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REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA AND POSSIBLE RELATED INCIDENTS

AIR CADETS REPORT MYSTERY AERIAL OBJECT--Nine members of the Bebington 1123 Air Training Corps Squadron last night saw an unidentifiable flying object from their headquarters in Cross Lane, Bebington. They kept it under observation for about five seconds. Cadet Warrent Officer Jeffrey Green, aged 20, said today that the object was in the shape of a sphere which had been sliced in two. It was brilliant gold in color. "I should imagine it was at an altitude of about 50,000 feet, possibly more. It seemed to hover and then it disappeared very quickly--too fast for it to be a jet aircraft. As it went from sight it seemed to be climbing in a westerly direction," said Warrent Officer Green. "The object was unlike anything I have seen in aircraft recognition classes," added Mr. Green, who is employed in the Nuclear Physics Research Laboratory at Liverpool University and has been a member of the A.T.C. squadron for five years. He added that as soon as he had seen the object he had called eight other cadets to witness it. "We saw it hovering for about three seconds and then climbing for another three seconds or so," he said. Bromborough police said they had received no reports of any unidentifiable flying objects in the vicinity last night. The cadets saw the object at about 9:15. Source: The Echo--Liverpool, Lancashire, England--5/22/63.

FLYING OBJECTS REPORTED OVER INDONESIA--Djakarta, June 13 (UPI)--Townspople at Bangkalan on the isle of Madura reported that mysterious glowing lights have been streaking through the night skies over their city. A brilliant shining object visible for 25 minutes one June 7 curved out of the southwest and disappeared into north-western skies, according to the official Indonesian news agency Antara. Islanders said the phenomenon has been common recently. The star-like object appeared from the direction of Java to the southwest about 10 minutes, veered north for another five minutes, then disappeared on a northwesterly course about 9 p.m. Source: Shipping and Trade News--Tokyo, Japan--6/14/63.

'MYSTERY' THUMP ROCKS TWO-COUNTY AREA--A dish-rattling, floor-shaking "thump" rocked its way through the Twin Cities, Bucedá, Tenino and north into Thurston County Friday evening and the "experts" are at a loss to explain its cause. All law enforcement offices were deluged with calls following the mystery visit at about 7 p.m., and the best the officers could do was to say, "we felt it, too." Saturday morning the only thing known for certain was that it probably wasn't a sonic boom. A spokesman at base operations at McChord AFB in Tacoma said they had no jets in the area at that time. So Saturday morning, the "experts" were still scratching their heads and hopefully looking for an elusive answer. Source: The Daily Chronicle--Centralia-Chehalis, Washington--6/8/63.

MYSTERY OBJECT OVER HONG KONG--An unusual and so far inexplicable phenomenon was observed by residents on the Peak shortly after midnight yesterday. While seated on the verandah of a house in Peak Road they saw a bright object, green, red and yellow in color, shooting across the sky. It illuminated the whole harbor. It passed from east to west at a considerable height, and approaching the west seemed to break into two pieces, one continuing on the previous course, the other falling away at a slower speed, eventually disappearing from sight. The phenomenon, which was also observed by residents on Mount Cameron, was not seen by the Royal Observatory. Source: South China Sunday Post--Hong Kong--6/2/63

BOYS SPOT OBJECT IN SKY HERE--An unidentified flying object, which glowed brightly and moved slowly high in the sky from south to north was observed at 9:53 p.m. yesterday by several Richmond Little Leaguers who were sleeping out. The boys, who speculated the object might be the Russian manned satellite now circling the earth, were preparing to sleep out in the rear yard. Several of the neighbors also saw the object. All agreed it was not a plane. One mother said they watched it for at least five minutes and then it disappeared into the overcast. Their radio and television sets acted erratically from some type of interference during the time the object was seen. She called police, but they reported they had received no other calls of the sighting. Source: The Independent--Richmond, California--6/15/63.

SEMI-PARALYSIS OF WITNESSES--A Durban woman, who wishes to remain anonymous, and, with two other adults, was traveling to a village about twenty miles away from where she was staying. They were miles from anywhere with not a farmhouse or a kraal in sight when they saw a light coming round a hill towards them. "We stopped the car and watched as it came closer and closer to us." At 200 to 300 yards distance and at a height of 300 feet it stopped, and in the glow of its own light they saw the outline of its circular shape and dome. It stayed in the same place for about ten minutes and then moved away until it was lost behind the hill. Although it remained off the ground and stationary in the air there was no sound but they all felt a peculiar sensation of being charged with electricity and even semi-paralysed. "I know this sounds like space fiction," she said, "but I assure you it is absolutely true." Although there were 40 people staying at the same country hotel, they did not tell anyone of their experience. "None of us wanted to be laughed at," she said, "not even behind our backs." Source: The Daily News--Durban, Natal, South Africa--6/18/63.

BAFFLING MARKS IN THE BARLEY--People in the Wiltshire village of Charlton, near Donhead St. Mary, are completely baffled by mysterious marks which have appeared in a field only a few hundred yards from the busy Saftesbury-Salisbury road. They are wondering if they were caused by a space craft or a vertical take-off plane. Bomb disposal experts who have visited the scene are also puzzled. They are going back again next week to try to solve the mystery. The marks--a hole five inches in diameter, going down vertically between 2 feet and 3 feet with 4 foot long marks about one foot wide radiating from it--were discovered on Mr. Roy Blanchard's Manor Farm about a week ago. A southern Command spokesman said: "Radiating from the hole were what the officer called four slots in the field of barley. They were four feet long and one foot wide and where the slots were there was no barley, yet there was no sign of any burning nor any fragments. The small hole was surrounded by a slight depression about eight feet in diameter and the officer reckoned the earth beneath had received a thump." Said one villager: "It looks just as though something landed with a thump and then took off again. Said Mr. Blanchard: "It's as though big feet and legs have come down on my barley, but if they had, surely my barley would have been crushed. My barley's gone..." Source: The Echo--Bournemouth, Southampton, England--7/17/63.

NEW THEORIES ON THAT HOLE--The mysterious marks in a field in the Wiltshire village of Charlton, near Shaftesbury, which have so far baffled bomb disposal experts, are getting bigger. The bomb disposal people dug out some of the earth and late last night some village boys were seen prodding the hole with sticks. A bomb disposal squad from Horsham inspected the scene this afternoon. Their sergeant said: "Something has definitely hit the ground with a hell of a thump, and judging by the marks radiating from the hole it was obviously very hot. Source: The Echo--Bournemouth, Southampton, England--7/18/63.

CRATER MYSTERY DEEPENS--Strange new findings on Farmer Roy Blanchard's land here were today described by an Army Bomb Disposal expert as "fantastic." They include seven more round holes and two large circles of flattened grain in fields adjoining the 22-acre field where the first disc-shaped crater was found plus a burned hedgerow and tracks. Helicopters were brought into use as the Army widened its probe over miles of surrounding countryside. The air search went on for four hours. The new holes were first reported by Dr. Robert Randall of Tidworth, Australian-born and an ex-Woomera rocket range scientist. Today he showed them to Army experts and reporters. Sergeant James Reith, from Blyth, Northumberland, who has been in charge of the six-day probe of the crater said of the new findings: "It's fantastic. Really interesting. It's too much." The seven new craters are in direct line from the original crater. There are two circles of flattened earth--one 60 feet across, and strange tracks through the barley as though a heavy metal foot had been dragged. These led through a burned hedge and burned grass. An Army expert took samples of burned cow parsley and fern for analysis.

Three circular "craters" were about 250 paces apart and Dr. Randall said he believed they were caused by the tripod feet of a space research ship from "way out." He told of similar tracks found in France in 1957-58. He himself he said, had seen the same type of marks in Australia in 1954-55 and they had been documented. He said these visitations came in two-year cycles--he expected similar findings somewhere in England in the next 12 months. One man who may have an important clue to the mystery is Pc Anthony Penny, who is away on holiday from the little local police house. On the night of Wednesday, July 10, he saw a burning orange object flashing through the sky, coming down in the direction of Farmer Blanchard's field. He told his wife and two villagers but made no official report because he thought someone might think it too fantastic. He returns to Charlton on Monday. Mr. Blanchard still says: "Something landed there and took off--with a magnetic force that stripped the crops from part of the field. I never believed in Unidentified Flying Objects before, but I do now." Source: The Echo--Bournemouth, Southampton, England--7/23/63; Sunday Express--London, England--7/21/63.

BRITISH KILL OFF SPACE FANTASY--Charlton, England, July 25.--(A.P.)--The British Army regretfully killed off a popular space fantasy today. That hole in Roy Blanchard's potato patch was blasted by a meteorite. The eight-foot-wide crater was found ten days ago and prompted an eager flood of speculation that a flying disc had crash landed in the drowsy English countryside. But today the Army found a half-pound lump of matter which appeared to be a meteorite. It is being sent to the British Museum for investigation. Source: The Times--Seattle, Washington--7/25/63.

VILLAGE NOT SURPRISED IT'S STILL A THING--In Charlton, Wiltshire, today people were not surprised to hear that the thing found in the hole in Farmer Blanchard's barley field is not a meteorite. That, they feel, would have been too simple an answer to the mystery of the crater and the barley that vanished overnight. The fist-sized

chunk brought up by Army sappers after eight days of digging on Manor Farm was examined yesterday at the British Museum and pronounced to be iron pyrites--an iron and sulphur compound found naturally in the ground in many parts of Southern England. So the cause of the hole and its surrounding "cartwheel" is still unexplained and may remain so. An Army spokesman said: "As far as we are concerned the matter is closed. It is not a bomb so it has nothing to do with us. But flying disc supporters have no doubts at all. Said Mrs. Blanchard, wife of the farmer, "I have a lot of feelings about this, but I am going to keep them quiet." Source: The Echo--Bournemouth, Southampton, England--7/27/63.

COMMONS STATEMENT ON THE THING--War Minister, in a written reply in House of Commons stated Army Bomb Disposal team who excavated crater at Charlton, Wiltshire, had found no conclusive evidence regarding its cause. Small object initially thought to be meteorite, appeared "to have been a piece of local rock and was not the cause of the crater." Source: The Echo--Bournemouth, Southampton, England--7/29/63.

ANOTHER MYSTERY CRATER FOUND--Cutting hay on his father's farm at Flamborough Head, Colin Hood (22) came across a ten-foot-wide shallow hole which was not there the last time the land was worked. The sudden appearance of the hole has been reported to the police and coastguards, and a bomb disposal squad has been asked to investigate. Mr. F.R. Hood, of North Moor Farm, who is chairman of Bridlington, N.F.U., said the hole was not there when the land was top-dressed in the spring. "It must have come since the grass grew," he said. He was unable to account for it. The hole has jagged edges and is surrounded by cracks. Earth has been scattered for some distance round it. Source: Hull Daily Mail--Hull, York, England--7/20/63.

CRATERS FUZZLE ON HILLSIDE--Similar To Mystery Finds In England--Two craters, similar to those that have baffled the authorities in England, were discovered today in hilly ground above Cockburnspath, on the borders of East Lothian and Berwickshire. Police and Army experts are carrying out a thorough investigation. A spokesman for the Lothians and Peebles Police said today: "The presence of the craters cannot be accounted for as yet. A full report will be made in due time." They are on a lonely spot near Middle Monymut Farm at the edge of the Lammermuirs. The two craters, irregular in shape, are about 16 feet in diameter and two to three feet deep. They are twelve feet apart. About a dozen channels, varying in length up to 44 feet, radiate from the craters. The channels vary in width and depth to a maximum of about one foot. Sods of grass and earth, some three feet wide, are scattered over the area. Some are over 40 yards away from the centre of the craters. About 35 feet from the craters there are a series of holes about a foot wide by two feet deep. The police admitted that they appeared to be very similar to the disc-shaped crater found on a farm at Charlton in Dorset. Source: The Dispatch--Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland--7/24/63.

AND NOW--HOLLAND--A squarish hole about 12 feet deep and more than 6 feet across was discovered in a meadow on the northernmost Dutch North Sea island of Schiermonnikoog three weeks ago, the Ministry of Defense said at the Hague today. A spokesman said: "Air Force specialists and a munitions expert were flown to the island. The experts were completely mystified." Source: The News--Edinburg, Midlothian, Scotland--7/25/63. SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.--Referring to your letter we confirm that indeed a big hole was found in the dunes on the island of Schiermonnikoog. Distance to the sea about 800 yards. The hole looked as if a huge cylinder, 5 feet wide and 12 feet deep was pressed into the sand. Even the grass on top of the dunes was sharply cut. On investigation, also with the aid of a mine-detector, we found no traces of any material, the grass looked as if cut with a sharp knife and no scorching took place. Cause of this phenomena is unknown. /S/ Major J.A.V.

MULTI-COLORED BALL OF FIRE FALLS FROM SKY. WITNESSES REPORT--'FLYING OBJECTS' RETURN TO WEST TEXAS--Alpine--The era of the fantastic flying objects returned to West Texas Thursday. From Alpine to Hobbs, New Mexico to Lubbock reports poured in from awed witnesses, who saw one or more bright objects fall from a sunny sky. The sightings occurred between 8 and 9 a.m. Thursday. As of Friday morning, no official explanation of the phenomenon had been forthcoming. Dozens of Alpine area residents sighted the object, and they all agreed that it appeared to have hit the ground in the vicinity of this Brewster County city. Kirby Killion, chief of the City of Alpine's sanitation department, said he saw the object while sitting in the cab of a truck about 9 a.m. "It looked like a large tear-drop," he said. "It was sort of large at the bottom and narrowed down at the top. It was multi-colored and looked like a ball of fire." Mrs. Mary Ellen Kimbell, whose ranch is located 20 miles north of Alpine, estimated the object hit the ground not less than two miles from her home. However, she and her husband, Keesey, combed the area on horseback for two hours and could find no trace of the object, nor any evidence that it had fallen in the area. Fort Davis rancher Dave Medley said he witnessed the fireball as it fell to earth. "It was burning and changing colors as it fell," Medley reported. Carroll Schoenewolf, graduate student at Sul Ross College, said it appeared to have landed near the college campus, and said he would like to search for it. The witnesses agree that the object was plunging to earth to the northeast of Alpine. Source: The Odessa American--Odessa, Texas--7/12/63.

"IT" WAS SEEN OVER PECOS--Whatever it was, it went north, and most everyone who reported seeing the multi-colored shining object in the bright sun light Thursday morning thought it hit ground just north of their point of observation. Three Pecos residents have reported seeing the object between 8:00 and 9:00 Thursday morning. Mrs. Raymond Vasques said she was standing in her back yard when she noticed a "real shiny" object that "looked different" pass over Pecos and hit ground somewhere north of town. As coincidence would have it, Mrs. Vasques' husband was in Orla at the time and he too noted the shiny disc but thought it hit earth somewhere around Red Bluff Lake. Mrs. Jack Dick, who lives 6 miles north of Pecos, also reported seeing the "it" and she thought the object hit ground north of where she lived. Source: The Independent--Pecos, Texas--7/16/63.

STREAKS ACROSS THE SKY--CITY MEN REPORT SIGHTING MYSTERIOUS "GREEN FLASH"--Two Texas Tech maintenance workers this morning apparently saw the same bright objects that were reported to have "fallen out of the sky" by residents of Southwest Texas and eastern New Mexico. "It was the most beautiful green color I have ever seen," said J.W. Page, who said he was standing in front of West Hall on the Texas Tech campus when he saw the object flash by. Leon Moreno reported seeing the flash. Page said they saw the object, "for a brief second" at about 8:55 a.m. today. Source: The Avalanche-Journal--Lubbock, Texas--7/11/63.

HOBBSANS SIGHT MYSTERIOUS LIGHT--Two Hobbsans who saw a mysterious green light that streaked across the sky yesterday in broad daylight described it as "an unusual sight." They were among dozens of persons in eastern New Mexico and West Texas who reported sighting the object, believed to have been a falling meteor. Fred Ellison, a member of the staff of Federal Aviation Agency at the Hobbs-Lea County Airport, said he saw the object flash across the sky in a northwesterly direction, at 7:55 a.m. "It was a large, bright ball with a small tail extending behind it," he asserted, "and I assume it was a meteor, but it was the largest I ever saw." The other Hobbson who spotted the object was James Brant, station manager here for Bison Airline, who was arriving at work when he saw the light whizz across the sky. He described it as having a greenish tinge. Source: The Sun-News--Hobbs, New Mexico--7/12/63.

ROUNDUP OF MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS

NEW TRACKERS 'KILL' UFO's--Reports have it that the new Air Force space surveillance radar system will be able to detect an object no bigger than a dime 1,000 miles out in space. This detection system is called Haystack, doubtless because its capabilities suggest finding a needle in one. With Haystack, tracking anything as big as a quarter or 50-cent piece will be duck soup. This leads to the conclusion that any so-called unidentified flying objects will be spotted unless visitors from other planets are about the size of a grain of sugar and operate space ships scaled down accordingly. The truth is that various detection and tracking devices already scanning the heavens have routed U.F.O. talk. These mysterious objects, reported so freely a few years ago, would now have to penetrate a battery of electronic eyes and ears that make secret arrival virtually impossible. Source: The Union--Grass Valley, California--7/29/63.

FLYING DISC MYTH(?) CONTINUES TO PERSIST--By Robert J. Serling, UPI Aviation Editor--Washington--No, Virginia, the Air Force is dubious about flying objects. But yes, Virginia, the Air Force still is investigating them. Satellites, manned orbital flights and other earthling ventures into outer space seem to have evaporated general interest in the so-called "unidentified flying objects" (UFO) or, as the Air Force prefers to label them, "unidentified aerial phenomena" otherwise known as UAP. There still are flying object clubs. There still are perfectly sober, realistic and logical Americans who believe UFOs come from other planets. There still are occasional reports of intriguing incidents, such as one from London the other day about a mysterious thing which blew down a farmer's barley field and apparently made a big crater which contains something metallic--and which now has been established as the result of a falling meteorite... Source: The Bee--Sacramento, California.

MYSTERIOUS HOLES--Strange happenings in July. A 15-ft. wide crater was found near Flamborough Head, and an unidentified flying object was reported in the same area. Some schoolboys claimed to have sighted a flying object over Roundhay Park woods, Leeds. Further holes were found in Dorset and East Lothian. The Dorset one was only about eight feet wide, and a foot deep. But the potatoes and barley growing where it was found have not been crushed--they have simply disappeared, roots and all. A cow in a nearby field began peeling in scales, as if it had been scorched. Yesterday, yet more holes were reported, this time in Westmorland. A huge channel connects them with a river almost a mile away. One of the farmers who discovered them wonders if they have any connection with his recent loss of 40 sheep. Curiouser and Curiouser. Only one of the holes has been thoroughly examined--the Flamborough Head crater, for example, was said, rather weakly, to have been caused by lightning exploding a pocket of natural gas. Army experts, however, were called to the Dorset hole. They came to some negative conclusions--that it was caused neither by a meteorite, nor a bomb--but could go no further. Questions have been tabled in Parliament...But holes are obviously the prerogative of flying objecters: To them, there is no mystery. The holes were made by craft from other planets. Their ideas should not be dismissed too lightly. About 70,000 people have claimed to have seen flying objects. Of course, they could all be wrong. Source: The Post--Yorkshire, England--8/1/63.

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