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REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA AND POSSIBLE RELATED INCIDENTS

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.--"On March the 25th, between 7:10 and 7:20 p.m., I was standing in front of my home on Great Oak Road, when I heard a loud sound which attracted my attention to the horizon in a southerly direction. The sound may have been unrelated but it was like metal scraping on metal such as you might hear if two cars which had crashed were being dragged apart. Then I saw a fiery ball and a streak, it came from the south but slightly to the west according to compass directions and headed north almost directly. It disappeared when it was almost over where I stood. The streak was still to the horizon where it started, then it disappeared but did not disintegrate but rather seemed to be covered by the darkness around it, all at the same time. The tail extending from the ball, if you might call it that, was not like giant fireworks in a smooth streak...but rather...all uneven with rough edges, but the ball was very plainly a ball and not too much wider than the streak. It lasted...at most a minute." /S/ J.R.L.--Orange, Conn.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.--"I am a security guard with Pinkertons National Detective Agency. I work on the night shift...I was just getting back from making a round at the plant, when I saw this object in the sky coming straight down towards the guard house. It looked like it was going to hit the guard house and I was thankful I was on the outside at that time. The object was traveling fast and as it was approaching near the lights on top of the guard house it was shooting off red and bluish flame. It seemed to burn itself out and the next second there was nothing in the sky. Of course it could have been much further away than the eye could see at the time...This object was shaped like a pear and did not seem to look any larger. I thought perhaps it was some sort of comet. The best way I can describe it is the object looked like a long, high fly ball coming down at a ball park. I told quite a few people about this but they did not seem to believe me at all. I found it a very interesting and unusual sight...of what I observed on Monday, March 25th." /S/ V.J.D.--Ansonia, Conn.

FIREBALL IN SKY--Carl R. Reimer, manager of the W.T. Grant store at Rodney Village, Dover, who lives in that area called the Delaware State News at about 10:30 p.m. He said he was driving up to the house and saw a strange light in the sky, something like lightning (but lasting longer). Then the lighted object crossed the sky, at a fairly low altitude, and disappeared in the southeast. A few minutes later Carl Pommell of Frederica called with a somewhat similar report. He saw a strange light in the sky, and the object crossing the horizon. Pommell said he heard an explosion--and thought maybe a jet plane had gone down. Earlier, at about 8 p.m., there was a

call from a lady who lived west of Dover. She described what seemed like a shooting star--except it was moving rather slowly from southwest toward the north-northeast. It was in sight about 15 minutes. Source: State News--Dover, Delaware--3/26/63.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.--"...At the time of the occurrence (3/25/63) which was at approximately 10:20 p.m., I was the pilot of a private plane flying at an altitude of 3500 feet about 30 miles south of Wilmington, Delaware. It was an exceptionally clear night with a ground visibility of at least 15 miles. Direction of flight was easterly, so that when the occurrence first came about I was not actually looking at its point of origin. My first indication of anything peculiar was the fact that the whole sky surrounding my airplane lit up with a flickering glow. The color was greenish blue very much the same color as Mercury Vapor Lamps when viewed from a distance. My first reaction was that of thinking that something was on fire in the airplane until I was able to realize that the source was from some other origin... I immediately started to turn the plane toward the north to look for the source of the glow and as I turned to a westerly heading I there observed the glowing object which was by then in its last phases of burn out and was turning from green to red. The direction of flight for the object seemed to be from north or northwest to east... It is my guess that the duration of the phenomenon was from 25 to 40 seconds. This is based on the fact that I took time to check engine gauges and then rotate the airplane approximately 90 degrees. All of which would take at least that amount of time." /S/ C.C.T.--Gaithersburg, Maryland.

MYSTERY LIGHT CROSSES SKY: THE FLYING OBJECTS ARE BACK--Don't look now, but flying objects are here again. Reports of weird objects were received from all over Long Island last night. State Parkway police and Suffolk police got calls from persons who "saw lights in the sky" about 10 p.m. A Dr. Lang of Mount Crane Road, Port Jefferson, told of seeing a streak of light plummeting into Long Island Sound off Crane Neck. Suffolk Police Sgt. Stanley Hulik said he saw a light in the sky off Cedar Beach on the south shore. And Victor Agne, Garden City, driving along the Long Island Expressway in East Hills at 10:08 p.m. with three friends, said he looked up and saw an object "moving five times the speed of a jet plane" in a southerly direction. "There was not the slightest doubt in our minds--it was a UFO," said Agne. "It was a circular object that appeared like a fluorescent greenish light. It seemed to throw off white fire streaks from a tail as it disappeared behind clouds and then reappeared." MacArthur Airport officials in Islip Town reported seeing lights in the sky but said they had no reports of a crash or missing planes. Source: Press--Long Island City, New York--3/26/63.

BRIGHT OBJECT FLASHING ACROSS SKY REPORTED IN WAYNE, POMPTON, OAKLAND--A bright object --described by some viewers as green with red sparks--flashed across the sky last night, but there was little agreement on where it came from or where it was heading. The object was seen in Wayne, Pompton Lakes and Oakland in this area. The object was seen at about 10:12 p.m. and remained in view for several seconds, a Coast Guard official said. Hundreds of residents of Central Jersey communities rushed to their telephones to report the flight to police and their newspapers. Shortly after 10 p.m. Wayne Patrolman David Gilmore received a telephone call from a man who said, "You may think I'm drunk, but I just saw a fireball in the sky over Route 23." In Pompton Lakes, Patrolman Jack Lamberti received a similar call from Sidney Davis who said he seen the fireball traveling over the Wayne area. An Oakland policeman said the object appeared to be traveling over Wayne near the American Cyanamid building. Edward Battle, Hackettstown, police dispatcher, said three men rushed into the station and told him they had seen a bright green flash soar into the air and then return near

Hackettstown Mountain, Morris County police had nearly a dozen calls reporting a flashing object of greenish hues in the western skies. But in Trenton, one woman called the object a "yellow, cigar-shaped fireball." Source: News--Paterson, New Jersey--3/26/63.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.--"On Monday evening, March 25, 1963, I witnessed an Unidentified Flying Object over Newark Bay at about 10:15 p.m. I was riding along Route 440 towards Bayonne with three other people when we suddenly saw a moderately moving, glowing object in the sky that looked like it was a part of a fireworks celebration. We had heard reports that the New York Mirror would set off fireworks at the end of the newspaper strike, but we knew that the strike was not yet settled. The object seemed to come from the ground and rise upward and to my left in sort of an arc movement. As I stated above, it looked like fireworks, but it had a definite shape with pink, blue, green, and white coloring. The colors, however, were not very bright. They seemed to be surrounded by a white, smokey mist. The entire occurrence lasted about thirty seconds." /S/ R.C.--Bayonne, New Jersey.

SAW FIERY SKY OBJECT--SALESMAN--Dudley C. Troy never believed in stories of flying objects although he read most of the books about the things. But after last night.... Troy was driving to his home when about 10:10 o'clock he saw, over toward Caven Point, a pyrotechnic display which even today taxes his credulity. "It was as big as a house," he said. "It looked like a giant pinwheel. It just didn't make sense. It doesn't now. I thought it was a great jet in trouble and about to crash. I thought of a giant meteor but it didn't have a tail. After seeing this thing I could have believed I had had a few, but I didn't. I had come just from the store. This thing revolved like a pinwheel. It made me think of a lighted revolving ferryboat in the sky. It seemed to have a lot of windows and was fiery red." Source: Journal--Jersey City, New Jersey--3/26/63.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.--"Shortly after ten on March 25, 1963...I saw an orange light which I supposed to be a rather low flying plane...I stood for a second expecting to see the plane cross the sky. Instead, the light, as it slowly did go on its path, grew larger and larger, until it was a large ball of seeming filmy bluish, fiery cloud, round, though not perfectly so, and whirling, leaving a train of fiery sparks behind it--like a tail. It seemed almost like the trail of a firework...It continued on its path, whirling, making no sound, until it seemed to come to a distance of about a half mile away at the site of the U.S. Army Caven Point Reserve Center or as far as over the waters of the bay. The whirling 'thing' just as quietly faded away or burnt itself out and both ball and train disappeared. It was awe-inspiring and unbelievable and the whole thing probably did not last any more than 15 seconds." /S/ I.S.--Jersey City, New Jersey.

HE WATCHED GLOWING OBJECT HIT, TENAFLY RESIDENT SAYS--"It came down like a giant teardrop. It was very beautiful, very white with sparks coming out the back." That is how Fred Ottaviano of Tenafly described a bright object which plunged from the sky last night and landed about two blocks in front of his car in Alpine. Ottaviano and his girl friend, Joan Fedorisko, also of Tenafly, were sitting in his car in a wooded section off Route 9W. He, his father Gene, reporters from this newspaper, and Alpine and Tenafly police failed to find anything in two searches during the night and early this morning. It was about 10:15 p.m., Ottaviano said, when he spotted the object. "It was like a small aircraft on fire, going down." He said the

object glowed about 45 seconds, its light fluctuating, on and off. "It lit the whole woods up like daylight," he said. Ottaviano said he was scared by the incident and returned home to tell his father. Several Bergen residents reported seeing the object. The object was described as large and having a tail and its color was described as blue and white and like a flare changing colors, including red and green. Source: Record--Hackensack, New Jersey--3/26/63.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.--"On the night of March 25, 1963, at approximately 10:20 p.m. EST (0320Z-March 26) I was walking in a westward direction and observed a sudden bright green fireball in the sky. This was at an estimated azimuth of 270 degrees and altitude of approximately 020 degrees. The initial size covered an area of sky to the viewer of approximately two inches in diameter. The fireball began a rapid apparent acceleration in a south-southeasterly direction and began trailing a tail of fire which alternated from green-white to reddish-orange--faded out and resumed in intensity as it disappeared into the horizon. The phenomenon was the brightest I have ever observed in over twenty years of airline flying."  
/S/ L.A.G.--Metuchen, New Jersey.

FIREBALL LIGHTS SKY OVER STATE--A fireball passed over Maryland last night, lighting up switchboards as people tried to find out what the brilliant fiery flash was all about. At Salisbury, an unidentified pilot flying at 6,000 feet reported the object. George Harpold, Mt. Savage, said he saw an unusual large glowing object last night over Cumberland. Source: News--Cumberland, Maryland--3/26/63; Journal--Wilmington, Delaware--3/26/63.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.--"On March 25, 1963, at about 10:10 p.m., I was driving my car west on Seminary Ave., west of the Harrisburg Expressway and north of Baltimore, location was dark and clear. My attention was drawn to a flashing greenish-white light which was bright enough to illuminate the surrounding road and fields, at which time I pulled my car to the side of the road and got out to observe what was the cause of the light. I observed an object traveling a directly overhead course from northwest to southeast. I have seen quite a few meteors and this object was so large that I assumed I was watching an orbiting object put up by the US or USSR reentering the earth's atmosphere. This object was leaving quite a tail of fire and at approximately 1 second intervals would put out a whitish shower of sparks, such as a skyrocket would put out when it explodes. Also, the object was large enough to observe a white center with a twin tail of fire which merged together as it passed through the sky." /S/ W.H.P.--Baltimore, Maryland.

BRILLIANT OBJECT FLASHES ACROSS PENNSYLVANIA SKIES--A brilliant colorful object flashed across the sky of Philadelphia and other cities in the state on Monday night, leaving behind thousands of eyewitnesses. It was first sighted near Allentown about 10 p.m. People in Pottstown, Philadelphia and other cities reported that the object was flying low and almost directly overhead. A West Philadelphia school girl, Yvonne Venters, 13, observed the phenomenon. She said it seemed to be white with a long tail as it approached from the north, but turned green, yellow and blue as it disappeared at high speed in the direction of International Airport. "It didn't have the right trajectory for a meteor," said Christie Urvack, an electronics engineer for the Air Force at the Camden-Moorestown RCA plant. He was driving to Philadelphia and stopped on the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge to observe the apparently burning object as it passed. He said it had a luminous blue-green surface with an orange tail and "pieces breaking off." Bernard Lietz, of Washington, D.C., an astronomy major,

described it as being brilliant green and giving off reddish-orange sparks. He said the fireball emitted flashes five times brighter than the light of the planet Venus. Source: Inquirer--Philadelphia, Penn.--3/26/63.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.--"I happened to walk onto the porch at about the approximate time of 6:30 p.m. (3/25/63), when I happened to see a very large ball of fire shoot across the sky. It was a fiery red-orange that left a trail of light behind it that was quite long, and to me it seems like smoke or clouds. The ball seemed like a big bright beach ball with a long tail." /S/ Mrs. J.L.--Edwardsville, Penn.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.--"I was carrying some trash down to the end of our yard. The day (3/25/63) was just going into dusk. I happened to glance at the sky, and saw a large oval-shaped disc traveling at an incredible rate of speed, high in the sky. It was as brilliant as the sun. At first I thought it must be reflected on an airplane...In a few moments a jet plane passed. I realized that it couldn't have been that, in the reflected sun. I am a member of the Presbyterian Church, and am known to be a reliable person." /S/ Mrs. V.W.--Dover, Penn.

SPECTACULAR SKY OBJECT IS SEEN BY AREA PEOPLE--Reports have been made throughout this general area of a brightly-burning object in the sky last night. Several local residents have reported seeing the light and two aircraft notified the Federal Aviation Agency of spotting a brightly-lit object in the sky near Westminster, Maryland. The FAA has listed the reports under "U.F.O.", unidentified flying object. Source: Journal--Martinsburg, West Virginia--3/26/63.

BURNING OBJECT SIGHTED CROSSING SKY LAST NIGHT--A large burning object was reported crossing the sky to the southeast last night about 10:30 o'clock. A.S. Bavelly was on his way to work at Owens-Illinois and spotted the object as he drove across the bridge to East Fairmont. He said the object seemed to be moving at the rate of speed of a jet plane and appeared to have a huge white light in front tapering off to bluish in the back with the red flame following. The object seemed to be losing altitude, he said. Source: West Virginian--Fairmont, West Virginia--3/26/63.

OBJECT IN SKY REPORTED SEEN IN LOCAL AREA--A fiery object blazed a trail across North Carolina last night. Highway patrol officials here said the glowing object was sighted in the local area about 10:30 p.m., and numerous calls were received at the station seeking information. The object was seen as far south as Wilmington and several people near Durham said the object plunged to earth. The highway patrol said the object was last seen in the southwestern section of the state and was still going. Source: Daily Advance--Elizabeth, North Carolina--3/26/63.

BALL OF FIRE KINDLES INTEREST--Several people in Norfolk saw the glowing object that streaked across the sky on March 25, 1963. Among them were an amateur astronomer, Prof. Albert I. Godden, assistant director of Old Dominion College Technical Institute, and Mrs. Godden. "It was a startling sight," Godden said. "It was a solid white mass with the size and appearance of a full moon in the fall. It formed a red tail about 20 times as long as its diameter." Prof. and Mrs. Godden were driving north on Granby Street about 10:15 p.m. They stopped and watched the fast moving object until it disappeared to the northeast. Source: Pilot--Norfolk, Virginia--3/29/63.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.---"After reading an article in this mornings paper about the object in the sky that Prof. Godden and his wife saw Monday night (3/25/63), I'm writing you an account of what my daughter (high school age) and I saw the same evening. I'm not sure this is the same one he saw. It wasn't the same color, size, or even going in the same direction. But the time is about the same, so that is why I'm writing. The object we saw was very bright green in color--and just under half the size of a full moon--traveling in level flight path about 15 degrees above the horizon from almost due north when we first saw it--object going to the east. Very bright green when we first saw it--started to trail long shower of orange sparks behind it--color changed from green to white on leading edge, dark yellow behind, trail of sparks still bright orange. As color changed, the object seemed to slow, but stayed in level path for about a second longer. Then the whole thing became an orange ball, the tail disappeared, it tipped down sharply toward the horizon, then the whole thing disappeared. From when we first saw it, till it disappeared, couldn't have taken longer than 5 to 7 seconds. The time of the night seemed later than 10:15 p.m. I think it was closer to 10:30 p.m." /S/ Mrs. T.T.R.--Virginia Beach, Va.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.---"On Monday night, March 25, 1963, at approximately 10:15 p.m., EST, my husband and I were coming home from downtown. Just before we turned the corner from Old Ocean View into Vero St., a bright ball of fire appeared in the sky. At first we thought it to be one of the landing lights of a plane, as it seemed almost motionless, as the plane lights sometimes do. When it was almost 'motionless' it was almost north of us. It then seemed to sprout a tail and veer swiftly away to the northeast." /S/ Mrs. E.R.W.--Norfolk, Virginia.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.---"On the night of March 25, the U.S.S. Papago (ATF-160) was underway on an easterly course off Norfolk, Virginia. At 10:11 p.m., the lookout reported an unusual aerial display to the north, which he described as a blue-white flaming object which, after a very short period of time, apparently exploded, showering particles in all directions. As officer-of-the-Deck, I plotted the ships position at latitude 36 degrees, 56 minutes North, longitude 75 degrees, 24 minutes West. The object, at the time of apparent explosion was bearing 350 degrees (true), approximately 10 degrees above the horizon. The object appeared to have a falling trajectory and was traveling in an approximate northeasterly or easterly direction." /S/ Lt. A.M.--U.S.N.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.---"I am a private pilot having learned to fly with the U.S. Air Force. The object I sighted on March 25, 1963 was burning when it first came into my peripheral view from the west or northwest. As it crossed in front of me traveling in an easterly direction, it appeared to be about the size of a grapefruit (6 inches in diameter) and very close for I could distinguish in detail tongues of flame streaming behind. The ball was white hot with a tail about 2 or 3 times in diameter. It wasn't just a glow of light as distant meteors appear but a visible boiling fiery tail with streaks of fire from the outer perimeter of the ball which indicated the apparent size was not exaggeration from the glow. The ball was in my view for approx. 6 seconds. It burned out or disappeared with the suddenness of an electric light being turned off...just blinked out to the northeast. Its path appeared to be parallel to the earth from west to east." /S/ J.W.P.--Norfolk, Virginia.

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