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APOLLO 17 COMMANDER BELIEVES UFOs ET VEHICLES



Astronaut Eugene A. Cernan in space gear just prior to Apollo 17 moon mission

(Courtesy: UPI)

"I'm one of those guys who has never seen a UFO. But I've been asked and I've said publicly I thought they were somebody else, some other civilization."

These were the words of Capt. Eugene A. Cernan, commander of Apollo 17 -- the U.S.'s last planned mission to the moon in the foreseeable future. The statement left little doubt that the astronaut -- one of a handful of men ever to walk on an extraterrestrial (ET) body -- believes that at least some UFOs are, themselves, vehicles from one or more ET bodies.

"Statistically, there has to be an infinite number of other earths and infinite numbers of other civilizations...", Cernan told newsmen at a Houston, Texas, press conference on January 5. "I think it's exciting, scientifically and philosophically and any other way, for people young and old to think that, in the future, we may be able to go out there, as there may be other civilizations we can come in contact with."

Cernan was flanked by his Apollo 17 crew members, Ronald E. Evans and Harrison E. Schmitt, at the conference.

(Source: *Los Angeles Times*, January 6, 1973).

LATE 1972 SIGHTING REPORTS

A UFO that rattled the windows of a house; another that lit up a home; an object that seemed to explode, forming two "bowls"; others that appeared to land on a mountain top and in a patch of woods, leaving behind physical evidence; an object "as large around as a house"; and UFOs that emitted sounds, caused animal reactions, and frightened witnesses, were characteristics of sighting reports from five states and two foreign countries during the last three months of 1972.

Two sightings in Maryland were carefully checked by Odyssey (P.O. Box 2022, Baltimore, Md. 21203). John Lutz, who investigated the incidents with Courtney Jordan and Douglas Byers, sent the reports to UFOR. Both cases were listed as "unidentified" by the group.

While standing on a patio facing east-northeast in the Rockdale area of Baltimore County at 9:10 p.m., November 18, teenagers Todd Quick and Craig Snair observed a "round cereal bowl" approximately 30 to 40 feet in diameter. The UFO was red and blue while stationary, but changed to bright white while accelerating from a standing position to about 60-80 m.p.h. in five seconds. The object, about 30° above the horizon,

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UNIVERSITY COURSES HIGHLIGHT UFO PROBLEM

Two new university courses will feature UFOs as their main topics of discussion and study. Dr. bert F. Creegan, philosophy professor at the State University of New York at Albany and a contributor to this newsletter, is presently conducting his course and the "Physics 398" course of Dr. Arlen Zander, physics professor at East Texas State University, will begin in the spring.

In a letter to UFOR, Dr. Creegan said his course has an enrollment of approximately 150 students and "at least half of the class time will be

on UFO problems." The rest will be devoted to general ET questions, the psychical research and artificial intelligence issues, and "the problem of Time -- with references to so-called time dilation, time reversal, possibilities of time travel..., etc."

An article in the December 21, 1972, issue of the *Commerce, Texas, Journal*, indicated that Dr. Zander's course will be devoted exclusively to the UFO subject and will include speakers, slides, films, taped interviews with witnesses, and a study of sighting reports.

"It is not our intent to argue either for or against the existence of UFOs," the physicist remarked. "Rather, we will try to separate fact from fiction by taking a study."

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was lower than the clouds, at an approximate altitude of 5,000 to 6,000 feet. The boys said they observed it for part of the time through a telescope and it appeared to be solid. It also appeared to be flying into the wind, toward the north-northeast.

According to the National Weather Service at Friendship International Airport, the weather was cloudy, with a 25,000 foot-high overcast. Visibility was at 10 miles and there was a 5 m.p.h. wind from the north.

Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) control tower operators at Friendship reported no "bogies" on their radar screens during the time of the sighting. Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. officials and the Maryland State Police said they had no helicopters in the area. Odyssey ruled out a weather balloon for two reasons: (1) balloons do not have red and blue lights that change to white when they move; and (2) they do not fly into the wind. Stars were not visible because of the overcast.

UFO Hovers Near House

At 8:45 p.m., November 5, Mrs. Ann Magaw, Linda, Edward, Melvin R., and Jeff Magaw, and Anita Reynolds, observed two yellow lights "with orange or sparks of fire emitting from it" near Pleasant Hill, Md. The UFO had a fuzzy perimeter that glowed. While the object was stationary, there was an intensification of the white-yellow light. When it moved parallel to the witnesses' home, the light faded out and two red lights with a blue light in front and another at the rear, which flashed, appeared. The UFO moved slowly toward the south, then quickly accelerated to the east-southeast.

The witnesses said the object was 15-25 feet above the tree-tops at an altitude of about 2,000 feet. At one point the UFO stopped opposite the observers' house for about four minutes, at which time Mrs. Magaw called the police.

Officials of the National Weather Service, Wilmington, Del., said the sky was clear. The cloud ceiling was 22,000 feet with scattered clouds and the wind from the north-northwest at 6 m.p.h.

FAA control tower personnel said there were no helicopters in the vicinity during time of the sighting. An Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., spokesman reported no military aircraft in the area. Weather balloons and conventional aircraft were ruled out.

New Jersey residents saw UFOs in November and December.

Object in New Jersey Leaves Physical Evidence

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willis, of Millville, N.J., were driving near Port Elizabeth at 8:50 p.m., December 7, when they saw a "cylindrical white light" flying over the road ahead of them, the December 13, 1972, edition of *The (Atlantic City, N.J.) Press*, stated. The UFO hovered, descended to the tree line, hovered again, then crossed over to the other side of the road and appeared to land in the woods.

A police search that night proved fruitless, but, early the next afternoon, state police from the Port Norris Barracks discovered a cleared site about two feet in diameter in the wooded area; the site was bare of all vegetation. A round hole two inches wide and four inches deep was found in the center.

"It was a real wild area and I don't see how anything could have gotten in there except from above," Trooper Leonard Anderson remarked.

Two radar installations approximately 50 miles northeast of Port Elizabeth reported nothing on their screens and officials at McGuire Air Force (AF) Base said they had no sighting reports.

It was 2:50 a.m., Thanksgiving, November 23. Mrs. Lisa Brenner, of Rocky Hill, N.J., was standing outside in the cold. She caught sight of a large, bright, fast-moving disc that appeared to almost hit the trees.

"It went rolling toward me...," she stated in the December 7, 1972, edition of the Princeton, N.J. *Town Topics*. "It was eerie and, at first, I was frightened. I saw a string of lights, not red, but raspberry color... When it was above me, I heard some kind of motor... It sounded just like when you idle a car very quietly. It made a sharp turn right over me..."

A few hours later, at about 5 a.m. and 6 a.m., two women in nearby Princeton reported seeing the same or a similar object.

UFO "Shaped Like Two Bowls" Seen

A "mushrooming thing" over Redding, Calif., was seen by numerous witnesses, including a sheriff's deputy, at about 7:30 p.m., October 27. Mrs. Beverly Allen was driving a carload of youngsters to a Halloween party when she observed it.

"It looked like a helicopter with a searchlight, only the light was going backwards, in the direction of travel, and had a conical shape," she stated in the October 28, 1972, edition of the Redding *Record Searchlight*. "It was 500 to 1,000 feet high and made no sound at all. We got out of the car... and looked at it. The sky was perfectly clear. Suddenly the light exploded. There was no sound, just a luminous cloud. There was a second, small explosion in front of the first cloud. The second one made a cloud shaped like two bowls face to face. The second cloud floated northward, parallel to the ground."

Mrs. Allen said a deputy sheriff, who also saw the phenomenon, "was amazed."

According to the November 3, 1972, edition of the *Record Searchlight*, a missile was launched from Vandenberg AF Base at 7:30 and, while there is a possibility that this is what the witnesses saw, it does not appear likely from Mrs. Allen's description.

Two meteorologists -- George McCloskey, of the Philadelphia Health Department's Air Management Service, and Lt. Cmdr. Virgil Sala, of the Willow Grove Naval Air Station -- saw a UFO over Tinicum Township and Ferndale, Pa., respectively, at about 9:30 p.m., October 9, stated the Doylestown, Pa., *Daily Intelligencer*, October 10, 1972.

McCloskey saw the object moving horizontally approximately 10° above the horizon.

"Suddenly," he said, "it began to go back and then started to move in a start-stop, start-stop pattern, with intervals of a second or half-second."

The witness called his wife, then phoned Sala, who also observed it.

A silver-colored UFO "as large around as a house" and about 120 feet long was observed by Victor Devereaux in Badin, N.C., at approximately 10:30 a.m., October 8, the Albemarle, N.C., *Starly News & Press*, October 10, 1972, said. Estimated to be moving at

300 m.p.h., the object "was shaped something like a dumbbell, much like a railroad tank car with enlarged ends which tapered to a cone-like point." It was moving from northeast to southwest.

UFOs were also reported over England in October and November.

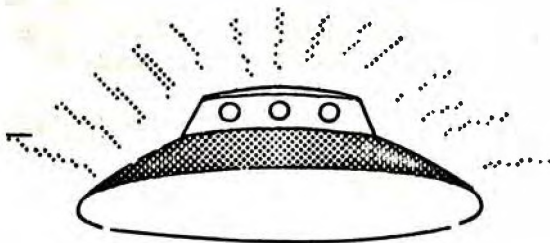
English Police and Others Observe Strange Craft

On the evening of November 11, witnesses saw a UFO over Beoley, England. Police from Henley-in-Arden responded to calls.

"Two of our officers also saw these lights," a spokesman stated in the November 12, 1972, edition of the Birmingham, England, *Sunday Mercury*.

Keith Harris and Mrs. Rita Tallis were among the observers.

"I saw three lights -- apparently from three separate vehicles -- [moving] backwards and forwards about 600 feet up, half-a-mile from the back of Mrs. Tallis' house," Harris related. "They were like radiating lights and kept changing colour from red to white and back again. They kept... disappearing over the horizon and reappearing again. Sometimes they were traveling very quickly and at other times quite slowly... There was absolutely no sound from them. I am certain they were not planes, otherwise we would have heard the noise from the engines. I am quite satisfied that they were UFOs."



Witness' sketch of Deeping St. Nicholas, England, UFO, seen on or about October 1, 1972
(Courtesy: Peterborough Evening Telegraph)

Shortly before 10 p.m., on or about October 1, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jeffrey arrived home in Deeping St. Nicholas, England. A few minutes later, "the windows started to rattle and a terrifying noise shattered the night," according to the October 7, 1972, edition of the *Peterborough (England) Evening Telegraph*. The couple saw a red, revolving light with a white light underneath fly over the village toward Market Deeping.

"It was going too fast to be a helicopter, and not fast enough to be a plane," Jeffrey related. "I am sure it was not a plane because there were no tail lights."

A Royal AF spokesman at Wittering said he did not believe there were any jets in the vicinity at the time.

UFO in Canada Lights Up House

At 4:30 a.m., October 18, Mrs. Marg Kocsis and her brother, George, were awakened in their home in Aldergrove, B.C., Canada, by a loud sound, stated the B.C. *Langley Advance*, October 26, 1972. They saw a bright light in the southeast.

"It appeared to be spherical, and was so bright that, for a few seconds, you could have read a newspaper by the window," George remarked.

Mrs. Kocsis said the light disappeared quickly and, as it did so, there was "a very loud sound as of rushing wind." There were also reactions from the farm animals.

"They kicked up a terrible fuss of howling and barking in the presence of the noise and light," she said, "and when they disappeared, the animals settled down."

There was a heavy fog during the time of the sighting, Mrs. Kocsis related, and the moon could not be seen.

"I can't imagine what the explanation could be for the occurrence," she stated.

"It was a very strange experience."

Mrs. R. Rennie opened her front door and stepped outside to get the newspaper early on the morning of October 5, in Colwood, B.C., Canada, when she saw an orange, oval-shaped object rise from the ground to tree-top level. It moved erratically and fast to the north. Then it appeared to hover over -- and land on -- a small mountain. Several

moments later it took off again, rose to approximately 15 feet, and quickly vanished, leaving a jet stream trail about three feet long, stated the October 25, 1972, edition of the Colwood *Juan de Fuca News Review*. The UFO appeared to be 16-18 feet in circumference.

Later, Mrs. Rennie and Pat McInnes, a local UFO enthusiast, inspected the apparent site of the landing and Mrs. Rennie said she thought some of the moss had been rubbed off the rocks. McInnes stated that he sent some soil samples to Ottawa for analysis.

MARS AND JUPITER'S MOONS "COME ALIVE"

As the years -- even days -- pass, man is discovering that some of the planetary neighbors he long considered dead are really alive and may actually contain life similar to that found on earth. Recently discovered facts have indicated that the planet Mars and two of Jupiter's four moons contain conditions that could now support life -- or they might support it in the future or may have in the past.

Contrary to a long-held belief that Mars is an "old, dead, cratered planet," data received from the Mariner 9 spacecraft indicate that the red planet "was wracked by volcanoes for three billion years and washed in the distant past by rivers of water flowing over its surface," stated UPI wire stories dated January 17 and 18, 1973. The "rivers" increase the probability that life once existed on the planet. Scientists also hinted at the possibility that some form of life could exist there now.

"Whatever probability we placed on finding life on Mars five years ago, it must be higher now because of the evidence there was water," stated Dr. Bradford Smith, of New Mexico State University.

Dr. Arthur L. Lane, of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), Pasadena, Calif., thinks the question of Martian life problematical because of lack of nitrogen in the planet's atmosphere, but another JPL scientist, Dr. Arvydos Kliore, said evidence suggests the planet still has a molten core. As a result, "the old, cratered, dead planet concept has been changed," said Dr. John Naugle, associate NASA administrator for space sciences.

"We think it has been alive all the time," Harold Masursky, of the U.S. Geological Survey, said. "We see volcanic centers which are heavily cratered and which have to be very old."

Nix Olympica Larger Than Hawaii

One volcano -- Nix Olympica -- is about 300 miles across and from five to 18 miles high, he added.

"Even using the minimum elevation," the scientist stated, "this makes it a larger volcanic pile than Hawaii, which is the largest volcanic structure on earth."

Masursky also said the possibility exists that there is still volcanic activity on Mars.

Astronomers using a telescope to study reflected infrared light have identified water-ice on at least two of Jupiter's moons and indicated a like condition on the other two, according to the January 4, 1973, edition of the *Columbus (Ohio) Evening Dispatch*. A report authored by Carl B. Pilcher and Thomas B. McCord, research assistant and head, respectively, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Planetary Astronomy Laboratory, and Stephen T. Ridgway, of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, said that the surface of one moon -- Europa -- is 50 to 100% frost covered and the surface of the other -- Ganymede -- 20 to 65% frost covered. The frost is believed to be similar to that on earth.

In another development, Dr. Andrew P. Ingersoll, associate professor of planetary science at the California Institute of Technology, said that he and other scientists have worked out a theory that the "great red spot" on Jupiter is actually a hurricane-like storm of hot wind, stated a UPI wire story dated January 15, 1973.

COMPUTER CALCULATES UFO AT 12 MILES UP

A UFO that climbed to a 12-mile altitude and was tracked on radar; an object that hovered over an open copper mine and emitted "a loud hissing noise"; a UFO that "split in two" and changed shape; and an object that hurt witnesses' eyes, "belched" flames, and disappeared quickly are highlights of reports from Australia and New Zealand in 1970 and 1971. A meteorological radar officer, geologists, and copper mine workers were among the witnesses.

On November 18, 1970, the Christchurch, New Zealand, meteorological radar station was tracking a constant level balloon sent aloft from Hokitika. But, when the balloon was at 30,137 feet and approximately 70 miles from Christchurch, the radar screen picked up a "bogey."

"I picked up the slide rule and saw we were getting quite unusual heights," stated the meteorological radar officer who tracked the object, in the June 1, 1971, edition of the Auckland, New Zealand, *Truth*, "so we maintained the tracking until the target speed became so great that the radar would not hold in lock. Tracking was then abandoned. I later put the readings through a desk computer. Briefly, what we had on the radar was something with the capacity to climb 63,274 feet with a rate of climb of up to 7,000 feet per minute at 60,000 feet and maintain an average ground speed of 80 to 100 knots."

The tracker was assured by officials that the object could not have been a Royal New Zealand AF Skyhawk -- or any other AF plane.

"There is absolutely no possibility that the target echo was a radar phenomenon," he continued. "In any case, there was far too much pattern in the readings for it to be anything like that. One interesting point was that at the moment of acquiring the target, it appeared as though it had seen the constant level balloon and had turned off its predominantly northwest heading to examine it."

A UFO was seen in West Australia by copper mine workers and geologists.

Geologists Witnesses to Erratic Light

Several night shift copper mine workers at Thaduna first saw the UFO a little after 3 a.m., Monday, November 30, 1970, then again at about the same time on Wednesday, December 2.

"It was so blinding we could not look at it comfortably," Noel Mauritz said. "On the first night I was working with Eddie Dorant on the grader in the open cut when we saw a very large red light. As it rose in the sky, it changed from red to dark orange to white and it was in the east. When we came out of the open cut, it moved to the northeast and, after a while, it rose higher and disappeared... It appeared to travel in front of us to the end of the open cut. On Wednesday morning we saw a bright, white light with a vapor trail which zig-zagged and slowly disappeared. Then we saw a little red dot, which took about 40 seconds to go two-thirds of the way across the sky and disappear. About 12 minutes later it reappeared and took the same track again, then reversed back on the same track at about the same speed... Then, suddenly, it moved back on the same track and went to this large white light... It was 100 times brighter than any other star in the sky."

Bob Miller was 80 feet down in the open cut at 3:15 a.m., Monday, when he and others saw the UFO flying over the southeastern end of the cut. The object was low and close. Then, on Wednesday, Miller and his co-workers watched the UFO with Mauritz, according to the December 13, 1970, edition of *The* (Perth, West Australia) *Sunday Times*.

On Monday evening, four geologists, including John Nicholls and Ross Hannaford, saw "an extremely bright light" travel across the sky.

At 3 a.m., Tuesday, December 1, a resident of Meekatharra reported observing a reddish-blue light "which moved from horizon to horizon four times before becoming stationary."

Almost a week later, at 3:30 a.m., December 8, the night shift workers -- including T. Murphy, the camp supervisor -- at the Thaduna copper mine again saw a mysterious object. The white and orange UFO hovered and maneuvered around the mine for about two hours, stated the Perth *West Australian*, December 8, 1970. It was oval-shaped and emitted "a loud hissing noise."

UFO Splits in Two and Changes Shape

Bruce Schilling, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schilling, his grandfather, Harry Dymke, and his uncle, Cyril Dymke, saw a strange phenomenon over Murtoa North, in the Victorian country section of Australia, at 7:45 p.m., March 2, 1971, the *Hanshaw Mail*, March 3, 1971, said. It was a red ball about "the size of the moon."

"Ten minutes after I sighted the ball," Bruce stated, "it split in two. Half of it went below and seemed to take the shape of a blue cylinder. The cylinder, about five times larger than the diameter of the ball, looked like a cloud, but it was definitely blue. It stayed like this for about six minutes, and then a thin pencil-like, bright red line of light descended from the bottom of the cylinder shape. It stayed like this for another five minutes until the red line seemed to curve, and then it began to fade."

It was 4:15 a.m., August 10, 1971. Michael Gottfrie, of Perth, Australia, was in his bedroom when he saw a "large, very bright object," according to the August 10, 1971, edition of the Perth *News*. At first, it appeared to be hovering in the southwest. Then it moved slowly north.

"It was so bright it hurt my eyes," Gottfrie remarked. "It was circular, but took on a slightly flatter shape as it moved. When it reached a position north of my window, it suddenly belched dark, red flames and took off very fast with a noise..."

The UFO disappeared to the northeast.

SIGHTING CAPSULES

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

- September 18, 1972. Approximately 11:20 p.m. Topeka, Kansas. A woman reported seeing an object that changed colors from red to white to green, the September 19, 1972, edition of the Topeka *State Journal*, stated. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).

- September 19, 1972. About 5:45 a.m. Near Quapaw, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. George McWatters observed a "bluish green and white" object that was later joined by two others of similar description, stated the September 19, 1972, edition of the *Miami (Okla.) News Record*.

- September 19, 1972. Approximately 7 p.m. Lamar, Mo. Ralph Williston and others viewed an object "scintillating in the waning rays of the sun," according to the September 20, 1972, edition of the Lamar *Democrat*. (Possible explanation: weather balloon released by the U.S. weather tracking station at Monett, Mo.).

- September 20, 1972. About 9:30 p.m. Central Ore. George Zahl, Jim Grant, Frank H. Loggan, and Margaret Morris saw "a brilliant, spark-shedding" object that looked "like a Fourth of July rocket," the Bend, Ore., *Bulletin*, September 27, 1972, said. (Probable explanation: fireball).

- September 21, 1972. Around 8 p.m. Near Centralia, Wash. State Trooper J.D. Wadsworth and others watched as "a fiery object... fell straight down," the Centralia-Chehalis *Chronicle*, September 22, 1972, stated. (Probable explanation: fireball).

- September 22, 1972. Evening. Near Milan, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Propps saw four UFOs three to four feet wide, two of which were heading east and two north, the *Milan Standard*, September 28, 1972, reported.

- September 23, 1972. About 9:15 p.m. Near Dundas, Ont., Canada. Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith said they observed a yellow-orange flying object "about the size of a large iron washtub hovering in the sky," then move until it was obscured by trees, stated the September 25, 1972, edition of the Woodstock-Ingersoll, Ont., *Sentinel Review*.

● September 28, 1972. Evening. Thames, New Zealand. Mary McKearney and Else Beck said they saw lights that "stayed still, vanished, then appeared again a minute later higher up," according to the October 1, 1972, edition of the Wellington, New Zealand, *Dominion Sunday Times*.

● October 1, 1972. Southeastern Mo., western Ky., western Tenn., southwestern Ill., and southwestern Ind. Many people reported seeing UFOs, stated the October 2, 1972, editions of the Madisonville, Ky., *Messenger*; the Kansas City, Mo., *Times*; and the Charleston, Ill., *Times Courier*; and the October 3, 1972, edition of the Murray, Ky., *Ledger & Times*. (Probable explanation: U.S. Navy research balloon).

● October 5, 1972. About 6:45 a.m. Near Greenwood, Miss. Mr. and Mrs. Granville Flint and their five children observed a "silver colored light" from which "a reddish light broke off and came down," the October 5, 1972, edition of the Greenwood *Commonwealth*, said.

● October 10, 1972. Approximately 7:40 p.m. Sunny Acres, New Brunswick, Canada. The *Moncton (New Brunswick) Transcript*, October 11, 1972, said an unidentified man spotted a round object emitting "a white glow and sporting red and blue lights" that "flashed on and off while it moved."

● October 11, 1972. Around 7 a.m. Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Mrs. Marjorie Parker and son, Rob, observed "a large elliptical object emitting whitish-yellow lights from about eight openings while it hovered..." according to the October 18, 1972, edition of the Colwood, B.C., *Juan de Fuca News Review*.

● October 13, 1972. About 6:25 a.m. Pickens, Ebenezer, Durant, Lexington, and Kosciusko, Miss. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Johnson, J.B. Russell, Homer Farrell, Mrs. Madine Malone and George Brunt. The October 19, 1972, edition of the Durant *Plaindealer*, said that the witnesses observed "a man-of-war fish"-shaped object with the sun reflecting off it. (Probable explanation: a National Center for Atmospheric Research balloon).

● October 16, 1972. Approximately 9:55 p.m. Broadus, Mont. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gotfredson watched an object resembling "the fire ball which comes from a Roman candle" that "moved slowly downward until it finally disappeared." Duration of the sighting was about 10 seconds, said the Broadus *Powder River County Examiner*, October 19, 1972. (Probable explanation: fireball).

● October 20, 1972. About 4 a.m. Near Chili Corners, Wisc. Verlyn Rollins reported seeing a red and white UFO that moved "up and down," the Marshfield, Wisc., *News-Herald*, October 20, 1972, stated.

● October 22, 1972. Around 7:45 p.m. Lewisville, N.C. Joan Winfrey, her mother and two sons viewed "two long objects giving off a bluish glow, rising and falling in the air," according to the Winston-Salem, N.C., *Journal*, October 23, 1972.

● October 22, 1972. Evening. Lubbock, Plainview, Killeen, Bryan, and Fort Worth, Texas. Numerous witnesses said they saw "fiery orange objects" with "puffs of smoke" streak across the sky, according to the October 23, 1972, edition of the Seattle, Wash., *Post Intelligence*. (Probable explanation: meteor shower).

● November 10, 1972. Shropshire, England. A group of grammar school students saw two orange-red discs that "were moving up and round and in circles," the *Shropshire Star*, November 11, 1972, stated.

● November 19, 1972. 8:08 p.m. Superior, Mont. John A. Anderson reported seeing "three flashing lights" that "seemed to be drifting southward" and that disappeared "after a few blinks." A deputy sheriff in Missoula also saw the lights, stated the December 14, 1972, edition of the Superior *Mineral Independent*.

● November 24, 1972. Shortly after 6 p.m. Southern Ore. James and Doris Hunt and numerous others said they saw "a burning object fall from the sky," the Roseburg, Ore., *News-Review*, November 25, 1972, said. (Possible explanation: meteorite).

● November 24, 1972. About 9:15 p.m. Waco, Texas. Lawrence Lykins reported seeing "something like a fireball, greenish in color, and fragmented in many parts, like throwing a log in the fire," according to the November 25, 1972, edition of the Waco *Tribune-Herald*. (Probable explanation: breakup of a meteor).