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## MORE KANSAS SIGHTINGS BEEF UP SUMMER REPORTS

A policeman who followed a UFO which disappeared as if someone "had turned off the switch," another that lit up a pasture, and an object that emitted sounds like explosions seen by Kansas residents (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 5, p. 4) in mid-August; a newspaper photographer in New Jersey who snapped a picture of an object; a former prominent comic series artist who spotted a UFO in Oregon; policemen who saw an object in Wisconsin; and a family who observed a UFO in Washington state highlight recent Summer 1972 reports.

The Kansas reports have continued since February. At approximately 1 a.m., August 12, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mount, of Overland Park, saw a circular UFO that "lighted up incandescent" in blue-green or blue-white light, according to the August 20, 1972, edition of the Kansas City, Mo., *Star*. It hovered for about two seconds and disappeared.

Three days later, several hundred miles to the west, in Hays, Jim Girvan, a police dispatcher, began taking reports from residents. The first was logged in at 10:03 p.m., August 15: "Unknown female advised there was an unknown object over northeast part of Hays with a big red light [sic]." Then, at 10:12 p.m., other calls: a state trooper who said he followed a UFO out of town and watched it disappear, as if someone had "turned off the switch"; a woman who said an object had lit up her house; and a man who reported seeing a large, red UFO.

"Basically, everybody's story is the same," Girvan stated. "It's a big red object, a red bright light. Then it'll go up in a vertical direction and disappear. One woman said she saw the red object and also a white object that fell from it about 200 feet. It was like an explosion occurred, with the sound of fireworks. That happened twice and it moved on and disappeared."

(Editor's note: the report immediately above sounds like the break-up of a bo-lide meteor, but UFOOR has received no evidence one way or the other).

### *Hays Policemen Report Objects*

A few hours later, early on the morning of the 16th, two Hays policemen said they saw "a red blinking thing that sometimes turned white and sometimes had a greenish tint," stated a UPI wire story dated August 17, 1972. The UFO hovered, then moved "at varying speeds north and west of town." Other reports came from towns within a 75-mile radius of Hays.

At 12:05 a.m., police in Russell, 24 miles east of Hays, saw a UFO with a red light that emitted flashes "like a camera flash."

There were six reports from Hays on the evening of the 17th and four on the 18th. The following evening, at nearby Colby, perhaps the most interesting incident of all occurred.

It was 2:07 a.m., August 19. Officer Paul Carter was on patrol duty in his police car when he received a call from the police dispatcher that there was a strange object in the vicinity, the *Star* reported. Five minutes later, Carter saw a "very big" UFO with bright red, green and white blinking lights hover 10 to 15 feet above a pasture.

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### INSTRUCTORS STATE UFOs ARE REAL

A Canadian university professor and an American college instructor have stated that they believe UFOs are real and are visitors from somewhere in space.

Dr. Max Edwards, French department, University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, stated, in the *Victoria Times*, May 30, 1972, that he was once a skeptic concerning the subject, but "then I looked into the evidence, which is colossal, read the literature and interviewed witnesses."

The multi-lingual professor, who reads 15 languages, said he supports the theory of Capt. Bruce Cathie, a New Zealander, who expounds the grid theory (i.e., a grid, representing UFO flight paths, crisscrosses the globe; the grid is a navigational and power system for UFOs). At Blenheim, New Zealand (one point on the grid), Dr. Edwards stated, a saucer destroyed an orchard when it landed.

"The United States now has a secret station at Blenheim full of cameras," Edwards claimed.

A famous sighting by Rev. William Gill and others in New Zealand was also in the grid's path, Edwards remarked. It is incidents such as this one and thousands of electro-magnetic effect cases that have convinced the professor that "there is something there."

In December, 1965, astronaut James Lovell was in orbit behind the moon when he mentioned Santa Claus. Dr. Edwards believes this was a code indicating the observation of a UFO. This remark was taken as a joke by all but those who remember Operation Santa Claus, Edwards added.

"Santa Claus was the code name for an attempt by the American fleet in the Mediterranean to track a flight of UFOs," the professor said.

Dr. Edwards believes the governments of the world refuse to release UFO information because "whoever gets the secret of the alien method of propulsion will govern the world."

#### *Santa Ana Lecturer*

An astronomy instructor at Santa Ana College, Calif., and director of Tesson Planetarium, Ronald Smith, gave a lecture at the college entitled "Communicating With UFOs," stated the July 23, 1972, edition of the Garden Grove, Calif., *Evening News*.

Smith said he believes UFOs from outer space have been observing earth for some time, but "the major problem has been friendly contact and communication with them" due to the great distances in space.

"You could send a message to outer space," he stated, "and you might not get an answer for 200,000 years."

Space travel and communication at the speed of light in the future is a possibility, however, he added. On the basis of this, Smith observed, "the thousands of stories reporting flying saucers cannot be discounted as fiction."

#### *Kansas Sightings Highlight Reports (Continued from page 1)*

"It lit up the pasture," the policeman stated.

There was an oval light pattern, 30 to 35 feet wide and 20 to 25 feet high. The patrolman saw, through the pattern, a solid fuselage-like shape, "like a cereal bowl turned upside down."

"It's eerie," Carter said. "We all kind of laughed at this stuff in the past. But after 2:07 this morning, I changed my opinion real fast."

Carter's patrol partner, Dennis Brown, also saw the object. Brown arrived in time to see it rise from the field and speed toward the southeast. Brown then got into Carter's car and the officers contacted police at Oakley, 20 miles to the southeast, who spotted the object through binoculars.

Officer Brown reported he saw a "streak of light going west to east on the horizon as I glanced over my shoulder" while responding to Carter's call. He was about six miles west of Colby at the time.

Brown confirmed that the area where the UFO hovered over the pasture was "lit up like daytime."

"Then, just as I got out of my car," Brown said, "I saw a shot of light go straight up into the air and then veer off to travel in a southeasterly direction... It was weird, but it made a believer out of me. Before, I always thought people who reported these sightings had been tipping the jug and then thought they saw what they reported."

#### *Officers Photograph Objects*

Another report came in, this time from John Calkins, of Gem, eight miles east of Colby. Carter and Brown sped toward the site.

"We saw a very bright, colored object in the sky over Gem," Carter related. "It was about three to four miles away. When it was moving fast it was bright white, and when it was stationary there were alternating red and green patterns on this. As we pulled in closer, the object started going northeast toward Rexford."

The policemen then saw other, "incredibly swift-moving" objects -- as many as eight at one time -- that would travel from horizon to horizon "before the officers could count to five." Carter and Brown took three Polaroid photographs, but only one showed a "disappointing" image.

"You'd think [Brown and I] were maniacs except for all the other people who saw this," Carter stated. "Between 30 and 40 other citizens of Colby saw parts of it. It's true -- that's all I can say about it. I wouldn't be making an ass out of myself if it wasn't."

Meanwhile, June Friedman, owner of an Army-Navy surplus store in Wichita, said she sold 100 large six-foot Army surplus weather balloons during the first three weeks of August, stated a UPI wire story dated August 22, 1972. Miss Friedman said purchasers told her that they fill the balloons with hydrogen or helium, attach flashlights to them, release them and "scare my neighbors to death." The store owner said the balloons probably caused the rash of Kansas sightings and it is likely that they did cause a few, but highly improbable that they were responsible for a significant number of reports. Police at Dighton, Kansas, and elsewhere in the state, in responding to Miss Friedman's claim, discarded the balloon theory because the UFOs "move too fast."

At about 6:47 a.m., August 15, Bonnie Perry and her family were awakened by a roaring noise "nothing like anything ever heard before" at their home in Kennydale, Wash. Looking out of a window, they saw a round, brown object that remained in view for 10-15 minutes, stated the Renton, Wash., *Record Chronicle*, August 16, 1972.

#### *Adam Chase Author Sees UFO*

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Morgan and their two sons were driving near Clear Lake, Ore., at about 9:35 p.m., August 9, when they saw "a real bright light... pulsating... in the sky," according to the August 11, 1972, edition of the Eugene, Ore., *Register-Guard*.

Morgan, a commercial artist and author of the defunct *Adam Chase* color comic series, first saw the UFO out of the corner of his eye.

"Then it dove real fast and darted back up again..." Morgan explained. "It traveled at a real fantastic rate of speed, then would stop and take off again at a 45- or 60-degree angle."

The "extremely bright" light "appeared to pause only long enough to change directions."

Early on the morning of July 29, police officers and others in eastern Wisconsin reported seeing a bright orange object "about the size of a volleyball" that zig-zagged across the sky, stated the July 29, 1972, edition of the Rock Island, Ill., *Argus*.

Frank Markley, a photographer for the *Cape May* (Court House, N.J.) *County Gazette*, was in Fishing Creek, N.J., shortly before 9 p.m., July 7, when he observed a UFO hovering about 75 feet above a house, according to the July 13, 1972, edition of the *Gazette*. The object was a round structure approximately 25 feet in diameter and had "a flat bottom studded with bright lights gracefully tapering topside." It spun swiftly, then "suddenly sped north over the Cape May County Airport." The witness heard a "whirr of some kind of motors."

Markley had with him a 35 mm camera. After changing the color film to black, he snapped a picture of the UFO. The photograph showed a "wake of light or exhaust emission trailing" the object. UFOR is attempting to obtain a copy of this picture.

#### MORE DETAILS ON DELPHOS CASE

The Delphos, Kansas, landing case of November 2, 1971, is fast becoming a classic of UFO reports (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. I, No. 11, p. 1, and Vol. II, No. 2, p. 6, No. 3, p. 8, and No. 4, p. 8). Top-notch elements are there: a huge object that landed or hovered just above the ground, left behind highly impressive physical evidence that is undergoing rigorous analysis, caused physiological effects to witnesses *even long after the UFO had left the area*, and created animal reactions both during and after the sighting.

Dr. Robert F. Creegan, member of the *National Enquirer's* UFO reward panel (see story elsewhere in this issue), told UFOR that Dr. James Harder, another panel member, visited the landing site where young Ronnie Johnson saw the object on his father's farm. Dr. Harder, accompanied by Ted Phillips, a member of the Midwest UFO Network (MUFON) and an investigator for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, took surface and depth samples of the mysterious eight-foot glowing ring left by the object for analysis. The physical effects are still present, Dr. Creegan stated, and a fence has been erected to protect the ring for continued analysis. The white, fibrous substance found at the site, Dr. Creegan continued, has been submitted to several laboratory analyses and, as yet, has not been explained. There is an indication that an "absolutely unknown" element may be present.

Meanwhile, Phillips has submitted a detailed report on the case in the September, 1972, issue of MUFON's publication, *Skylook*. The full report, Phillips stated, is already 103 pages long and not yet complete. The investigator based his report on four trips to the site -- December 4, 1971, and January 11, March 18, and August 8, 1972.

Physiological effects were caused by the glowing soil. Mrs. Johnson, Ronnie's mother, touched the soil and "immediately noted a numbing effect in her fingers," Phillips stated. "She rubbed her hand against her leg and that portion of the leg was numbed. The numbing effect in the fingers lasted for several weeks; the numbed portion of her leg is *still* [editor's italics] in effect. Mr. Johnson also touched the soil and noted a numbing sensation in his fingers, but this passed away in a few days." Ronnie suffered eye irritations and headaches. Dr. Creegan also stated that an investigation is being made of still others who claim to have had physiological effects after visiting the landing site.

#### *Impressive Physical Evidence*

The main physical evidence was the glowing ring of soil.

"The ring soil will not absorb water," Phillips said. "Plants will not grow in it. A white fibrous material is found in the ring soil but not in the soil in the

center or in the surrounding soil. I have heated the normal soil, using various methods, including a microwave oven; the white material is not there. The drying effect and the white material was found to a depth of 14 inches on December 4; it could be found at a depth of only four inches on August 8."

Phillips said he contacted a scientist who had worked on weed control with ultra high frequency electromagnetic fields at a southern university concerning the effects.

"Some of the effects you describe could be attributed to exposure to relatively high power densities of microwaves; others could not," the scientist responded. "All the biological effects described could conceivably be caused by energy in some portion of the electromagnetic spectrum, but no one area could account for all the effects described."

There were also impressive animal reactions. The Johnson dog was silent during the sighting itself, but, following the incident, he would "not return to the ring." The dog had been used to staying outside at night, but, since the sighting, "he has damaged two screen doors in his attempts to enter the Johnson home and will not stay outside at night," Phillips stated in his report. Also, Phillips said, the Johnson sheep "were bellowing loudly during the observation of the hovering object, but did not move during that period. After the incident, they jumped fences for a week. As of late July, the sheep born *since the event* [italics original] have given premature birth to lambs which have not lived."

UFOR will keep its readers informed of further details of this fantastic case, which has given every indication of already being one of the most startling and important reports in the annals of UFO history.

NOTE: We have just received word from Dr. Creegan that Dr. James Harder was one of those who experienced physiological effects. His index finger was numbed after inspection of the ring soil, but after he put on rubber gloves, the numbness disappeared. Other investigators have also become numb after handling the soil, Dr. Creegan stated.

#### HUGE UFO PACES TRAIN

A tremendous UFO -- the diameter of which was estimated to be one city block and which "suddenly blocked out the sun and sky" -- paced a train traveling through Washington state from about 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on a day in 1955. Richard Marell, one of the numerous witnesses, sent an account to a UFOR investigator, who forwarded us a preliminary report.

According to Marell, the object paced the train, at one time as close as about 20 feet. The saucer was a dull blue-grey and appeared to be constructed of three sections moulded together. The bottom had "windows" about six feet in diameter "with rounded corners." The windows were indented approximately three feet into the fuselage. Marell said he saw a wall on the "other side" of one of the windows.

"The second elevated (middle) section contained slits approximately 10 feet in length and four feet wide," the investigator's report stated. "These were also recessed back into the fuselage about three feet. The smaller uppermost section of the UFO was the only place where illumination was observed. Mr. Marell compared this 'bubble' with that of a 'soft glow light bulb or frosted light bulb.'"

The witness said he thought he could detect movement of some kind within this glow, but was not certain. He felt certain, however, that he was being watched.

Occasionally the UFO "would alter its position," dipping one edge, then the other. Marell said the object sped away from the train "faster than anything he has seen."

Just after the sighting, the train stopped at a small depot where some men -- apparently town officials -- questioned the 150 or so passengers who were comparing notes concerning the object. Marell also noticed a spider web-like substance that "was very much like cotton candy" fall to the ground after the encounter.

(Editor's note: we caution readers that this is only a preliminary report. As soon as further information is received, we will report it).

ENQUIRER PANEL DETAILS REPORTS

The *National Enquirer's* scientific UFO reward panel (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. I, No. 12, p. 7, and Vol. II, No. 1, p. 6, No. 2, p. 5, No. 3, p. 8, No. 4, p. 8, and No. 5, p. 5) has detailed five top-notch sighting reports in the paper's September 17, 1972, issue. The first case was reported in our last issue (page 4).

- February-July, 1972. Dighton, Scott City, Kansas, area. Police Chief Marvin R. Shelton, Officer John Banniger, Pam Krehbiel, Renita Wilson and others have sighted UFOs. On May 10, Chief Shelton chased, at speeds up to 95 m.p.h., a red-orange object that "always managed to keep just ahead of him." Officer Banniger has seen the UFO five times since March. When he observed it in July, he said, it sped away when he tried to use the police radio.

- August 15, 1966. Fort Smith, Ark. Police Chief J.W. Gilbreth, Steve Page and "hundreds" of others, "including pilots and police," saw three UFOs that "put on a high-speed ballet" for several hours. They moved "at a fantastic speed." (This case was widely reported at the time of its occurrence).

- August, 1962. Lake Movil, Minn. Marilyn Chenarides and Mrs. Mildred Anderson were on vacation when they spotted a "bright red object hovering over our dock about 50 feet away." The UFO was emitting a yellow light from its windows and "the silhouette of three human-like people" were seen. Mrs. Anderson turned off the cabin lights. At the same time, the UFO's lights disappeared and it slowly rose and disappeared.

- May, 1953. Labrador. Two pilots and 21 passengers saw six UFOs in formation off an airliner's starboard wing. The objects were saucer-shaped and "shiny like silver." Then "a large, barrel-shaped object appeared out of nowhere." The other UFOs broke formation and appeared to enter the larger object, which then "suddenly went straight up and disappeared in four seconds." Dr. J. Allen Hynek, panel member, investigated the case.

- September, 1944. Evening. Near Epinal, France. Erich Immel and 500 German soldiers observed a "silver-white" UFO that stopped and hovered "above some railroad tracks near us." Immel fired at -- and hit -- the round object, which "flared up into the brightest sunlight I'd ever seen." The other soldiers also fired at it, but there was no account of what happened to the UFO. Nothing was found the next morning.

In related developments, John Balfour, an *Enquirer* reporter, has recently returned from South Africa with field reports on interviews with policemen, aviators, government officials and others concerning the sightings in that country in recent months, Dr. Robert F. Creegan, another panel member, told UFOR. These included the case of policemen and a farmer who shot at a UFO over Ft. Beaufort on June 27, 1972 (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 4, p. 1) and sightings by airline pilots (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 5, p. 1). Apparently, Dr. Creegan stated, the reporter was sent to Africa with the specific purpose of investigating the sightings.

The *Enquirer* panel has also received for evaluation detailed information and drawings from John P. Brownfield, of the University of Redlands, Calif., of the sighting by Darrell Totten near George Air Force Base on June 17, 1972 (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 5, p. 3), Dr. Creegan reported.

Dr. Creegan added that the *Enquirer* panel would probably meet again at the end of October, but, as yet, the exact time and place is undetermined.

SIGHTINGS FROM INDIANA

Residents of the Indianapolis, Ind., area have spotted UFOs over the years, according to almost a dozen letters to the editor in the July 16, 1972, edition of the *Indianapolis Star*. Two of the more interesting reports are revealed here.

P.H. Brown and his family, of Greencastle, were sleeping one night in June, 1969, when they were awakened by "an ear splitting noise" that "was heard for miles."

"We all witnessed a bright light that practically blinded us," Brown related. "It seemed to be just a few feet over the barn. It stayed there for over 10 minutes and later went straight up into the air and left. The next morning three of our cows were found dead from radiation poisoning... This story has been kept a secret for

over four [sic] years, but I decided that it should be known. There are such things as flying saucers!"

During the time period 1957-59, between 1:30 a.m. and 3:30 a.m., John W. Haase, Indianapolis, was working the "graveyard" shift when he saw three objects. One was a saucer, another cigar-shaped.

"I was taking a break from my work...", the witness stated, "when I saw several objects (UFOs) darting past me..."

The saucer had revolving "windows" with multi-colored lights and "was capable of amazing speed and maneuverability." It emitted a "whoosh" sound. All three objects hovered.

"I thought at first I was losing my mind," Haase added.

There was also a report that policemen had seen it over nearby Allison's. A Fort Benjamin Harrison officer questioned the witness.

"Our government knows they are real," Haase concluded. "The officer who interrogated me described what I saw even before I told him."

### SIGHTING CAPSULES

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

- April 14, 1972. Night. Kinmundy, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. William L. Allen reported seeing a bright object 80 to 100 feet long move from west to east, according to the May 31, 1972, edition of the East St. Louis, Ill., *Metro-East Journal*. It had a bright light in front and exhaust-like flames at the rear. (Possible explanation: meteor).

- April 16, 1972. Evening. Sumner, New Zealand. Amateur astronomer, R.N. Craw, observed two swan-shaped objects going from northeast to southwest, "converging and parting on their course in a period of about five seconds," *The (Christchurch, New Zealand) Press* of April 18, 1972, reported.

- April 16, 1972. Approximately 11 p.m. Runanga and Papanoa, New Zealand. A woman and two hunters said they saw a UFO that "was like a big street lamp hovering in the sky," according to the April 19, 1972, edition of the *Greymouth (New Zealand) Evening Star*. The woman said the sighting "sent a chill up my back."

- April 17, 1972. About 9 p.m. Near Carlyle, Ill. Carrie Brink saw a red, flashing light shoot across the sky, stop and hover, then disappear, stated the *Metro-East Journal*, May 31, 1972.

- April 19, 1972. 6:00-6:30 p.m. Tokoroa, New Zealand. Henry Barnett and others witnessed a bright, yellowish-green "ball of light" that "traveled in a low trajectory and then appeared to explode and disintegrate in the sky," according to the April 24, 1972, edition of the Tokoroa *South Waikato News*. (Possible explanations: meteor or satellite reentry).

- On or about April 19, 1972. Near Croydon, Queensland, Australia. Observers saw a UFO described as "a bright silver body the shape of a telegraph pole," stated the *Australian*, April 21, 1971.

- April 24, 1972. 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Georgetown, Tasmania, Australia. Constable T.W. Banfield, D. Cossins and seven others. Witnesses saw "a bright orange round object" on two different occasions. It was seen for 15 minutes and 30 minutes, respectively, the April 25, 1972, edition of the Launceston, Tasmania, *Examiner*, reported.

- April 26, 1972. After 5 p.m. Brighton, Tasmania, Australia. R.L. James reported seeing a white craft "about the size of a jet" traveling slowly to the northwest, stated the Hobart, Tasmania, *Mercury*, April 27, 1972. It had an "orange red light on top."

- April 30, 1972. Approximately 6:40 a.m. Paddy's Knob, New Zealand. The May 3, 1972, edition of the Nelson, New Zealand, *Evening Mail*, said that an astronomer saw a green light "equal to about five car headlights."

● April 30, 1972. Evening. West Melton, New Zealand. "A bright, yellow object" was observed by a witness, stated the Christchurch *Press*, May 3, 1972. (Probable explanation: Venus).

● April 30, 1972. Approximately 11 p.m. Maple Ridge, New Brunswick, Canada. Mr and Mrs. Gordon Graham watched a red object that looked like a flashing neon light for about 30 minutes, stated the May 1, 1972, edition of the New Brunswick *Fredericton Gleaner*. (Possible explanation: aircraft).

● May 5, 1972. About 10:45 p.m. Grants Pass, Ore. Two people said they saw a "large green light in the sky that exploded in a large flash," stated the Grants Pass *Daily Courier*, May 6, 1972. (Possible explanation: breakup of meteor).

● May 6, 1972. 7 a.m. Willowby, New Zealand. A young girl and others reported seeing a "red flaming object with a short white tail" fall behind a row of trees to the north-northwest, the May 8, 1972, editions of the *Christchurch Star* and the *Ashburton* (New Zealand) *Guardian* stated. (Possible explanation: meteor).

● May 6-7, 1972. Oriska, Minot and Rugby, N.D., and Detroit Lakes, Minn. A report from the National Weather Service said that numerous witnesses saw a balloon-shaped object, stated the May 7, 1972, edition of the Fargo, N.D., *Forum*. (Possible explanation: balloon). The object sighted on the 7th, however, was reportedly tracked on radar "at altitudes varying from 20,000 to 60,000 feet."

● May 7, 1972. About 6:15 p.m. Palmerston North, New Zealand. Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Fulton saw a flashing, star-like UFO "moving at twice the normal speed of a satellite" from the northwest to the southeast, stated the Palmerston North *Manawatu Evening Standard*, May 8, 1972.

● May 9, 1972. Approximately 9:30 p.m. Near Ashland, Ore. A woman said she saw a "bright light with forks of light" in the northwest, according to the May 10, 1972, edition of the Ashland *Daily Tidings*. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).

● On or about May 10, 1972. About 8 p.m. Timaru, New Zealand. Mrs. F.E.M. Beattie observed a large, brilliant UFO with two sets of lights that flashed alternately, the *Timaru Herald*, May 16, 1972, stated. The object also "shot up" beams of light.

● May 13, 1972. Approximately 11:30 p.m. Waterbury, Conn. Tom Di Vita was driving his car when he saw a red light over the treetops that "just sat there," then seemed to disappear, according to the May 22, 1972, edition of the Waterbury *American*. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).

● May 18, 1972. 5:45 p.m. Kaikoura, New Zealand. Hospital nurses watched "a white fluorescent trail" travel from "east to west until it burst in a fluorescent flame and faded," said the *Press*, May 19, 1972. (Probable explanation: Royal New Zealand Air Force flares).

● May 18, 1972. About 10 p.m. Napier, New Zealand. Mrs. B.A. Collins and her son, John, said they saw an object with "beams of white light which seemed to search the bush in the hills in a zig-zag pattern," according to the May 20, 1972, edition of the Napier *Daily Telegraph*. (Possible explanation: Royal New Zealand Air Force Orion anti-submarine plane).

● May 23, 1972. Approximately 10:45 p.m. Christchurch and Ashburton, New Zealand. I.A. Hansen, M. Brown and others saw a brilliant white object with a green tail fall toward the ground, stated the May 24, 1972, editions of the *Press* and the *Ashburton Guardian*. (Probable explanation: meteorite).

● June 4, 1972. Gumly, New South Wales (N.S.W.), Australia. Eric Martin, Philip Sharrock and Trent O'Keefe watched an object with a flashing light for 40 minutes, stated the June 7, 1972, edition of the Wagga, N.S.W., *Advertiser*. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).

● June 6, 1972. 10:45 p.m. Maidstone Town, England. Ronald Streetley, town councillor, and others saw an object "with all its headlights blazing," according to the Maidstone Town *Kent Messenger*, June 9, 1972. The object had a flashing red light, "yellow and blue lights and a bank of lights at the rear." It also emitted a "sound similar to an aircraft engine." (Probable explanation: aircraft).