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"BALES OF HAY" AND LIGHT BEAMS HIGHLIGHT SIGHTING REPORTS

UFOs that emitted light beams and frightened witnesses; an object that swooped down in front of a car; and flying "bales of hay" highlighted sighting reports from five states since last August. Witnesses included police officers, a former county sheriff's deputy and a credit manager.

It was about 10:40 p.m., February 11, 1972. Howard Armstrong, a credit manager, was leaving his home in Tampa, Fla., when he saw a UFO.

"It was about 300 to 500 feet in the air and not more than 100 yards in front of me, flying right in front of the car," he related in the *Tampa Times*, February 14, 1972. "It was very, very big and disc-shaped."

The object, he added, was 50-60 feet long and had windows "around the girth." There was a light inside the windows which appeared to be revolving. The bottom of the object was a "dark metallic grey."

Armstrong said the UFO "went past me to the right and turned on its side." The frightened witness quickly headed home.

"I thought I was having a damn heart attack," he remarked.

UFO Beams Light to Water

On a clear night during the first week in February, Ed Redfield and his girl friend, Karen Milhelm, were driving near Saratoga passage, Wash., when they saw two bright yellow lights above the passage. The object was emitting light beams onto the waters of the passage.

Redfield turned off his lights and radio and the UFO moved slowly toward the shoreline, stated the February 10, 1972, edition of the *Oak Harbor, Wash., Whidby News-Times*. The lights then quickly dimmed, "like a pair of headlights going out," and the witnesses became frightened.

The UFO continued to approach about 300 feet over the treetops.

"It took forever to come across the bay and then it just glided over us," Redfield said. "It made absolutely no sound. It left you with a hollow feeling. That's when I know it wasn't a plane. When it turned those lights off, it was like kind of a message."

The main witness added that, when the triangular-shaped object moved overhead, it showed two small flashlight-like white lights on the tip of a point at the front and on the tail. There were colored lights shining from behind left and right windows on the craft. Only a "blank, black wall" was observed around the lights.

"We saw it altogether for a total of about six minutes," Redfield concluded.

"There's no doubt in my mind this was something alien. You get a weird feeling."

Police Officers Sight Strange Objects

Three Phoenixville, Pa., police officers reported seeing three UFOs at 9:40 p.m., January 19, stated the *Norristown, Pa., Times-Herald*, January 21, 1972. Officers Alfred Wissert, Harry Cowan and Kenneth Salentzeff saw the red object hovering over the Phoenixville High School after responding to numerous calls of witnesses reporting the same -- or a similar -- UFO.

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A PICTORIAL MESSAGE TO ETs
 (An Editorial Comment)

After several delays, the Pioneer "F" spacecraft to Jupiter and beyond is off and running. Aside from the fact that it is by far the longest and fastest space probe within our own solar system, it has two especially unique features: (1) it is the first earth-made craft carrying a pictorial greeting to extraterrestrial (ET) beings; and (2) it is man's first attempt to propel a craft out of this solar system into the far reaches of outer space.

Pioneer "F" bears a drawing that includes a naked man and woman -- with the man's hand raised in a gesture of peace -- and an alignment of the planets in our solar system. The spacecraft is expected to sweep within 87,000 miles of the giant planet early in December, 1973, probe the celestial body, then turn and head for the star Aldebaran, which it is expected to reach in 1.7 million years.

Astronomer Carl Sagan, whose wife, Linda, drew the pictorial message, estimated that Pioneer will carry its message a distance of 3,000 light years in the next 100 million years, at which time, he hinted, it might come into contact with an alien civilization.

Just how Dr. Sagan -- or anyone else -- can guess that it will take 100 million years -- or even one year -- for ETs to observe the craft's message is beyond our ken. It is, however, not a surprising statement for Sagan, who apparently believes everything about UFOs except their existence.

Admittedly, the spacecraft may never come into contact with ETs or it may do so within the next few weeks or months. There is simply no way of telling. Even if contact is made, there is certainly no guarantee that we here on earth will hear of it.

We shouldn't be too critical, however. Man is at least making a laudable attempt at contacting an alien civilization, even if it proves unsuccessful -- or successful in a hundred million years. We can only hope that the ETs understand human reasoning and intelligence. Otherwise, the message would be meaningless. Nevertheless, more power to Dr. Sagan, the people at NASA, and the others involved. At least an attempt is being made.

(This story was compiled from various UPI wire stories and the February 25, 1972, edition of *The Washington Post*).

"Bales of Hay" (Continued from page 1)

The policemen said two smaller objects joined the larger one before shooting away at a speed "beyond imagination."

Others in nearby towns, including Schuylkill township and East Pikeland, also reported seeing objects. Schuylkill police officers and others described the objects variously as boomerang, oval, V, sting ray or triangular-shaped and with red and white lights, said the Wayne, Pa., *Suburban & Times*, January 27, 1972.

During one of the nights -- on or about the 19th -- Schuylkill policeman Robert Fort said he saw a hovering UFO. He shone his spotlight on it and "it took off like a shot, a sight I wouldn't have believed if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes."

Don Schaeffer, Doug Williams and Lenny Powell said they observed an object with a flat front "with beams of light and curved sides like a sting ray." Mrs. Andrew Carroll also saw a craft hovering overhead.

"I couldn't believe it," she remarked. "I was so thrilled and fascinated that I just stood gaping until it disappeared about five minutes later towards King of Prussia. It made no sound and appeared to be shaped like a... disc. Lights around it were either blinking or revolving."

Flying Craft Swoops Down Upon Car

At about 10:30 p.m., January 13, Suzanne James, Gay Young and Susan Stout were driving in San Angelo, Texas, when they saw a UFO "floating" parallel to their automobile, stated the January 15, 1972, edition of the San Angelo *Standard-Times*. Suddenly, the object turned and flew in front of their car, missing it by about 20 feet at an approximate altitude of 12 feet. Lights from the arrow-shaped UFO were also beamed onto the car. There were red, green and white flashing lights on the object itself.

The UFO flew past, heading west. It disappeared for a minute or so, then reappeared and vanished in the east.

Earlier that same day, according to the January 18, 1972, edition of the *Standard-Times*, an unidentified woman said she saw an "arrow-shaped, red, green and silver kite, swooping and dipping just like a kite."

(Editor's note: It is quite possible that the unidentified woman did see a kite, but unlikely that the girls that evening did so, despite a similarity of shape description. A kite could hardly emit beams of light onto an automobile, nor could a hoax balloon).

Flying "Bales of Hay"

Late last summer, at about 4:10 p.m., August 24, 1971, Gary W. Robinson, a former Livingston County sheriff's deputy, was standing in front of his home in Springwater, N.Y. He saw strands of hay or weeds fall from the sky. Looking up, he observed, in almost pure Fortean fashion, two large "bales of hay" that were "moving east, just zipping," stated the August 26, 1971, edition of the *Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle*.

Robinson's wife and children also saw the strange phenomenon. A neighbor, Mrs. Christine Levee, said she was struck on the shoulder by one of the "falling weeds."

Robinson said he watched the objects through binoculars and estimated them to be 5-6 feet in diameter and "appeared to be traveling at the same elevation about 40 to 50 feet apart." They "seemed to have a propulsion of their own."

METROPOLITAN RUINS ON MARS?

A photograph from the Mariner 9 satellite showing geometric patterns near the Martian South Pole appearing "at first glance" to resemble an ancient city's ruins has been released by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), according to a UPI wire story dated March 2, 1972. Scientists said, however, that "the patterns are believed to be caused by erosion, not ruins." UFOR has been unable to obtain either the photograph or any follow-up information.

Mariner has also returned a cloud picture showing apparent carbon dioxide floating above the surface of the red planet. A JPL spokesman said that neither of the photos "provided any important new information about Mars."

SIGHTING CAPSULES

The following sighting reports have also come to UFOR's attention:

- February 22, 1972. Evening. Near Carleton, Mich. Police Sgt. Shirl Lentz, Deputy Orrin Tyson and three unidentified women. Witnesses saw an object with red and green flashing lights which appeared to be hovering, according to the February 23, 1972, edition of the Monroe, Mich., *News*. (Probable explanation: Aircraft making an approach to Detroit Metropolitan Airport).

- February 1, 1972, etc. 10:30 p.m. Hilo, Hawaii. Sgt. and Mrs. Richard Velasco and others saw a bright light with flashing red and blue lights hovering in the sky for 30-40 minutes. Other witnesses throughout the island reported seeing the stationary light at various times in recent weeks, stated the February 3, 1972, edition of the Hilo *Hawaii Tribune-Herald*. (Probable explanation: planetary illusion).

- January 26, 1972. About 7 p.m. Near Mamasasco Lake, Conn. Gerald Dell and sister said they saw an object with a "really bright, white glow" descend and fly low over the lake, stated the Danbury, Conn., *News-Times*, January 27, 1972.
- January 24, 1972. Evening. Tampa, Fla. Police and other witnesses reported seeing lighted, floating objects, stated the January 30, 1972, edition of *The* (Lansing, Mich.) *State Journal*. (Probable explanation: hoax balloons).
- January 4, 1972. About 5:30 p.m. Josephine County, Ore. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wolfe and Phil Sepull. Witnesses saw a huge flaming ball that fell "from south to north" and disappeared below the mountains, according to the January 5, 1972, editions of the Salem, Ore., *Capital Journal* and the Grants Pass, Ore., *Daily Courier*. (Probable explanation: meteorite).
- January 1-8, 1972. Evenings. Burlington, N.C. Numerous observers reported red, blue and green objects described as being between the size of a grapefruit and a football. One witness said an object shot off a "ray" while another said it expanded greatly in size, stated the January 3, 1972, edition of the Burlington *Times-News* and the January 9, 1972, edition of the Durham, N.C., *Herald*. (Probable explanation: a group of students admitted sending up hot-air balloons almost nightly).
- December 11, 1971. Early morning. Green Bay, Wisc. A brilliant UFO was seen over the city, according to the December 11, 1971, edition of the Green Bay *Press-Gazette*. No further details were given.
- December 10, 1971. Around 8:30 a.m. Jackson, Mississippi. An object that appeared to be smoking and burning was seen falling from the sky, reported the Jackson *News*, December 11, 1971. (Possible explanation: meteorite).
- November 18, 1971. Evening. Near Blairsville, Pa. Several witnesses stated they saw UFOs "the size of a football field," according to the January 8, 1972, edition of the Latrobe, Pa., *Bulletin*.
- September 4, 1971. About 10:45 p.m. Near Big Danger Mountain, Ark. Mrs. Tessie Lemley and Mrs. Mary Rommel reported two UFOs in a meadow, stated the November 4, 1971, edition of the Clarksville, Ark., *Herald-Democrat*. Both objects carried pulsating lights. One was hovering and the other was maneuvering.

THE WICHITA SAUCERS

Flying saucers are being manufactured in Wichita, Kansas. Not that this by any means solves the UFO problem. Actually, the saucers are toys powered by model airplane engines and are being assembled by Wichita Precision, a division of Longview Machine, Inc., of Longview, Texas, according to the November, 1971, edition of *Insight*.

Dubbed the UFO Space Commander, the saucer gains 900 to 1,000 feet altitude on a tank of fuel. Wichita Precision plant manager Henry Barton said the toy was designed by space program engineers and will add to Wichita's reputation as the "Air Capital of the World."

The UFO Space Commander is being nationally marketed by American International Marketing Systems, Inc., and retails for around \$15.00. The company, at last report, employs about 25 people and has manufactured and sold 5,000 of the saucers. It is currently working on 5,000 more.

So far, though, there has been no rash of sightings in the Wichita area. Maybe too many residents know about the company's toys. It would be somewhat novel, though: a toy UFO being mistaken for a real one -- or vice versa.

UFOs OVER ARGENTINA

A letter, written in Spanish (with translation later supplied) from an individual named Reyma S.J. concerning UFO sightings in and around the Buenos Aires, Argentina, area has come to us via a UFOR correspondent/investigator, who is attempting to learn more about the reports and secure the photographs mentioned below. If he does, we will publish the information. We are listing the reports below, but caution our readers that they are as yet unauthenticated.

• August 3, 1971. Olavarria. A UFO reportedly landed "and many photographs were taken." Reyma said he and many others "saw it on TV." Also, the writer adds, on the afternoon of August 15, 1968, a strange object landed in the same spot "and two 'aliens' dressed in odd military uniforms emerged." A witness, described as "an unfortunate official," was carrying some sort of weapon when a green beam of light from the UFO struck and paralyzed him. The two occupants rushed back to the object, which took off. According to Reyma, a U.S. official "came down to investigate."

• July 17, 1971. 11:10 p.m. An observatory in the vicinity of Buenos Aires. A helicopter pilot pointed out to Reyma and others two UFOs heading east.

• June 15, 1971. 11:00 p.m. Mar Del Plata. A UFO passed over the town. Again it was photographed and reportedly shown on TV. The town was the scene of numerous reports earlier in the year, according to the South American correspondent.

• January 17, 1971. 8:30 p.m. From the observatory, Reyma and others saw a rose colored, hovering object through a telescope. "We were so excited about seeing it that we forgot to photograph it," Reyma reported. "When we prepared the camera, suddenly it became a bright red and disappeared, as if it were changing to another dimension."

Reyma said he is giving a series of UFO lectures "sponsored by the local government."

CANADIAN BUILT UFOs THEORY EXPOUNDED (A Book Review)

It has seemed impossible for us to run into an objective UFO book worth its salt during the past few years -- at least from a major publishing company. There's got to be a "gimmick." Either the UFOs are ball lightning or plasma discharges, floating space animals, undersea civilizations or, in the case of this book, earthly secret weapons. *Intercept -- But Don't Shoot: The True Story of the Flying Saucers*, by Renato Vesco, however, can easily be shot down by anyone who has delved into the subject with any degree of sincerity, but, for the layman who has little more than heard of UFOs and the general skeptic, it could be a plausible answer. This is unfortunate. Vesco, "a student of aeronautical problems," has written a generally interesting, readable book, if a bit disorganized and purely theoretical.

In short, the main thesis of the book is that the UFOs are "German-inspired, British-planned, and Canadian-built." The author traces the beginnings of Nazi rocket development at Peenemunde in 1936 and covers secret, semi-secret and public experiments with rockets and aircraft through World War II to the mid-1960s. The "foo-fighters" of World War II are explained as everything from German balloons to anti-radar *Feuerballs* to the V-2 rocket to other experimental rockets, one of which supposedly knocked two flying superfortresses out of the sky. After the war, Vesco claims, the British received the secret Nazi plans, which later apparently fell into the hands of the Canadians, who set up secret UFO bases in the wilds of British Columbia. Therefore, the nine discs seen by Kenneth Arnold over Mt. Rainier on June 24, 1947, had to be experimental aircraft from these bases! Of course, the Avro disc also has its day.

Author Ignores Thousands of Reports

As might be expected -- and as he accuses the ufologists of doing in his book -- the author fits the facts to his theories. Ignoring thousands of cases involving physiological effects, physical evidence, landings, electro-magnetic (E-M) effects, animal reactions, radar trackings of UFOs at thousands of miles per hour, objects performing maneuvers completely out of touch with known technology, etc., he chooses a few sightings that *might*, by some stretch of the imagination, at that, fit into his experimental aircraft theory.

There are also numerous mistakes in the UFO portions of the book, which naturally makes one wonder about the detailed aeronautical sections as well. Examples: (1) In June, 1947, UFO sightings were limited to the northwestern U.S. (this is patently

untrue, as a study of the newspapers or Ted Bloecher's *Report on the UFO Wave of 1947* will readily show); (2) in the Mantell tragedy of January 7, 1948 (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. I, No. 2, p. 1), the base commander saw "a flaming disc of gigantic size," about 150 feet in diameter (the deputy base commander at Godman Field at the time told UFOR that no one saw any "gigantic disc," only a pinpoint of light); (3) at one time, in the early 1950s, the U.S. Air Force (AF) listed 40% of its UFO reports as unknowns (actually, to our knowledge, the AF has never admitted more than a 20% unknown factor); (4) the UFO flap of 1966 was restricted to the midwestern U.S. (wrong; reports from all over the U.S. -- and even other parts of the world -- were coming in), etc. Aside from the fact that the above are mistakes, some also seem calculated to further fit Vesco's theory.

Particularly in view of this book -- and others published in recent years -- we are eagerly awaiting the book by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, due for publication this spring. Maybe, at last, we will have an objective UFO work worth reading.

(Renato Vesco, *Intercept -- But Don't Shoot: The True Story of the Flying Saucers* (New York: Grove Press, Inc., 1971, 338 pgs., \$8.50, translated by D.D. Paige). Originally published in 1968 as *Intercettateli Senza Sparare* (Milan, Italy: U. Mursia & C.)).

UFO INVESTIGATIONS -- PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

By Dr. James E. McDonald

[Part 9 of a series. Before his death in June, 1971, Dr. McDonald was senior physicist, The Institute of Atmospheric Physics, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. Following are excerpts from a prepared statement of a talk given August 7, 1968, to the Boeing Management Association, Renton, Wash.]

Boeing engineers, scientists, and executives might well have a paternal interest in the UFO problem. It began right up here in Boeing country, just over 21 years ago, when a private pilot, Kenneth Arnold, sighted nine fluttering, flashing, wingless, tailless, disc-like objects passing across his field of view from the vicinity of Mt. Rainier, down to Mt. Adams, and climbing out into the distance and disappearing. I have talked with Arnold about that sighting several times, just as I have now talked with hundreds of witnesses in important UFO cases over the succeeding 21 years. The files of the official AF UFO investigatory group, Project Bluebook, will tell you that Arnold saw a "mirage." If so, it was one of the most interesting mirages in all the history of investigations of meteorological optics... It is all too typical of a pattern that became more and more firmly ingrained within the succession of personnel who have manned Project Bluebook that, ignoring most of the salient features of that sighting, it became identified as a mirage...

In the UFO problem, years of overuse of charitable adjectives and adverbs down at the AF Pentagon press section, issued and reissued each time some new UFO sighting happened to catch the fancy of the nation's editors and suddenly flare into public attention, have served to seriously mislead the entire public and scientific community...

The extent to which many scientists have almost completely closed minds about the possibility that UFOs are real and the possibility that they may be of ET origin has come to surprise me greatly. We scientists are supposed to suspend judgment and keep open minds until we have carefully sifted and sorted all available data. In the UFO problem, however, there have been some egregiously insistent statements from leading scientists, both here and abroad, that UFOs are a lot of nonsense, a lot of cultists and crackpot misconceptions, yet these scientific spokesmen have done no checking of UFO cases, have interviewed no witnesses and examined no evidence...

Congressional UFO Symposium a Significant Development

A recent development which I would like to think offers new hope for escalating scientific attention to the UFO problem was the UFO Symposium held on July 29, 1968,

before the House Committee on Science and Astronautics in Washington, D.C. I was one of the six scientists who spoke during that day-long session, trying to point out to the Congressmen on that important committee that the UFO problem is entirely real and that it is indispensable to get new and vigorous modes of investigation underway. One of the other speakers was Dr. J.A. Hynek, for almost 20 years the chief scientific consultant to the AF on UFO matters. Surely it must be viewed as a matter of great significance that the AF scientific consultant is himself now stressing that there has never been an adequate scientific investigation of the problem... I also urge you, as executives responsible for research and development efforts within one large aerospace corporation, to take steps to see that at least a small study-group exists within the Boeing Company to look into the UFO problem... I do urge you to do everything within your power to see that the substantial scientific and technical competence that exists within the Boeing Company does not overlook what some of us feel is soon going to become the dominant problem of the entire aerospace field.

Our national space program has been keyed to the search for life in the Universe. Some of us who have looked very closely at the UFO problem lean strongly to the view that "life in the universe" may already have searched out and found us. If so, then the opportunity for a tremendous gain in technological and scientific knowledge by studying rather than ignoring the UFOs lies before us...

MOTORCYCLIST PURSUED BY OBJECT

A report of a UFO that shot a beam of light onto a boy on a motorcycle near Chico, Calif., has been received by UFOR.

Although only scant preliminary details have been received thus far, the incident occurred on or about the evening of March 10, 1972. The teenager observed the UFO about 100 feet above him. It shot a bright beam of light down on him. Other witnesses in the area also reportedly saw the object.

We will report further details as they are received.

ENQUIRER ORGANIZES UFO REWARD PANEL

The *National Enquirer* has offered a reward of \$50,000 to anyone who can prove to a panel of scientific experts that UFOs are ET probes. All of the panel members are Ph.D.s and have a long-standing interest in the UFO subject and are fairly equally divided among the sciences.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek is head of Dearborn Observatory and director of the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Institute at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. He was, of course, chief scientific consultant on UFOs for the AF for more than two decades. Dr. Robert F. Creegan is a professor of philosophy at the State University of New York at Albany and is currently teaching a UFO course (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. I, No. 11, p. 5). Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, a psychologist, is director of the division of counseling and testing at the University of Wyoming and was responsible for the induction of the only witness hypnotized under the aegis of the University of Colorado UFO Project. An expert on Martian biology, Dr. Frank Salisbury is head of the plant sciences department at Utah State University. Dr. James Harder is professor of mechanical engineering at the University of California at Berkeley. Hynek and Harder were two of the six participants before the UFO hearing in Congress on July 29, 1968 and all were participants at the UFO symposium at the University of Arizona last November (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. I, No. 10, p. 5).

By now, panel members are supposed to have laid the "ground rules" for the contest (we will continue to report on this as word comes in), according to the February 26, 1972, edition of the Cheyenne, Wyo., *Eagle*. Claims for the large reward will be screened carefully, checked and investigated. Contestants may be

asked to submit to hypnosis, take lie-detector tests and have their "proof" undergo chemical and photographic analysis.

Although the panel members have a reputation for being pro-UFO, we suspect that any contestant will have a rough time collecting the reward. A number of scientific reputations are on the line and, knowing these men as we do, we suspect that they are going to give any claimants a thorough "going over."

A 19TH CENTURY ROUND-UP

Long before the term "UFO" became an official designation in the late 1940s, the strange objects were seen all over the world. Even prior to the Wright brothers' take-off in their frail heavier-than-air craft in December, 1903, they had been reported in ship's logs, diaries, magazines and newspapers. The 19th Century was particularly rich in reports. In this brief round-up, we are eliminating the huge 1896-97 "airship" flap because our intensive research has convinced us that these objects were *not* UFOs in the ET sense.

- On or about August 18, 1848. Approximately 9 p.m. Near Inverness, England. Several witnesses saw two objects -- one moving erratically -- "over the Holm-mills," stated *The London Times*, September 19, 1848. "There they shone with a bright flickering light till about 10 o'clock, when they moved," one of the witnesses wrote, "making a slight curve westward, but directed their course towards the north, till the bright body fixed itself over the citadel, and the other over the wooden bridge. The speed with which they migrated was prodigious..." The observer said he calculated the UFOs' speeds at more than 37 million m.p.h.!

- July 13, 1860. 9:45 p.m. Wilmington, Del. Numerous observers saw a "most beautiful meteoric display" which emitted a pale blue light, stated the July 20, 1860, edition of the *Wilmington Tribune*. A brilliant object estimated to be 200 feet long "passed across Market street from west to east, and seemed not more than 100 feet above the houses." Immediately preceding the object was "an intensely black appearance like a cloud" and, behind it, three balls of fire. The objects then changed course "to nearly southeast," when another object joined the three. While over the Delaware River, they again turned -- this time to the east. They were observed for "quite a minute." (Editor's note: the general description of this phenomenon suggests a bolide meteor breaking apart except for two important points -- bolides don't change course several times and they are rarely, if ever, seen for as long as a minute).

- February 19, 1865. Evening. Rockville, Conn. Lyman Clarke King and another witness saw "a solid column of fire," shaped like a flag staff, "that reached from the ground straight up to the sky, directly in the southwest." King wrote in his diary that the object was "about a foot in diameter at the base and tapering to a point at top." It was "very bright" and rigid. After about 1-1/2 hours it grew "dim from the top down till it disappeared." The witness added that its reflection in the water looked "like a very bright log."

- November, 1881. About 10:30 p.m. St. Joseph, Mo. Four star-like objects, followed by 50 others, formed an upside down pyramid with a tapering point, a witness told the *St. Joseph Evening News*, as reported in *The (Lamoni, Iowa) Saints' Herald*, December 1, 1881. An hour later, the objects began to "break ranks... as coolly and deliberately as a company of well-disciplined soldiers would disband or obey an order." The first "star" shot off over Governor Woodson's home, followed, one by one, by the others. Several other witnesses also reported the incident.

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