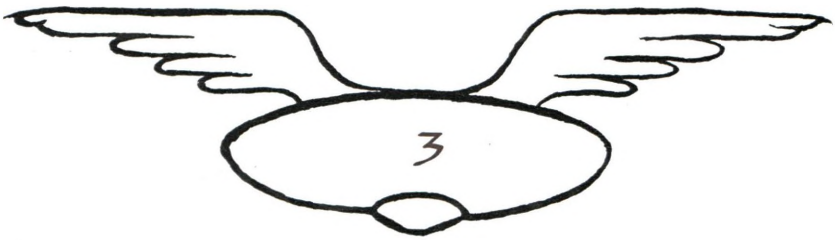
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SUMMARY OF SIGHTINGS

Undated. Auckland, New Zealand:

A lighted object in the sky, flying silently at great speed, was seen by Mr. D.W. Paul of Hendon Avenue, Avondale, early yesterday morning. With him at the time was an Auckland taxi driver.

"The taxi driver saw the object first" he said. "We were going down Hendon Avenue about 1 a.m. and the object was flying parallel with us and to the South. At first there was a swishing noise rather like a jet. It appeared to be a long object with three or four lighted windows, but the windows were much bigger than usual on aircraft.

"It passed us in uncanny silence. The most remarkable fact was the absence of any noise. It was visible to us for about four minutes before vanishing into a cloud bank."

Mr. Paul said he stayed outside for some time in the hope of catching another glimpse of the object. A little while later an aircraft (later identified as a R.N.Z.A.A.F. Sunderland) flew at right angles to the object's course with its landing lights blinking. He said it was "completely different from the other object."

Undated. Greymouth:

A cylindrical, luminous object flashed across the West Coast skies with a roar about 1 p.m. yesterday, according to reports from Kumara and Greymouth residents.

It is reported to have moved with great speed from the South West across Kumara glowing in the clear sky before disappearing behind a cloud bank screening the Southern Alps. Observers claimed that the object disappeared over Rotomanu, where last February an apparently similar object went out of view after following a similar course.

(Press Assen.)

Undated. Noumea, New Caledonia.

Four Objects corresponding to descriptions of flying saucers have been seen over New Caledonia during the past fortnight.

The caretaker of a gypsum mine reported seeing "a luminous mass shaped like a throwing fish net that remained motionless for twenty minutes and then made off at a terrific speed."

Two men on deck watch on a costal trader reported seeing "a large circular object remaining motionless and then disappearing at a terrific speed."

A woman saw "a huge yellow illuminated ball in the sky seaward from Noumea. It hung for about twenty minutes, continually inflating and deflating before it disappeared".

The latest report was received from a woman who said she saw a huge sausage shaped object which remained stationary for at least half an hour before disappearing.

(Cuttings from New Zealand Press per Mr. Keith Purchas.)

18th April, 1956. Salisbury, Rhodesia.

About 9.0. a.m. Mr. Beaumont of the Government Lithographic Section saw through the office window a very bright light in the sky, and he marked its position in line with the branch of one tree and above a distant single tree. The light was so intense that it could not be compared with anything he had seen before in the sky. The light was stationary, but seemed to fade and come again something in the manner of a lighthouse, but not rhythmically. Then the light was seen by Beaumont and his two companions whose attention he drew to the object. The other two men went up on to the office roof the better to see what was happening. Beaumont watched it through the window noting the position now behind the near tree but visible through the branches. He then joined the two men on the roof and saw the light moving abruptly and standing motionless. Finally after about ten minutes it disappeared at considerable speed in an easterly direction.

10th May, 1956. London.

At 7.55 p.m. on 10th May Mr. R.R. Russell was leaving his house in Hornsey when he observed a bright object in the sky to the West. He watched it for forty-five minutes, and it was also seen by a number of other people, including . . Dr. Bernard E. Finch, Mr. & Mrs. Nussel, and Mr. F. Newstead.

Mr. Russell was carrying 8 x 30 prismatic binoculars and a radiation detector, and was also able to use a sighting telescope mounted on an astro-compass assembly, the property of a friend. With this equipment he was able to observe the shape of the object which changed slightly on occasions, being first oval and then ellipsoid shaped. It appeared to show a dark edging as of a solid object against the sky background. It was white in colour and brighter than the sky, about as bright as the planet Venus. (Venus had not risen but was seen later.) A check was made for radio-activity with the detector, but none was observed. Movement was limited to slight drift and eventually it was lost to view behind buildings.

(B.F.S.B. Report by Mr. R.R. Russell.)

26th May, 1956. Bristol.

At 10.45 p.m. on Saturday, 26th May, Mr. Fred Jones was on the roof of his house when he saw a long, silver, cigar shaped object all lit up for its whole length. He observed it for about two minutes through binoculars, during which time it flew East on a straight course at an estimated speed of 1,600 m.p.h.

Mr. Jones' sketch of the object is reproduced inside the front cover.

(Flying Saucer Review Report.)

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The sky was clear at the time and there was no noise.

A few weeks ago a "huge dull grey elliptical ring" travelled at a "terrific rate" over Brownhills in the South of the county and was also observed from Stafford.

(B.F.S.B. Report by Mr. Wilfred Daniels & "Evening Sentinel".)

13th June, 1956. Cannock, Staffordshire.

Mr. F.J. Scott and Mr. T.C. Leighton were looking towards Barr Beacon from Leacroft Colliery at 8.25 p.m. on the evening in question when Mr. Scott saw the object. The first impression he had was that it was a shadow of a very low aircraft or a cloud or a smoke ring. This could not have been so as it was travelling at too great a speed. The object was moving so fast that although it was a closed ring its exact shape could not be determined. It was in view for about 30 seconds: the visibility was good, and the object appeared to be clearly defined. It was low on the horizon, passed behind a mound of colliery dirt, tilted upwards and vanished into the sky.

(B.F.S.B. Report by Mr. Wilfred Daniels.)
(Also by Wolverhampton " Express & Star.")

14th June, 1956. Wolverhampton.

Mystified people left their homes late at night to watch a strange, star-like object hovering in the Wolverhampton area. For about 45 minutes it travelled slowly through the sky. It was first seen at 10.45 p.m. coming from the North - a bright yellow disc shining like a star. Then later it reappeared to the South. Then gradually it edged towards the Southern horizon and by 11.30 watchers lost sight of it.

Mr. David Osborne, an official of the Birmingham and Midland Institute Observatory, saw the lights of a transport aircraft and two jet fighters go over Birmingham at 10.45. He believes that the transport was refuelling the jets. They would circle slowly while doing so. U.S.A.F. Headquarters today said "Flight refuelling exercises are taking place 24 hours a day. It is very possible that American aircraft were doing so over the West Midlands at the times stated last night. "

The meteorological station at Elmdon Airport, Birmingham, believe that it may have been a large weather balloon. An official said that a balloon six feet across

is released from Liverpool at 9.0. p.m. every night, and with last night's wind direction would be due over Wolverhampton at the time the object was seen. But this theory was killed by Fazakerley Meteorological Station, who release the balloons, for last night their balloon burst at 9.41 p.m. 10 miles from Liverpool.

Neither explanation tallies with the observers' descriptions. The meteorological men say a balloon would not be lit up and it would have been too late to catch the sun's rays. Mr. Osborne admits that slowly travelling jets would hardly have given the impression of a bright star.

Note. A flight refuelling exercise was observed through binoculars at Bristol. The tanker aircraft carried an array of brilliant lights on the underside. At first these appeared as a disc of light, and as the aircraft approached they appeared first as cylinder and then as an ellipse of light when viewed with the naked eye. When viewed through the glasses the separate lights could be seen as well as the outline of the aircraft and the navigation lights, which were dim by comparison.

An air tanker when illuminated is a brilliant and unusual sight, but is not likely to attract attention at distances greater than two or three miles at the outside. Assuming a minimum speed of 100 knots and a maximum radius of about three miles a circuit would be completed in six minutes. There is no evidence of the object flying on a number of circuits, and no known aircraft other than a helicopter which can remain in view for so long without circling. It is unlikely that a helicopter could attain the height necessary for such widespread visibility.

G.F.N.K.

(B.F.S.B. Report by Mr. Wilfred Daniels.)
(Also by Wolverhampton "Express & Star.")

12th June, 1956. Bournemouth.

Correspondence in the "Bournemouth Echo"
Under investigation by B.F.S.B.

I am interested to know whether any one saw the object in the sky on Tuesday night at approximately 10.25 p.m. This was moving at a considerable speed, as I saw it from my view - it was a light with blue sparks from its tail, travelling in a South West direction.

I am convinced that this was definitely not a shooting star or meteorite. I should be interested in any other observations.

R. Scott (Mrs.)

Referring to Mrs. Scott's letter (Echo - June 14.) I too saw this object from my kitchen window.

It was just as she says, and as bright as magnesium. I have never seen anything like it before. My son was fishing at Barton-on-Sea and he saw it. He says before reaching the horizon it grew to a larger size and then seemed to disintegrate.

H. Follett (Mrs.)

4th July, 1956. Eccleshall.

"What was the fiery object which fell from the sky like a shooting star in the Eccleshall district about 3.30 yesterday afternoon? It was seen by both the driver and passenger of a car travelling towards Newcastle and is described as being "red hot and glowing" and "very mysterious."

As the car turned a bend trees temporarily intervened and when the view was clear again the object had disappeared. (Continued at foot of page 3)

12th June, 1956.

Gloucester.

(Under investigation by B.F.S.B.)

No explanation has yet been found for a brilliant object which passed over Gloucester on Tuesday night. It was also seen over Cleeve hill and Deerhurst. At Gloucester, its light was said to be strong enough to be seen through drawn curtains.

From Cheltenham comes the statement by Mr. H. Vaillencourt, of Bishops Cleeve, an engineer inspector in the aircraft industry, that it was not an aircraft as this world knows them. "It was ten times the size of anything we have got, and was like looking at the Queen Mary at a distance of two to three miles at the most. The object was blazing with light which came from the inside and showed through extremely large windows."

A resident of Gloucester says she saw the object from her bedroom window at about 11.30 p.m. It was extremely bright, passed across the city roughly from East to West, and paused for perhaps thirty seconds over the city. She did not see any shape, size or height, but the light was far brighter than any star or planet. It was far brighter too than the navigation lights of an aeroplane, and could be seen through drawn curtains.

The R.A.F. at Eastern Avenue, Gloucester, have no knowledge of the object. They recommended "The Citizen" to try the meteorological station. That also yielded a blank. And the Police and the Gloucester City Fire Brigade have had no celestial phenomena reported to them.

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Thw window of the office looks just west of North, and the object was therefore just North of East when first seen.

Beaumont telephoned the Meteorological Office who said the balloons they released at 0800 hrs. were red and rose rapidly and disappeared north-westwards by 0830 hrs.

There was no noise from the object. It appeared to be about 3,000 ft. high from ground level. The distance and size of the object could not be stated definitely.

(B.F.S.B. Report from Causeway, Rhodesia.)

A suggestion is that it may have been a large American bomber equipped with special lighting or a rocket motor attachment. But at Fairford Air Base "The Citizen" was told "We have no idea what the object could have been. We had no aircraft in the air at that time."

Altogether seven independent eye-witness reports have been received from Brookthorpe, Gloucester, Bishops Cleeve, Churchdown and Upton-St.- Leonards.

Mrs. M.D. Whiteley of Brookthorpe described her first impression as that of a great airliner. She had an idea, but could not be sure, that she heard the noise of engines. She says that it was an immensely bright object which twinkled and the lights were so intense that she could not detect an outline. The object came from the direction of Quedgeley and passed over very slowly before it disappeared towards Cheltenham. The time was just before midnight. In comparison the navigation lights of an aeroplane which passed over shortly afterwards were like pin points.

Mr. Fred Tekall of Gloucester, who was walking between Denmark Road and Eastcourt Road just before 11 p.m. says the light was a warm orange colour and nothing like the lights of a plane - rather more like a ball of light.

Mr. Brian K. Wooland who watched the object from his bedroom window at Upton-St.-Leonards as it passed over Gloucester in a northerly direction at about 11.45 p.m. put the size of the light at twenty times that of a normal aircraft. Mr. Wooland says that he has seen a similar light coming from a German V.1. flying bomb at night time.

(B.F.S.B. Report by Mr. Ovens.)
(Also by the Gloucester "Citizen".)