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REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA AND POSSIBLE RELATED INCIDENTS.

FLYING DISC ? UFO SPENDS TWO HOURS IN RUBIDOUX AREA--Red Glow Mystifies Residents--
by Peter Parsons--"It wouldn't be any good to try and lie to you...I just can't describe what I saw. I've never seen anything like it," said A.W. Creech, still baffled by an unidentified flying object that he and other residents on De La Vista in Rubidoux saw hovering over their homes last week. Betty Ables said she was lying on the living room couch when the children came yelling into the house. Her 9-year-old son Danny was saying the "moon has fallen." Her daughter Sue, who will be a Sophomore at Rubidoux High next fall, thought that a man in a parachute had caught fire in some high voltage wires. When the immediate excitement was over and the group could collect its senses for a better look, this is apparently what they saw: a red glow hovering in the sky behind a clump of trees about one block from the corner of De La Vista and Pacific. The object had a silver dome over it and "antennae" protruding from it where the red glow and the dome met. Children playing in their yards in the area at about 9 p.m. last Tuesday said they saw the object come up from behind the trees like a moon. Others, on Vista de Oro, said they saw it first when it flew over the hills between the high school and Pedly, coming from the direction of Corona.

There were no disagreements as to where the object was hovering, how long it was there, or what color it was. It allegedly remained in the area for an hour, then proceeded slowly towards Mt. Rubidoux, where it remained for another hour before rising suddenly and disappearing. Only the children who saw it earlier in the evening say they saw the silvery dome over the glow. All of them saw the antennae. "Shoot no, it wasn't a plane," said Mr. Creech. "I don't know what the heck it was. I walked out to turn off the water and there was this red glow in the sky over by those trees," he said. According to neighborhood children, the glow lit up their houses with an eerie red light. Creech commented that the UFO was "acting real funny." He described it as hovering, then "going and stopping, and suddenly going straight up." He remarked that two planes circled overhead and went away. He described the UFO as "a big red deal." His 11-year-old son Pat said he thought at first it was a "missile or something from March Air Force Base, but when it got closer, it looked different." A point brought out by Sue Ables was that the glow was not round. She said it seemed that way, but when it was leaving it developed points "like a star." This was confirmed by Steven Wyly who looked at the glow through binoculars. Steven's brother, Chris, who also saw the UFO, said he thought it was a weather balloon. Mrs. Ables said that she was scared and felt that something was about to explode. However, there was no noise from the object (several thought they heard a slight humming sound) and apparently no heat from the glow. Residents of Corona reported a "jet plane" flying dangerously low over their community the same night the Rubidoux UFO was sighted. However the residents near Rubidoux High got a good look at it and were certain it could not have been a plane...March Air Force officials had no comment on the reports. Source: Arlington Times--Arlington, California--6/26/63.

THREE MEN REPORT FLYING OBJECT--Three young men have given police statements about a UFO sighted on the Stuart Highway between Glossop and Barmera on July 25, 1963. They reported driving west about 9 p.m. that day and observing a bright orange crescent in the sky ahead for 7 to 10 minutes. It was described variously as "shaped like a football cut in two and like a banana, and that it made no noise." Source: News--Adelaide, S.A., Australia--8/5/63. Credit: Fred P. Stone.

WAS IT A FLYING DISC ?--A dairy farmer returning home at 9:45 p.m. on July 25, 1963, believed he may have seen a flying disc. He is Mr. Arnold Maslin of Hindmarsh Tiers, and the object was also seen by his family the following night. Mrs. Maslin, speaking for her husband who is deaf, said he had described the object as about 30 feet long, slightly resembling a new moon on its back with an orange glow at the centre. It was pointed at one end. With his 11-year-old son, Mr. Maslin climbed out of the car and watched the object for about ten minutes before it disappeared. The next night with his wife, their eldest daughter and two other young children, saw an orange light lay low in the western sky when they were traveling home from a drive-in theatre. It was visible for about a minute then disappeared in the direction of Green Hills. Mr. Maslin said, "It was a terrific size and too big to be a moving light. I have never seen anything like it before." Source: Victor Harbour News--Victor Harbor, S.A., Australia--8/9/63. Credit: Fred P. Stone.

UNUSUAL FLYING DISC TYPE WHATZIT GIVES TRUCKER SCARE--By Irma Dawn Moar--Who says a truck driver's work is monotonous? Jim Wheeler was on a run to Goldendale, Washington last Friday morning--early--when he discovered that things aren't quite as humdrum as they might sometimes seem. The St. Helens man was near the Maryhill museum when he saw a flash in the mirror of his truck. At first he assumed it was the lights of a car coming up behind him--but then the phenomenon occurred which Wheeler will remember the rest of his life. Another flash of light caused him to look to the left, and he saw a huge object, disc-shaped, giving off an eerie light. It was about 1,000 feet in the air and on about a 45-degree angle from the ground, riding along on the top of the ridge, he said. Lights all the colors of the rainbow, and then some, were coming from the object. When asked if he could tell what the object was made of, Wheeler said the nearest he could describe it would be loops of fluorescent tubing. Whatever it was, the object was between 35 and 50 feet across, Wheeler estimates, and about 20 feet thick. It followed along beside his truck, turning the inside of the cab a bluish color, for about twenty minutes as he was climbing a long hill. Wheeler, a driver for Oregon-Nevada-California Motor Freight, said when he was about two-thirds of the way up the hill the object tipped over on its side, revealing a glowing white top, made a sharp turn to the right, and disappeared over the hill--all in the span of about 15 seconds. And that was the last Wheeler saw of the "unidentified flying object" but it won't be the last he remembers. He reported the incident to the Air Force in Portland. If your thinking perhaps Wheeler didn't see what he claims to have seen--there was another witness. Another truck driver, hauling a load of hay from the Toppenish, Washington area and traveling about a mile behind Wheeler's truck, saw the same unbelievable thing. It's truly a case for "Believe It Or Not." Source: Sentinel-Mist--St. Helens, Oregon--8/1/63. SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.--"...As I drove along, the light from it turned the inside of my cab a blue glow, just like it was a neon light on in the cab. I could turn out the panel light and still read the instruments. The ampmeter went crazy--the needle flopped back and forth but my lights held steady..." /S/ James E. Wheeler, St. Helens.

MYSTERY OBJECT REPORTED OVER BRISTOL ENGLAND--There was a flying object over Providence Lane last night. At least according to John White and Howard Williams there was. They rang the Evening Post to report a mysterious flying object spotted at 8:35 p.m. over Providence Lane, Long Ashton. "It was oval in shape, green in color

and flying at about 100 feet," reported bricklayer John White, 19. "It had an aerial and made a whistling noise, like tuning a radio," said builders labourer Howard Williams, 18. Both said IT came from the direction of Weston-super-Mare, flew at about 100 feet over the top end of the lane, near Long Ashton golf course, and rapidly climbed out of sight after about two minutes. Source: Bristol Evening Post--Bristol, Gloucester, England--7/29/63.

"HOODED MEN" STARTLE MOTORISTS--Hooded men were seen on Sunday (July 28th) at Wapses Lodge, Caterham. A group of eight men wearing thick black cowls caused alarm and astonishment to passing motorists. One motorist told our reporter: "The hooded figures gave me a great shock. I thought I had stumbled on the Ku Klux Klan." Reports indicate that the mystery men departed "running and leaping across the road to the dual carriageway." But all their actions were "silent and most odd." Efforts to trace the mystery men have been so far unsuccessful. Source: Caterham Times--Caterham, England--8/2/63.

SPECIAL REPORT TO N.I.C.A.P.--"The objects seemed to be merely red and white lights, sometimes appearing singly and sometimes in groups of not more than four. They were seen intermittantly between the hours of 9:45 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on July 29 & 30, 1963. The objects in groups would be visible for approximately five minutes, then vanish in the distance. After about fifteen minutes, another group of objects would be visible. It was not possible to determine whether all the objects were the same ones or not. Interspersed with these groups would be single objects in various places. One single white light remained stationary in the northern sky for a minute or so, then ascended vertically at the same speed flown by the other objects flying horizontally. There was no noise from the objects at any time. They did not change color, although at times, they did flash slightly. Their shape was impossible to determine, as they looked like bright stars. The moon was in the first quarter. The objects always originated in either northeast, east, or southeast. Their apparent size was the same as a pea held at arm's length. The exact location of the sighting was 2 miles north of Plumerville, Arkansas, at Titan Missile Complex No. 10. The speed of the objects was very high, approximately 10 to 20 times jet speed, as a rough guess. They were seen only momentarily, as a rule. Their altitude was almost impossible to estimate. At one time, two objects crossed flight paths, although both objects were flying on a straight line. There were no turns made by the objects at any time." /S/ Robert L. Rogers--Plumerville, Arkansas.

MORE FLYING OBJECTS SEEN OVER ENGLAND--A mystery object over Southend early Wednesday evening set the telephones ringing in Standard House. People as far apart as Thorpe Bay and Westcliff reported a triangular object traveling slowly to the northwest. One of those who saw it was Mrs. S. Acres, of Park Road, Southend. "I would say it definitely isn't an aircraft--it looks like a kite." Source: Southend Standard--Southend, England--8/1/63.

UFO'S REPORTED OVER LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES--For the second night in succession, scores of people telephoned the Air Ministry and the B.B.C. to report a mysterious triangular-shaped object in the sky over London and the Home counties. The B.B.C. had over 100 calls about it, and the Air Ministry had "a considerable number." Callers to the Ministry were mainly from Hertfordshire. A spokesman said they could give no explanation. One man described it as close to the North Star and "brighter than the brightest planet." Source: The Daily Sketch--London, England--8/2/63.

WELL--DID A UFO LAND THERE ?--Did an unidentified flying object--the size of a double-decker bus--land one night recently on or near the Wimbledon Common golf links? Anyone who saw such an object should get in touch with Mr. David Briggs who is area investigator for the British Unidentified Flying Object Association. Mr. Briggs, 28-year-old artist, says a constable told him a woman reported seeing the UFO land. She had "never seen anything like it in her life." The constable had since heard that other people had seen the object flying over the common that same night. Source: Evening News--London, England--8/22/63.

KEENES BOY CHASED HOME BY UFO; POLICE CALLED--Boy Given Sedation To Quiet/His Nerves After Incident--An 18-year-old Keenes boy was chased home Sunday night by a UFO or some other unknown heavenly body! The whole neighborhood out his way is talking about it. The lad was so frightened he ran into his home, awakened his father and mother and when his dad saw it he ran inside for his shotgun. They wondered if it might be some invading force from Mars...or Russia. When the father displayed his gun, the object seemed to move closer. So the family ran back into the house... gathered in the kitchen and turned out the lights. Quickly they called police at Mt. Vernon. Fairfield police were promptly notified to keep watch. At first the police thought they were joking. Among the officers rushing to the scene was Deputy Sheriff Harry Lee, of Fairfield. "It was different than anything I ever saw," said Mr. Lee. "It was much bigger than a star...it did not twinkle and seemed to be moving." It was up in the sky to the southeast at about a 45 degree angle. I couldn't make out any form to it, except that of a big round light, something like a star, although it didn't flicker any," deputy Lee said. "It was moving upward and to the southeast and kept this general direction." When asked what it was, the deputy just shook his head in wonderment.

The boy who first saw the object was Ronnie Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Austin, who live west of the "Big Store" in Hickory Hill township. Ronnie and his girl friend, Miss Phylliss Bruce, were returning home about eleven o'clock from the drive-in movie at Mt. Vernon when they noticed it through the door window of their car. "It was white and round and about the size of an automobile," said Ronnie in describing the object to a Press reporter. "It just soared along over the tree tops. We could tell it wasn't an airplane. Every once in awhile it would swoop over toward our car. I tried to get away from it," continued Ronnie. "But when I'd speed up, it'd speed up; when I'd slow down, it'd slow down. I drove up to 120 miles an hour but it stayed right with us. We were scared to death." A Press reporter hastened to the Austin neighborhood early Monday morning (today). A neighbor, Mrs. Dwight Withrow, was excited about the happenings. She was called during the night to view the object. "It was ten times brighter than the moon," she said with excitement, "and much bigger than a star." Roxie Austin, Ronnie's sister, was talking about the event. She described the object as "having a white glow with some sort of an object projecting from it."

Ronnie's grandmother, Mrs. Ebbie Austin, was pretty excited about the whole affair. Interviewed she said: "That boy's about to have a nervous breakdown...there's such a thing as a person being scared to death...I'm worried about him. I know there was something wrong last night...our dogs yelped and barked all night long. The boy's mother is an inspector at Airtex Products in Fairfield. She said she had no idea what the object was, but that it came far too close to their home for comfort. Asked if they discussed the incident at breakfast this morning she exclaimed, "Breakfast! We were so excited we didn't even have any." Mrs. Austin is a daughter of Curt Tyler of Wayne City. Ronnie told the reporter, the object at one time turned from white to a yellow glow. He said it seemed to give off a cool feeling once when it passed over his car. A crowd of 25 or more gathered out there around the Austin home to view the object at different times during the night.

Village Marshal George Sexton, of Wayne City, rushed to the scene. He said when he arrived he saw nothing more than what appeared to him to be the Morning Star. He said Ronnie became so excited while he was there that he had to be carried into the house. State Trooper Richard Gidcumb, of McLeansboro, told the press he saw a strong light flash across the sky there Sunday night, but he seemed to question the flying object story the boy told. Ronnie's girl friend, who viewed the phenomenon with him is Phylliss Bruce, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bruce, of western Wayne. In Fairfield, Police Radio Operator Kenneth Talbert said he watched it in the southeastern sky until 4 a.m. "It looked like a cross in the heavens to me, said Mr. Talbert. Mike Hill, of Fairfield, told friends he was up about midnight and noticed an unusually brilliant light in the southeastern sky. Source: Wayne County Press--Fairfield, Illinois--8/5/63.

BOY TELLS WHAT HAPPENED--Ronnie Austin, 18, of Keenes, gives the Press the following exclusive account of what happened Sunday night: My girl friend, Phylliss Bruce, 18, and I had driven to Mt. Vernon and attended the drive-in movie. We saw the show, "The Escape," an exciting picture of a German prison camp. About eleven o'clock we headed out of Mt. Vernon east on route 15 for home. Phylliss had gotten angry at me and as we drove along east passed the airport I leaned over to speak to her and when I looked out the car window to the south I saw this big white object moving along just over tree tops. It looked as big as an automobile. I said to Phylliss, "Look there at that thing, what is it an airplane?" Phylliss looked out and replied, "No, it's not an airplane...it doesn't have the flashing red and green lights." Then jokingly, I remarked, "Maybe it's some little green men from Mars coming to get us." When I said that I did not realize the exciting experience that was about to be ours. When I'd speed my car up the object would speed up. When I'd slow down it slowed down. My car is built for racing and at one point I drove 120 miles an hour and it stayed right with me. At first it was on the south side of the road and then it crossed over in front of me to the north side. One time it came within a hundred feet of the car. I had my radio tuned on WLS...I thought they'd announce if some foreign attack was underway. When that thing crossed over my car the radio went crazy...it made all kinds of sounds so I turned it off.

When we reached my girl friends house her sister, Forrestine, got up and came outside and looked at it. And all of a sudden it started moving closer so we ran inside, turned the lights off and watched it through the window. Finally, I had to go home so I made a run for the car. That's when the fun really began. Soon as I pulled away from the house the object began to follow. Me or my car seemed to attract it. I really poured the coal to the car and I must have been doing a 120 when I topped the hill on the gravel road not far from our place. I was coming into a dead end spot in the highway and the object seemed to exert some strange force on my car otherwise I would never have been able to make the turn. It slowed me down at an unbelievable rate of speed. Then the thing came straight toward me and hovered over my car. My car engine started to miss...it wouldn't hardly go...finally the motor died. I didn't know what was going to happen then. Then the light moved over to the side of the highway, overhead, and my car started. I raced for home. I ran inside and woke up dad and mom. They thought I was drunk or had gone crazy. Dad ran outside and took one look and ran back inside for his gun. His is a 12 gauge Remington automatic. When the object saw that gun it seemed to move right towards us. We ran back inside. Dad got all of us in the kitchen and turned off the lights. He called the police at Mt. Vernon. First the phone was dead, but on a second try he got through. The police, at first, thought we were joking. At this point I was so excited the folks saw I needed medical attention so they called Dr. Konarski at Fairfield and he told them what to give me. When the police arrived they saw the strange object, too. Two of my buddies, Gary Karacher and Tom Kissner stayed there and watched it all night. It was still visible when the sun came up at about 4 o'clock this morning. The object was round and moved with the most ungodly speed I ever saw...I can't imagine what it was. Source: Wayne County Press--Fairfield, Illinois--8/5/63.

ROUNDUP OF MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS

GOVERNMENT REPORT--The following, in substance, is the report issued Wednesday by the Air Force in Washington on its intensive investigation of reported sightings of unknown flying objects here: The night of August 4th when Ronnie Austin saw an unidentified object in the sky a light fog was forming in the area. In his car, Austin leaned over to speak to his girl friend seated beside him and as he did he caught a fleeting glimpse of the moon. We say fleeting glimpse, because he, doubtless, was more concerned with the driving of his automobile. Later, at his girl friends home he and the family viewed the moon. Still later, at his own home there was excitement over a light in the sky. A village marshal who was called told our investigator he saw nothing more than the morning star. What they actually saw was the bright star, Jupiter, which is now approaching its closest point to the earth... that night it was low on the horizon in the east and it does look five times brighter than any other star. Because distance and lowness, the planet Jupiter would give the appearance of following a person driving along the path young Austin followed. The planet changes colors, at times appearing orange, red, green or blue. Because of its brightness, Jupiter would still be visible at dawn after other stars have disappeared. A state trooper called to the Austin home reported seeing a bright light in the sky as he left the scene. What he saw was a fireball off to the south. These are rare, happening about 350 times a year. It might be referred to as a falling star. There were no flying objects or space ships from Mars. Conducting the investigation here last week end were Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend, Capt. Hector Quintanilla and T/Sgt. Charles R. Sharp, from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. Source: The Press--Fairfield, Illinois--8/15/63.

CLAIM AIR FORCE KEEPS LID ON UFO'S--A claim that the U.S. Air Force is suppressing evidence about Unidentified Flying Objects was made by a three-man team from the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena here Saturday night. "We have documentary evidence that the Air Force is not releasing all its information on the unidentified flying objects which have been sighted in this country," according to Francis Ridge, chairman of a subcommittee from Unit No. 1 of the NICAP. Here with Mr. Ridge were Philip Stuttler, assistant chairman, and Jim Catt, communications division. The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena was started by an ex-Marine major, Donald Edward Keyhoe, who has been with True Magazine. It is a private organization. The NICAP group almost got into trouble with police here Saturday night, after a city police radio operator complained the group represented themselves as being from military intelligence, in a telephone conversation with him Saturday afternoon...At first they declined to give their names to a Press reporter, saying they wanted no publicity. Finally, at police insistence, they identified themselves. Source: The Press--Fairfield, Illinois--8/12/63. (Editors Note: The above mentioned NICAP organization is in NO WAY connected with the National Investigations Commission on Aerial Phenomena--Seattle, Washington.)

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