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## NORTH VIETNAM SIGHTING ADDS TO SUMMER REPORTS

An object that triggered an air-raid alert and caused three surface-to-air missiles to be sent after it over Hanoi, North Vietnam; UFOs that caused electro-magnetic (E-M) effects to -- and paced -- cars; another that apparently caused a TV set to malfunction; an object that may have caused a power blackout; another that approached a patrol car when the patrolmen extinguished the vehicle's headlights; a UFO that "reversed course sharply"; an object that frightened witnesses; another that shot out a light beam; and objects that emitted sounds highlight sighting reports from nine states and four foreign countries since June. Witnesses include a former airline and military pilot, policemen, fire department and police dispatchers, a prominent aerospace writer, a newspaper correspondent, Canadian government personnel, a weather station employee, and a night patrolman.

A spherical-shaped, luminous, orange object was seen "in the clear blue sky" by Jean Thoraval, an Agence France-Pressé writer, and others over Hanoi, North Vietnam, on September 29, according to the September 30, 1972, edition of *The (Lansing, Mich.) State Journal*.

The object, which remained stationary, caused an air-raid alert.

"The siren had hardly died away when three surface-to-air missiles were launched," Thoraval wrote, "and their vapor trails could be seen converging on a luminous point..."

Thoraval added that it was obvious the missiles had missed their target.

### *Object Stalls Car*

Around 2 or 2:30 a.m., on or about August 21, Greg V. Faltersack was driving his 1963 Plymouth near Waukesha, Wisc., when his car "suddenly suffered a complete electrical failure, the engine died and the car's radiator boiled," stated the August 21, 1972, edition of the Atlanta, Ga., *Journal*, and the August 26, 1972, edition of the Los Angeles (Calif.) *Herald-Examiner*.

The witness said he abruptly stopped the automobile and saw a large orange disc hovering over the treetops. It was approximately 20-30 feet in diameter. About seven seconds later it emitted a "beep, beep" sound, ascended and disappeared.

Faltersack was able to restart the car, but the vehicle's lights, horn and radio still would not function. Deputy Sheriffs Thomas Audley and Jeri Kraus confirmed that the car's fuses had blown and it had overheated. The witness "was visibly shaken by the incident."

Wesley Ray and Mr. and Mrs. M.T. Smith were about two miles south of Evant, Texas, at around midnight, August 5, when they saw "a bright flash of light on the door" of the Ray home. They observed a saucer with blue, pink and red lights. It hovered near the house for approximately five minutes before moving slowly to the west. Then it gained speed, stated the Hamilton, Texas, *Herald News*, August 24, 1972.

A few minutes later, just after midnight, August 6, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lowden, driving west from town, saw apparently the same object traveling parallel to their car.

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UFO PROGRAM DOWNGRADES SUBJECT  
(A Review)

Apparently, the UFOs are out to zap us all, collect our organs for transplants, and perform other dastardly deeds. Or so *UFO*, a new British television series being syndicated in the U.S., would have us believe.

If you can stretch your imagination into 1980, this bit of science fiction (fantasy is more like it) nonsense would have us immersed in the proposition that a white-haired guardian of our defense perimeters, Colonel Straker (cover-

ing as a motion picture producer complete with an elaborate office that descends into a cavern housing the Supreme Headquarters Alien Defense Organization (SHADO)), directs a fleet of U.S. spaceships designed to wipe out any UFOs that may break through our defense barriers -- and plenty do.

The first episode had something to do with a woman who was killed by a UFO. Ten years later, it was discovered that her bodily organs -- as well as others -- had been taken for transplanting into the body of some unnamed extraterrestrial (ET) creature on some unnamed planet. Straker makes an impassioned speech about the poor, innocent survivors of victims of vicious UFO attacks.

*Blackmail and a Death Threat Spotlight Second Show*

We reluctantly sat through the second show about a pilot who had seen a UFO, but was being ridiculed by government officials. Actually, it was all a "test" to get him to join SHADO. He joined, particularly after the "hero," Straker, resorted to blackmail by hinting that he would be killed to silence him if he did not join. Some hero. The next episode, as disjointed as the rest, dealt with a plan to track a UFO to its home base.

One may shudder to think what future episodes may hold in store. The show obviously downgrades the UFO subject. Aside from that, it is lousy entertainment, with the possible diversion of ogling the shapely, hip-swinging girls who are the head man's assistants. The acting and directing are the epitome of incompetence and the program economizes by using the same scenes over and over.

We can speculate as to whether the show is an attempt at cheap entertainment or an attempt to convince us that UFOs are inhabited by dangerous aliens out to get us all, but we won't elaborate. We have given it far too much space already. A word of advice: don't tune in.

*Summer Reports Continue* (Continued from page 1)

*A UFO and a Power Blackout*

At about 9:10 p.m., September 10, Melanie Jacobs saw a UFO with flickering red, white and blue lights at tree-top level in Canton, Mo., the *Canton Press & News Record*, September 14, 1972, stated.

"It looked like it was going to land," Melanie stated.

The rest of the family also saw the object, the top part of which seemed to have the flashing lights. Melanie said she was "scared a little."

At about the same time as the sighting, a power blackout was in progress in nearby Quincy. The blackout lasted 32 minutes and its cause "could not be determined."

Almost a month earlier, on August 12, Mrs. Anna May Cummings and Markay Tolen said they viewed a circular object with flashing red and green lights and some white lights over Gallatin, Mo., stated the August 24, 1972, edition of the *Gallatin North Missouri*

"At one place on the thing," Miss Tolen related, "there was a white streak of light, intermittent like some sort of a signal light, which appeared to be transmitting to another part of the object."

Kansas was the site of still more summer reports (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 5, p. 4, and No. 6, p. 1).

#### *Policemen See Object Change Shape*

In August, a huge, bright, round UFO with "light rays beaming from its edges" was seen by three policemen near Arkansas City, Kansas, according to the *Springdale, Ark., News*, September 1, 1972. Soon "a large, glowing circle appeared around the object and twinkling red lights could be seen" on the front of the UFO. The glow was later "absorbed and the vision in the sky appeared to change from a roundish to a triangular shape."

Police Officers Larry Henry and E.J. Bernard, driving near Randolph, Kansas, in August, saw a triangular-shaped UFO "with a long, pointed front, white with a yellow halo around it and a blue flame shooting from the rear," stated the August 26, 1972, edition of the *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner*. The policemen stopped the car and turned on their red lights. The object "appeared to shy away," but, when they turned off the lights, it started toward them and disappeared about a mile away.

On the evening of August 16, Jay Mongeau, a night patrolman, and Mike Saindon observed 14 to 20 UFOs with "red and green flashing lights" near Plainville, Kansas, according to the August 24, 1972, edition of the *Plainville Times*. The objects moved erratically in the sky. Other reports from surrounding towns were coming in over the police radio.

Henry Guerrero and Rob Apsley were about 30 miles south of Garden City, Kansas, at about 1:30 a.m., July 27. They observed a bright amber light traveling 50-60 m.p.h., stated the July 27, 1972, edition of the *Garden City Telegram*.

"It's hard for me to believe that it might have been a UFO," Guerrero remarked, "because I just don't believe in those things. I just don't know what it could have been."

A policeman saw a UFO that appeared to pace his car at about 50 m.p.h. at approximately 5 a.m., July 22, some distance south of Dighton, Kansas, the *Garden City Telegram*, July 24, 1972, said.

#### *Saucer Emits Light Beam*

Mrs. Jane Roberts was looking out of the window of her apartment in Lambertville, N.J., at 3:15 a.m., August 16, when she saw a UFO, according to the August 24, 1972, edition of the *Lambertville Beacon-Record*.

"It looked like a very, very large saucer," she said. "It seemed to be directing a beam of light toward the ground. There were directional lights along its body... [It] was short and it looked like the face of the machine was going forward into the southwest... It was strange because it did not have any of the lights or wings of an airplane. It was glowing white and I could just see the rays of light toward the ground."

At about 1:40 p.m., August 10, Ray Milne, John Burgett and numerous others saw a silver UFO "with a bright flame behind it" in the vicinity of Prosser, Wash. Milne, a former airline and military pilot, said its speed was in excess of 800 m.p.h. and it disappeared behind Rattlesnake Hills. No further descriptions of the object were given in the August 24, 1972, edition of the *Prosser Record-Bulletin*.

A Merced County, Calif., fire department dispatcher, a California highway patrolman and a police dispatcher reported seeing a UFO that climbed and leveled off twice over Merced, Calif., at 5:46 a.m., August 2, stated the *Merced Sun-Star*, August 2, 1972.

A little more than 24 hours previously, early on the morning of August 1, a woman was watching television in her home in Lebanon, Ind., when the set began to malfunction: half of the screen showed color, the other half black and white, stated the August 1, 1972, edition of *The Lebanon Reporter*. The program concluded at 2 a.m. The witness went outside and saw a hovering UFO. She called her husband and the couple watched for about 45 minutes before the object "turned and flashed away at high speed" with three bright orange-red lights, believed by the witnesses to be part of the propulsion unit, blazing. The UFO was illuminated by the lights and appeared to have "bat-like" wings.

*Top Aerospace Writer Sees UFO*

It was 10:42 p.m., July 19, in Chicago, Ill. Peter Reich, aerospace writer for *Chicago Today*, and the only newsman to win 11 major awards, including both of the top prizes in the nation for aerospace reporting and writing, wrote in the next day's edition of his paper that he had just gone to bed when he looked out of his window and saw "a blinking red light" going from north to southeast over Lake Michigan "at an incredibly high speed."

"As it flashed from north to southeast," Reich wrote, "it suddenly stopped, reversed course sharply, and appeared to fly along a downward curve in the opposite direction!"

The UFO "suddenly blinked out and disappeared." Reich, who has seen all types of balloons, aircraft, satellites and spacecraft, said he had never "seen any object that behaved so contrary to the laws of physics."

Canadians also observed UFOs during the summer.

Marilyn Coulis and two friends observed an orange disc that "emitted a humming sound with an intermittent beeping" at approximately 12:30 a.m., July 17, over Elliot Lake, Ontario, the *Sudbury (Ontario) Star*, July 17, 1972, reported.

At 3:11 p.m., July 4, hundreds of citizens, including Doug Hamilton, of the local weather station, Ministry of Natural Resources and other government personnel saw a cylinder-shaped UFO for about two and one-half hours over Geraldton, Ontario, according to the July 5, 1972, edition of the *Geraldton Times-Star*.

According to the paper, the object appeared to be flying against the wind. At one point it "shimmered" and turned.

"It would appear to be cruising, and then stop, start again and then hover in one spot," the *Times-Star* said.

Both the local weather station and Big Trout Lake Upper Air Station officials stated that no balloons had been released.

A man in Scarborough, Ontario, said he watched an object that hovered over Toronto, then dimmed, turned sharply left and disappeared at about 9:05 p.m., June 11, stated the June 12, 1972, edition of the *Toronto Sun*.

Later in the month, across the Atlantic, Mr. and Mrs. William Laws reported seeing a red, green and silver UFO with a fantail shortly after 11:30 p.m., June 29, over Leamington, England, stated the June 30, 1972, edition of the *Coventry (England) Evening Telegraph*. Mrs. Laws said the object had "a flashing light like those on top of police cars."

Earlier in the month, a report came from New Zealand.

Gregory Key and a friend were talking at 2:15 p.m., June 10, in Palmerston North, Wellington Province, New Zealand, when they observed "three spinning silver objects traveling in a line about 1,500 to 2,000 feet in the air," the Palmerston North *Manawatu Evening Standard*, June 17, 1972, stated. The objects went over the Manawatu River and headed toward the Ruahine ranges.

DELPHOS CASE CONTINUES TO PUZZLE

The Delphos, Kansas, case of November 2, 1971 (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. I, No. 11, p. 1, and Vol. II, No. 2, p. 6, No. 3, p. 8, No. 4, p. 8, and No. 6, p. 4), already a classic of its kind, is continuing to reveal more puzzling aspects.



Ronald Johnson and dog, witnesses to Delphos, Kansas, sighting of November 2, 1971

(Courtesy: UFO Commentary, editor, Allen Benz, 833 Shoshone #206, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301)

Photo by Ted Phillips

In a letter to UFOR, Dr. Robert F. Creegan, philosophy professor at the State University of New York at Albany and member of the *National Enquirer's* distinguished 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, No. 5, p. 5, and No. 6, p. 6) investigating the case, said that the panel has received information from a Midwest radiation laboratory that the ring soil left by the Delphos UFO has "not been subjected to ionizing radiation." The luminescence in the soil, therefore, could have been bio-luminescence, according to suggestions, Dr. Creegan added.

"That would make the intensity registered on early photographs difficult to explain," the philosopher/scientist stated.

The photographs, however, are in the possession of the Johnson family in Delphos (Ronald Johnson, pictured at upper left, saw the object and his father was one of the people who experienced numbness after touching the ring soil).

"Studies are also being conducted in regard to the numbness experience by some persons who touched the soil at various times after the original sighting," Dr. Creegan continued. "A volunteer, Douglas G. Wilson, had five grams taped to his inner forearm for a period of about eight hours. No objective physiological or anatomical effects have been detected."

The soil still resists water, the panel member stated. One laboratory theorizes that ordinary hydro-carbons could be the cause, but "other labs disagree." Also, the white fibrous substance in the ring soil "remains something of a mystery." An ET explanation, however, Dr. Creegan said, is only one of several possibilities and, as yet, "there is no conclusive evidence. Research continues in several labs."

#### RADAR-TRACKINGS SPOTLIGHT MARYLAND REPORTS

UFOs that were apparently tracked on radar highlight reports from Maryland during late 1971 and early 1972. An excellent job of investigating was conducted by members of Odyssey (P.O. Box 2022, Baltimore, Md. 21203). John Lutz, president of the organization, Courtney Jordan, Andrew Byers and Edward R. Casey were the principal investigators.

A circular, pinkish-red metallic-colored UFO about 60 feet in diameter "that resembled a Mexican cowboy hat with a large red light on the top point of it with what appeared to be windows with white light coming from them" was seen over high-tension power lines at 7:15 p.m., November 4, 1971, near Glen Burnie. The windows appeared to be revolving in a counter-clockwise direction. Four white lights could be seen. The object hovered for five to six minutes at an altitude estimated at 300-400 feet and from 600 to 1,000 feet from the witnesses, Mr. and Mrs. Luray Perry, Mrs. William Coolidge, Miss Janet Winkler and Charles Whitaker.

The UFO began moving toward the west, gaining altitude and disappearing toward the southwest.

"The object remained stationary for approximately five minutes," stated one witness, a trained helicopter observer, "then moved suddenly about one-half mile to the west, stopped, backed up quickly eastward, then moved again to the west and disappeared from sight."

Friendship International Airport is about two miles directly west of the sighting location. An observer there said that both visual and radar contact were made with the UFO. A control tower spokesman at first said the object was a plane, "but later admitted it could not have been because it had remained stationary."

"It vanished from [the] radar screen at [the] same time it disappeared from visual sight," the Odyssey report stated.

Officials at Friendship and Fort George Meade reported no helicopters in the area at the time of the sighting. Though the sighting area is on the Friendship flight path, the observers, all familiar with incoming aircraft, stated that the object was not a plane.

"Radiological readings were negative directly under where the object was hovering," the report concluded. "The power lines are owned by Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. and carry 500,000 volts of electricity... We are classifying this sighting as an unidentified flying object."

#### *UFO Blinks Out as Plane Passes*

At 6:30 p.m., December 13, 1971, Ronald T. Fisher was north of Carmichael when he saw "a large orange ball" about the size of a basketball "moving up and down on a vertical path between 300 and 500 feet altitude." When first noticed, the object was descending. Then it abruptly stopped at about 300 feet altitude and hovered for several minutes before climbing back up to 500 feet altitude.

"A large airplane flew over at a much higher altitude and the orange ball blinked itself out," the Odyssey investigators stated. "After the plane passed, the orange light came on again and the object moved slowly towards the southwest."

The UFO descended behind a line of trees, then reappeared several minutes later and sped to the southwest.

The object's maneuverability and the fact that it "blinked itself out" as the plane passed by eliminates the possibilities of it being either a meteor or a balloon, the Odyssey report stated. The Maryland Academy of Science (MAS) said that there were no reports of meteorites anywhere in the U.S. at the time. Since no sound was reported and, again, because of its maneuverability and hovering, a helicopter and an airplane were ruled out as explanations. A meteorologist apparently negated an atmospheric inversion explanation.

#### *Dover AFB Tracks Unknown Object*

Just a few hours later, Sgt. Larry Morris and TFC Thursby Cooper, Jr., apparently of the Maryland state police, and Mike Walsh and Burton Wheedleton, of the Maryland Game and Fish Commission, were the witnesses to two round, bright white lights that seemed to be connected by "a thin beam of white light when seen through binoculars" at 9:03 p.m., near Easton.

The white lights had red and green lights that were flashing within a circle of white light and were at an estimated altitude of 20,000 to 30,000 feet. After an hour and 25 minutes, they ascended to about 45,000 feet "and just blinked out."

The Maryland state police at Easton's Barracks "I" contacted both the Patuxent Naval Air Station, Lexington Park, Md., and Dover Air Force Base, Del. Officials at both installations said no planes or helicopters had been operating in the area and that there was nothing detected on radar.

"Later, Dover officials reported they had detected something on their radar scopes, but did NOT know what it was," the Odyssey report said.

A check with the MAS revealed that "no star or planets would have been in this area for mistaken identity." A helicopter could not have remained stationary for so long and Dover personnel "positively ruled out aircraft."

*UFO "Explodes," Then Ascends*

Three nights later, at 9:20 p.m., December 16, 1971, Mrs. Dianne Hall, a former policewoman, and her three children, Brian, Michael and Denise, observed a solid, black object "like two cereal bowls placed together" with two rows of white, lighted port-holes or windows and red, blue and green pulsating lights on its underbelly on Manor Road, Baltimore. The UFO was traveling slowly from northeast to southeast. It hovered over a field opposite the witnesses for about 10 minutes. Then it moved toward the observers, swerved more to the southeast "and stopped for about three minutes over a neighbor's barn." The UFO "appeared to explode with a vapor emitting from its left underside." An orange-yellow glow also came from this area.

"After the object seemed to explode," investigators Lutz and Jordan explained, "the flashing blue, green and red lights remained. It then climbed skyward at a tremendous... speed until it appeared as a star... Then it just disappeared."

The witnesses estimated that it was 30-40 feet long by 10-15 feet wide and was at an altitude of 100-200 feet.

Friendship control tower operators said there were no planes or helicopters in the area at the time of the sighting and answered with a "no comment" when asked if they had tracked "any unknown blips on their radar during the time of the sighting." Radiation readings of the open field over which the UFO moved proved negative.

"After careful study of the case," the Odyssey report concluded, "we are classifying [the object] as an unknown."

*"Hamburger" Sighted*

An object "shaped like a hamburger or a yo-yo" was seen by Mrs. Eve Rinehart and James Sheet at approximately 7 p.m., January 6, 1972, near Glenelg. It appeared surrounded by a glow of white light.

"It remained stationary for a full five minutes," Lutz reported. "Then red and blue lights started flashing from its bottom (like sparks). Also, small green lights started blinking in a circular pattern on the top part of the object."

The UFO began moving slowly south, "then it rapidly picked up speed and vanished, as if it went out like a light bulb."

Estimated to be at an altitude of about 5,000 feet, the object emitted no sound and was seen in a clear, moonless, star-studded sky.

ENQUIRER PANEL NOTES

Dr. Robert F. Creegan (see previous story on Delphos case in this issue) reports that the *National Enquirer's* scientific UFO reward panel is conducting the following programs:

- On September 14, 1972, a fighter plane was scrambled to chase a UFO that had been seen visually and was tracked on radar in South Florida. *Enquirer* journalists William Dick and Robert Smith investigated and turned their findings, "much of it not for publication," over to the panel. No claim for a reward in the case has as yet been made and the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, which coordinates work with the panel, is further studying the case.

- The field instrumentation project in the Pacific Northeast is proceeding, but "no conclusive information has been forthcoming to date." The project is headed by

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, another panel member, and David Akers, a professional engineer, is conducting some of the on-sight work.

- The panel plans to interview witnesses in some of the 115 reports from Canada during the past year.

#### FORT BEAUFORT SIGHTING DETAILS REVEALED

More details on the sighting near Fort Beaufort, South Africa, on June 26, 1972, in which two policemen and a farmer shot at -- and apparently hit -- a UFO were revealed in the October 15, 1972, edition of the *National Enquirer* (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 4, p. 1). Malcolm Balfour, an *Enquirer* reporter who conducted an on-site investigation of the bizarre incident, said the sighting occurred on the farm of Bernadus Smit, but the barrel-shaped object with flames -- that kept changing colors -- "shooting out all around it" was first seen by a farm worker, Jan Boer, who called his employer.

"I was really scared," Smit admitted, "and I'm not one to scare easily. It looked dangerous."

Smit called the police, ran for his rifle, and shot at the UFO 10 times. One of the bullets apparently found its mark because the witnesses heard a "thud." Police Station Commander Pieter Van Rensburg and Sgt. P.C. Kitching arrived on the scene and also shot at the object.

"It was a frightening thing," Smit remarked, "but it never retaliated or tried to attack us. When we shouted at it, it moved off at a terrific pace through the trees, without burning them."

Jumloet Abovo, another farm worker/witness, pointed at three holes in the ground, as if something with three hollow legs had landed there.

#### AUSTRALIAN ASTRONOMERS STUDY EVIDENCE OF EMERGING LIFE

Australian astronomers believe they have detected a spectral pattern from 30,000 light years in space that could be a chemical turmoil eventually leading to the creation of life, stated the July 27, 1972, edition of the *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner*. Actually, considering the distance, the creation of life could have already happened now or a million or more years ago.

The cosmic chemical eruption was detected by a spectrometer developed by Drs. Ron Brown and Peter Godfrey at Monash University and hooked onto the huge radio telescope at Parkes, New South Wales. The turmoil, "a gaseous cloud with a diameter 500 times that of our solar system," was made up of the "building blocks" for the amino acids leading to the creation of life such as we know it here on earth.

The evidence shows that "creation could be a regular happening in past billions of billions of years and could be occurring at this moment in places scattered over distances so enormous they are all but inconceivable."

#### SIGHTING CAPSULES

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

- On or about June 15, 1972. Tucson, Ariz. Witness reported seeing a cylinder-shaped UFO that emitted three smaller discs, stated the June 25, 1972, edition of the *Tucson Daily Star*.

- June 20, 1972. Approximately 1:30 a.m. Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Jim Dolan, Mrs. Henry Scheller, Deputy Sheriff Vic Lees, Art Jacobson and many others witnessed a "ball of fire" that lit up the whole sky and some of the ground, according to the June 20, 1972, editions of the *Coeur d'Alene Press* and the *Kellogg, Idaho, News*. (Possible explanations: meteor or "space junk" reentry).