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REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA AND POSSIBLE RELATED INCIDENTS

REPORTS EMERGE FROM WIDE AREA--¹⁷BRIGHT OBJECT SEEN BY CITY MEN--Portales apparently was the northern anchor point of a series of sightings Thursday morning of a bright, green-colored object which flashed across the sky in a speedy path reaching deep into West Texas. Two Portales employees of the Sam Sanders gravel pit observed the object, which they described as round with a flaming tail 300 to 400 feet long--about 8 a.m. as it hurled through the sky toward Roswell. They said it was visible only about three seconds. Rudy Burdine said the object's tail was shaped like a welder's flame and was about the color of an acetylene torch. Neither he nor Billy Hyatt noticed a trail of smoke and heard no noise. "It was moving real fast," said Burdine. Apparently minutes later, what was believed to be the same object was sighted at Roswell by a youth. Joe A. Nieto, who told his story to the Roswell Record, which printed it, but weren't certain of the accuracy of the story. Nieto said the object was flying rapidly at about one thousand feet in a westerly direction southeast of Roswell. "I just saw it for a minute," the boy said. Record Editor Al Stubbs said this morning, the youth described the object as six feet long...cigar-shaped...two or three feet in diameter, green and on fire. Source: News-Tribune--Portales, New Mexico--7/12/63; Record--Roswell, New Mexico--7/12/63.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.--"On the night of July 11, 1963, my 17-year-old son, two of his friends and I went to a drive-in movie. We had been watching lights in the sky. Some had been sitting still, some had been zooming across the sky silently. Jets had been chasing some. Then about 9 o'clock, the whole sky lit up. And right overhead was this fireball--it exploded and left a trail of light. I have seen a lot of strange sights since I have moved here last June." /S/ Mrs. B.G.--Alamogordo, New Mexico.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.--"About 9:30 p.m., July 11, 1963, looking east I saw a light which looked like a bolt of lightning, then saw a flying, round object which was very bright and had a trail of light, flying low in a cloudless sky. The object was flying from south to north, traveling a slow rate of speed. I spent about five seconds looking at it. It had the appearance of a missile flying. I have never seen one so clear and with a flash of light which illuminated the city. I am an optical technician working in an optical lab for...at Holloman Air Force Base for the past twelve years and have seen many missile firings, but none like this." /S/ J.P.--Alamogordo, New Mexico.

SHOW FEATURE REAL MYSTERY--It came out of the west about 8:15 p.m., appearing to be a satellite. But over Albuquerque it changed course at a sharp angle and sailed away to the south, visible until about 8:35 p.m. The whats-it--unidentified flying

object, satellite, or whatever--cost Mr. and Mrs. David H. Hoch, 20 minutes viewing time at a drive-in theater Thursday night. Hoch, an engineer who was a fighter pilot during World War II, does not believe it was an aircraft, and obviously not a satellite. Mrs. Hoch is equally mystified. Their sighting was almost identical to one reported more than a year ago by two Albuquerque men, both former Air Force pilots, who followed the course of an apparent satellite and watched it take off suddenly at an almost sharp right angle. The almost inevitable question asked in this case by Mrs. Hoch: "Is it something that belongs to us?" If the Air Force knows, apparently it is not saying. Neither are the missile men. Source: Journal--Albuquerque, New Mexico--7/13/63.

UFO SIGHTING REPORTED IN WHITEFISH--Whitefish joined the ranks of the UFO (unidentified flying object) club Tuesday with the report from Arnie Amundson concerning a bright object in the sky over highway 93-about 2 a.m. Amundson, who was returning to Whitefish with a load of building materials, said he first sighted the object about 8 miles south of Whitefish directly over the highway. He said it was bright and shaped like an umbrella. It kept swaying back and forth and proceeded above the highway all the way to Whitefish. Amundson said the last he saw of it, the object was going over the mountains to the north. Amundson claimed the object matched its speed with the speed of his truck, and that he could not seem to get closer to it. Source: Pilot--Whitefish, Montana--7/18/63.

STRANGE ITEM FLIES LOW IN FREMONT AREA--Eight people in the Scribner-Snyder area spotted an unidentified flying object at approximately the same time Wednesday night in two locations nearly 18 miles apart, according to Mrs. Chris Blumm of Scribner. The object was first sighted at approximately 8:30 p.m. by Mrs. Leonard Duerst and Victor Adams of Wisner as they were talking business on the front lawn of the Duerst farm. The farm is located one mile west and two miles north of Snyder. At approximately the same time, it was spotted by six persons, including the Rev. LeRoy Dobbe of St. Pauls Lutheran Church, at the country church's location, one mile north and six miles east of Scribner. Persons at the two locations gave different descriptions of the object, but are certain it was the same thing, because of its line of travel, Mrs. Blumm declared. "It was shaped like an ice cream cone, three to four feet long. It was more blue than red, like a flame coming out of a blow torch," Mrs. Duerst said. Adams generally agreed with Mrs. Duerst's description adding that he saw smoke trailing behind. Both agreed that it was not traveling very fast or very high. Mrs. Duerst said it passed over trees and the barn at an altitude of 50-100 feet. "It traveled fairly fast, but not nearly as fast as a falling star. The object did not hover and was traveling in a straight line with the large end of the cone going first," she said. Mrs. Blumm states the group at the church described the object as "a ball of fire about the color of a lightbulb." "It was flashing, but was not blue in color," Mrs. Burnell Nelson, one of the group, said. "If it had been traveling over the church, it surely would have hit it, it was so low," she said. The group said it was traveling east to west approximately "a field away." They walked around the church to see if it had landed, but saw nothing, Mrs. Blumm added. Persons at both locations said the object made no noise. Source: Tribune--Fremont, Nebraska--7/18/63.

UFO LIKE ROCKET OVER NORTH PARK--Floyd Weber is used to seeing planes flying overhead at night, but last night the object he saw was different than anything he had seen before. He was sitting in the backyard of his home when a flying object which appeared to be about a foot in diameter and three feet long passed through the sky in a northward direction. He said flames appeared to be shooting out of the rear. It appeared to disintegrate, he said, a few blocks north of his house. The object was flying low and in a horizontal position. Source: Independent--Grand Island, Nebraska--7/18/63.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.--"On the evening of July 17, 1963, a friend and I were playing golf at Meadowbrook Country Club in Hastings. We were just playing in on the ninth hole which faces east when my partner noticed the fireball. When we first noticed it, it was almost directly east of us at what I would judge to be about 25 degrees above the horizon. At first we thought it was the normal 'falling star', however it continued in a northwesterly direction and finally burned out almost directly north of us at about 10 degrees above the horizon. It was not quite dusk, and as I remember, it was around 7:30 p.m. It appeared much larger and brighter than a typical 'falling star', (or whatever they are called now) and it burned very brightly until the final burn-out. From the moment we first saw it until it burned out, the time consumed was about 10 seconds. We even made a comment at the time that the men from Mars had finally arrived, and if we decided to report it, they would come and carry us away in little white jackets. Then we promptly forgot about it, after all, we had our own problems trying to hit that little white ball..."
/S/ H.E.H.--Hastings, Nebraska.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.--"My neighbor...and I...were in the process of painting our homes on July 17, 1963, and as neighbors do, we had momentarily quit to visit a while about our work, etc. It was at this time we saw what appeared to be a circular object, but flat-like and, as Mr. W. stated, it looked to be shooting flames from the rear part and soon disappeared. This object seemed to come in from the southeast and be traveling toward the northwest but more northerly and looked relatively low from the earth. We both kept still about this as we figured people would think we were trying to start a flying saucer story, however the next day it was on the air and in the paper about others having also seen the same object."
/S/ D.E.L.--Grand Island, Nebraska.

WITNESS BALL OF FIRE IN SKY--While returning home from Cairo Thursday night, July 18th, Lawrence Lade witnessed the flight of a very large ball of fire passing through the sky. It was traveling north. Lade said the fireball which he witnessed was viewed about 11:30 p.m. His father, Herman Lade, also said he saw the flying object in the heavens, but it seemed to have been quite a ways further west of Ravenna.
Source: News--Ravenna, Nebraska--8/8/63.

ZZZAP! SPACEMAN, UFO'S REPORTED, NOT FOUND--The Kentucky Air National Guard looked for reported unidentified flying objects and spacemen here yesterday but found nothing. The Guard was called by a Fern Creek woman after four boys told her they saw flying objects and a man in a space suit. The boys said the man pointed a black object at them which caused red spots on their bodies. Four Air Guard personnel, led by Col. Verne M. Yahne, deputy commander of the 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, inspected the Fern Creek field where the incident reportedly occurred.
Source: Courier-Journal--Louisville, Kentucky--7/19/63.

FLYING OBJECTS? RESIDENTS SEE 'STRANGE LIGHTS'--Several persons saw strange lights in the eastern sky Friday night, according to calls received by The Kansan and Fairfax Municipal Airport. A housewife in Shawnee Village told a reporter Saturday she saw what appeared to be a circular craft with red light on top and small rotating white lights. She said: "It was between 10 and 10:45 p.m. that I watched the thing for about five minutes from my back yard. It was heading west when it seemed to stop and the small lights appeared to merge into one bright light. Then it appeared to descend at a 45-degree angle. It stopped again, and the rotating lights came back on, together with the red light, then it continued west, rather low, because it soon disappeared over trees. It might have been an airplane, but it was the strangest one I ever saw." Ernest Tracey, attendant at Fairfax Municipal Airport, said two calls

were received there about 8 or 8:30 p.m. Friday. Source: Kansan--Kansas City, Kansas--7/21/63.

JERSEYVILLE RESIDENTS CLAIM SEEING "UFO"--Jerseyville--A lot of Jerseyville residents who missed seeing the UFO in the area early Saturday morning reported spending a restless night Saturday, some of them getting out of bed at intervals to take a look at the heavens just in case the UFO might return to the area. The object was first reported by night police of Jerseyville early Saturday morning. Sgt. Kenneth Weller and night officer Howard Sandberg first observed the phenomenon while on motor patrol duty at 4:30 a.m. They checked with the radio operator at police headquarters, Joseph "Butch" Foster who left the station and had a look. Weller and Sandberg returned to the station and binoculars were used to enhance the view. Workmen doing shift duty in the Alton area who were returning about 4:30 a.m. to their Jerseyville homes also noted the strange disc spinning about in the sky and reported they had viewed it. Among those listed are Jerry Beirmann and William Wedding. Parties who viewed the object reported that it appeared to have a black central body and this was rimmed about with lights. They also observed what they considered to be ladder-like attachments descending from the main body. The strange visitor moved at intervals up and down and from east to west and north and south. Police put in a call to Scott Field but no information was forthcoming from there. It was stated that at the time there was a plane in the air on alert duty. With announcement of the story of the UFO from the local radio station WJBM, additional residents gave reports. Reports varied regarding the size and dimensions of the phenomenon. Source: Courier--Jacksonville, Illinois--7/22/63.

PHENOMENON SIGHTED BY HARLEMITES--Every so often strange objects are seen in the sky and during the past decade many have been labled "Unidentified Flying Objects." Another such phenomenon was sighted Saturday evening, July 20, at about 9 o'clock by Bill Hay and Bob Neeley. Traveling from northwest to southeast it at first appeared to be star-like, later changing to light blue and then as it seemed to speed up the color became more red. The men and their families were camped in Mission Canyon and the children in the group also witnessed the strange object. Blaine Hay and Leonard Lundeen claim to have seen practically the same sight Monday night except that the direction of travel was reversed. Whatever it was, the people who watched it cross the heavens were awed by its obvious diviation from the usual calm appearance of the star-like night sky. Source: News--Harlem, Montana--7/26/63.

UEP'S RIVAL UFO'S: POPPING PEBBLES PEPPER PEOPLE IN PARKING PLACE--Quincy--Now it's exploding pebbles. In the wake of a rash of reports of unidentified flying objects, half a dozen persons reported last night that pebbles were exploding in the parking lot of the Wonder Bowl on the Southern Artery. They came from out of the sky, the persons say, some exploding with a small pop when they hit the ground, others going off sometime after they had landed. Police were called at 11:30 p.m., about an hour after the exploding pebbles were first heard. Patrolmen Edward McDonald and John Bartholomew came to the parking lot, flashlights shining. They saw the pebbles lying on the ground, heard one pop occasionally. They also found about 50 yards away a bed of similar granite pebbles underneath a border of shrubs. Their answer after an hour of looking and listening: "No comment." The pebbles were first spotted by Irwin Wayne. He said he was leaving the bowling alley with his wife Rhoda and a friend when "hundreds of the pebbles started falling from the sky and exploding." He ran into the bowling alley and told the assistant manager Robert Crowe. Mr. Crowe said, "The pebbles were snapping all around my feet when I came out to the parking lot. I went up to the roof to check. It's a flat roof. There were no kids there and no pebbles." Two teenage boys also reported seeing and hearing the pebbles. Donald Mann, 16, said he was looking up at the roof when "one exploded like a firecracker in

front of me. I jumped back and then I felt a stinging in my legs." John Marchant, 16, said he was standing about 10 feet from Donald when the pebble exploded. "It felt like a pow like a .22 rifle," he said. Charles F. McGrath said he heard about the pebbles over a police radio about 11:30 p.m. and came over to take a look. "I didn't believe it until I heard them cracking," he said. "Mrs. Wayne was showing me one of the pebbles. I had put on my glasses to look at it when one hit me on the edge of my glasses. It felt like a snap or a tick," he said. Weather Bureau officials at Logan Airport, who were called by The Patriot Ledger, said that the reports sounded "very interesting." They could offer no explanation, however, but did suggest that it might be worth following up. The officials added that the episode was the first known report of UEP's--unidentified exploding pebbles. Source: Ledger-Patriot--Quincy, Mass.--7/22/63.

MORE UFO'S OVER QUINCY--A large number of Woburn children watched a "V" formation of five, yellowish-white, oval-shaped UFO's in flight on July 22nd around 3 p.m. The strange unknown flying objects, moving at speeds faster than jets as they passed overhead, made a strange whirring or whistling sound and maneuvered in the skies only a matter of seconds. Credit: George Fawcett.

CADET SEES UFO--An unidentified flying object was seen by an ex-R.A.F. cadet at Hinton-on-the Green last night. He was driving along the main Evesham--Cheltenham road at about 10:45 p.m. when his attention was attracted by lights in the sky. He stopped and got out of his car and saw the object at a height of about 1,800 to 2,000 feet. It was, he said, shaped like an inverted dessert dish, with three tiers of lights in yellow, orange, and red round the outside. The object crossed the main road at a speed of 100 m.p.h., traveling northwest. It was completely silent. There have been other reports of the object being seen. Source: Gloucestershire Echo--Cheltenham, Gloucester, England--7/23/63.

EERIE CRAFT LOOKED LIKE A 'UFO'--Three people today claimed to have seen what looked like an "unidentified flying object" passing over Edinburgh and the Lothians in a southwesterly direction. One of the witnesses, Mrs. Ruth Scott, of "The Thicket," Roslin, Midlothian, said today: "The silvery-grey object traveling very slowly was high overhead when my son, Simon, called out: 'look mummy!' He was pointing to this disc-shaped machine. I could hardly believe my eyes. It certainly was not any type of known aircraft to my knowledge." Ten-year-old Simon Scott, a pupil of the Rudolph Steiner School in Edinburgh, said: "I am not an aircraft spotter or anything like that, but I do know an aeroplane when I see one. "This was nothing like that. It had a flat base and rounded top. The base was dark, the side a silvery grey and the dome a silvery blue. The base seemed to be rotating. It moved very slowly in the sky and after about three minutes it disappeared above some cloud." The third witness was Mr. J.G. Ben Oddotte, from Kenya, a student at Edinburgh University at present staying with Dr. Philip H. Scott and Mrs. Scott. Mr. Oddotte, studying law and economics, said: "The object was clearly visible for at least two or three minutes. It was a blue sky yesterday at 12:30 p.m. when Simon called me. It had no wings or fins. It looked like a saucer with a cup on top upside down. The eerie thing made no noise whatsoever, although there was a definite movement from the base of the object." The mystery object baffled control tower personnel at Turnhouse. "Nothing like that has been seen here. Nor has anything taken off that could be taken for a UFO, an official said. "All we have is aeroplanes. Edinburgh City Police said that they had received no reports of the object. Source: Dispatch--Edinburgh, Midlothians, Scotland--7/26/63.

MYSTERY OBJECT EXPLODES IN THE SEA--GIANT BALL GLOWED LIKE THE SUN--A giant object which glowed like the sun, and traveling at tremendous speed, exploded in the sea with a terrifying roar off Mt. Drummond, on Lower Eyre Peninsula yesterday evening. About five minutes later, the previously quiet surf was heard 12 miles away roaring and pounding on the shore. This was the story told to the News by Mr. K. Ashman by telephone from his farm at Kappinnie, who said his house was shaken by the blast as concussion waves reached inland. He said he saw the object glowing like the sun and streaking across his property from NE to SW, trailing brilliant white light one or two minutes after sundown yesterday. "It was difficult to estimate the height at which the object passed, because it was traveling at times through clouds," he said. "It was also hard to estimate its size because of its bright light." He said it was difficult to estimate just how loud the explosion was because of the shock waves to his ears which had badly effected them. "We can hear the sea when it is rough from the house. It was a calm sea yesterday and we could hear it, but after the explosion we could hear it roaring and this lasted about 30 seconds." However, it may be some time before any dead fish are washed ashore. Thinking the whole thing over, I think the object could have been a meteor. "It appeared to slow down before it went into the sea. I formed this opinion because of the brilliant trail following it. If it was a guided missile from Woomera I feel it would not have been fired in this direction."

Mr. Barry Morton of Bridge Road Para Hills (Near Adelaide) said he had seen a strange UFO in the sky about 9 p.m. yesterday. He said it was red and appeared to be going in the direction of Parafiled towards the sea. The object appeared to be four times the size of a street light, emitting a red light. Also, on Monday, two people reported a strange object in the sky with square windows and bright light coming from them. Both reports came from different locations. Source: News--Adelaide, S.A., Australia--7/25/63.

FIFTY NINE WHALES KILLED BY GLOWING OBJECT?--Fifty nine whales found on a beach near the South Australian and West Australian border and showing no signs of external injury probably died as a result of a glowing object falling into the Great Australian Bight. Mr. Harvey Gurney said he had found the whales on a lonely stretch of beach near his homestead. He said the biggest one was about 18 feet long. They weighed an average of 1 1/2 tons each and were spread over three miles of beach. "There were no signs of cuts or gashes on any of them, and they were all in a good state of preservation. It is a fantastic sight. They appeared to be killer whales." The report tallys with the previous ones received by farmers who reported a glowing object falling into the sea. Mr. Gurney added that if the impact of this above explosion was great, the whales could have been killed with the impact, and have died from concussion. Source: News--Adelaide, S.A., Australia--8/6/63.

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