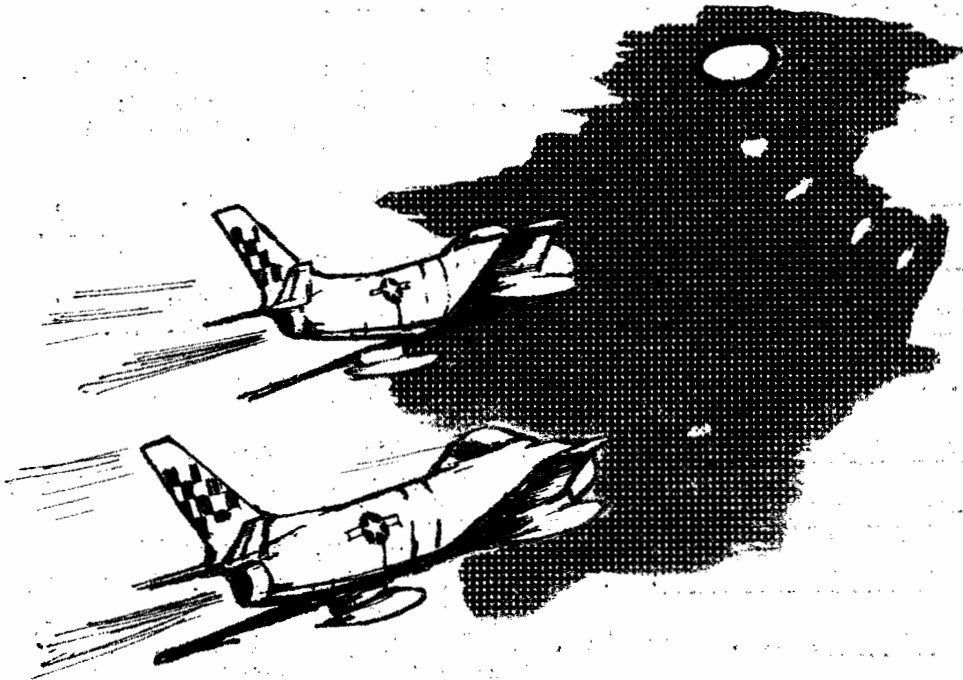


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ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Executive Committee regret to announce the resignations of Mr. B.L. Wright (from the Committee) and Mr. R. Shepherd (from secretaryship of the Contact Investigation Section), both owing to pressure of other committments; two vacancies in the Committee have been filled by the appointments of Rev. R.K. Hurgon and Mr. B. Nubel, A.R.C.A., who has also been appointed Secretary of the "Photograph Analysis Section" (see page 14). Mr. E.H. Livingstone has been appointed Australian Representative.

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LUFORO LIBRARY

We are fortunate to have the use of a large room belonging to one of our members, the Reverend R.K. Hurgon, at 106, South Hill Park, Hampstead, where we can house books and literature, and where members can come any Saturday afternoon, between 4 and 6 p.m., to use it as a Reference Library.

Since our formation, nearly three years ago, we have collected several hundred UFO bulletins and magazines, and these will be found here for members who wish to refer to them. Already several books have been lent to the Library by enthusiastic members, and a few others have been presented. However, we need a lot more books if we are to build this into a real Library, and we hope all members who can will do their utmost to help in this respect. Furthermore, as soon as we have received most of the UFO books in duplicate, we shall be able to start a Lending Library, which will be an additional benefit to members.

In the way of magazines, we should particularly welcome back numbers of British journals, such as "Flying Saucer Review" or the Bulletins which the British Flying Saucer Bureau used to publish. Magazines from all countries prior to 1960 are also required, as it was only in that year that we began to receive other publications in exchange for LUFORO BULLETIN.

In addition to books devoted to UFOs themselves, literature on any of the following subjects, which may be helpful in our researches, will be accepted: flying saucers and "contactees", space travel, exobiology, astronomy, artificial satellites, rocketry, aerodynamics, aviation, aircraft, missiles, balloons, meteorology, geography, oceanography, geology, mineralogy, physics, birds, folklore, criminology, psychology, parapsychology, history, defence, photography, etc.

Please send your presentations (or literature you are willing to lend for the Reference Library) to the Librarian:

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While not referring to the Library, members will always have the opportunity to discuss some aspect of research with others at No. 106, from 4 to 6 p.m., and on fine summer afternoons members may step out onto Hampstead Heath. On the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in the month photographs and reports will usually be analysed. After 6 p.m., committees, study groups or working parties will operate.

## REFERENCES

As an organisation of over three hundred members it is reasonable to suppose that our combined knowledge is greater than that of any individual member. It is proposed, as an experiment, to try to tap this knowledge for the benefit of all by compiling lists of references of selected aspects of Ufology. The procedure will be as follows:- we shall invite members to send us all the references they have to a certain subject; in a subsequent issue of the bulletin we will print a combined list of all the references received. Thus anyone wishing to investigate that subject will have a list he would find it difficult to obtain by his own unaided efforts.

The subject for this issue is:- falls of fibrous material. If you have any references to falls of fibrous or thread-like material, associated with UFOs or not, please send them to Charles A. Stickland, 22, Roseberry St., London, S.E.16. Useful details are title of article, name of author, name of publication, date, volume number (if any), page number, column number (i.e. in newspapers). We emphasize this is an experiment. If you think it is worthwhile, dig out those references and make it a success!

C.A.S.

## CONTACT INVESTIGATION SECTION

I am compiling, on behalf of the Contact Investigation Section, a list of people who have claimed to have sensed (seen, heard, etc.) and/or communicated with creatures in or originating from Unidentified Flying Objects. We need the name(s) and address(es) of the person(s) concerned and/or references to any published reports concerning the contact: the latter should be as detailed as possible. If you have any information of this kind please send it to Charles A. Stickland, 22, Roseberry St., London, S.E.16.

Please note that the above is concerned with past claims - details of those occurring after this bulletin should be sent to the Chairman of LUFORO.

C.A.S.

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

There is a need to find a method of approach to our visiting U.F.Os. Equally, there is a need to find out whether or not beings in U.F.Os. are trying to communicate with us.

No one person, indeed no group of persons possesses a monopoly of ideas on the subject. Amongst our membership may be somebody who has a good idea or theory about the matter that they may be bursting to tell <sup>us</sup>.

Don't burst; tell us. If you, or a friend of yours, a member or not a member of LUFORO, has an idea that is new, entirely different, or is likely to be practically useful in dealing with the problem of U.F.Os., write to the Editor about it.

R.W.P.

A T H O M E  
TO ALL COMERS

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From Porthleven (Vide "The Cornishman," issue dated 15-3-'62)

Is it fortuitous that many U.F.Os. reported are cigar-shaped (for this shape was always a favourite with Science-fiction writers of the 1930s and 1940s) or is there a sound reason in Nature that they should be so shaped?

On the evening of Tuesday, 13-3-'62, residents of Porthleven saw a "flaming cigar-shape" in the sky at about 6.30 P.M. The object seemed to be travelling away from the North Coast of Cornwall towards the sea. It was at first thought to be the vapour trail of an aircraft lighted up by the sun, but the object did not alter shape or colour as it disappeared beyond the horizon.

The R.N.A.S. at Culdrose had no 'planes up at the time and the local Coastguard stations could offer no explanation. (Credit P.Davy)

Mr. J. Cleary-Baker says:

".....from the description I am inclined to write it down as a U.F.O. - the fusiform kind classified by American investigators as Type 1A and given the code-name of "Little Smoke."

This verdict is tentative. The newspaper clipping does not provide enough data for a firm judgement to be reached."

Conclusion....Probably an unknown UFO.

And From "Bolton Evening News":

Continuing from a letter in "Readers' Views," another letter gives some further information about a strange visitation. An unknown object was thought, by a typist, to be "a big firework!" A Mrs. Bell heard what she described as "intermittent pips" proceeding from it, but Denise Roberts Harper thought the sounds were more like squeaks, which might have been in Morse Code. Denise also "saw something similar" about a week - ten days earlier.

Ideas about the object ranged from spies to "Russian Sputniks!"

(Credit to Direct Investigation Group on Aerial Phenom.)

Under dateline Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, 24-1-62:

"At approx. 6.15 P.M. on 21-1-62. I was outside the house when a friend drew up his car. I went over to speak to him and went into the car, the window of which was open. When I was speaking, I noticed 3 lights moving from West to East, through trees, at an estimated height of 4000-5000 ft. They appeared to be in the same position as the navigational lights on an aircraft and were travelling at roughly the same speed as an aircraft would at that height. Being a member of the Royal Observer Corps, I got out of the car to try to identify the "aircraft," as I supposed it was. The first thing that struck me was

that there was no sound of aircraft engines. This was odd, because the breeze was from the S.W. and the estimated distance of the object was, in my judgement, 3-4 miles. I had been observing the object for approx 15-20 seconds when it disappeared behind a bushy fir tree and did not reappear.

The only clouds that were in the sky lay along the horizon and none appeared to near the object. The lights, too - one above the other - were as bright as Sirius or Venus (I am also an amateur astronomer) with a light of the third magnitude immediately to the right of them. They were part of the same object."

Signed: Ingval Maxwell (a student)

Mr. J. Cleary-Baker reports:

"This account is by a person competent to observe accurately and report correctly on what he has seen.

Since the sky was mainly unobscured and in view of the lack of sound from the object and its sudden disappearance I think it was not an aircraft and must be regarded as a U.F.O."

Conclusion....Unknown.

From Mr. H. Bunting (an Electrical Engineer) of 34 Bowerfield Ave, Hazel Grove, Stockport, Cheshire:

"I was just about to put the car in the garage for the night when I saw the object low down in the sky. As I watched it my wife joined me and expressed amazement at its size and lack of noise.

We observed it for 3 minutes, finally losing it behind some of the houses opposite.

See my previous correspondence, sketches, weather information from Ringway (official), calculations, and personal observations!"

Subsidiary details (not always possible to reproduce in cases that come to our notice) are, in this case, rather extensive. We give them in precis, as follows:

Sighted 12-12-1961. Time: 9-36 P.M. (Electric clock time). Map given. No sounds from object. Colour: Bright white (As bright as Venus) Direction of travel: to N.W. Approx. bearings taken with compass and protractor. Height: 2500-3000 ft. Witness not wearing glasses. No aircraft in vicinity. No other effects than those described. Object performed right angle turn upwards. Night: dark. Stars and planets were visible. A few clouds seen approx. 4000 ft height. Witness certain that object was not aircraft, satellite, meteorite, or balloon. Police or other official bodies not approached in the matter.

Signed: H. Bunting.

From Miss Jennifer Holberton, 34 Dugard Avenue, Colchester, Essex:

"I was sitting in the back of the car coming back from Chelmsford. When we were approaching Kelvedon I happened to look out of the window and I saw the two strange lights in the sky. I followed them as they

moved slightly, then one vanished. A second or two later the other one vanished. Then I looked along a little and saw a long brownish grey object in the sky. Then it disappeared, as well."

Details: Witness not wearing glasses. No idea as to what the object may have been. Date of sighting: 10 P.M. on 2-12-61. (G.M.T.) Seen from main road. Car moving at 30 M.P.H. No moon. No clouds. Approx size: that of 2/- piece, held at arm's length. Outline: distinct. Stars visible. (Direction not ascertained according to compass-point, but roughly located by map drawn). Weather: cold. Object seen through car window.

Mr. J. Cleary-Baker comments as follows:

"This young lady of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  has given us a most interesting report of what I can only suppose to have been a U.F.O. I should like some additional data on certain aspects of the sighting, but enough has been recorded to establish the nature of the object seen.

Ionization effects account for many of the colour phenomena associated with U.F.Os., but in some instances, as in the present, there are indications that lights are shown deliberately.

Why? One assumes that a primitive signalling system with lights would not be necessary in U.F.O. to U.F.O. communication.

May it be that the light signals are to watchers on the ground? If so, the possibilities are interesting....."

Conclusion.....Unknown.

A letter from Mobile P.O. Peter Burford of Glamorgan Police:  
Under dateline 28-8-61:

"Whilst on patrol about a month ago I caught a glimpse of something in the sky at Pentre Meyrick. It looked like a full moon and was very bright. Unfortunately it was only a brief glimpse as I was travelling towards Bridgend and it was hidden from my view by tall trees. When I caught sight of it again, it was disappearing rapidly in the distance and was gone in an instant. I had an observer with me but as it was on my side he couldn't see very much and wasn't very interested anyway!

I haven't said anything about it to anyone as I didn't see much and nobody else saw it. If you will remember, a few years ago ("Nearly three" - comment by Mrs. B.S. Blundell) one was sighted in the same area (Penllyn Hill) by two different patrol cars at the same time!

Note by Mrs. B.S. Blundell:

"This area seems to be one crossed by saucers. A lady, driving herself home from Cardiff about 6-30 in the evening, saw one travel across the sky, again over Pentre Meyrick, about two years ago."

Credit to Mrs. B.S. Blundell.

ALL ABROAD  
FOR MYSTERY

"Do I sleep? Do I dream?  
Do I wonder and doubt?  
Are things what they seem,  
Or is visions about?  
Is our civilisation a failure?  
Or is the Caucasian played out?

Language from Truthful James

(Bret Harte)

From California, U.S.A. the following:

A man and wife (unnamed) of McArthur looked towards Coble Mountain, Calif. at 7.00 and 7.05 P.M. and witnessed the strange sight of an oval-shaped object divided laterally into 3 bands of coloured light, top third green, middle white, and bottom red. It appeared to be hovering, the lights flashing, and was watched for 3 hours. An hour after being sighted, the object released a smaller object from one side (unstated) and this departed towards Fall River Valley, returning one hour later and rejoining larger object. As it re-entered, a similar smaller object left the opposite side and passed towards the Creek and also returned in an hour, re-entering the larger object. Then the object headed towards Redding "at great speed" (apparently unestimated).

This took place on Wednesday, 18-10-'61.

The same couple saw the same phenomenon re-enacted on Sunday, 22-10-'61.

In the same vicinity, at Fall River Mills, on 18-10-'61, two small boys, Reggie Bell and Randy Bassett, both aged 11 years, were in front of the Roy Bassett home and reported that they saw a strange round object in the sky at 7.00 p.m. It remained in view for several minutes, growing brighter and then dimmer. It glowed with a white light and released other objects from either side.

Vide "Inter Mountain News" Fall River Mills, Calif.  
quoted in "Saucer News" (Fort Lee, New Jersey) issue  
dated March, 1962.

Things have been happening in Argentina, too:

The newspaper "El Mundo" took a statement from a truck driver named Jose A. Fillipin, (issue dated 10-1-'62) to the following effect: he was driving his truck from Tucuman to Catamarca, accompanied by 2 companions, when 2 powerful lights were noticed, overhead. He stopped the truck to investigate and the lights disappeared "at surprising speed". Further along his route, at Amadores, the 3 people noticed a strange machine at rest on a hillside about 100 yds from the road, close to the shore of the River Palin. The light was sufficient (it



was night time) to enable them to descry the domed top of the machine, which was "like the top of a 'bus!"

The object moved away rapidly when the witnesses tried to shine the truck headlights on it. (The following is slightly ambiguous) "When we got closer, we saw that there were 2 identical machines rather than one, and they were moving slowly back and forth in a zig-zag motion!"

Reaching Catamarca, Fillipin told his story to the Police, who sent a posse back with him to scene of the landing. The machines had vanished, but while they lingered one of them returned and made a "landing or near landing" descending slowly within sight of them all but at a considerable distance from them.

The Police went to and searched the area of the almost landing, but discovered nothing untoward.

Inspector General Pedro Tolosa, Chief of Investigations for the province, heard and believed the tale. He is a person impatient of "Flying Saucer" sensations, but apparently accepted the witness of his own men. The "follow-up" of this story is not yet to hand.

Vide "Saucer News" issue dated March, 1962.

And a moment of panic in Venezuela:

On 6-10-'61, at about 11.0 P.M. some fishermen of Santa Rita were out on Lake Maracaibo when a huge object, its glow lighting up the adjacent town, passed slowly overhead. As its glare shone on the boats, dozens of frightened fishermen dived overboard, one of them drowning, and tried to swim ashore. (The drowned man was one Bartolme Romero.)

The town's inhabitants were no less terrified as the object passed over their heads.

The object remained in view for 5 minutes, eventually disappearing to the south leaving a kind of exhaust trail of reddish colour behind it.

It is obvious that this huge visitor was not of meteoric origin.

Yet again in New Mexico:

Mr. and Mrs. du Bois, of 13481 Shirley Street, Westminster, Calif. were driving along Route 60, returning from a holiday. The road was deserted. At about 2.0 A.M. "a brilliant ball of white light" shone on their car, slowed down, then followed alongside it. (Night of 21-10-61)

Mrs. du Bois thought it might be a plane making a forced landing, but the ball suddenly shot away up into the sky. Mr. du Bois' notion that it was a trick of the moonlit was also thus discounted.

The ball came down again, sped ahead of the car, then halted to let them catch up. Still keeping level with the car, the ball split into 4 separate entities, until a Service Station came in sight and the car slowed down. Thereupon the 4 objects darted upwards and vanished.

**From New Hampshire:**

About midnight, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Hill, of Portsmouth, were driving along U.S. 3., (the road being deserted) when they noticed something bright in the sky (It was the night of 19-20-9-'61) They trained a 7x50 binoculars on it and beheld a flattened disc having a strip of light as though on its edge. The object came towards them and they saw that it was rotating on its axis, the band of light occupying only half the circumference. As it turned, a "blinking" effect was obtained.

As the car got within 4 miles of North Woodstock, the object descended to within 80-100 ft. of the ground, and the Hills saw that the light-strip was composed of a row of windows from which emerged beams of bluish-white light.

Mr. Hill stopped the car (he thought he was looking at a new kind of Helicopter) and the object tilted downwards towards him. There was, as it seemed, activity within the "windows" as of "figures" moving about; 2 red lights moved out from the object, and, as Mr. Hill concentrated his gaze, he saw that these were on the tips of fin-like structures that were sliding out from the object.

By this time, the strange apparition was only 50-80 ft. above him: he was seized with doubt and then panic. (He felt he was being watched) He dived back into his car, gave the latter full throttle, and rushed away. As they sped away, he and his wife heard what he called "beeping" sounds and the outer frame of his car vibrated in tune with them.

At Newton, Mass., the couple reported the incident to the Police, the Chief of which advised them to tell their tale at the Pease Air Force Base. This they did.

At the base, the Officers showed particular interest in the "red lights on the wing - like extensions"

The matter is reported to be "still under evaluation" by the following persons: Major Henderson, N.A.F. Base, Pease, Walter J. Webb, Chief Lecturer on Astronomy, Hayden Planetarium, Boston, and 2 Electronic Engineers "aiding NICAP"

Vide "UFO Investigator", organ of National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Washington, D.C., issue Jan. Feb. 1962.

**Comment.**

Such a circumstantial story will be difficult to translate as Venus seen under unusual conditions, Meteors, "Mirror" reflections, Air Balloons, or intoxication of the parties experiencing the phenomenon.

And from Indianapolis, the following Fortian Phenomenon:

Mr. Frank Edwards, member of the Board of NICAP, was leaving WTTV Studio about 8.0 P.M. on 12-10-'61, when he happened to look up. Hundreds of other citizens of Indianapolis were looking up, too. He saw

a globular object having a metallic sheen, on the top of which glowed a steady green light, from the ports or windows of which shone a bright, pulsating white light, and underneath which flashed some red lights. The object, which was huge, also reflected the lights from the city below. As he watched, the object spiralled upwards, hovered a while, then sped away to the south.

Mr. Edwards set about interviewing witnesses, some of whom said that the object rotated clockwise, others that it appeared a true circle seen from directly underneath.

Witnesses included members of a train crew, Jerry Carter, Fireman, Nolan S. Garman, Driver, and two factory guards (Watchmen) of a meat packing factory, Messrs. Bud Kaesel and Walter Jamison.

People always dislike the abnormal, if inexplicable, and attempts were made to explain this away as "an advertising airplane." No sounds, however, were reported by witnesses as emanating from the visitor, and its general appearance and behaviour rules out the "aeroplane" theory.

Vide "UFO Investigator" (NICAP) Issue dated Jan-Feb.1962.

From Dundas area, Canada:

Some persons were travelling from Souris to Montague when they saw 3 objects shaped something like footballs whose behaviour in the air suggested that they could travel in any way they pleased, with ease. Each had a kind of "rear light" attached which "blinked" on and off. (From the report, which is rather discrete, it seems that the objects hovered and moved up and down.)

Vide "Charlottetown Patriot", 28-8-'61. Credit NICAP, Washington, via Mrs. June Larson, and "Saucers, Space & Science" Issue Feb.1962.

And from Lihue, Hawaii:

A brief note to a reproduced photograph (one of 2 snapped from Kalapaki Beach by Masa Arita) of a UFO looking very like a football (Vide note re Dundas, Canada). No details, however, are available.

Vide "Saucer News" Fort Lee, N.J. Issue dated March, 1962.

Sarnia, Ontario, Canada:

On the evening (10.15 p.m.) of the Friday preceding date below, a brilliant red and white object was seen skimming across the south-western sky, proceeding south, turning, and racing away north. As it turned a brilliant white beam emanated from it.

Vide "Sarnia Observer" issue dated 9-7-61, quoted in "Saucers, Space & Science" issue of Feb. 1962.

Darwin, Australia (N.T.):

Many people viewed the following phenomenon at 7.55 and 8.40 on the evening of 27-7-61. A saucer-shaped, glowing object (bluish col-

our) appeared from a North-westerly or North direction proceeding at a height estimated to be between 1000-2000 ft. It described a wide circle across the harbour then moved southwards. It practically "buzzed" a train travelling from Larrimah to Darwin, the driver, Douglas Clarke, stating that he saw a "big ball of fire" coming towards the train from behind. Speaking for himself and his Fireman, he said "It gave us quite a turn". He continued "I've never seen anything like it; I don't believe it was a comet, I don't know what it was".

Emira Parker, of the Esplanade, Darwin, testified: "We were all at the wharf when it appeared. It was a big thing and travelling very fast, with a long tail". The lady thought it was coming in "quite low". A fellow witness to the lady's tale was Mrs. Zdenek Hostalek, who said "We watched it for probable 30 seconds". Mr. Hostalek, who was also present, said "I believe it was manually controlled, by the path it took".

An experienced airman, Doug Muir and another man, Mr. Lou de Courcey, were amongst those who witnessed the phenomenon.

Ten minutes later, the object was seen over Tennant Creek.

Vide "Australian Flying Saucer Review" Issue of Jan. 1962.

Delissaville (N.T.), Australia:

A Mindil Beach backwater Crocodile shooter, Mr. Roy Moffat, was in his boat, anchored near Delissaville, and had thoughtfully taken his camera with him. In the air above him he saw a flying object at a height of about 2000 ft. descend close to ("buzz") a Boeing aeroplane that was flying at about 1500 ft. above Darwin Airport.

He took some colour pictures which he "sent South to be developed". He preferred, he said, to reserve his further comment until his pictures were returned to him. He stated, however, that the Boeing was flying at a speed of 30 miles an hour, and the object appeared to hesitate above it, and then made off in another direction. "Blazing lights" trailed from the object and it was "half as big again" as the Boeing.

Three days later Mr. Moffat was again anchored off Delissaville, in the afternoon, when he spotted another "unidentified" object hurtling towards him. Being not only thoughtful and cautious, but resourceful, too, Mr. Moffat "flung" himself into his cabin for his camera. When he "got it" in his sights.

Not, however, having set his camera to "long distance", the picture he got was of the sky only..

Mr. Moffat's was one of dozens of reports to the "News" and the RAAF in the past 4 weeks.

Vide a photo-copy of an Australian Newspaper dated 26-8-61  
Credit "Australian Flying Saucer Review"; Issue of Jan. 1962.

Central Japan: Inuyama City, Aichi-ken:

On the night of 1-11-61, at 9.58 P.M., a Senior High School lad aged 18, one Tadashi Watanabe, was constrained to make a visit outside. Happening to glance upwards, he saw an odd procession of lights in the sky. There were 4 blocks of 3 lights at equal distances from each other and one block of 2 bringing up the rear at the same distance. The size of each group appeared to be slightly less, overall, than a 10-yen piece held at arm's length. Their colour was of a dull orange and the intensity of the glow from them was about equal to a 60-watt lamp.

They followed a U-shaped course from the East and disappeared behind a mountain range in the direction of the Orion constellation.

The groups, in triangular formation, went at a moderate and steady pace and were in view for 5 minutes.

The weather was fine, cold, and there was a wind.

Personnel at the Komaki Air Self Defence Corps Base, nearby, stated that there were no aeroplanes aloft in that vicinity at that time, and the Officers had no idea what the objects were.

Postscript to the preceding:

A previous report (published Oct. 1960) possessed features similar to those above. At Shingū City, Wakeyama-ken, on 25-8-60, the passage of 3 groups, 2 of 3 lights, 1 of 2 lights, apparently flying higher than in the case above, was observed.

In both cases some viewers imagined that the 3-group lights represented windows on bodies otherwise invisible. The difficulty in accepting this notion is that in both cases only 2 lights brought up the rear. (Again the phenomenon has lasted 5 minutes)

From Hokkaido, Japan: ("Hokkaido Times")

Hideo Tatsumi, aged 32, and a dozen other people observed "a glittering crimson" object that flew overhead "at the speed of a jet aeroplane" without making any sound, towards the mountain Ashibetsudake in the West. The object **appeared large, "about the size of a fist"**, and flew above the clouds. It was cold weather; there had been snow.

"According to newspaper reports" Officials at Asahigawa Municipal Astronomical Observatory (at Asahigawa, nearby) held the opinion that the object could not have been an artificial satellite because it was flying from East to West, and no aeroplanes were scheduled in that place at that time.

Vide "Japan International UFO Investigation" issue Dec. 1961.

From Denmark:

Unidentified objects in the sky seem to be stepping up their visits to the Danes. In July, 3 sightings, in August, 75, in September, 23, and in October, 17. There were two or three cases of the fall from the sky of the curious gelatine-like substance called by some "Angels' hair". Vide Major H.C. Petersen ("UFO-nyt"), Kastrup, Denmark.

O D D S  
EVEN THOUGH QUEER

"THEY DON'T EXIST, BUT CHASE 'EM, CHAPS!"

Under the heading "Answers to the A.F. release" (UFO Investigator Jan-Feb, 1962) the following occurs:

"Under Air Defense orders, A.F. jet pilots still try to intercept and bring down UFOs..even when positively known not to be enemy missiles or bombers. If the UFOs were not real, jet chases would not be ordered."

And again (same column)

"By A.F. Reg. 200-2, even Base Commanders are still forbidden to release reports of UFOs...except those they can explain as ordinary objects!"

AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE, OR; "I AIN'T BARMY - BUT YOU ALL ARE!"

On Page I of the Feb., 1962 issue of "Saucers, Space and Science", Gene Duplantier, Editor, Toronto 6, Ontario, Canada, is an article by Dr. Leon Davidson headed "An Open Letter to Saucer Researchers!"

The general tenor of this letter is to the effect that a cunning, clever, and unscrupulous Officialdom decided, way back in 1947-48, to put into operation a gigantic swindle upon the world of simple people like you and me, Joe; to make us believe that there existed such things as UFOs.

The campaign was completely successful; Tom, Dick, and Harry, not mention Ivan, Ricardo, and Heinrich, all continue to see and experience all kinds of UFOs all over the world.

It is not precisely stated that the reasons for this world-wide effort were for Profit, Politics, or Morality, but - my words, chums, - what a deed! What an accomplishment! (Shade of Alexander of Macedon - please note).

"AND DID THOSE FEET IN ANCIENT TIMES....."

"Australian Flying Saucer Review" (issue of Jan. 1962) contains a very interesting article "Space Visitors" by Alexander Kazantsev from which I cull (rewritten) the following:

There is a reproduction from a photograph of a block of sandstone held in a man's hands. Kazantsev states that the picture was taken by a member of a Sino-Soviet Palaeontological Expedition led by Chow Ming Chen, Doctor of Science. It appears to be the shoe-print (patterned impression of obviously artificial shoe) made in an ancient mud, since petrified into stone, of a very human-looking foot. It was found in the Gobi Desert and is dated to some millions of years ago. Alex. Kazantsev suggests that it is the print of a space-traveller who landed on the Earth long before Man, as a genus, was in being.

Footnote.

Some years ago, trekking through the shifting sand dunes of Shamo

(Gobi) an archaeological expedition found the stone-built remains of an ancient port-works remote from any kind of water. Obviously, there must have been a river, lake, or sea present at the time it was built.

#### A PARALYSING GLIMPSE OF THE OBVIOUS.

From the "Evening News" dated 23-3-62 we learn that a body has been set up in U.S.A., "an attempt to discover if life exists far out in space." It contains a group of scientists, including our own Sir Bernard Lovell, of Jodrell Bank. A spokesman for the group, Dr. Harrison Brown, of the California Institute of Technology said the possibility of extra-terrestrial life was "one of the most important and exciting questions confronting us." He added that life was probably "a very abundant commodity in the Universe".

Dr. Lovell, however, was more cautious, as becomes a man whose interest is largely concentrated on what may be going on on "the edge" of an alleged "expanding Universe". He said other life in space was a real possibility because at least 40% of the billions of stars in the Universe must have planets capable of sustaining organic life.

Comment. "LUFORO" welcomes the project, but this writer feels that it is, perhaps, distance that lends enchantment to the view and proximity, being composed of weather-balloons, reflected car-headlights, meteors, and Venus seen under unusual conditions, that interferes with our contemplation of infinity.

#### A MAN OF WORDS

Dr. Ronald Bracewell, Director of Stanford Radio Astronomy Institute, informed a Sidney, Australia, audience (Vide the "Sunday Telegraph" issue dated 14-1-62) on Sat. 13-1-62, that there would be no difficulty in communicating with beings located elsewhere in space; we should just broadcast to them the Oxford Dictionary on tape.

Comment: We may have a little difficulty in explaining The Ashes to them, however.

#### A FORTIAN "OBSCENITY"?

An object, nobody knowing whether it is Animal, Vegetable, or Mineral, has been found on a sequestered beach in Western Tasmania. It appears to be made of "rubbery flesh"; measures 20ft.x18ft.x4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft., has no bone structure and no eyes. A Scientist, one Bruce Hollison of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization is alleged to have stated "I believe the creature is an animal, but it is unlike anything I have ever seen or heard of!" Some people seem to think it arrived from outer space.

Comment: If I were a journalist I would now write: "The imagination boggles at the thought of what this may be."

Vide "Weekly R.M.'s Look-see", Vol.2, No.6.

R.W. Plummer.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

Members are requested to send in any prints or negatives they can spare

(a) that exhibit photographic faults

i.e. (1) examples of reflections of all kind on otherwise good photographs

(2) examples of developer faults

(3) accidental double exposures etc.

(b) Examples of UFOs for a UFO control file

- Any UFO prints or photographs they may be able to spare.

We would like to borrow those that members cannot let us have permanently, so that drawings may be made from them before return.

Prints from newspapers and periodicals should wherever possible bear the name of the Newspaper, the date, and if possible the address of the Newspaper. Many of them may become subject for analysis.

All the above are required for filing purposes - so that LUFORO copies need not be torn from their contexts. Duplications may be many but this cannot be avoided.

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## L.U.F.O.R.O. PUBLICITY

Recently, the Executive Committee have been concerned about some erroneous beliefs and opinions circulating, regarding our organisation. Any member who comes across any misleading statements made about L.U.F.O.R.O., is requested to write to the Publicity Officer. He will be very grateful for any such information, including its source, whether it be spoken, written or printed. All letters will be acknowledged and treated confidentially.

The Publicity Officer will be pleased to clear up any rumours concerning the internal workings of L.U.F.O.R.O.

L.U.F.O.R.O. has received a lot of favourable publicity in both the national and local presses, also on radio and television. The Organisation is in a stronger position now, and able to continue research on a higher level, than ever before. In order to maintain this position and to ensure a positive progressive future, your continued support and full co-operation is relied upon.

Lionel Beer, (Publicity Officer)

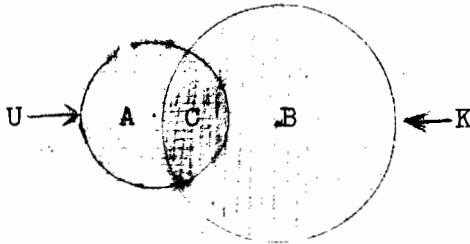
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

I was fascinated by your **algebra** in the latest editorial. Consider the following:



C is common to both U & K.

$U + K = A + B + 2C$ .  $U = A + C$ ,  $K = B + C$ .  $U - K = A - B$ .

According to you,  $A - B$  is what is required. I would say only A is, since this is a characteristic of the unknowns only. B is of no interest to us.

The same sort of thing was tried out by USAF in Project Blue Book Report 14. They tried to establish whether the unknowns had any peculiar characteristics which knowns did not. By using a chi-square test they found it highly improbable that the unknowns and the knowns were the same phenomenon. But they refused to admit the unknowns were a new phenomenon.

In fact their conclusions in that report completely contradicted their own statistical analysis.

Much has been said of 'orthoteny' discovered by Aimé Michel. Here is a simple way to put it to the test. If you have sufficient reports, going back awhile, preferably to a 'saucer' flap era, evaluate these as best you can. If orthoteny is really valid it should apply to the unknowns only and not the knowns. The evaluation would of course be very important, since it is necessary in this case to be pretty certain the knowns are identified and the unknowns are not.

If it turns out that the knowns also satisfy an orthotenic pattern then orthoteny will lose much (if not all) of its value. Actually I hope it does not. This would be quite a task, but you might like to try it.

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interested  
(Although we are primarily/in the properties of "A", the most logical way to view an unknown phenomenon is to study "U - K", which = A - B, because A is relative to B. Certain UFOs, for example, may resemble aircraft in most respects expect that they are silent. Now silence cannot be described as a property of a UFO; it merely means the absence of a feature which is attached to another phenomenon, yet it may be a distinguishing factor. Thus, as there are millions of things which a UFO is not(!), "U" must be studied relative to "K", for identification.)

AN ANALYSIS OF THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SIGHTING

by Thomas Thompson

(This article refers to the experience of Mr. Ronald Wildman who claimed to have come across a large object spanning the road about 20 ft. up as he rounded a bend when driving from Ivinghoe to Tring at 3.30 a.m. on February 9th, 1962. Mr. Wildman's speed was reduced to 20 m.p.h. as the object moved in front of him at the same **velocity**, and it was not until the UFO accelerated **very quickly**, brushing particles of frost off the trees as it left, that the car gathered speed. - See the Jan/Feb. issue of "LUFORO BULLETIN" for the full report. - Ed.)

It is reported that when the object appeared the accelerator ceased to function normally, i.e. loss of power.

Assuming several things that are going to be difficult to prove otherwise,

- (i) the witness did his foot on the accelerator (after all it was a new car and possibly a strange one),
- (ii) he did not use the brake pedal instead,
- (iii) he did not depress the clutch pedal at same time as trying to accelerate,

I have tried to reconstruct what could have happened and caused such a condition.

Unfortunately, I don't know what was meant by "loss of power". The vehicle could have been pulling badly, or it might even have had its engine stopped and have been just coasting along under its previous momentum.

But perhaps one can eliminate some of the causes and find a possible solution.

I am not a mechanic by any means but know enough to make minor checks of my own car when trouble develops and I have made out the following table for convenience.

A

B

SYMPTOMS: LOSS OF HAULAGE POWER OR ENGINE (NEARLY) STOPPED

FAULT IN:      ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

FAULT IN:      FUEL SYSTEM

- (i) Momentary drop in battery voltage;
- (ii) intermittent poor connection in elec. system;
- (iii) loss of H.T. or short circuited H.T. @ plugs;

- No petrol reaching inlet to engine via
- (i) petrol pump,
  - (ii) inlet to carburetter,
  - (iii) jets in carb.,
  - (iv) down-draught section of carb.,

- (iv) faulty distributor;
- (v) air mixture control
- (v) points in distributor not working normally;
- (vi) ignition coil mal-function.

Being a new car we can eliminate:

- (i) Battery apparently O.K. i.e. headlights still normal.
- (ii) Unlikely in new car (subsequent history?)
- (v) These are a purely mechanical device, i.e. open and close as long as car is moving and in gear.
- (i) Petrol pump itself is unlikely to be faulty.

Which leaves as possible culprit:

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| Parts (iv) | Parts: (ii) (iii) |
| " (vi)     | " : (iv) (v)      |

Points to bear in mind:-

- (a) This was a brand new car and was behaving normally till the incident occurred, i.e. it approached the UFO.
- (b) Apparently the behaviour of the engine returned to normal after the object had left. This rules out the possibility of the break-down being a coincidence and therefore suggests the mal-function of the engine caused by the proximity of the object which set up the following conditions in the vicinity of the car:-
  - (1) A powerful slipstream directly in front of the car which caused loss of speed.
  - (2) An external influence or disturbance which even at a distance of 20 - 30 ft. was sufficiently strong to interrupt the functioning of some component below the bonnet of car, as in table (A) & (B).

(1) (Slipstream) should be easy to prove or disprove. A slipstream which could slow down a car from 30 - 40 m.p.h. to 20 m.p.h. ought to leave some after effects of its presence, snow drifts, piled litter, broken twigs, etc. and these should be determined with little difficulty.

(2) The external influence could casue:-

Unusual working conditions of fuel system (B) due to:-

Parts (ii) and (iii) Petrol unable to enter carburetter, i.e. float chamber, and (or) leave via jets in carb. because of momentary chemical change in structure of the fuel, e.g. causing greater density, resulting in e blockage.

Parts (iv) and (v) A change in the composition of the air in down draught part, the mixture being suddenly altered, perhaps by depletion of oxygen, or introduction of extreme dampness or coldness, which penetrated below the bonnet.

In general an atmospheric disturbance.

Unusual working conditions of electrical system (A) due to:-

Part (iii) Extreme dampness could short circuit H.T. spark arriving at plugs but this condition would probably be apparent to driver.

Part (iv) Condenser in distributor failing to charge up sufficiently because of interference with its electro-static properties which could make it more or less useless and a very weak or no H.T. spark would be available for ignition system.

Part (vi) The induction process in the ignition coil itself being disturbed. The coil operates on the principle that a rapidly changing current, (produced by rotation of a cam in distributor which opens and closes the contact breaker (points)), produces a rapidly changing magnetic flux in another section of the coil (with a larger number of turns). This rapidly fluctuating magnetic field induces a voltage (high) across the coil which supplies the H.T. for sparking plugs. To assist this changing magnetic flux a soft iron core is put inside the coil which supplies the H.T. for sparking plugs.

But if this iron core was subject to an external magnetic field it could become saturated and thus be incapable of responding to any further magnetic influence such as the normal magnetising current in ignition coil.

Thus if the ignition coil was partially saturated or partially neutralised by the presence of an external magnetic field, the effect on the ignition system would be a very weak output voltage to fire the cylinders, e.g. 500v instead of 15,000 volts. There might even be no spark voltage at all.

Once, however, the external field was removed to a sufficient distance or left, the ignition system would function in a normal manner and there would be no ill-effects whatsoever!

Thinking about it very carefully I have come to the conclusion that the solution to the problem must lie in parts (A) (iv) and (vi) OR (B) parts (iv) and (v), with my money going on (A) (iv) or (vi)!

If that is correct, then the following must be true:-

The UFO (if such it was) (a) must disturb the normal residual magnetism of the earth and concentrate it in the immediate vicinity of the craft.

OR: (b) It is itself a powerful electro-magnet (or perhaps a section of its equipment is) and the presence of the resulting magnetic field is perceptible over a wide area with a fairly crude detector, i.e. the ignition coil in question.

OR: (c) The UFO produces intense electro-static forces in its near vicinity which are also perceptible (as in the case of condenser to hold charge).

If I recall correctly, in a recent Bulletin or F.S.R. an authenticated UFO, among other features, caused interference on a television set, which suggests once again that some of the equipment aboard these things radiates or has an electro-magnetic influence.

If possible I would like someone in the organisation, perhaps, who is better qualified to comment on the above conclusions.

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### LANDINGS IN FLORENCE - APRIL 1962

#### 'FLYING SAUCER' SEASON AGAIN

"The 'flying saucer' season has started again. Iller Benazzi (28), yesterday became the second Italian in as many days to report sighting a strange flying machine.

"Unlike Mario Zuccala, a tailor from Florence, he did not report seeing men from outer space, but he said he had three witnesses to support his story.

"Benazzi told the police that he was driving along the Saronno-Lignano road with his fiancée on Wednesday night when he saw a strange flying machine. He said he stopped the car to watch, as did a couple in another car.

"It moved noiselessly," Benazzi said. 'It came down again, almost grazing us, turning its headlights on us. Then it landed on the road some distance from us and drove towards Saronno. We saw that it had three smaller tail lights with a violet gleam.'

"He and the three others decided not to talk about the spaceship for fear that they would not be believed. But he changed his mind after reading in the papers that Zuccala reported sighting a similar space craft that same night at San Casciano, near Florence. - B.U.P."

- Edinburgh Evening News, Saturday, April 14th, 1962.

We have asked our member in Florence to investigate these reports and hope to have the full story to publish in the next Bulletin. - Ed.

#### ALSO IN THIS ISSUE: LANDINGS IN ARGENTINA (SEE PAGES 6 & 7)

TO REMIND YOU... If you have not yet sent a subscription to cover the next issue of "LUFORO BULLETIN" (your Annual Membership Fee may have recently expired, for instance - see box on back cover of this Bulletin), we advise you to send it to us as soon as possible, as otherwise you will not receive the May-June issue.

ATTENTION! Ray Palmer, editor of "Flying Saucers", informs us that he is sending the March, May and July issues of the Magazine in one shipment. These will be forwarded to subscribers on arrival. Page 19

## UFOS PHOTOGRAPHED

Translation of Article from "Domenica del Corriere"(Italy) April 1962

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### "TWO MYSTERIOUS APPARITIONS IN THE SKY OVER MILAN"

"It always happens like this. One's most cherished hopes always come true in the most unexpected circumstances. I have in fact followed the reports of flying saucers for four years now and have always wanted to see one of them. Then when I had given up hope I happened to see them twice in succession. Doesn't this seem strange to you?" said Gaspare de Lama, a young painter from Milan. He stopped the car at the bottom of Capecelatro road, about 500 metres from the stadium of San Siro. A friend had told me of this strange sighting and so as a result of his information I had succeeded in meeting the person concerned. I met him whilst he was leaving his house. Having been told of the purpose of my visit, the artist invited me to see the spot where the sighting took place, telling me that the report would be better understood. "On that day, the 1st of December 1961, I had come out here with my wife and my mother to enjoy the sun. This was not the only reason for our walk. I was in fact studying some modern paintings and a walk out here could offer some suitable inspiration as these buildings were of reinforced concrete with a crane which suited my purpose admirably. I must confess, however, that I did not feel up to painting it on the spot, as it was a cold December day, nor did I wish to rely on my memory. Therefore I decided to take some photographs and work on them in my studio."

"It was about the 14th December when I was travelling slowly along in the car when suddenly my wife, who was looking east of San Siro noticed that a strange circular disc-shaped object was flying over the area. I turned round and was left astounded. A flying disc was oscillating directly above the stadium. All three of us stared at this strange thing which moved noiselessly through the sky, and we remained speechless for several seconds. To judge by the first appearance, the disc must have had a diameter of 100m. and was lead-coloured. I noticed that the surface did not reflect the sunlight, nor was it self-luminous."

He indicated the precise spot where the disc had appeared, "the sight so deeply stupified me that it made me completely stunned!" "Quick take some photographs!"-his mother shouted, "What are you waiting for?" "I was so stunned that I had forgotten I had the camera with me, I took some photos without paying attention to the exposure setting. To get better shots I jumped over into the field.

"The saucer moved in a rather strange manner, sometimes it remained motionless for a few seconds, then shot off halting a few 100 metres on. At the same time it rose and fell irregularly in same way

as a water-boatman - that pond insect."

"It was between 50 and 90 metres above the stadium. To be more accurate one would have to take into account the size of the disc, but even that is difficult to evaluate accurately."

Could you see any details? "It wasn't easy, considering the staccato movements of the saucer, and secondly I noticed that at certain moments its outline appeared quite clearly, but at other moments it took on a semi-transparent, cloudlike form. Nevertheless, I succeeded in distinguishing the general details. The disc was perfectly round and seen in profile, it revealed a lens shape. The top was surmounted by a cupola in the centre, the same colour as the superstructure."

Was there any noise? "No, it was perfectly silent. This fact impressed me most. It gave me the feeling of a machine from another world!"

How long did you see it? "The total duration was about two minutes, then it rose up almost vertically and shot off at rocket speed."

Were there any other witnesses? "We were not the only ones to see the object. Other people were also going along the road at the time and they stopped to watch it. I did not think of asking for their names, if I had been a journalist I would probably have done so."

Having shown me the photographs, he also showed me the negatives. I examined them closely, and it seemed that faking was out of the question. A few days later this opinion was corroborated by a number of professional photographers. That these photographs were genuine was the all-round opinion. There are in these photographs one or two things which conclusively rule out faking.

"Now look at these" said de Lama, "I took these from my terrace on February 12th. On this occasion I had gone up to take some photographs for my work. It was 4-30pm when I happened to see a black point in the viewfinder. I followed it for a few seconds, and then fortunately for me, it assumed proportions and a performance which left me in no doubt whatever that it was another flying disc. I took a number of photographs, this was made easier due to the steady movement of the disc. This time I regained my composure and I succeeded in taking a whole reel of film. I was just in time, for the disc suddenly turned back and vanished in the direction it had come from."

How high was it? "I think it varied from between 200 to 300m. The disc did not seem very large to me - about 7m. The central cupola was very prominent with the same leaden colour. There was no sound, but I must admit that the din of the street below could have blotted it out."

Did it have anything in common with the disc at San Siro? "I have not enough data to say definitely. But it seemed, however, that this disc was at some moments surrounded by a halo of light mist which hid its contours. When I finally developed the prints, I realised that this impression was correct. In some of them the halo round the disc

is quite prominent."

Then you have no doubts about the existence of flying saucers? "To have doubts today, after these discs have been seen for 15 years over the world's skies would be absurd, as it would be equally absurd to say they were all meteorites or weather balloons. I would really like to see a meteorite or weather balloon behave like the ones my family saw, or the ones I photographed from my terrace."

"We have a lot of evidence which proves these objects are real machines and not the result of mass-hallucination. Not to mention the authority of all types of people from pilots to astronauts; scientists to radar operators, who have described their behaviour in this way.

"To affirm that the discs do not exist would mean being completely ignorant of world affairs."

Do you believe they are constructed by Man? "By Man, but not terrestrial Man. Our science is not capable of building such machines; nor can one believe the discs are the secret weapons of some political power. If some nation possessed these flying saucers, then the space research experiments would be completely meaningless, because in fact they have to spend enormous amounts on missiles, space-capsules and supersonic rockets, when the saucers would allow the pilots to fly at speeds around 30,000kph as several radar observations have confirmed; to remain stationary in flight and to move silently. One might think they were some secret weapon, but in this case the hypothesis is invalid. The discs have been seen now for 15 years, and no secret weapon has ever remained such a mystery.

"Therefore to judge from everyday standards, one must say that nations boast about their secret weapons before having constructed and tested them. There remains only one conclusion - the discs come from other planets. Basically, this should not be difficult to admit, especially since our scientists recognise that life abounds in the universe around us, and common sense does not recoil at the thought that other beings, more evolved than us, can exist on other planets, and are therefore in a position to construct spaceships for interplanetary flight."

Bruno Ghibaudi

(To be continued in next issue - another sensational story)

We are indebted to Mr. John Shore, our member in Toronto, Canada, for sending us the Italian magazine, which publishes 6 photographs, 2 dated 1st December 1961, and 4 dated 12th February 1962, two of which clearly show the domed superstructure.

#### LATE NEWS: "OBJECTS IN SPACE : AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

"Five or six mysterious objects on the edge of space were photographed during a recent flight by the rocket-powered X-15 aircraft. Mr. Joseph Walker, the pilot, said a camera in his aircraft took the pictures at 246,700ft. 'They seemed to be disc-shaped or perhaps even cylindrical,' he said. 'But it is impossible to estimate their size or even their distance from the camera!'" - Daily Telegraph, 12th May 1962.

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