

UFO RESEARCH NEWSLETTER

A MONTHLY REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Vol. II, No. 9

December 1972 - January 1973

DELUGE OF SUMMER REPORTS CONTINUES

Mrs. Helen Benger, a school teacher -- on her way to Adelaide with her cousin, Mrs. Dorothy Simpson -- was about 70 miles south of Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia, on the evening of August 27, 1972, when she stopped the car "because I was getting cold," according to the September 21, 1972, edition of the Darwin, Northern Territory, *News*. They saw a bright yellow light "with a green light flashing on top" that would rise and fall in density and moved "irregularly in the sky; to the right and the left, and then up and down."

The driver, Mrs. Benger, signalled the object with the car headlights and the UFO flew over the vehicle, stopped and hovered over some low hills. Then it disappeared and the women continued their journey.

A short time later, the object reappeared to the right, veered over to the left, and paced the automobile.

"It would go zooming ahead and stop in the sky," Mrs. Benger related. "When it was stationary, the mushroom shape would be upright, but when it moved it turned sideways and traveled head first... It was like we were mesmerized."

The UFO traveled down a road leading to a "meteorite crater" about eight miles away where, it was reported, "aboriginal drawings of a type of spaceman" were found earlier. Soon after the object's disappearance, the left rear tire of the car went flat. The object reappeared as the witnesses were inspecting the damage. Whenever the UFO approached near the vehicle, the women said, the headlights would go dim, then brighten as the object moved away.

Mrs. Benger and Mrs. Simpson watched the strange craft through the night -- until dawn. They "noticed it was a dull, metallic silver color with [an] involved structure."

UFO Returns Signal Following Night

The women crossed the border into South Australia and, that night, August 28, were a few miles from the Woomera rocket range when the object returned. Mrs. Benger signalled it with a torch and it returned the signal.

"Its light faded out slowly and then came back on again," she stated. "Nothing I know of does that. We were really terrified."

The UFO would appear ahead of the car and reappear behind it. Ten miles past Pimba, it apparently landed, then "lifted off the ground and lit up a perfect circle of green, iridescent light, a very distinct circle." It flew close to a road.

"The road was about 35 feet wide," Mrs. Benger said, "and the object covered it all except for about one foot on each side. It was as high as a house..."

It seemed to be standing on legs, she added.

"I started to cry and I was shaking," she recalled. "I wanted to go back, but I was terrified."

Then they saw the UFO again in the sky.

Back in Darwin, Mrs. Benger said she was interrogated for eight nights.

"I was screened ruthlessly by government officials," she remarked.

(Continued on page 2)

UFO Research Newsletter, Vol. II, No. 9. Published monthly by UFO Research Associates (UFOR), P.O. Box 34252, Washington, D.C. 20034
 Editor: Gordon I.R. Lore, Jr.
 Business Manager: Martha D. Hall
 Annual subscription rates: \$7.00 (U.S., Canada and Mexico); \$8.00 (foreign, surface rate); \$11.00 (foreign, air mail). Single copies: \$.60 (U.S., Canada and Mexico); \$.80 (foreign).

SCIENTISTS SUPPORT ET LIFE PROBABILITY

Seven prominent scientists from Werner Von Braun to Sir Fred Hoyle have recently stated their beliefs that advanced civilizations on other planets most probably exist.

At a panel discussion on "Life Beyond Earth and the Human Mind" held at Boston University on November 18 (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 8, p. 7) and sponsored by the university and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA),

four scientists agreed that other highly developed civilizations exist elsewhere in the universe, according to the November 23, 1972, edition of *The* (Louisville, Ky.) *Courier Journal*, and the November 24, 1972, edition of *The Washington Post*. Astronomer Dr. Carl Sagan, of Cornell University, and Prof. Richard Berendzen, the moderator, thought the idea of establishing contact with extraterrestrial (ET) beings a highly commendable one.

"The question is not so much 'if' as 'where' and 'when' -- ultimate contact seems virtually inevitable," Berendzen, of the university's astronomy department, stated.

While acknowledging the probability of ET life, Prof. George Wald, of Harvard University, a biologist and Nobel Prize laureate, thought the idea rather "terrifying" and hinted that ETs may harm man while anthropologist Ashley Montagu reversed this by saying that man would probably harm the ETs. The scientists suggested that the discovery of intelligent ET life may have "awesome implications" for science, philosophy and theology.

Dr. Werner Von Braun, famed rocket scientist, former director of NASA's Flight Operations Center and presently vice-president of Fairchild Industries, agreed that "it is quite likely that one of the other planets has all the ingredients of earth" and supports intelligent life. In a news conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on November 11, he added that he did not believe in UFOs and supported the University of Colorado UFO Project report's conclusions, a UPI news story dated November 11, 1972, stated.

In Salt Lake City for a lecture at the University of Utah, Sir Fred Hoyle, president of Britain's Royal Astronomical Society, told UPI on October 16 of the possibility of constructing electronic gear to send messages to ETs, but added we may have to wait decades for replies, *The* (Santa Ana, Calif.) *Register*, October 18, 1972, said. He speculated that any intelligent life discovered elsewhere would undoubtedly be superior to man "and would be able to tell earthlings how to solve overriding global problems."

A Russian scientist, Alexander Oparin, director of the A.N. Bach Institute of Biochemistry of the U.S.S.R.'s Academy of Sciences, said that life "has to originate not only on earth but also on other planets" and cited Mars as the most likely place for it in our solar system, according to the August 26, 1972, edition of the *Arkansas Gazette*, and an AP wire story.

Summer Reports (Continued from page 1)

UFOR received a deluge of other Summer 1972 sightings from a total of four foreign countries and six states. Characteristics include a UFO that was tracked on radar; another that was photographed; still another that caused animal reactions; an object that possibly caused "an electric shock" to a witness; another that caused electro-magnetic effects to a car; a UFO that landed and began opening a "door"; another that landed in a corn field and took off again; an object that

brightly lit up a yard; another that lit up the inside of a house; a UFO that emitted "streaks of light"; a craft that repeatedly flew over a town in Australia; and objects that paced cars, emitted sounds, and frightened witnesses. Observers included control tower operators, police officers, firemen, and a newspaper photographer.

Photos of Object Taken

At about 10:10 p.m., September 19, Ray Jamieson, a staff photographer for the Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, *Age*, snapped photographs of a UFO with his Nikon 35 mm camera with 300 mm telephoto lens, stated the September 21, 22, and 25, 1972, editions of the newspaper. The witness said he saw the object "loop-the-loop five to seven times in less than three seconds." Jamieson added that he observed it for approximately 20 minutes.

A UFO has reportedly plagued the towns of Taree and Traralgon, Victoria, practically every morning at 7:10 during August and September, according to numerous newspaper reports. The Royal Australian Air Force said it is one of six reports listed as unknown out of 579 on their books since 1963.

September 13 was a big day for sightings from the towns. One witness who viewed the object through binoculars said "it appeared to be bubbled-shaped and red on the bottom and white or silver on top." The UFO swept across the sky from the east-northeast.

"The object does not stay long over the town," stated Ernie Dwyer. "It comes up about 45 degrees over the horizon -- a kind of fiery, reddish ball. Then it seems to hover for about 15 minutes and flash off back the way it came."

Police Constables Spot UFO

John Dixon was riding his bicycle from Traralgon to Sale at about 4:30 a.m. on the same morning when he saw a huge object "lighting up the area brighter than day." Senior Sgt. Ron W. Tanian and Constable Neil Davey also saw it. Other witnesses said the object caused dogs in the area to bark.

The observers watched until dawn.

"Just as the sun was coming up," Davey related, "the object shot straight up into the sky and disappeared."

A government astronomer, Dr. Harley Wood, said he was unable to account for the UFO, but later announced that it was the planet Venus.

[Editor's note: some of the sightings could have been Venus, but, due to the maneuvers and other characteristics, others could not fit this explanation].

To the east, New Zealand residents also reported sightings.

At 5:30 a.m., September 14, Bill Appleby observed "a bright piercing light" in the sky over Napier, *The (Napier) Daily Telegraph*, September 14, 1972, reported.

"The object... moved up into the clouds and it looked like a dumb bell standing on end with two bright, piercing lights and a soft, red, pulsating light in between," he said.

Fifty members of the St. Augustine's Church Youth Club said they saw two UFOs at approximately 9:30 p.m., August 20, near Taradale, New Zealand, stated the August 21, 1972, edition of *The Daily Telegraph*.

"They were over the fields, one above the other and were joining and then coming apart," stated Chris Barker, one of the witnesses. "They had revolving lights and were moving all the time."

A couple in Puru, New Zealand, said they saw an object emitting a bright orange-white light at about 10:45 p.m., August 5, according to the August 7, 1972, edition of the *Thames (New Zealand) Star*. It hovered at first, then "began darting back and forth, up and down in an erratic manner." The UFO suddenly vanished.

England also had its share of reports.

"Door" on Object Opens

At approximately 2 a.m., August 24, a Heald Green couple reported seeing "a glowing melon-shaped structure with a tapering base with a 'T' shaped door" in a field. As the "door" began to open, the witnesses fled the area, the August 24, 1972, edition of the Cheshire, England, *Stockport Advertiser*, stated.

Danny Harle and Colin Hastings saw "three cloud-like shapes which made a low buzzing noise" on the evening of September 15 in Hainault, the *Redbridge* (England) *Guardian and Independent*, September 22, 1972, said. One of the objects "became circular and came hovering down about 400 feet" above the witnesses' heads.

"My knees were knocking," Harle said. "We belted up to the Kingswood Youth Club to get the others to see it. We couldn't explain what it was, but it was definitely supernatural."

At least 20 people, including Police Sgt. Clive Williams and Robert Phillips, reported seeing an "inverted superbowl with dark rings underneath it which appeared to be spinning" at 8:30 p.m., September 14, on an estate at Croespenmaen, Crumlin, Monmouthshire.

"Its colour changed from red to white to green and it moved away rapidly," Sgt. Williams stated in the September 16, 1972, edition of the *Western Mail*.

A UFO "almost like part of an eyeball with lashes of light" was seen by Mrs. Babs Honey and her husband in Midford early on the morning of August 7, according to the August 10, 1972, edition of the *Bath* (England) *Weekly Chronicle*. The object "arched over their house and into a cloud bank." It emitted a "beating noise, rather like a heartbeat."

During July, August and September, a spate of reports came from Canada.

UFO "as Big as Two or Three Houses"

Albert Positano, Steven Archer and Bruce Emmerson said they saw a UFO "as big as two or three houses" emitting "a buzzing sound" at 9:55 p.m., September 23, over the Sudbury, Ontario, area, the *Sudbury Star*, September 25, 1972, stated.

A UFO that was tracked on radar by Ministry of Transport control tower personnel at North Bay, Ontario, was also seen visually by Police Constables Bruce MacKinnon and Bill McKeag and others on the evenings of September 9 and 10, stated the *North Bay Nugget*, September 11, 1972. The control tower operators also saw it.

It was about 9:45 p.m., September 7, near Beausejour, Manitoba, Canada. Inspector William McGarland, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, his wife and three children, were traveling on Highway 203 when they saw "a bright luminous object" at an altitude of approximately 30 feet, the *Beausejour Beaver*, September 19, 1972, related. The UFO "zeroed in" over the car and paced it for 20-25 minutes. It was four to five feet long and about a foot deep and "appeared to be the size and shape of an oval dining room table."

McFarland stopped the automobile, but the object hovered overhead. The family continued on to their home, where the object hovered over the house, swaying.

The bright light -- "halo in shape but seemingly solid" -- then slowly headed west, rotating.

An unidentified couple said they saw a saucer that emitted "streaks of light" and "that appeared to float down at times, then to rise again, and to move in circles" at approximately 3 a.m., August 6, near Victoria, British Columbia, according to the August 9, 1972, edition of the *Salmon Arm* (British Columbia) *Observer*.

Galt/Guelph Area Has Sightings

The Galt/Guelph area of Ontario was the site of several sightings in late July and early August.

Fernando Renna, David Arsenault, and Michael and Steven Grummett reported seeing a disc with a red and green light and a sort of "hazy ring around it" at about 10:15 p.m., August 1, in Galt, the *Galt Evening Reporter*, August 3 and 4, 1972, said. The object emitted "a dull whistling sound."

Several days earlier, on July 27, Galt was the scene of another sighting.

A UFO that "glowed luminously" was observed by David Sharp and Herb Walsh. It rapidly disappeared, stated the August 1, 1972, edition of the *Galt Evening Reporter*.

That same evening, at about 11 p.m., in nearby Guelph, Mrs. Tom Scott and Mrs. Thelma Cook observed two reddish-green objects "in the shape of an arrow" that "flickered back and forth, gliding slowly in a small circle," according to the July 28, 1972, edition of the *Guelph Mercury*, and the August 3, 1972, edition of the *Smith Falls (Ontario) Record-News*.

Three days later, on July 30, more Guelph residents saw the same or a similar UFO, the July 31, 1972, edition of the *Guelph Mercury*, stated. Myrna Walters, Sally Arkton, and Ken Sardy watched the reddish-green, arrow-shaped craft at about 9:45 p.m.

Sudbury/Elliot Lake Reports

Sudbury, Ontario, was the site of a UFO report on July 27. According to the July 28, 1972, edition of the *Sudbury Star*, Patrick Hamilton, Michael Martel, Mrs. Joan Laws and her two children, Guillaume and Perry, watched as "a big, round glowing object" with "a lot of blinding lights underneath" and "a big tail like a fire behind... swooped down toward the bush and then... flew up and gradually disappeared."

Ten days earlier, July 17, at nearby Elliot Lake, Cindy and Heather Stewart, Marilyn Coulis, Mrs. Lorna Beggs and her daughter, Penny, "heard a loud humming noise with an intermittent beeping" and then saw "a giant red ball about the size of a full moon," stated the July 26, 1972, edition of the *Espanola (Ontario) Standard*.

The United States also had sighting reports during August and September.

A UFO "as big as a house" was reportedly seen by a farm family on September 13 near Burlington, Colo., stated the *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner*, September 15, 1972. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ludwig and daughter, Tamie, first saw it pacing their car. It landed, then shot back into the sky and "got real bright. Then it came back down. It lit up in the field. It was round and it was big and it looked like rays were coming out of it."

Canton, Missouri, Reports

Jeff Van Tress, his father, Charlie, Bobby Childers, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hunolt spotted a bright object "as big as a house" in Canton, Mo., at about 9:30 p.m., September 4, the September 7, 1972, edition of the *Canton Press & News Record*, stated.

"It looked like it was going around in circles," Jeff said. "It looked like it was getting ready to land, then it started back up."

Nearly a week later, on September 10, Canton was again the site of a visit by a strange object. According to the September 14, 1972, edition of the *Press & News Record*, Melanie Jacobs and her family "saw an object with flickering lights" at approximately 9:10 p.m. She also said "it looked like it was going to land."

Chris Norleen was in his back yard in Olympia, Wash., on the afternoon of September 7, when he saw "a round ball with dots on it" that was emitting "a buzzing noise as it flitted among the clouds," stated the September 8, 1972, edition of the *Olympian*. Norleen said he was struck on the chest by something "like an electric shock" as he headed toward the house. There was "no visible injury."

At 1 a.m., August 27, near Merrilan, Wisc., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson saw a UFO that "brilliantly illuminated the rabbit hutch at the edge of their mown lawn," stated the Neillsville, Wisc., *Clark County Press*, September 14, 1972. The object was shining through the trees and lit "up every branch and twig so that they stood out in relief."

On August 6 and subsequent evenings, a family near Georgetown, Calif., were reportedly plagued by a UFO, according to the August 24, 1972, edition of the *Georgetown Town Crier*. The object, "as big as a small dining room table," had "the hum of a motor."

Mrs. Florence MacDermiad and others said they saw "an oval-shaped object with white lights all around it" that formed a halo and emitted "a strange humming sound" at about 9 p.m., August 3, in Novi, Mich., stated the *Novi News*, August 17, 1972. Other objects were also seen in the area that same night.

THE DELPHOS CASE

By Dr. Robert F. Creegan

[Dr. Creegan is a philosophy professor at the State University of New York at Albany and a member of the National Enquirer's UFO reward panel. In this exclusive article, he discusses the continuing investigation of the Delphos case (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, No. 6, p. 4, No. 7, p. 4, and No. 8, p. 6)]

The broad outlines of the initial reports from Delphos, Kansas, are well known, having been reviewed in this newsletter and in many other journals. A teen-aged farmer in Kansas reported seeing a luminous object approach the farm early on the evening of November 2, 1971, either land or hover within feet of the ground, and then move rapidly away to the south, leaving a glowing circular area on the soil. When alerted, the parents of the young man supposedly saw the object receding in the southern sky and they also observed the glowing ring. It later became apparent that the ring soil was hydrophobic, that is, extremely resistant to water, and incapable of supporting plant growth. Many witnesses observed these phenomena, and there were a few who claimed to have seen a bright object approach the general vicinity of the farm on the evening of the sighting. Persons who touched the ring soil reported a numbness or partial anaesthesia of body areas which had come in contact with the soil.

Samples of the soil have been studied in one or more laboratories at the University of Arizona, Northwestern University, Utah State University, the State University of New York at Albany, the University of Kansas, and the University of Missouri, and also at various private laboratories in California and Illinois. In many cases, however, the names of the labs -- or of the scientists concerned -- are not for publication. All parties agree that the ring soil does indeed differ from surrounding soil in a large number of non-random ways. The excess of calcium in the ring is especially great, but, besides some small and random differences, there are perhaps half a dozen other, statistically significant differences. The difficulty is that no reasonable relation has been established between these and any theory of the operation of an ET vehicle -- or any other type of craft.

The presence of fungus in the ring might account for the glow (which lasted only a few days) since some fungi are bio-luminescent. The unwettability of the soil might be caused by a waxy substance, seen under magnification. This may be basically a hydro-carbon of some sort, although apparently not a well known wax or heavy machine oil.

There was no special radioactivity of the ring, nor any sign of ionizing radiation. There is no evidence that any type of intense heating occurred, nor that the ring area was subjected to unusual pressure.

Those who have carefully investigated the circumstances of the sighting -- and the records of the people involved -- are strongly inclined to deny that a hoax was perpetrated. On the other hand, the laboratory results do not help to clarify the character of any luminous object that may have visited the area. Unless evidence beyond any thus far obtained is introduced, all available theories concerning the incident at Delphos remain inconclusive.

We wish all our subscribers and readers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ENQUIRER CONFIRMS FLORIDA UFO PLANE CHASE

The *National Enquirer* has investigated and confirmed that a UFO was tracked on three radar screens and was chased by two F106 fighter interceptors from Homestead Air Force Base, Fla. (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 8, p. 1). The newspaper gave the date as September 14 (our newspaper sources indicated September 13 as the date).

A story by William Dick, articles editor and one of the organizers of the *Enquirer's* UFO reward panel, leaves little doubt that the story is authentic and is a high-quality report of an object seen and tracked by military and civilian pilots, control tower personnel, and police officers. UFOR was at first disturbed by this and another report on the evening of September 12-13, 1972, in West Palm Beach, Fla., because most of the witnesses -- from the sources listed in our last newsletter -- appeared to be named Smith.

SIGHTING CAPSULES

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

- July 6, 1972. Approximately 3:40 p.m. Warwick, Queensland, Australia. Five high school students saw a "bright silver" object in front of a cloud, stated *The Warwick Daily News*, July 8, 1972.
- July 15, 1972. About 11:15 p.m. Near Stanthorpe, Queensland, Australia. Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Scoullar said they observed a "bright red, circular object" speed across the sky, according to the July 18, 1972, edition of the *Stanthorpe Post*.
- July 24, 1972. 10:45 p.m. Bay of Fundy, Nova Scotia, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Smith witnessed a "strange" oval-shaped object with orange, blue and white lights that was moving toward the northwest, *The (Yarmouth, Nova Scotia) Vanguard*, August 2, 1972, said.
- July 25, 1972. Early morning. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Witnesses said they saw "strange objects in the sky," stated the July 25, 1972, edition of the *Ottawa Journal*, and the July 26, 1972, edition of *The Toronto Star*. One housewife reported a red and green arrow-shaped object (see page 5). (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).
- July 25, 1972. Evening. Norfolk, England. North Walsham police constables and a Happisburgh coast guardsman saw two large balls or bags that appeared to have candles inside, according to the July 26, 1972, edition of the *Eastern Daily Press*. (Probable explanation: hoax balloons).
- July 27, 1972. Approximately 1:30 a.m. San Mateo, Calif. "An extraordinarily large and bright object" that "gradually moved, then disappeared as it became light" was observed, according to the July 27, 1972, edition of the *San Mateo Times*. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).
- July 27, 1972. Evening. Weeaprounah, Victoria, Australia. A family reportedly saw "a silver-grey object surrounded by colored lights" hover, then speed off and disappear, the July 31, 1972, edition of the *Victoria Colon Herald*, said.
- July 27, 1972. About 10 p.m. Brant Hill, Kincardine, Hamilton and Paris, Ontario, Canada. James H. Pugsley, Ted Schoffer, Michael Shewdyk, D'al Illes, George Peart, and others. The July 29, 1972, editions of the *Brantford (Ontario) Expositor*, and the *Galt Evening Reporter*; the August 4, 1972, edition of the *Port Dover (Ontario) Maple Leaf*; and the August 10, 1972, edition of the *Paisley (Ontario) Advocate*, stated the witnesses observed a tremendous blue-green, luminous disc traveling from west to east. (Possible explanation: meteor).
- July 27, 1972. Approximately 11:45 p.m. Cordova, South Carolina. A bright light traveling from the southwest to the east at 60-70 m.p.h. was seen by an unidentified pilot, stated the Orangeburg, S.C., *Times-Democrat*, July 29, 1972.
- July 28, 1972. About 6:45 p.m. Blenheim, New Zealand. "A glowing red light" was seen for about 10 seconds by a man, *The (Blenheim) Marlborough Express*, July 29, 1972, said.

● July 29, 1972. Approximately 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Rose Biros, a police officer, and an unidentified man. Witnesses saw a cone-shaped object with red, green and white lights that "moved very slowly" in the sky, stated Mrs. Biros in a letter to UFOR. It was also observed through binoculars. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).

● July 30, 1972. Shortly after midnight. Montreal, Quebec, Canada. A "bright stationary object" was seen over the city, according to the *Montreal Star*, July 31, 1972. (Possible explanation: a Montreal International Airport spokesman said that a Quebecair plane was approaching for a landing at the time of the sighting. "At night, when a plane is flying towards you and is quite far away, it appears to be stationary," he explained).

● July 1972. Evening. Kosciusko County, Ind. Residents reported "glowing objects floating and maneuvering overhead," the *Indianapolis Star*, July 30, 1972, stated. (Probable explanation: Levi A. Warring, one of the witnesses, recovered a "UFO" that fell near his boat on Big Chapman Lake. It was a hoax balloon with candles).

● August 2, 1972. 11:15 a.m. Riwaka Valley, New Zealand. Two farmers reported seeing a silvery object "burning as it entered the atmosphere," stated the *Nelson (New Zealand) Evening Mail*, August 4, 1972. (Possible explanation: meteor or satellite decay).

● August 2, 1972. Evening. Magges, Australia. The town postmaster reported in the August 3, 1972, edition of *The (Adelaide, South Australia) News*, that he saw "a very bright, big red light" travel "at a great pace towards the southeast."

● August 3, 1972. Evening. Auckland, New Zealand. C.W.J. Lorigan and a toll collector observed a white, cigar-shaped light "explode into a glow like 10 million candles," according to *The (Auckland) New Zealand Herald*, August 4, 1972.

● August 4, 1972. 12:40 a.m. Near Truckee, Calif. Tom Garrett stated he saw "a circular, shiny, light colored object about 30 feet in diameter" hover with a "whirring sound" like a power drill, the *Truckee Sierra Sun-Bonanza*, August 9, 1972, said. A few minutes later it moved to the northeast. (Possible explanation: helicopter).

● August 5, 1972. About 6 a.m. Danville, Lafayette, Martinez, and Orinda, Calif. Residents saw "a large, orange sphere" heading toward the north, stated the Richmond, Calif., *Independent*, August 5, 1972, and the August 7, 1972, edition of the Antioch, Calif., *Ledger*. (Possible explanation: reflection of sunlight off a weather balloon).

● August 6, 1972. Around 7 p.m. Near Stuart, Va. Truman Priddy and family; Raymond Vipperman; Mrs. Ethel Woodall; David Woodall and others. A smoking ball of fire was seen as it apparently crashed into Carter Mountain, according to the August 9, 1972, editions of the *Stuart Bull Mountain Bugle* and *The Enterprise*. (Possible explanation: meteorite).

● August 9, 1972. 6:55 a.m. Towai, New Zealand. A long, orange-gold "cigar" was seen traveling slowly across the sky by Mrs. F.W. Wallace and one other person, the August 9, 1972, edition of the Whangarei, New Zealand, *Northern Advocate*, said.

● August 9, 1972. Approximately 11 p.m. Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada. Unidentified witnesses reported seeing a noiseless UFO that hovered, then "veered off into the sky," according to the August 10 and 12, 1972, editions of the Nova Scotia *Sydney Cape Breton Post*. (Probable explanation: a Piper aircraft whose pilot cut its engines while on maneuvers).

● August 10, 1972. About 1:30 p.m. Western and Northwestern U.S. and Canada. Thousands of witnesses, including airline pilots and Air Force officials, saw a ball of fire sweep across the sky, numerous newspaper reports stated. One report said that, at the same time, officials at Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Wash., reported that an object traveling at a high rate of speed had been tracked on radar. (Probable explanation: meteor, except for the radar report, if true).

Enclosed is an information sheet with a coupon for subscribing to *UFO Research Newsletter*. Please pass it along to anyone who may be interested. Thank you.