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The Brazilian Flying Saucer Review

By Olavo Fontes

As you have seen in my last article, the Brazilian Air Force opened the investigation of UFO's and let the public know that it had. "We are investigating these unidentified craft that are wandering about", said the air expert authorities. "But there is no ground for alarm but much for keen interest", they concluded, indicating that vigilance was the proper attitude not only for official lookout men, but for the public as well. However, so cordial was the encouragement given to sighters to report what they had seen, that no one could doubt the concern of the F.A.B.

At the time I considered the evidence far too poor to permit anything but the conclusion that the stories were inconclusive. You need a lot of evidence to lift stories out of the rut of ordinary explanations into a new class: inexplicable, unable to be fitted into known types of experience. But as the reports grew, two things did become clearer: First, they couldn't be dismissed, they had to be analyzed and criticised. Second, they couldn't be fitted into known phenomena, they called for an open-mind because the situation was unprecedented. Here we must remember that no one can say absolutely that something didn't happen. We can only take the evidence and see how far it pushes us in our honest attempt to account for it all--if it is good--and not reject or supress any of it because it seems to us unlikely.

In the folllwing account I will continue to review the story of this strange UFO vistition to my country, in 1954. You will find here the best evidence, the best cases reported in Brazil. Look through this list of sightings and form your own conclusion. And remember that field observation by amateurs plays a very important preliminary part, before scientific study can order all our findings and so make safe generalizations about these mysterious craft. Until science can do something about the problem, your guess is as good as the "experts" provided you read the reports of the best selected sightings, which have been reported all over the world.

If so, why should you refuse, at least, to consider the evidence that follows?

Part Three

The Coming Of The UFO's

No one knows exactly when the saucer flap started. But if one can pin down a date, it would probably be about October 12, 1954. That night, at eight-thirty, an Air Force fighter--the T6-1473--scrambled from an Air Force Base in Rio Grande do Sul to perform a night training flight over the cities of Sao Leopoldo and Nova Hamburgo, and surroundings. The pilot, Lieut. Alexandre M. Penna, had just finished some practice passes for night fighters when he spotted an orange lighted object, very high to the east of his plane. In his report, written immediately after he landed (and later released to the press by the air force) he said that "the glowing object seemed to have an apparent diameter of 40 centimeters, and stood motionless in the cloudless moonlit sky for twenty minutes before vanishing". Two other pilots in the squadron--Lieut. Saliba and Dipp--flying over the same area had also observed it. The time, location and description of the object were checked and "there was no doubt," he said, "that they had

seen the same craft."

The same night a strange object was spotted over Pelotas, Rio Grande do Sul, by members of the citys Fire Department. The Fire Squadron Commander, Lieut. Adil Quites, was the first to see the UFO moving swiftly through the sky, from east to west, at 9:40 p.m. He called his relatives and the fire soldiers in the area, and for a few minutes they watched the object cross the sky. All the witnesses described it as "disc-shaped, large, luminous, noiseless, and moving at great speed." The sighting was reported next day by local newspapers, but nobody was interested in the matter and no one in the Air Force had believed the story.

On October 15th, the same UFO appeared again over Pelotas and was seen by a number of persons from the city and surroundings. The description was the same as three nights before: "a great luminous disc-shaped craft, flying noiseless at high speed."

From October 16 to 23, no mention of flying saucers was made by the press. But on October 24th, came the first sighting that really made the Brazilian Air Force (FAB) take a big interest in UFO's. It occured at Gravatai Air Base, near Porto Alegre, capital of the state of Rio do Sul, and was witnessed by one hundred members from the Air Base military staff. (The Gravatai incident was already described in full, by myself, in a previous report to the "Flying Saucer Review", and need not be reviewed here.)

But that day was not to be ended quietly because, that very night saucer-shaped glowing objects were watched by a number of people over Torres City Beach, and over Porto Alegre.

These three sightings changed the placid and uninterested attitude so long held by the Air Force personnel about UFO's, and changed drastically. Classified orders came down to investigate all UFO sightings. A security came down tight around all Air Force bases on Rio Grande do Sul, and the unauthorized transmission or revelation to the press of any information about the matter, by the military, was prohibited. The Air Defense Command started a twenty-four hour air patrol over all military installations in the state. These signs showed that the UFO sutuation was considered to be serious, at that moment; in fact, very serious, almost to the point of panic. But there was nothing the Air Force could do but wait.

Of course, this new Air Force attitude didn't molest the UFO survey. Next day, (October 25th) at noon, a civilian pilot alerted the Gravatai Air Base about a disc-shaped craft which was flying slowly over Osorio, a nearby city. Immediately a jet-fighter was scrambled and directed to search the area where the UFO had been reported. The pilot, Major Magalhaes Mota, jet squadron commander, searched the area for a long time, going up to twelve thousand meters, but could see nothing. He went back to his base but later was informed that a number of ground observers from Osorio had reported the chase. His plane had been seen flying just below the craft, but very far from it because the self-luminous craft was hovering at a fantastic height.

On October 26th, came the startling official statement that perhaps, it might be the most important development of UFO history. It was a pitty that nobody wouldn't have taken that statement to Major Donald Keyhoe. For the first time in this world, a military organization had recognized officialy the existance of strange craft in our

skies, dismissing categorically all the conventional explanations. (This FAB statement appeared in the May 1956 issue of Flying Saucer Review).

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it appeared to be more like a "conical-shaped object". All of the watchers agreed that "it was noiseless and seemed to have a strong light on the head. The stern looked like a tail, four to five meters large," they estimated. The UFO passed below some clouds scattered in the sky and rapidly disappeared into the west.

Of course I know that this UFO report is not very good. In fact it is a poor one, very sketchy and incomplete, and it probably would not have been included here except that the UFO was cigar-shaped--the first of that type to be reported in Brazilian skies, since 1947.

By the night of October 31, 1954, two more UFO's were reported. The first one had been sighted at 8:00 p.m. over the city of Lages, Santa Catarina State, by a farmer, Mr. Liberio Shamedec, and his relatives. It was a "disc-shaped glowing object," that came from the east, hovered silently over the city for a few minutes, and finally disappeared toward the south, at great speed. The sighting was immediately reported to the Florianopolis (the capital of the state of Santa Catarina) Air Base. Half an hour later, the same, or another, UFO appeared over Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul State. It hovered over the city for about fifteen minutes and was watched, from several places, by a number of persons. It was described as a "glowing, disc-shaped craft--apparent size: about a dime at arm's length--emitting a very bright yellow light". The Air Force was alerted and several jet-fighters were scrambled to try and fly up to it. They climbed up to twelve thousand meters but they could do nothing to it--the strange craft was still higher. For a time, it stood motionless in the sky, watching the futile attempts made by our jet fighter planes to catch it. Then, it seemed to lose patience and, with its usual inexpected readiness, it suddenly rushed up into the night and was gone. And no one heard any sound come from it.

The Air Force got a flood of queries from the press, as soon as they heard about this sighting. But the reporters and writers were unceremoniosly sloughed off--the Air Force wasn't divulging any more information about the case. A security lid came down tight around it. The meaning of this attitude was clear: The UFO situation was considered to be serious at that moment. Why?

Had the press been aware of the odd events developed the night before near the city of Tapes, Rio Grande do Sul, the Porto Alegre sighting might not have been the center of interest. True the incident that occured that night--on October 30th--was one of those that even the most ardent skeptical persons should have difficulty trying to explain away.

Besides, it was the first UFO landing into this country....

(Continued next month)

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Maybe Mars' "Canals" Are Railroads

Patterns formed by spider webs, mud cracks and railroad tracks were injected into the mystery of the "canals" on the planet Mars.

Wells A. Webb, a research chemist from Berkeley, California, told the annual convention of the Western Amateur Astronomers in Flagstaff, Arizona on August 30, 1956, that he has found a relationship between

the patterns of railroad tracks and the so-called canal system of Mars. Webb explained it like this: "Martian 'canals' all radiate from specific points, like spider webs, cracks in dried mud and railroad tracks." "Study has shown that mud cracks seem to gather in threes around a given point. Spider web strands gather in fours. But the atteries of man-made intersections, such as those formed by railroad tracks, seem to gather on fours, fives and higher numbers. And this, Webb said, is just how the 'canals' radiate from points on Mars."

Does this indicate the "canals" were made by intelligent beings? Webb believes the possibility is worth further study.

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UFO Expert Interviews Educator On Recent Sighting

Boulder City, Neveda--The man who recently proved before fellow scientists that the Lowell canal network on Mars follows an identical pattern with communications networks on Earth, stopped in Boulder City the first week of September to do some research into another fascinating phenomenon, unidentified flying objects. He is Wells A. Webb industrial scientist and author of the recently published book, "Mars, The New Frontier: Lowell's Hypothesis." Webb was returning to his home in Berkeley, California from Flagstaff, Arizona, where he attended the joint convention of the Western Association of Amateur Astronomers and the Society of Lunar and Planetary Observers August 28th to September 1. He gave a paper on "Analysis" of the Martian Canal Network" which caused favorable discussion among astronomers at the convention, and was the subject of newspaper comment.

While in Boulder City he interviewed the superintendent of schools, Elbert B. Edwards, who, with his son, Arthur, and a companion, the explorer John Goddard, saw a UFO while they were camped in Grand Canyon two years ago. Publicized accounts of Edwards report interested Webb, who has interviewed a number of persons who have sighted these unexplained aerial phenomenon. Webb said that careful sifting of many such reports may yield an explanation acceptable to scientists. Asked if the Grand Canyon space ship report was a phenomenon worthy of consideration by scientific men and if he thought the object could have come from Mars, Webb said he believed scientists should view unexplained phenomenon with open minds and that if these objects do come from outer space, that Mars is the most likely source in our planetary system.

He pointed out that the formerly doubted hypothesis of the astronomer Percival Lowell, that Mars is covered with a network of straight lines, conventionaly called "canals," is now favorably viewed by most astronomers in observatories located in the southeastern United States where the seeing is the best, although the hypothesis was not accepted for many years after it was formulated by the eminent astronomer 60 years ago. In view of the fact that scientists are continually revising hypotheses as further knowledge becomes available, Webb declared that such phenomena as the UFO should be viewed with open minds and evaluated carefuly. "If we do not follow this time-tested procedure, we fail as scientists," he declared. "In this, as in other areas of endover, we must be always on guard against the charlatan even though our material may be sensational."

He said that Edwards reported was especially valuable because it

was based on careful observation by educated and responsible persons, and because of confirmation by others in the canyon that night. Edwards told Webb that on the night of April 16, 1954, about 10:20 p.m. he, his teenage son, Arthur, and the internationally known explorer, John Goddard, sighted an enormous, cigar-shaped object, brilliantly lighted through five or six large porthole-like apertures. The craft passed from north to southwest at an altitude estimated at 6,000 feet above the canyon rim, traveling from horizon to horizon in approximately one minute. Webb asked if the craft was as large as other such objects which had been reported by other viewers to be from 1,000 to 1,200 feet long, and Edwards answered that it was not that large, that it was between 300 and 400 feet in length.

An Indian camped with his small daughter in the vicinity reported they saw a "flying monster with many lights" the same night.

In view of recurring reports of this nature Webb said, "We must not close our eyes to the possibility of the existance of space ships operated by a race of intelligent beings from a planet not our own. That such ships could originate on Mars is not an unreasonable hypothesis in view of the correlation of the Network pattern of Mars and Earth."

"Spacecraft Will Hover Over Los Angeles, California"

Says Group In England

London, England--September 12, 1956--Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench and Bernard Finch have received information that a spacecraft will hover over Los Angeles, California on November 7th. Trench and Finch are among Britain's leading experts on UFO's and recently sponsored a worldwide "sighting day." They still are correlating the reports. They play it pretty cagey about a specific launching from Mars during this period, but one of their associates, Reginald Dutta, has no doubts at all. "You may laugh your head off at this," says Reggie, but there is a group in England that claims to have direct evidence from a spacecraft that it will appear over Los Angeles, brilliantly lighted, at 10:30 p.m. November 7th on a friendly mission. If one of the local radio stations will go off the air for a couple minutes the spacecraft people say they will broadcast over its wave length."

London, England--September 24, 1956--CFSI Staff Correspondent Mrs. Roy H. Atkinson--The Empire News said today that British UFO experts are claiming spacecraft will descend to 10,000 feet over California November 7th and attempt to send a message to Earth. The paper said station KATY in San Luis Obispo has agreed to go off the air that night to listen for the message. The Empire news account went on: The experts said the report of the impending visit from outer space came from an "unimpeachable source" which they declined to reveal. A U.S. electronic engineer, Kenneth M. Keller, not otherwise identified, at a meeting of the British UFO club played tape recordings he said were made directly from a spacecraft hovering over San Francisco.

Keller reportedly said the recordings, each taking about 40 minutes to play, described life of Mars, warned against atomic experiments and gave details of an interplanetary government controlling

life in the universe. The newspaper gave no further details.

San Luis Obispo, California--September 24, 1956--CFSI Staff Correspondent Mrs. Roy Atkinson--"You know as much about it as we do," declared Clay Coldwell, program director of radio station KATY, when asked about a report his station was going to listen for flying saucers. Coldwell said that he had seen a report from London that the craft from outer space supposedly were to hover over the Los Angeles area at 10:30 p.m. the night of November 7th to broadcast messages to the United States. "We wrote to the London scientists who were quoted about the spacecraft, asking for further information, but we haven't had any reply," Coldwell said. "We decided that we would go off the air around 10:15 p.m. that day and tune in our facilities to see what we could pick up. We don't know how long the listening period will last. We are just going to tune in and see if anything happens.

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Man Wants To Buy Moon, It says Here

Washington, D.C.--September 8, 1956--A man in a buying mood phoned the Interior Department long distance from Lakeland, Florida. He wanted to talk to Secretary Fred A. Seaton about buying the moon. Seaton wasn't in, so the call was transferred to one of his special assistants, Elmer Bennett. Bennett was out. so Esther Roth, Bennett's secretary took the call. She wanted to know the nature of the call so she could refer it to the proper authorities. "I want to buy the moon," the caller said. Miss Roth said she didn't think the Interior Department has jurisdiction. Miss Roth transferred the call to Edward Woozley, director of the Bureau of Land management, which has jurisdiction over public lands. Under the public land laws a person has to specify that he personally has inspected the land he intends to buy. Officials doubted that the caller had complied with these provisions.

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Flying Saucer Crashes, Pilot Slightly Hurt

Dayton, Ohio--August 24, 1956--The Wright-Patterson Air Force base "flying saucer" was damaged heavily at 8:40 p.m. as it crashed landed on takeoff after losing power (jet). First Lt. Paul L. Maier, 26, the pilot, blew the canopy off his RF84-F immediately on landing. He escaped with only a bruised ankle. According to a WPAFB base spokesman, the aircraft had just become airborne on the southwest runway when its power cut off. The ship settled rapidly, crashing into a construction area at the end of the runway. Fire equipment was reported hampered in reaching the plane because of the runway extension work, and the fire could not be quickly extinguished. Lt. Mitchell is assigned to the Wright Air Development Center section.

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More Saucers

Tokyo, Japan--September 3, 1956--A Japanese scientist has predicted an increase in the number of flying saucers next year. Dr. Sukeyoshi Morikawa, a physics expert at the University of Tokushima, said

two years of "scientific surveys on the stragglers in the sky" show that the number of saucers sighted increased every three years and four months. Morikawa's prediction is based on an intensive study which has taken him throughout the country interviewing some 1,000 witnesses of the saucers. The doctor, however, said no new theory on the nature of the saucers resulted from his "painstaking analysis" of the data collected and expressed the beleif they were masses of dust in the atmosphere.

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S I G H T I N G S

August 1, 1956--Warren, Maine--Reita Holden, executive secretary of the Knox County Red Cross Chapter, reported that she had seen UFO's from the window of her home at 2:15 a.m. Mrs. Holden said she had been awakened by the sounds of planes flying overhead. Going to her window she spotted three lighted objects. They were heading in a southerly direction toward Bath, she said. Seconds later she sighted two more and then three more of the same objects. As these three disappeared two more showed up heading in the same direction. This time she spotted a plane traveling in the opposite direction toward the north.

Mrs. William Clement of South Thomaston reported spotting a yellow object in the sky accompanied by an airplane.

August 1, 1956--Wichita, Kansas--Mrs. H.B. Marts said she was lying in bed at about 3:50 a.m. looking out the window, when she noticed an object looking like "something afire" in the east flying toward the north. She said she watched it for a few minutes until it disappeared out of her vision. She ran outside, but it was gone. "It was egg-shaped and looked something like a helicopter. It was not clear-cut like the moon but ragged around the edges--like something burning," Mrs. Marta observed.

August 1, 1956--Near Amarillo, Texas--A Dallas, Texas man, who does not want his name published, said he saw a mysterious craft he assumed to be a spaceship in the early morning sky while driving from Amarillo to Memphis, Texas. The man said he, with his wife and two small children, watched a brilliant illumination which seemed to maneuver through a dark cloud. He said they watched it two hours and fifteen minutes and made several photographs of it. The observer said he is a former Air Force pilot and familiar with most military aircraft as well as meteorological phenomena.

August 4, 1956-Near Sheffield, Alabama--A high-flying unidentified flying object was sighted by Miss Graves Rice from her home on Wilson Lake Shores, sometime between 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. The object was described as looking somewhat like a star, encircled by a halo of light which changed from red to greenish-yellow and then to white. The object was in constant motion, moving from side to side, up and down, and circling, Miss Rice said. After watching for a few minutes Miss Rice called two other people in the house, and the three people watched the object for about ten minutes. At one point the object sped off in the

direction of Huntsville, but returned shortly to a point just off the shoreline of Wilson Lake.

August 5, 1956--Redondo Beach, California--A mysterious object, moving across the sky, was watched with curiosity by several Redondoans. Police were alerted at 12:27 a.m. by James Kalberg, who said he watched the light hanging in the sky for about 45 minutes. Two officers detailed to investigate reported they also saw the object but could not identify it. No solution was offered by International Airport, police added after a call for information. At 12:50 a.m. two other officers said they saw the light moving over Torrance. Los Angeles observers said it appeared to be moving from west to east the night before. Some said it looked like a flare, others that it flickered and emitted sparks. Eugene Holderman, control tower operator at Los Angeles International Airport, said he saw the object and a United Airlines pilot also spotted it. Attempts to sight it on radar were unsuccessful.

August 5, 1956--Suffolk, Va.--Occupants of a car attending the late movie at a drive-in theatre witnessed several UFO's. Miss Joan Dail reports that she was looking out of the car window about 11:00 pm and saw what appeared to be eight lights, four on top and four on the bottom, racing in from the southeast at terrific speed. Three other occupants of the car also saw the lights. Miss Dail said the lights zoomed in almost overhead and then took off at terrific speed. It was too dark to see the shape of any object, but she reported the lights resembled illuminated portholes. "If that wasn't a flying saucer, I'd like to know what it was," Miss Dail said. "The speed of the lights was almost unbelievable."

August 7, 1956--Roseburg, Oregon--Mysterious colored lights were sighted by Roseburg residents and their existance was corroborated by a state policeman. The lights were sighted around the KPIC television tower on Rose Mountain. State police were informed that "funny" green and red lights were moving slowly around the tower. The officer on duty at the police station said he looked and spotted three of the lights. He claimed they were even changing color as they moved around the tower. One local amateur astronomer said he thought the lights may have been falling stars. (What!??????)

August 7, 1956--Durham, North Carolina--Mrs. J.C. Hilton reported that at 1:30 a.m. she was aroused by a hissing sound outside her home. She said she looked out but saw nothing. Going outside to the yard, she said, she found where a circular patch of green grass had been seared to a yellowish brown, apparently by some hot object which had fallen on the lawn. Mrs. Hilton said that a closer look around the yard revealed two more such burned patches--one near the back doorstep and the third a short distance away. The first patch was the smallest and deepest, giving the empression that the object had bounced after striking, thereby burning the other, smaller patches. No fragments or other signs of solid objects were found near the patches, which were between five and six feet apart.

The day before, Mrs. Newman Reeves reported that her ten-year-old daughtor, Menda, had called her about 10:50 p.m.--shortly after retiring to bed--and reported that she had just seen a "ball of fire" fall in a neighbors yard. Mrs. Reeve's said that, "out of curiosity," she walked over to the neighbors yard and found there a burned patch of grass "about the size of a saucer." Mrs. Reeves said that there were no fragments or other signs of a solid object left in the vicinity of the burned patch of grass.

August 8, 1956--Durango, Colorado--An unidentified flying object seen in the Durango area was described by one observer as not being of "any natural phenomenon." Malcolm Dayton, a Durango weatherman, said the object was shaped "like a football with one side pushed in." He said it gave off a constant blue-red radiation and occasionally was obscured by a steam-like haze. Mrs. Ethel Dunn, the postmistress at Hesperus, said the object was colorless and "swung in the air like a clock pendulum." Some residents who saw the object said they also saw Air Force fighters chasing it. One plane came quite close, they said.

August 9, 1956--Near Crested Butte, Colorado--Joranson and Larry Mayor, both counselors at the Skyland Camp, saw a strange reddish-orange object flying in a straight line across the sky at about 10:00 p.m. "It appeared to weave a bit," Joranson said. He explained that it looked bigger than a meteor. The object was half-way out of sight before they heard a very faint sound. Both men believe the object was round in shape.

August 9, 1956--Peaks Island, Maine--Mrs. Henry Briggs said she watched a UFO about four or five minutes after 11:00 p.m. She described the object as glowing orange and with a saall tail. Mrs. Briggs said the round object was traveling about the same speed as a plane in a southwest direction. She said it vanished suddenly without a trace.

August 9, 1956--Colchester, Ontario, Canada--Unidentified flying objects have kept residents of the Colchester area busy as bright lights hovered over Lake Erie. Sheldon Saffron, of Colchester, described the light as being white to the naked eye, but appearing to be red when observed through binoculars. It moved up and down, forward and back, but not at any great speed. When approached by aircraft, reported Chief Constable, Tom Fournier, of Colchester, the lights were out for a brief period. He and Constable Gordon Marentette followed the light when they observed it at 2:00 a.m., over the lake northeast of Colchester, toward Ozley. It moved from there toward Cedar Beach and Kingsville. At the latter point, the two policemen were joined by Kingsville's Chief Constable L.K. Girardin at 2:45 a.m., and the three men followed the light back to Klies Beach. By 3:15 a.m., the object was moving inland.

Residents discounted suggestions that the light came from a weather balloon. "The light was bright enough to light up a boat on the lake," said one man. "The object was about 1,000 feet in the air, but it still cast that much light, so you could see the steamer."

There was also a report that two such lights (one smaller than the other) were observed in the early hours of the morning, same day. "The smaller one went into the bigger one," said a man identified only as Mr. Gibson of Klies Beach.

August 9, 1956--Tarrytown, New York--At 12:15 a.m., police headquarters received a telephone call from Walter Kocher, reporting a mysterious light in the sky. Sgt. Fintan Maegerie was dispatched by radio to investigate. He confirmed the report together with Patrolmen John Gilroy and Robert Lipsky. Sgt. Maegerle, a World War two pilot who still holds a commercial license, described the light as yellowish, and "5 to 8 or 10 times the size of any star in the sky." He could not estimate its altitude but said it was moving in jerks in a generally southeasterly direction. In his flying experience he had seen nothing like it, and could not identify it. Stewart Air Force Base, cooperating at first, finally would say only that any information must come

from Wright-Patterson Field in Ohio or the Pentagon. About 1:30 a.m. the light disappeared.

August 12, 1956--Panama City Beach, Florida--Lt. John Hebert, intelligence officer at Tyndall Air Force Base, reported he had been unable to identify a flying object, giving off sparks, reported seen by a visitor at Panama Beach. The visitor, who declined use of his name, reported to Civil Defense officials here he had sighted the object at 4:00 a.m. The report was relayed to the filter center at Montgomery and Tyndall Air Force Base for an investigation. The visitor reported he sighted the strange object about a mile southeast of Panama City Beach. "It was rising slowly," he said, "and giving off reflections." He reported he called his wife, daughter and a house guest and all watched the object for 30 to 40 minutes. It appeared to be a big light, giving off sparks and was a blend of colors. At least six persons saw the strange object circle over the Gulf for about 45 minutes. They described it as being about the size of a football and circling at around 30,000 feet. The object gradually gained altitude and disappeared.

August 12, 1956--Parkersburg, West Virginia--Reliable observers reported sighting an unidentified flying object at about 9:30 p.m. Sighting of the "thing" was reported by Mr. & Mrs. Arch Roberts, who saw the object for some time. A local newspaper reporter and his family had a 15 second view before the mystery object fled rapidly to the east. The light appeared round with an orange-silver color considerably brighter than the stars. Size and altitude could not be determined. It appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed and made, weird, un-aircraft-like movements. There was no sound, either. The reporter said it came from the north and was visible at about a 45 degree angle. It looked like a shooting star at first, then suddenly darted to one side and went east at a high rate of speed.

August 12, 1956--Aurora, Colorado--Mysterious lights floating in the sky over, or near Aurora, had residents in a quandary. Aurora Police Sgt. Jim Mullins said there appeared to be three white lights which floated and bobbed in the sky northeast of the police station. He said they looked as though they were suspended from balloons. Some observers said the lights changed colors.

August 14, 1956--Annapolis, Maryland--Three teen-age volunteers at the waterwitch Fire Department saw objects they considered to be flying discs, and an Annopolis housewife and Naval Academy employe who saw them agree with the boys. James E. Chance, 18, said he saw four silver discs with reddish overcasts shortly before 8:00 p.m. convorting in the sky above the Naval Academy. His observations were supported by John Jarrell, 16, and Jerry Cerone, 16. Agreeing with them was Mrs. Ethel M. Paul, to whose house they rushed to get a better look. "They looked like little dishes on which you would serve cake or pie," she said. Harry F. May, 65-year-old Naval Acadamy employe who was sitting on his porch at the time also reported seeing the objects. He said there were only three of them, however, and their color was white. "They looked like great big plates," he said. May reported that the objects appeared to be "just fooling around and not making any noise. They were flying in a straight line, with one in front of the other."

Chance said he called the Pentagon in Washington almost immediately after the boys saw them to report the findings to an officer concerned with unidentified flying objects. The officer made a check to

see whether there were jets in the area, but Chance did not learn his findings. Later he called back to check with Chance on any other persons who might have seen them. Chance reported that three of the objects were flying slowly in a line with one flying beneath it. The boys attention was called to them at 7:57 p.m., he said, when they heard a roar and looked up to see the cause.

August 15, 1956--Kokomo, Colorado--A Kokomo resident, returning from swing shift at 11:30 p.m., noticed a strange shaft of light which centered somewhere near the town. As he made the turn into Kokomo the light was on the old highway route below the town. His curiosity caused him to drive towards the old road in an attempt to investigate the source of the light, but as he approached it moved across the beaver ponds, swampy ground and Ten Mile creek, continuing up the southerly side of Mayflower Gulch until lost to sight. He described it as a pale shaft of light, brighter at the base, and the only explanation he could give for its unearthly appearance and unusual course of motion was that it must have been a flying saucer. He was unable to get near enough to see the craft or its crew.

Since it was a cloudy night with overcast skies it would not seem possible for the ghostly cloumn of light to have originated from astronomical sources and the route of the moving light would have been hopelessly difficult for an automobile or a man carrying a searchlight. The witness, an alert man of good judgment, was questioned whether he might have stopped for a beer after work, before seeing this strange phenomenon. He replied that he certainly had not but that he felt that he had a definite need for a beer after observing it.

August 16, 1956--Westbrook, Maine--Two more persons saw mysterious lights in the sky. Mrs. Grace Curtis saw a strange light as she was riding down the River road. She said the brilliant light seemed to sway and at times turn into a "chain of stars." She said it had a slightly orange color. "It was really something to watch," Mrs. Curtis said. From Portland, Main, Mrs. Beatrice Moschetto reported seeing a bright disc of reddish-orange light in the direction of the airport. (No planes were in the vicinity at the time, the airport said.) She doubted it could be connected with any shower of stars, she said, because "this thing hovered and then seemed to go straight up." It was no balloon, she added. "We were watching it with binoculars."

August 17, 1956--Beaurepaire, Quebec, Canada--Operations officers at the RCAF's St. Hubert Station checked into a report of and unidentified, glowing object that four residents saw flash across the sky at 8:30 p.m. The four witnesses saw the object, "glowing a faint yellow all around," streak parallel to the earth "at a fantastic speed." The object headed toward the city and passed out of sight.

August 18, 1956--Buenos-Aires, Argentina--Staff Correspondent Olavo Fontes--The mystery of an unidentified craft spotted over the city of Buenos-Aires is still unsolved. The craft came three hours after midnight and was seen by a number of people gathered on the streets. They described the UFO outlines as "very unusual." It had the external shape of "two luminous spheres--huge and very bright--connected with each other by a kind of glowing cone. This cone emitted, at intervals, flashes of greenish light, which lighted briefly the surrounding sky." The craft stopped for a few moments over the city, then darted through the sky at fantastic speed and disappeared into the night in a split-second. No one heard any sound coming from it.

August 18, 1956--Kennewick, Washington--Staff Correspondent R.F. Nowakowski--"I saw something and I'm curious to know what it was," reported Mrs. S.E. Moore. Mrs. Moore said she and her husband were eating supper outdoors when she happened to look up and saw a bright silvery object floating in a westerly direction. She said it was about the size of a basketball and floating, against the wind, about five miles an hour. It disappeared then, but returned in a few minutes and went out of sight to the north. The Atomic Energy Commission security patrol was notified by the state highway patrol. But it was then too late to see the object, the AEC reported.

August 19, 1956--L'Avenir, Quebec, Canada--It was a beautiful, clear night, when Mr. & Mrs. Donnelly decided to go for a walk along a country road. This was approximately at 9:45 p.m. We were walking north when lo and behold there it was, streaking across the sky from east to west at terrific speed. The altitude I could not even guess, but it kept streaking across from east to west and west to east alternately--a long gleaming object. It was such a strange sight streaking back and forth across the sky that my wife started running towards the farm of a friend of ours to ask them to come and see this strange phenomenon when I called her back as I was afraid it might disappear before they had time to see it and I would not like to imagine what they would think of us. Anyhow, our interesting gleaming object kept on streaking from east to west for a while then half way on one of the trips it turned due north, that is, directly away from us, and we watched it until it disappeared. If I had been alone in seeing this I would have kept quiet for obvious reasons but fortunately I had a witness.

August 20, 1956--Minnehaha, Washington--Six area residents said that they observed a bright, moving object near the surface of the moon. The object moved in various directions, stopped and started up again. Paty Olson, one of the six, describes the object this way: "It was about the size of a star, but much brighter. It moved first one way and then the other and also changed color. Then it just sort of faded out of sight."

August 20, 1956--Ketchikan, Alaska--Staff Correspondent Mrs. Ivan Jones--An unidentified flying object caused considerable excitement in this area at 2:00 a.m. A half a dozen persons heard it from as far away as Pennock Island but officials have not determined what it was. Mrs. Bob Hunter, whose four-year-old son woke up and wakened her, heard it five or six times. It sounded like a sputtering fuse or steam escaping from a pipe. Later the same morning, two local men went hunting on a nearby mountain. Near the top they saw a 75 yard furrow plowed down the mountainside. A large boulder had been shattered and the trees in the way were broken off several feet above the ground. They were at a loss as to what could have caused it as there was no evidence of a landslide and it was newly done.

August 21, 1956--Passo Fundo, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil--Staff Correspondent Olavo Fontes--At 3:00 p.m. this city was visited by two flying discs. Flying at great height, the two brightly luminous craft emitted a changing colorful light that made a magnificent effect on the sky. They came from the east moving at slow speed and stopped in space directly above the sleeping city. They moved over it for fifteen minutes. All the observers described the craft as two glowing, disc shaped objects, very different from each other in size. One of them was huge, but the other one was a lot smaller. They were noiseless and left no luminous trail when moving. The sighting was reported by two

members of the night police patrol and by two civilians. At the end, the large craft left silently towards the west and the smaller one disappeared into the north.

August 21, 1956--Oshkosh, Wisconsin--Richard Kaufmann, 13, reported seeing round, shiny objects high in the sky and traveling very fast, not once but twice. The first time was about 11:15 a.m. when he and two companions heard jet planes and looked up in the sky. Unable to see the jets, they did, however, see a "little white dot" travel very fast, pause for a few minutes and then disappear toward the sun. About half an hour later they again looked up and saw jet planes in the air, Kaufman said, and also a disc-like object, this time apparently with a little tail and traveling "real fast." Kaufmann said that the second time there was six boys who saw the object.

August 21, 1956--Hermosa Beach, California--Two Hermosa Beach police officers investigated two calls that a "ball of fire" or other object was observed in the sky. One of the informants convincing account of a mysterious flaming ball was given by Mrs. Martha Shirley, Redondo Beach, who said a bit of the burning material fell on the hood of her auto as she was driving along Pacific Coast Highway near El Segundo, about 7:45 p.m. She said the object was visible for about eight minutes, and for a time seemed suspended in the air. It later streaked westward and disappeared over the horizon.

August 23, 1956--Fullerton, California--The second UFO report of the season came into police headquarters at 8:10 p.m. Susan Belair, 13, her sister, Carol, 14, and Betty Tobin, 12, told investigating officers they had seen a large, round object hovering overhead for about a minute, then start off slowly in a southerly direction and zoom away suddenly. The UFO was described as having a weird blue color with white trim. Police offered no explanation and "no comment".

August 23, 1956--Las Vegas, Nevada--John Romero, reporter for the Las Vegas Review-Journal, who doubles as the newspapers UFO specialist, says he saw something that exibited none of the characteristics of an aircraft. The sighting was made at 6:02 in the evening by Romero and his wife, Denece, from the Twin Lakes area. Two "shiny, hovering objects" were spotted heading south from Las Vegas. "The objects were exceptionally bright and caught our eyes," Romero said. "They seemed to be hovering when we first saw them, then began proceeding south. The lower one, about 3,000 feet from its companion, quickly gathered speed and disappeared. We caught the top object in field glasses for about 10 seconds before it suddenly picked up speed and vanished."

August 26, 1956--New Brunswick, New Jersey--Laszlo Matyasovszky, 14, got a record of the UFO he saw. He was taking a picture of his cat in his backyard when he spotted the UFO. This one was moving fast, Laszlo explained, "but I managed to take a picture of it." Well, Laszlo hoped to get a nice print of the craft back from the film dealer. But instead he got only a negative. The laboratory must have thought the UFO was a speck on the lens. Laszlo decided to take the negative to the local newspaper and they readily agreed to print the picture. The photographed craft was silver in color and it "looked like it was polished." It had a "cap" on top which was brilliant red.

August 26, 1956--Fort Collins, Colorado--A round object that glowed bright red, hovered in the clear northern Colorado sky. "It's like nothing I've ever seen before," said Bob Scott, a newsman for radio station KCOL. "It definitely was not a plane or a balloon." Scott

said it was visible for 37 minutes before moving slowly and silently off to the eastern horizon where it disappeared about 10:30 p.m. He said the object glowed bright red in the center, diminishing in intensity toward the outer extremities. Scott said the glow was constant rather than pulsating. "It couldn't have been a star," he said. "It was a clear night, the stars were out, but this object was a very bright red, much larger than a star, and was moving. It looked as if it were leaving a very slight smoke trail."

August 26, 1956--Lynn, Mass.--Unidentified flying objects, 11 of them, were seen by Terry Malew, and were described as "spinning around like mad and shooting blinding lights all over the place." Terry said he had been awakened by blinding lights shining through his window and that when he got up, the UFO's, all 11 of them, were doing nip-ups and barrel rolls just overhead.

August 27, 1956--Fort Collins, Colorado--For the second night in succession, residents trained their eyes on a round, red object in the sky to the east. "There it is again," said Policeman Lawrence Julch. Mrs. Eloise Stryker watched it through binoculars, and down in Harmony, south of Fort Collins, Miss Jeannette Franz said she saw it, too. Bob Scott, a newsman at radio station KCOL, said everyone who saw it could plainly see Mars at the same time. Mars was almost directly overhead, Scott said, while the UFO floated close to the horizon to the east. Said Julch: "I could see Mars at the same time as this thing, and both were clearly visible." Scott said the object was slightly cigar-shaped and a glowing red that tapered off to a pink. The object was seen for 10 minutes.

August 27, 1956--Colorado Springs, Colorado--The mysterious object seen in Colorado skies was seen by two boy astronomers, as well as people south of Colorado Springs. The theory that it may have been the planet Mars was disproved, for at the same time of this "apparation" Mars was seen in another part of the sky. Bill and Jim Johnson, 15 and 17, were out in their yard with a telescope observing Mars when they saw the strange object. They described it as a big white light, more elliptical than round. It appeared to the south of Colorado Springs and seemed to them to be moving southeast so rapidly that in three seconds they lost sight of it. They said the object seemed low and looked to be about three feet long and two feet wide. They thought they detected a faint trail of smoke behind it. They said they also saw what appeared to be a single star seperating into six points of light in a row.

In Boulder, Colorado, Dr. Gordon Newkirk, University of Colorado astronomer, said that the red object which appeared in the skies on August 26th, over Fort Collins, was not the planet Mars. Newkirk explained that the object which was seen over Fort Collins at 10:42 p.m., was in the wrong sector of the sky and appeared too late at night to be Mars.

August 27, 1956--Pottsville, Pa.--Residents were startled by a huge "ball of fire" in the sky at 8:43 p.m. One observer described the phenomenon as "a huge orange-red ball, twice the size of the sun, that lit up the whole area." The "fireball" was reported to have floated low in the sky, not quite as high as the top story of a four story local mill building. It flew close to the factory, very slow, with no sound. Flames shot out from all sides of the object with the exception of the front. Dense clouds of smoke went straight up in the air. The object hovered in the area for several minutes then floated over the

hill to the north. Several men raced to their automobiles and sped to the top of the hill, thinking the object had landed. When it approached the hill it had seemed to be descending slowly. When the men arrived on top they could see nothing. Some observers said a brilliant light illuminated the sky seconds after the object sailed over the hill. They reported that bright flashes lit up the sky at intervals for about an hour after the object disappeared.

At least six adults and five children saw the "fireball". One woman was in her bedroom when she spied the object. She said "I saw this great orange-colored thing that seemed to be coming toward our house. I saw the flames shooting out the side and the smoke going straight up in the air. I was so scared I couldn't move or cry out. My mother was downstairs at the front door watching it. She called to me to come see it but I was too frightened to answer and tell her I saw it, too."

August 27, 1956--Juniata, Pa.--A Juniata woman, who requested her name be withheld, said she saw a disc-like object that gave off a brilliant light. According to the woman, she stepped out on her back porch at 10:55 p.m. and a bright light immediately attracted her attention. She described it this way: "In the center of my neighbor's yard, I saw a disc-like object about 2 or 3 feet in diameter about four feet above the ground. It was twirling like a top. Almost at the instant I looked at it, it started to rise rapidly. As it went up, it looked as though it had a plastic dome, but it rose so rapidly I couldn't be sure. A cold wind seemed to come from it and I felt as though I was freezing. The object rose to a height of about 20 feet. Both my yard and my neighbor's yard were as bright as day. I could see each blade of grass, the flowers, the trees and the fence palings. I never saw such a brilliant light. It wasn't white like flourescent light. More like a bright light globe. As it rose, the roof-top hid it momentarily, then I saw it for a distance of about three blocks. As it went higher, it appeared to get smaller but it continued bright.

August 27, 1956--Tetuan, Morocco, North Africa--Hundreds of Moroccans reported an unidentified flying object which emitted a green light mingled with red flashes when it whizzed along the Moroccan coast. "UFO's" have been reported cavorting over the bay of Tangiers for the past week. The Moroccan press attributed the reports to a "flying saucer" psychosis.

August 28, 1956--Ogallala, Nebraska--An unidentified flying object was observed about 7:45 p.m. by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Stone and their eight-year-old son. It first appeared as an orange "flash" and then stabilized in the sky as an orange-colored ball. The fiery, orange ball was dim when it first appeared, then it grew brighter and brighter. "It was a lot like an orange-colored light bulb, with rheostat control and someone turning it brighter and brighter," Stone said. When first seen, the object was near the eastern horizon, but as it continued its course, alternating from dim to bright and bright to dim, it moved higher in the sky toward the southwest. At one time, tiny white "dots" seemed to leave the ball to shoot off to the observers right.

August 28, 1956--Cambuquira, Minas Gerais, Brazil--Staff Correspondent Olavo Fontes--At 6:30 a.m., Mr. Jorge Noronha and five other residents sighted a luminous, disc-shaped object, which hovered for five minutes over the city, directly overhead. The disc came from the north and crossed the sky toward the northwest after this brief stop, as if to watch the city. It was flying at a height of about two

thousand meters and had an apparent diameter of about 30 centimeters. The glowing disc appeared to be noisless and left the city moving slowly, straight toward the northeast.

August 28, 1956--Near Innerkip, Ontario, Canada--A 57 year-old Hamilton man, William Corbett stumbled exhausted into the Ontario Provincial Police detachment office and told the officer in charge he was chased by an unidentified flying object for six miles. Mr. Corbett said he was driving from Hamilton to Tavistock when his truck broke down two miles south of Innerkip. "I got out of the truck and noticed a strong white light emerging from a large hub 900 feet in the air. I got scared and started to run, and it followed me." Corbett, a cattleman, was on his way to Tavistock to trade in his truck on a newer model.

August 23, 1956--Seattle, Washington--Two excited boys saw an unidentified flying object about 8:30 p.m. Terry Graham, 12, and his playmate, Chuck Swift, 10, say whatever it was they saw was high in the air and east toward Lake Washington. "It was bluish-white and traveling at tremendous speed, faster than any plane," said Chuck. "There was no sound to it; that was the funny part. Then it disappeared and left a cloud of smoke." The boys said the bluish-white light was somewhat larger than a star.

August 29, 1956--High Point, North Carolina--Dr. Lackey said he spotted a "perfectly round object, something like a silver dollar" traveling eastward through the sky between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. The sphere, he said, was high up and easily seen to be going at a high rate of speed. It continued its eastward course for a time, he said, then swerved and shot straight up and out of sight, leaving a "trail of light" behind.

August 29, 1956--Bradford, Pa.--A mysterious object, described by a local jeweler and his family as looking like "two soup bowls" joined together, showing a "lip" around the circumference, hovered in the air for about a minute, and then shot skyward with a corkscrew motion.

August 30, 1956--High Point, North Carolina--Two UFO's were seen by two girls on duty at the GOC tower. Described as "large, round and silver like," the objects were seen clearly at 10:35 a.m., by Margaret Spencer and Billie Joan Sanders. The silver discs were noted first side-by-side at the point of a cloud over the western area of the city. One of the craft was larger than the other. One flew to the southwest and the other to the west.

August 30, 1956--Rio de Janeiro, Brazil--Staff Correspondent Olavo Fontes--Hundreds of persons gathered in the streets of Botafogo and Flamengo Beach to watch a UFO which was described as "a greenish glowing light, brighter than a star," that maneuvered over the city for 15 minutes before finally disappearing behind the Corcovado Mountain. At first the watchers thought it was an airplane. But soon its abrupt, sharp turns, its great speed, and its altitude, made it clear that it was not a plane. It made three or four tight circles, then reversed course and started amazing maneuvers, moving very fast. It repeated these maneuvers for fifteen minutes and then sped away. The "light" was sharply outlined and definitely round in shaped and moving very fast all the time, but the actual speed could not be estimated. Dr. Lelio Gomes, Director of the National Observatory, said to the press that "the light did not attract the attention of his staff. If it was moving, it was not a star; if it was not a star, we are not interested," he concluded.

Westchester, New York--August 16, 1956--A group of prominent Westchesterites has demanded that U.S. officials come clean with local residents on mysterious objects reported over the countrys skies. One widely know official, who asked that his name be withheld for the time being, admitted he is joining in the move. "The people want to know what gives," he said in a comment on a Tarrytown, N.Y. report of a mysterious light in the sky. Nobody, the official emphasized, wants classified information disclosed. They do want common-sense action on the part of those entrusted with the safety of the public. "Silence is no answer," he concluded. "Neither is a filter center that's all tied up by politics, red tape, and a lack of know-how."

Air Force officials passed the buck when they were asked what the "object" at Terrytown was.

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Army Can't Find New Satellites In 3 Years Hunt

Washington, D.C.--October 12, 1956--The Army said that three years of searching have failed to locate any earth satellites besides the well known moon. An Army spokesman said the most recent reports from astronomer Clyde Tombaugh on studies started in 1953 were that no unusual sightings had been made. However, Tombaugh's final report, soon due, has not yet been received. Army Ordnance ordered the study to explore the possibility that small unseen satellites might be circling the earth 200 or more miles out in space. Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto, has been making his observations at the Army's White Sands, New Mexico, proving grounds, in Peru, and more recently at Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Arizona.

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Mars Bulletins

Washington, D.C.--September 8, 1956--The Navy announced the first detection of radio waves from the planet Mars. They were picked up with a 600-inch radio telescope at the Naval Research Laboratory by the same team that earlier this year detected radio signals from the planet Venus. (Credit: Staff Correspondent George C. Wilson.)

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At various times sober scientist have asserted that there must be some form of life on Mars. Dr. Percival Lowell, who built an observatory near Flagstaff, Arizona just to study the question, believed that there is intelligent beings on the planet. Dr. Lowell based his conclusions on the existance of canals he and others reported they saw marking the surface. The canals had such regularity he felt that only thinking organisms could have made them. However, in recent years the existance of the canals themselves have challenged as optical illusions and with that the possibility of "Martians" has become more illusory. The question of the canals is not yet resolved. Yet there exists several phenomena on Mars as seen through the telescopes that point to some form of vegetation. Dr. E.C. Slipher, one of the most experienced observers of the Lowell station, has declared that "Mars is alive. It has to be." There is evidence that the surface of the planet shows both light and dark areas. If there were not vegetation Mars

would be much more uniform in color and texture as the dust winds would erode everything to the same height. The plants would hold things in place. In his book on the problem ("Green and Red Planet") Dr. Hubertus Strugold, chairman of the Department of Space Medicine of the United States Air Force School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas, asserts that it would be rash to assert that life comparable to that on Earth is impossible on Mars.

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London, England--September 5, 1956--Russian astronomers claimed to have sighted snow on Mars. Moscow radio said the "bright spots" observed on the planet during August were a huge white icecap breaking up under the spell of the spring season on Mars.

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Auckland, New Zealand--September 3, 1956--An icecap on Mars melted three months early this year, astronomer R.A. McIntosh reported. He said of his discovery: "This will create some excitement." Mr. McIntosh said the icecap was last visible from Auckland August 22nd. By September 3rd., it had completely disappeared and the area was seen to be covered by a cloud of white mist. Observations over many years showed that the icecap never vanished until the autumn equinox, and Mars was still 11 days from its summer equinox, he added.

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Tokyo, Japan--September 8, 1956--A Japanese astronomer expressed belief today that planet Mars is "inhabited by living beings." Tsuneo Saegi, chief of the Mars section of the Toa Astronomical Association, told newsmen he spotted more than a dozen "canals" in the region between the equator and the tropical zone during his observation on September 7th. Saegi added that he also saw 10 round spots--"oases"--where these "canals" crossed. The astronomer said that on the eastern edge of the planet there were scores of shining spots arranged in a rosary fashion. He said this was the first time he had seen the "canals"--a pattern of straight lines--and added their descovery supports the theory of life on the planet.

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Vatican City, Rome, Italy--September 8, 1956--Vatican sources said that Catholics have full liberty of opinion and discussion on the question of whether there is life on Mars or other planets. Speaking unofficially, theologians said that there is nothing categorical in Catholic doctrine on the question, and, in fact, Catholic philosophers and scientist themselves disagree on the subject.

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London, England--September 10, 1956--Soviet scientists have "reaffirmed the existance of higher forms of vegetation" on Mars. G. Tikhov, associate member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, says scientific workers of the astro-botany section of the Academy of Sciences have