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STARTLING UFO REPORTS CONTINUE

An occupant report; a UFO that emitted a light beam, melting frost on a window pane at 20° below zero; an object that threw a light beam onto a car; another that aimed a light beam at a pickup truck; other UFOs that emitted light beams; UFOs that landed on a lake and threw up a fog "if you approach"; objects that landed and took off; a police car that avoided colliding with a mysterious object; a UFO that chased a police car; an object that left behind physical evidence; and others that hovered over holes in ice, appeared to signal each other, were photographed, caused electro-magnetic (E-M) effects, animal reactions, emitted sounds, and frightened witnesses were characteristics of sighting reports from six states and two foreign countries during the period November, 1973 - May 1974. Witnesses included a pilot, an Air Force (AF) operations dispatcher, police, newspaper reporters, a radio announcer, a medical doctor, and welfare officers.

At around 11:25 p.m., February 19, James Kuhlman, a service station manager, was driving his tow truck past the Hillcrest Shopping Center in Rochester, Minn., when he saw a UFO "flying at about 100 feet, towards me."

"I was really terrified when I first saw it," the witness stated in the February 20, 1974, edition of the Rochester *Post-Bulletin*.

The object was larger than a wrecker truck, with a "kind of white dome shell on top." Kuhlman said it was apparently powered by what seemed to be "several small afterburners flaming from the bottom."

"It cruised slowly right over my head in a northeasterly direction," Kuhlman remarked.

The witness, though frightened, gave chase. So did Police Officer James Preiss, who spotted the object as he headed north on U.S. 52. Turning east at the 19th Street, N.W., exit, he pursued the UFO into Elton Hills. Preiss also saw the flames at the bottom.

About 31 hours later -- around 6:30 a.m., February 21 -- witnesses in and around the Lancaster, S.C., area saw UFOs.

Mrs. June Hudson started the reports by spotting a bright, rotating light that moved from left to right.

"I usually get up around 10 of six," she stated in the Lancaster *News*, February 22, 1974. "I only had the hood light of the stove on and was standing there drinking a cup of coffee when I saw a bright light. It kept getting brighter and brighter and brighter. It was too bright to be a star. To me it looked like a football, but too low for a star. I turned up the light on my stove because I thought it might be a reflection."

Mrs. Hudson awakened her 11-year old daughter, Anna, who also saw the object, which brightened and executed left-right maneuvers.

"I did notice that, about 10 'til seven, it sort of floated away," Mrs. Hudson remarked. "I also noticed, as I was driving back from taking the kids to school, two red streaks in the same spot as the light..."

Mrs. Hudson telephoned Claude White, on duty as an announcer for WLCM Radio, about 20 minutes after she initially saw the object. White was deluged with other callers observing the UFO, but he finally broke loose and stepped outside.

"I spotted it only briefly at about 6:30 a.m.," he stated. "It was a dazzling light over the county office building."

White said his two dogs at home reacted to the object, according to his wife. The announcer speculated this was probably due to high intensity sound waves human ears cannot detect but "that tears dogs ears up."

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HELICOPTER CREW WINS ENQUIRER AWARD

The *National Enquirer's* scientific UFO Panel has unanimously awarded \$5,000 to a four-man helicopter crew "for supplying the most scientifically valuable UFO evidence for 1973." (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. I, No. 12, p. 7; Vol. II, No. 1, p. 6, No. 2, p. 5, No. 3, p. 8, No. 4, p. 8, No. 5, p. 5, No. 6, p. 6, No. 7, p. 7, No. 8, p. 6, No. 9, p. 7, No. 10, p. 1; and Vol. III, No. 2, p. 5, No. 8, p. 5, No. 9, p. 8, and No. 11, p. 7). All of the five-man panel, including top UFO expert Dr. J. Allen Hynek, also agreed at a meeting in New Orleans, La., on April 20 that none of the 1973 claims for

the top *Enquirer* award of \$50,000 for proof that UFOs are extraterrestrial vehicles was warranted, though the panel apparently felt the helicopter crew's startling encounter in the skies over Mansfield, Ohio, on October 18, 1973, came just short of such proof.

"The only thing that holds us back from awarding the \$50,000 prize is that, although this is one of the strongest sightings we've come across, it is purely a witness sighting without tangible evidence, such as photographs," stated Dr. Frank Salisbury, a panel member and biologist at Utah State University, in the June 23, 1974, edition of the *Enquirer*.

Major -- then Captain -- Lawrence Coyne and his three-man crew saw a huge cigar-shaped object that affected the delicate instruments on board their jet-powered craft, shined a light beam into the cockpit, and caused the aircraft to climb 2,300 feet in a matter of seconds -- an impossible feat.

"Their instruments confirm that they encountered this strange phenomena," Dr. Robert Creegan, another panel member and philosophy professor at the State University of New York at Albany, said. "I think it is one of the most challenging cases to science that I have ever seen."

According to Lt. Col. Andrew Sullivan, Army spokesman at the Pentagon, the sighting is listed in Army files as a UFO.

The *Enquirer* is continuing its offer of \$50,000 for UFO proof, with supplementary awards of up to \$5,000 for best scientific UFO evidence, through 1974. Claims for any of the awards should be mailed to UFO Reward, *National Enquirer*, Lantana, Fla. 33462.

Startling Reports (Continued from page 1)

Meanwhile, at about the same time, Shaw AF Base Operations Dispatcher Sgt. Harry Stewart was driving from Columbia to Sumter when he saw the object over Lancaster.

There were no aircraft operating from Lancaster at the time of the sighting, according to Bobby Hinson, of B and E Aviation at the Lancaster Airport.

At approximately 8 p.m., March 1, Billy Wayne Plasters was on his way to a supply store when he noticed the "whole hillside was lit up" on his father's farm in the small town of Vesta, Va. After leaving the store, he saw the light was still visible from the nearby home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clifton. As the three watched, a red, oval-shaped object "bigger than a Volkswagen" rose from the ground, flew at right angles across the sky, then headed south. A "small beam of white light" was seen at the bottom of the UFO. Plasters said the object "looked like a huge, round plate, fat in the middle and tapered at each end." The light on the hillside was still there, however.

Plasters and Clifton hopped into their truck and headed for the light.

"I watched the truck stop and its lights go out," Mrs. Clifton told UFO researcher George D. Fawcett (607 N. Main St., Mt. Airy, N.C. 27030), who investigated the incident and sent a report to UFOR. "Suddenly it was quiet. Then I heard the truck door slam and the motor start up. When Richard and Billy came back to the house, they looked like they had just seen a ghost."

As the men headed toward the light, they passed a small shed where Plasters observed a "big, tall, heavy-set man" silhouetted on top of the hill in front of the glowing object. The figure was advancing toward them.

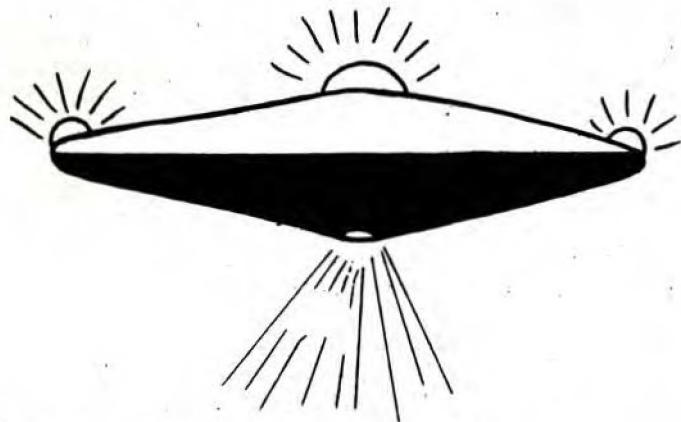
"Something's coming at us!" Plasters yelled.

The witnesses called out to the figure "two or three times," but there was no response. They hurried back to the truck and left the area.

A few minutes later, Plasters and Clifton returned to the area with guns, but the figure, UFO, and light were gone. They did see burning fence posts, however. The following day, the witnesses discovered a several hundred yard long area of charred ground that covered the top of the hill and extended down into a wooded area. The farm animals, which were usually in the pasture, were nowhere around.

Five nights later -- at about 8:30 p.m., March 6 -- Mrs. Roy Cashman, of Louisiana, Mo., saw a UFO "the size of a very large beach ball" that was "covered all over with red flickering lights."

"It came towards the house... and stayed just above the treetops..." Mrs. Cashman stated in the Louisiana *Press-Journal*, March 19, 1974. "It journeyed on until it lit near the Vine Hill racetrack. After 10 or 12 minutes, it rose again and retraced its course to the Bowling Green Airport, where I lost it."



UFO Seen by Nelson Bland, Near Mount Olive, N.C., April 1, 1974.

(Courtesy: Tribune)

yellow or orange in color. The bottom part I could not distinguish the color, but could see the outline silhouetted against the sky. All this took place in about four minutes from when I first saw it until it came down close. Quickly I grabbed my camera, stood beside my car door, and started to aim when, suddenly, an intense, extremely bright beam of light came from the bottom of the object and beamed directly onto me and the car. During the whole episode, I felt eerie. But when that light beamed down on me, I almost fainted. In an instant I dropped my camera in the car seat, put my car in gear, and sped away. The bright light stayed on for about three seconds after I dropped my camera. It went out, but I didn't look back, or up, to see where the object went. Since then I have been extremely nervous, especially when driving alone at night. I hope to God that I never see another one. For God knows, there is no way to express how I felt during the sighting. I still shudder to think about it."

Ken Krogh was driving near Regent, N.D., at about 10:45 p.m., May 30, when he spotted a large UFO with multi-colored lights hovering an estimated 1,000 feet above the ground. The object was about 200 feet long, 75 feet wide, and two and one-half times as big as a quonset on Ken Krogh's father's farm, said the June 2, 1974, edition of the Dickinson, N.D., *Press*. It had a large, pulsating, red light on one end, a blue light near the center, and a white spotlight that beamed a light onto the boy's pickup truck.

The witness sped home and he and his father, Clarence, observed the object, which was approximately 500 feet from the house at less than 500 feet altitude. The UFO then headed northwest.

On the evening of April 1, Nelson Bland, a reporter for the Mount Olive, N.C., *Tribune*, was driving on U.S. 117 toward Mount Olive when he observed an object 25-30 feet long and 10-12 feet high with a light in the middle and a light on each end that was moving erratically, stated the Goldsboro, N.C., *News-Argus*, April 5, 1974. (See sketch, left). Stopping his car, Bland grabbed his camera with telephoto lens and snapped three pictures, but they did not develop.

The witness reentered his automobile and continued following the lights. Then, "at incredible speed," the UFO approached to an estimated 300 feet of Bland.

"I could see the shape and color of the object," Bland wrote in the April 5, 1974, edition of his newspaper. "It was oblong and the lights were reflecting onto the top part, which appeared to be metal. Anyway, it was

According to Ken, the object caused E-M effects to his truck radio. He added the light beam from the UFO lit up the ground and emitted a humming noise. The witnesses said the sky was clear, with stars shining.

Officials at the Dickinson Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) office, the Dickinson Flight Service, and the Bismarck Airport reported "no unusual activity in the area." Hettinger County Sheriff Earl Kramer said the sighting was being investigated.

Gary Carlson, a medical doctor, and his family saw a disc that moved erratically and glowed from gray to red to bluish-green on the evening of March 18 at Mountain Point, near Ketchikan, Alaska, according to the March 19, 1974, edition of the Ketchikan *News*. The UFO was traveling from east to west at a fast speed. Then it quickly stopped and reversed direction.

Around an hour later, a group of people at the Ketchikan ferry terminal saw an object low on the horizon.

FAA and Coast Guard officials said there were no reports of aircraft in the vicinity at the time of the observations.

There have been numerous sightings around the Boshkung Lake area, near Minden, Ontario, Canada, since last November.

The main witnesses appeared to be Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Lunham, whose home affords an excellent view of Boshkung Lake. They have witnessed the UFOs rather frequently and explained some of the general characteristics of the reports. The multi-colored, erratically-moving flying craft appeared to remain at tree-top level.

"They are monstrous planes, black in color and shaped something like a polywog," Mrs. Lunham stated at one time.

The craft also occasionally emitted "a dull thump, thump" sound. Lunham said he saw four or five of the UFOs maneuvering over the ice on the lake, usually between midnight and dawn. According to Mrs. Lunham, as many as 23 of the objects have landed on the lake at one time, forming a circle approximately 10 feet apart.

"They throw up a fog and go behind it if you approach," she remarked.

The craft were reportedly cigar-shaped with as many as nine antennae each that appeared to signal each other in a sort of flashing code. Sometimes they would hover over holes in the ice.

After spotting a large number of UFOs last Fall, the Lunhams contacted the Ontario Provincial Police.

"The officer said they were reflections," Mrs. Lunham said, "but, after he left, the 'reflections' flew straight up in the air and across the lake and you could see the 'reflections' reflecting in the water."

Then, at about 5 p.m., November 23, Earl Pitts and Jim Cooper, local realtors, were on their way home near Boshkung Lake when they observed an object "about 18 feet long, a dark color, large in front and tapered."

"It was an awesome thing," Pitts remarked. "It could have been coming in for a landing at Stanhope Airport except that it was coming too fast. There was a flame-colored light trailing into a white light behind."

On the same day, Dale Parnell, a private pilot, and his wife were driving on Buckhorn Road when they saw one of the mysterious flying objects.

"It looked like a helicopter with the tail off," Parnell stated. "It came down the gully by Shaw's heading for Boshkung. The top half was lit up, the bottom was dark, and that was the last I saw of it."

UFO Melts Window Pane Frost

Perhaps the most startling observation of all occurred on a 20-degree below zero evening in January when one of the UFOs landed near the Lunham home. It emitted a light beam onto the dining room window, which melted the frost on the window pane. Mrs. Lunham discovered the window pane too hot to touch.

Early on the morning of February 26, Mrs. Lunham spotted four of the craft "about 40 feet from her back door." The UFOs had four wings with an estimated span of 20 feet. The

dark objects with blue-white lights apparently landed, then emitted a "fog" and took off. An investigation unit discovered a V-shaped formation on the ground "with two pad-like markings at left and right angles behind."

The fifth visit of Peter Courtney, reported for the *Minden Progress*, to Boshkung Lake on the evening of March 10 paid off.

"Warmly clothed in my snowmobile suit and equipped with camera and tripod, I arrived on the east shore of the lake around 9 p.m.," the journalist related. "It was a mild night, the sky was cloudless, and the whole lake was bathed in bright moonlight. Then, about 10 o'clock, when I'd decided I might as well leave, a dull, red light appeared just above the treetops across the lake. It traveled slowly in a northerly direction, then began to retrace its course before it was lost sight of. I had my camera ready, too, but the UFO's glowing light was too dull to photograph. Its movements were too erratic for it to be a regular aircraft. I don't know what I saw Sunday night. To me it defies rational explanation."

(Sources for the Boshkung Lake area sightings: *Minden Progress*, February 21, 1974; Lindsay, Ontario, *Post*, February 27, 1974, and March 14, 1974; and the *Toronto Star*, March 16, 1974).

E-M Effects Noted

There was also a report from Minden at about 9:30 p.m., on or about April 18. Mrs. Wallace Brown said she saw an erratic-moving UFO with multi-colored lights.

"It seemed to be twirling," the witness stated in the May 2, 1974, edition of the *Minden Progress*. "I've never seen anything quite like it before."

The UFO was also seen by other Minden residents, Mr. and Mrs. Holly Kernohan. Mrs. Brown stated neither her television set or that of the Kernohans worked while the object was in the area.

Witnesses in Darwin, Australia, observed UFOs on four successive mornings. At about 3:30 a.m., February 20, two welfare officers -- Tony Muschat and Vivienne Dallen -- saw "a cross-shaped light and a half moon lying on its back" that were just above the southeasterly area of the Royal Australian AF (RAAF) base.

"We observed the phenomenon for roughly three hours," Muschat said in the February 26, 1974, edition of the *Darwin News*. "During that time they moved from side to side, faded to pinpricks of light and then grew large again, settled down behind the trees -- permeating the area with a bright white light, then again rose up into the sky."

Mr. and Mrs. Roelf Hart also watched the UFOs.

"As the two shining objects rose up into the sky, a beam of light shone down, illuminating an area about the size of a tennis court fairly close to where we stood," Muschat continued. "There was a second bright beam of light coming from the top arm of the cross and pointing immediately skywards. Then both objects moved off at a very fast rate until they were little more than pinpricks of light in the sky."

The following morning the Harts and their guest, Annette Brown, observed the cross-shaped object hovering over the Casuarina shopping center at about 5:45.

"Our young guest became very frightened," Mrs. Hart stated, "so we sent her back to bed and rang Casuarina police. Two officers came around. One of them admitted that it was like nothing he had ever seen before and that, in his opinion, it certainly was not a star."

The UFO faded "after hurtling upward at great speed." It was also seen by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vallance, of Casuarina.

"I rang the RAAF about it at approximately 5:30 on Thursday morning," Mrs. Vallance remarked. "Whoever I spoke with told me that he, too, could see it and that they had it under observation."

At 5 a.m. the following morning the Harts, Vallances, and David and Maxine Richardson saw it again in Casuarina.

There were other sightings in Australia.

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On March 23, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Munro were returning from a wedding reception in Naracoorte, South Australia, when they were chased by a UFO for 10 miles.

"We just sat in the car, petrified, until dawn -- about two hours after first sighting the object -- before it raced away at high speed to the east," Munro said.

On or about April 14, June Wright and Joanne Swan spotted an object in Adelaide. Ms. Swan was so terrified by the round, glowing object she could not look at it for long.

"It just kept getting lower and lower and coming at us," Ms. Swan related. "It had a yellow-whitish glow with a blue light flashing in the middle."

At 3:15 a.m., April 14, Reg Sutton, of Parkes, was tending cattle when he observed two UFOs flying from east to west. Driving to the police station, Sutton alerted Senior Constable Joe Meynick and Senior Constable Ron Follington, who also saw the two bright lights traveling at a low altitude. Emitting a flapping sound, they looked like they were going to land at the airport. Instead of landing, however, they gained altitude and disappeared.

Meanwhile, two women driving through Sydney said two bright lights followed their automobile. Objects were also seen from the top of Sydney's Russell Street Police headquarters by a journalist and senior police.

At 11:30 p.m., April 14, Fred Thomson and his daughter, of Parkes, heard a loud "searing" noise and saw two brilliant red and orange lights that covered the length of the house.

On the same evening, a Melbourne police crew had to turn on their siren and lights to prevent what looked like a collision with a UFO flying at low altitude. Meanwhile, two policewomen driving in Kew were chased by one of the objects. They turned on the flashing light and siren of their police car in an attempt to distract the UFO.

The following evening -- April 15 -- Peter Henningsen was driving near Woodside with five other people when he saw an object heading southeast. He said, as the object passed over the car of a friend, Paul Norris, the automobile experienced loss of power.

"It was an eerie experience," Henningsen stated. "The spherical base of the object was spinning slowly. There were four bright lights shining from the dome. I didn't see any light beams, although one of the girls traveling with us saw some."

On the same evening, another E-M effect incident occurred at about 7:30. Irene Bajev and a friend were traveling between Tungkillo and Woodside when they saw "three beams of light."

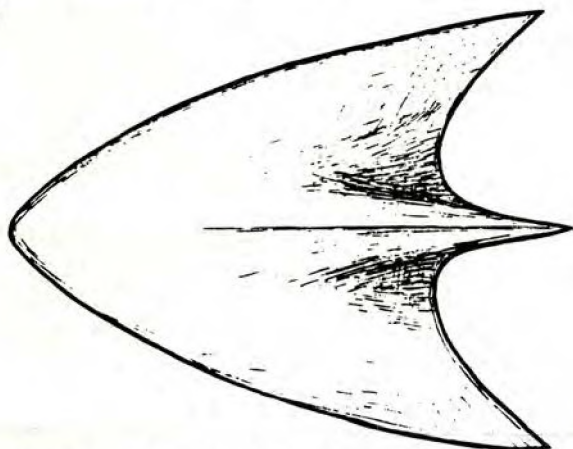
"I first saw the lights a fair way away and thought they were from a plane," Ms. Bajev explained. "But then they got closer and I saw three beams of light from the object -- and there was no sound. My friend stopped the car and we got out. Another car with about four people also stopped behind our car. The object was about 4,000 to 5,000 feet up, moving very quickly in a southeasterly direction. The car appeared to lose power as the object came closer -- just before we pulled up and got out... I couldn't make out the shape of the object; all I could see were these three lights -- two shining forward and one behind."

(Sources for the Australian sightings since March: the April 15, 1974, editions of the Adelaide, South Australia, *News*, the Melbourne, Victoria, *Herald*, and the Parkes (New South Wales) *Western People*; the April 16, 1974, editions of the *News*, the *Adelaide Advertiser*, the *Sydney Daily Telegraph*, the Ballarat, Victoria, *Courier*, the *Australian*, the Orange, New South Wales, *Central Western Daily*, *The* (Usmore, New South Wales) *North-ern Star*, and *The* (Wellington, New Zealand) *Dominion*; the April 17, 1974, editions of the *News*, the *Advertiser*, and the Parkes *Champion Post*; and the April 18, 1974, editions of the *Murray* (South Australia) *Pioneer* and the *Angaston* (South Australia) *Leader*).

PILOT SIGHTING HIGHLIGHTS JAPANESE REPORTS

A UFO that hovered over Tokyo's Imperial Palace, another that divided into four parts, and others that were photographed were highlights of reports from Japan, April, 1973 - February, 1974. CBA International, a UFO group in Yokohama, sent the reports to UFOR. Witnesses included a pilot, police, an aerial photographer, a newspaper photographer, and a fire station lookout.

It was about 11:55 a.m., April 5, 1973. Makoto Shioya was looking out of his window in Rumoi City, Hokkaido, when he observed a dark disc traveling east to west. It apparently reversed itself and disappeared behind a roof, stated the *Hokkaido Shimbun*, April 27, 1973. The witness took four clear photographs of the UFO.



Object Seen by Noboru Watanabe and Others Near Kyushu, Japan, October 2, 1973.

(Courtesy: CBA International)



UFO Observed Near Imperial Palace, Tokyo, Japan, February 26, 1974.

(Courtesy: CBA International)

More than two days later -- around 9:40 p.m., April 7 -- Tokyo residents reported seeing UFOs, stated *Asahi Shimbun*, April 8, 1973. Takanobu Tagawa, of the Tamagawa Fire Station, climbed the watch tower and saw three large, round, shining objects that hovered, then disappeared quickly. Around 10:40, another light appeared. It sparkled and emitted light in six different directions. Then it split in two, then four, parts "and finally vanished out of sight." The light repeatedly appeared and disappeared.

At 8:30 p.m., August 24, 1973, 5-10 "pale white objects, almost translucent," were seen over Toyama City, said the *Kita Nihon Shimbun*. The UFOs circled slowly, "flying side by side in a long and slender stick-shaped form." They accelerated, then stopped. *Kita Nihon Shimbun* photographer, M. Omokata, who photographed the objects, was among the more than 300 witnesses to the sighting.

Noboru Watanabe was piloting a Nanki Air Service Co. Super Skywagon Cessna Tu 206 from Nagasaki to Kokura on an aerial survey. With him was Iwao Nakataki, company camera man. At around 2:30 p.m., October 2, 1973, they were near Kyushu when they spotted "a delta-shaped, mysterious object going straight ahead... against the course of the plane," according to a report from CBA. (See sketch, top left). The white UFO passed below the aircraft.

Witnesses in a wholesale trade market in Tokyo saw an orange, football-shaped UFO hovering in the vicinity of the Imperial Palace at about 10:55 a.m., February 26, 1974. (See sketch, bottom left). The metallic-looking object hovered, emitted light, and flew west, stated the February 26, 1974, edition of the *Yomiuri Shimbun*. Police officers and hundreds of others reported seeing it.

RAAF CONTINUES UFO INVESTIGATIONS

The RAAF is conducting a full-scale investigation of UFO reports in Australia and has come up with a figure of 7% unexplained as a result of the upsurge of reports from that country during 1974. (See page 5, this newsletter). Fourteen reports have been added to the "unknown" files already this year, according to the April 22, 1974, edition of *The Dominion* (Wellington, New Zealand).

The Russell Hill defense complex near Canberra is the headquarters site of the investigations being conducted nationwide by officers of the Directorate of AF Intelligence. An information gathering network comprising all RAAF bases in Australia forms the backbone of UFO investigations, with special officers from each base assigned to investigate reports.

"Their object is to piece as many pieces of the puzzle together as possible in the hope that one day the riddle will be solved," the paper stated.

The U.S. AF's official UFO organ, Project Blue Book, closed its doors in December, 1969, after the University of Colorado's UFO Project concluded UFOs are not worthy of further scientific study, though there have been unconfirmed reports the AF has other secret projects assigned to investigate the phenomenon.

FORMER GERMAN V-2 ROCKET SCIENTIST HEADS UFO UNIT

Dr. Gerhard H. Wolter, former German V-2 rocket scientist and physics professor at San Diego State University, is heading a group of fellow scientists in investigating UFO reports, stated the *Oakland (Calif.) Tribune*, April 18, 1974. He said that, if Americans saw only one or two UFOs a year, he might be inclined to believe they are extraterrestrial spacecraft.

"But there are millions of people who say they see all kinds of strange things," he remarked, "which would mean a whole army of objects criss-crossing the country. I find it very hard to believe that people with such a high technology who could fight gravity and travel from another solar system would come to our planet and spend weeks or months sailing around for fun."

Wolter said he and about a dozen other scientists, most of whom have requested anonymity because "they are all highly regarded in their fields," plan to set up delicate sensing equipment around San Diego County, Calif. They plan to use automatic recording units with magnetometers capable of picking up a UFO in the sky as far as 15 miles away and tape recording data at all times. The group also will utilize automated motion picture cameras, ultrasonic detectors, microwave radiometers, and other sensing devices.

SIGHTING CAPSULES

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

- March 5, 1974. 10 p.m. Rochelle, Ill. Kenneth Gorski and Gary Mayberry watched an object that emitted a sound "like a rushing burst of air," according to the March 6, 1974, edition of the *Rockford, Ill., Register-Republic*.

- March 7, 1974. About 6:20 p.m. Albany, Ore. Emma P. Tucker saw "a bright, oblong object" that appeared to be in three sections, the *Albany Democrat-Herald*, March 8, 1974, stated.

- March 8, 1974. Around 5:35 a.m. Middletown, R.I. Police Officers Michael Scallin and Edward Somerford saw an object that moved in a circle from left to right, then faded out about an hour later, according to the March 8, 1974, edition of the *Newport, R.I., News*. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).

- March 10, 1974. Approximately 9:30 p.m. Arlington Heights, Ill. According to the *Arlington Heights Herald*, March 12, 1974, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne A. Knotowski saw a bright light that hovered, "suddenly dropped straight down and then flew straight up and disappeared."

- March 11, 1974. About 10 a.m. Hutt Valley, New Zealand. L.W. Riley and family, police, and others watched a "cylindrical-shaped object with delta or crescent-shaped wings" that was pursued by two Royal New Zealand AF Skyhawk aircraft, the *New Zealand Evening Standard*, March 12, 1974, said.

- March 13, 1974. Around 6:05 a.m. Tillamook, Ore. Deputy Sheriffs Wally Woolfolk and Mark Berrest and Police Officer Roy White observed "a bright, shiny object almost as big as the moon moving back and forth in the dark sky," stated the March 21, 1974, edition of the *Corvallis, Ore., Benton County Herald*.

- March 13, 1974. 7:08 a.m. Newport, Ore. Harrison Gilmore and Sonny Gillespie saw a "real bright, silvery, glowing object" approximately "six times brighter than the moon" that was cake-shaped dive toward the sea, the *Portland Oregon Journal*, March 15, 1974, stated.

- March 14, 1974. Evening. Dushore-Towanda-Wilawana, Pa., areas. Witnesses observed multi-colored lights that moved erratically, stated the *Sayre, Pa., Evening Times*, March 15, 1974.

- March 17, 1974. Late evening. Near Boxley, Ark. Four witnesses saw a bright light emitting a beam of light that traveled at a "fantastic speed," the *Fayetteville Northwest Arkansas Times*, March 18, 1974, reported.

- March 21, 1974. About 7:50 p.m. Shanghai, China. At least 20 persons saw two orange, rugby-ball-shaped objects that hovered, then headed toward the sea "at a great speed," CBA International stated.

The next edition of *UFO Research Newsletter* will be ready for mailing on or about October 15, 1974.