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MOON/MARS TRYING TO CONTACT OUR EARTH--by Bert Groth (Science Editor)--  
Flashing lights observed on the mountains of the Moon, and flares seen brightening the surface of Mars, were recalled recently by the report of a young man and woman who said they were pursued on their way home by a mysterious light. The Air Force, as usual, "explained" the light seen by the young couple, as being the planet Jupiter, which was shining brightly in the sky all that month. However, the Air Force does not explain how the planet Jupiter, 438 million miles away from the earth, could affect the car's radio, and cause the headlights to dim, as the young couple reported. Neither has the Air Force a good explanation for the mysterious lights that have been seen flashing on the Moon. Scientists, also, are at a loss to explain them. A constantly flashing white light was seen on the dark side of the Moon, near its western edge, by an astronomer in Woodland, California, on January 16, 1956. The flashing continued for about an hour and a half. Flashes were seen also, on the east wall of the crater Cavendish, on January 24, of that year. The crater was just emerging from darkness, as the Sun rose over that section of the Moon. The flashes continued brightly for about three minutes, and then took eight minutes to fade away gradually. In the short intervals between flashes, the location of the disturbance was marked by a point of light a little brighter than the walls of the crater. During each flash, a reflection of the light was seen from the western wall of the crater. These two reports could be interpreted as evidence of signalling from the Moon. But the regularity of the flashes suggest that it could have been merely a method of calling attention to a certain area.

A white light, which shone steadily, was seen on the Moon, from Stanford, California, on April 19, 1959. It was too far into the darkened side to be a mountain peak shining in the sun. After shining steadily for one and one-half minutes, it faded gradually from view in a few seconds. This could have been an actual attempt to send a message from the Moon. A steady beam of light can be modulated in a way similar to radio waves, so that intelligible speech may be transmitted. Activity on the planet Mars could indicate the place of origin of the supposed signallers on the Moon. A desert section, called Edom Promontorium, in the equatorial region of Mars, was being observed from Japan on January 1, 1954. Suddenly it began to brighten rapidly. It went from light yellow to bright white in three seconds, and then back down to normal in five seconds more. This flare-like light could be interpreted as the actual take-off of a rocket from Mars. The rapid brightening and dimming of the light suggests such a possibility. A slightly different interpretation may be applied to activity observed on the same spot of Mars, six months later on July 23, 1954. This time, the brightness increased for thirty seconds. Then, after fifty-eight seconds of gradually dimming, it completely disappeared. If this flare is from a rocket launching, then the longer length of time of brilliance may indicate a much more powerful rocket. Another possibility is that atomic energy experiments may be going on. But one of the most startling of recent observations, was that of an unidentified object which appeared in space near the planet Mars, on September 8, 1956. As the red-colored planet was being observed by an

astronomer in New Mexico, on that date, a faint point of light passed through the field of the telescope, in the opposite direction of the apparent drift of Mars, and slightly below the planet. The telescope was moved to follow the object. This may have been the first observation of a possible rocket traveling in the Martian stratosphere. Though, of course, the satellites of Mars, Phobos and Deimos, are believed by some not to have a natural origin. The color of the satellites of Mars is a neutral gray, an unusual color for natural satellites. Their time of revolution around the planet is that which a hallow object would take. And the objects, themselves, were not observed prior to the 1870's, though fairly powerful telescopes had observed Mars since the 1700's. All these various observations seem to tend toward one conclusion. There is something in the skies of Earth, and the space surrounding the inner planets of the solar system that is not of a natural origin. These objects may be the craft of intelligent beings from Mars, or they may be alien beings from other stars of our galaxy. Whatever the explanation, today is a great time in which to be living, when mystery and adventure surrounds the people of earth to an extent to which, perhaps, they do not even dream. Source: The National Informer--3/8/64.

LIFE ON VENUS? PERHAPS: VAPOR CLOUDS BOOST THEORY--Washington, April 11--Venus has been discovered to have sizable amounts of water vapor in its upper atmosphere, a finding that reinforces faint but lingering hopes of some scientists that some form of life may exist on the cloud-shrouded planet. The finding may also help solve the scientific riddle about the nature of Venus' atmosphere, for it suggests the planet has an earth-like upper atmosphere. The observations of the water vapor were made by using a balloon to carry a telescope above most of the earth's atmosphere to study sunlight as it was reflected off the bright, thick clouds that conceal the surface of the planet. A report on the results of the balloon-astronomy experiment was presented jointly today by the Johns Hopkins University and the Air Force office of aero-space research, which financed the \$50,000 expedition. In commenting on the results, Dr. John Strong, professor of experimental physics and director of astrophysics and physical meteorology at John Hopkins, said: "We now have definite evidence that there is water vapor around Venus and in such quantities as to compare with the upper atmosphere surrounding the earth. Since it is known that carbon dioxide exists on Venus, proof of water vapor forces us to re-examine every previous calculation made concerning the possibility of some sort of life existing on the planet." Thus, Strong acknowledged in an interview that he was being "something of a stubborn optimist." He was also being something of an onconoclast, for the preponderance of scientific opinion is that no life can exist on the "sister planet" of earth. This opinion is based on the uninhabitably hot temperatures that are believed to exist on the surface of Venus. On the basis of observations by radio and optical telescopes on earth and by the Mariner 2 spacecraft that "flew by" Venus in December, 1962, the deduction has been drawn that temperatures on the surface of the planet must range around 800 degrees Fahrenheit--far too hot for any form of life to survive. Strong is not completely convinced of the validity of these observational deductions. Until more direct measurements are made he is "inclined to be optimistic and stubborn" in clinging to a hope that Venus may be hospitable for some form of life. In this hope he has been strengthened by his own observational deductions that, at least in the upper atmosphere, Venus turns out to be more like earth than had been theorized by many scientists. Source: The Post Intelligencer--Seattle, Wash.--4/12/64.

WELCOME BACK UFO's--(Editorial)--It is reassuring, in a sense, to read that once again unidentified flying objects are being seen in the U.S. Addition-

al details of the latest sightings in New Mexico are being made available almost daily. Most people scoff at such reports, of course. They dismiss them as hallucinations or mere misinterpretation of natural phenomena. Yet don't most persons also experience a mild thrill of excitement when they hear such a report? Many would like to believe in flying objects from an alien world. Part of this, of course, can be credited to man's present stage of development. Man is thinking seriously, for the first time, of conquering new worlds. But perhaps there is a deeper meaning, too. Man seeks hopefully for evidence that he is not alone in the universe. In the vast reaches of space, he thinks, there may be answers to the riddle of life--what is it all about? And some grasp at the hope that a visit from another planet would give man the perspective he now lacks, would diminish the problems of this world that seem to defy solution, and would raise man's vision to the stars and enable earthlings to live in unity and peace. Almost with relief, many welcome back the UFO's. Those creatures out there, whoever they are, haven't given up on us. Source: The Herald & News--Klamath Falls, Oregon--5/24/64.

May 18, 1964--Hubbard, Oregon, U.S.A.--Ten-year-old Michael Bizon isn't allowed to watch science fiction on television or read comic books. His parents don't believe that such things are good for Michael or their children--four boys and a girl. Otherwise, Mike enjoys activities that any other boy his age participates in. He is in his third year of cub scouting, he likes to fish and he loves baseball. But he got the fright of his life Monday. Mike was letting the cows out to pasture on the family farm before joining his fifth grade classmates at St. Lukes Parochial School in Woodburn. He turned for a moment toward the farm's 40-acre wheat field and spotted a bright shiny object "about the size of our kitchen table." Suddenly the object began to make a "beep beep" noise as Mike stood about 200 feet from it and it began to raise into the air. Mike later told his mother that after it reached about the height of the telephone poles nearby "it took off like a rocket." Mrs. L.M. Bizon, wife of the Hubbard postmaster, said her son came into the house "half crying and upset." He tried to tell her what happened.

From his description he had seen a square-like object about 3 feet wide and 5 or 6 feet long, she said. He told her that the object appeared to have legs. "I tried to tell him that he was seeing things," Mrs. Bizon said, "but he was so frightened that I could tell he saw something...You could tell it wasn't a dream." Mrs. Bizon called authorities. Meanwhile, Ray Mortenson, who is doing carpentry work on the Bizon place, and Mike's father went into the field. The wheat was flattened down and three impressions were in the ground "about the size of a dinner plate," Mrs. Bizon said. She said the wheat was spread down toward the ground as if a fan had cut into it. Marion County Sheriff's Deputy Shirlie Davidson arrived about an hour after Mike had sighted the object, commonly referred to by the military as an unidentified flying object and by laymen as a flying object. He was able to view where the object had been although the area has since been marred by the many who followed him. Later in the afternoon, a team from Adair Air Base at Corvallis joined in the probe. The team spent a little over an hour at the scene, taking pictures and remaining mum. But Davidson said he could not substantiate the report. He said the investigation would be closed unless more sightings are reported. Source: The Capital Journal--Salem, Oregon--5/19/64.

HUBBARD FARM 'OBJECT' MYSTIFIES: BOY'S SIGHTING STORY UNSHAKEN--by Dona Lothian and Francis Tenney--A 10-year-old Hubbard boy's account of seeing a

a "square-shaped flying object" continued under investigation Thursday as repeated questioning failed to shake the boys story. Mike Bizon, Rt. 1, Hubbard, was doing his chore of turning the cow out of the barn when he saw a "bright silver" object in the adjacent wheat field. He said as he watched, it rose slowly into the air to about telephone-pole height then "whooshed" off straight up. Mike said it was emitting a beeping sound during the first of the take off period. Mike's mother, Mrs. L.M. Bizon, reports that the boy ran into the house Monday morning "pale as a ghost" and "so scared his lips were quivering." She said he wanted her to go to the field with him but said she, too, was afraid and called a Marion County deputy sheriff, Sherlie H. Davidson. Davidson reports he was on the scene at 8:30 a.m. and was convinced enough by the look of the so-called landing area to call the Air Force Base. "Something had crushed the wheat and there were three particular areas about three feet apart that looked as if something had rested there," the deputy sheriff said. "He wasn't lying."

Lt. Frank Rezac, public relations director, Portland air defense sector, accompanied the inspection team which reached the Bizon farm in the early afternoon. Rezac said the investigating officers "did not go there to confirm or deny the presence of any said object, only to ascertain facts to send on to higher headquarters...in this case McChord Air Force Base. Rezac noted there was no variance in the boy's story after repeated questioning. "That's one of the things that makes me wonder," said Rezac. "Everyone's story remains the same. The boy's father and mother, the Marion county sheriff, the carpenter working there...they all back the boy up." Ray Mortenson, Hubbard carpenter, was the first adult to see the "landing area" of the UFO. He said he arrived at the Bizon home about 8 a.m. "Mike ran out to meet me, which he had never done before," said Mortenson. "He wanted me to go out in the field with him. I was pretty skeptical until I saw the spot. The wheat was flattened out like the petals of a flower, as if a terrific wind blast had flattened it out from the center. It was even in all directions, not like an animal would trample and mess up the wheat. "I saw the three dinner-plate size spots where Mike said the legs had rested. The fourth was dim because it was on ground a tractor had run over and the earth was harder there." Mortenson said Mike was really "shook up" when he first saw him. "He wasn't lying," stated the carpenter. "He saw something." Added Mortenson, "I was raised on a farm. I know cows don't get frightened because they imagine something. Mike said that cow was really scared." Air Force Lt. Rezac said that this is the first UFO report in the 22 months he has been on the job. Asked if it could be one of our own spacecraft he admitted doubt. Source: The Reporter--Portland, Oregon--5/21/64.

April 30, 1964--Alamosa, Colorado, U.S.A.--Four Alamosa children reported seeing and hearing a bright silver oval object flying in a curved path toward Mt. Blanca late Thursday afternoon. They said they were standing at the north edge of Alamosa near the Rio Grande River when the object was sighted. They told of watching it for three minutes before it disappeared into a cloud and did not re-appear. The children are Frank Moore, 13; Glen and Joanne Zubillaga, 14 and 12 respectively, and Mike Rogers, 14. Mike said the children were returning from playing on the river with homemade boats when Glen called the others' attention to the object. Mike said it appeared to move slowly in a north-easterly direction and seemed to make a low, steady hum. The children reported watching for about seven minutes after it disappeared into a cloud. It never re-appeared. Young Frank said the object appeared to have a protruding band around it. A plane flew over and drowned out the hum he said. When the plane passed, the object had flown into the cloud and there was no more sound. Noble C. Gantvoort, associate professor of mathematics and astronomy at Adams State College, checked out

the children's story. "I don't think there is any doubt they saw something," he said, "but I don't have any idea what it could have been. He said the planet Venus was in the general direction described by the children, but according to their stories, what they saw was larger and brighter. Gantvoort, director of ASC's new planetarium and observatory, said the three children's stories seemed consistent. He would not rule out the possibility of some type of craft from another planet. Source: The Chieftain--Pueblo, Colorado--5/1/64.

SULLIVAN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, U.S.A.--Warren Fiester, well known Sullivan County resident, informed the Daily Review Friday evening that he is very curious about the source of two strange markings he found on two different fields on his farm--one yesterday and the other two weeks ago. Mr. Fiester says he does not believe they were made by spacecraft from Mars, but he is curious just the same, particularly since reading of the "Men from Mars" reported to have landed on a farm near Newark Valley recently. The Sullivan Countian reports that the marks in the two fields are identical. The marks are a perfect circle about eight feet in diameter. The exterior of the circle is a scorched ring six to eight inches wide. Inside this burned ring the vegetation, Mr. Fiester said, is very green--much greener than the vegetation outside the circle. He is confident that something made the circle (perhaps a space ship blasting off?) but just what he does not know. A week or so ago, newspapers carried reports of such markings in the Far West which were investigated by federal authorities charged with investigating reports of "Flying Objects." Source: The Review--Towanda, Penn.--5/9/64.

March 19, 1964--North Atlantic Ocean--West of Irish Coast--(AP)--Pilots of two jet liners saw an unidentified object explode with a tremendous flash high over the Atlantic Ocean today. What appeared to be fragments plummeted toward the sea, leaving trails of white smoke. The sighting was reported by Capt. E.D. Morrison, pilot of a Pan American 707 bound for London from New York with 42 passengers, and Capt. R.A. Bottos, piloting a DC-8 jet of the same line from New York to Frankfurt with 77 passengers. "We were about 100 miles west of the Irish Coast at 29,000 feet," Botthos said at London Airport. "I saw this object traveling high up on a north-to-south trajectory. Suddenly it exploded with a big flash and parts of it fell into the lower atmosphere trailing columns of white smoke. I have no idea what it could have been." Morrison, whose plane was in the same vicinity at 31,000 feet, said he saw the same thing. Source: The Times--Seattle, Wash.-3/19/64

FEBRUARY 8, 1964--EUGENE, OREGON, U.S.A.--Something streaked across Eugene skies at about 7:45 Saturday, but it's anybody's guess as to what it was. Some eyewitnesses guessed that the mysterious, brightly illuminated object was a comet because of its luminous tail, but a few others, like Kari Minihan, said that it moved too slowly for that. Here's what several eyewitnesses reported: William Rouse; "It was an intense white color--not orange or blue--and was about the size of a softball with a bright tail. It took from 7 to 10 seconds to cross the sky in an east west direction." Debee Bee; "It was about the size of a street light and was a very bright white and had a white tail. It was moving from north to south." Mrs. Ronald Bevier, Marcola; "It moved from northwest to southeast and appeared to burn out in the southeast sky. It moved real slow, was a bright white in color and had a long tail." Mike Oberman; "It was white with a tail of the same color. I heard a humming, whistling noise when it went over, but I wasn't sure if that was made by the object." Source: The Register-Guard--Eugene, Oregon--2/9/64.

February 8, 1964--Del Norte County, California, U.S.A.--An Unidentified Flying Object was reported to both Del Norte County sheriff's office and the FAA Saturday evening. A call was received by the Sheriff's office from a person at Ft. Dick beach, stating that he and a group of 17 others had sighted an object flying from north to south over the beach. The UFO was reported to be glowing and changing in color from orange to gold to white and seemed to have a long tail which did not glow. Some of the witnesses attempted to turn lights on the UFO but it sped off. Further reports from other sources were received by the FAA at about 8:55 stating the same object was seen over the foothills of 9th and L streets and a report of its being seen in the Cave Junction area was given to the Triplicate about 8:00 p.m. Source: The Del Norte Triplicate--Crescent City, California--2/13/64.

January, 1964--Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada--By June Franklin, Whitehorse Star--The Yukon is fairly generally known (at least to initiates) as a sanctuary of the screwball or nut. Statistics show that as you drive up the Alaska Highway, the temperature is apt to drop and your chances of adventure to increase. You may meet rugged individualists glorying in such names as Buzz-saw Jimmy or Wigwam Harry. A bear or moose may appear. It's possible...but you know all that. What Yukoners were NOT noted for, until recently, was seeing the light. Now it looks as if they're off on a sky-watching kick with eerie implications. On January 1, a Whitehorse resident saw strange red lights in the sky while she was baby-sitting in the downtown area. The lights resembled 60-watt bulbs colored a deep red (she said) and appeared to "go up and down." No porch lights were on anywhere and no similar mundane explanation presented itself. The lady saw the lights between two and three a.m., an hour when most people's powers of observation are somewhat blunted. At first she was reluctant to make her report and invite ridicule. A few days later, she thought better of it, and phoned the editor of the "Whitehorse Star." The Star editor was sceptical. He printed her story, but privately dismissed her as a crackpot.

A week later I left the Star office where I'm employed as a reporter and began to walk home. The date was January 7 or 8, the time soon after five p.m. It was dark. I live in the downtown area not far from where the editor's caller saw her lights. And to my horror, before I'd walked a couple blocks, I saw them, too. They were like 60-watt bulbs colored a deep red, and they went up and down. They seemed to hover above the town, with no accompanying noise, and their movement was reminiscent of a "mobile." They did not travel across the sky. I estimated their position as somewhere between the centre of Whitehorse and the airport, a distance of perhaps two or three miles. My immediate reaction was to keep quiet about it, just as the first light-watcher had done. Then, a few days later I mentioned it to a friend--the sort of person often referred to as "a reliable source"--and he confessed that he, too, had seen the light. This brought the total of the local enlightenment to three. I told the editor about it, and was earnestly advised to concentrate on the sideways while walking home. (At this time of the year, they're coated with near-lethal ice, and if there's one thing he hates, it's sending somebody out to cover an assignment with a broken leg.)

It was no good trying to tell anybody, they all laughed like drains at the mere mention of lights in the sky. The local CBC station sent somebody to interview me on the understanding that the whole thing was a gag. I persuaded the editor to check with the weather office, the police, the local flying service. Nobody had seen anything Up There, or so they said. Then we suddenly got another report. Two local residents driving home from a movie, late at night on January 28, saw the red lights just as our first

viewer had described them. And to make it better still, they were both sober skeptics, not given to acknowledging messages from above. Another independent witness (knowing nothing of the others) volunteered the information that she'd seen red lights from her living room window on January 8, and had not mentioned it in case her husband thought she was crazy. A local pilot told us that around the beginning of January, the RCMP had sent a couple of officers up to Haines Junction by Helicopter, to investigate reports of mysterious lights in the sky. They had been unable to trace the lights to any definite source. This report verified when we called the local RCMP office in Whitehorse, but they suggested the lights might have been flares. Further enquiries of the Meteorological Office at Whitehorse revealed that they have recently been putting up weather balloons, though not equipped with hovering deep red lights. So far, every attempt to find the simple explanation that must exist has been blocked by somebody's reluctance to venture an official opinion. The lights were there, and people saw them. So what were--or are--they? If some local government department could explain it, why don't they? If they're just being coy, they can't blame local residents for speculating, like the man who saw the lights from his car on his way home: "They were red lights, and they hovered," he said firmly. "And I look at it this way. We keep bragging about how we're going to land somebody on the Moon. How can we be sure there isn't already a race up there that's planning to land somebody on US?" Source: The Times--Lloydminster, Sask., Canada--2/26/64.

December 16, 1963--Near Lac de Flambeau, Wisconsin, U.S.A.--The Vilas county sheriff's department reports that a Hazelhurst man, Frank Pawl, called the office and told of seeing "a bluish-green flying object" in the sky near Lac de Flambeau Monday morning. Pawl told officers that he and a passenger spotted the object while on their way to work. He said the object was traveling northward at about 500 to 1,000 feet and at a speed which he estimated to be in excess of 500 miles per hour. The sheriff's office said that no other reports were received. Source: The News--Rhineland, Wisc.--12/18/63.

November 8, 1963--South Dudley, Victoria, Australia--An Unidentified Flying Object has been seen again over South Dudley. The sighting was made at 7:50 p.m. last Friday by Ted Colbert, 22, and his fiancée, Jenifer Hughes, 17. Colbert and Miss Hughes were driving along the South Dudley Road, when a glow over South Dudley attracted their attention. Colbert stopped the car. Colbert said: "At first I thought No. 5 mine brace was on fire, but then I realized the orange to red glow was moving slowly. Then I noticed what appeared to be light rays issuing from the top of the glow. We sat hypnotised for a few minutes before we realized it was moving around the coast. We headed for Dalyston, three miles away, for a better look. At Dalyston we could see only a faint glow, and hurried back to the South Dudley Road. At Kilcunda we lost sight of the glow. I don't know how to explain it....it is impossible to explain. I do not believe in flying objects, but I do know I saw something, and would like to know what it was." Colbert told Colin Lamers who works next-door to him of the sighting. The following night, Lamers scanned the sky for 1½ hours with binoculars. He saw nothing. At Kilcunda, at 2:30 a.m. on Monday, a 21-year-old motor mechanic, of Wonthaggi, saw an object similar to what Colbert and Miss Hughes saw. The mechanic has taken such a ribbing from workmates that he was not prepared to discuss his sighting with The Express. In addition he did not want his name used. Source: The Express--Wonthaggi, Victoria, Australia--11/14/63.

October 30, 1963--Meridian, Idaho, U.S.A.--Federal Aviation Agency officials are checking reports of a "strange object" that hovered over Meridian Wednesday night. Three members of the Albert Gordon family told of seeing a round object that made a "loud, deep and weird noise." A Mrs. Pauline Koch, Kuna highway, reportedly saw a flash and heard a noise when she was in Meridian on an errand. The Gordons said the object didn't appear to be a helicopter. And an FAA spokesman at Boise said no helicopters had taken off from Boise airport or Mountain Home Air Force Base Wednesday night. Richard Gordon, 15, told this story: "My mother, Russell and I looked outside. It was dark, but as much as we could make out, the thing was perfectly round and about 35 feet in diameter. A red light on its side flashed on once, then went off quickly. It made a very deep humming noise--very penetrating and weird. The noise went through my head. It hung about 8 feet above our willow tree--very low and motionless--then slowly moved on. It was there about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  minutes. We were pretty scared." The youth said he has been close to helicopters in the past, but the object's noise didn't sound like copter's. "We went back in the house and called the flight control center at Gowen Field," Richard added. Source: The Free Press--Nampa, Idaho--10/31/64.

October 21 & 22, 1963--Trancas, Tucuman, Argentina--According to reports, a squadron of flying objects sowed panic during the night of October 21 & 22 at Trancas. According to the inhabitants of that place--seemingly victims of collective hallucination--the episode appears to have been as follows: The objects, six in number, remained suspended in the air for about 40 minutes, at a height of only a few tens of meters, above the principal houses of the village. The accounts agree that, when the discs appeared, the air became filled with a smell like sulphur, and the temperature rose. All the discs were about 8 meters in diameter, and they each had 12 portholes. Every one of them seemed to be examining the terrain by means of two luminous beams, one white and the other a purplish-red, the blinding light from which lit up the whole countryside. Source: The Corriere Della Sera--Milan, Lombardia, Italy--10/25/63.

October, 1963--Cordoba Province, Argentina--Three strange beings with the gait of robots have been seen by a truck driver on a lonely highway in the Argentine. So, at least declares the victim of this curious mishap, who has come to tell the police at Monte Maiz the circumstances of his encounter. Ernesto Douglas was driving along in his truck, the other night, during a violent storm, on the road from Monte Maiz to Isla Verde, when he was suddenly blinded by a vivid white light which enveloped his vehicle on all sides and which was traveling in the same direction. Simultaneously, Douglas felt a burn on his face. He braked, but his truck skidded and left the road and bogged down in the mud. He then found himself in the presence of three strange beings near to which there was an oval-shaped device with portholes. Panicking, he fired four bullets at the beings, who took refuge in the spacecraft. Source: The le Maine Libre--10/21/64.

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