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## MISSOURI-PENNSYLVANIA SIGHTINGS AGAIN HIGHLIGHT REPORTS

A UFO that "flashed" at an estimated 3,000 m.p.h. in front of a plane; an object that flew so close to a witness he could feel its suction; another that "almost hurt the eyes" of a witness; UFOs that were photographed; an object that emitted a sound; and others that frightened witnesses were highlights of reports from two states and Australia since early March. Witnesses included a flying instructor, a police officer, newspaper reporters, a school teacher, the manager and announcer of a radio station, and a professional photographer.

Garth Harris, the chief flying instructor of Pipeair Flying School, Moorabbin, Australia, was piloting his Piper Cherokee aircraft near Bendigo on the evening of April 9, 1973, when he saw three brilliant lights that "flashed across the sky" two miles in front of the plane.

"It must have been doing about 3,000 m.p.h. and crossed from right to left of the plane in about a minute," Harris related in the April 10, 1973, edition of the Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, *Age*.

Meanwhile, Mr. and Mrs. Les Twigg and their children, Lennie, David, and Barbie Lynn, saw a UFO with a white light on the front and a red one at the rear at 10 p.m. over Casterton. The object emerged from a cloud bank "and appeared to be rising as it passed swiftly to the south," stated the Heywood, Victoria, *Express*, April 12, 1973.

At the same time, four men saw two reddish-yellow lights move across the sky at a tremendous speed over Ballarat, Victoria, according to the Ballarat *Courier*, April 10, 1973. The UFOs moved in a straight line and each emitted a vapor trail.

Also at the same time, Peter Oglivy, of Brighton, saw three objects moving "too fast to be aircraft," the April 10, 1973, edition of the Melbourne *Herald*, said. Jim Broomfield, of Mornington, observed two brilliant objects that "were really traveling."

Sightings that evening from Balmoral and Lang Lang were also reported.

Reports from Pennsylvania still continue to pour into the UFO office (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 1, p. 3, No. 2, p. 1, and No. 3, p. 3).

### *Red Cross in Sky*

At 6:45 a.m., March 8, James Kerr observed "a clear cut semi-circle of red," above which was suspended "a perfect cross, which glowed a fiery red, clearly cut into the clouds," in the Adamsville area, stated the March 10, 1973, edition of the Titusville, Pa., *Herald*. A number of other people also reportedly saw the object.

Since March 12, Mrs. Sharyn Semmel, of Reading, has seen a UFO on half-a-dozen occasions.

"The second time I saw it," she stated in the March 22, 1973, edition of the *Reading Times*, "it was hovering above the woods behind our home. It was about 50 feet away. There was a form to it. It was rounded in the front where the red lights were. The white lights in the back weren't as bright. I'd say it was about the size of a small airplane. But, when I stuck my head out our back door, I couldn't hear a

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thing. But, I could see it hovering above the woods. The lights -- both the red and white -- throbbed on and off together. When it moved above our house, I called Joyce Zettlemoyer."

Mrs. Zettlemoyer saw the UFO near the Semmel home early on the morning of March 19. The next evening, a Hamburg couple observed it.

A number of witnesses in the Schuylkill Haven area saw UFOs beginning around 8 p.m., March 24, stated the *Pottsville (Pa.) Republican*, March 26, 1973. Joe Bernitsky, *Republican* photographer, said the lights would hover in the sky for five minutes, then disappear and

reappear further south.

Bernitsky drove to the top of Schuylkill Mountain, where he saw a light descend, stop, and bob up and down rapidly. The photographer stopped in front of the Ronald Weiser home on Brommerstown Road, where he snapped a picture of the object before it disappeared for the final time.

The lights on the object, Bernitsky said, turned pink before it disappeared each time.

#### *Witness Feels Suction From UFO*

At 6:40 p.m., March 27, Mrs. Theresa Kusirka and about half-a-dozen others saw an object with flashing red, blue, green, and yellow lights that emitted a low whirring sound over Wilkes-Barre, the *Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader, Evening News, Record*, March 28, 1973, reported.

Meanwhile, that same evening, observers in the Evans City area saw the same or a similar object. According to the March 29, 1973, edition of the *Butler, Pa., Eagle*, Evans City Police Sgt. Andrew Urnowsky said it was triangular-shaped with flashing green and red lights and emitted a hissing sound. Harmony Police Officer John Huffman observed it over the Zelenople Greenhouse. William J. Rice stated the UFO came so close to him he could feel its suction. Mrs. Euphene Tripp, his badly frightened mother-in-law, ran into the house.

On the following evening, March 28, at approximately 9:45, Larry Alati, a photographer, and a friend saw an object in Leesport, stated the March 31, 1973, edition of the *Republican*. Alati said the red, bluish-green lights on the UFO rotated in a counter-clockwise direction and alternatively dimmed and brightened during the 30-minute observation.

#### *Maneuvering Object Frightens Witness*

Almost 24 hours later -- at about 8:30 p.m., March 29 -- Curtis Lash had taken a break from laying carpet in an office building under construction on Rattlesnake Road, Ontelaunee Township. He stepped outside for a smoke.

"I saw this bright light in the sky about 500 yards away and I assumed it was a plane," he stated in the March 30-31, 1973, editions of the *Reading Times*. "But it just hovered in one place, so I thought it was a helicopter, but it wasn't making a sound. I don't believe in UFOs, but I know I saw something tonight and, whatever it was, it was awfully scary."

The UFO had white, red and green flashing lights, he added, and would alternately brighten and dim.

"After about 10 minutes," he continued, "another object appeared in the sky and it maneuvered itself to a point directly below the first one. It also began dimming its lights and then, suddenly, I couldn't see it anymore. It just disappeared."

The frightened witness waited about an hour before contacting the police.

"[Lash] was really shaken up by whatever it was he saw," Ontelaunee Township Police Sgt. Jack Rismiller remarked. "He was shaking and rubbing his hands together. There was no question that he was really scared."

### *Blinding Object Seen*

A number of witnesses in Kingston saw UFOs from shortly after dusk until after 10 p.m., March 30, stated the *Times-Leader, Evening News, Record*, March 31, 1973. The objects looked like "reflecting lights traveling around a central figure in a counter-clockwise motion." Observers included Mrs. Harold Grimes and children, Molly, Patricia, and Chris; Mrs. Diane O'Rourke and sons, David, Mark, and John; Linda and Kathy Comiskey; Linda Borisuk; John and Susan Moser; and Mr. and Mrs. William Blomburg.

Three Gregg Township residents were standing near their homes at approximately 7:45 p.m., April 24, when they observed a huge, bright disc "with a fluorescent light that almost hurt the eyes..." according to the April 25, 1973, edition of the State College, Pa., *Centre Daily Times*. It flew from the north toward the three men, then hovered above one of the homes, changed colors, and began to revolve before heading north again.

UFOs in Missouri also continued to be seen (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 1, p. 4, and No. 3, p. 1).



UFO Photo by Maude Jefferis,  
Piedmont, Mo., March 14, 1973

(Courtesy: St. Louis Post-  
Dispatch)

On the evening of March 14, Mrs. Maude Jefferis, a school teacher, of Piedmont, Mo., in a 10-minute night exposure, with a camera mounted on a tripod on the patio of her home, snapped a picture of a gyroscope-like object above a drive-in movie screen, stated the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, March 23, 1973. In a telephone conversation with the witness, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, famed UFO researcher, suggested Mrs. Jefferis had photographed a "first class lens flare," according to the April 1, 1973, edition of the *Post-Dispatch*. Photographers for the *Post-Dispatch*, however, disputed Hynek's theory, saying a lens flare would have spread itself over the negative rather than appear as the small object seen in the photo.

### *Reporter, Radio Manager, Others See Strange Light*

Then, on the evening of March 27, Mrs. Jefferis joined a three car expedition into the Brushy Creek area south of Piedmont in hopes of photographing the UFO at close range. Accompanying her were Dennis Holvis, manager of KPWB Radio, Dennis Kenney, a KPWB announcer, Carl Laxton, a real estate broker in Piedmont, a photography student of Mrs. Jefferis, and William Clark, staff writer for the *Detroit News*. Holvis carried a citizens' band radio.

At about 8 p.m., a sighting was reported from Miller's High Place and the UFO "expedition" was off.

"For me it was a screeching, roaring, perilous chase of the other vehicles around tight, tree-lined curves and up and down hills and valleys to the observation point at Miller's High Place," Clark wrote in the April 1, 1973, edition of his newspaper. "I knew I was there when I saw the other cars -- doors open and lights out -- dead ahead in my headlights."

Mrs. Jefferis set up her camera and the others crowded around to observe a dim red light low in the sky.

"That is what we call a docking," said Holvis, a former St. Louis and military policeman.

"Are you sure that's not just another [transmission] tower light?" Clark asked. "Watch and see for yourself," Holvis, the local authority on the sightings, responded.

*Object Emits "Rays"*

After about three minutes, the steady light became noticeably brighter, taking on a yellowish hue "and emitting twinkling, star-like rays on all sides of what now appeared to be a sphere-shaped object."

"My skepticism was shaken and a shiver inched its way up my spine," Clark admitted.

The UFO again changed to a red color and "began to float or loop about."

"Occasionally, and for varying periods of time during the next two hours," Clark continued, "two other unidentified lights were visible to our left -- or to the west of the original sighting. The second and third lights were paler in color than the original and more stationary [light], though I saw each of them move at least once."

The lights would occasionally blink out, as if someone had turned off a light switch.

"At one point, two pale yellow lights 'came on' close to and on either side of the red light..." Clark stated. "After a few minutes, they disappeared."

Mrs. Jefferis' neighbor, Mrs. Frances Coder, said she saw the object.

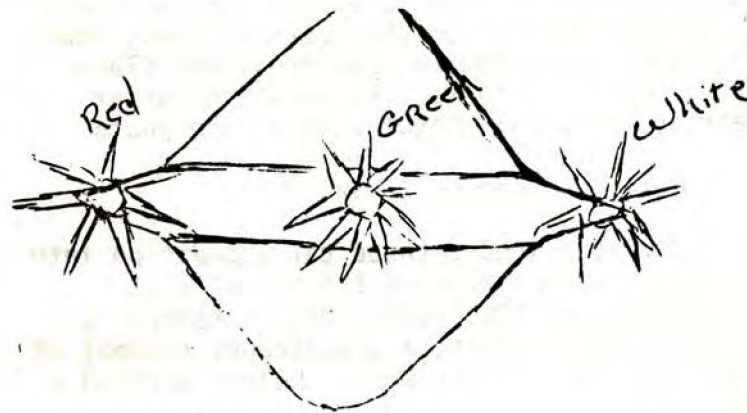
"It was flat on the bottom and looked like it would roll on its side," she explained. "For a time there were two of them together."

Because of the rash of reports in the area, according to Piedmont Police Chief Gene O. Bearden, Senator Stuart Symington and Representative Bill D. Burlison, both Missouri democrats, were contacted.

"We've got people back in the hills -- some of them are in their 80s -- they're afraid and bolting their doors at night," Burlison said. "We've asked for help -- Dennis Holvis has contacted Washington, but nobody's doing anything about it."

Dave Williams and his sister, Mrs. Darlene Colyott, were watching television at about 7 p.m., March 23, in Annapolis. Mrs. Colyott looked out of the door and saw an object with red, white, and green lights. Dave grabbed his scope gun and "zeroed" in on the UFO as it cruised above the tree-tops and disappeared, the *Ironton (Mo.) Mountain Echo*, April 5, 1973, said.

At about 8:30 p.m., April 19, Jim Lange, a reporter for the Flat River, Mo., *Lead Belt News*, and Bud Parker, a friend, were driving northeast of Esther when they saw a bright UFO. Lange stopped the car. The two men jumped out and Lange began taking pictures as the object



Sketch by David Williams of Annapolis, Mo., UFO, March 23, 1973

(Courtesy: Ironton Mountain Echo)

continued flying south. The men pursued for about a mile, stopped again, and Lange continued taking photographs.

"Then a strange thing happened," Lange wrote in the April 26, 1973, edition of his newspaper. "The object began moving backward (north) for a short pace, and then it turned slightly and began moving in a northeasterly direction."

Lange turned around and headed back south. About a mile further on, they saw the object again. Lange stopped the car and, once again, took pictures.

"Then, all of a sudden," Lange said, "I thought my eyes were deceiving me because the object seemed to turn slightly toward us and began to descend as it approached us... Judging that the object would land somewhere ahead of us in the field across the road, we jumped back into the car in an effort to get closer and pinpoint its expected landing site. However, as we started back down the road, the object suddenly turned and headed northeast down and across the road in front of us. Its speed was unbelievable. I was driving about 60 m.p.h. and yet we appeared to be sitting still as the object gained altitude and streaked across the sky."

Once again, Lange pulled off the road and the men waited. At 9:10, they saw it heading south over Desloge. Then they saw it over the KFMO Radio station tower.

Lange said the yellowish object was oval-shaped and looked to be three times the size of a satellite.

"As a matter of record," he concluded, "the sky was overcast, thus eliminating any star or satellite. Maneuverability of the object ruled out any plane or other recognizable flying object also. Although I had my camera set for a four second exposure, the pictures did not take. Later, I learned that at least a 20 second timed exposure is needed to photograph objects at a distance after dark. I could have kicked myself. What we saw was indeed strange and hard to describe. No doubt, many people won't believe me. I only know that I saw what I saw."

#### LUNAN CLAIMS SPACE MESSAGE RECEIVED

Scottish astronomer Duncan Lunan claims to have deciphered a message from extraterrestrial beings transmitted to Earth 40-45 years ago (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 12, p. 1).

President of the Scottish Association for Technology and Research in Astronautics, Lunan made the extraordinary announcement that "echoes" had been sent from an unmanned space probe in the vicinity of the Moon. He said indications from star maps constructed by echo patterns were that the probe originated from the star Epsilon Bootes, in the Bootes constellation. It lay dormant near the Moon until the 1920s, at which time Earthmen began sending radio waves into space, stated the March 21, 1973, edition of the *Arkansas Gazette*.

Lunan was able to interest the prestigious British Interplanetary Society (BIS) in his findings and *Space Flight*, the BIS publication, published them in its March 19, 1973, edition. Probably the most startling revelation was the contents of the message itself:

"Start here. Our home is Epsilon Bootes, which is a double star. We live on the sixth planet of seven. Check that -- the sixth of seven counting outwards from the sun, which is the larger of the two.

"Our sixth planet has one moon. Our fourth planet has three. Our first and third planets each have one.

"Our probe is in the position of Arcturus, known in our maps."

#### *Distorted Dots*

Leonard Carter, BIS executive secretary, said Lunan plotted the "echoes" on a graph.

"Oddly," Carter stated, "they seemed to make up a series of dots outlining the [known] constellations. But they were slightly distorted. However, Lunan has gone into the question of his distortion and alteration. And the dots related to the constellations as they were about 13,000 years ago [about the time the probe was to have left its home]."

This was determined, Carter explained, after putting figures representing the positions of the constellations through a computer. But, even after discovering the time lag, Epsilon Bootes was still out of position on the astronomer's graphs.

Dr. Ronald N. Bracewell, of Stanford University, one of the nation's leading radio astronomers, said he has been exchanging information with Lunan for several years. Bracewell himself expounded a theory similar to Lunan's for the mysterious echoes, transmitted in the late 1920s and early 1930s.

"If [Lunan is] right in his thinking," the Stanford astronomer remarked, "this material did contain a message. It is saying that the people or entities came to Earth from the constellation Bootes."

But, Bracewell continued, Lunan's "representation of the dots as the constellation of 13,000 years ago may not be quite right. It could be simply because this is not a message at all."

According to Carter, Lunan's paper was published by the BIS so any scientist who may have records of the "echoes" can alert other scientists to them.

"There will have to be a complete redoing of all this material to check all the echoes," Carter remarked.

#### SIGHTINGS AT SEA -- A DILEMMA OF YESTERYEAR

As anyone more than superficially familiar with the UFO subject is aware, mysterious flying objects have been seen for untold centuries. A unique category of reports is embodied in sightings at sea by ships' captains and crews, who are some of the best witnesses. They had a clear, broad view of the sky and few professional men observed the heavens as much. UFO reports at sea prior to 1900 -- before the airplane, the modern rocket, the satellite, the spacecraft, the meteorological balloon -- form an impressive body of evidence. Some of these reports follow:

- October 11, 1492. 10 p.m. South Atlantic. Christopher Columbus was pacing the deck of his flag-ship, *Santa Maria*, when he saw "a light glimmering at a great distance," wrote Washington Irving in his biography, *The Life and Voyages of Christopher Columbus; Together With the Voyages of His Companions*, published in 1850. The famed navigator called another witness, Pedro Gutierrez, who also saw the light, which disappeared and reappeared several times, bobbing up and down "in sudden and passing gleams." The light was seen four hours before the historic sighting of the New World.

- 1638. Evening. Near Boston, Mass. According to John Winthrop's *Journal*, in an entry dated January 18, 1644, James Everell and two others were sailing down the Muddy River on a barge. They observed a large light descend upon them. The frightened witnesses discovered they were being drawn by a powerful force upstream against the tide. Rowing to shore, the men saw a number of others also watching the light, which occasionally shot out sparks and flames. Winthrop was a governor of the Massachusetts Bay Company.

#### *Discs Rise From Ocean*

- June 18, 1845. 9:30 p.m. North of Malta. The crew of the British brig, *Victoria*, en route from Newcastle to Malta, saw three brilliant, shining discs rise from the ocean one-half mile from the ship. The UFOs remained in sight for 10 minutes, then disappeared, according to the August 18, 1845, edition of *The Malta Mail Times*.

- March 22, 1870. 6:30 p.m. Mid-Atlantic, between Africa and Brazil. The American bark, *Lady of the Lake*, Capt. Frederick William Banner commanding, was sailing in clear weather. Its crew encountered a strange circular object with a semicircle near the center and four arm-like appendages protruding from the center

to the edge of the circle, stated the log of the *Lady of the Lake*, from the *Quarterly Journal of the Meteorological Society*, Vol. I, new series, No. 6, April, 1873. A fifth appendage extended "from the center to about 6° beyond the circle." The object moved from the south-southeast to the northeast.

- March 19, 1887. About 5 p.m. Latitude 37.39 N., longitude 57 W. Two fast-moving UFOs approached the Dutch bark, "J.P.A." They were seen by the ship's commander, Capt. Swart, Henry Davenport Northrop wrote in his book, *Earth, Sea and Sky*, published in 1892. The objects looked like two "balls." One fell close to the vessel, almost capsizing it. Then -- a strange phenomenon occurred: "lumps of ice fell on the decks, and the decks and rigging became coated with an icy crust... The barometer during the phenomenon oscillated so violently that no reading could be taken." The temperature: 66°F.!

- August 29, 1890. Latitude 29°28' N., longitude 75°43' W. The captain and crew of the German vessel, *Doris*, saw a UFO. According to Capt. Ohling, it stood "perfectly still for about one minute and, then, slowly rising to 20° above [the] horizon, it separated into two parts and disappeared," stated an undated report submitted by Lt. F.H. Sherman, U.S. Navy, in charge of the Savannah, Ga., branch of the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office (National Archives, Washington, D.C.).

#### SIGHTING CAPSULES

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

- March 8, 1973. About 6:45 a.m. Adamsville, Pa. James Kerr and others observed "a clear-cut semicircle of red," above which was suspended "a perfect cross" glowing "a fiery red," stated the March 10, 1973, edition of the Titusville, Pa., *Herald*.

- March 8, 1973. Evening. North Bay, Ontario, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Waghorn and daughter observed a rotating light move slowly to the west, stop, then move on, according to the March 9, 1973, edition of the *North Bay Nugget*

- March 11, 1973. Approximately 9 p.m. Russellville-Littleville, Ala., area. Numerous witnesses reported a bright, stationary object with red and green lights, stated the Russellville *Franklin County Times*, March 13, 1973. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).

- March 14, 1973. Evening. Temple, Okla. Allen Ray Hooper, James Collins, and Creech Richardson saw a large object with two red lights on each end and a bluish-green light at the center that shone a bright light on a field, the *Temple Tribune*, March 15, 1973, said. (Possible explanation: helicopter with searchlight).

- March 19, 1973. About 10:45 p.m. Devonport, Tasmania, Australia. Mrs. Anne Roberts and Mrs. R.H. Griffiths said they observed "an object which flashed red, green and orange and appeared to 'jump' up and down in the sky," stated the *Burnie, Tasmania, Advocate*, March 21, 1973.

- March 20, 1973. Around 9:15 p.m. Millersburg-Keyesport, Ill., area. Juanita Babb and daughter saw a "fiery orange object" that lit up a neighbor's yard, according to the March 28, 1973, edition of the Carlyle, Ill., *Union Banner*.

- March 20, 1973. Approximately 11 p.m. Hamburg, Pa. The Reading, Pa., *Times*, March 21, 1973, said Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jacoby observed an object blinking red, green and blue lights. It hovered, then moved away. (Possible explanation: aircraft).

- March 21, 1973. About 7:30 p.m. Mifflinville, Pa. An unidentified youth reported seeing "a red and yellow circle-shaped object in the sky" that "vanished within a minute," stated the March 22, 1973, edition of the Bloomsburg, Pa., *Morning Press*. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).

- March 22-23, 1973. Around 11:25 p.m. Riverside, N.J. Mrs. Ruth Schmidt saw what "looked like a cross with very bright lights" travel from west to east, according to the March 25, 1973, edition of the Willingboro, N.J., *Burlington County Times*.

- March 23, 1973. Early morning. Manchester-Stockport-Oldham, England, areas. Robert Bogle, Richard Hamblet, Clifford Metcalffe, and others saw "a brilliant, green-coloured shape with a tail," said the *Manchester Evening News*, March 23, 1973. (Possible explanation: meteor).
- March 23, 1973. Approximately 7:30 p.m. Saylor's Lake-Stroudsburg-Lancaster, Pa., areas. Police Officer Robert Wurtz, Sheila Jones, Elizabeth Burnett, Mrs. Shirley Pipher and son, Howard, and Janice Young observed "blue lights, shaped like teardrops or raindrops," stated the March 24, 1973, editions of the Stroudsburg *Pocono Record*, and the Lancaster *Intelligencer*. Sightings in the Lancaster area were identified by Federal Aviation Administration authorities as the Goodyear blimp en route to Philadelphia.
- March 23, 1973. Evening. Sunbury, Pa. *The (Sunbury) Daily Item*, March 24, 1973, said numerous witnesses saw UFOs. Police Officers Wade Brown and David Duff watched a "glowing red" object that "shot across the sky like it was shot out of a sling-shot." Dallas Lenig observed about 10 objects with flashing lights that "would stop in 'mid-air' and move rapidly in all directions."
- March 23, 1973. Evening. Wellingboro and Mount Holly, N.J. Joseph J. Passarelli, Scarlet Singleton, Karen Evans, and Larie Smith said they saw "a big thing, flying low and flashing bright lights of red, green, purple and light yellow," the *Burlington County Times*, March 24-25, 1973, stated. The object apparently hovered over the Air Force radar facility in Moorestown for five minutes. (Possible explanation: helicopter).
- March 27, 1973. 6:40 p.m. Wilkes-Barre, Pa. According to the March 28, 1973, edition of the Wilkes-Barre *Times-Leader*, Mrs. Theresa Kusirka and others saw an object "flashing green, yellow, blue and red lights and making a soft whirring sound." (Possible explanations: helicopter and planetary illusion).
- March 27, 1973. 7:30 p.m. Pierpont, Ohio. Mrs. Betty Taylor watched a large disc displaying "a myriad of colors ranging from red and green to purple and orange" move slowly from the northeast to the southeast for two hours, stated the March 29, 1973, edition of *The Jefferson (Ohio) Gazette*, and the March 30, 1973, edition of *The (Ashtabula, Ohio) Star-Beacon*. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).
- March 27-28, 1973. About 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Sunbury-Paxinos-Hoover's Landing, Fisher's Ferry, Pa., areas. John and Shirley Wetzel and others observed white, red and green lights that hovered and zig-zagged, the March 28, 1973, edition of the *Shamokin, Pa., News-Item*, said. (Possible explanations: planetary illusions and meteor showers).
- March 28, 1973. Around 8 p.m. Heywood, England. According to the April 5, 1973, edition of the *Heywood Advertiser*, witnesses watched a "star" with red and blue flashing lights for approximately 30 minutes. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).
- March 28, 1973. Evening. Allentown, Pa. Burt Swayze (a newspaper photographer) and others saw an object that "blinked red and green" and "wobbled," the March 29, 1973, edition of the Allentown *Morning Call*, reported. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).
- March 28, 1973. Evening. Dover-Kempton-Adventure Bay, Australia, areas. The Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, *Mercury*, April 6, 1973, said numerous observers watched a reddish light which, at one point, "rose up and disappeared toward the east."
- April 2, 1973. Approximately 10 p.m. Kutztown-Fleetwood-Maidencreek Township, Pa., areas. Police Chief Alton L. Boyer, Patrolmen Paul B. Wary and Ronald Gardner and other police officers saw "flashing red, white and green lights" that changed colors and rose slowly, the *Reading (Pa.) Times*, April 3, 1973, said. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).
- April 3, 1973. About 8:30 p.m. Hackettstown, N.J. Paula Landsberger said she and a friend observed a square-shaped, brown-yellow-red-white object that "was rotating around and every three seconds it would flash," the April 4, 1973, edition of the *Willingboro, N.J., Burlington County Times*, and the April 5, 1973, edition of the *Hackettstown Gazette*, stated.