Previously, he has organized UFO Study Groups in New England, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, in the East, and in Florida in the South.

PENNSYLVANIA received a hearty welcome to MUFON as State-Section Director for Elk and Cameron Counties, Mark R. Herbstritt, 967 Theresia St., St. Marys, Pa., 15857 - Telephone A/C 814 834-1932, takes on additional responsibilities. Mark, a Staff Member of SKYLOOK, the official publication of the Midwest UFO Network, will also serve

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as Astronomy Director for Pennsylvania.

Greater coverage of IOWA has been obtained with the appointment of Ralph C. DeGraw, Box 205, Hazelton, Iowa, 50641 - Telephone A/C 319 636-2620, to the position of State-Section Director for Buchanan and Fayette Counties. Ralph is presently compiling cases preparatory to writing a book on his specialty, "Flying Saucers Over Iowa." He is anxious to accumulate a very comprehensive case file of UFO sighting reports for the State of Iowa and solicits the assistance of MUFON members by exchanging and sharing of reports in their States.

An important area of TEXAS has been covered with the acceptance by Roger Hight, 6433 Long Meadow, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78413; Telephone A/C 512 991-4482 as State-Section Director for a 150 mile radius of Corpus Christi, extending to the Mexican Border. Considering the vast size of Texas, many more serious UFO researchers are needed to provide adequate coverage as State-Section Directors and Field Investigators. Interested persons are invited to write to the Director of MUFON stating their interest and qualifications.

A personal thanks to Herb Roth of Littleton, Colorado, for the mutual co-operation between VFON (Volunteer Flight Officer Network) and MUFON. Walt Andrus
Director

John F. Schuessler on St. Louis Radio Program

Your editor again had the pleasure of hearing John F. Schuessler, Director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis and Staff Member of SKYLOOK, speak on Jim White's "At Your Service" program on radio station KMOX, St. Louis, Mo., from 9 to 10 PM recently.

The first half hour was devoted to a discussion of UFOs between Jim White and Mr. Schuessler and the second half was filled with questions telephoned in by listeners and answered by Mr. Schuessler. Time ran out before all calls could be handled, as was the case in a previous program on which Mr. Schuessler appeared--certainly indicative of an ever-growing interest in UFOs in the St. Louis listening area.

Very little remains of the Laughter Curtain in the St. Louis and Quincy - Carlyle, Illinois area due to the fine work done by the St. Louis and MUFON groups and the increasing favorable reaction of all news media. The same is being accomplished elsewhere in scattered areas where MUFON members and other serious UFO investigators are convincing the public that UFOs are "serious business" as the late Frank Edwards pointed out.

Another indication that the news media everywhere is taking a second look at the subject of UFOs is the vast array of clippings gathered monthly by Rod Dyke (UFO Research Committee, 3521 S. W. 104th, Seattle, Washington) for his UFO Newsclipping Service with UFO reports from all over the world.

Last, but certainly not least in our own estimation, is the growing circulation of SKYLOOK. Anyone spending \$4 for a magazine of this type has to be truly interested in ufology--for that is the only subject we cover.

No, interest in UFOs is not dead by any means. It is growing.

Tell your friends you read it in SKYLOOK--that is the best kind of advertising.

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The deadline for copy is the morning mail of the 20th-- We hold a couple pages open for this--for the Message and last-minute reports of importance. We have so much this month, we'll try to condense some of them and get them in this issue instead of holding over for the next time.

Jean Lamb, one of our subscribers, writes a column "Around and About" for the "Big Basin Herald" of Muldrow, Oklahoma, and she featured UFOs, SKYLOOK and the Dr. J. W. Mueller sighting (August issue) in the Sept. 16th issue, being generous in her praise of SKYLOOK and our policy of telling it as it is. Thank you, Jean.

"Dedicated" has to be the word to describe Rosetta Holmes who sent in a UFO report from her hospital bed (we hope she is back home now and on the road to recovery). Beulah W. Herman, a nurse's aide,* saw a "bright, round orange ball coming from the north" about 9:45 the night of August 13th. The ball moved to the north and was large enough for sound to have been heard from any conventional craft. There was no sound. It now seems probable it was one of the weather balloons.

"Cross Country News," of Ft. Worth, Texas, carried a UFO report in the Aug. 26th issue. Two men camping north of Route 82 in Braceville Township (Ohio) spotted "a large shiny object, round with blinking light" about 1:30 a.m. The object was traveling at high speed, the men said, moving from side to side, up and down, dropping silver objects similar to shooting stars. The sighting was on August 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pease, of Angola, N. Y. watched a UFO at dusk for three minutes in the fall of 1966. It was described as being round and emitting orange jet-type flame from underneath while in a hovering position. The flame ceased as the object moved. They telephoned the local police who followed the UFO about two miles west where it stopped, hovered briefly over Lake Erie, then disappeared at tremendous speed. Shortly thereafter, Pease, still watching the sky, saw five UFOs of the same description traveling north at great speed. Reported by B. H. to John Schuessler.

Ted Phillip tells us that Paul Harvey reported a large, blue-white object seen by a large number of people in England, on his radio program Sept. 7th. Anyone have any more on that?

Leonard Sturm sends in a report by Robert T. Dillow, of Decatur, Ill. Mr. Dillow saw an object with flashing red, green, blue and white lights N. NE of Decatur at 11:30 PM the night of Sept. 7th. The red light seemed to be outstanding. Mr. Dillow watched it five minutes, then used a telescope for a better view. "The object was a series of colored lights rotating in a clockwise direction" and there was no sound. It appeared to be as large as an orange held at arms length. The object was moving to the northeast and climbing and was in view for 35 or 40 minutes. Mr. Sturm writes there were many UFO reports around Decatur the first of September and he feels most of them were stars or planets. Probably some were the weather balloons--see article.

Newspapers across the United States carried a long report "Unidentified Objects Are Still Reported" out of Washington and featuring NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena) which "is alive and functioning, if not flourishing, in the nation's capital," quoting the writer.

NICAP was organized in 1956 by a retired Marine Corps major, Donald Keyhoe, to conduct a civilian study of UFOs. Keyhoe, now retired, is writing his fifth book on UFOs at his home in Virginia. The present chairman of NICAP is a Washington business man, John Acuff. A former aerospace writer, Stuart Nixon, is full-time executive director and editor of the group's monthly newsletter "UFO Investigator" - 1522 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C. Membership dues, \$10 per year.
* Freeburg, Ill.

Two Witnesses See Car Disappear on Open Road as UFO Passes Over

Editor's Note: Our readers will readily understand that we do not have the time (or the mean\$) to make a personal investigation into the background of every person reporting a UFO. We, along with our staff members, believe the average report is made by an honest person who is making every effort to "tell it as it is." But once in awhile a report reaches us that is so remarkable that we feel we owe it to our readers to hold up the story until we can learn a little more about the character and background of the witness. After receiving the report we are about to give you, we corresponded with the observer. A member of our staff also visited him in his home, making a two-hour tape of their visit, and with the man's permission. For personal reasons which we respect, the observer does not wish his identity disclosed, and we have changed names of witnesses and places. Otherwise, the report is exactly as given by the man we'll refer to as John Smith.

On the night of May 23, 1969, John Smith and a friend, Tom Brown, were driving on a country road about 17 miles east of their home town in Unnamed State when they observed a brilliant bluish-white object to the east. It was a clear night and visibility was excellent. The time was nearing midnight.

The object, about 45 degrees from the zenith, moved slowly to the north on a parallel course to the road. At times the object would stop and hover, dimming and brightening while hovering. When it stopped, Smith stopped his car so they could watch the object.

This continued until they neared an intersection where the gravel road crosses a highway. Just before they reached the intersection, a car was approaching at terrific speed on the highway, so they stopped. The car slowed to make a curve, went into a ditch, almost turning over, then righted itself and sped on. As it passed in front of the headlights of Smith's car, the two saw its occupants--four men wearing some type of silver-gray coveralls, and a tightly fitting black head covering.

Because of the strange appearance of the men, the two witnesses decided to follow them. They fell behind because of curves in the road, but kept the speeding car in sight, then drew closer as they came to a straight stretch of road. When they were within 300 feet of the car ahead, the object which they had apparently forgotten for the moment, suddenly zoomed overhead and directly over the car they were following. As it was directly above the car, pulsating brilliantly, the brake lights of the car came on, and the young men feared they would crash into the vehicle. But at that same instant, the car simply vanished from sight--and the object rose sharply to the east, then turned north and disappeared into the distance.

The two witnesses, shaken by their experience, stopped their car and got out. They found nothing unusual at the site where the car had disappeared--no skid marks on the pavement or gravel shoulders. The car had simply vanished on a 2-mile stretch of open road.

The two observers told their families and a few friends of the happening, but did not report to a newspaper. "They would think you were crazy," Smith said.

Smith, a University student, who served in the Air Force, impressed our staff member as being intelligent and "on the level." Brown, we are told, is an electronic student and has little interest in UFOs in spite of his amazing experience.

UFO Group Identifies Weather Balloons--Spot Other Objects

Strange bright lights seen high in the southern sky in south St. Louis County Tuesday night, August 24th, were apparently the new, lighted weather balloons, part of a project to measure pollution.

John Schuessler, director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, told the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" several of his observers spotted the launchings, and recognized them as balloons. Mr. Schuessler also received reports of objects which turned out to be the new balloons on the nights of Aug. 12, 13, 16 and 17.

The balloons are used in a project called METROMEX (Metropolitan Meteorological Experiment) and are red, some white, some large, and some lighted. As many as 50 a day were released in the St. Louis area during the last weeks in July and the first weeks in August and no doubt were responsible for many UFO reports.

August H. Auer, Jr. heading the research team, explained the balloons are loosed at regular intervals from four permanent sites around the city of St. Louis and one near Pacific, Mo., then tracked from the ground to determine wind-velocity and direction.

During the late evening, the balloons when viewed from a distance through a haze appear yellow-gold in color as some of those reporting UFOs are describing them.

At night the balloons are tracked by means of a flashlight globe and small wetcell batteries attached to them, and the light could be mistaken for an erratically moving star.

The weather balloons set free at Pacific were ten feet or more in diameter and carry meteorological equipment. Two of this type were released daily. Balloons three-feet in diameter were released from sites in St. Louis and one near Horseshoe Lake in Illinois.

This year's METROMEX project has been completed in the St. Louis area, but will return next August to continue the project which will take about five years to complete.

However, at 9:45, the night of Aug. 24, Schuessler reported his observers in south county, at about Lemay Ferry road near Interstate 55, also saw three other objects, "round blobs of bright red light, apparently not connected because you could see sky between them," go off in a direction opposite to the wind. The reddish objects traveled from north to south and were soon out of sight, unlike the balloons.

With this information at hand, we suggest that our readers re-check some of the UFO reports in the September and current issue of SKYLOOK and some of those UFOs may become IFOs.

This is an opportunity to bring up another aid to identification. Too many report a strange light which they "first" believed to be a star or planet until "it began to move from side to side and up and down in erratic fashion." Fasten your gaze on a star--any star which you know to be a star--and gaze at it steadily for a few moments. You will swear it is beginning to "move from side to side and up and down in erratic fashion." This is a common optical illusion and deceives many.

We are grateful to members of the staff and others in the St. Louis area who sent in the newspaper clippings from which this article was written.

Joe Gurney, of the St. Louis group, has also pointed out that the night flying helicopters taking part in traffic control can easily be mistaken for UFOs by those unaware of their appearance on the night scene.

"The Nature of Ball Lightning" - Book Review by Clinton C. Williams

"The most frequent question encountered in the long history of the study of ball lightning is not how the ball is formed or what its properties are, controversial as these problems may be. It is, rather, whether ball lightning really exists."

Proponents of the (undisciplined) study of ufology, well aware that the most frequently encountered question is not how UFOs are formed or what their properties are, but, rather, do the objects in fact exist, will recognize in the quoted passage from Stanley Singer's monograph reviewing the phenomena of ball lightning a reference to research problems similar to their own: that study of a controversial phenomenon may be secondary to the persuasion of one's colleagues that the phenomenon exists.

Those few meteorologists and physicists and chemists studying ball lightning may be unaware of the difficulties encountered by ufologists, but for the serious student of the UFO phenomenon, a new book, "The Nature of Ball Lightning," by Stanley Singer, which purports to be the most comprehensive review to date of the literature on ball lightning--and which includes a bibliography of 594 entries, dating from the Book of Ezekial to 1970, to substantiate the claim--provides an insight into the difficulties encountered by orthodox scientists confronting an enigma, while supply^{ing} valuable reference data applicable to the investigation of UFO events, and, not its least asset, provides experimental data which refutes several of the hasty explanations of ball lightning and unintentionally not a few of the ill-conceived explanations of UFOs.

(The author takes care to point out, in reviewing the theories attempting to account for "Generation of ball lightning by chemical reactions, that ball lightning cannot be, as suggested, ". . . a secondary phenomenon initiated by ordinary lightning and possibly maintained by the reaction of chemical compounds [found in certain soils]." In other words, ball lightning is not swamp gas. Either.)

Ball lightning is not, moreover, an optical illusion, nor a misinterpretation of well known natural phenomena. But it is an enigma, still, though this excellent book defines the character of the enigma as well as present scientific knowledge allows, while providing a fine historical survey of the early attempts at understanding the phenomenon. The author's point in this survey, that older invalidated explanations, long forgot, have a way of recurring to harass contemporary investigators, is well taken. That contemporary investigators avoid time-wasting explorations of the barren sideroads of research often encountered demands an overview of the field under study, and this the Singer book provides. The lesson for UFO researchers is coincidentally applicable.

Of particular interest to the ufologist will be Chapter 5, "Observations of ball lightning" (defined in the present book as "a luminous globe which occurs in the course of a thunderstorm," often red, although varying in color, of varying size but commonly one-half foot in diameter, which commonly pursues a horizontal path near the earth, at low velocity, or may remain stationary, and endures for extended periods of time measurable in seconds or minutes, occasionally in confined places, and which may either disappear silently and harmlessly or explode with lethal energy); and Chapter 6, "Photographs of ball lightning." Reading the many accounts and examining the several photo-

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graphs one realizes how easy indeed it would be for the alarmed observers to attribute intelligence to the peculiar luminous entities.

In reviewing the theories and experiments on ball lightning to determine which, if any, seem valid, Singer gathers, under eleven topic headings, "information gradually accumulated in the literature over the past 130 years" which attempted to explain the nature of ball lightning. None succeeded in doing so.

A recurrently popular theory, transformation of linear lightning into ball lightning, is only partially supported by observations of ball lightning appearing closely following linear lightning strokes. The theory fails in not accounting for the appearances of ball lightning inside closed rooms and aircraft, several examples of which, in "Observations," Singer provides.

Theories do, on the whole, fail because of the great difficulty of explaining the appearances of ball lightning in confined places, without apparent external influence, and these problematic appearances of ball lightning are well-documented.

Chemical reactions, nuclear theories, charged dust and droplet models, molecular ion clouds, vortex structures, and the extensively considered electrical discharge theories, all reviewed in concise detail by Singer, while partially accounting for such ball lightning characteristics as luminosity or duration or contained energy, fail to explain the whole of the observed phenomena.

The increasingly sophisticated physical sciences have provided information on "plasma," defined in Singer's context as a high-temperature fluid having a high-charge density, and "plasmoids," the geometric structure containing this fluid, and Singer gives a great deal of space to a consideration of plasmoids as potential lightning balls. However, it appears that complex external electro-magnetic fields would be necessary to the production and maintenance of these dense, high-energy entities. No theory or experiment can account for this, yet.

However, Singer concludes with a review of the experimental data on "Formation of ball lightning by natural electromagnetic radiation," a highly technical survey of what is known of naturally-occurring radio frequency waves. Although the information available from controlled laboratory experiments can account only partially for ball lightning characteristics, such as long life, their association with other electrical thunderstorm discharges, and, most difficult of all, their generation within enclosed places (experimentally produced by the high-frequency radiation of focused radar beams directed toward evacuated glass bulbs below atmospheric pressure), other questions remain unanswered.

Ball lightning, then while remaining an enigma, is presently under active investigation by several different methods. The Singer book provides an excellent appraisal of these endeavors. It is published by Plenum Press, 227 West 17th, New York, N. Y. 10011. ix by 169 P., 24 fig. including 2 color plates. Hardbound, \$12.50.

Note: A less disciplined review of ball lightning phenomena appeared last year, which, although being antagonistic toward both "flying saucers" and Americans generally, is recommended to ufologists, Americans or otherwise. This is "The Taming of the Thunderbolts," by C. Maxwell Cade and Delphine Davis, published by Abelard-Schuman, Limited, 6 West 57th St., New York, New York.

Henry Ford II Confirms Newspaper Report of UFO Sighting

Our readers who have been interested in UFOs for many years are doubtless familiar with the report that Henry Ford II saw a UFO in April, 1968, but those just becoming interested in UFOs probably haven't read the report. Another reason we are repeating it at this time is because we have Mr. Ford's confirmation of the newspaper account. Joseph M. Brill, who is researching UFOs behind the Iron Curtain countries, wrote to Mr. Ford after the report appeared in the Oct. 2, 1968 edition of "The Detroit News" and we have a copy of Mr. Ford's reply of Feb. 24, 1969, as follows: Dear Mr. Brill: Mr. Irvin's story is an accurate account of my conversation with him. I did see the object he describes on Saturday morning, April 6, 1968. Signed: Henry Ford."

Bob Irvin's report follows:

Ever seen a flying saucer? I haven't. Moreover, I've always taken a rather dim view of people who claimed a saucer sighting, figuring they must have an angle. It's easy to be skeptical of such cases when you don't personally know the people involved.

So imagine my surprise when some people I do know and respect told of sighting a saucer. A planeload of Ford executives said they saw one on a trip back from Texas a few months ago.

Henry Ford II was in the group. "We saw something round and white," Ford said. "I don't know what it was, but it definitely wasn't a plane."

Ford and the others were flying back to Detroit from the HemisFair in San Antonio in the company's Jetstar. They were traveling about 550 m.p.h. at close to 40,000 feet.

"All of a sudden this big object appeared," Ford said. "It looked like a dish. It stayed beside us, but some distance away.

"I asked our pilot to radio the Air Force to send a fighter plane up for a look. He didn't want to because he was afraid they would think he was a kook."

Ford didn't issue any press announcement on it at the time but he was willing to talk about the experience yesterday. "I really saw this," he said. "It was quite a thing."

"I guess you could call it an unidentified flying object," he said. "It stayed with us for 30 minutes to an hour. I got bored looking at it. Ask the others about it."

I talked to a couple of others on the flight and one said, "It looked like a big silver dollar; I could see it from every window in the plane." Another commented: "We all saw it; it's a true story."

UFO in Arkansas

"Really pretty, but sorta scary" is the way one Fayetteville woman described an unidentified flying object reportedly seen by several residents shortly before dark Thursday. Mrs. Dick Dyer, 525 S. Hill St. described the object as being large in front and tapering toward the back and throwing off sparks. It was sighted about 8:45 p.m. moving from west to east. It was in view for six to seven minutes, then "just disappeared" she said. It was high in the sky and there was no noise.

At least two others reported the object to city police. Both described it as a "large streak of fire in the sky."
Source: "Northwest Arkansas Times," July 16, 1971. Credit: Lou Farish

Florida Resident Reports Sightings

Mrs. Jones (not her real name), of Sarasota, Fla., reports that on a dark night in June, 1969, she was in a car with several others on their way to Shortstop (a shopping center) on Siesta Key. She looked up and "I saw this metal-looking object; it was so close that I thought it was a water tower right behind the store" She recalls thinking she had never noticed a tower at that site, then realized that the object was not touching ground, but was "just hanging there in midair. It was shaped sort of like a top." the light from the shopping center shone on one portion of the object which "looked like shiny metal, like it would be real heavy." She couldn't believe what she was seeing, she said, and she yelled to others in the car to look.

Just as she did so, "before anybody could see it, it spun around so fast and disappeared." She said she could see no details, such as windows.

Mrs. Jones also reported sightings in the Cape Kennedy area where she lived in 1967-68. During a space launch in June or July of 1967 or 1968, she isn't sure which, radio station WLOF in Orlando reported bright lights hovering in the night sky. Taking her radio along, Mrs. Jones walked outside where she found others already watching the sky. "They were so close, they looked like airplane lights," she said. "They would travel a short distance and stop; they did this for some time. There were about half a dozen, going all over the sky." Then suddenly a big light appeared above the observer's home. It was "white-yellow" as were the other lights seen, and it "flew across the sky and disappeared."

Several observers telephoned the police, Mrs. Jones reported, but they "said they were crazy and wouldn't come and look."
(Credit: Ted Phillips)

California UFO Research Institute Publishes "UFO Review"

Your editor has received the first copy of "UFO Review" and we predict this one will be around a long time and with an ever-growing circulation. It is published by the California UFO Research Institute (CUFORI) with Stanton T. Friedman as Director and Peter Guttilla as editor.

The Institute is an independent, scientific and educational organization which cooperates with all recognized scientific groups and educational institutions. CUFORI is headed by a Board of Directors consisting of Los Angeles area scientists and other professional people and has as a major goal "to make measurements of UFO characteristics by sending adequate instrumentation to the scene of a sighting while it is in progress."

There are several types of membership, with dues from \$2 to \$10 per year, and we suggest you write for complete information. The address is: California UFO Research Institute, P. O. Box 941, Lawndale, Calif., 90260.

"UFO Review" will present case histories, book reviews, scientific papers, information re other ufozines etc. Stanton Friedman was the featured speaker at the MUFON Conference held in St. Louis June 12, and a report of the symposium is included in the "Review!" Mr. Friedman, a noted lecturer on UFOs has 20 college lectures booked in ten states before Christmas. His next lecture in the Los Angeles area will be at the El Camino College at 8 P.M., Tuesday, October 5th.

UFO Seen During Electrical Disturbance in California

Editor's Note: Mrs. Josephine Clark is editor of the ufo magazine "Data-Net" and the following report appeared in the August 1971 issue. 18-June-1971 - Ben Lomond, Calif. (Fri/0055 to 0155) At 12:55 a.m. Mrs. Josephine Clark and Mrs. Minna Thompson noted the beginning of an electrical disturbance which caused the electric lights and the television sets to dim or fade in and out in an irregular pattern (similar to Morse code impulses). Leonard Clark and Tom Thompson were awakened and alerted to the anomaly. While checking the surrounding area for anything unusual, all noted the television antenna and the power lines across the street snapping and buzzing with the same disturbance. The glow of the city lights of Scotts Valley to the east, Felton to the south and Ben Lomond and Boulder Creek to the West were all dancing in time to the music of the power lines.

Mr. Thompson walked to the end of the porch deck and noticed, centered between two trees, a huge orange glowing ball hovering low in the southern sky. "It seemed to sparkle, scintillate, or twinkle steadily," he said. "The edges of the disc were very round like a hoop." It was as large or larger than the full moon and covered the end of his thumb at arm's length. Suddenly it just disappeared, POOF! It looked like the symbol used on the Glen Campbell Good Time Hour (TV program). The object was in view about 30 seconds and never moved, according to Mr. Thompson. It just hovered between two pine trees about 1,000 yards from the house "all sparkling, like a fish eye." Mr. Thompson, W6BPV, checked the power surge with an accurate AC voltmeter. The line frequency of 60 cycles did not vary. The voltage fluctuated 5 to 8 volts to between 113 V and 115V, never exceeding 120 V. An odor of ozone was in the air.

At 1:55 a.m. a power failure occurred which effected the city of Scotts Valley and the San Lorenzo Valley from Felton to Boulder Creek-- an estimated 10,000 customers according to the local power company. Both the Thompsons and the Clarks reside at 7900 Harvard Dr., Ben Lomond Calif. There was no moon at the time. (First hand by J. Clark)*

UFO Reported in India

From the "Hindusthan Standard," of Calcutta, India--August 1, 1971. Colombo, July 31. --An unidentified flying Object (UFO) was observed by about 200 persons in Hewaheta, about 192 km from here, on the night of July 17, reports U. N. I.

This is the first time a flying saucer has been spotted in Asia.

A senior planter, Par Abeywickrema, superintendent of Rookwood Estate who was travelling through a tea estate at 6,000 feet above sea level with his two assistants and a chauffer at 10:45 p.m. first saw a bright circular object bigger than full moon above the rocky horizon.

Little later, while proceeding towards Rookwood, they observed the UFO moving towards them, said Mr. Abeywickrema. Then he saw the UFO which was stationary in a clear sky at an elevation of about 300 metres above ground nearly a quarter mile away.

After 10 minutes it travelled at lightning speed towards them and stopped just 90 metres away and descended to about 30 metres from ground level. They had a close glimpse of the extra-terrestrial "space ship" for over five minutes. The planters claimed it was a round object of about eight metres in diameter with two tapering wings on either side.

(Credit: Lou Farish)

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Odd-Shaped UFO Seen in California

Mrs. James Wiley (not her real name) recently reported an odd-shaped UFO seen in May 1963 when Mrs. Wiley lived in the state of California.

Mrs. Wiley was in the kitchen of their home at Hemet, Calif., when her daughter ran indoors calling out, "Come see the UFO over the house." Mrs. Wiley hurried out to the sun-deck and saw the large object hovering over their three-acre estate. From a very detailed sketch made by Mrs. Wiley, the object resembled a diamond-shaped craft with a domed top except the angles of the "diamond" are curves rather than sharp angles. Mrs. Wiley's own comparison is better--"like a great tailless Manta Ray."

The craft had a smooth "satiny" surface reflecting the bright rays of the setting sun. The sky was clear, the weather calm, and the object was sharply outlined against the sky.

After hovering over the house and walnut grove a couple minutes, the object moved slowly to the east down the San Jacinto Valley. At the east end of the Valley, near the 2-mile high San Jacinto Mountain, it rose at a sharp angle to clear the south arm of the range, then moved at tremendous speed to the southeast and disappeared.

Mrs. Wiley estimated the craft to be about 100 feet from nose to tail and 75 feet from wing-tip to wing tip. The "wings" seemed to be "hinged" and similar to a bird's wings in action. Lights could be seen at the front and rear of the craft and there was a sound which Mrs. Wiley described as being "low and soft."

While the craft was overhead, two horses and a burro on the property became "very excited." As it passed over the walnut grove, the trees "were blown in all directions but not broken."

Mrs. Wiley's home was about 12 miles from the March Air Base, and she described the craft and made a sketch of it, asking if the United States had such an aircraft or was in the process of developing one; but they reported they could find no evidence of such.

(Credit: Mrs. Jack Jareo, Jr., MUFON Investigator)

UFO Bursts Into Flames Over Lake, Man Reports

"Rochester Times Union," Aug. 18, 1971--Two calls came into the Monroe County sheriff's office last night about unidentified flying objects. A Penfield man called about 8:40 p.m. to report he had seen "a basket-type affair," cylindrical in shape, with bright headlights. It appeared to have a basket attached, was traveling northeast at about 30 knots (35 miles an hour) and "drifted like a star." About five minutes later, a man called from East Rochester and told them he saw a UFO that appeared to be over the lake. While watching it, he said, he saw one piece fall from it, then another about 30 seconds later. Then, it burst into flames, he said.

The U.S. Coast Guard reported no sightings. A spokesman for the Strasenburgh Planetarium said it received no calls. The most likely answer is given by the Irondequoit Seaplane Flying Club. Its planes are on floats and might look like a basket. Two of its planes were flying in the area about 8:45 last night. (Credit: Orestes Wilson)

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UFO Reports from Illinois

Duane Bright, 35, of Boulder, Ill., owner of Bright's Drive In at Carlyle, was visiting his sister living about 3 miles east of Boulder the night of July 6, 1971, when he and his sister observed a round object, appearing to be about 4 feet in diameter, high in the sky. It changed color, from red to blue and back again, and seemed to move back and forth. The sky was clear and there was no sound.

Gerald Skiver, 14, of Beckemeyer, Ill., was watching the sky the evening of June 16, 1971, and about 8:45 spotted a few white lights directly south of Beckemeyer, then a few second later, a few round, dark-colored discs about the size of a penny held at arms length flying in an oval formation. Twenty seconds later they changed formation-- about like the letter G, with angular corners instead of rounded, then disappeared into the west.

On the night of August 25, 1971, young Skiver, who has a keen interest in UFOs and scans the sky nightly, was at a drive in movie when he spotted a small, single light moving from southwest to northeast, parallel to the horizon. It disappeared to the northeast; then appeared a half hour later at the point where it was last seen and moved south of Beckemeyer. It started to descend, hovering at times, and the color changed from white to a red blinking light. (Credit for the three reports - Mae Jannett).

Mrs. X (name on file), a housewife residing near Carlyle, Ill., has an unusual report. On June 17, 1971, at about 10 P.M. she caught sight of an object in the partly cloudy western sky which, from her description might be described as a comet going around and around in a circle as tho chasing its own tail. It was white in color, there was no sound, and it made a revolution about every 15 seconds. She watched it for about 15 minutes.

A group of students, teen-agers, were returning to Carlyle from Centralia about 9:30 P.M. July 10, 1971 when they sighted an object in the west, heading north. It was a clear night and they watched it about 10 minutes. The young person making the report stated "the object was a cluster of gold-colored lights, made no sound, but it shot across the sky towards the north, looking similar to a bottle rocket when it takes off and was very small." (Reports made to Rosetta Holmes)

Terry S. Turner, of Beckemeyer, Ill., and Jerrel Garner, also of Beckemeyer, were riding in Garner's car the night of June 18, 1971, when they spotted a brilliant orange light. They were on the road that runs from the power sub-station (due south of Beckemeyer) into Beckemeyer where it becomes Scoville St. about a quarter of a mile south of the city limits. They were heading north and saw the object which appeared to be hovering over the extreme southwest corner of Beckemeyer. It was about 10:30 o'clock and the sky was overcast with very few stars, if any, visible.

Turner reports: "The object appeared as a brilliant orange light. I estimate its altitude was 150-200 feet. From our viewpoint it appeared to be just above the tree line of Beckemeyer. We observed the object for 3-4 minutes. It was in view until we entered the city limits, then was obscured by trees, houses etc. During the entire observation the object appeared to be perfectly motionless. It appeared to be about $1\frac{1}{2}$ times as bright as Venus is when it is the evening star. Although it had the orangish-yellow color typical of planets, its light was not as sharply defined as that of a planet. The light appeared to be fuzzy-- like a phosphorescent glow. The object never changed color, shape or position nor did it emit any sound or smoke or do anything of unusual nature." On arriving at the southwest edge of town where they expected to see the object hovering almost directly overhead, it had vanished.

Part II of a translation from the Czechoslovakian book "Flying Saucers - The Mystery of Our Century" by Josef Fleissig. A report by Dr. Horak of the Czechoslovakia Academy of Sciences.

The second case (time and story), that I personally observed one of these UFO's was in the city of Sofia (capital city of Bulgaria) and it took place as follows: I had been riding around the city when I saw a large crowd of people who were looking up at the evening sky. I departed the bus I was riding and, with the other citizens, I looked up to see an intensive sparkling object, with an almost perfect round shape, static and at a zenith point in the sky. Its brightness was comparable to the brightness of the city street lights, and was filling out an area of approximately one degree in diameter, in the sky.

Unfortunately, I did not observe the object for more than five minutes. After the disappearance of the object, I searched the sky where it had been over and over for a period of about two hours, but I did not see it again. I did discuss this event with some other people who said they observed it very near the horizon only as a small bright dot of light. But, as I recall, later on this event was mentioned in the local newspaper as having probably been some kind of balloon. And so I leave this case without any further comment.

To the above I would like to add only that the observations, in finding an answer scientifically that the same facts of these two observations can be related in other ways than what I have described.

In this article I have tried only to show the problem of seeking the truth and not only seeking, but also proving it, because I am sure that the UFO phenomena is in some way connected with the information given in the above data.

That was my experiences with these UFO's and I believe that I would be premature to say that (at least in the case of the object observed over Jicin) the object I observed is related in the category of the so-called "Flying Saucers." But, I am not in a position to present at this time any kind of theory (hypothesis) either pro or con on this subject.

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Second Blackout Darkens Quebec--Cause Unknown

A major power blackout hit Quebec, Canada, July 23, 1971, for the second time in three weeks, knocking out electrical services to thousands of homes and trapping late commuters in the city's subway system. Reports indicated the blackout, which hit at 8:26 PM, ranged to about 150 miles east of Montreal, 35 miles north, 90 miles south and 30 miles southwest.

A spokesman for Hydro Quebec, the provincial power supplier, said the company had "no idea as to what caused the trouble. It could be anything at all." Police said there were "no incidents out of the ordinary" during the blackout, although a large number of burglar alarms went off. Montreal was completely blacked out for 19 minutes, and some areas remained dark for up to two hours after power was first restored.

Editor's Note: This article was sent by David J. Gras, from the "Buffalo Evening News" - Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Gras, a MUFON representative, points out no mention of UFOs was made, but reminds us UFOs have been seen during such massive blackouts. We all recall the reports of UFOs during the big blackout along the East coast of the United States.

THE ASTRONOMY CORNER

The October Sky --Venus is currently an evening object, setting at about 6:20 CST on Oct. 1st, 6:00 by Nov. 1st.

Mars is seen throughout most of the evening hours in the medium high southern sky. The reddish object sets at 1:30 a.m. Oct. 1st and at 12:30 Nov. 1st.

Jupiter is seen in the low southwest for only a brief time after sunset. It sets at 8:20 p.m. Oct. 1st and at 6:30 p. m. Nov. 1st.

Saturn is seen rising in the south-southeast at 8:40 p.m. Oct. 1st and rising at 6:45 p. m. Nov. 1st. (Credit, Ted Phillips)

The Constellations. No. 11. Pegasus (The Winged Horse)-- Judging from the names of many of the individual stars in this constellation, the Arabs regarded it as a horse. Three of its brightest stars combine with the Alpha Andromedae to form the great square of Pegasus. At the latitude of New York City Pegasus is near the zenith at culmination. It crosses the meridian at 9 PM on Oct. 19. Inside the square a great German astronomer Argelander counted 30 naked-eye objects. A beautiful globular cluster M-15 is located in Pegasus.

This constellation reminds me of the story of Betty and Barney Hill who claimed they were taken aboard a UFO in the White Mountains of New Hampshire on Sept. 19, 1961. Under hypnosis Betty Hill revealed that she saw a map on the wall of the UFO. Some time later Betty was shown a map of the constellation Pegasus and she identified it as the same configuration as the map she saw.

The amazing part of this story is this: a year after the Hill UFO report the Russians claimed that they received intelligent signals on their radio telescopes which seemed to emanate from a strong radio source CTA-102 in Pegasus. (Credit, Mark R. Herbstritt)

Forsées Way to Talk to Other Planets

Moscow, Sept. 13.--If life forms exist on other planets, the technical possibilities exist to establish contact with them, a Soviet scientist said yesterday. A Tass dispatch from Yerevan, Armenia, quoted astro-physicist Viktor Ambartsumyan as saying that possibilities for communication with extraterrestrial civilizations were possible because of successes in the fields of astronomy, communication technology and cybernetics.

Ambartsumyan spoke at the end of a 6-day Soviet-United States symposium on the subject of communication with extraterrestrial civilizations. He said at the symposium that, of thousands of millions of stars in the galaxy, there must be many planets with favorable conditions for the development of life and in some cases with advanced civilizations. He pointed out however, that the question would only be solved by further research over a long period and involving large amounts of money. (Source: "St. Louis Post-Dispatch," August 13, 1971. Credit: Joe Gurney)

Tribute to Dr. McDonald

F. M. Castator, editor of Sentinel pays tribute to the late Dr. James E. McDonald in a page-editorial of his September issue, joining others in expressing regret for "a great loss to the serious study of UFOs and to the world of science in general." Interesting UFO reports are featured, and this is one of Mr. Castator's best issues. Subscription: \$4.50 for one year, published monthly. Sample copy, 50¢. Aerial Research Systems, P. O. Box 715, Banning, Calif. 92220.

The September issue of SAGA contained Ivan Sanderson's article dealing with an unidentified creature found on a Tasmanian beach several years ago. Sanderson suggests, how seriously, I'm not sure, that the "globster" did not wash ashore from the briny depths, but fell from the sky instead. There are a few "space animal" reports in UFO literature which are quite intriguing, so the notion should not be completely dismissed, far-fetched though it may seem.

I regret being unable to inform you regarding a UFO article which I am told appears in the October issue of SAGA. This magazine is always one to three weeks late in appearing on the local stands, so I do not have it available as I write this. Editor's Note: We're usually late too in picking up current magazines in Sedalia, but we have this one. The article is "Psychic Pearl Harbor" by Otto O. Binder and deals with "suggestology," the transmission of telepathic commands to large groups of people who obey them blindly and instantly" according to Binder. We'll leave the comments to Lou.

Still on the SAGA subject, the publishers of the magazine have gotten together another special publication, UFO REPORT #2, now on the stands. All but one of the articles are reprints from previous issues of SAGA. It might be a good compilation of UFO material for those who don't read the magazine regularly, but it is just re-hash for those of us who do read it each month.

The September 12 issue of NATIONAL ENQUIRER contains an interview with well-known Canadian UFO researcher, Dr. P. M. H. Edwards.

A very good book review by SKYLOOK staff member, John F. Schuessler appears in the October issue of FATE. John reports quite favorably on Eugene Burt's book, UFO'S AND DIAMAGNETISM, which was also reviewed by John in a recent issue of SKYLOOK.

A recent book, VISITORS FROM LANULOS, tells the story of contactee Woodrow Derenberger's alleged encounters with "spacemen," as well as his later claims of trips to other planets. It is rather difficult to write a review of this book without re-hashing what has already been said about the contactee phenomenon in previous columns. Derenberger's story, as related by author Harold W. Hubbard, is much the same as other contactee accounts in many ways, yet there are just enough differences to make one wonder. Even though the UFO researcher may feel that investigations of contactee claims represent so much wasted time, it would be folly to completely ignore them. VISITORS FROM LANULOS covers the 1966-1968 period of Derenberger's life, but for some reason, does not report on later claims of contact. The book is available from Vantage Press, Inc. - 120 W. 31 St. - New York, N. Y. 10001 for \$3.75.

Editor's Note: We have just received a copy of Eando (Otto) Binder's "Night of the Saucers," a science-fiction tale and a sequel to "Menace of the Saucers," published two years ago. We haven't had time to read it yet, but we're pleased to note mention of SKYLOOK (and other ufazines) on page 19. Thanks, Mr. B. The paperback edition is 75¢ and should be on your news stand.

We suggest that members of the staff and others who have access to scientific and trade journals which do not appear on the news stands and which frequently contain articles on UFOs send the article, or a brief review of same, to Lou for inclusion in this column.

Quincy Daily Herald, April 20, 1897

HAD A FAKE AIR SHIP

People of Waterloo, Iowa, Found
it Moored to the River Bank

The "Professor" Told How He Had Sailed in it From San Francisco -
Five Thousand People Visit and Wonder at it--Was Just a Joke by
a Local Wag.

Waterloo, Ia., April 20. -Waterloo has not seen many more exciting days in her history than last Tuesday. It began early in the morning, when the first discovery was made of the aerial navigator and his crude craft, which was firmly anchored in the west bank of the Cedar River, just inside the city limits. There lay the ship, which was constructed of canvas, heavily painted and stitched, with a framework of light lumber.

The principal parts of the concern were two large cigar-shaped balloons each thirty-six feet in length and about 10x12 by 7 feet in size, inside of which were the compressors and generators, with which the stranger guarding the monster seemed to be perfectly familiar and of which he spoke quite freely. No opportunity was given anyone to inspect the machinery, and any attempt to cross the rope fence which the "professor" had erected was met with an order to stay out.

This conduct on the part of the man served only to arouse a greater curiosity. Visitors had begun to pour in from all parts of the city and the news spread like wildfire. It was only a few moments before the telephone and telegraph wires were busy receiving messages from outside towns asking for information on the latest airship. The professor guarded his treasure and told a straight story, how, in company with a Mr. Stormont, he left San Francisco on March 20, and gave every detail of the voyage up to the time of his landing here.

Five thousand people visited the place to see the alleged airship. The monster was built by a local wag, who has devoted more than a week's time to its construction, and when it was finally completed and placed on the ground not half a dozen persons on earth besides the inventor knew of it. The grounds around it were crowded and people were coming in from a distance expecting to see it start on its journey at the hour appointed by the professor. When told that one man had fallen overboard just before landing a searching party was organized by some one of the more credulous and a start was made at dragging the river for his remains, when it was discovered that the whole thing was a hoax.

Astoria, Ill. April 19--Bert Swearingen, a boy 16 years of age, brought to the office of a local paper yesterday a message from the airship. In a field north of town the boy picked up a piece of fishing pole about two feet in length. On one end of this was securely tied a rock weighing two or three pounds. To the other end was tied a red and blue streamer and a large envelope, on the outside of which was written the following message: "From airship. Notice to the finder

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Airship - continued

Please mail letter inside...Passed over about 2:30 p. m. on April 16, 1897; Friday, about 2,300 feet high, going east and north. Excuse dirt, -as just got done oiling. Signed, Harris." On the inside of the above mentioned envelope was another letter, stamped and addressed to "Mr. T. A. Edison, New York City, N. Y." The outside envelope was somewhat greasy and looked as though it had been handled by a person with greasy fingers. Several persons of this city saw the ship on Thursday.

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PATTERNS April 26, 1897. A resident of Sidaw, Michigan, By Mark Herbstritt saw an airship on this date at 11 P.M. Quote: "I happened to cast my eyes upward and to my astonishment I saw three large lights--red, green and white. It was a bright night and I could plainly discern a cigar-shaped object and a basket below, somewhat resembling a street car." Source: "Flying Saucer Review" Vol. 15, No. 1.

Santa Barbara, Calif. Aug. 14, 1968. At 8:20 P.M. the Grayson family saw a UFO through a 60-power telescope. "It was gray in color, cigar-shaped, with myriads of green, red and white lights twinkling like sparklers along its length." Source: "Saucer Scoop," February, 1969.

Any Old Legends Around the House?

Angelo Capparella is extremely interested in collecting old legends and folklore and hopes our readers will send him the ones from their area. He is particularly interested in what he terms physical legends, i. e. ghostlights, mystery animals, Fortean phenomena, places where supernatural occurrences are alleged to occur etc.

Also, he would like specific information on the following Missouri legends: footprints on the rock along the Mississippi, Breadtray Mountain, Ghost Pond in Stone County; the creature in Creve Coeur Lake; the mystery star of Columbus; legend of Knob Noster; the panther curse in southwest Missouri; legend of Dead Man's Hill near Boliver; ghost of Muir mansion; dancing ghosts near Sedalia; and the seven year light on Bone Hill.

Mr. Capparella, former editor of a ufozine, writes he realizes that this subject is somewhat unrelated to UFOs; however, there are possible references to UFOs in some of the legends and folklore. So many of these legends which have survived for decades open new fields of investigation in seeking the truth or half truth on which many are based.

This could be a fascinating study, and Mr. Capparella is urged to pass on to SKYLOOK any legends relating to UFOs.

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Organization Notes The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis held its annual business meeting at 2 P.M. Sunday, September 12, in the meeting room of the Lemay Bank, 152 Lemay Ferry Road. About thirty members and guests were present to hear Director John Schuessler read the by-laws--thanks to the generous help of our legal counsel, Mr. Stanley R. Schuchat, the group is now fully incorporated as a not-for-profit organization. Regular meetings are to be held on the second Sunday of each month. Dues for voting members will be \$3.00 per year (\$2.00 for non-voting members) to help defray costs of postage, stationery and other administrative expenses.

Members were invited to volunteer for the following committees: Publicity and Public Relations, Investigation, Research, Speakers and Arrangements, Radio Net, and Library and History.

A financial statement was read by Treasurer William Christian, then everyone took a break to enjoy delicious punch and cookies served by Mrs. Christian. The second half of the meeting was devoted to general discussion of UFO sightings. One of our guests was Mrs. "Smith" (see page 4, September SKYLOOK) who brought along color pictures taken recently in the clover field where her 1967 sighting took place. The pictures showed clearly the stunted plants in the landing area and the healthy ones in the rest of the field.

On October 15, members of the group will be guests of the St. Louis Astronomical Society. The meeting will be held at 8 P.M. at the St. Louis Planetarium in Forest Park, and our Director, John Schuessler, will be the featured speaker. This event will take the place of the regular October meeting. (Reported by Carol Armstrong)

MUFON Radio Net The time: 1900 CDT. Dates: Sept. 14-30, Oct. 8-24, Nov. 9-25, and Dec. 12.

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Read these cases in full, pages 101 through 111, as presented by Leonard H. Stringfield in the book 1971 Midwest UFO Conference Proceedings. This book contains the speeches of all speakers at the Conference held in St. Louis in June of this year--also pictures of the speakers and notes about their life and careers, information about MUFON, and other UFO-related material.

For your copy, send a check or money order for \$3.00 (\$3.75 outside U. S. and Canada) to: UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc., Box 9, O'Fallon, Missouri, 63366.

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BEFORE

By Lucius Farish

From the Winter 1954 issue of the CSI (Los Angeles) QUARTERLY BULLETIN:

SIGHTING BETWEEN CEYLON AND PALEMBANG, SUMATRA, 1944--During World War II as a B-29 pilot in the C. B. I., I was on a mission from Ceylon, bombing Palembang, Sumatra.

The date was August 10, 1944, time shortly after midnight. There were 50 planes on the strike going in on the target at about 2 or 3-minute intervals. My plane was the last one in on the target and the assignment was for us to bomb, then drop photo-flash bombs attached to parachutes, make a few runs over the target area, photographing bomb damage from the preceding planes. The weather was broken clouds, with an overcast above us. Our altitude was 14,000 feet, indicated air speed 210 mph.

About 20 to 30 minutes after we left the bombing area my co-pilot reported a strange object pacing us about 500 yards off the starboard wing. At that distance it appeared as a spherical object, probably 5 or 6 feet in diameter, of a very bright and intense red or orange in color. It seemed to have a halo effect.

My gunner reported it coming in from about the five o'clock position at our level. It seemed to throb or vibrate constantly. Assuming it was some kind of radio-controlled object sent to pace us, I went into evasive action, changing direction constantly as much as 90 degrees and altitude about 2000 feet. It followed our every maneuver for about 8 minutes, always holding a position of about 500 yards out and about 2 o'clock in relation to the plane. When it left, it made an abrupt 90 degree turn, up and accelerating rapidly it disappeared into the overcast. A. M. R.

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