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## DISC SUBMERGED IN BRAZILIAN RIVER

### Search For UFO In Minnesota

On the 4th of June 1963, Sheriff Doyle Lindahl, chief deputy Dale Rolfson, Dick Cords, Daily Herald (Austin) reporter and Don Meighan, KWAQ reporter, participated in three flights in search of a flying saucer reported seen to go down in the vicinity of Lyle, Minnesota shortly after 3 a.m. According to police at Austin, five different truck drivers reported seeing a strange multi-colored light which appeared to settle to earth near the small town of Lyle, which is 14 miles south of Austin near the Iowa border.

Highway patrolmen searched an area two miles wide on either side of the state line in the vicinity of Lyle but found nothing unusual. Police at Albert Lea, Minnesota and Independence, Cedar Falls and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, said they had received similar reports of a strange object in the sky. Zearl Leinen, a trucker from Cedar Rapids, was the first to report the incident to Austin, Minnesota police and his report was followed quickly by reports from other truckers.

An Austin radio station said that after it had broadcast news of the incident, they received calls from numerous individuals who said they had seen a multi-colored light that seemed to descend in the vicinity of Lyle. The aerial reconnaissance carried out by Lindahl, Cords, Meighan and Rolfson covered an area 25 miles south of Austin and past Lyle and about 10 miles north of Austin. Wooded areas which would offer concealment were closely scanned.

### Recommended Reading:

Because of repeated requests, we are listing here the books which are felt to be the best on the subject of UFOs. It may or may not be a complete list, depending on the attitude of the individual, but the following are considered to be factual and definite contributions to the field of UFO research:

"Flying Saucers Are Real," by Donald  
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### Robots Terrorize Truck Driver

As Eugenio Douglas drove his commercial truck toward the end of the 18th of October, 1963, he also drove doba Province, Argentina on the night of the 1th of October, 1963, he also drove toward the most startling event of his life. Suddenly his truck was bathed in brilliant white light and he felt an uncomfortable prickling sensation, much like the feeling of muscles returning circulation after being "asleep." The light came from a disc-shaped object about 25 feet in diameter which hovered over the road. The combination of the light and the prickling sensation caused him to lose control of the vehicle and the truck went into the ditch at the side of the road.

Douglas got out of his truck and by that time the disc had landed on the roadway and coming toward him were three "indescribable beings" which Douglas later referred to as "robots." Drawing a revolver which he habitually carried to ward off possible hijackers, Douglas fired four shots point-black at the approaching beings, then turned and ran toward Monte Maiz as fast as his feet would take him. Then he turned around and looked at the "beings" and saw that they were going toward the object in the road which took off and in the space of a few seconds was pursuing him. Douglas tried to keep close to trees, etc., for cover but the disc managed three passes over him, and each time it passed over, he felt the heat and prickling sensation again. Then the disc left. He eventually arrived at Monte Maiz where he reported his experience to the police.

The police at Monte Maiz later told the *Agrega* paper, "Accion" that Douglas was hysterical but in other respects all right when he came rushing in to tell his story. A physician who examined Douglas said that he found unexplainable marks or welts like burns on Douglas' face which Douglas attributed to the light from the disc.

Examination of the ground where the  
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On the 31st of October 1963, Rute de Souza, 8-year-old daughter of Elidia de Souza who live near Iguape, Brazil, heard a strange and increasing roar and on looking to see where it came from, was terrified to observe a silvery object coming toward the river near her house. The object soared over her house, then above her, struck a palm tree near the top and began to "writhe" and struggle in the air above the river. Then it fell into the Peropava River near the opposite shore.

Rute began to run to her house to tell her Mother, and met her Mother coming out. Mrs. de Souza had also heard the roar and ran to investigate. Shortly Raul de Souza, Rute's uncle, came upon the scene. He, too, had heard the roar where he was working about 300 feet from the house. All three stood in amazement as they watched the water "boil up" in the spot where the disc had fallen. The water continued to surge up, followed by an eruption of muddy water and then mud.

On the opposite shore of the river fishermen including Japanese Tetsuo Ioshigawa had witnessed the event and it was from Ioshigawa that investigators and reporters obtained sufficient description that led to the estimation of size of the object—about 25 feet in diameter. All described the disc as like polished aluminum and shaped like a "wash basin." The object appeared to be at about 20 feet altitude when it hit the tree. It was in level flight until that time and after it struck it began its gyrations which led to the conclusion of the witnesses that it was experiencing trouble of some sort.

During the ensuing weeks, divers of various sorts began to attempt a salvage operation. At first, divers using only face masks tried but failed, to be followed by Scuba divers and eventually a professional deep sea diver with full diving suit and air compressor came to attempt to locate the disc. At last report, nothing had been found and all the divers complained of the hampering effect of the mud at the bottom of the river. The Peropava is 12 feet deep at the point where the disc sank and has a muddy bottom comprised of about 15 feet of mud and  
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## Disc Submerged . . .

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clay. If the disc sank through the water and in turn the mud as the boiling up of water and then mud seem to indicate, it may have proceeded through the muddy river bed to solid rock underneath.

In order to fully assess the meaning of this incident which is pretty well established as having occurred, we must take into consideration all of the factors. Although mine detectors were used and the Brazilian equivalent of the Civil Engineers attempted finding and salvaging the disc, reports do not indicate any success of any kind, not even the location of the disc.

We must consider the possibility that the disc, after settling to the bottom, either proceeded through locomotion of some sort away from its initial resting place and is not now in the original spot. If so, it could be anywhere in that river. Also, the size indicates that it may have been manned and if so perhaps repairs could be affected under water and escape from the river and the mud accomplished during the night hours, at some

spot more isolated than where it originally sank.

UFOs of various types have been seen going into and coming out of the water so we must not assume that this particular disc is necessarily trapped even though it is a tempting assumption to make. Time will tell and it may be that the disc will be pulled out of the river eventually. It may be, too, that other UFOs have already come to the disc's aid and have either destroyed or salvaged it.

The only similar incident we have logged in APRO files is the incident which took place off the coast of Venezuela on the 13th of December 1956. A Swedish ship wired the harbor control at La Guaira saying that a strange, cone-shaped object was falling vertically into the sea, that it was very brilliant and gave off "strange glares." The time was 9:50 p. m. and the object was seen by the Captain and several of the crew. When the object hit the water an explosion was heard, then the sea where the object fell became brilliantly colored. After the colors subsided the sea became very disturbed with a "boiling motion," which continued for some time.

It is not known whether or not the object was in trouble in this incident but there is a similarity between the foregoing sighting and the disc which fell into the Peropava River.

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object was reported to have landed yielded nothing but police said they expected nothing for the incident had taken place during a rain storm which had continued for some time after the event and therefore any marks would have been washed out.

On the day after the Douglas encounter with the robots, several country people who had been attending a burial in the area where Douglas saw the beings, told police they had spotted a brilliantly lit disc-shaped object flying through the skies the night before. The time coincided with the time of the Douglas encounter.

In the fall of 1962 an Argentina ranch woman was hospitalized for hysteria after seeing robot-like creatures near her ranch. The Douglas incident seems to correlate generally with that of the woman's experience a year earlier.

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Keyhoe (out of print but still available in paperback in various second-hand bookstores).

"Flying Saucers from Outer Space," by D. Keyhoe (Henry Holt, Pub., New York).

"Flying Saucer Conspiracy," by D. Keyhoe (H. Holt, Pub., New York).

"Flying Saucers Top Secret," by D. Keyhoe (Publisher not known, book checked out at this writing).

"The Truth About Flying Saucers," by Aime Michel. (Publisher not known—book checked out at this writing).

"Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery," by Aime Michel (this is probably the best book on the subject—published in U.S. by Criterion, N. Y.).

"Flying Saucers—A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Sky," by Carl G. Jung (this book is a study of the subject of UFO from a psychological angle by the world's foremost psychologist and alienist until his death in 1961. It is not an easy book for the layman unless he is conversant with the Jungian approach to the human psyche and its function). Published by Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, England.

"The Case for the UFO" and "The Expanding case for the UFO," by M. K. Jessup. (Published by Citadel, New York).

And last, but not least, we hope, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax," by APRO's director and editor, Coral E. Lorenzen. Published by APRO through New York publishing facilities. This book which describes the gigantic hoax which has been perpetrated since saucers first became news in 1947, is still available at APRO Headquarters, \$4.45 postpaid. Checks should be made to C. E. Lorenzen.

NEW BOOK — "Les Apparitions de Martiens," by Michel Carrouges, is a French language volume dealing with the observation of the occupants of the UFOs. Highly recommended for those who can read French, of course, and "The Appearances of the Martians" presents some concluding remarks which are interesting: "As things stand now, it is impossible to state positively that the Martians will take the initiative in making contact. But we must anticipate that the rapid progress of our space program is unavoidably heading toward an interplanetary meeting."

## Light Chases Youths

Ronnie Austin, 18, and his companion, Phyllis Bruce, also 18, had the adventure of their lives shortly after midnight on the morning of 5 August when a huge glowing object chased their car at high speed along a highway in southern Illinois. The sighting may have been the first of a series in the area, or its publication may have occasioned the reporting of other coincidental sightings. At any rate, the following is a description of what happened.

The couple had attended a movie "The Great Escape" at a drive-in theater in Mount Vernon, which is 32 miles west of Fairfield. At approximately 11:30 p.m., they were driving along Illinois Rte. 15 near the Mt. Vernon airport when Ronnie leaned over to speak to Phyllis and spotted a round ball of bright white light at treetop level, at an elevation of approximately 20 degrees. He called it to the attention of the Bruce girl and they watched it, shortly realizing that it apparently was keeping pace with their car. Austin began to check this, slowing and speeding alternately, and the object still stayed with them, although at a distance. At one point the object swerved toward them, increasing in apparent size, then retreated, and jumping up ahead to hover over an electronic relay tower. All this time it was south of the observers. Shortly after hovering over the tower the object hurtled to the north and ahead or east of their car. It stayed ahead and to their left until Austin turned north on Orchardville Road toward the Bruce home. The light was then on their right and east of them. It stayed in that relative position and the couple watched it for about 15 minutes from the Bruce home, then Austin left and drove south, turning east on a gravel road. The light, which had hovered southeast of the Bruce home, during the period that they observed it there, suddenly shot diagonally ahead of Austin's car, coming to a stop east of his route north, so that when he turned north again toward his home, the light was to his right.

During this episode, Austin and the Bruce girl claimed to have been riding at speeds up to 120 miles an hour. After turning east on the gravel road, Austin approached the crossroads at high speed and as his car lurched over a hill the light changed to a brilliant orange and plunged toward the car at terrific speed. Austin estimated that it was within 100 feet of his car within just a few seconds. It then veered sharply upward and directly over the car. Austin said

that it was then that his car radio, which he had tuned in, went static and that he felt as if he had entered an extremely cool area. The light then made another pass over the car and went back to its position over a barn where it hovered, still orange in color, but somewhat duller in tone than it had been when it speeded up.

Austin, by then very frightened, turned north at the intersection and headed for home. For a distance of about three miles the object kept pacing him to his right and rear. After he made the final turn to the west to get to his parents' farm house, the light cut across the road and followed him at his left and behind him. When he turned into his front yard, the object appeared to hover stationary over a farm house about 250 yards east of the Austin home.

It is at this time that things in this narrative become rather uncertain. Austin went inside his house, and with his father, mother and sister, watched the object from the windows. It was 12:35 a.m. Ronnie's father decided to call Jefferson County authorities and have them notify the Air Force installation about 75 miles away.

Jefferson County authorities sent Deputy Harry Lee, who arrived at 1:10 a.m., after State Trooper Richard Gidcumb and George Sexton, Village Marshal of Wayne City had arrived at about 12:45. The latter had heard the call on their car radios. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Withrow who are neighbors of the Austins were also called and they observed the light from their home.

During this interim, the family doctor was consulted by telephone as Ronnie was obviously a very frightened youngster. He was given a sedative which the Austins had on hand in the house. As the party of observers watched, the light slowly ascended higher into the sky and toward the south and by the time Lee arrived at 1:10 it appeared to be just an extremely bright star in the southeastern sky where it remained until it faded out of sight with the coming of dawn.

According to interviews and clippings marshalled by APRO forces in the area, Gidcumb and Marshall Sexton believed the boy had seen something strange, but that what was pointed out to them on their arrival was nothing but the "Eastern Star"—which at that time of the year would have been Jupiter.

However, Jupiter does not stay in the southeast and fade with the dawn—it proceeds across the sky in the west. Lee would not commit himself except to say that when he arrived the light appeared only as a large, white star moving slowly south and ascending.

Later, when Air Force intelligence units and consulting astrophysicist J. Allen Hynek arrived in Wayne County to question witnesses, the Austin incident was explained away, as were the ensuing sightings. We will list the particulars in the most prominent of these, and follow them with the conclusion of the authorities concerning their explanation.

On August 7 residents east and west of Fairfield observed two bright lights. One was kite-shaped with a comet-like tail. Both lights going fast, one dimming. Evaluated at part of night a/c fueling operation.

A strange light "bigger than a star" seen flying high north of a camp ground. It had been observed for about two weeks. No official conclusion on this one but outside of the fact it was reported in the north, it could have been Jupiter. Date: Aug. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Short reported seeing a "bathosphere-shaped" object at 9 p.m., same date. Object circular, brilliant, with four lighted projections. Mrs. Short heard a jet plane go by but no other sound. No evaluation of this one by officials either.

On August 8 Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mason of Fairfield saw a cross-shaped object "early" in the morning. It was speeding toward the northwest. At 10:20 same date. Alderman W. Scott Lawrence of Mt. Vernon saw a bright light traveling northwest. Also seen by Robert Lynch.

A Memorial Hospital employee and her husband were followed by a strange light at 11 p.m. while driving. The light, bright white, was low enough to cast a shadow, according to the observers.

Blueford residents saw a white, oval-shaped object which looked rounded on top, flat on the bottom and with lighter "fingers" extending from it.

Back to August 7—Mr. and Mrs. Perry Pladgett saw a strange light like "the sun with lights projecting from it" while driving home from Cisne at 9 p.m. "A large ball of brilliant light," it moved from the east, was over their car when they got home, then it disappeared.

Circuit Court Clerk James Wilson and his wife saw a "cross with a tail" in the sky.

Butch Musgrave (of Brame) saw a lighted object 4-5 times the size of a star, going east to west, very fast, at 9 p.m. Musgrave was in the Boyleston area.

Also at Boyleston, this date, 7 or 8 others, including Raymond L. Owen at dusk saw a big, bright light "as big as a desk," going from west to east at high  
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speed.

August 8. Mike Hill, cleaning plant operator, and Chauncey Uphoff, a farmer, saw a kite-shaped object with a long tail, at about 800 feet altitude. It lit up Uphoff's barnyard. The light went off when an airplane flew by, but went on after the plane left. This object came from the west along the railroad track east of Uphoff's farm. It looked like a diamond at first, they said. Another object came along—they first thought it was a jet but there were no blinker lights. The diamond shaped object swung around toward the plane, and as it neared, it's lights went out, and after the plane passed the object appeared as a glow, dived toward the Uphoff yard, looking like a kite with a tail. It circled back toward the south at high speed and hovered at about 45 degrees elevation over Merriam, then disappeared toward Grayville. The men thought it was very large, at least at 1,000 feet altitude and it made no noise. The Uphoff dogs were very disturbed and barked all the while.

Same date, Paul C. Brock at Albion said he and neighbors saw a brilliant light which stayed stationary for five minutes, then turned red, floated away, sounding like an engine.

On 9 August Ex-Mayor Harry Bishop saw a light following a car on Centralia road between 10 and 11 p.m. When the car turned off the road and stopped, the light turned, hovered over the auto, then moved west. Bishop called neighbors and they all watched the object for about 10-15 minutes. When interviewed Bishop said the object came down Centralia Road, hovered over his house on the north edge of Mt. Vernon, moved west, went out, then reappeared in the west traveling at high speed. During this episode both he and neighbors saw the motorist whose car was followed by the light, as he stopped and looked up at the thing.

On the 14th of August Mrs. Henry Linder saw a low-flying object at tree-top level. "three feet long, egg-shaped, it lit up the area like a Christmas tree," she said.

15 August—Mrs. Jean Gutzler, of Blueford, saw a bright white object which lighted up her yard west of town. It seemed to be about 50 feet over the barn. It disappeared within a short time.

Same date, unidentified motorist reported bright, darting lights he had seen three nights in a row. He at one time was driving when he saw them, was startled but managed to keep car under some control although he did drive it into the ditch. He described the things

as bright, white, round on the top, flat on the bottom.

Again on the 15th, State Trooper Lee Lyons saw a red ball in the sky northwest of Mt. Vernon at 11 p.m. It had a long tail. Other Mt. Vernon residents saw a light at 12 p.m. One woman reported an object "as big as a car" followed her car on State Route 148, southwest of town.

The first evaluation to be suggested for the Austin incident was that the youngsters saw the moon through fog and, frightened, let their imagination run away with them and thought it was a flying saucer. When the official report came out, however, it was decided that Ronnie Austin had seen Jupiter.

The maneuvers of the object described indicated that the "experts" have again discarded observational information in favor of a pre-conceived explanation or theory. Austin could not possibly have seen either the moon or Jupiter. He saw something which maneuvered and flew at high speeds, and which had an unconventional shape. Ronnie Austin, according to authorities, saw the moon through fog and panicked, and the object seen by him and his family later was Jupiter.

It is entirely possible that Austin saw Jupiter later when watching with his parents and neighbors. If he had been pursued by a large lighted object which terrified him he might not have also seen Jupiter *at the time* so when viewing the bright planet later he would have no way of separating it from the object which pursued him, and he might have interpreted Jupiter as the object which had ascended and was hovering at high altitude. However, the idea that Ronnie saw the moon through fog initially and mistook it for a bright white light which maneuvered and followed him, can only be accepted if we discard the observational data of both Ronnie Austin and Phyllis Bruce.

Later sightings of triangular-shaped objects were explained away by the authorities as night re-fueling operations which were unfamiliar to the observers which were widely seen in the area.

The ball-shaped objects were vaguely explained as fireballs, but before this explanation can be accepted, we must have a satisfactory identification or definition of a fireball. It is well known fact that science is attempting to find out just what these enigmas are. That they are unidentified and therefore could be a particular type of alien space vehicle or missile has not occurred to at least some scientists, for it is their habit to attempt to find a mundane and acceptable explanation for all phenomena.

Thus, from the myriad of sightings by the citizens of Wayne County, Illinois in the early part of August 1963, we have only the usual unsatisfactory explanations for eerie aerial visitors.

## Weird Object In Idaho

Police and residents of Sand Point, Idaho, observed one of the strangest objects ever logged in APRO files, although the description was not entirely clear and perhaps further description might help to categorize it.

B. R. Blundell, Standard Oil Co. manager, called police at 7:20 p.m. and described an object he was observing at the time. His wife, Maxine, also an FBI agent who arrived from Kalispell and local police desk clerk Jean Streeter, who was out working in her garden, also saw the thing. Blundell used field glasses to observe it for about four or five minutes and said: "I furnish oil for helicopters the Forest Service is using for spraying and at first I thought it was one of those. Then I saw it wasn't a helicopter or an airplane. It wasn't a balloon, either. The thing was black, about 8 feet high and had no rotors or wings." Blundell estimated its altitude at about 1500 feet above the ground.

Blundell said the shape of the thing was squarish and appearing to be rotating slowly with what appeared to be puffs of smoke coming out of the top. The lower part glowed and looked as if it were filled with orange flame. It approached from the north, appeared to hover over the Hedlund Lumber Co. plant, then turned southwestward and disappeared toward Dover, three miles away. It seemed to be losing altitude, so Blundell called friends in the vicinity of Dover but none had seen it.

Miss Streeter said she looked up when she heard an airplane, saw the airplane, then spotted the strange object. Federal Aviation Agency officials at Spokane, Washington said they had no reports of such an object and could not explain it.

## UFO Observed From Home

Mary C. Kimball of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine (APRO member) saw a bright star-like object while looking out a window of her home on the night of October 1, 1963. After the first few moments, the UFO moved from its original path in the sky toward her vantage point, passed over her house and out of view.

The UFO was of an undefined shape but was described as bright on the upper part and gray in color underneath. The witness felt that she had seen what possibly resembled windows. It made no noise during its passage, the time of which was about 11:00 p. m.

## Bright Sphere Near Home In Mo.

At about 12:30 a. m. on September 24, 1963, a bright spherical light was seen hovering over trees some 100 yards from the front porch of Mrs. James Patterson who lives near Powell Park, in St. Charles, Missouri. A total of three people witnessed the object when it was first seen. However, the light quickly disappeared as it moved away. Sheriff's deputies were called upon to investigate. They saw the light but upon approaching it the object disappeared.

## Crescent Over Hawaii

On the night of March 11, 1963, a crescent moon-shaped object passed over the area north of the Island of Kauai in the Hawaiian Islands. It was traveling toward the west, at a very high altitude and a high rate of speed. The UFO was very bright and some observers said it appeared to be on fire and appeared to fall into the sea.

Two Hawaii Air National Guard pilots, while flying at 40,000 feet, saw the object. Capt. Jon Parish said he felt the object was some type of rocket or space object flying a pre-determined course. The second pilot, Lt. George Joy commented that the UFO left a visible vapor trail. Hundreds of other people saw the object and military officials would provide no explanation.

## UFOS Over England

On the 29th of July 1963, an object described as being like a ball of fire, orange in color, hovered in the sky for about 10 minutes at Bristol, England. It then disintegrated and disappeared. An hour later a similar object was seen moving at a very rapid pace above the Bristol channel. The day before, a "flying saucer" was noted at Long Ashton near Bristol. This sighting was made at night, as was the sighting of the 29th.

## NZ Youth Encounters UFO

Peter Vining, age 16, of Palmerston North City, New Zealand, encountered two strange bright lights while returning home from the movies at 11:00 p. m. on June 16, 1963. From where he was situated in the city square, he saw two lights resembling automobile headlights coming directly toward him from the sky. After about a minute they stopped and hovered above a clock tower. The distance between the witness and the tower was about 150 yards.

After 5 seconds had passed, the lights

darted away at terrific speed up into the sky and were gone. The observer said that the lights seemed to have been attached to some invisible body which he could not see. Their color was described as being pure white. No other witnesses to the event were found and officials received no other UFO reports for that night.

## Astronomers Watch UFO In Australia

Dr. H. Gallnow, Miss M. Mowat and Professor Bart Bok, of the Mt. Stromlo observatory, saw a brightly-lit object as it sailed across the sky on 30 May 1963. They watched it for a period of one minute and gave this description: It was self-luminous and not glowing from reflecting the rays of the sun. It was orange-red in color and traveled from west to east, passing almost directly over the observatory. It could not have been a meteor because it was far too slow and did not leave a train that a meteor of its size would have made. It appeared to be traveling too fast for a balloon. It appeared to be below a light cloud and did not change brightness in the 60 seconds it was watched.

Professor Bok said the next day that the object could have been a satellite, but then pointed out that it was not one normally seen at Mt. Stromlo, appeared at the wrong time, and glowed far too brightly for a normal satellite. The Department of Civil Aviation said no planes were in the area at the time.

## Presumed Volcanic Activity On Moon Reported

On November 27, 1963, observers at Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff, Arizona, reported that an eruption which was described as being ruby red in color, took place on the crest of the rim of the crater Aristarchus.

The men who witnessed the event were Dr. John S. Hall, Observatory Director, Fred Dungan, scientific director, and James Greenacre and Edward Barr, both lunar mappers. Both black and white as well as color photographs were taken. The duration of the observation was 1½ hours.

Previous to this observation on October 29, Barr and Greenacre had observed three eruptions below the rim of the inner wall of Aristarchus, the duration of which was 20 minutes. In both the October 29 and November 27 events atmospheric dispersion was ruled out as a possible explanation. Volcanic activity is presumed to be the cause in all the cases.

It is interesting to note that Soviet Scientist A. Kozyrev had reported similar activity on the moon in 1960, but not in the crater Aristarchus. His observations were not credited, however.

## Balls Of Fire Seen In Mexico

At 4:27 a. m. on the 5th of August, 1963, residents of Zitacuaro, Michoacan, left their beds to watch the passage and maneuvering of several "balls of fire" over the town. The objects maneuvered in the sky for some time before finally leaving at high speed.

## Splitting Object Seen in NJ

Miss Alice Harney, age 16, of Trenton, New Jersey, made an unusual UFO sighting on the night of February 21, 1963. Time of night was not noted. The object, which was seen out of a window, was described as a large blob of light. Its distance was about 3 city blocks away or possibly more and it was motionless. No color was mentioned. The object began to move, stopped, then spit into two small discs. These then moved away. The observer reported that there was no sound to indicate the presence of any conventional aircraft.

## APRO Member Sights Green "Jet" In Jersey

At 5:20 p. m., on December 13, 1963, member Michael J. Campione saw what he described as a flying object resembling an Air Force jet trainer, but which glowed with a light green phosphorescent color. To be more specific, the color was close to "spring green," a classification of crayon used in children's coloring boxes. All around the outline of the object was a fuzzy luminescence which was also green. (See account of "Strange Light Over Long Island" in September issue—these two accounts are very similar).

The shape of the UFO was that of an elongated teardrop. Two narrow wing-like projections extended out from either side of the fuselage in the same relative position as wings on a conventional aircraft. On each "wing tip" was what resembled a conventional wingtip fuel tank, only it was shorter and "stubbier." The machine showed no evidence of a tail assembly.

The observation lasted 3 or 4 seconds. Campione estimated that the distance this object traveled was about 8 miles. Coming from the WNW and heading SSE, the UFO passed directly over the observer. Its estimated altitude was 3,000 feet and it made no noise.

## Lights At Fond Du Lac, Wis.

During the week preceding 19 April 1963 strange lights were seen maneuvering in the skies above Fond Du Lac. On Wednesday night, patrons at a drive-in theater saw about 20 objects. These objects were sometimes white or crimson in color, moved rapidly and now and then in formation from horizon to horizon. The direction of travel was mostly east to west. It was also noted that they made sharp turns.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Agency in Milwaukee stated that the objects could have been airplanes refueling at high altitudes which would explain the lack of sound. The Agency had received similar reports a week earlier and had determined that in this case they were airplanes, and most likely B58 supersonic bombers which renewed operations over Wisconsin on 1 April. But the sharp turns?

(Editor's Note: It seems odd that an exact identification was not made, for surely the FAA would have known what type of planes were, where and when. This one sounds like another "possible" identification).

## 1958 Encounter With UFO

On May 8, 1958 two sisters driving on U.S. Route 19 at the Tarpon Springs Road in Florida had a very peculiar experience. Miss Hazel Alverson and her sister Mrs. Esther Freeman were driving back to St. Petersburg from Brooksville. At about 6:30 p.m., both women felt pain in their faces and experienced considerable eyestrain. The source of their trouble apparently was an object in the western sky, approximately in line with the sun. Miss Alverson, an amateur photographer, checked the light intensity of the object, which showed a reading of 1600, as compared with the sun's reading of 300. She took a photograph of the object, which showed a lighted area, but was too faint in the newscut to reproduce.

## Record Breaking Cloud Formation Over Southwest

At sunset on February 28, 1963, an oval-shaped, ring-shaped cloud of silvery-white color was observed by hundreds of people in Arizona, New Mexico and California. It was seen as far south as Tucson, Arizona, Albuquerque in the east and Los Angeles in the west. Its diameter was approximately 50 miles, with the cloud's south end sweeping over Flagstaff, Arizona. As night advanced,

it became apparent that the odd phenomenon was luminous and not just lighted by the sun.

Studies conducted by University of Arizona Atmospheric Physics Lab Chief Dr. James MacDonald showed its height to be an incredible 149,000 feet or 45 kilometers. He stated that the cloud was higher than any ought to be. In a conversation with Mrs. Lorenzen by telephone, he used the word "fantastic" to describe the phenomenon. The upper limit for clouds composed of water droplets or ice crystals is 42 kilometers, considerable lower than the altitude of the February formation. The highest known clouds, which are designated as nacreous or "mother-of-pearl" are usually observed only in arctic regions. They can reach a height of 100,000 feet. Being shapeless and formed by air moving up over mountains into a region of severe cold, they are the record-holders. It should be noted that atmospheric conditions around Flagstaff are not conducive to this type of cloud.

During her conversation with Dr. MacDonald, Mrs. Lorenzen was informed that he was checking with missile sites to see if a high-flying missile might account for the formation but to date the origin of the cloud has not been determined. It remains a mystery. It has been suggested by many that the object might have been extra-terrestrial in origin, or in other words, a vapor trail (perhaps "angel's hair") of sorts made by a high-flying space craft.

## Fireball Over Eastern Seaboard

The night of March 25, 1963 produced a brilliant fireball at about 10:00 p.m., which was seen by thousands of observers as it passed over important cities along the Eastern seaboard of the U.S.

Coming from the north, the object passed over Allentown, Pottstown and Philadelphia, Pa., Washington, D. C., and Richmond, Va. It was also seen as far off this path as Harrisburg, Pa., Long Island, N. Y., and Newark, N. J.

The fireball was flying low when it passed over Pottstown, Pa., and along Maryland's eastern shore. Most experts felt that the object was a meteor. However, Mr. Christie Urvack, an electronics engineer for the Air Force at the Camden-Moorestown RCA plant, felt that the object's trajectory was not correct for a meteor.

The object appeared white with a long orange tail and turned a luminous blue green toward the latter part of its flight. Pieces appeared to break off from the

tail and appeared as reddish-orange sparks. The main object also emitted flashes of light which were very brilliant. Hunting parties were organized to search for the object as some witnesses felt it had fallen to earth. However, no trace of the object was found.

## Egg-Shaped Object in Ark.

Mr. Frank Hudson, from his home near Huntsville, Arkansas, made an interesting observation of an egg-shaped object on 20 September 1963. At 6:55 p. m., CST, with good seeing conditions, the UFO was first seen moving very slowly westward about 10 degrees above the Southern horizon, and was visible at first as an over-size star-like object, its light being bright and steady. Through binoculars the object appeared as an egg in position so that the narrow part was pointing toward the ground. Near the top or large part of the object, was a dark area which at intervals moved downward toward what would be described as the middle part or midway between the two ends.

As time passed the object faded and turned to what was described as an orange color before it disappeared.

Mr. Hudson said the object disappeared because there was no sunlight shining on the object or light emanating from it. The possibility that this object may have been a balloon of some kind has neither been confirmed or disproved. Hudson has seen similar objects on May 9 and 10, 1956 and on October 31, 1960.

## Mysterious Explosion At Tacoma

At approximately midnight on December 10, 1963, what sounded like an explosion was heard over a wide area of Tacoma, Washington. City and county officials were unable to determine the cause. However, the usual number of inquiries were made by local citizens. No Air Force planes were reported in the area at the time.

## Odd Shaped Object Seen In Arkansas

Hunters and residents of Arkansas County, Ark., observed a strange-shaped UFO between 4:30 and 5:00 a. m. on October 1, 1963. As viewed from widely separated spots the object was described as shaped like a "question mark," "a cylinder with a shaft projecting downward" and a "boomerang."

Seeing conditions were good as the sky was cloudless. After appearing southeast of Dewitt, it hovered for several minutes and then sped away.