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## UFO OBSERVED AT CLOSE RANGE IN MO.

By Ted Phillips, Jr.

At 7 am Feb. 14, 1968, an object of unknown origin was observed on the ground in a very rugged area of south-central Missouri. The following report is taken from a taped interview with the writer on Feb. 17, and a copy has been sent to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Air Force Scientific Consultant on UFO's.

It was 7 am and the sky was quite clear and bright; no stars were visible. The observer was walking towards a large barn located some 100 feet east of his house, when he noticed one of his cows looking out into a field behind the barn. He then observed the UFO on the ground some 335 feet from him. At this point he was looking through several scattered trees. He moved to the northeast corner of the barn and, up to this point, he thought the object was a parachute.

On moving a few feet further, he saw several small "objects" moving under the UFO which was 285 feet from him. The observer said the "objects" were moving quite rapidly; they seemed to have arms, also moving at a high rate of speed. It was the observer's opinion these small objects were not human. They seemed to be about the same color as the UFO, with no visible neck, head, or legs; however, he was some distance away and the objects seemed to be about two and a half feet tall. The UFO was setting on a shaft only slightly taller than the objects. The observer started through the first fence, at this point 210 feet from the UFO the small objects started moving around behind the shaft and entering it on the side away from him.

"As I came through the first gate, I picked up two rocks, pretty good size, one of them was. I got up there to about 30 feet from it and it was setting there, kind of rocking slightly. The wind was blowing out of the east, and I thought, 'Boy, here goes, I'm going to knock a hole in that thing and see what the hell it is!' I cut  
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## STRANGE OBJECT CHILLS ISLAND

SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER, Feb. 19th.  
How does inches of ice get on a pond when it isn't freezing outside?

What was the curious formless hulk that glowed like a reflector?

Residents of Vashon Island pondered these questions yesterday in the aftermath of an icy "flying saucer" incident.

Setting for the eerie tale was a gravel pit on the island.

At 2 am Sunday morning a group of island teenagers noticed a flash of light near the pit.

Going to investigate, the boys saw an object "about the size of a car," though its form was indescribable.

The "thing" sent off a beam about the size of a car's headlight.

Frightened, they sought out a King County deputy sheriff, and brought him to the gravel pit.

It had vanished when they returned.

But the water in the gravel pit, about 50 feet from edge to edge, was covered with two inches of ice.

Yet other bodies of water near the pond had no ice in them.

Lest this tale sound like a lark, instead of a flying saucer report, it is supported by King County sheriff's deputy Don Holke, whom the boys had summoned.

Holke said the ice still was thick enough to walk on Sunday afternoon. And he added another brief thought: "The ice was clear, and a funny thing; it had no water on top of it although it was raining all day."

## NEXT MONTH

Scientists receiving signals from outer space. Please send us any information you have on this subject. We hope to receive enough material to give us the information for a good report

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## With the Editor

We are always sorry when we cannot meet our publication date, and we had to combine the last two issues of SKYLOOK, but things are looking up now and we feel it is safe to say you will receive your copy once a month in the future.

As you know, our publisher is a college student and he has to cut stencils and run off copies off on a mimeograph after he receives the typewritten lay-out from us--all this along with his school work and some days there just aren't enough hours to go around.

John telephoned us from Kansas City that he has made different arrangements for printing SKYLOOK now and he feels the time problem is solved.

We thank you for your patience and for continuing to send in your reports which are deeply appreciated--in fact, we could not publish without you.

Again, we urge you to watch your press for UFO reports and to send the clipping to the editor, being sure to give the name of the newspaper and the date, so we can give credit in using the story. Most of all we want your own UFO sightings and investigations. Some of our readers have never sent us a story. If you are interested in UFO's, then surely you have seen a UFO, know of someone who has (and can get their story), or you read about a sighting in YOUR newspaper. SEND THEM IN.

Thank you!

RUSSIAN SCIENTIST SPEAKS OUT  
Part II (continued from April)  
From February issue SOVIET LIFE

The belief that UFOs are real is also born out in the fact that these enigmatic objects are not only visible to the naked eye, but have distinct images on photographic plates and are recorded by such impartial "witnesses" as radar screens

Air Force Major Baidukov, on a night mission above the Odessa Region on April 4, 1966, noticed on the screen of his plane's radar a strange object which was also spotted by ground-based radar units. Within 15 minutes the object dropped from 31 to 18 miles, and in the next quarter of an hour to 11 miles. The UFO remained unidentified.

Maneuver and Pursuit. The well-known Soviet pilot, chief navigator of Soviet polar aviation Valentin Akkuratov, describes one of his encounters with flying discs:

"In 1956, engaged in strategic ice reconnaissance in a TU-4 plane in the area of Cape Jesup (Greenland), we dropped down from the clouds to fair weather and suddenly noticed an unknown craft moving on our portside parallel to our course. It looked very much like a large pearl-colored lens with wavy pulsating edges. At first we thought it was an American aircraft of an unknown design, and since we did not want to encounter it we went into the clouds again. After we had flown for 40 minutes toward Bear Island, the cloud cover ended abruptly; it cleared ahead and on our portside we saw once again that same unknown craft. Making up our minds to see it at close quarters, we changed our course abruptly and began the approach movement, informing our base at Amderma of the maneuver. When we changed our course, the unknown flying machine followed suit and moved parallel at our speed.

"After 15 to 18 minutes of flight the unknown craft sharply altered its course, sped ahead of us and rose quickly until it disappeared in the blue sky. We spotted no aerals, super-structure, wings or portholes on that disc. Nor did we see an exhaust gas or condensation trail. It flew at what seemed to us an impossible speed."

No Prejudices. Until recently no scientific study of UFOs has been made in the Soviet Union. More than that, the prevailing and, in my opinion, mistaken view was that UFOs are common optical phenomena in the Earth's atmosphere. There was no collection of UFO observations and the general

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The FLYING SAUCER OBSERVER is another saucer publication that has come to our attention. Its editor and publisher is Donald A. Johnson, and the address is Sand Hill Road, Portland, Connecticut. In addition to UFO news, Mr. Johnson runs an advertiser service, listing articles and/or magazines etc. for sale and trade, and keeps up on saucer publications. Subscription rates are 5 issues for 50¢, 10 for \$1.

We are pleased to have his permission to use articles from his magazine, giving proper credit, and we have accorded Mr. Johnson the same courtesy in quoting from SKYLOOK.

#### MORE MEN BELIEVE IN SAUCERS

According to a recent issue of the TULSA DAILY WORLD, a survey conducted by a Tulane University political science professor shows that more men than women believe in flying saucers from outer space.

Dr. David R. Deener, who conducted the survey as a part of his class in space law, says that over 90% of Tulane's engineering students believe in flying saucers and are 100% in support of the U.S. space program and believe the United States should spend the money necessary to beat Russia in getting a man on the moon.

#### UFO CLASS AT WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

A freshman class at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., is conducting a study of the UFO phenomena under the leadership of Prof. Thornton L. Page who was a member of the Robinson Investigating Committee on UFO's, 1952.

The class has served as a prototype for newly established courses at other universities. The students have heard talks by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Dr. James McDonald and other UFO investigators and have appeared on local TV discussion programs.

So much interest is being shown in the course, some students have already decided to go in further research after college. (Credit: FLYING SAUCER OBSERVER)

down on it, and the rock stopped along about 15 feet from it and just hit the ground. The next rock I thought I would throw on top of it and it just hit something and bounced."

I (the writer) then asked the observer if he could hear any sound. He said he could not.

He said that he could see no seams or rivets. "It just looked like a big shell, a grayish-green looking outfit, and underneath it were these oblong holes where the lights were coming out. They were so bright you couldn't see when you got up there. I thought I was going right up to it. I got up to about here" (about 15 feet from the UFO) "and there it was--I just walked up against a wall! I couldn't see it at all, there was just a pressure."

"When it took off, it just rocked back and moved real fast to the left of that ridge. It made no sound at all and disappeared in seconds. The shaft was pulled up into it as it took off. The ground was real muddy, but it didn't leave any marks at all."

"How long did you see the object?" I asked.

"It was about five minutes."

"Did the object look like it was metal?"

"I never seen anything like it, it looked like a shiny silk or something, I never seen anything like it before. It shined, sort of, like silk or something, I couldn't tell. I was going to tell though if I could have hit it with that rock."

I then asked him about the lights.

"They were underneath the rim of it, there were several, they were changing colors so fast you couldn't tell how many there were. They were 6 or 8 inches long and about a foot apart, they were all the colors of the rainbow."

Ed's note: This is one of the most interesting sightings reported in our state, to our knowledge. Ted Phillips visited the scene of the sighting, walking over the fields with the farmer, who wants no publicity, and measuring and photographing the area. Ted talked to this man for three hours and said, "I believe him."

Our assistant editor has had a lot of experience chasing down UFO reports and interviewing observers and if he believes this man--then so does your editor.

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impression was that flying saucers are fantasies. The situation now is changing.

In 1968 the Nauka Publishing House of the USSR Academy of Sciences is scheduled to bring out a book titled POPULATED OUTER SPACE, edited by \*\*\*\*\*.

The anthology will have a special section devoted to the UFO problem, with contributions from American scientists Joseph Hynes, James McDonald, Jack Valley and Frank Salisbury, articles by Soviet writers and UFO observations made in the Soviet Union.

Soviet observations of UFOs, like those I cited earlier, were not taken from a systematic collection of information of this kind; they were spontaneous responses to my article in SMENA. This fact warrants the conclusion that there have been many more UFO observations in the USSR. We have already collected some dozens of well-documented reports and accounts.

In May 1967 a sponsoring group of scientists, the military, writers and public figures met to form an unofficial body whose purpose it would be to conduct a preliminary scientific investigation of UFOs. \*\*\*\*\* The organization set up October 1967, is called the UFO section of the All-Union Cosmonautics Committee, with headquarters at the Central House of Aviation and Cosmonautics in Moscow. Air Force Major General Porfiri Stolyarov was elected chairman of the section.

Those of us who are participating in this new and exciting program have an ambitious program of work ahead. The first step will be to organize the collection of reliable information of UFOs. That will be done at the outset by the existing systems of astronomical, meteorological and geophysical observatories, satellite and space-rocket tracking stations and the radar installations of civilian airports and the hydrometeorological service. All these organizations can make UFO observations with equipment now available.

In the design stage are special devices for photographing UFOs and recording the radiation and magnetic disturbances which they may be responsible for.

Guest from Other Worlds? The recorded observations will serve to check hypotheses. These hypotheses should not, in my opinion, attempt to explain the nature of UFOs in terms of familiar phenomena. Judging by

other surprises, nature has some in store for us here too, and we must be ready for perhaps a radical "reassessment of values."

The hypothesis that UFOs originate in other worlds, that they are flying craft from planets other than Earth, merits the most serious examination.

Observations show that UFOs behave "sensibly." In a group formation flight they maintain a pattern. They are most often spotted over airfields, atomic stations and other very new engineering installations. On encountering aircraft they always maneuver so as to avoid direct contact. A considerable list of these seemingly intelligent actions give the impression that UFOs are investigating, perhaps even reconnoitering.

Curiously enough, the number of UFO observations increases as Mars approaches the earth. Is that pure coincidence?

Some people think that UFOs have appeared in the Earth's atmosphere only during the past two decades. This is not the case. The UFO phenomenon has been observed throughout the history of mankind, there are medieval and ancient reports strikingly similar to ours.

Among the earlier UFO reports, as an example, may be the well-documented observations of a large saucer in 1882 and a "procession of bolides" in 1913. These reports still await investigation.

The most remarkable UFO phenomenon is the famous "Tungusky meteorite." In recent years Soviet scientists have established that the Tungusky explosion had every parameter of an air nuclear blast. The USSR Academy of Sciences Reports (Volume 172, Nos. 4 and 5, 1967) have studies by Alexei Zolotov to prove that the Tungusky body could not be a meteorite or a comet.

In the Summer of 1967 the Joint Institute of Nuclear Research at Dubna published a study by Vladimir Mekhedov, who concludes that the Tungusky blast left considerable residual radioactivity. Finally, as recently as 1966, after analyzing the sum total of observations on the Tungusky body's flight, this writer showed that before the blast the Tungusky body described in the atmosphere a tremendous arc of about 375 miles in extent (in azimuth), that is, carried out a maneuver.

All these new results warrant the conclusion that the Tungusky body seems to have been an artificial flying craft from another planet.

Should this be finally confirmed by investigations now in progress, the significance of the Tungusky disaster would be inestimable.

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But this, incidentally, will pose new problems. If we are indeed being studied by creatures from other planets, what is their purpose? Why are they so stouly avoiding any direct contact? Is their unsociability the result of so high a level of development that they study us from that "height" just as we look upon and study ants? Or is there still the possibility of common understanding since we are born in the same Universe and obey the same laws of nature?

Yes, there are many questions, but all are in the distant future. Our study of UFOs may lead to quite different conclusions and present mankind with quite different problems.

The important thing now is for us to discard any preconceived notions about UFOs and to organize on a global scale a calm, sensation-free and strictly scientific study of this strange phenomenon. The subject and aims of the investigation are so serious that they justify any efforts. It goes without saying that international cooperation is vital.

UFO's IN NEW JERSEY

On the night of March 25, some 25 persons, including four policemen and a minister, reported seeing two unidentified flying objects hovering over Metuchen, New Jersey, and the police followed the objects for about a mile before they disappeared.

According to a story in the ARKANSAS GAZETTE, March 27, the Rev. Wm. Tarr of the First Baptist Church was the first to report after seeing an orange glow hovering just above tree top level with a larger glowing object above it.

Police investigating the report also saw the UFO's and said they were about 50 feet above the ground and moved away when spotlights were shined on them.

The St. Louis POST-DISPATCH of March 27, also carried a story of flying objects seen in the Metuchen, N.J., area earlier in the week, but stated that Police Chief Edward Leiss identified the objects as being plastic bags containing lighted candles.

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BURNING OBJECT SIGHTED

An airplane pilot, flying a jet at 17,000 feet between Hartford, Ct., and Boston, Mass., reported seeing a flash go across the sky from the northeast to the southwest when he was about 100 miles south of Boston about 6:04 pm. He reported the sighting to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (March 27) and a spokesman for the observatory said the object could have been Echo 1, expected to plunge to earth from its orbit in late March or early April.

At about the same time a group of astronomy fans in Keene, N.H., reported that ten of them saw a flash in the northern sky over New Hampshire, and said it appeared to be a meteor. Reports of a flashing light also came from Manchester, N.H. (ARKANSAS GAZETTE, March 29, 1968).

FLYING OBJECT HITS CAR

On March 26, a round, flat object spun out of the sky and caused \$500 damage to Donald Scott's automobile. Flying saucer? No, it was a flying manhole cover which took off like a giant tiddlywink when hit by a snowplow at Neward, N.Y., March 26. (St. Louis POST-DISPATCH).

AT THE NEWS STAND

By Ted Phillips, Jr.

SAGA MAGAZINE--April issue. Big Article on "Flying Saucer Invasion Bases" by John Keel.

SAGA MAGAZINE--May issue. "Do Flying Saucers Come From Outer Space?" by Brad Steiger and Warren Smith.

FATE--May issue. "Little Men From UFOs" by Coral Lorenzen. The Lorenzen book "Flying Saucer Occupants" reviewed by Lucius Farish (A SKYLOOK contributor).

NATIONAL INQUIRER--March 31--"Russians Say That Flying Saucers Exist." "Flying Saucers Here and Now" by Frank Edwards, running as a serial.

THE BIBLE AND FLYING SAUCERS--Book by Barry H. Downing, price \$3.95, published by Lippincott.

## UFO SIGHTED IN ARKANSAS

Winston Rogers and five relatives were quitting work at the Ferndale farm on the Ouachita River, three miles south of Malvern Ark., Feb. 29, when they all sighted a strange object in the sky.

Rogers said it just seemed to be hanging in the sky like an upside down parachute. It was black and shiny, he said with something that looked like strings hanging from the top and something like legs hanging down from the bottom. It was hard to tell how big it was, but he guessed it to be about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 feet in diameter. While they were watching it, about a mile from the farm.

Rogers called the Malvern police department, but officers were unable to find any trace of the object.

We are indebted to Lucius Farish, of Plumberville, Ark., for this story from the ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT.

## ANOTHER HOAX?

One of our readers, Mrs. John Ray, of Memphis, Tenn., writes: "John and I saw what we were sure was a UFO on Sunday night. . . This large, bright, orange ball floating to and fro in the western sky. It had a green light (small) which seemed to go on and off, and it made no sound. I watched outside for about five minutes, then here came a Copter--making all sorts of racket, of course. It appeared to be investigating as no one ever sees the "Chopper" at night. It works in daytime at high traffic hours, broadcasting to motorists, etc. Well, the Chopper went straight southwest and so did "this thing." Several people saw it and called in."

Mrs. Ray enclosed a clipping from the Monday (March 18) COMMERCIAL APPEAL which stated the pilot of a private plane was the first to report the object after which the Federal Aviation Agency and airport control tower employees were swamped with calls. A spokesman for the FAA theorized "that someone was playing with candles and a plastic bag again." No explanation was given for the chopper's night flight.

SEND IN YOUR REPORTS BEFORE THE 10th!

## UFO STUDY GROUP FORMED IN ST. LOUIS

The U.F.O. Study Group of Greater St. Louis was established March 24th to serve as an information-gathering and fact-finding organization for residents of greater St. Louis and surrounding areas.

The group plans to conduct on-the-spot investigations of all UFO sighting reports which come to its attention. Upon receipt of a UFO report, efforts shall be made to dispatch an investigating team equipped with still and motion-picture cameras, tape-recorders, and various other detection equipment of necessity.

Monthly meetings of members and public alike will be sponsored as well as occasional lectures by noted authors.

Anyone sighting a UFO and living in the area mentioned, should telephone Raymond Nelke at EV-8-0086 or David Schroth at 832-1187. Calls will be answered at any hour of the day or night. Anyone wishing more information concerning the Study Group and its policies may write to this address: U.F.O. Study Group of Greater St. Louis, P.O. Box 223, St. Charles, Mo., 63301.

John Schuessler, engineer with the McDonnell Douglas Corporation, of St. Louis, is director of the study group and has amassed a wealth of information and reports on UFO's from his long and intensive study.

He has frequent speaking engagements and addressed the Creve Coeur Jaycees April 8 on "UFO's--Science Fact or Science Fiction."

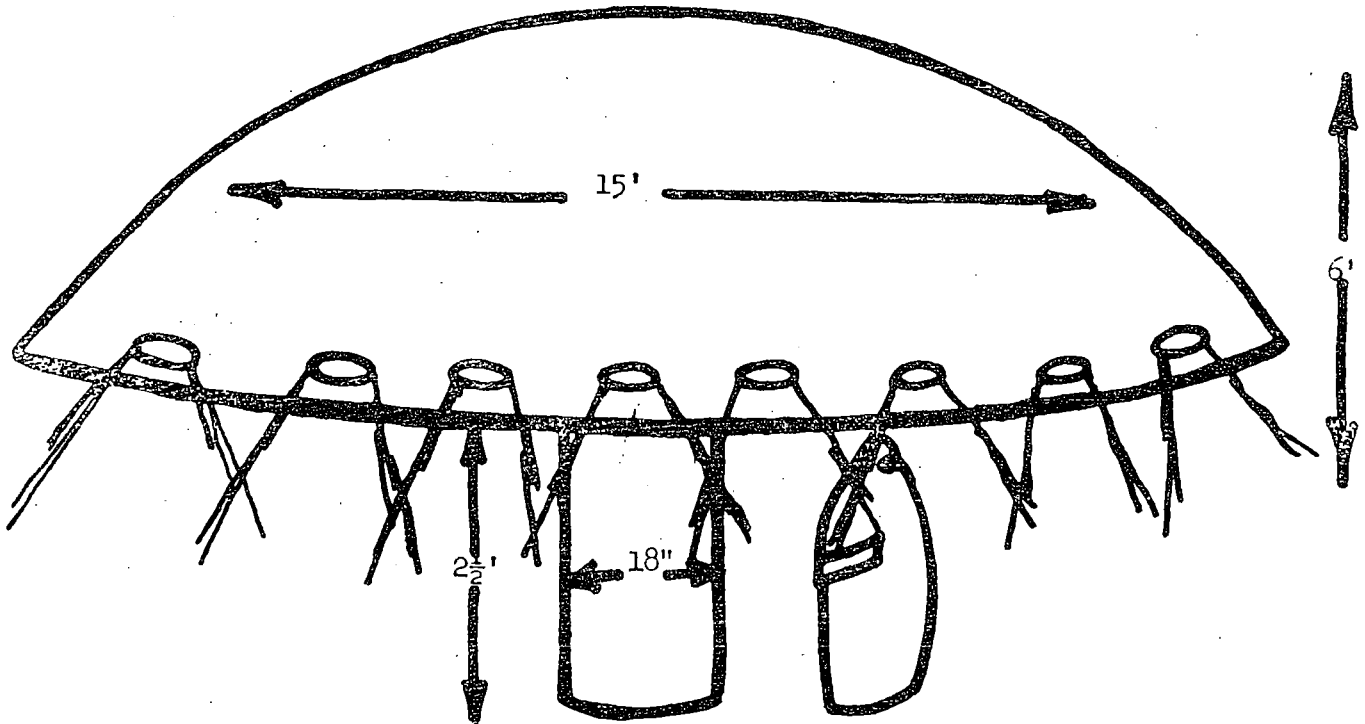
**Publisher's Note:** See page seven for drawings to accompany the story, by Ted Phillips, Jr., about the close range encounter with a UFO. See page one for story beginning.

## FOR RESIDENTS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

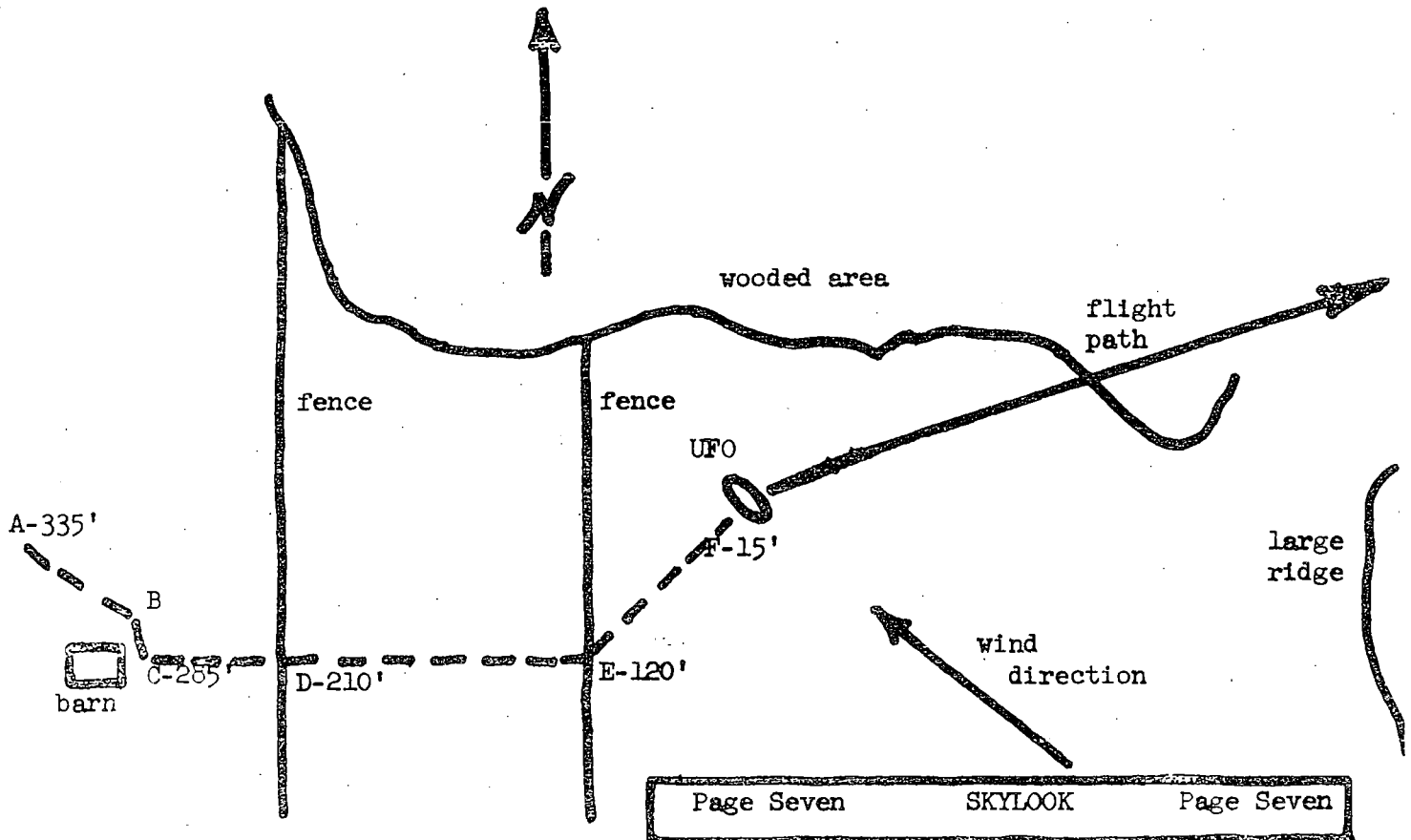
To report UFO sightings and encounters, please call John Kuhns at 816-10-1-7799, day or night. Also any questions that you might have concerning ufology, the APRO Missouri Section, or various other state UFO organizations; the above telephone ne. is also applicable.

John would also like to receive any and all suggestions that you might have to contribute about SKYLOOK and/or the APRO State Section; this applies to all SKYLOOK readers.

UFO OBSERVED AT CLOSE RANGE IN MO.



UFO as described to Ted Phillips, Jr.



Farm where UFO was observed.