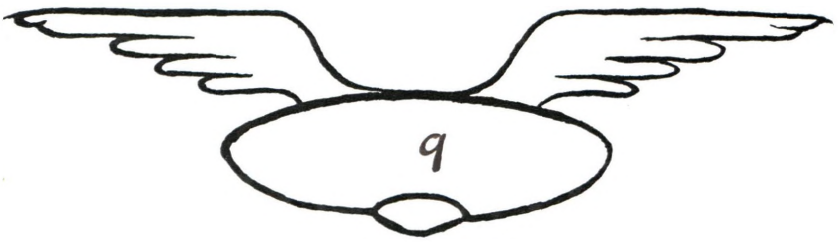
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27.5.57. TAUNTON, SOMERSET:

At 11.30 a.m. on 27th May, Mr. K.C. Solomons, a television engineer, was standing by his van when he saw an unusual object in the sky. When first seen it was hovering and appeared as a sharply outlined black silhouette. It then moved off, gathering speed rapidly, and finally disappeared from view behind some houses when travelling in a north-westerly direction. In the course of this manoeuvre it reflected the sunlight and glinted brightly. Mr. Solomons estimated its maximum speed to be about one and a half times that of a jet plane, and its distance as about a quarter of a mile. The apparent size of the object was that of a pea held at arms length. It was a bright, sunny day and reasonably cloudy with a slight wind.

13.5.57. NOTTINGHAM:

Many people watching the eclipse of the moon saw mysterious lights crossing the sky. At West Bridgeford Mr. & Mrs. J.G. Whitmore saw two white lights travel across the sky at 10.30 p.m. "There was about a 20 second interval between them, but we could hear no sound whatsoever." said Mrs. Whitmore, "and we were puzzled as to what they could be."

A resident in Sherwood, Nottingham, confirmed seeing a white and a red light passing across the sky from the north to the south about 10.30 p.m.

At Tollerton, a Canadian who saw red and white lights, at first put it down to an aircraft returning to Wymeswold with its engines switched off. He saw the lights, which appeared about the same time the other people saw them, disappear in the direction of Bunny.

These do not appear to be the only extraordinary lights seen during the eclipse, for an hour later, about 11.30, an Evening News reporter saw one bright light travelling across the sky from north to south. He had been watching the eclipse through field glasses and was scanning the sky when he saw what he

thought at first was a shooting star. Its speed by comparison with shooting stars, however, was dead slow.

At the same time, Mrs. C.G. Herrett, of 5 Charlbury Road, Radford, and her son also saw two strange lights flash across the sky. "They looked more like the ends of searchlight beams, but there was no signs of the beams." Mrs. Herrett said. "We assumed they were planes at very great height. I saw something very much the same about two years ago, but on that occasion there was some cloud in the sky."

13.5.57. NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

Between 11.30 p.m. and midnight a yellowish-white object, which appeared to be the size of the head of a matchstick at arms length, was seen in the sky over Ashton-under-Lyme. It travelled steadily for about a minute, stopped still, and then shot off to the north-east and disappeared in the distance. It was a very clear night with no wind, and the object appeared as a bright star with a sharp outline. There was no sound.

The observer wishes to remain anonymous, but the sighting was investigated and reported by Mr. Gavin Gibbons, B.F.S.B. Research Representative at Shrewsbury.

B.F.S.B. EVALUATION:

In general these sightings suggest Britannia aircraft on test flights. These aeroplanes are exceptionally quiet in flight, and have earned the name "whispering giants". They are fitted with brilliant landing lights which come on automatically whenever the flaps are lowered. Normally this only occurs at take-off and landing, but flap tests may form part of a test flight programme. The engines are throttled back and unless the observer is well situated and sharp of hearing they will not be heard.

However, the newspaper reporter from the Nottingham "Evening News", from whom we have received a confidential report, was equipped with binoculars capable of revealing an aircraft.

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People in the village of Beaucourt-sur-Landre, near Amiens, in northern France, say that a flying saucer landed on a nearby road last night and that four little men dressed in grey were on board. As proof they pointed to tracks on the road surface and a black lava-like substance. Six people, including the railway station watchman and his wife, made statements. They said the saucer was of a reddish colour and that after it took off it hovered for several minutes before disappearing.

Michel Sekete, a 29-year old Hungarian refugee, said he was cycling home when he was dazzled by a strange projectile. He hid behind a telegraph pole and saw four little men walking along the road. He came out of hiding and had just reached his bicycle when, as he told the police "the four little men came towards me in a threatening manner. He pedalled towards the railway station shouting to the watchman: "Let me in quickly. A flying saucer has landed and I am being attacked."

This morning the police examined the tracks of the lava-like substance. They made a report, but no statement. Reuter.

At the conclusion of the investigation by the police the mayor announced the official explanation that Sekete had in fact seen a lantern carried by a woman on her way home. The Reuter account of the incident quoted above is precise and detailed, and the Mayor's "explanation" ignores the details completely. It is hard to imagine how six people could concoct such a story in good faith from so familiar an object as a hand lantern.

The details of this report contain nothing at variance with the experiences of other observers. The black lava-like substance left on the road recalls to mind a landing which took place at Southend-on-Sea on October 14th, 1954. This was very fully investigated for B.F.S.B. by Mr. Alexander S. Jennings, and a distinguishing feature was discolouration of the road. There were dark patches where the object had rested, which on examination proved to be neither oil nor grease.

1.5.57. COVERACK, CORNWALL:

At 11.30 a.m. on 1st May Mr. Eric Pengilly was delivering letters when he saw a dome shaped object flying slowly from west

to east. It appeared to be about the size of a halfpenny held at arms length. It was sharply outlined and was reflecting the sunlight, glinting like gold as it appeared and disappeared among the trees.

The wind was blowing from ENE at 10-15 knots. The object made no sound. It moved slowly across wind for about ten minutes. When it reached the coast just north of Manacle Point it tipped to an angle of 45° and shot upwards at that angle; climbing much faster than a jet until it disappeared from view.

Mr. Pengilly, who is now a postman, formerly served in the Royal Navy as a petty officer, and has been trained in aircraft recognition.

Enquiries at the Royal Air Force Station, St. Mawgan, revealed that no Service aircraft were in the air in that area at that time.

1.5.57. SAO PAULO, BRAZIL:

At 9.30 p.m. a small oval object, red in colour, was seen for about four minutes climbing slowly to the north east of the city, at an estimated altitude of 6,000 ft. Its general behaviour suggests a balloon, apart from the fact that it was self luminous.

Half an hour later two much larger objects were seen to the south drifting slowly on a south easterly course. They had an intense blue-phospherescent gleam, and after hovering for one or two minutes they climbed in a jump and flew to the east on a horizontal course.

16.6.57. BRISTOL:

Between midnight and one a.m. on the morning of the 16th of June Miss Vanessa Knewstub was lying awake and watching the slow movement of the stars as they passed her window. At 12.47 a.m. (she checked the time) a small bright object came in sight at the top of the window (elevation 30°) and fell slowly until it disappeared at an elevation of 15°. It was the same colour as the stars, but larger. It was in view for approximately a second - rather a long time for a

meteor to travel 15°. At the time the object was assessed as probably being of an astronomical nature, but it was seen again under identical circumstances on the night of 19th June about 11 p.m. In each case the bearing was approximately south west of Avonmouth.

18.6.57. Evening -WOLVERHAMPTON:

At 9.45 p.m. on the evening of the 18th June Miss Ann Poulton was walking with her boy friend in a road off Bee Lane at Bushbury Hill when she saw an object in the sky which she described as a sort of saucer shape and glowing. "It went over in a straight line towards Stafford, and we could see it for about half a minute. Certainly it did not look like a plane. The object was quite large and high up." The object was oval in shape, orange-red in colour, and travelling in a straight line. After a few seconds it seemed to gain height, and then disappeared suddenly in a northerly direction. The day had been very hot, and it was a fine evening with a very clear sky.

Investigated by B.F.S.B. Representative at Stafford, Mr. Wilfred Daniels.

18.6.57. GAILEY, STAFFS:

At 9.30 in the evening Mr. L. Broomhall saw a silver cylinder moving slowly on a north-westerly course (330°). After about 15 minutes it changed course by 90° to approximately north east (60°). When changing course it followed a curved path, and after remaining stationary for two to three minutes it proceeded on a north-easterly course for ten minutes. Mr. Broomhall estimates its speed at between 30 and 50 M.P.H., and its height at between 5,000 and 10,000 feet.

The object was also observed by Mrs. Elizabeth Hooley of Gailey between 9.15 p.m. and 10.0 o'clock. She supplies the additional information that it was stationary between 9.30 and 9.15. When she last saw it at 10 o'clock it was travelling north west, which agrees closely with Mr. Broomhall's observation. They both agree that the apparent size was twice that of a sixpence held at arm's length.

Investigated by B.F.S.B. Representative at Stafford, Mr. Wilfred Daniels.

18.6.57. STAFFORD:

Mrs. G. Pennells and her daughter June saw a cylindrical object in the sky on two occasions: first at 9.15 p.m. and then later, at 9.45. On the first appearance it was silvery gold in colour and its brightness was comparable with that of the moon: the second object was slightly less bright but more orange in colour. When first seen the object seemed to have a blunt nose which glowed slightly. The second object was seen about twenty minutes after the first object had disappeared. This was more orange in colour and moved at great speed down the sky initially. Their speed was aboout that of a piston engined aircraft, later slowing down. The distance of the first object was estimated at between half a mile and a mile, and the second object at less than half a mile.

Investigated by B.F.S.B. Representative at Stafford, Mr. Wilfred Daniels.

19.6.57. STAFFORD:

Mrs. M. Wilkes, a civil servant, was cleaning windows at approx. 8.30 on the evening of the 19th June when her attention was attracted by a large bright object in the sky to the north west. It was an hour before sunset, and the object appeared as a greyish rectangle projecting from the underside of a cloud, above the setting sun. It did not move during the ten minutes that Mrs. Wilkes had it under observation, and she heard no sound.

Investigated by B.F.S.B. Representative at Stafford, Mr. Wilfred Daniels.

20.6.57. STAFFORD:

On the night of June 20th Miss Lorna Hogan, of St. Josephs Convent, Stafford, was watching a television lecture on the night sky. At about 10.50, after the lecture she went on to the roof of the convent to verify what the lecturer had been saying about Saturn. It was not really dark, and what she thought was Saturn was very bright, and

in the south west. She was a little astonished at the position and was going in to check up when to her amazement the "planet" started to move ! It travelled parallel to the horizon and apparently towards Shrewsbury, quite slowly, and after about half a minute it went into some low cloud. In all she watched it for about five minutes. There was no sound.

Investigated by B.F.S.B. Representative at Stafford, Mr. Wilfred Daniels.

25.6.57. WOLVERHAMPTON:

It was a clear, fine evening and at 9.45 Mr. E. Day saw a round red object in the sky like a football. The object was moving when he first saw it, and it continued to move in a southerly direction. Its speed was consistent with an aircraft, but it accelerated rapidly as it disappeared from sight. It was travelling against the wind.

Mrs. Bullock, of Bilston wrote "I, too, happened to see the strange object in the sky on Tuesday night about 9.45. I have never seen anything like it before. I can't think it was a balloon."

Mr. P. Thatcher of Wednesfield wrote: "The object seen over Penn on Tuesday evening at 9.45 was also seen by my neighbour and myself. It was a meteorite which flared brilliantly from overhead and appeared to burn itself out over Gailey way.

The interesting part to my mind was that it left a trail similar to a vapour trail left by an aircraft."

It is evident that Mr. Thatcher and his friend did not see the same object that Mr. Day saw: not only are the descriptions totally different but they were travelling in opposite directions.

This sighting was reported in the Wolverhampton

"Express & Star" and lead to some correspondence.

Investigated by B.F.S.B. Representative at
Stafford, Mr. Wilfred Daniels.