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- .If these are Extraterrestrial visitations, how can there be so many of them?
- .Most crashed disc reports are 20 or more years old. Are there no recent ones? If not, why not?
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Further details will be published in this space as our plans are finalized.

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## 1964 ANTARCTICA UFO REPORT

### MULTIPLE PHENOMENA IN ENGLAND

*(The following information comes from English newspapers and although we cannot vouch for its authenticity, the details are sufficiently similar to other cases, that they require re-telling.)*

June 19, 1978 - Faringdon, John Mann and his wife, Gloria, their two daughters, Natasha and Tanya, and John's sister, Frances Farrow, left the home of John's mother at 9:30 in the evening. With so little traffic on the road, John had no doubt that they'd get home by 11:15. Around 10:15, as the car mounted a rise in the road at Stanford-in-the-Vale, John and Frances spotted a brilliant white light in the sky about a mile ahead.

They drove on for a mile and the light did not change its position. A red light started to flash on and off on the right side of the white light which now seemed to be coming straight at them. John put on the hand brake and leaped from the car with the engine still running.

Suddenly the moon was eclipsed by pitch blackness and John could hear a noise "like a mixture of a swishing sound and the scoring noise of a train's wheels gainst a track." The moon re-appeared and he could make out a vast circular shape over 100 feet up in the sky, moving very slowly. It came directly over the car and drifted over trees on the right into a field. Then the noise stopped.

John got back into the car and had driven about 100 yards when he realized that they were no longer on the familiar road home. The road was no longer straight, but wound up and down small rises with sharp bends. "I had the strange feeling that if I took my hands off the wheel the car would drive itself," said John.

They drove onward through several towns with a ball of brilliant white light pacing the car, about 200 feet to the right of it. Whenever they approached houses or villages the light would disappear, only to re-appear once they were back on deserted roads. As the car entered Cirencester the light disappeared and they did not see it again during the last 20 minutes of the journey. When they arrived home and looked at the clock it was 12:15, an hour later than they should have arrived.

The next day John decided to retrace their journey  
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A former member of the U.S. Coast Guard has come forward with two very unusual UFO experiences he had while on duty in the Antarctic. Although both sightings occurred more than fifteen years ago, the bizarre nature of the encounters make them poignant, even a decade and a half later.

The witness, Mr. X, of -----, California, was on duty at the South Pole as part of Operation Deep Freeze. He originally saw service as a helicopter crewman aboard the Coast Guard ice breaker East Wind. Later, he served as a crew chief on a C-130 transport aircraft.

X's first sighting occurred in the early morning hours of April 20, 1964. He, along with five other crewmen, were on board a C-130 inbound to the Naval Base at McMurdo Sound.

They were on the last leg of what he termed a "turnaround". The flight had originated at McMurdo, routed to Christchurch, New Zealand, to pick up supplies and equipment, then back to McMurdo. X stated that the flight seemed normal and that their only "company" was a Russian aircraft that was flying parallel with them about five miles off their starboard wing and they had had him on radar for some time. He related that even though the Russian installations were several hundred miles from McMurdo, because of the prevailing winds, most incoming aircraft used the same corridor into the Antarctic. Suddenly the starboard watch called out that he had a series of UFOs in view above and to the right of the aircraft approaching at about 400 knots. Unlike the Russian aircraft, the UFOs were not visible on radar. The objects then slowed to about the same speed of the aircraft, which was doing about 160 to 190 knots at an altitude of 35,000 feet. At first only the starboard watch was able to see the UFOs. The pilot then dipped the right wing in order to get a look at the objects which were tailing his plane. X said that when this occurred, the objects were visible through the astro-dome on top of the aircraft. A short time later the objects moved closer and the crew were able to observe them through the windows on the right side of the transport. X described the UFOs as nine glowing white objects flying in a V formation. The UFOs paced the aircraft for a short time then moved over the large transport into a position above and to the left of them. This marked the start of an incredible chain of events that would leave the crewmen totally bewildered.

At this point they attempted to send a Mayday (call for assistance) but discovered that their radio had gone

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dead, as had their radar. The aircraft then began to lose all electrical power. The pilot attempted to switch to auxiliary power but found that it was out also. X said that it was as if the plane's entire electrical system had shorted out. The turbo props were still going at this time but then they gradually began to grind to a halt. X theorized that because the engines were receiving no electrical power, the oil had begun to congeal in the cold temperature, causing the failure. At this point the big transport should have been falling like a rock, but, to the surprise of the crewmen, the aircraft was apparently maintaining a steady altitude and course. X had no idea why the aircraft didn't go down, but it would seem that the UFOs were somehow keeping it airborne. He said it was "a hell of a feeling," flying along with no engines, in complete silence. He also stated that the aircraft had no attitude. That is to say they could not make it go up, down, left or right. It was as if someone else was controlling it. Then still another strange thing occurred.

X said that the aircraft suddenly entered a strange haze. He said he thought it was the beginning of a "white-out." He described the haze as being very dry and filled with static electricity. He claimed that if you

got close to metal your body would arc with the metal and that you would receive an electrical shock. He also stated that he felt "odd" the entire time they were in the haze. After about twenty minutes the haze vanished.

The flight continued on for several more minutes, being shadowed by the formation of UFOs the whole time. Suddenly the electrical power came back on and the crew began restarting the engines, one by one. In a short time they had all systems functioning and everything was back to normal aboard the aircraft. At almost the same instant the UFOs departed and the big transport continued on to McMurdo. In all the aircraft had flown 45-50 minutes without the aid of their engines and without electrical power. Another odd thing was then discovered. It seems that during the 45-50 minute period they covered a distance of 265 nautical miles. As X stated before, the C-130 was traveling at between 160-190 knots per hour. He had no explanation how the aircraft managed to travel 265 miles in less than an hour. Upon landing, the entire crew gathered in the cockpit to discuss the experience they had just been through. A short time later the crewmen filed a report with their superiors and also turned in seven of the nine rolls of photographs they had taken of the UFOs. During this time still another mystery began to unfold.

When the ground crew began to check out the C-130 they discovered it had too much fuel left on board to have flown from Christchurch to McMurdo. Much of this could be explained by the fact that the aircraft had flown 265 miles with the engines off. The next thing they discovered could not be explained as easily. When they began to unload the equipment from the plane, which by this time had been cordoned off, they discovered much of the material on board weighed less than it should. X gave this example: "If you had a metal chain that should weigh one pound it now weighed a half pound." He stated that items made of iron or steel seemed to be the ones most effected by the unexplained weight loss. The equipment made of aluminum, or metal alloy, didn't seem to have lost any weight. Mr. X said they had been carrying two D-18 tractors and one of the crew chiefs on the ground was really squawking. He said there was something wrong with the tractors because they didn't weigh enough.

Several weeks later X got the two rolls of film back that he had saved from the original nine taken during the sightings. He related that all the film was fogged as if it had been exposed to some type of radiation. He later found out that the seven rolls of film turned over to the Navy were also fogged.

X also stated that he and the other five crew members were questioned on and off for two days by various officers at McMurdo. Because he was not stationed at McMurdo, he was unaware of the names and rank of the different officers who interrogated him. The identification was further hampered by the fact that all the officers wore heavy, cold weather clothing over their uniforms. He did say that he felt some of

the officers were from Naval Intelligence. He stated that there was an O.I. (Office of Intelligence) office at McMurdo. During the interrogations the crewmen were told, in very strong terms, to keep their mouths shut about what they had seen and photographed.

X's second sighting took place on Jan. 3, 1965. At this time he was serving as a crew chief aboard a C-130C. This aircraft was on a 065° gyro heading, only a hundred miles from the point of his sighting of the previous year. He stated that they had no other aircraft on radar and presumed they were alone. Suddenly, at 16:45 hours, the aircraft lost all electrical power. Also lost were the radio and the secondary generator. Mr. X said that the crew "stood ready to jump". Then, out of nowhere, an elongated, glowing object, passed the transport "with a hell of a bang". The aircraft then slipped into the wash the object left behind and was buffeted around quite a bit. X described the object as elongated, with almost a teardrop shape to it. The object displayed color that ranged from light gold to light blue and had a vapor trail. He also noticed a bulge or protrusion on the side of the craft. The UFO was larger than the C-130C and going fast enough to create a sonic boom. After about three minutes the power came back on and they radioed operations and asked if they had any "company". They radioed back that they had no other aircraft in the area. Then they contacted Polar radar and got the same response, no other aircraft in the area! During this sighting the crew took seven rolls of film of the object and learned later they all turned out good. The photos were turned over to the Navy.

I asked Mr. X if he had any knowledge of sightings made by other military personnel or reports of other UFO sightings in the area. The only thing he was aware of was that the Russians often complained about the unknown aircraft buzzing their installations.

Of course no conclusions can be gathered or any questions answered by this case. It may, however, give us one more piece of the puzzle about UFOs and their interest in the military.

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## ENGLAND

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but could not find the mysterious road or any landmarks from the night before. They later returned to the field where they thought the object had landed but found nothing.

On the Thursday following the incident, John examined the lower part of his chest, which had been itching all day, and found a red band of heat spots. The following day Gloria had a similar rash on her left arm and leg from the knee down. Frances had been scratching her head and neck the day before, but there

was nothing on the children. Frances also had a three inch oval bruise on the outer side of her right knee. John and Gloria noticed similar dark blue marks in the same area on their legs but within a few days the marks vanished.

The next week, Natasha woke up in the night confused and upset. It was the first of three or four nightmares in which she saw several strange people with funny eyes staring at her. After a couple of weeks the nightmares stopped.

At the end of June, John had a dream in which he saw himself driving along the mysterious winding road. He stopped in front of a brilliant beam of yellowish light coming from the sky and they all walked into the beam and floated up into some sort of craft. They walked along a corridor until they reached three identical doors and John entered one, Frances the other and Gloria and the children the third.

The room was dark, but John heard a voice telling him to sit, that he was going to have some sort of medical and so were the others. He was aware of something attaching itself to his right leg below the knee. After about five minutes the leg clamp retracted and he returned to the corridor. The others came out and they all walked, without speaking, back to where they had entered. They then floated back down the shaft of light, got in the car and drove off. A couple of days later his sister revealed that she had a similar dream, but Gloria had no such dreams.

A few months later, John and Frances underwent hypnosis and more details of their encounter were revealed. John recalled encountering three men wearing close-fitting metallic silver suits with balaclava type helmets. They had pale complexions and pale blue eyes. One of them said in perfect English, "Welcome to our ship. No harm will come to you. We wish to examine you."

John stepped into a room with a sort of dentist's chair in the middle. Two women came in and one strapped him into the chair while the other was pressing buttons on a desk. An intense beam of light shone on his face and one of the women pulled something black down from the ceiling.

A woman's voice then woke him up and a man came into the room and spoke to the women in a strange language. The women said their names were Akillias and Cosentia and the man's name was Anouxia. The man took John to the first room and about 50 people entered. Anouxia said that something was coming and they must move a short distance, then the floor seemed to tip to the left.

Later, John was taken to a large room which Anouxia said was used for navigation and was shown a film of Anouxia's home. The film showed a desolate landscape of boulders and rocks, a craft emerging from parting rocks and six figures dressed in monk-like habits carrying a crate. Anouxia said the crate was a coffin and the craft had come to collect the dead. The film ended and John went into another room where

Frances, Gloria and the children were waiting.

Frances recalls being taken into another room but remembers very little about the examination. A man named Uxiaulia, who said he was an explorer pilot from the planet Janos, escorted her to a room where there were 15 to 20 other people.

A panel on the wall lit up like a television screen. There were three planets on the screen which he called Sarnia, Sarton and Janos. He explained how Sarton had come too close to Janos and started to disintegrate and shower them with meteorites. A nuclear power station was hit by one and set off a chain reaction which devastated the remainder of Janos. A colored picture of a young blonde woman with a small boy and girl flashed on the screen. Uxiaulia said they were his wife and children who had died during the nuclear explosions.

He said that explorer ships from the master base ship had been sent to find a new home for their people and that they would like to live on earth. Anouxia shook hands with John and kissed the women on the cheeks then indicated that they should step out through the open hatchway. Before they left Anouxia said, "You must forget because you will be exploited. In time you will remember. We will meet again and you will know us."

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## UFO PROPHECIES: MIRAGE OR MIRROR?

By R. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D.

(Conclusion)

1. UFO Contactees have been chosen; no UFO contact is accidental.
2. Contactees are ordinary people, who exhibit a caring or a loving concern for all humankind.
3. Contactees have an experience which can be viewed as a manifestation of their ideas of reality.
4. UFO experiences include parapsychical, parabiological, parapsychological, and paraspiritual manifestations which are designed to influence the "world view" of Contactees.
5. Contactees receive information during, and after, their UFO experiences which is related to their life interests, e.g., natural sciences, ancient civilizations, psychic phenomena, and metaphysical or spiritual knowledge, etc.
6. Contactees are gently coerced into studies and activities which blend with the ultimate purpose of UFO Entities; they are not forced to be obedient to UFO personalities.
7. Contacts are initiated and maintained within the general framework of Contactees' views of reality; thus, UFO contacts can be viewed as real, face-to-face encounters with flesh and blood beings, or UFO

contacts can be viewed as dreams, fantasies, and subconscious ideas which are manifested consciously.

8. Contactees are programmed for a variety of "future" activities, including awareness of their own contacts and desire to share their messages and knowledge with other Contactees.

9. The lives of Contactees move in the direction of greater self-awareness, greater concern for the welfare of the Planet Earth, and a great sense of Cosmic Citizenship with other beings in the Universe.

10. The personal metamorphosis of UFO Contactees is the forerunner of a social transformation in human consciousness, which now is leading to changes in the economic, educational, military, political, and religious institutions of nations of the Earth.

### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

On the basis of the various claims and materials submitted by UFO contactees, we are not able to determine if UFO entities exist. Eileen Garrett, the renowned psychic and medium, was able to obtain psychic impressions which were verified later; however, when she was asked if the sources of her impressions actually were discarnate spirits, she replied: "On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, I say: Yes; on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, I say: No; on Sundays, I am undecided." In the same vein, these good persons are not certain about the sources of their messages or transmissions. On one point, they all agree: they are receiving information from sources who seem to be highly intelligent and deeply ethical. They feel that their lives are enriched.

In conclusion, I suggest that we consider the work of a social psychologist, Loye (1978, p. viii). Loye has written a book entitled: *The knowable future: a psychology of forecasting and prophecy*. He claims that the book shows: (1) how the future can be read; (2) that this is a natural capacity within all of us, scholar and non-scholar alike; and (3) that this ability can be strengthened and made more socially useful through methods for the "pooling of visions." Loye (1978, p. x) offers the book in the hope of bridging the gap between "rational" and "intuitive" predictions: ". . . to make the intelligent use of mind more palatable, and of unconscious mind more respectable, to readers who need knowledge not merely of one or the other but of both."

I wonder what knowledge might arise if UFO researchers and UFO contactees would sit down together for a "pooling of visions?"

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## UFO RESEARCHER DISCUSSES FINDINGS

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Costa Mesa, California

John Herrera, an APRO Field Investigator, interviews people, visits locations of sightings and patiently evaluates his information for signs or motives that might indicate a hoax. He comes in contact with all kinds of people but he says that most who make UFO reports are sane, honest and, often, still in a state of shock caused by the experience. Such was the case with two women recently interviewed by Herrera.

After moving into a new house in Van Nuys, the women set out to look at the local school where one

would send her child. They saw something drop out of the sky behind the building, then come around the corner in front of them.

It was described as a disc-shaped object topped with a dome that was surrounded by portholes. On top of the dome was an antenna-type structure with a light on its tip. The object was about the size of a car and tilted up on its side and hovered for a few seconds, then shot back up into the sky.

They tried to follow it in the car but the passenger was petrified and had the driver stop so she could call her father. The father recorded the conversation and Herrera said after listening to it that there is no doubt in his mind that they saw something. Three months after the sighting one of the women still weeps when discussing it.

Emotional and psychological effects, particularly in "close encounters", are not unusual, says Herrera. Sometimes the problems are so severe that they require professional help but, more often, the observers are simply obsessed with thoughts about what they saw.

Herrera had a close encounter with a large, dis-shaped object in Colorado several years ago. When he tried to report it, "nobody wanted to hear about it." "That's what the news media has done, conditioned people to think it's nonsense," he believes.

Herrera no longer supports the so-called "nuts and bolts" hypothesis, in which UFOs are considered to be mechanical devices. He's convinced there's an intelligence behind them but speculated that they might be a type of energy projection similar to a hologram.

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## FOLLOW-UP

*October 24, 1980 - Melbourne, AUSTRALIA . . .*  
Preliminary tests on 3 strips of aluminum dredged from the bottom of Bass Strait indicated that they were not from an airplane. Air safety investigators examined the flimsy, pop-riveted strips and determined that their standard of manufacture was not of aircraft quality.

These findings should end speculation that the strips were from the Cessna flown by Frederick Valentich, who disappeared 2 years ago during an alleged encounter with a UFO.

Speculation that the metal might belong to the missing yacht Charleston also appears unlikely. The Charleston disappeared while sailing from Hobart to Sydney last December.

## DON'T FORGET THOSE ADDRESS CHANGES

## UFO RESEARCH IN CHINA

Since APRO published the photograph of Mr. Lorenzen, APRO's Director, and Mr. Paul Dong, APRO Field Investigator in San Francisco, Mr. Dong has made extensive contacts in China and news of the recently formed "China UFO Research Organization," has reached us. According to United Press International the society has approximately 300 members, is headquartered in Wuhan in central China, with branches in Peking and Shanghai, and the provinces of Guangdong, Sichuan, Shanxi, Shaanxi, Hubei and Guangxi. The journal of the society has been named "UFO Exploration," is hand-written and discusses reports from China and abroad. Both the Xinhua news agency and UPI carried sketchy details of a sighting and the photographing of a UFO in Gangping county, Beijing, on August 24th 1980.

The photograph was carried in the Beijing Evening News in November and the letter accompanying the photograph said that the object appeared like a triple star of an inverted T shape, surrounded by a halo of light.

The China UFO Research Organization, founded in May, 1980, is headed by a 26-year-old student of astrophysics and its members include workers, students, teachers, journalists, doctors and people well versed in physics, astronomy, technology, philosophy and psychology.

Other sightings have been reported in Tianjin, off the coast of China. One rumored report, which has yet to be verified, stated that an object had made a landing and a military group, thinking it was an invasion, fired on it. There are no other details but APRO Headquarters will publish any further information as it is made available.

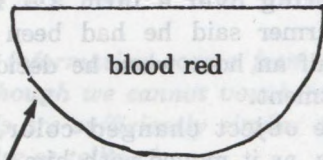
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## "A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF A 'FLYING OBJECT' I SAW IN THE SKY"

*Translated from Chinese  
by John D'Andrea*

On the evening of December 25, 1979, a schoolmate, Lin Yang, and I were reviewing lessons in the Kunming Metallurgical Research Institute and Information Building. It was about eight in the evening when we had gone there: a crescent moon hung in the star-studded blue sky. We reviewed late into the night

until 12:18 a.m. We left the office and went outside the building. Just as we got to the side flower garden by the building's doorway, I unintentionally lifted my head and looked up at the sky. Suddenly, I saw, flying in front of us — in the direction of that part of the sky where the sun sets in the mountains — a dazzling red fire ball suspended there, semicircular in shape, with a diameter of about 26 inches. The middle of the fire ball was blood-red in color; its periphery was paling to a white (see Drawing 1).

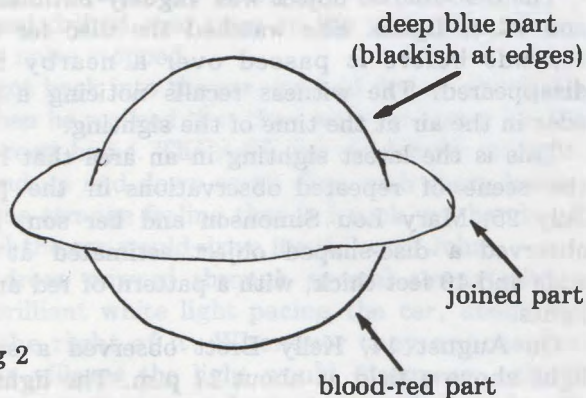


Drawing 1

Progressively whiter

I then felt very amazed and said to Lin Yang, "How do you think the moon can be like that?" Lin Yang said, "It's not the moon, it's the sun." I said, "No, how can the sun come out at this hour?" Consequently, we began to look for the moon. However, not only did we not find the moon, but not even one of the stars throughout the whole sky did we find: the sky was covered with a thick layer of clouds.

At that time, while we were still standing outside attentively watching this fire ball, we discovered it was just now changing into a big, round fire ball. Then it flew past us at a fast speed spinning counterclockwise; it seemed as if it were charging us. As it was coming closer, the shape and color of this spinning thing had, at this time, changed. Its shape became thus (see Drawing 2):



Drawing 2

These colors were set off from the blue sky behind it by the fire ball's light. The fire ball had changed from semicircular to an elliptical shape.

I was totally engrossed in gazing at this fluttering red monster. At one moment it would spin clockwise and at another moment it would spin counterclockwise.

As if on a rollercoaster, it would spin up and down, dancing in the air, spinning and spinning. It didn't seem monstrous at all. The place where the flying thing's fire-red fringe and deep-blue dome were held together seemed like the rims of plates put together. The flying object also followed the direction it was going when it came past us, getting farther and farther away. Its speed was very fast. In the course of its flying farther away, the fire ball underneath it was gradually disappearing from without it, getting smaller and smaller. After several seconds, the red fire ball had completely vanished, the flying object also having faded away into the blackened horizon. This strange course of events had continued approximately five minutes.

After having seen this flying object, this mysterious and majestic view of a "flying saucer" immediately appearing right in front of my eyes, I wrote down an account of the flying object I saw right away. This material here is totally according to my account of that same day.

February 20, 1980

(Editor's note: the signature of the witness who wrote this account did not reproduce well on the Xeroxed copy APRO received, so it is not included here).

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## PRESS REPORTS

By Doris and Joe Graziano

*September 26, 1980 - Washington, INDIANA...*  
Around 4:30 a.m., Susan Southerland and Debbie Riley were riding in a vehicle driven by Kim Conolly when they noticed a bright object in the sky. The street-light shaped object was slightly above the tree tops and headed toward the car. No matter which way the vehicle turned, the light remained on the left side.

After arriving in Washington, the women went to the police station. Officer Grannon observed the light through binoculars and said there was definitely something unusual in the sky. Grannon continued the investigation and learned, before the end of his shift, that the bright light had been in the area for more than two weeks.

A county sheriff's deputy, Alan Evans, had noticed, but not reported, a strange, fast flying object on September 9th. He pointed it out to a co-worker, Steve Riney, who described the object the same as Evans after both watched it through binoculars. It was an oblong object with off-white lights burning on what seemed to be its entire length.

*September 20, 1980 - Hartford, KENTUCKY...* At 4:10 a.m., Laura Birge's 12-year-old daughter, Lisa, was awakened by what she thought was the sound of a car motor. Lisa walked to the window and saw what

appeared to be a falling star. Excited, she went to her parents' bedroom and woke her mother.

Mrs. Birge walked to the window and saw a light just over the trees in front of her house. When the light moved it would dim, and when it stopped it would get very bright. She woke her husband, Thomas, and he came to the window in time to see the light move from the trees to directly over the front yard.

The light was described as 6 to 10 feet wide and able to move in any direction, hover and move very fast. There was no sound at all.

Just before daybreak, mother and daughter went outside to see if the light was attached to any kind of craft. The light went straight up and hovered below the clouds. After a few minutes it disappeared.

*October 19, 1980 - Ann Arbor, MICHIGAN...* Several people, including eight police officers, spotted what was described as a "merry-go-round in the sky" around 9:15 p.m. Washtenaw County Sheriff's Deputy George McAllister said the object, which made no noise, was seen by five of the department's deputies.

The control tower at Detroit's Metropolitan Airport tried to "lock on" the object but failed, said Wayne County Deputy Robert Barackman. Authorities received 50 telephone calls reporting the large white revolving object.

*September 8, 1980 - Waukomis, OKLAHOMA . . .* Around 5 a.m., the ducks, chickens and dogs at the home of Robert and Gail Reed "just started going crazy." They got out of bed and Robert looked out back and saw what he thought was a fire somewhere.

They went outside to watch for a while and saw what was described as an extremely bright light that kept flashing, hovering above the ground, but making absolutely no noise. A few minutes later there was a big flash of light that lit up the entire house, but there still wasn't any noise.

Gail continued to stand in the open doorway and watch the light when it lifted up and moved closer to her. It hovered there for a few minutes then moved back to where it was. Suddenly it shot upward and was gone. The entire sighting lasted about 30 minutes.

*September 11, 1980 - Easley, SOUTH CAROLINA . . .* Around 8 a.m., Larry Joe Garrett went out in his yard to work on his wife's car when he heard a buzzing sound, like a big swarm of bees. He got a glimpse of something over the top of the trees that he first thought was the Goodyear blimp. Then he realized it was something a lot bigger. He walked around the front of the house and there was the huge object, right up over him.

Garrett could not see the entire shape of the object, it appeared to be tilted backward, but he saw enough of the upper part to be sure that it was dome shaped. The color was a metallic purplish-gray and he was sure that the saucer shaped bottom was metal, of an exceptional smoothness. He saw no seams, but said there appeared to be a metal pipe protruding from the

underside. IT also had very long, totally black windows except for one window that shone with a blinding, glaring light.

After he had watched the object for a minute, Garrett said he ran into the house to call his wife. He hesitated a moment in the kitchen then ran back outside to reassure himself that the object was still there. When he got outside it was gone. The object was very similar to one sighted in Anderson, S.C. by Jerry McAlister about three hours earlier.

*September 17, 1980 - Ghent, MINNESOTA . . .* Lyon County Undersheriff Tom Thompson was called from his sleep at 4:27 a.m. to investigate an object reported hovering over a farm 3½ miles west of Ghent. The farmer said he had been watching the object for a half an hour when he decided to call the sheriff's department.

He said the object changed color, from red to yellowish-white, as it moved with him. When he went towards his parent's house it kept pace, staying about one mile away.

In his report, Thompson said he noticed a very bright object that appeared to be much closer than the stars. Upon reaching the farm, the officer watched the object for about 30 minutes as it appeared to move closer, back and forth, north and south, and at times nearly disappear. The farmer added that at one point it moved to within a half mile of the farm and his dog began barking and running toward the object.

Thompson said the light seemed to keep pace with his vehicle as he drove back to Marshall. It hovered over the town for about 5 minutes and then moved off in a northeasterly direction.

*September 20, 1980 - Scandia, MINNESOTA . . .* Michelle Freudenberg was driving home to white Bear Lake at about 2 a.m. when she encountered a lighted object in the sky. It was estimated to be 30 to 50 feet long, 10 to 12 feet high and about 8 feet off the ground.

The disc-shaped object was vaguely outlined by red and white lights. She watched the disc for about 8 seconds before it passed over a nearby hill and disappeared. The witness recalls noticing a pungent odor in the air at the time of the sighting.

This is the latest sighting in an area that has been the scene of repeated observations in the past. On July 25, Mary Lou Simonson and her son, Randall, observed a disc-shaped object estimated at 40 feet wide and 10 feet thick, with a pattern of red and white lights.

On August 14, Kelly Brott observed a small red light above a field at about 11 p.m. The light moved closer and she ran into the house for her father. Several moments later a brother and friend called Kelly and Brott to a nearby field where they watched the red light join with others and "play tag" in the sky.

## APRO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A special meeting of the general membership of APRO will be at its offices at 2840 North Country Club, Tucson, Arizona on April 4 at 7:00 P.M. On the Agenda will be a review of the by-laws with special attention to possible needs for up-dating.

Members who cannot attend in person are invited to submit proxies. Any member in current good standing may assign proxy to any member of the board as listed below or to any other member who plans to attend the meeting.

Under Arizona law, response from a minimum of 10% of the eligible membership in the form of attendance plus proxies is required to establish a quorum. In the absence of a quorum the powers normally reserved for the membership at said meeting will revert to the board. Therefore, non-attendance and non-submission of proxy must constitute ratification of the current board both in its constituency and its actions.

Suggested form for proxy:

For the purpose of all matters of APRO business to be discussed and implemented at the April 4 APRO special membership meeting I hereby assign my proxy to \_\_\_\_\_

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Beginning with this issue we continue only the Volume and Number sequence. No one will be cheated since each volume will contain twelve numbers as always and renewals will apply to a twelve-number volume instead of a calendar year as previously implemented. We are confident that this new system will be much more satisfactory.

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