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Keep An Eye On The Sky

Report All Unidentified Flying Objects To CFSI

We welcome information about current or past sightings of unusual phenomenon found in this and other issues. All names held strictly confidential unless otherwise instructed.

The human mind likes a strange idea as little as the body likes a strange protien. If we watch ourselves honestly we shall often find that we have begun to argue against a new idea even before it has been completely stated.

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"A I R F O R C E C O N F I R M S R E P O R T!!"

In dead seriousness and with some reluctance the Air Force has confirmed an errie tale of flying disc sightings over Pratt, Kansas. Some two dozen people who saw them have been interviewed by Air Force officers who filled out a long, complicated report for higher headquarters. The service was frankly shuddering, as the story came out, at the effect it might have. Officers hoped it won't touch off a wave of imagined objects in the sky.

Among those who saw the luminous disc's were trained Ground Observer Corps members on duty in the observation post at Pratt. They reported the phenomenon to the Filter Center at Hutchinson, Kansas, with an "aircraft flash" phone call like the ones used when airplanes are spotted--except that most of the spaces for aircraft were marked unknown. The disc's, described as resembling two saucers back-to-back, were seen three times the night of May 7th and 8th. Four were flying in formation in the first incident, at 8:30 p.m. They were first seen by persons at a drive-in theater, who phoned the GOC post. They were visible from there, too, as well as from several other points in the city.

A single disc was seen at 12:30 a.m., and a pair of them at 1:30 a.m. The Air Force, while it recognizes it has no right to try to censor tales, does not spontaneously make announcements about them for fear of setting off a wave of imaginative sightings, each of which demands a personal interview and completion of a complicated, 80-question report form. (Note: The above statement is the sole opinion of the Air Force ... not the Editor of this magazine.)

But the story got around Pratt, and when Lt. Ken Schartz, commander of the Filter Center in Hutchinson made a speech at a Lions Club meeting in Pratt someone asked him about it. Schartz confirmed the tale, and in answer to questions told of some of the details. Schartz and Major Eli Fowler, commanding officer of the 793rd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron which operates a radar site here visited Pratt to interview persons who had seen the disc's.

Said Schartz at the meeting: "They certainly had seen something." The flying disc's, described as glowing pink with shadings of orange and green, reportedly left Pratt headed northeast. No other reports, so far as is known, came in that night, although the GOC spotters post in Hutchinson and others in the area were manned.

The report followed a week during which lighted craft in the sky were seen for six successive nights at Pueblo, Colorado. The Air Force sent investigators from Colorado Springs, Colorado, headquarters of the nations air defense setup, and one of them, too, saw the craft . most of which he said were triangular, with one round and brighter than the rest.

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Mystery Flying Object Sighted By Prospectors

Reports of an unidentified flying object were made by three Salt Lake City, Utah, uranium prospectors shortly after their sighting. The trio reported they saw a large silvery colored object "spinning or floating" in the air in the western part of Millard County, Utah, on May 10, 1956. Harvey Mecham, 50 year old prospector and insurance salesman, in company with Wendel Stephensen and Bud Merkey, Salt Lake City, reported seeing the UFO from the top of Totum Knob, about 7:30 a.m.

"We were searching with scintillators near the top when Wendel spotted the UFO," said Mr. Mecham. "I had a pair of 8X30 binoculars with me and looked at the UFO through them. It was no light or reflection, absolutely not," he said. The UFO looked "like the bottom of a saucer except that it was elliptical rather than entirely round," Mr. Mecham said. "It was the brightest, silvery thing I have ever seen," he added.

The UFO remained stationary below some light fleecy clouds for about four or five minutes and then rose at about a 75 degree angle and disappeared out of sight, the men reported. A strong wind was blowing the clouds to the west and the UFO went out of sight in the opposite direction, Mr. Mecham said. "This makes us certain that it was not a balloon. There was nothing hanging down from the bottom of it either," he added.

The men reported that they were about 8,000 feet high and that the UFO was about 3,000 feet above them. "I could have hit it with a high-powered rifle," said Mr. Mecham. The group said they tried to get in touch with the Utah Civil Defense authorities but had been unable to locate either an office or a telephone.

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Spacecraft Seen Over Tarrytown, New York

A Tarrytown, New York, woman said today that she had a pretty good view of a spacecraft on May 7, 1956, observing it for 45 minutes. Mrs. Thomas Taxter said she first saw the craft at 11:15 p.m. while driving home from White Plains, New York. She and her husband, when they got home, watched the craft from 11:30 to midnight. Through field glasses, they said it looked like a bright star with a red glow but was triangular in shape. Mr. Texter said he saw red and green lights. At midnight the craft shot upward and disappeared, he said.

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UFO Over Albuquerque, New Mexico

A woman in Albuquerque says she saw an unidentified flying object on May 10, 1956. "It was hovering in the sky and then disappeared in a flash," she said. "I know they laugh at you when you tell about these things," said Mrs. Peter Y. Wilson, "but I don't care. I saw it with my own eyes and I wasn't dreaming when it happened."

Cigar Shaped Craft Over Argentina

Correspondent Olavo Fontes--On May 8, 1956 telegrams from Salta City, Argentina were published by Rio's newspapers reporting the following incident:

In spite of the stubborn silence and secrecy of military and civilian authorities, it is known that National Intelligence officers have been investigating the incident since the date of the sighting. It happened on March 15, 1956, when the badly jolted population of the Liapuna region watched a number of cigar shaped craft flying overhead at daylight. The weird craft crossed the sky at great speed, doing amazing maneuvers. At one time they stopped motionless in space and stood stationary for some time. At this moment some photos were taken by people witnessing the craft. All the observers reported that the craft were cigar shaped, without wings or tail, and noisless. This description dismissed the possibility that the craft might have been jet planes coming from Bolivia or Chile.

Correspondent J.R. Perry--National police headquarters in Buenos Aires, Argentina said an aluminum, cigar shaped craft was spotted flying at great speed over northern Argentina on April 13, 1956. More than 50 persons in the province of Salta were said to have seen the craft, police said. The police statement said the craft was flying north to south, that it took less than three minutes to disappear from sight and that it left behind a miles-long trail of white vapor.

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Flying Disc's Over Wilmington, California

Manuel Alvarado, of Wilmington, Calif., a disabled veteran said he saw "8 to 10" orange hued disc's in the sky while driving near his home on May 7, 1956. And he has a witness. Grocery clerk Hazel Farrington, whom Alvarado called from her store, said she saw them too. The orange disc's moved about erratically, and alternately before an approaching jet plane "made them vanish," Alvarado said.

He was driving east on L Street near Hyatt Avenue, and the disc's seemed to be over Long Beach, quite high, Alvarado said.

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UFO Baffles East St. Louis, Illinois Residents

Weathermen, astronomers and the military minded could not agree on what they saw over E. St. Louis on May 7, 1956, but the professionals calculated the UFO to be about 90,000 feet moving slowly on a northwest to southeast course. Spokesmen at Scott Air Force Base would not confirm a report that the UFO was a weather balloon. Among many observers there was one point which most agreed. "The object looked metallic."

Bright UFO Seen Near Pryor, Oklahoma

A number of Pryor citizens witnessed an unidentified flying object which was described as slightly oblong, moon-shaped, and colored orange and red. The color, as well as luminous effect, possibly could have been reflections from the setting sun. It hovered in the sky east of Pryor for about two hours, observers said, before suddenly darting off at a high rate of speed. Among those sighting the UFO in Pryor were bankers Lynn Hudson and Roy Lawson; Herb Brown, Jack Lawson, park board chairman Baylis Graham, Don Rhodes, and Lowell Powell.

Lawson said he watched the UFO through son Jack's surveying transit telescope, and one side was "blood red." After a while it had drifted out of sight until watchers saw it shooting westward through the sky. Lawson commented: "A jet bomber couldn't have caught it."

Brown said the UFO had two spots on it, possibly sun reflections. It hovered--drifted slightly--in the east from about 5p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

According to Brown, the UFO, which was seen on May 9, 1956, had a bright light on it. He said he watched it for about an hour, while it drifted slightly southward, probably several miles, he said. A pilot, Cecil Harding of Cleora on Grand Lake, also reported a UFO that had a bright light. Harding saw it from the ground. Harding said the light appeared about dusk. Through binoculars, he said, it looked about "the size of a reading lamp, plainly marked by a cross through the center." Harding said a similar UFO appeared two hours later in the western skies.

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May 11th, UFO Day Over Oklahoma

Residents of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma were among a multitude of Oklahomans who witnessed an unidentified flying object on May 11, 1956. Garvin and McClain county residents watched as the strange UFO remained in a stationary position almost 14 hours. City manager Ed Barber said he saw the UFO "even after the sun set." He said the UFO glowed for awhile, reflecting the suns fading rays.

At the Pauls Valley municipal airport, several of the pilots decided to take a peek at the UFO. But once in the air, many of them found the UFO was in a position much higher than they cared to fly. They finally had to give up the chase.

At Dibble, Oklahoma some 100 persons saw the UFO from the ground. Nobody saw it from the air. The principal of Dibble school, Warner Hayhurt, watched the UFO through a telescope sight on a rifle. He said it was "cylinder-shaped and red on the bottom." Someone with a stronger lens verified this description, adding that the top of the UFO was transparent. The UFO hung around for some ten hours, then moved to the east out of sight. A T-33 did find a weather balloon at 50,000 feet over Purcell later in the day, but weathermen said upper air currents wuold have blown a weather balloon entirely out of the state in the time between sightings in Dibble and Purcell.

In Wewoka, Oklahoma thousands of residents watched a shiny UFO which appeared suddenly high in the sky south of Wewoka. The word spread rapidly, and nearly everybody went outside to take a look. It remained stationary from late in the afternoon until the sun went down then it disappeared. The UFO was also seen over Holdenville, Oklahoma.

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UFO's Observed Over Seiling & Erick, Oklahoma

Two more unidentified flying objects were seen flitting through the sky on May 13, 1956 by observers at Seiling and Erick in western Oklahoma. At Seiling, highway patrol trooper Fred Burns, and various others, watched a UFO for more than an hour with binoculars. Burns described it as "round, white and shiny" with the top two-thirds of transparent material and the bottom part milky white.

Another UFO resembling an upside down light bulb was reported by at least 15 people living in the vicinity of Erick. It was sighted about 15 miles northwest of Erick and traveled northwest. Observers said it had a reddish glow on the underside and that the rest of the object was silver colored.

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Bowling Green, Ohio Residents See Flying Disc

According to a few Bowling Green residents and a school principal at Milton Township, a craft resembling a flying disc was observed in the sky about 8 p.m. on May 16, 1956. Marshall Sherer said that he received a telephone call from V.H. Hemmelskamp, principal at Milton Township school, asking Mr. Sherer to look in the sky and see if he observed any strange craft. Mr. Sherer went outside, glanced to the sky and saw a craft just east of the moon, traveling east at a high rate of speed.

Mr. Sherer said he watched the craft which looked like a flying disc, for about 20 minutes. Mrs. James H. Kern, of the Ground Observer Corps at New Rochester, said that none of the spotters at the station witnessed any strange craft. Mrs. Kern said the only thing out of the ordinary was the refueling of two planes, high in the air, but in a different direction from the reported sighting.

Leslie Pelter, of Delphos, an astronomer said that he was watching the sky all evening but saw nothing that resembled a flying disc. Mr. Peltier commented that he had never seen a flying disc but he said that he would like to, just to please himself, either that there are flying discs or that the craft are just hoaxes.

A Bowling Green scientist, who declined to have his name mentioned said that he received a call about the disc but trees blocked his view and he could not see it. However, he believes that there is actually some basis to the continual reports on the observations. He said that while he was in Michigan a couple of years ago he saw a formation of 14 UFO's, resembling flying disc's traveling in a straight line in the

sky. He said he is positive that the Government is withholding information from the public.

Nevertheless, the Bowling Green residents who witnessed the object are positive that it wasn't an illusion and they will no doubt have their eyes turned toward the sky from now on.

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