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NASA REPORTS THREE "UNKNOWN OBJECTS" ORBITING EARTH--The United States has reported three "unknown objects" orbiting the earth. They were discovered last May and June by tracking radars, according to official sources. The objects "have not been identified with any launching or country or origin." Officials of the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD), which maintains the nation's primary space surveillance network, confirmed that the objects are being tracked by ground radars. No description as to the size, shape or weight of the objects was given. "What's up there is unknown," an unnamed Air Force spokesman said. Because the objects were not considered to constitute any danger, military officials argued against listing them in the Satellite Situation Report until they could be identified. They said they feared that "flying object" enthusiasts would seize upon the term "unknown" and claim that the three objects were evidence that the earth had visitors from other worlds. Their objections were overcome, however, and the three "unknowns" were listed in the September 30 and October 15 issues of the report which is circulated about two weeks after the date it bears. The report is published by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Space Flight Center at Greenbelt, Maryland. Most of its information is furnished by the North American Air Defense Command, which detects, tracks and catalogs objects in space near the earth. Pentagon and space agency officials refused to speculate as to the origin of the three objects. They said the objects had been reviewed by the International Committee on Space Research (COSPAR), which tagged them with the code letters "1966-00A, 00B, and 00C" and labeled them "unknown."

HUGE FLYING DISC REPORTED OVER PACIFIC OCEAN--Recent national publicity in reference to UFO's has prompted Peter Rasmussen, a Sonoma County, California seaman, to report an incident which happened to him at sea on June 26, 1966. Mr. Rasmussen was standing watch aboard a ship some 800 miles southwest of Hawaii. The ship was heading west in what he describes as "absolutely clear weather," when he noticed an unusual light on the starboard quarter. The light soon became a huge disc-like object ("bigger than the 465-foot ship") which hovered silently over his ship for several minutes then disappeared straight up. He described the object as having a solid-like center--possibly metal--with a pulsating white light. (The only movement within the object.) The outer rim seemed to be some sort of "force field." Mr. Rasmussen, a veteran seaman, said he had never seen anything like it before and that it could not have been a cloud formation or optical illusion. Three other long-time seamen, including the ship's captain, also saw the object. In a letter dated June 30 and postmarked in the Philippines on July 12, Mr. Rasmussen described the incident in detail to his family: "Something very strange happened Sunday morning. I had last lookout on the bow and at about 20 minutes to 4 a.m. I noticed what appeared to be another large star close by the planet Venus which is called the morning star. I was very curious as I know there is no star there.

After I watched it for about 10 minutes, it flared up very bright and started in our direction at a very high rate of speed and in about five minutes had covered a distance of what I estimated was 150 miles. By then I knew it was what they call UFO and I phoned the mate on the bridge so he might observe it also and he informed me he had been watching it also and had called the captain. The UFO stopped and hovered directly above the ship. (At this point Mr. Rasmussen drew a picture of the object indicating its solid center and the position of the pulsating white light.) The outer rim or halo was semi-transparent, as you could see the stars through it. We estimated the height above the ship to be around 10,000 feet and if our estimate was correct, then the object (the solid portion) was around 600 to 700 feet across.

"After hovering over the ship for about 10 minutes--during which time I tried to get a response by shining my flashlight at it--it went straight up at a high rate of speed and after only about three minutes it lost the outer halo which must have had atmosphere and soon disappeared. The atmosphere is 13 miles thick, so you have an idea of its speed. Here is the entry the captain made in the ship's log, June 26, 1966: 0350 to 0402 --Strange flying object observed passing from 060 degrees overhead to 220 at 20 degrees altitude emitting halo-like glow of varying size, shape and luminosity." Mr. Rasmussen concludes his description in the letter by saying, "All I can say is I wish I'd had a good camera as I could have got a very good and valuable picture of it." Rasmussen had a definite feeling that the object was from another planet. "Nothing from this planet could travel at that speed." He also indicated that the incident occurred in an area near some small, uninhabited islands where similar sightings have been reported by airline pilots.

UFO SEEN--TOOK CONTROL OF AUTO--A 21-year-old Peoria, Illinois man said a round blue object in the sky took control of his car on September 24 and drove him several miles out of his way. Leon P. Gaines of 1012 W. 3rd Ave., said he saw the object twice, the first time when he was taking his girl friend, Miss Geneva Robinson of 720 W. McBean St., Apt. 473, to her home about 3:30 a.m. He described the object as large and blue and when he and Miss Robinson saw it, it hovered for several minutes. Gaines said that as he drove his car toward it to investigate, the object zoomed into the sky and disappeared. Miss Robinson gave the same description of the object as Gaines. Gaines said the object took control of his car a short time later on his way home from Miss Robinson's. He said the object, smaller but still blue, reappeared and suddenly "seemed to take control" of his car. "My car began to pick up speed...the brakes wouldn't work... and the doors wouldn't open," Gaines related. He said he tried to steer the vehicle, but the steering apparatus also failed. Gaines stated that the object remained above his car for several miles. He regained control of his car and drove to the police station where he reported the incident. He said he was frightened by the incident..."It kind of shakes you up." "When I saw it I knew it couldn't be the moon...I also knew that if it had

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been the moon it would have been the prettiest one I had ever seen," Gaines said. "When I first saw the blue object I drove toward it because I wanted to get a closer look. Officials at Hanna City Radar Base suggested a weather balloon might have fallen in the area. They said they had received a couple other calls about the object.

SCIENTIST SAYS 'LITTLE MOON' NO LONGER ORBITS EARTH--For nine years, ending last January, the earth apparently had a natural satellite that finally plunged into the atmosphere according to a report in the British scientific journal, Nature. Its author was John P. Bagby of the Hughes Aircraft Company in Culver City, California. He lists eight occasions on which the little moon was seen as a moving star, much as artificial satellites can be viewed at dusk. His report is of special interest in view of sightings by the Gemini astronauts of bright objects that, at least publicly, have not been identified. The sightings reported by Mr. Bagby were all made by himself and his colleagues in California or by E. Metcalfe in Illinois. After the sixth sighting, in January of last year, Mr. Bagby said he was able to calculate an approximate orbit and notified some 20 individuals and astronomical agencies. None of them reported confirmation. After his group made two more observations, the last on December 14, 1965, he distributed a "refinement" of the orbit. However the object has not been seen since then.

UFO's IN THE SKY, 'MONSTERS?' ON GROUND--October 14 was a bad night in Albuquerque, New Mexico. While some city residents were having problems with "monsters" in the back yard, others were seeing strange objects in the sky. State Patrolman James Childers, saw a plane trailing a massive cloud of black smoke. The plane disappeared in the smoke cloud and then two large black objects flew off into the sky. He saw the objects about 7:45 p.m. While getting out of their car at about 9:30 p.m. at their house, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Resseguie saw a circle of extremely bright light streaking across the sky. It left a trail of red sparks and smoke. Only two hours earlier a similar object was described to them by James Hess, Jr. "Hair raising" is the way 19-year-old C.D. McGuire describes the "monster" that he says "looks like a man and cries like a baby." The "monster" has been appearing almost nightly at the McGuire residence, 415 Wilshire SW. The "monster," described as having a black body and a white face without features, stands about five feet tall. It has scratched along the wall calling the family's attention to its presence, and it gives a hair raising wail something like a baby, McGuire said. On the night of the UFO sightings, the "monster" appeared again. But this time, more than the McGuire family reported seeing it. A sheriff's deputy said that at least 10 other persons reported seeing it. On a prior visit, the "monster" hit McGuire in the chest, knocking him out, he said. Everytime it has appeared since then, "crying like a baby," McGuire's chest has started hurting. Another strange circumstance is that the McGuire radio stops playing every time the creature appears, McGuire said.

MODERATE UFO ACTIVITY CONTINUES OVER NEW JERSEY--Flying objects continue to be seen over the state of New Jersey. A Korean war Air Force veteran reported sighting two "bright lights" near the Wanaque Reservoir in Passaic County on the night of June 4. George Malmgren, 33, who had served as a flight engineer spotted the objects over his home. "I saw something flying across the sky to the southeast," Malmgren said. "At first I thought it was a shooting star, but it traveled too slowly and it changed directions." Three miles away, four Ringwood teenagers reported similar objects to Patrolman Oliver Conklin. At 10:29 the same night,

the Edward Hayes family observed a large white light over Eatontown. The light hung in the air and then quickly began changing directions. About the same time, a large UFO was reported over Paterson. The objects returned to Paterson on the nights of June 7 and 8. Dr. John Pagano said he saw the objects on the 8th. According to the doctor, he "sighted one bright star-like object at 10:02 p.m. It was like a roving bright planet." He said the object disappeared at 10:13 p.m. and another UFO appeared three minutes later, "lower, but brighter." Both moved in a criss-cross pattern, stopped, and proceeded slowly again before disappearing. On July 31--the same night flying objects were seen over the suburbs of Washington, D.C.--a large red ball was sighted over Midland Park, Ridgewood, and Waldwick. Several times a brilliant white light was emitted from the side of the object. Patrolman Richard Mower watched the object but could not identify it as anything earthly. On the same night, an object described as being nine times as large as a star was sighted over Paterson.

Dr. Anthony Shaw, of Leonia, reported seeing an object at 5:15 p.m. on August 3 while driving home from New York City. He described it as a large, bright white light in the west. At about 10 p.m. several residents of Hackensack said they saw a bright, white object flying in an erratic manner in the vicinity of the Bergen County government buildings. Mrs. Joseph Porter sighted a flying object over Totowa at 3:30 a.m. on the 5th. She was awakened after hearing "a pulsating noise, like the sound of a motor grinding," and went to her window to see what the disturbance was. "I looked out towards the east," she said, "and saw an orangy-yellow thing. It was oval, and looked like a flat egg." Mrs. Porter said it appeared to be like two objects together, flying about the height that a small airplane would fly. On the 7th, residents of several towns in Northeast New Jersey sighted a UFO which appeared in the skies about 10:40 p.m. The viewers described a bright red ball which hovered in the skies for a time then exploded with an intense white flash and a loud boom. The object seemed to hover over Totowa. It disappeared with a white flash over the water tower. The object was also seen from North Haledon, Paterson, Hawthorne, Wayne, Ringwood, Waldwick, Paramus and Franklin Lakes. An unnamed spokesman at McGuire Air Force Base said the description of the UFO fit that of the Echo I Satellite. That's what he said.

On August 16, a Butler man and his wife were riding down a road and saw a cigar-shaped object above a high tension wire. The man described the object as being "red and pulsating." The man was forced to leave the scene when his wife became hysterical. On the following night, about 11 p.m. a large disc was sighted over Paterson. Shortly after 9 p.m. on the 18th,

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a UFO was sighted streaking over portions of Essex, Morris, and Somerset Counties. Three days later, a cigar-shaped object with bright flashing lights was observed at Franklin Lakes around 9 p.m. The object emitted no noise. Two lights were on each end--a red one on the outer side and a green light toward the inside. In the center of the object, two horizontal bars of light were observed. There were no fins or wings. George Suarez said he sighted a flying object over Jersey City on August 31. He said the object was dull gray, much bigger than a plane, sort of egg-shaped and flat. On September 9, a glowing object was sighted over Middleton at 10 p.m. by Police Sgt. George Freibott. Fifteen minutes later Patrolman Robert McNair and Special Officer Norman Meyer spotted a glowing object approaching Port Monmouth. The UFO stopped in flight and remained stationary for 15 minutes, then moved from the area. At the same time, Special Officer Donald Spivey sighted a glowing object hovering over the Bell Telephone Laboratories near Middletown. He also spotted seven aircraft converging on the area. As the planes got closer, the UFO began to move away. Officer Spivey spotted the object again at East Keansburg, where it was stationary over the bay near the Edison Bridge. As he was observing the object, Assistant Fire Chief Harold Cruse and Fire Captain Howard Davies arrived on the scene. They then saw a white light come from the object, like a spotlight, and stay lighted for a minute. The light went out when the seven aircraft got close and the object was "gone like a shot."

On the same night, three teenagers, David Egarian, 16, Anthony Curcio, 14, and his brother, Michael, 16, spotted two UFO's over Totowa. "We saw two brightly lit, round objects. One hovered fairly high, the other came in low," David said. "The ball of light that was moving came so low that it was obscured by dark objects such as trees or buildings," Michael said. "The one that came in close would be at least as big as a small car." An object described as being 20 feet long and 10 feet high, "sort of round, shiny and blue like I've never seen before, with a yellow glow in the center," was reported hovering close to the rooftops at Basking Ridge on September 29. Television interference was reported in the area at the time. On October 2, Budd Severino, Frank Russo and Warren Petrucci sighted something burning in the sky about 8:15 p.m. They first thought they were watching a "plane on fire." Upon closer examination, however, they noticed that the object was not a plane but a "circular, white craft which appeared to be slowly rotating, surrounded by a band of light, with a red band on top." When they tried to follow it, "the craft picked up speed and headed north." And that's thirty from New Jersey.

LANDINGS, CLOSE APPROACHES IN NORTH DAKOTA--Barren North Dakota, with all of its ICBM missile launch sites, has had some outstanding UFO activity recently. On August 19, a Federal employee--who has asked to remain anonymous--was driving near Donnybrook when he noticed unusual interference on his car radio. All of a sudden the radio developed a high-pitched whinnying sound and a series of beeps. The time was about 5 p.m. He then noticed a flash of bright light to the east. It was at this point that he noticed a UFO, floating in a falling-leaf fashion down from the top of one of the hills overlooking a valley. The object appeared perfectly round, very bright, like highly polished metal. "The object just floated down from the top of the hill until it was about 50 feet above the floor of the valley at which time it started moving in my direction," the witness related in a special report to NICAP. "It was not traveling very fast, passing over trees and a railroad track, coming straight for me. It continued its approach until it was directly over a

small farm pond which was about 300 feet into the field from where I was now standing along the highway. When the object got over the pond, it stopped and at this time maneuvered into a horizontal position with the pond. Apparently the thing had been up on edge as it was coming down off the hill and across the valley bottom. When it laid over flat, hovering over the pond, I could then see that it was disc-shaped, with a shallow dome on top. I could not see any markings or portholes on the craft. At this point, I could see it very plain and it appeared to be about 30 feet in diameter and about 15 feet high at its highest point at the top of the dome. When it got about 100 feet from me, and directly over a small field of tall grass, it was still about 50 feet in the air and started settling down toward the ground as if it were going to land and just hovered in that position. The UFO hovered for another minute or so, then tilted to about a 45-degree angle and shot up into the sky...The only detail I noticed on the object while it was on edge coming across the valley bottom, was that it appeared to have a round black spot of some sort in the center, with three smaller round objects around the edge of this spot, arranged in a triangle position.

The next day the witness and a close friend returned to the area over which the UFO passed. "...We started up the side of the hill and then noticed an odd thing. On the side of the hill were hundreds of small boulders, rocks, etc. These boulders were pulled right out of their sockets and turned under-side up. The dirt on the under-side of them was still damp, as was the holes where they were resting in the side of the hill...Some of the boulders were of good size and weight...These boulders were in this pattern for about half way down the hill in about a 30 foot swath. Finally we got to the top of the hill. On the very top was a flat area, with grass about a foot tall. Right in the middle of the flat area, were three round depressions in the ground, where the grass was completely worn away. These also were as freshly made as the scattering of the boulders. We measured these round spots, and each was about 1 1/4 inches in diameter. The grass inside the spots was worn away right down to the bare dirt and the spots were impressed about 3 or 4 inches into the ground. It appeared that these spots were just the kind that would be made had some object with triangular positioned landing pods had set down and vibrated there for a while. We noticed that the grass seemed to be trampled down in spots around the top of the hill in the tall grass."

On September 13, Randy Rotenberger, 11, was waiting for the school bus about 7:30 a.m. near Gwinner, North Dakota when he sighted a silver UFO with red and green flashing lights come down through the overcast and light rain. His father was working and his mother was baby sitting. "I saw some flashing lights," he said, "and I thought it might be an airplane. But it didn't make the right kind of noise. It looked like two bowls put together," Randy said. He said it hovered over the ground for several minutes. He described what looked like three "pegs" on the underside, with antenna sticking up from the top. The vehicle was about eight feet thick with red and green lights. Randy said he ran into the house as the thing moved toward the farmstead. "I got my gun out and called my mother." He blurted out what he was seeing. "When he talked to me over the phone, I thought, 'Well, he's probably imagining it'," said his mother Lydia. "But then the tone of his voice convinced me there was something wrong. He was scared." She told Randy to lock the door and stay inside the house. He hung up. About a minute later, he called her again. The craft was taking off, he said. "I could hear a noise over the phone," Mrs. Rotenberger said. "It was a whirring sound." Randy

described the noise as "about like a whistle and a hum together." The UFO went straight up and disappeared into the clouds, he said. The next day General Homer Goebel, commander of the North Dakota Air National Guard base in Fargo, arrived on the scene to investigate the reported landing. At the site, he found three holes in the ground which were located some 300 yards from the Rotenberger farmhouse. Each hole was 12 inches in diameter at the surface and about five inches deep, slightly tapered. They formed a triangle, one side 26 feet long, another 23 feet and the third 22 feet in length. "They were definitely formed by something pressing into the ground," said Willis Nelson, a neighboring farmer who measured the holes. Only Randy's tracks and those of some neighbor boys were visible. Cliff Melroe, president of Melroe Manufacturing Co. agrees. "I've been around equipment all my life," said Melroe. "Only a heavy piece of equipment could have made those prints." Melroe has no idea what it was, but he offered: "Something made those holes other than someone trying to be funny." He also emphasized there were no vehicle tracks leading across the plowed ground to the holes.

A Minot, North Dakota woman said a UFO followed her car from Minot to Surrey on October 13. She went slow...it went slow. She went fast...it went fast. She turned off her lights...it turned off its lights. The woman said she left Minot for Surrey about 9 p.m. and was in the area of Gavin Yards about 9:20 p.m. when she saw what looked like two headlights in the sky, heading north. At first she thought it might be a plane but when it began following her she realized it wasn't. She described the UFO as round on top and flat on the bottom, with two headlights. Windows seemed to go all the way around the object and she said a faint blue light came from them. The UFO was about 500 feet in the air and stayed about an eighth of a mile to the left of her car. As it followed her she slowed, then went fast, and reported that the object apparently did the same. As she neared Surrey the strange vehicle moved off and hovered over the town. She lost sight of it momentarily, but when she turned into Surrey she could see it hovering above a street. It remained there until she turned a corner, then began following her again, the woman said. When she got to her destination she stopped in the yard, shut off the car lights and got out. The object then shut off its lights and moved off to the north. Though she could no longer see it, she reported hearing a strange whirring sound as it moved away.

WEST VIRGINIA MAN REPORTS 'CONTACT' WITH OCCUPANT OF LANDED UFO--With police and an Air Force representative listening, Woodrow Derenberger told, on November 3, of his meeting with a "spaceman" who did everything short of asking him to "Take me to your leader." Derenberger, a salesman and father of two children, held a news conference to relate the experience he said occurred about 7:30 p.m. on November 2 while he was driving home from Marietta, Ohio on Interstate 77, to Parkersburg, West Virginia. Derenberger said the episode began when a "dark long object" traveling about the same speed as his panel truck "cut in front of my vehicle and continued to travel at some distance sideways." The object was charcoal gray in color, he said, "apparently made of some kind of metal and shaped something like an old kerosene lamp globe, having a flat bottom and a dome like top." With no visible lights, it moved along "eight to ten inches above the pavement, blocked the highway and finally stopped," he said. Derenberger said the side of the UFO then opened and a "man" stepped out, approached his truck and told him to roll down the window. In a "5 to 10 minute conversation," he said, the man communicated through "thought waves or mental telepathy." Derenberger said his lips were closed in a fixed smile. He described the "spaceman" as about 6

feet tall, 35 to 40-years-old "by our standards" and about 185 pounds. He said the man had dark hair, a dark complexion and clothing described as "blue and quite shiny, having a glistening effect." Derenberger said the UFO which had been hovering 50 to 75 feet above the highway then dropped down and another occupant reached to help his companion on board. When asked about a possible return visit, he said, "I think they will, but I hope they don't."

UFO's ACTIVE OVER NASA SPACE CENTERS--Flying objects are being seen over Northern Alabama, the site of the Marshall Space Flight Center. On August 26, B.F. Funk, a Huntsville aerospace engineer sighted UFO's near Fort Payne, Alabama. The incident occurred shortly before 9 a.m. as he and his wife were driving from Atlanta, Georgia to Huntsville. They were about 200 miles southeast of Huntsville. It was Mrs. Funk who first spotted the strange lights in the moonlit, cloudless sky. As the bright objects approached, with one moving back and forth inside the triangle formed by the other three, they grew much larger and changed in color from white to orange; then they made a sweeping turn, passed overhead without making a sound and moved swiftly out of sight, the couple reported. Funk, 30, who works in the Aero-Astrodynamic Laboratory at Marshall Center, said the UFO's moved over the car at an altitude which he estimated as 3000 feet up and traveling 300 miles per hour. With these estimates, his mathematical calculations showed that each object would have been about 30 feet in diameter. "I thought it was my turn to go crazy," said a Gardendale, Alabama mother, as she described the strange experience she and her two children had on their way home from church on September 22. "It was between 9 and 9:30 p.m. on a moonlit night as we drove along the deserted road to our home," she said. "When we turned off the main road, something suddenly went between us and the moon, completely blacking out the moonlight. My 11-year-old son was the first to see two pairs of large green lights moving back and forth in the sky. Suddenly the lights shot away and a shrill vibrating sound pierced our ears. The car began to vibrate, and then the strange thing, which had no definite shape was gone--just as suddenly as it had come."

That same night, a half-dozen excited residents of Morgan County, Alabama told state police and sheriff's authorities that they saw a brilliant UFO soar across the skies of Northern Alabama around 8 p.m. Joe Kyle, a resident of Hartselle said he was sitting in his living room "when my house started shaking." He added that his television screen had streaks in it and at first he thought it was something on TV. Kyle, an Air Force veteran, went outside and saw an object flying at about 300 feet. He also said the swiftly moving object had blinking lights. "The window lights would go out for a second and when they did the sound would go out, too. Then the sound and the lights would come on and it sounded like one of those rockets at Huntsville taking off," he said. Another person who spotted the object was Gene Newman, owner of Radio Station WHRT, who was landing his private plane at Roundtree Field. Newman said that the local airstrip has no lights and he was attempting to land by moonlight when he saw something with two lights make what appeared to be a "dive" at him. He said the object then went straight up in a matter of seconds. Another witness, Mike Hill of Hartselle, said he was unable to make out any shape or form except "for two flame like lights" which appeared to vibrate

On October 4, UFO activity shifted to Southern Mississippi where another large NASA base is located. Several persons in the Gulfport, Biloxi, and Long Beach areas reported seeing a UFO about 1 a.m. Those who said

they saw it described the object as a round and almost flat with a "thing" on top which appeared as a canopy. One witness said the object appeared about 10 times the size of a star. On the following night, a strange object was sighted in the sky above the Pearl River at Columbia, Mississippi. It was described as a "disc with ruffles around the edge." Mrs. Eva Beets, news correspondent for the Jackson Daily News, said she watched the UFO for about two hours after first spotting it about 7 p.m. "It was deep yellow, almost red," she said. "It was larger than a star, but it didn't have points--just scallops around the edges. It dipped and danced around in the sky--it looked like it was doing the twist--then every once in a while it would dart off just like a catfish." The same night--and a few miles to the southwest--two groups of New Orleans, Louisiana residents reported sighting a UFO. The sightings occurred between 5:15 a.m. and 5:45 a.m. One witness said he and two other men watched a blimp-like object for about 40 minutes. He said it appeared to be stationary with a row of bright lights on top. Another group of persons watched an oval-shaped object in the sky for about 15 minutes. It, too, had two layers of lights and appeared stationary.

WEIRD LIGHTS SCARE FIVE TEENAGERS--On September 17, about 8:15 p.m., Joe McFarland and Edward Alcorn, both 17, were in a wooded area near Spiro, Kentucky when they observed a weird aerial phenomena. Joe gave this version: "Edward and I had gone up into the woods to get a piece of wood to make a gun stock. We came back down the hill and at the edge of the woods we threw the log down and sat down on it to rest a minute. Almost immediately, I felt funny. I can't explain exactly how I felt, but it seemed to be a kind of weak and woozy feeling. I turned to Edward and told him I felt funny. He said he also felt funny and was about to ask me how I felt. Suddenly, we both noticed it was getting light around us. We looked around and saw nothing. Then it got real bright and we both looked up. About 25 feet above us was a bright circle of light. It was real bright, almost blinding. The light looked like it was about 30 feet across, but I can't be too sure of the size. The light was only on a few seconds, then seemed to die out and it was dark again. We didn't hear any kind of sound. I told Edward I was getting out of there and we ran down the hill, jumping fences and stumbling."

The two boys secured three more witnesses--Judy and Shelley Alcorn, and Jimmy Ponder--and returned to the scene of the sighting. "We all five went back with a flashlight. We found the log we had left and sat down and waited. I don't know who saw it first, but up in the woods about 400 yards or so we saw a light. We could see another smaller light over from it several yards. We could see the brighter light between the trees and could tell that it was partly behind some big rocks. It would blink once, then three times, and go dark. Suddenly, the light that seemed smaller started rising through the trees and up to the top of the trees. It hovered there for a few seconds then moved away from us over toward another field. Then it went into another woods. The other light didn't move. It was about the time the light began moving away that we all felt something hitting our shoes. I shined the light on the ground and we saw little round objects that looked like bee-bees. When we tried to pick them up they crumbled into powder. When the moving light went out of sight, we all hurried back down the hill." Mrs. McFarland said when her son got home a short time later he was upset, excited, and scared. He had scratches on his hands and legs from the briars. Shortly after the incident, Judy Alcorn, sister of Edward, was hospitalized. "I can tell," one police officer said, "these two boys told a straight story..."

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