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STRANGE INCIDENT IN AUSTRALIA



“Best Photo” Yet— In Australia

Peter Norris has forwarded a print of the clear colored photograph taken by a prominent Melbourne businessman on the 2nd of April. Although the photographer asks anonymity, he is a member of the VFSRS, and is known and vouched for by Mr. Norris. At 2:20 p.m. on the 2nd, the man was in his garden using up the remainder of the film in his Polaroid color camera. Suddenly a bright reflection caught his eye and he looked up and saw a bell-shaped object hovering,

on its side, over a house. The man snapped the photo, whereupon the object accelerated at great speed and took off in a northerly direction. He estimated the object was about 20 to 25 feet in diameter and at about 150 feet altitude.

If at all possible, the photo will be included with this article. In the black and white print the bottom appears black, but in actuality, in the color photo, it is pink, reflecting the color of the roof over which the object hovered.

(See Australian Photo Above)

A headline reading “Odd Sighting Report, Road Death Linked” appeared in the Perth, Australia “The West Australian” on Tuesday, 12 April 1966. Although no exact date is specified, it is believed the incidents involved happened on or about the 5th of April:

Mr. R. Sullivan, a steel contractor of Maryborough, about 100 miles from Melbourne, reported that while driving his car home from Wycheproof along a tree-lined road, his car suddenly swung sharply to the right. He braked, looked and saw a mysterious column of light in a paddock. When his lights were pulled to the right they lit up the fence “as though they were being dragged by a giant magnet” hidden somewhere in the paddock. In the middle of the paddock, the column of light appeared to be about 25 feet high and shaped like an ice cream cone. It appeared about three feet wide at the bottom and 10 feet wide at the top. The bottom seemed to rest on the ground and it was a brilliant white in color. From there to the top the cloud-like mass looked like a rainbow—it had all the colors of the spectrum.

Before Sullivan made a move, the object rose silently from the ground at tremendous speed. The next day he tested the headlights and found them functioning normally. A small dust depression in a ploughed paddock was examined. The “saucer”-shaped depression is about 3 feet in diameter and 2 inches to 5 inches deep, and 50 yards from the road.

Authorities and the press were puzzled about this incident, for on the 7th, Gary Taylor, 19, of Carnegie, died in a crash when his car unaccountably left the road and crashed into a tree about 10 feet off the highway.

Stop Press!

Hundreds of residents watched a UAO in the sky while two constables pursued the object in a police car for two hours in Grafton, Australia, on the 6th of June. More next issue.

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APRO Memberships Soar, Greater Coverage Needed

It appears that some members take their memberships lightly, depending on someone else to cover their area. Others treat membership in APRO as a subscription. Since July 1965 memberships have risen steeply and our coverage is greater, but many members are sitting back, receiving their Bulletins and never contributing any information although it may be at hand.

The APRO staff, and particularly our overseas representatives, give generously of their time and energy and oftentimes

their resources in order to help keep ALL of the membership informed about current UAO news. They, and many hundreds of dedicated members are in effect, "subsidizing" the rest who do not actively participate.

The membership application clearly indicates that APRO is a cooperative venture and depends on the efforts of ALL members. Some of you belong to other groups to which you submit regular information, and although you benefit from the efforts of other APRO members, you decline to participate.

There seems to be no way to appeal to the non-participating members except on the basis of fair play. Do YOU want others to do YOUR job? It is true that we often receive many duplicate clippings dealing with one sighting due to the fact that the wire services are giving more space and time to the UAO phenomenon. However, sometimes newspapers "cut" stories to such an extent that important details are included in one news cutting and not in others. This is where duplication of clippings received can be invaluable.

Several members have been invaluable in presenting intelligent, rational facts to portions of the public. One of these is Walter Andrus of Motorola, Inc., who recently received a one-page spread in "The Voice of Motorola," that organization's trade paper. This has resulted in membership applications from a great number of scientifically and technically qualified personnel.

Press interest is high and APRO is approached almost daily to furnish information out of its massive file of UAO information. Unlike any other organization in the world, our files date back a full 15 years and some of the Lorenzen's files go back to as early as 1945. We would appreciate it very much if each and every member would submit clippings (with dateline—this is important) concerning ANY and ALL UAO news.

If you belong to other groups, it should not be too large a problem to submit information to both. We do not ask that members only work with APRO or only participate in APRO—each individual has the right to do as he pleases in this respect. However, having joined APRO, one should live up to the obligation implied in the membership blank's requirements for cooperation.

Know Your Area!

Members should familiarize themselves with the location of the following in their areas: Radio Station transmitters, TV transmitters, power stations, telephone installations and micro-wave

towers, water reservoirs, other fresh water sources, and water pumping stations.

In the case of landed or hovering UAOs, it should not be too great a task, if one is familiar with the above, to determine shortly whether or not the incident took place in the vicinity of one of the same, and submit that information along with clipping and report.

That CBS "Special"

On the 10th of May, CBS's much-heralded "Special" report, "UFOs — Friend, Foe or Fantasy?" was aired. The network had given the show a lot of plugging but little detail was known about its actual content.

Narrated by veteran Walter Kronkite, the show was the usual rehash of opinions about UFOs, and the only difference we could see between it and the famous (or infamous) Armstrong Circle Theater presentation of about 8 years ago, was that the sightings mentioned were up to date and included the Manor sighting at Dexter, Michigan, and the Van Horn sighting at Hillsdale, and the cast of characters was slightly altered. (See stories in March-April issue).

Those "not in the know" may have breathed a little harder when the film of the object taken from a plane over England was shown, for they looked good. However, the explanation (an accurate one, incidentally) knocked that one into a cocked hat, but not before Englishman Gibbs-Smith pronounced the films as authentic and commented on the egotism of denying the possibility of life elsewhere.

The only resemblance to a non-partisan, scientific exposure of the subject came when Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the Air Force's consulting astrophysicist, commented on the Air Force's admitted 600-odd unexplained sightings.

But, as stated before, the show said nothing new and the general format was the usual accusation by Mr. Donald Keyhoe that the Air Force is withholding facts and shouldn't, Dr. Donald Menzel's assertion that the things are nothing but reflections on inversion layers (masson jar and all) and recounts of wholly unsatisfactorily explained sightings.

As Rick Du Brow, TV and Radio critic said, the public was "left up in the air."

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The Ohio Police Chase

The prime example of reconnaissance of official land-based vehicles took place on an 85-mile strip of interconnecting highways between Ravenna, Ohio and Pittsburgh, Pa. on the 17th of April 1966. We are indebted to Attorney Carl Funk for his wrapup of certain important details. Although hundreds of people apparently spotted the object we will deal with the major sighting involving the police cars.

Press reports first quoted unidentified Air Force Reserve pilots at Youngstown, who reportedly said they had attempted to chase the object but its 100-mile-per-hour speed was too slow for their jet trainers. Later these reports were withdrawn when AF officials at Youngstown said no planes were scrambled. The first reports placed the object as travelling east along U. S. Highway 224 north of Canton.

At 5 a. m. Deputy Wayne Huston was cruising about East Palestine, Ohio when he heard a message on his car radio stating that a woman had reported from east of Akron having sighted a bright UFO which was apparently headed Eastward. Portage County (to the east) Deputy Dale Spaur received the message and with another Portage County deputy took off in search, and picked up the object near "Brady's Park going into Rochester"—on State Route 224. The vehicle followed the UFO at speeds of between 80 and 100 miles per hour, later leaving Route 224 and taking State Route 14 toward Pittsburgh. All the while, these deputies were using their radio and were listened to from the first by officer Wayne Huston of the East Palestine police.

As the chase passed East Palestine on Route 14 about 5:35 a. m., at the highway junction just north of the town, Huston joined the chase and all three, the UFO, the Portage deputies and the East Palestine cruiser, proceeded eastward toward Pittsburgh at 80-100 miles per hour. Attempts were made to rouse Pennsylvania officers without much success, due to differing radio systems between the states. However, on reaching Conway, Pennsylvania, contact was made with the local officers, and the matter was turned over to them.

The Pennsylvania Police became highly uncommunicative about what happened after Conway, but the following is known about the object and the "chase".

The object looked "like an ice cream cone, big end up", said one deputy. It was a bright white light, so bright they "could have driven without their own lights being on," they said. There were no windows, no irregular surface fea-

tures, no exhaust or contrails. The only noise was a whirring similar to that of a rapidly turning motor. The average height at which it travelled was about 800 feet but once or twice it dipped to 200 feet. Motion was not erratic or oscillating. The only variation was when it ascended which it did very rapidly.

The deputies assumed that it was intelligently controlled. It seemed to be able to go much faster but it held a speed of 80-100 miles per hour so it *could* be followed. The men in the cars felt that their radio communications were being monitored and their changes in procedure being anticipated.

At no time was there any interference with their engines' performance or the operation of the car radios.

One man, a Portage County deputy and also Chief of Police of Mantua Village, Gerald Buchert, obtained a photograph of the object and reportedly was told by the AF to keep it from the public. It went out on the press wires the next day (Tuesday) however. The photo does not appear to be anything spectacular, being merely a blob in news prints of same.

Some of the quotes by the men who chased the object are quite interesting:

The object was "about 35-40 feet in diameter".

Deputy Robert Wilson said that at one time during the chase, he heard Spaur say that the object had something like an antenna protruding from the bottom, as it hovered over the cruiser in which he (Spaur) and W. L. Neff were riding.

Buchert was quoted as saying the object looked round until it moved away, then it appeared like two saucers cupped together, lip to lip. The top half was very bright, the bottom half was dark.

At one point, when the deputies reached a highway interchange bridge, they had to slow down and the object appeared to slow and hover, waiting for them.

Spaur was a complete skeptic about UAOs prior to his experience but has since changed his mind.

Two developments during the ensuing week are interesting. One is explained, the other is not:

On the 23rd, the official word came out of Washington that the officers had chased a "double image" of Venus (whatever that is). They did qualify the statement with the word "probably", however. This development is explained, we believe, by the fact that officialdom has made a practice of denying the reality of the discs. Although considerable editorializing and general reporting on the happenings of the last year has convinced many people, the TV-Radio industry seems determined to keep any

pro-UFO information off the air.

The second item, which is unexplainable, is the apparently abandoned car found near the area where the object was first sighted. It was carrying walkie talkies, recording equipment and tape recordings. It was registered to a Robert W. Nelson of Edinboro, Pa., and a driver's temporary permit was found in the car, also, issued to Sanford Brown of Crawford. We have no further information on this vehicle and would appreciate any available. It may have no connection whatsoever with the incident, and it may have been a plant.

The Wanaque Reservoir Incident

On the night of 11 January 1966, hundreds of residents of Wanaque, New Jersey reported observing a strange, large white light which maneuvered over the local Reservoir. Some of the many were Mayor Harry T. Wolfe, who was alerted by the police, and Councilman Arthur Barton and Warren Hagstrom. The object was seen from Oakland, Ringwood, Paterson, Totowa, Wayne and Butler. It was reported to have been seen in Oakland first, then over the Reservoir, then above Lakeland Regional High School, and over the Houdaille Sandpit in Haskell. It then appeared to move southeast toward Pines Lake in Wayne where it "disappeared."

The object was described as "gliding oddly" and changing color from white to red to green and back to white. Some described it as a very brilliant white light like a star except that it didn't flicker, and others said it was "oval."

Civil Defense Director Bentley Spencer and Richard Vrooman were also alerted by reservoir Patrolman George Dykman and went out to view the object. Spencer went to the top of the 1500-foot-long Raymond Dam with reservoir employee Fred Stennes and from that vantage point, he reported later, he observed a "bolt of light" which shot down, as if "attracted to the water." He said it appeared to be a beam of light emitted from a porthole. Hundreds of curious were turned back by reservoir police when they converged on the dam from both the north and the south to view the object.

Later news clippings carried the explanation by the Air Force that observers had been watching an AF helicopter, but it was later learned that the helicopter was not in that area at that time. Also suspect were Venus, in the evening sky, and Jupiter in the early morning sky. However, the appearance of these two planets does not coincide with the

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descriptions and maneuvers of the object.

It was also reported that Reservoir Policeman Charles Theodora spotted an object from the Reservoir Station at 2 a.m. on January 12 after he was notified by the Pompton Lakes Police that they had been chasing an object. He said he watched the object until 4:30 a.m., along with other officers. He said it came over the pumping station, danced from side to side, blinked on and off, or at times ascended at such a fast rate that he couldn't track it, for 2½ hours, after which it headed into the north and disappeared over the rim of the dam.

Wanaque Reservoir is one of a vast network of reservoirs in northern New Jersey. This sighting of a UAO over a fresh water supply is only one of many documented by APRO in the past 5 years.

UAO Seen Near New York Water Tower

An unidentified (by request) police officer at Syracuse, New York, reported that on the night of the 25th of April, he observed a circular car-sized object hovering near the Thornden Park water tower.

The same officer had seen an object come out of the south earlier. It was described as cloud-like and it hovered (about 200 to 300 yards) near the field house, then climbed into the sky and disappeared.

The second, seen about five minutes later, also came from the south and dropped at a 45 degree angle. It was described as a white, bluish-green object that trailed white sparks. The size was comparable to an auto, it was circular and had a domed top within which lights were observed. It stopped and hovered about 3 feet above the road leading to the water tower. After five to ten seconds, it rose and vanished into the south.

The officer reported that the objects were also seen by two others. One of a group of boys who were walking near the Park (Thornden Park) told a reporter for the Syracuse Herald-American that he and his friends saw the same thing.

Officials Quash School Sighting

Officials of the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society (Peter Norris, president) of Australia, were hard put to obtain information on the reported sighting of a UAO near the Westall School

in Clayton, on the 6th of April, 1966. The known facts:

Mrs. Judith Magee, who investigated, said that she understood that children at the school had been instructed to talk to no one who asked questions about the sighting. Finally, a science teacher at the school, Mr. Andrew Greenwood, gave a detailed description to the press which discounted theories that the object was a weather balloon, an aircraft or a flock of birds. The object was round, had a flat base and a hump on the top, grey or silver in color and while it hovered and maneuvered near the school, it was circled by light aircraft. Despite this information, authorities deny the presence of the aircraft. Officials at Moorabbin airport said that a dozen aircraft took off from there on the morning of April 6, one of which was on a cross-country flight. Other light craft were on training flights, but to the southeast, while Westall is northwest of the field. The RAAF had no aircraft operating in the area at the time.

Greenwood said that five light aircraft were circling the object and were flying at a relatively low altitude. He first saw the object when it rose into the air from behind pine trees near the school. After about 20 minutes Greenwood looked away and when he looked back, the object was gone.

Two Close Encounters

On the same day, but half a continent apart, two men came upon UAOs and had an interesting tale to tell:

Early on the morning of the 23rd of March, Eddie Laxton, 56, of Temple, Oklahoma, came upon a "fish-shaped" object on Highway U.S. 70 near the Oklahoma-Texas line. Laxton is employed as an electronics instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base at Wichita Falls, and is generally considered to be a stable individual.

Laxton was en route to work from Temple when he had to stop his car because the object blocked the highway. He got out and approached the silvery object, he said, and saw a man dressed in what appeared to be GI fatigues standing by the strange craft. He turned back to his car to get his camera and the man got into the object and it took off vertically. Laxton, familiar with aircraft, could not identify the object although he got a good look at it. The only familiar thing about it was the marking, TL41, which was part of a set of letters arranged vertically instead of horizontally on ordinary aircraft and test craft. C. W. Anderson, a truck driver from Snyder, Oklahoma, reported the same incident, he being on the road and

headed in the opposite direction. He told the press that he and other truck drivers had seen several of the same type of objects along that highway in the past few months.

Late in the evening of the 23rd of March, police received a report from 23-year-old John King of Bangor, Maine, who claimed he had seen an orange-colored, low-flying object with a blue light on one end and a white one on the other, in a field near the Bangor State Hospital. He took a few shots at it. His story:

He was driving on Mt. Hope Avenue when he noticed lights in the field near the Bangor State Hospital. He got out to look and the object started coming toward him. He went back to his car, loaded a .22 caliber automatic pistol and returned to the field and fired four shots at the thing. King claimed he could hear the tips of the elderberry bushes scraping the underside of the object which he estimated as two car lengths wide, as it passed above him.

Captain F. Carr McInnis, to whom King reported, said that "King must have seen something as he was visibly upset."

Teacher Spots UAO In Ontario

Harold Mullins, B.A., science teacher at Selkirk High School, Fort William, Ontario, Canada, has forwarded a complete report and drawing of an object he observed near Highway 11, 20 miles west of Longlac, Ontario on the 30th of December, 1965.

Mullins reports that the road in that area was level for 3 or 4 miles and he spotted the object above the ground off to the right and ahead of him. He checked his eyes by taking his eyes from the light and then looking at it again. He decided he was really observing something, and slowed his car to between 5 and 10 miles per hour until he drew up to the object and then passed it. He decided not to stop as the road was a lonely one with no apparent habitation in the vicinity. After he passed the light he did not encounter any other traffic for three quarters of an hour.

The object was a bright yellow oval disc and a light path emanated from its underside to the evergreen trees over which it hovered. It appeared to be vibrating at a fixed point, and looked to be about the size of "a small house or large room," and hovering about 20-30 feet above tree level and one-fourth mile north of the highway. Mullins estimated his observing time as about 20 minutes; it was still there when he drove out of sight.

Boys Chased By UAO

On the 8th of April, Mike Dorsey and Gary Hunt, each of whom are 12 years old, were proceeding to school from their home in Norwalk, Connecticut. They had left home at 8:05 and turned into Redcoat Road on their way to school. About 5 minutes later they noticed sunlight reflecting off a distant object to the west, behind them. The object zoomed down in a flash and made one pass over them (from west to east), turned and made a second pass (from east to west), then turned and made a third pass (from west to east again).

The boys panicked, yelled, shouted, and ran into the nearby woods for cover. Redcoat Road is a sparsely settled road with only a few houses set well off the road. A car with New York plates and two men in it slowed down but when the men apparently saw the object, they left in a hurry.

The object was a dull silver in color. Gary described the only sound as like bees' humming, even lower in frequency, when close, at about 15 feet. After the third pass, the object made two more passes, apparently looking for the boys, who had taken refuge under a bridge abutment. At one point it hovered over the bridge, and the boys noted that it had a fluttering motion when it hovered. They could not see the underside at any time, but described it as very smooth, apparently metallic, a black spot on the top of it, near the rim, a red light on top of an antenna-like protrusion which stuck up out of the top, and red and white lights around the rim, which appeared to rotate anti-clockwise. The top light appeared to be about 4 inches in diameter. The boys said the object appeared to be about 8 feet in diameter and 4½ feet high.

We are indebted to Martin F. Grace for this investigation and for the following quotes: "When we hid behind trees, it floated above the trees to spot us. When we hid behind rocks it still spotted us," said Gary. They finally ran to the Holy Ghost Seminary on Ferndale property, where four seminaries spotted them being chased by something. The boys ran toward the bridge abutment at this point and hid under it.

The disc then came down to about 7 feet altitude, apparently trying to find the boys, and stayed in that position for about 5 minutes, whereupon it suddenly disappeared. The boys ran from the bridge, and heard a "ker-splash."

At that juncture, both boys went home. The time was 10 a.m., so the object had been pursuing them for the better part of two hours. Their parents

said the boys were white and obviously very frightened.

Mr. Grace later called the Ferndale Seminary on the phone and talked to two of the Seminaries. They both said that no one was there since it was Easter week, thus indicating that the boys had not even seen the seminaries they mentioned.

Mr. Grace also learned that the boys were questioned in the principal's office at school by a man who refused to give his name or organization. He merely said that he was from a classified top secret branch of the government.

Michigan Sighting In Early March

Although the press took little notice, there seemed to be some activity in Michigan at least a week prior to the "flap" around the latter part of the month. Science teacher Maxine Muck of Blissfield, Michigan, was driving with her daughter near Dexter (the scene of the Manner sighting) on the 13th of March at 5:30 a. m. Her headlights struck an object hovering at low altitude which then rose slowly and disappeared from sight in a northeasterly direction. Both described it as a spiral-shaped orange-colored object about 4 feet wide and about 27 feet long. No noise was heard, and Mrs. Muck said she got the impression the lights of her car alerted the object.

Other Sightings

Other sightings preceding the fuss at Dexter and Hillsdale took place in southeastern Michigan in the early morning of the 14th. Sheriff's deputies reported sighting a disc with red and green lights which moved at high speed and maneuvered in the northwest. Shortly after 4 the object was joined by a second one and the two flew in formation. The same objects were apparently sighted by sheriff's department personnel from Monroe and Livingston counties and from Ypsilanti, Dexter and Sylvania, Ohio.

Selfridge AFB was notified and although radar men had observed them visually, they said, their radar had not picked them up. At about 5:30 a.m., the two maneuvering UAOs were joined by two more and all four flew off in a northwesterly direction.

Woman Is Paralyzed By Ball Of Fire

On the 24th of April, at about 9 p.m., Mrs. Viola Swartwood, 45, was riding in the car with her husband in the hamlet of Fleming, New York. It was raining. A ball of fire came out of the sky, hung

close to the car, then Mr. Swartwood heard what he described as a "loud snap" and his wife felt a shock run through the right side of her body. She was hospitalized with a paralysis which concentrated on her right side. Last reports indicated that she is progressing and that the paralysis is leaving.

At about the same time of the Swartwood incident, residents of West Lake road saw a cone-shaped light-colored object with a feathery or fiery bottom section which flew around the area for about 15 minutes and then disappeared. The object was apparently a few miles east of Fleming.

N.Y. UAOs Over Canal Area

In the first week of April, several sightings were reported along a canal area a mile west of Rome AFB near Rome, New York. Although the Utica Observer Dispatch did not give the date, the coverage was remarkably detailed. A young couple reported seeing a "boomerang" shaped object with flashing lights which hovered soundlessly an estimated 100 feet above them. A few days later, people on Upper West Thomas Street (in Utica) watched an object with flashing lights which hovered over the canal. Although AF spokesmen later denied it, the observers said planes from the air base were flying in the area and apparently were trying to locate it. The observers said the UFO would "duck out of sight" when the planes came near, then reappear when they left.

The boomerang-shaped object seen by Kenneth Peck, 21, and Carol Broskay, 16, had three lights, whitish, bluish-green and red, and the surface of the object was dull metal colored. The youngsters estimated its size as 85 feet across and 25 feet thick. When they approached it, they said, it glided east toward Utica.

Object On Road In France

Eugene Coquil of Kermadien en Balazec, France, reports that at 4 in the morning on the 16th of January 1966 he saw what appeared to be the lights of a tractor in a field. He got out of the car to help the "driver in distress" and was surprised when the object began to move. At this, Coquil got back into his car and tried to start the engine, but it would not start. The object was coming toward his vehicle, then proceeded, at very low altitude, to the rear on the opposite side of the road where it landed. Coquil got his car started and left. He described the object as appearing to be square in shape with a red light on each "corner."

The Patterns In The 1965 "Flap"

The hundreds of sightings logged by APRO in 1965 yielded some significant patterns. They are:

1. Repetitive sightings over populated areas.
2. Apparent interest in land-based official vehicles (police cars).
3. Hovering and landed objects over or near power transmission lines and power stations.
4. Hovering and landed objects over or near fresh water sources such as lakes and reservoirs.

As has been our method since APRO began concentrating on patterns during flaps, flyovers are logged, but the hovering and landed object cases are the ones which are felt will yield more concrete information and therefore are given more attention.

The four groups mentioned above were quite readily recognizable and there is still another although its significance is not as easily interpreted, and it is the large number of sightings of objects over or hovering near school grounds. This may merely mean that children look up more than adults and therefore the presence of UAOs in the vicinity of schools is more easily noted.

However, concerning the four groups listed above, we have need of interpretation. In the instance of the first group, it would seem that the old pattern of surreptitiousness, at least where populated areas are concerned, is no longer practiced and it would logically follow that the UAO occupants want to be seen by large groups of people. This could be interpreted as indoctrination of sorts. If the objects are capable of monitoring TV and radio broadcasts as we suspect (see the Ohio-Pennsylvania Police chase incident in this issue for an example) then their repeated appearances over cities may mean that they are aware that until 1965 they were not taken seriously by the general public.

Group number two began to show during the Midwest flap in the U.S. in July and August. The pattern manifested itself in this way: An object would come in over a city, hover until attention was drawn to it, then as police cars showed interest, the object would proceed beyond the city's boundaries where it would hover in an inaccessible area. See 1965 APRO Bulletins for examples. The latest such incident is the Ohio-Pennsylvania case noted above.

Group three was indicated over the last 6 years, but was grossly obvious during the 1965 activity. The Northeast power blackout seems to be connected with this reconnaissance.

Group four has also been manifested during the past several years but was even more obvious in 1965.

Most of us feel that the UAOs are occupied by intelligent beings, that they are interplanetary in origin and that their past behavior indicates a pattern. The major patterns were outlined in Mrs. Lorenzen's book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax," and on the basis of the pattern, the prediction of water and power reconnaissance was made.

A careful study of the facts about the 1965 correlations indicates a relationship between the four groups of like observations. Let us review some observations of the past 19 years:

The UAO occupants are careful, methodical and they do not like light. The activities of the past 19 years indicate a careful and purposeful reconnaissance. The tendency of the UAO occupants to carry out certain reconnaissance in isolated areas is obvious. This may indicate a purpose which is indifferent or at worst inimical to man.

Without electrical power and water, the advanced cultures of this world are virtually helpless — and especially at night. The Northeast power blackout may have been brought about in order to study man under stress. Or . . . it would be an excellent way in which to determine how men operate at night without electrical power.

Of course, the Northeast blackout was not the only one, and it differed, for instance, from the one in Buenos Aires in one important detail. In Buenos Aires radio and TV stations, lacking auxiliary power plants, went off the air and the result of lack of communication between authorities and the people was widespread panic.

In the Northeast United States, however, radio stations switched almost immediately to auxiliary power plants and stayed on the air and the reassurances of authorities were received by the proliferation of transistor radios and battery operated sets.

If the UAOs were studying the effect of the blackouts from a strategic angle, they learned some important things: That at least in the U.S., communication is maintained through radio via auxiliary power plants. They must also have learned that there is probably another method of communication, and that is the telephone although they may not know exactly yet how it works and where its nerve centers are. They also must have noted (and especially in the Southwest blackout of the 3rd of December) that military bases also have auxiliary power systems.

It has been suggested that the preoccupation with fresh water sources may

indicate an interest in easy access of hydrogen for nuclear plants. On the other hand, hydrogen can be obtained from the atmosphere, or from isolated lakes and rivers. So why the *drinking water* sources which have been reconnoitered in the past few years? If merely obtaining water is the object, that could be accomplished by tapping isolated mountain springs, reservoirs in isolated locations, etc. But there is a noticeable concentration on reservoirs which furnish certain areas with drinking water, and drinking water is a vital necessity to sustain life—it is something we use day after day, year in and year out.

Could it be that the water resources are being reconnoitered with a plan in mind? The introduction of germs or tranquilizers, for instance?

The second group of incidents—that of objects chasing police cars, baiting them into chases—could reveal some very important bits of information such as top speed, communications hookups, the types of police authority (i.e., city, county, state, etc.). From the Ohio "chase" of April 1966 alone, the occupants of the UAOs could learn that the top speed of an official car is about 100 miles per hour, that they are capable of communicating with each other and a central headquarters via radio, that it is often difficult because of different radio frequencies for communications between states, and that their progress along the highways are slowed by traffic lights and traffic interchanges and intersections. This could be invaluable if some sort of invasion were planned.

During a discussion among APRO advisers and members concerning the possible connection between these four correlations, one individual who prefers to remain anonymous, assessed the information in this manner:

"About the experiments themselves. The blackouts do not seem to have been affected to attempt to find out how humans react under certain stress situations. Their psychologists might be interested in this point, but the main reason, I believe, was a different one. They simply wanted to know, in the case of the Northeast United States if their device could cause a blackout; how long it lasted; how big it was; and mostly, *to what degree it could paralyze the life functions of our civilization*, including communications and military mobilization. And you can be reasonably sure that they learned something which will postpone their plans for some time (until the problem is solved). They discovered that military bases have independent auxiliary power sources and stayed ac-

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tive during the blackouts. The same for radio stations in certain areas. Also they must suspect by now that we have some method of communication which was not affected by their device—our telephone network. At any rate, the blackouts appear to be tests to find our weak spots, for military reasons.

“The same applies to the water. They could spread disease through the water—biological warfare. Not to exterminate the human race, but to disorganize and cause confusion and panic. But virus diseases have an incubation period which is different for each person, no one is affected in the same manner and many will be resistant. The results would be unpredictable. There would be a much better way—drugs. Not poisons to kill a large number of people, nor tranquilizing drugs—just sleeping drugs.

“You can see the picture—if they are planning a mass landing they know we will attempt to fight back. But how could we resist if everything is paralyzed by the lack of electric power and everyone is sleeping peacefully?” Unquote.

This picture is not a pretty one. Nor was it a pretty picture that APRO painted when we began to log and investigate occupant incidents in 1954. We do not offer these interpretations lightly, but would like to ask dissenters to go along with us in considering this theory for the following reasons:

1. If we are wrong in our interpretation, we have lost nothing.
2. If we are right, it will mean that our methods were thorough and correct and our existence as a research organization is justified.

We must keep in mind the following: If the foregoing theory is correct, the UAO occupants have several big problems on their hands: In many areas of the world, water is not potable and sizeable groups of people drink bottled water. In many other areas, including desert areas (Tucson is an example), water is obtained from deep wells which would be difficult to reach and pollute with drugs.

Other points which we must take into consideration: The drinking water sources for large masses of population throughout the world are top-of-the-ground water reservoirs. Most of our largest cities depend on them for their water supply, and many depend on lakes. Chicago and Milwaukee are examples of the latter, they depend on water from Lake Michigan which is treated and filtered in order to make it fit for human consumption.

Therefore, if the foregoing theory is correct or nearly so, we can expect the following in the near future:

UAOs hovering or landing or maneuvering over telephone centers, micro-wave relay stations and the like. Further concentration on power stations, electrical transmission lines, water reservoirs, lakes, and PUMPING STATIONS for well water.

We should all make a DETERMINED EFFORT to locate the nearest of the above-named installations in all cases of hovering or landed UAOs. We should also take particular interest in sightings of any objects over or near NATIONAL CAPITALS, STATE CAPITALS and MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

There is no doubt at this time that UAO activity has entered a new stage—it would seem to be the “wind-up” operation. If our theory of sleeping drugs in drinking water is correct, the last step will be a test. We have no idea of the timetable, but it is absolutely essential that we learn everything possible about UAO activity from this moment on. Please see editorial concerning adequate coverage.

Florida Governor Sees UAO

Governor Haydon Burns of Florida, U.S.A., four newsmen and seven other persons on board his Convair reportedly viewed a bright flying object which was not picked up on radar, while flying at 6,000 feet just south of Ocala, Florida at 8:52 p.m., on the 28th of April, 1966.

Governor Burns spotted the object and ordered his pilot to intercept the object, after obtaining approval from the Miami control tower. Jack Ledden of the Palm Beach (Fla.) Post-Times said he was convinced the object was controlled and that it was something top secret that the U.S. government has but won't disclose. He described the object as two “parenthesis or inverted saucers with light between of yellowish white.” The descriptions of the other witnesses were similar. They said that when the plane gave chase the object's lights turned down and went out completely.

Lighted “Plate” In Ohio

One of the continuing sightings of UAOs in the East was made on the 4th of May by Mrs. Becky Hartley of Cardington, Ohio and about 9 others. Mrs. Hartley told the press she was getting ready for bed when she saw a white light go by her window. She looked out and saw the light hovering over a nearby farm.

Mrs. Hartley said she then notified her husband, Marion, and some neigh-

bors and they all watched the object for about a half an hour. She told reporters that the object was “quite low” and had a red cast in the rear resembling an exhaust with several smaller objects resembling fireflies hovering around it. She said the small objects periodically came toward the large object as if they were going to crash into it, then flashed and backed away. She said the large object did not move until an airplane came into the area and then it suddenly left. Mrs. Hartley said she and her husband took turns looking at the object through binoculars. It was plate-shaped and gave off a white light.

Northwest Sighting

An object described by some observers as “like two soup plates stuck together, with a pulsating red glow,” has been seen in the vicinity of Victoria, British Columbia and Vancouver, Washington. On the fifth of April several reports were made to the Victoria Colonist. John H. Steele of Victoria reported seeing an object moving from southeast to northeast, after which it appeared to hang in the sky above the transmitter lights on Trial Island. “It suddenly seemed to more or less explode and turn yellowish and drop, and then it faded like a flare,” he said.

The switchboard at CKLG in Vancouver was jammed with callers between 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. that night when people called in to report red objects in the sky south of Vancouver, B.C.

One of the sighters at Victoria, a man who requests anonymity, was interviewed by Mr. Barney Kent, and we learned that: A red, pulsating light with the apparent diameter of a 25 cent piece held at arm's length was seen at 10:50 P.S.T. on the 5th. The background consisted of the Sooke Hills and the western sky which was clear. The object was going in the direction of Mt. Douglas which stands higher than the Sooke hills. From the location of the object at the moment of sighting until it reached Mount Douglas was about 7 miles. The object was visible for about 12 minutes then it stopped, the pulsating light changed from red to light blue momentarily, and then commenced pulsating again (red) and proceeded at the same leisurely speed until it disappeared behind Mount Douglas. No sound heard, no noise.

The observer was alerted by a phone call to his son from a friend who was watching the object near him. He said he could hear a siren-like sound although could not precisely link it with the object.

The observer decided the object was
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unconventional. His qualifications: Weather observer for the Dept. of Transport for 12 years, has a certificate of competency as a master mariner, certificate of competency in radio telegraphy, first class. Student of astronomy, optical and radio, and is presently an electronics technician specializing in radar for the Dept. of Transport.

"Evil Eye" At Victoria

The Victoria Daily Times for 26 February reported the experience of Mrs. R. Desureau at 6 a.m. that morning: She said she went out on her porch at 6 a.m. to feed her cats, looked up and saw this "great big evil eye" staring down from the sky. She described it as being in the north, a big "ball of fire" with orange and yellow streaks coming out of the sides and "back." She said it was over Beacon Hill Park at first, then moved toward Seattle, Washington, east of her. She watched it for several minutes, and used field glasses.

More UFOs In B.C., Canada

UFOs reported in Canada during the recent flap seemed to concentrate on Ontario and British Columbia. At Sarnia, Ontario, on the 28th of March, a shimmering white object travelling north at high speed was watched by several witnesses who reported that it altered its course two or three times in the 7 minutes it was visible. A spokesman at Selfridge AFB in upper Michigan said the object was tracked briefly on radar. Hundreds of reports reached police and other agencies on the night of the 27th, and came from Toronto, Barrie, Hamilton, Kitchener and the Windsor area. It should be noted that Kitchener has been a favorite spot for UFOs in past years.

In late February or perhaps the 1st of March, the Vancouver Daily Province reported several significant sightings. Four persons reported seeing objects in the Kelowna area. Alfred Quemby, of the Kelowna Courier, a printer, said that he had seen an oval-shaped object with a dome which circled over the Benvoulin district in southeast Kelowna. It appeared to be made of polished metal. When he left his car for a closer look, "it disappeared at an almost unbelievable speed," he said.

Clifford Cole, a watchman for the Canadian Pacific Railway Lake and River Service, reported seeing an object hovering over Okanagan Lake. He said another smaller craft appeared to "pop up" to the surface of the lake, stay there

for a time, then join the larger craft, which flew away.

Two teen-agers parked on Black Mountain after dark said they watched a saucer-shaped object which disgorged a small diamond-shaped object which circled it and then went back inside.

Sightings At Tacoma

The spate of sightings in Washington State indicates a general area flap in Northwest USA and SW Canada. Some sightings sent in by members in the Tacoma area are undated, however, and we assume they took place in early April:

These sightings came from the Tacoma News Tribune and we would like members in that area to check that paper and forward the dates:

Newspaper switchboards were swamped with calls on the Friday night as people reported unidentified objects in the area of Spanaway and the Narrows Bridge and north Tacoma. One man watched a "square, transparent object" hovering over the bridge for nearly 30 minutes starting at 6:30. It did not give off light and disappeared at dark. Other callers said they saw a triangular shaped object over the Narrows, at about 6:30. A teenager called to report that she and four friends saw a strange object giving off flashes of red and blue light over the local smelter at 8:30 p.m.

Strange Object On Film Just Reflection

Much news space was given to the photographs taken by British housewife Mrs. Joan Oldfield, from an airliner flying 9,000 feet above the English midlands. The photos were taken on or about the 28th of March. Mrs. Oldfield's husband Tom and she both agreed that the object seemed to hover "for just a few seconds," then banked and disappeared completely. The photo shows an elongated shape with four rather thick "fins" protruding from both of the sides with the longest dimensions.

The four frames taken by Mrs. Oldfield showed the object as quite long, then as it shortened, then even shorter with fins "retracting," then as a disc. An enterprising BBC man chartered the same plane in which Mrs. Oldfield had been flying, sat in the same seat, and when the plane was in the same position over the Midlands, took photos of what he saw—and the photos turned out to be a window reflection of the tail assembly. The curved surface of the window glass was responsible for the distortion phenomenon.

UAO Chases Car In Florida

On the 6th of May a very disturbed man was stopped by a highway patrol officer on the Tamiami Trail in Florida. Bill Keralas, a real estate man from Cape Coral, went along to the police station willingly. He told this story:

He was driving along at a normal rate when a blue-green light which he estimated as about 100 feet in diameter, "whooshed" over his convertible and followed him for nearly 10 miles, illuminating the highway. In his attempt to escape the object, he pushed his car up to 115 miles per hour, and it was during this speedy ride that the officer spotted and overtook him. Keralas went willingly to police headquarters where he told his story. The arresting officer, Dave Dampier, said Keralas did not appear to be overly tired or to be displaying symptoms of drinking. "I think this man was telling the truth," Dampier told reporters, "he was right scared." Keralas was reported to have stated: "I felt as though nothing good was going to happen if I stopped, so I got out of the area as fast as my car would go."

FSR Special Issue

Flying Saucer Review of London, England will be released next fall. Some of the researchers whose articles will be featured will be Jacques Vallee and Coral Lorenzen of the United States, Aime Michel of France and Gordon Creighton of England.

The time of release and price will be noted in this Bulletin as soon as they are established, and we hope FSR will find a good audience among APRO members. The main theme of the issue will be "occupant" accounts from around the world since 1946.

Two Australian Sightings In December

Two Brisbane residents reported mysterious airborne objects on the night of the 6th of December 1965. At 7:45, Mr. G. J. Bierton of Freda Street, Upper Mt. Gravatt, was traveling on the Gold Coast Road when a torch-like light appeared above the roadway in front of the car. He said the light "lit up the area like day" and his children became so frightened they hid on the floor of the car. He said the light grew in size until it was about "two feet across," and then it faded.

Mrs. A. Gray of Russell Terrace, Indooroopilly reported that at 9:30 p.m., she saw a ball of light hovering over houses a short distance from her home. She said that the "blob" of light moved up and down over the houses for about a minute and then disappeared.