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Editorial

The calm in the background is not a natural phenomena. It is man made. As the lid of censorship over Saucer news comes down tighter and tighter, and the news of Saucer activity becomes less and less to the public, the calm begins to seep into the minds of the skeptic and the believer. For the skeptic, this man made calm provides further fuel for the fires of doubt which seem to be acting as a support to keep their minds closed to information which might shake loose their belief that the Flying Saucers are just so much bunk.

For those who huddle around this shaky calm--believing that they are right and the believer wrong--to these people I would recommend a good supply of nerve pills. Their cocky smugness will be short-lived. The dam of ridicule which has held back the flood of truth is cracking. The mountain of excuses which was stored up to beat down stories of Saucer incidents has now been exhausted. The great fog which has shrouded the truth for the past eight years is beginning to lift.

To the believer, the great calm has, in many cases, been responsible for a change of thought. One might say they have been put in a position of, "wondering whether the Saucers really do exist." To these people I do not recommend the nerve tablets, just a little patience. The time is not too distant when you will have the pleasure of saying, "I told you so."

Many outstanding events are now taking place which leads us to believe that this is the calm before the big "storm." The Air Force is now setting up hund hundreds of new ground observer stations, many as far south as Arizona and New Mexico. We find it hard to believe that this move has been prompted by a turn for the worse in

the international situation. We have been told that the observers at these lookout stations are receiving orders to report anything that moves in the sky, whether it looks like an airplane or not.

Merchant ships on the Pacific Ocean were asked by the Navy to report immediately all unidentified flying objects. Fishing vessels and other private craft also were asked to report such objects.

We feel this great calm is the for-runner of something big. With the close approach of Mars in 1956, many Saucer investigators feel that during this period our globe is due for a mass surveillance by these space visitors. Since 1947, each time Mars has moved close to our planet on its orbit around the sun, the sightings have increased. In September 1956 it will move closer than ever to our planet. If there is life on Mars or Venus, or if these two planets are being used as a base by visitors from another solar system, then all the present preparations on our planet have a purpose.

There is much more "cooking" behind this calm. The national wire services, bless their yellow spines, are bowing to the great fathers "request?", not to send out Saucer stories without official permission. The big city newspapers have become more touchy about publishing Saucer sightings. All in all, someone, we can't imagine who, is preparing a defense for something big.

Behind the calm, and unknown to the public, is the blunt fact that the Saucers continue to be seen throughout the world, America in particular.

Stay tuned to this magazine. The coming months will be loaded with Saucer activity.

Ed.

Landings Reported in Indiana & California

Reported landings continue to pour in. On the evening of August 26th, five days after the Hopkinsville, Kentucky landing, a Flying Saucer which landed near a house and left "half circle" impressions in the ground was reported by two women witnesses from Bedford, Indiana. On the afternoon of the incident, the two women had been in Bedford, and when they returned home about 8:30 p.m. they said a huge white Saucer was hovering at the corner of the home of one of the women.

The woman said that the Saucer, larger than an ordinary room in a house, had a black streak down the center and "seemed to contract and expand with regularity (caused by pulsating glow around Saucer-Ed.) and as it did so the lights left on in the house appeared to dim. (This dimming of the lights could have been caused by the electro-magnetic field around the Saucer.

The women became frightened, and they drove back to Bedford without approaching the Saucer closer than the front gate. They waited for their husbands in Bedford and then all returned to the house later in the night. By the time the men and women had reached the house, the object had disappeared.

Early the next morning, the two women witnesses and their husbands investigated the area and found a number of impressions in the earth, each the shape of a half circle. The impressions, they said, were about a quarter of an inch deep.

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A squadron of red, blue, orange and silver Flying Saucers landed at Riverside, California, southwest of Los Angeles on August 29th. The entire incident was witnessed by a dozen Casa

Blanca youngsters. At least two of the youngsters were "paralyzed" briefly by "flashing lights" aimed at them from the Saucers which were as big as a house.

One of the boys was climbing a tree when the first Saucer arrived. He said that something silver flashed from the Saucer and that he was transferred from the tree to the top of a house.

"I was then "floated" from the housetop to the ground." Other youngsters swore they saw the boy leave the roof and come straight down, landing on his head. He was unhurt. The incident took place about 3:15 p.m.

At 5:00 p.m. the area was still in an uproar. One woman said that the youngsters, who had been playing along the street suddenly broke into shouts, screams, yells and floods of tears as the first Flying Saucer landed in a nearby field. One youngster reportedly ran and jumped on his mother so hard that he nearly knocked her to the ground, hiding her face against her in fear.

Nearly two hours after the little men arrived in their Flying Saucers, one of the little boys still was crying. One youngster, a 13 year old girl, said that many of the children saw the Saucers at about the same time, but that she was the first to see them.

The youngsters were unanimously in agreement when they said the Saucers were spherical (round) shaped and of different colors. One of the boys said he saw a man about $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet tall get out of one of the Saucers. Another boy said he saw a man with a funny costume and that he had two weapons of some kind that paralyzed two of the boys.

One witness said that the Saucers sort of spiraled down and when they took off they pulled up off the ground and then disappeared with a

whirling motion.

The average adult mind will not accept this story, not because it sounds incredible, or impossible, simply because the entire incident was witnessed by a group of children. "Simply childrens imagination," the silence group will scream.

Imagination? Comic book fatigue? Too much television? Nuts! Those youngsters know what they saw. If the same story had come from some of the top brass in Washington D.C., who would disbelieve it? No one. Why? Simply because it came from someone special. To say these youngsters did not see what they said they saw would be sheer ignorance.

Object Sighted At Ottertail Lake Minnesota Believed
To Be Flying Saucer

With the thought of being ridiculed by friends and accused of suffering from hallucination, a summer resident of Ottertail Lake and his guest have kept silent on a story which may or may not have importance. The story, loaded with interest, is released by the parties with the understanding names will be withheld.

The story started out like this. While the resident and his guest were returning to the cottage from a fishing trip on Ottertail Lake, their attention, for some unknown reason was attracted skyward, and they sighted a brilliant object suspended in the sky. As they came along in the boat they continued to watch the object, and jokingly remarked, "They won't believe us, but we can say that on this night, at 12 minutes to eight, July 14, 1955, we sighted our first Flying Saucer.

About 15 minutes later when they docked their boat, the object was still visible, but had moved

to a different quadrant. Calling to his family, the resident told one of his children to get his binoculars, as he wanted to get a better look at it. The entire group watched it for another possible 15 or 20 minutes. In explaining the Saucer, they state it appeared to be somewhat like an elongated balloon, squashed together, and seemed to be standing perpendicular. When it was first sighted, it was about 75 or 80 degrees to the east, and later moved into the south quadrant.

"Whatever it was, it wasn't affected by wind currents, for clouds moved around it, and there was no drift to it--it just stood still," said one of the men. With the aid of the binoculars they could make out what appeared to be a row of windows, or portholes along the side of the object, something like a train coach. On what they thought was the underside, was a "V" which appeared to run from about the center off to the front. "It was whiteish," is the way the color was explained, "maybe something like aluminum in the bright evening sun, but it was so bright it was hard to tell, it just looked "whiteish" is the best way to explain it."

The object was estimated to have been at a height of about 25,000 feet as near as they could determine from the cloud structure, and it appeared to be about "half the size of the moon." When the object started its departure, they said it moved from the south slightly to the east, against the direction in which the clouds were moving, and then in a sort of sweeping arc started its perpendicular climb and disappeared into the south, passing through two thin layers of clouds.

Said one of the witnesses: "I have never discounted the possibility of Flying Saucers, but I was always in hopes I could see one to verify it in my own mind--and now I can," and then went on, "I can't help but feel it was somebody up there making an observation, for it stayed there so long.

In the September issue of the Review, it was reported that a Flying Saucer had landed near Sumpter, South Carolina. It seems that the report caused considerable debate in that area, some people claiming the whole story was a hoax. We have received more information of Saucer activity in that area on the morning after the reported landing.

On August 18th two women witnesses and an eight year old girl were traveling from Orangeburg, S.C. headed for Columbia, S.C. a little after ten in the morning. There was little or no activity on the highway at the time. The sun was shining brightly and in general it was a beautiful day. Suddenly I became aware that there was an object in the eastern part of the sky. I called to my daughter to look at it. At first I thought it was an airplane but it was going slow and seemed to glide smoothly along. I slowed to about 15 miles per hour and told everyone to listen and see if we could hear any sound. By that time the object was crossing above the highway some distance in front of us.

There was no trail behind it and as far as we could tell it was making no noise. It went a little way toward the northwest and suddenly disappeared right before our eyes. We searched the sky to get another look but didn't get much chance for in a matter of seconds some six or eight jets came from the west at high speed. I looked for it all the way to Columbia but did not see it again.

It was silver in color or at least it appeared to be in the sunshine. The reason I am writing you is that I did see something and so did my daughter. I really can't blame anyone for not reporting these sort of things as they suddenly become the laughing stock of the town but I do believe that whoever reported seeing something like a Saucer land near Sumpter probably did see something.

I also feel that if it was seen near Sumpter that it should have been picked up on radar at Shaw Air Force Base and frankly, its my personal opinion that it was.

I only want you to know that I do not believe the report was a hoax but I do believe that someone did see the same thing I saw and were afraid that if they gave their own name they would be ridiculed.

Flying Saucer Swishes Into Life of Skeptical Family

An Oklahoma skeptic is a believer now, even though reluctantly. The whole family is no longer skeptical--they've seen a Flying Saucer. The witness, from Oklohama City, said his wife spotted the object first, at 5 p.m. on August 22nd as they drove along U. S. 270 about a mile west of the intersection with U. S. 283, south of Laverne, Harper county. She pointed it out to him and their two children.

"Boy, I tell you, when I saw it first," she said, "I thought it was a bunch of white colored birds flying counter-clockwise. Then it started glinting in the light like a bunch of aluminum sheets. It was going extremely fast; in three or four seconds it was gone."

Her husband said the object, or objects, bobbed up and down as it circled around from ahead of their car to the side and behind. It looked as though it was about 3,000 to 5,000 feet in the air.

"You hear about these things," he said, "but it's kinda funny to have it happen to you."

The list of skeptics grows smaller and smaller.

Strange Objects Over Nebraska

On August 23rd several witnesses noted a strange looking object high in the sky to the southwest of Geneva, Nebraska. On August 24th an object similiar to the one seen over Geneva also was sighted in the Beatrice, Nebraska area.

Flying Saucer Over Winchester, Va.

Another Flying Saucer was seen passing over Winchester at 6 p.m. on August 26th. Several witnesses saw the object pass over from west to east while it was still daylight. One witness said that at first he thought it was an airplane reflecting the sun's rays and so high up that it appeared to be going very slowly. While watching it though, he said that it was going to slowly to be an airplane no matter how high it was. He said it took about 45 minutes to disappear from view. The object was described as looking like a large star only about three times as bright. It had no color or vapor trail.

That same evening, strange objects were seen in the sky over Henryetta, Oklahoma. One witness said she saw three white objects hanging in the sky directly out in front of her house about one o'clock in the morning. She said she watched them for about a half minute and then they disappeared one by one. She said that the objects were so low that they were actually between two hills, the one on which she lives and the one across the valley in which she is situated.

"They formed a rough triangle," she said. "The one in the middle seemed to recede in the distance and then disappeared. The other two objects moved away to the left and faded out.

Peculiar Object Over Edenton, N. C.

A silver, round object was viewed by witnesses in Edington on August 27th. The question of what the object was went unanswered. Several witnesses spotted a round silver object in the air and to the east of town. The object was viewed by the group for a long time and was still visible to one witness until late in the morning. It looked stationary most of the time and was located maybe 5,000 feet in the air in the east. It looked like it might have been over the Marine base or further out. It appeared to head southeast and then came back. It was a silvery color and appeared to be a large sized object.

At one time the "thing" seemed to turn a light blue. It did not travel at a fast rate of speed but appeared to move rather slowly. Calls were made to personnel at the Marine base but there was no report of anything unusual in that area. The witnesses vowed it was no weather balloon, blimp nor barrage balloon. Was it a Flying Saucer?

Flying Saucer Over Arcadia, Calif.

A Flying Saucer was spotted drifting in the northern skies over Arcadia on September 2nd. One witness described the object as being longitudinal, with a red light at one end and a green light at the other end. She said the lights appeared to be blinking but the object itself was standing still.

The witness and her husband, verifying their initial sighting with binoculars, first saw the object just over the rim of the nearby mountains. Then it rose slowly into the skies. Arcadia police saw the object and checked with the international airport and the Civil Aeronautics administration, but the object remained unidentified.

Motorist Plays Tag With Flying Saucer

A motorist had a Flying Saucer escort for approximately 15 miles on the evening of September 3rd, on the highway between Baker and Halfway, Oregon.

The witness and his wife noticed what appeared to be a flat, well illuminated object moving above them at some distance. Puzzled by its antics they watched closely. They noticed that when the car went down a hill the object would zoom downward and when it went up a hill it would zoom upward as though climbing away from them.

When they were on a level stretch of road the Saucer cruised along at the same pace as the car was traveling. They tried stopping the car and what they had first thought to be an airplane had stopped with them and remained motionless above them until the car again started. There were no clouds in the sky which was lighted by a near full moon.

Round Mystery Object Hovers Over Vallejo, Calif.

A large, round object which floated high in the air above Vallejo on September 6th, for several hours and caused a flurry of excitement among scores of citizens. The "thing" hovered over the city most of the afternoon. After nightfall, the object drifted out of sight in the skies.

Some witnesses thought that the object was a runaway weather balloon. (Checking with the U.S. Weather Bureau, I found that it would be practically impossible for a weather balloon to remain in one spot for that period of time. He said that most weather balloons rise at a rate of 800 to 1000 feet per minute. The heavier balloons rise slower but are out of sight in about two hours. Editor)

On the evening of the Vallejo sighting, a ball of fire, which appeared to be about the size of an airplane, was seen traveling east over the vicinity of Georgia, Vermont about 8:30 p.m.

Flaming Object Over Sand Point, Idaho

Two witnesses have reported a strange object in the sky over Sand Point on September 9th. One witness reported he observed a strange object slowly but steadily descending in the western sky. It so attracted him that he left the dinner table to get his binoculars to better observe it from outside.

Training the powerful glasses upon it, he watched the object, with its brilliant streamer of red trailing after it, pass through a shallow cloud bank and out again and finally disappear. "At first I thought it might be a jet plane falling, but then I realized it was falling much too slowly for that.

Another witness observed the object in the northwest sky which she described as a "giant torch or shaft of flame with a long grey tail," slowly and steadily descending southward. For a full ten minutes she watched the flaming shaft as it fell until it disappeared behind the hills.

UFO Over Stillwater, Okla.

An unidentified flying object was seen hovering in the sky over Stillwater about 7 p.m. on September 12th. Descriptions of the object ranged from a "dark object the size of an airplane" to a "brilliant orange object about three times the size of a star." First reports had the object

traveling in a southeast but later extended observations of the object put the direction of travel in a general eastern direction. At least one group of persons kept the object under observation for more than 30 minutes. One witness described the object as a sphere apparently in two parts. The upper part was a brilliant orange color, with the lower part, suspended from the object, a blue green color. He said the object appeared to be traveling at a very high rate of speed and that it was ascending rapidly.

That same evening, a bright, shiny object floated across the skies south of Riverside, California, the scene of a reported landing on August 29th. Officials at the March Air Force base, southeast of Riverside, said it was a weather balloon. Some of the witnesses to the sighting can't agree with the Air Force. One watched the object through an eight-power telescope and reported "it was triangular in shape." It looked like three round objects grouped together, but couldn't tell what it was.

Another witness who said he had been investigating spacecraft for over two years, used a 40-power scope and reported that it looked like a parachute with a long string hanging down. He said that on September 7th he saw another object in the same area and that it was definitely a space ship. Still another witness reported that the object appeared to be moving back and forth, and that it appeared to have rings around it, like Saturn.

After dark, when the object was no longer visible, several witnesses reported colored lights flashing across the sky.

The following day, a pair of mysteries, one an unexplained blast and the other a "thing" in the sky had Riversiders wondering. The blast, which rocked homes and rattled windows throughout

the city as well as in neighboring communities.

Why, it was a weather balloon and a jet breaking the sound barrier, says the Air Force.

Blast Reported Off N.J. Coast

Coast Guard craft checked reports of a mysterious explosion off Sandy Hook, N. J. on September 5th without finding traces of any mishap. A helicopter and two of three patrol boats were recalled about an hour after one Coast guard vessel radioed that it had heard a blast, followed by a puff of smoke. Sports fishing boats and pleasure craft also reported the explosion.

The Coast Guard said it was satisfied no boat was involved. It expressed doubt that any derelict mine or depth charge might have been detonated.

Two huge traffic jams and a near panic in the Sunset District in the southwest corner of San Francisco followed a mysterious blast which shook a big section of the city on September 29th. The mystery blast occurred at 7:24 p.m. and neither civil nor military agencies were able to find its source or explain it. Three jet planes from the Moffett Field Naval Air Base were aloft at the time but authorities at the field said they doubted if the planes were capable of breaking the sound barrier, or whether they were even over San Francisco at the time.

Another blast hit the same area on October 8th. A sharp explosion preceded by a "rumbling noise" was reported by the Highway Patrol office at Bay Bridge. Military airfields reported they had jets in the air but disclaimed responsibility.

The \$64.00 question. Who dood it?????

Hundreds See Saucer

by Ray Stanford

On September 29th, 1955, about 7:00 o'clock in the morning, I got a phone call from a local citizen who was very skeptical when it came to Flying Saucers. His attitude toward the Saucers had suddenly changed.

He informed me that he and two other witnesses had sighted a "terrifying" object over Corpus Christi, Texas on the night of September 28th at about 8:57. He told me that shortly before the sighting he had been ridiculing Saucer believers in a conversation with some friends. The excitement caused by the sighting effected him so that he shook like a leaf for several hours afterward.

All observers reported that the object was absolutely "tremendous" in size. They reported that the center of the object was orange and had a brilliant green around the outer rim, with heat or flames leaping from the outer edges. The skeptic who saw the object said it couldn't possibly have been a meteorite of any kind, shape or form.

One of the witnesses made a quick phone call to the nearby naval base to report the sighting. The skeptic called the base about a half hour later. He talked to the officer on duty at the time, and the officer told him that dozens of people were calling to report the strange object. He said that they had sent planes into the area.

The witness reported that the officer was practically in a state of "hysterical fright."

Soon after the call to the naval base, many planes were sighted in the area.

The following day I called the local newspaper and asked how many people had reported the strange object the night before. They told me that about 250 people had called to report the object. An article did not appear in the paper.

Next, I called the naval base to see what information they would give me concerning the object. The officer in charge said that not a single person had called. He went on to say that there was no strange objects in the sky the night before, and if there had been, I would have known about it. "I'm the first person that would have been notified if such a report had been received," he said. He went on to say that, "We didn't receive one phone call and as far as the Navy is concerned, we will take no further action."

A woman witness reported to me that her four children and one of their friends had sighted the object. She said the children were out in the yard and that they kept shouting, "Flying Saucer, Flying Saucer." This lasted for nearly two minutes. She said she didn't go outside right away because she thought the children were playing "space man."

When I told her what the officer at the naval base said, she replied, "I know they're not telling the truth. When I finally went outside to see what all the excitement was about, I saw a whole fleet of planes go to the area and search for the object." She said that at about the same time the planes were searching the area, search-lights came on at the base and began piercing the sky where the object had disappeared.

Here we have another major Saucer sighting, witnessed by hundreds of people. 250 witnesses call the local newspaper and report what they have seen. The newspaper does not print the news of the sighting. About the same number of witnesses call the nearby naval base. The next day the

officer in charge at the base denies that any calls had been received, and denies that planes had been sent into the area.

It seems as if they are afraid of something. What?...

(Editors Note--One Navy officer with a court-martial hanging over his head to keep his lips sealed, plus one "gutless" newspaper editor. Grand total, a dead free press.)

Formation Of Glowing Lights

On September 24th, 1955, I was traveling east on highway U.S. 10, about 2 miles west of Cle Elum, Washington. There were two other passengers in the car, one in the front seat and one in the back seat. It was a beautiful night, not a cloud in the sky.

It was about 9:11 p.m. when it happened. We were just coming over a rise in the highway when I saw it. Coming straight down the highway, heading west, not more than 1,000 feet in the air, was a cluster of "white lights" flying in a V formation. The passenger sitting next to me was looking out the window to her right when I first saw the lights.

I said, "look!", to get her attention, but about the time she turned her head the cluster of lights had reached our car and "suddenly" made a 90 degree left turn right in front of us. Before the passenger in the back seat could look out the window, the formation had disappeared.

The formation seemed to be following a group of cars on the highway heading west, and when we approached the area heading east, they changed direction and shot out of sight. I stopped the

Two Spectacular Sightings Come To Light

Two Brazilian reporters had been sent by their editor to a place called Ilha dos Amores in the district of Barra de Tijuca, Brazil, on work in connection with their magazine. The date was May 7, 1952. One of the reporters had his camera loaded and ready to start work. The time was nearly 4 p.m. when the other reporter drew his attention to what he thought to be a queer-looking aircraft coming in from the sea.

At first they thought it to be a head-on view of a distant aeroplane, but were puzzled because the thing was traveling sideways and at considerable speed. After a few seconds the reporter started to take photographs and by now both men realized that the object was in fact a circular disc moving soundlessly without a sign of vapor trail.

They observed that the disc was blue-grey in color. It was not glowing, but metallic in appearance. After completing a semi-circle over the Tijuca woods, it ceased its rush and started to slip in a "pendulum fashion," losing height just like a falling leaf from a tree. It then accelerated at a terrific speed and disappeared the way it had come, out to sea.

The reporter was able to take five pictures in all. Later these were shown to Sir Miles Thomas, chairman of BOAC, whose comment on them was, "I think it is the wheel-cover of a DC-3 or a DC-4." A comparison of the Brazilian pictures and DC-4 wheels reveals no similarity as suggested by Sir Miles. The reporters are certain the object was large, "twice the size of an airplane." At least we can be sure the object was real and that it had a symmetrical shape: not just a fiery lump in the sky.

Closer scrutiny suggests there is more to such

reports than just "natural" sky phenomena such as the object dropping down like a falling leaf, then darting back the way it had come.

The second report comes from England. A group of RAF airmen claimed to have seen a Flying Saucer during the eight nations exercise "Mainbrace" which took place in September 1952. They were at Topcliffe, Yorks, RAF station and they saw a disc following a Meteor aircraft. One of the pilots reported seeing something different from anything he has ever seen in three thousand seven hundred hours of flying in a variety of conditions. The Meteor was coming down from 5,000 feet. The sky was clear. There was unlimited visibility.

The Meteor was crossing from east to west when the pilot noticed the white object in the sky. The object was silver and circular in shape, about ten thousand feet up some five miles astern of the aircraft. It appeared to be traveling at a lower speed than the Meteor, but was on the same course.

The pilot said: "What the hell's that?" and the members of the crew looked to where I was pointing. Somebody shouted that it might be an engine cowling of the Meteor falling out of the sky. We thought it might be a parachute. But as we watched the disc maintained a slow forward speed for a few seconds before starting to descend.

While descending it was swinging in a pendulum fashion from left to right. As the Meteor turned to start its landing run the object appeared to be following it. But after a few seconds it stopped its descent and hung in the air, rotating as if on its own axis. Then it accelerated at an incredible speed to the west, turned southeast and then disappeared. It is difficult to estimate the objects speed. The incident happened within a matter of fifteen to twenty seconds. During the few seconds that it was rotating we could see it flashing in the sunshine. It appeared to be about

the size of a Vampire jet aircraft at a similar height

We are all convinced that it was some solid object. We realized very quickly that it could not be a broken cowling or a parachute. There was not the slightest possibility that the object we saw was a smoke ring, or was caused by vapor trail from the Meteor or from any jet aircraft. We have, of course, seen this, and we are all quite certain that what we saw was not caused by vapor or by smoke. We are also quite certain that it was not a weather observation balloon. The speed at which it moved away discounts this altogether. It was not a small object which appeared bigger in the conditions light. Our combined opinion is that it was about the size of a Vampire jet--and that it was something we had never seen before in a long experience of air observation.

Here, there is a similarity between two individual cases, one on either side of the Atlantic, observed by reasonable people, both of them experienced in observation. Surely we must come to reason that the objects were three dimensional structures and entirely free of atmospheric reflection or the like? Here again is that rather queer pendulum motion. The question arises, if we are reasonably certain, judging by the descriptions, that neither case can be attributed to atmospheric phenomena, are they then hoaxes?

Surely it would be a sad day for us all if we could not accept the word of responsible personell and, in this case, quite a few people were involved. Are we to believe that officers and other ranks have nothing better to do than fool the public? Let us be careful in our summing up: let us try not to be biased one way or another, but only to seek the truth in as fair a manner as possible.

Reader Reports Strange Phenomena

About a year ago last winter, while walking to work, I witnessed a very strange phenomenon. My place of employment is close to the Boeing airport, Seattle, Wash., so I had a good view of the airport and the surrounding area on this particular day. One of the large airplanes was coming in for a landing, with landing lights on. It was quite dark, but I could make out the plane without any trouble. I continued on toward work when all at once the whole area lit up as bright as day. I was startled for a moment, not knowing what was happening or what was causing the "tremendous light."

I looked toward the airfield, just in time to see the plane passing over a large, round, white "spot." At first I thought my eyes were playing tricks on me, but after getting a second look at what was going on I knew I wasn't seeing things. Believe it or not--and I know what I saw, I wasn't mistaken--just hanging there in mid-air, were four large white spots, arranged horizontally in a perfect row. They seemed to be standing still, just hanging there as if there was no such thing as gravity to cause them to fall. They appeared to me to be semi-transparent.

The tremendous light was caused by the airplane passing over the first of the "white spots." After moving past the first object, the area became dark again. Then the plane passed over the second object and for the second time the brilliant light appeared, and then disappeared as the plane moved away from the object. This was repeated two more times before the plane landed. I talked to some of my co-workers about the incident and it turned out that many of them, on their way to work, witnessed the light from a distance of 10 to 15 miles away. Some of them said the light appeared to be a bright blue, red, yellow and several other colors mixed in. "Flying Saucers?"

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