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UFO LANDS--FARMER CLAIMS CONTACT--Mr. Carroll Watts, a Wellington, Texas farmer was returning home from his father's residence about a mile north of his home at about 10:30 p.m. March 31 when he saw a light from about where an abandoned house stands. He turned off the dirt road and headed toward the light. He said he drove to within about 20 feet of an object which "appeared to be about 100 feet long and eight or ten feet high. I walked around the side of it, and about 20 feet down the side I found a port or door. I knocked on it three or four times and it opened mechanically, he said. " A voice began speaking to me--it was an unemotional voice neither masculine nor feminine. It asked me if I would be willing to submit to a rigorous physical examination. I asked them why I would want to take a physical and they told me that if I passed it, I would be able to make a flight with them. They said any man who passed the physical could make a flight, but no women or children would be taken. They pointed out a machine against the opposite wall from where I was standing outside the door. They said all I had to do was stand before the machine to take a physical. About two or three feet forward from the machine was a map. It was about a yard square and began about a foot from the floor. It appeared to be a large scale land map--but I couldn't tell what it was a map of. Then they informed me that they had a machine that, when the ship flew within 300 yards of a building, could tell how many people were in the building and their ages."

"They (the voice) then asked me again to take the physical--and when I declined, they told me that several people had taken the test and had made the flights. They, whoever they were, said they were stationed all over the world and could come and go as they pleased--no one could stop them. I told them I didn't want to take that physical and left. I got back in my car and turned the lights on the ship. As I pulled in front of it, it rose slightly and turned to the south. There was a light, about 20 inches across, on the tip of the nose. As the ship was sitting, it gave off a clear fluorescent light, but when the ship began to move, the light took on a reddish cast. As I drove off, the object lifted from the ground and took off, heading to the south. It made no noise whatsoever. I guess the whole thing lasted about 10 to 15 minutes. As he spoke to the UPI by telephone, Watts had two Air Force investigators at his home. The investigators were sent to Wellington from Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma. One man in Wellington said Watts was considered "above reproach." The incident is the third reported in the Wellington area in the last month. On March 21, Watts reported sighting such a craft flying at about 50 miles an hour over a road for about eight miles. On March 23, an Air Force man reported that he was chased along a road by a similar craft for some time.

UFO PHOTOS PRAISED--Pictures of an unidentified flying object taken August 3, 1965 by Rex Heflin near the Santa Ana, California Marine Air Base rank "among the top four or five" items of photographic evidence in existence. That is the opinion expressed by Robert J. Low, project coordinator for the first widespread scientific investigation into the UFO phenomena, currently being conducted by the University of Colorado. "Photographic evidence of UFO's, when available, is very convincing. I would put it right at the top of the list. And among the pictures I would rank the Heflin photos as falling within the top four or five in existence. You can see, then, that it is crucial to learn everything that can be learned from these pictures, especially the size and distance of the object," Low said.

UFO's SWARM OVER NORTHEAST ARKANSAS--Barking dogs throughout the Piggott, Arkansas area are beginning to jangle the nerves of the citizens. But what is causing their dogs to bark during the night is becoming even more disturbing. Night after night, reports are being made by the people in the area of UFO's. As many as seven of the objects have been seen at one time, citizens say. They have been reported by school teachers, farmers and teen-agers. To a person--they agree the UFO's they have sighted move without the sound of engine. And some have been seen 100 yards off the ground. Floyd Bellers, Piggott, whose daughter finished in the finals of the Miss Variety contest in Memphis, Tenn., has been visited frequently by the strange craft, he and others report. Bellers said, "Two weeks ago (third week of February) about 11 p.m., my dog began barking furiously. We were in bed. I sent my oldest son, Teddy, 16, to investigate. He came running in and said to get up if I wanted to see a flying object. I went outside and watched it. It came over our house with lights flashing. It appeared to be about 200 feet up in the air and perhaps 50 feet across. It had a dome light on top. It moved slowly off for about two miles, made a turn and turned from a white to a red as it rose. When it lowered it turned back white in color." The second visit by a UFO to the Beller home was on February 28. Mrs. Beller was home and saw this one. She said, "The dog barked excitedly. I looked out the window and saw this thing on the south side of the house, about 100 yards up from the ground. Its lights were reddish. It hovered and slowly moved away." Their daughter, Marilyn, 17, also observed the UFO. "It made no noise whatsoever. It was a flat oval shape," she said.

Kenneth Roderey, 21, of Piggott, three miles from the Bellers farm, said, "I saw one the same night. I looked up and it was gliding along off from me about 300 yards. It seemed to be about 30 feet off the ground. Then it made a bee-line for my car. It swerved off and left at a terrific rate of speed. A couple of months ago I saw another one. One thing for certain--it was not a plane." Persons living in the area are used to jet aircraft. The huge SAC base at Blytheville from which fly the huge B-52 bombers is 50-60 miles away. "But those planes always follow a set pattern on take-offs and approaches for landings," said Bellers. "This thing we are seeing have no particular flight pattern. They stop, go, hover and change altitude instantly." Mrs. Golden Hester, living about two miles from the Bellers home said she had seen them. Her son Barry reported he saw five the night of February 28. "Ronnie Paine and Jimmy Walker and I saw them. There were four together over Piggott, another far off. Each seemed to be red whirly mass, about two car's length in size. "There were two of them over Brown's shoe factory. They left and two more appeared over it. Then they moved northeast. Two weeks ago I

saw a huge one over Beller's house. It was gliding slowly along, a reddish color of light coming from it. It looked about the size of a house. The light later became whitish, like incandescent," Hester said. Jerry Sample, living five miles southeast of Piggott said, "I saw one on March 2 about 9:30 p.m. It was near the Hester's and Beller's home. Our dogs began barking and mother (Mrs. Delbert Sample) told me to go out and check. Then I saw this weird red light over their homes. It hovered there, its lights going off and on, then it moved on. It was round. It wasn't a plane of any type and there was no sound. I don't know what it was, but one thing for sure--it wasn't swamp gas like I've seen some scientists try to say they are. There are no swamps around here."

R.B. Cullen, a Piggott policeman said, "I've never seen one. My son, who has been in the Air Force 13 months did observe some of the UFO's about three miles east of Piggott. He used to camp out there with some buddies. They kept telling me about this strange craft that followed the B-52's as they would come in for their landing each morning at two. This thing would always follow the last bomber in as it made its approach for a landing. Then it would take off. One night, the thing lost control...wobbled crazily. Freddie said it looked like a plate that wobbles just before stopping after you spin it. Then suddenly a smaller red object streaked toward the floundering larger craft. The big one consumed it...its control was regained and it took off at a high rate of speed. Just lately I overheard on my police radio, the dispatcher in Pocahtonask ask the Walnut Ridge dispatcher if he could see a big red glow, that was headed in his direction," Cullen said. Tom Smart, Piggott Junior High School science teacher and coach Fred Lamb observed four UFO's February 28. Smart said, "It was about 11:30 p.m. We saw this strange light south of town and drove out for a closer look. It appeared to be at first about tree-top level. This one was later joined by another one and still later two more joined them. We watched for about 20 minutes, during which time they moved about in different directions, at times hovering, then moving on."

UFO SPOTLIGHTS HUNTERS--Three young coonhunters said they were caught in the beam of a flying object. The boys are Tommy Mansfield, 16, David Hoobler, 14, and Norman Kime, 15. All three were driving along on a country road on February 8, two miles east of Rossville, Kansas, when they saw two lights moving across the sky. Said Hoobler: "It was going north across the sky. It looked like two car lights. Then I got smart. I said, 'I'll cook it.' I thought it was a helicopter so I shined a spotlight up at it and about five seconds later the UFO shined back." Said Mansfield: "It was about half a mile from us, just looked like it was sitting there. Then it put a light on us. It was about 600 yards high, then it came down to 200 yards high. Then it hovered about 20 feet off the ground." The boys said it traveled from about a half-mile away to within a quarter mile while they watched it. They said the lights were not extremely bright when they shined on them, but, said Mansfield, "It kind of got you when they put it on you. You didn't know what was going on." Mansfield said the object made no sound. The boys said they turned a corner in the car and raced home. Mrs. Lloyd Mansfield, mother of Tommy, confirmed that the boys came home highly excited from the hunting trip. "I was sitting here in the living room when they hit the back door," she said. "Their eyes were as big as silver dollars. He said, 'Hey, mom. Guess what we just saw!'" A similar sighting occurred February 9 near Goddard, Kansas, 13 miles

west of Wichita. Wes Herbert, 28, night manager for the Lincoln Oil Co., Goddard, said he sighted a multi-colored object that appeared to remain motionless in the early morning sky for about 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. The UFO was observed periodically by Herbert and 14 other persons. The object appeared to emit a light. Herbert called it a beam and said it was wide at its source and narrowed to a point as it neared the ground. "We sat around talking about it for a while and then one of the customers called McConnell AFB, Wichita, and reported it. After his customer left the station, Herbert walked across the driveway of the gas station to an all-night restaurant next door. "As I walked toward the diner I turned around and saw it put down this beam," he said. "It looked like it touched the ground on the other side of the highway." About 15 minutes after he observed the beam, a truck driver came into the restaurant and said a farmhouse was on fire up the road. Herbert, who observed the ruins of the farmhouse the next morning, said the beam touched the ground near its location. "After it put down the beam, I didn't see it again," he said.

10-FOOT 'MONSTER' PANICS RESIDENTS--A creature, described by one scared witness as 7 to 10 feet tall, with long pointed ears, and completely covered with hair, was reported roaming in the area of 15th Street and Santa Ana Avenue in Costa Mesa, California on February 19. Police there said they received several telephone calls on the incident shortly before midnight and that one man was so frightened "he was afraid to go home" from the police station. The man hurried into the station about 11:45 p.m. and related a tale that sounded like a "Twilight Zone" script and became irate when police suggested the "monster" might be a prank. Several other persons reported seeing the creature. One man told police the monster appeared to lunge at his car as he was driving to his home in Newport Beach. "It looked like an ape stooped over with arms waving about," he said. The incident came on the heels of a UFO report in the same area.

THREE OVALS SIGHTED IN KANSAS--Elvin D. Luthi, checking what he thought was a prairie fire, says he came upon three UFO's February 14. Luthi, a farmer, lives near Wells, in east-central Ottawa county, Kansas. He said he thought he saw what was the light cast by a prairie fire. He drove to a hill near his home. What he found, instead, were "three big lights hovering over the ground." Luthi approached within a half mile of the oval-shaped objects. He said he heard no noise from them. He watched them for about 30 minutes. One appeared to be sitting on the ground. The others hovered nearby and one occasionally moved about. Luthi left before the UFO's did. "It didn't shake me up," he said. "Of course, I didn't go too close."

MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS OVER WYOMING--Sightings of unexplainable and unusual lights in the sky on February 7 were reported from Torrington, Wyoming. The first sighting was made by Miss Jane McIntosh of near Veteran, who spotted the object at 6:45 p.m. while leaving her farm to drive into Torrington. Miss McIntosh said, "I saw this big light in the sky. It was all alone and bigger than a star." She said she then stopped to pick up Kathy Maul and Miss Maul also spotted the object, without being told it was there. She said, "We stopped to watch it. It was red, then blue, and then white. It kept getting bigger and bigger. We started to town and it kept following us, faster and faster. When we got to the new salebarn south of Torrington it quit following," she said. The girls then turned around to go back, and when they got to the Veteran turn-off

it started after the car again. Miss Maul said that when she first saw the object, it was quite high in the air, but that it lowered to tree-top level and followed them, then disappeared. She said that when they went back, "it started to come at us again and then would disappear." She said they didn't see the object again until about two hours later when they were coming south on West C Street and saw a green flash over the town. It was oblong in shape and seemed to be revolving. It would appear bright, then fade away. The girls then decided to notify the local police, who dispatched officers Tittle and Tapster to the area. Officer Tittle said there definitely was some strange lights in the sky. He said he had not seen them before. He said through binoculars, the lights seemed more individual, but that they still had the strange greenish color. He said the object seemed to be hovering in what he determined was the area where a "minuteman missile site" is located.

TROOPER FOLLOWS UFO 10 MILES--Trooper Richard D. Barker of the Seymour, Indiana State Police Post followed a huge ball of greenish-blue and white light for some ten miles about 2:30 a.m. February 5 before the light finally "took off" west in the general direction of Bedford. Baker said he didn't know what he was looking at but "it had a flat bottom, just under basketball size, and had a brilliant blue-green light rotating around it counter-clockwise." He said he was in the vicinity of Crothersville, Indiana in Jackson County when he first spotted the changing lights. "It was maybe 300 to 500 feet high and had three flashing red lights under it. The red lights flashed on and off intermittently, but not in any sequence," he said. "I got to within a mile of it and it started moving south. I followed it about 10 miles south to Little York and it wasn't any trick to keep up with it." Barker said he never did lose sight of it and it didn't leave any trail (smoke). "It had a bright white light in the front of it," he said, "with a green light circling the perimeter of the white light, and a blue light coming up on the sides fading into green. And when the blue-green was in front of it, it completely obliterated the white light. The blue-green light was circling the white one, but they still circled together, sort of. When I got to Little York, it kind of hovered for just a little bit then took off real fast. It was kind of in the direction of Salem and Bedford, and man it really took off."

Several hours later, a Bedford housewife said she observed an UFO which made a sound like rain on the roof. The woman asked that she not be identified "because people seem to think there's something wrong with people who see these things." The woman said she thought she heard a mouse, then rain, when she arose about 6 a.m. But she said when she looked out the window it was not raining. Instead, she said she saw what looked like a quarter moon. She said it looked peculiar and, as she watched, it moved toward her. "I watched it for a half hour," she said. "It would move, then hover, coming closer all the time....It had a bright light on the bottom--the brightest light I've ever seen. The light kept going around and back and forth on the ground like it was looking for some place to land. It looked like that picture I saw of what those boys in Michigan saw. As it got closer I could see a bright band around the middle of it. It was oval-shaped, sort of like a cigar. The top was shiny, like metal, chrome or something, and the bottom was kind of orange. There was a crater on the bottom of it--and bumps, like legs." The woman said the UFO was larger than an automobile and sounded like a helicopter and rain on the roof at the same time. She said that it hovered near a utility pole behind her house for some time, maybe 10

minutes. She said that when she started to dial her telephone to call someone about it, the object "turned real bright orange, then blue and took off." She said that the blue looked like burning gas. It disappeared within seconds, she said. "I know everybody will think I'm crazy," she said, "but I saw something. I've always wondered about these stories people tell, but I don't anymore. I saw one." A close inspection of the ground around the utility pole behind the home turned up at least four curiously thawed spots in an otherwise solidly-frozen yard. The woman said the lights were so bright on the UFO that she had to shield her eyes to watch it, and shield them even more each time "it" shot a brilliant shaft of white light onto the ground.

On the following night Clyoia Browning and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Carolyn Browning, were enroute to their East Oolitic, Indiana home when Mrs. Browning first spotted an "egg-shaped something" just above the trees in the Salt Creek bottoms between Oolitic and East Oolitic. Mrs. Browning called it to the attention of her sister-in-law who described it as egg-shaped with a blue light on top and "light orange or yellow" below. The lights were bright and were continuous, no blinking or rotating, Miss Browning said. "It" was moving slowly across the tree-tops in the bottom, and Miss Browning said she thought it was going to land in the creek bed or in a nearby field. She estimated the speed of the UFO at five miles per hour and moving toward Bedford.

MARS CALLING?--On February 5, the dispatcher at the Carbondale, Illinois taxicab company, Fred Zimmerman, 54, almost fell out of his chair at a clarion voice from the radio that twice called out: "This is Mars calling Earth. Clear all channels." Zimmerman, a radio operator at the Carbondale police station for eight years, works as a taxi-cab dispatcher on the weekends. The radio call was verified by Jack Wohlwend, a cab driver who was in the office at the time. Wohlwend said it felt like his "hair was standing on end" when he heard the call. Zimmerman said the call was so loud and clear and with such authority that "goose bumps" rose on his arms. He said he'd heard a lot of police and radio calls in his lifetime but had never heard anything like that.

YOUNG GIRL SPOTS UFO's--A 10-year-old Vicksburg, Mississippi girl sighted a UFO over her home about dusk on February 4. Lola McCullough told police there was a big object stationary in the sky, and a smaller object emerged from its underside and descended low over her home. Then she said it returned to the large object and both disappeared in a northeasterly direction. Dogs in the neighborhood were barking during the sighting.

OVAL OVER CANADA--A Spruce Grove, Alberta, Canada woman believes she spotted a space-like vehicle near her home on February 5. Mrs. Harry McLeod said the object was oval-shaped, appeared to have windows, and was quite low on the horizon. Red "legs" or antennae protruded downward at each end of the object. She reported seeing the object at 7:45 p.m., about an hour after numerous residents in the Edmonton area reported seeing a large glowing object. Mrs. McLeod said the UFO appeared to be about as high up as the top of a church in town. She started to run towards her home where her children were, because the object appeared to be headed in that direction. "I only ran for about 200 yards when it went straight up in the air." Mrs. McLeod saw reflections of white light from around the object. They appeared to be windows quite close together.

LANDING REPORTED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE--Mr. and Mrs. Winston H. French and their two daughters, Marianne, 20, and Kathleen, 13, watched a flying object for about five minutes at Nelson, New Hampshire on January 31. French said his eldest daughter noticed a bright light across the road about a quarter mile away at 9:10 p.m. He said he first thought it was a truck backing up but the bright light decreased in intensity and red lights started blinking. "When the object started rising up I realized it wasn't any truck," he said. "I would estimate that it was on the ground for about a minute before it rose to tree level and started moving off. I've heard of these reports before but never really believed in them." Four dogs owned by the family barked while the UFO was in the vicinity, French said.

UFO HOVERS OVER TRANSMISSION LINES--Mrs. H.E. Lilly of Lucy Crossing, Pennsylvania, said she, her husband, her daughter, Kathy, 16, and a neighbor, Bernard Schwar, watched a triangular red object emitting white flares for about 30 minutes on January 18. Mrs. Lilly and Kathy first saw the UFO hovering about 10:45 p.m. The object seemed to be spinning rapidly but hovering in one spot. Schwar was then called and he also saw it hover for about 10 minutes before it started moving southwest at a slow rate of speed. Mrs. Lilly said she remembered seeing "a ball of fire" hover over power lines during the summer of 1966 but had discounted it until she saw the UFO hovering over the same spot.

OBJECT SIGHTED--MOTORIST WRECKS CAR--A 1963 model car driven by Francis Bedel, Jr., 20, was damaged approximately \$400 in an auto/UFO incident which occurred at 9:30 p.m., January 17, near Freetown, Indiana. Bedel told police that he was driving south on Ind. 135 about five miles north of Freetown when he saw a bright object in the sky coming from the north, and approached the Bedel car to within 100 to 200 feet. The object was about 30 feet in diameter and appeared red, yellow, blue and white and oscillating. Bedel became frightened at the object, lost control of his car, ran off the road on the right side, back across the road, across a ditch, down an embankment and into a creek. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Patton, of Freetown also saw the object while driving on Ind. 135. Just before they saw the object they got a queer "cold" feeling. Mr. Patton said no sound came from the UFO but both he and his wife had a feeling like they were in "shock" or in a vacuum. He said the object was spinning fast and that they were blinded by the brilliance of its lights. He said the object hesitated briefly and then took off "fast" to the north. Mr. Patton said his eyes were still smarting from the effect of the brilliance of the flashing lights on the following morning.

FLYING OBJECTS SEEN--POWER FAILURE BLACKS OUT WIDE AREA--On January 15, a high school youth, described as a "straight-A" student, called the school principal to report a bright light moving erratically just southeast of Shelbyville, Kentucky. The young man said the moving light was elongated in shape, almost cylindrical in form. A few moments after spotting the first light, another joined it. Both hovered over one spot of the rolling countryside then disappeared, almost as quickly as they came into view. The youth's call was made about 9 p.m. Just over an hour later a power failure lasting about 50 minutes placed most of the city in darkness. Just before the power went out, a soft, blue light was reported in the vicinity of Shelbyville's sub-station. One woman told of sighting a UFO over her home at about the time of the blackout. For the next three days residents reported spotting lighted objects in the sky. Many were described as horseshoe-shaped.

SIGHT UFO OVER NASA STATION--One of Sandusky, Ohio's earliest aviators now believes in flying objects after several years of doubt. Reinhardt N. Ausmus, a member of the Early Birds, an organization that flew before or during World War I, said he and his wife sighted a UFO while returning home about 6:45 p.m. January 30. The couple was heading north of Rt. 99 when they saw an extremely bright light appear in the sky. They soon stopped their car and alighted to watch the light for three or four minutes before it went out. Ausmus said that the UFO seemed to be over the Plum Brook Station of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He related that the light was so bright no shape of a flying object could be distinguished. The object appeared stationary in the sky until it suddenly went out. On February 10, another sighting was reported near the Plum Brook Station. "It was there. I saw something. What it was, I don't know," said Perkins Township Patrolman Gary Butler. That was his broad daylight analysis of a blue-glowing, disc-shaped "thing" he said he saw hovering silently over the NASA facility just south of Sandusky at 3:40 a.m. Butler was patrolling alone in his cruiser when he said he spotted the object. "It scared me at first. I watched it for about five minutes before I called the sheriff's department. It was real bright, and there was a bluish light coming from it," he said. "It looked as if it was about 40 feet off the ground, and 20 to 25 feet in diameter," said Butler. (Editors Note: The NASA Plum Brook Station is where the government is working on atom power for future space vehicles.)

OBJECT LANDS, LEAVES GIRL IN TEARS--A UFO, "mushroom-shaped and perhaps 30 feet across," landed near Milford, Kentucky on February 11. Miss Sharon Hilderbrand, 19, and a friend, Michael McKee, saw the thing east of Milford about 1:45 a.m. "Mike got out of the car to get some air," she said, "then called to me to bring an electric lantern he carries with him. I did. And he asked me, 'Do you see what I see dead ahead?' And there it was, big and sort of shiny. Mike aimed his light at it, and the beams reflected back. It looked like it was in the trees which grew along the creek just off the road. I got scared and began to cry... and told Mike... 'let's get out of here.'" Returning with a police officer to the scene, they found freshly broken tree branches, ranging "from the size of your finger to about the size of a small wrist" either on the ground or hanging from larger limbs. "Whatever it was, it must have been quite a shattering experience," commented Werner A. Hilderbrand, the father. "Sharon came home in tears and is still pretty shaken by it."

MAN SAYS HE TALKED TO OCCUPANT FROM FLYING OBJECT--An encounter with a UFO and a talk with its occupant was recounted by Dewitt Baldwin, 238 Herman Street, Buffalo, New York, who said the incident occurred about 1 a.m. while he was racoon hunting near Eden, New York on March 1. "I was alone. My dog was with me but was in a nearby woods. I heard a funny noise. It was not too loud. I flashed my flashlight on it. It was a flying object and had landed close by." Interviewed in his home, Mr. Baldwin got a kitchen saucer and inverted it to show the configuration of the vehicle he saw. "I was scared. I didn't know what to do. While I was watching it, a door opened--like a sliding elevator door and a man walked out and down the incline of the machine. He was dressed in a sort of black, tight-fitting suit like a flier and had on some sort of helmet and goggles. He asked me what I was doing and I told him I was hunting. He asked me if I was born here and I said no, that I was born in Georgia. He took my gun, looked at it and handed it back to me." Mr. Baldwin said that the spaceman broke the muzzle of his shotgun while

examining it. "He wasn't white and he wasn't negro. He talked very plainly and with no accent. He had black curly hair. He told me he would be back, walked up the disc, got in and seconds later zipped out of sight." Mr. Baldwin said the disc "looked kind of gold in color," had no lights, no illumination and no windows that he could see. He said the snow which had been beneath it looked undisturbed when he examined it after it had departed. "There were no footprints of the man, either," said Mr. Baldwin, "after he left." Asked about his reaction he replied: "I was scared to death. But I'm going back out there with some fellows." "I don't know what he saw but he certainly was excited when he got home," his wife added.

OBJECTS OVER GRAND COULEE DAM--Miss Donna Hart of Electric City, Wash., reported seeing a "huge, red, round object that hovered over Grand Coulee Dam, Washington on March 4, about 9 p.m. After the glowing object hovered over the dam, it turned white in color and started moving away, heading south, she said. "It would hesitate--start and stop, go fast and then slow up--," she said. The UFO finally sped away to the south-southwest at high speed. Melvin Harrell, Grand Coulee, Wash., reported a similar sighting about 7:30 p.m. on March 7. He described the object as a "huge, flickering, round, white object that traveled at high speed." A Grand Coulee source said residents have been cautious about reporting to authorities for fear of public ridicule.

STRANGE SKY OBJECT STOPS TRUCK--Mrs. James Thompson had a strange experience February 13 about 10 p.m. She was driving through Big Fork, Montana when the engine of her pickup truck stopped and the truck lights went out. Mrs. Thompson got out of the vehicle and noticed a light above. "It was so bright I couldn't even look at it." Her two small children, Karen, 4, and Alan, 5, were with her. Mrs. Thompson got back into the pickup, sat for a while and told her children to see the bright object. She wasn't able to gauge the distance, but the UFO veered to the right, and the pickup started strangely without her pressing the starter. Mrs. Thompson could feel heat from the greenish-blue lighted object, that moved over toward the trees and changed color to reddish-orange. It seemed circular in shape. Mrs. Thompson thought she heard a buzzing noise coming from the object.

HUGE UFO REPORTED--Mrs. Robert Smith, said she, her husband and two daughters saw a round, brightly-lit object over their rural home near Lebanon, Ohio on March 16. Mrs. Smith said she and her daughters Cindy, 15 and Lee, 3, were returning home after dark when they spotted the UFO. "Just as we were coming to our drive Cindy said, 'Look up in the sky mother,' " Mrs. Smith explained. "It was round and shining almost as big as a house. It had a bright, white light that hurt our eyes. The light sometimes turned red, and there was a halo around it. "I was so fascinated I got out of the car and stood in the driveway waving my arms as it seemed to dip. All of a sudden--pfft--it took off straight up, then it circled the area of the Memorial Gardens (cemetery)." Mrs. Smith said the object gave off a high pitched sound that hurt her ears and sent the family poodle scurrying under a bed. The family watched the UFO for about three-quarters of an hour. Mrs. Smith said when she first saw the UFO it was "hovering just over the treetops...stationary but spinning like a top underneath." Mrs. Smith said the UFO apparently had an effect on the lights of her automobile. She said as she approached the house the lights went out by themselves, but when her husband tested them after the UFO left the area, they worked perfectly.

NOTES TO MEMBERS--Many thanks to the following members for their donations to the fund for a new mimeograph machine: Mrs. Bullock; George Wilson; Ben Guth; K. Bosik; D. Poole; G. Mendenhall; George Choate; D. Collins; J. Kerns and S. Sorensen. It has been one year since this fund was started. The donations now total \$261.65, about \$600 short of the required amount for a new machine. It's quite obvious that we will never reach the required goal for a badly needed printing machine. Therefore, an alternate plan will be used. The \$261.65 will be used to have the present equipment overhauled and put in good working condition. Also, supplies will be purchased for an automatic addressing machine which was donated to the Commission. Any member giving a donation to the above mentioned fund who finds the alternate plan unacceptable may obtain a refund of his donation if requested before April 15, 1967..... Twelve maps showing the geographical distribution of UFO sightings in the U.S. for the years 1955 to 1966 have been photographed in color and black and white. These will be made available for purchase by members in the near future. More details in the May edition of The REPORTER. Six sets of these photographs have been purchased by Dr. Condon of the University of Colorado and will be used in their UFO investigation program.

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