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NASA STATION PICKS UP UFO SIGNALS

From July, 1962, to February, 1966, Geof Gray-Cobb was the control tower operator at the South African Deep Space Instrumentation Facility. He had been sent to South Africa by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) as a public relations consultant, but, when his technical expertise became apparent, he was assigned to scientific duties. He is now the editor of the *Vancouver* (British Columbia, Canada) *Week*. For nearly four years, in Johannesburg, Gray-Cobb tracked the U.S. Ranger and Mariner probes to the moon, Venus, and Mars. Clearly, his qualifications are impressive.

At 2:18 p.m., October 22, 1965, Gray-Cobb and his scientific colleagues were tracking Mariner 4 when they became involved in an incident that resembles science fiction, but is a well-documented and singularly spectacular UFO drama with cover-up overtones.

"Signal strength rising," Willem Pretorius, the receiver operator, said, opening the curtain on Act I of the drama.

"Can't," an unidentified voice on the station hotline responded, "not unless the bird's [Mariner 4] coming back."

Gray-Cobb swung into action, requesting a voice report from each crew member. All reported nothing out of the ordinary and Gray-Cobb switched on the trans-Atlantic microphone button.

"Track -- this is DSIF 51," he said. "Report signal strength rising."

"Keep us advised," answered his Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) counterpart in California. "I'll wake an engineer. He'll take a look at the T/M data. Keep it coming."

"Meanwhile," Gray-Cobb wrote in the October 6, 1974, edition of *The Seattle* (Wash.) *Times*, "Willem was quietly going out of his tree with disbelief. His signal-strength-indicator meter was hitting the back stop, hard. I could hear the clicks of the needle from across the room.... Great green sweeps of electrons were painting a Dali landscape on the little scope.... The pen was leaping the full width of the paper, drawing peaks and valleys of red in regular pulses."

Jaapie Breytenback was at the telemetry racks.

"Lost data," he said. "Circuits won't take it."

"Computer's having a hairy," stated engineer John Dinham. "Program won't handle whatever we're getting."

"For God's sake, turn the wick down," instructed Marius de Beer, the assistant station manager. "The Ampex's [tape recorders] are overloading."

"For a while there it was a three-ring circus," Gray-Cobb reported. "All available data agreed that raw radio energy was pouring down from the sky, right into the middle of our dish, and it was coming hot and heavy -- in an unlikely succession of blips and dashes. Willem switched in an audio circuit. A roaring, squeaking, ticking sound filled the... control center."

Despite the early morning hour more than half a world away, JPL was no longer asleep.

"You've got a radio-frequency source in your beam," the U.S. operator remarked, "and it ain't Mariner, no sirree."

"We figured that," Gray-Cobb responded. "Reckon we've got a UFO up there."

"You sure got something, buddy. You want to keep these reports coming. The brass are interested. Oh -- and tell us if you see anything, eh?"

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UFOR NEW MEXICO SUBCOMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

UFOR has established an investigating subcommittee in Albuquerque to cover the state of New Mexico. Members with impressive credentials include Acting Chairman Malcolm Macht, an electrical engineer and sales representative; Lee Skinner, a computer programmer and member of MENSA; David Foster, a former helicopter crew chief, and his wife; Glenn R. Case, a private pilot, electrical engineer, and computer programmer, and his son, Stephen, soon to obtain his license as a ham radio operator; Frank N. Reeder, Jr., a member of the National Honor Society, the Society of American

Magicians, and a prominent officer of the New Mexico 41st Air Force (AF) Junior ROTC Cadet Squadron at Valley High School; and Carl Mora, managing editor of the University of New Mexico (UNM) Press.

Consultants include a UNM physics professor; Robert Locke, of Albuquerque's Associated Press branch; and a laser scientist.

UFOR wishes to extend its deep appreciation to this excellent subcommittee for the work it is doing. Among other cases, it is currently investigating new details on the alleged landing of a UFO near Aztec, N.M., in 1948. (See story, this issue).

UFO Signals (Continued from page 1)

Then, at 2:26, everything suddenly returned to normal. Later that afternoon, JPL again instructed the facility to scan the skies. Once more, the "radio source" was picked up.

"For 20 minutes, the receiver fell in and out of lock as we traced the shape of the phantom transmitter up... in the... sky....," Gray-Cobb continued. "Results? The source was an almost perfect circle, two degrees in diameter. Range unknown. Data unintelligible to our gear. The audio circuits produced a hiss, click and whine which resolved into audible 'patterns' at intervals."

Then "the pulses of energy from our transmitter had cleared the sky, almost as if our few watts of power had been interpreted by something (or someone?) as a hostile move."

Early that same December, Gray-Cobb was again on duty at the same time as his JPL counterpart.

"What happened to our UFO?" he asked.

"Wait one," the JPL operator responded. "I'll take a look at the log." Pause. "Funny -- someone's taken out the pages for that morning...."

Gray-Cobb said that "no one else who ran the United States console seemed to recall our UFO episode whenever I queried [about] it."

The following month -- January, 1966 -- Gray-Cobb decided to replay the October 22 tapes. He borrowed a key from Tom Klew, the control storeman, and entered the storeroom.

"October's packages were on the right, third shelf up, 18th-19th-20th-21st... 23rd-24th," Gray-Cobb stated. "All neat parcels, lined up tidily, but with a gaping hole where October 22's data should have been. Tom knew nothing about it. He was worried he'd be in trouble as he alone was responsible for the data store. He and I went to see Doug Hogg, the station manager."

"The data package for October 22 is missing from the store," Tom reported.

"I know," Doug responded.

"But it shouldn't be," Gray-Cobb interjected. "That package was important."

"So I gathered," Doug said. "How important, I don't know. But extremely important to the two gentlemen who brought me an authorization from NASA to take it away on October 25."

We wish to take this opportunity to wish our readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MARCH OF THE UFOs CONTINUES

A UFO that "buzzed" a car, forcing it off the road; objects that paced cars; a UFO that was paced by an automobile; objects that were chased by planes and police cars; a car that attempted to elude a flying object; one UFO that absorbed another; an object that darted "about in the sky" after a plane had left the area; another that dimmed as planes flew by; a UFO that emitted smaller objects; an object that "made two sharp turns within two to four seconds"; another that traveled at an estimated speed of 10,000 m.p.h.; and UFOs that caused physiological and electro-magnetic (E-M) effects, animal reactions, emitted sounds and an odor, landed and took off, left behind physical evidence, were photographed, emitted light beams, and frightened witnesses were characteristics of sighting reports from at least 12 states and five foreign countries during the period June-November, 1974. Witnesses included a pilot, an airport flight officer, police (some with thousands of hours of flight time), security police, a lookout tower observer, and a senior traffic inspector.

Due to lack of space, the reports are presented in capsule form, with all relevant and important information intact.

- Late August. Approximately 10 p.m. Albuquerque, N.M. Mrs. Adele Vaughn, in a report to UFOR, said she heard a "terrific explosion," looked up and saw an "enormous" amber light "like a rocket going away as fast as it could." The UFO was about 75 feet away, was round, and appeared to have lines on it. The witness' dog-terrier was "quite scared" during the sighting.

- October 9-10. About 4:30 a.m. Alamogordo, N.M. Leroy Hayden and a private security guard, Lee Hatton, saw a bright white light that traveled fairly slowly at first, then "zoomed off toward the San Augustine Mountains," according to the October 9 and 10, 1974, editions of the *Alamogordo Daily News*; the October 10, 1974, edition of *The El Paso (Texas) Times*; and the October 11, 1974, edition of the *Albuquerque Journal*. Hayden said he spotted a UFO that maneuvered around his automobile, slowing and speeding at the same pace as the car. While the object was in sight, Hayden's car radio malfunctioned, "and the car's engine 'groaned like it was straining' and pulled down." The following morning (October 10) at four, Hayden spotted a bright object that "took off over the San Andreas and hovered for a time real close to the top of the mountains and then disappeared."

- November 8. Around 11:20 p.m. Holloman AF Base, N.M. Two security policemen saw a huge, brilliant object "with red and green lights on top" that "moved up, down, and horizontally as it approached the base before finally disappearing..." the November 10, 1974, edition of the *Alamogordo Daily News*, stated.

Huge UFO Seen Over California

- June 19. Approximately 11:45 p.m. Central Simi Valley, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. George Gonzales and their son observed a huge, spinning, flickering light that shot toward the west "like a shooting star and then came straight down towards the earth," UFO journalist David Branch, writing in the September 25, 1974, edition of *The (Santa Ana, Calif.) Register*, reported. The Gonzales boy "was shaken up." After the object was seen at a very low altitude, Mrs. Gonzales called her brother-in-law, an airline pilot, who also saw the UFO. Meanwhile, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Fair saw the same -- or a similar -- object, "a glowing red disc" straight overhead at first. Then it began moving, slowly, then rapidly until it disappeared to the east-northeast in 5-10 seconds. Walt Greenwald, an aerospace engineer and investigator for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), calculated the object's diameter at 157 feet.

- October 15. Evening. Santa Maria Valley, Calif. Pat Nelson and Linda, Beth, Tony and Jeannie Overfelt watched a "perfectly round" UFO hover just over the ground, then streak away, stated the *Ramona (Calif.) Sentinel*, October 24, 1974. While the object was in sight, "the horses began excitedly whinnying and bucking, one horse kicking off a fence rail. One dog grasped one of the girls by the sleeve and tried to pull her into the house. The other dog, which was chained, ran in and out of his doghouse, often smashing into the

back of the doghouse with great force. The goats were 'jumping around' and the chickens were scrambling and cackling in the dark. The cat ran with great force into the side of the garage, stunning itself. No radio or TV station would work. The TV had blue spots and vertical bands... Tony Overfelt's compass alternated erratically from north to northeast in one-second periods when the UFO was on the hillside, but, when it flew overhead, the compass needle lodged itself against the glass cover... After the [UFO] flew over, some airplanes followed, which the young people believed to be Navy jets." The red object "with a blue halo around it" emitted a sound like "a mix between a hum and a fog-horn."

- October 17. Around 9:30 p.m. Cherry Valley, Calif. Mrs. Beverly Coyle, her husband and daughter, saw two bright lights, "each with a red and a blue light on either side," the Banning and Beaumont, Calif., *Record Gazette*, October 18, 1974, reported. The objects hovered. Then "two identical craft" joined the first two. An aura of light surrounded the central core of each. All four UFOs sped off to the southwest, moving "sideways and then away."

- July 13. About 2 p.m. Canby, Ore. Edward J. Hackett was sunning himself in his back yard when he observed an old airplane. As soon as the aircraft left the area, Hackett spotted a small, white, almost flat UFO "darting about in the sky." "All of a sudden this... object took off in a northeasterly direction at a speed I have never seen before," the witness wrote in the July 24, 1974, edition of the *Canby Herald*. "In four to five seconds this object was completely out of sight."

- September 15-20. Evening and early morning. Nyssa-Ontario-Vale, Ore., areas. At least seven policemen and numerous other witnesses saw a UFO "like a metallic hamburger" with multicolored lights that "bobbed, pulsated and sped across the night sky, performing astonishing acrobatics," stated the November 12, 1974, edition of the *National Enquirer*. "It was maybe 2,000 feet off the ground, the size of a big house," said Police Officer Ed Berry. "Suddenly it shot up another couple of thousand feet, stopping dead in its tracks. Then it dropped back to its original position. Suddenly it moved again, shooting off toward the south, covering maybe 30 miles in just a few seconds.... Whatever it was, it didn't come from this planet. It was round, with some kind of luminous panel running along the side..."

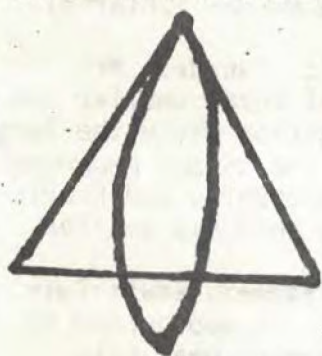
Police and Tower Observer Spot Objects

- August 1-2. 11:45 p.m., Midnight, and 2 a.m. Goldendale-Greyback Mountain-Wishram Heights, Wash., areas. At 11:45, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Basse, their daughter, Joyce, and Denise Doan saw 6-8 UFOs "lined up on the hill north of us" in a triangular-shaped formation, stated the August 8, 1974, edition of the *Goldendale Sentinel*. "They would stay in one place for about half an hour and then, all of a sudden, they would zoom way up in the air," Mrs. Basse stated. "Sometimes one of them would look like one of those firecrackers that go around and shoot off sparks." Around midnight, a lookout tower observer and two others watched "strange bright lights to the east..." At 2 a.m., Police Officer Jim Desmerals and Deputy Sheriff Don Green saw the objects.

- October 2. Evening. Texas Hill country. A photograph of a "brilliantly lighted" UFO "traveling more than 10,000 m.p.h. about 100 miles above earth" was taken by members of Project Starlight International, Ray Stanford, director, stated the *Joliet (Ill.) Herald News*, October 17, 1974. Stanford said the object "was photographed on ordinary black and white film through a 300 millimeter lens with the shutter left open for several seconds." Details show "a trail of light along a wavy line moving east to west with a sharp left and a sharp right turn in the center. Stanford said the UFO shut down its lights before the camera shutter closed." The unidentified craft also "made two sharp turns within two to four seconds -- maneuvers that would tear a manmade object to shreds." Then, on October 22, the observer crew spotted two "oval-shaped white objects" that were apparently pursued by two Phantom jets from Bergstrom AF Base.

- August 13. Approximately 11:50 p.m. Near Laurel, Miss. An airport flight officer and his family spotted a saucer about "the size of a blimp" with "one blinding, bluish light" that "'buzzed' their car three times, forcing them off the road." Another witness

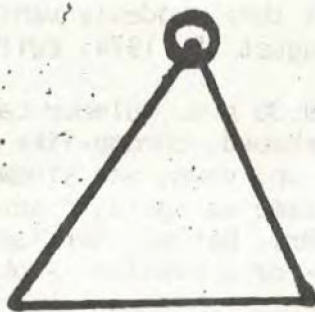
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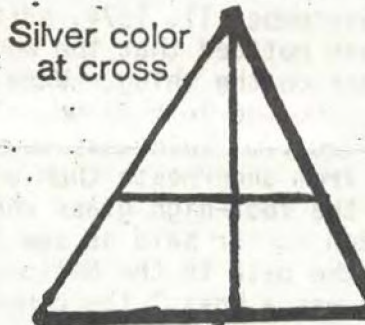
A halo effect

Witness' Sketches of UFO, near Neebish Island, Wash.,
July 15, 1974

(Courtesy: Evening News)



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said the UFO's occupant made contact with him, but "no further details were available," according to the August 13, 1974, editions of the Jackson, Miss., *Daily News*, *The (New Orleans, La.) States-Item*, and the *Meridian (Miss.) Star*; and the August 14, 1974, edition of the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger*. Still another observer said the UFO was traveling west at an estimated 40-50 feet altitude.

● September 10. About 2:30 a.m. Near Le Mars, Iowa. Witnesses saw five green, white and red UFOs that "moved in an erratic manner," according to the September 12, 1974, edition of the Doon, Iowa, *Press*. One object looked like it was "on a pendulum" and, at 6:30 a.m., "one accelerated upward and made a loud boom..."

● October 20. Around 9:45 p.m. Elkhart, Ind. A woman and her daughter observed an orange and green, spinning ball-shaped object "about 15 or 25 feet away." The mother reported in

the October 22, 1974, edition of the *Elkhart Truth*: "My daughter said it looked like a rusty ball. It was there and gone at the window on the passenger side [of the car], disappearing and reappearing at least four times." The woman added "she was all over the road trying to elude whatever it was. At one point, as the light hovered..., [the] car died and went off the road. The thing left." The witness said "it was a terrifying experience and I wouldn't want to go through it again."

● October 8. Approximately 9 p.m. Joliet, Ill. Mrs. Ardis Farmer, her children, Juf-pin, Larry, and Jimmy, and others spotted a UFO that frightened the children, stated the *Joliet Herald News*, October 9, 1974. The UFO "would turn dim every time a plane would fly over in the area," and the object circled a church several times.

● July 15. 8:40 p.m. Near Neebish Island, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Tom McIntyre and more than 25 others saw a UFO that changed colors and size for over an hour. (See sketches, above). "It was fantastic and unbelievable," McIntyre stated in the July 18, 1974, edition of the *Sault St. Marie, Mich., Evening News*.

● August 13. About 9:30 p.m. Franklin, N.H. Fay Mahoney and others reportedly watched three objects, one of which apparently entered one of the two remaining UFOs, stated the *Concord, N.H., Monitor and Patriot*, August 14, 1974.

● September 24. Around 8:55 p.m. Bailey Island, Maine. Deputy Sheriff William Medary and Walter Butcher, a special police officer, both with over 7,000 hours of flight time with the AF and Navy, saw a UFO that hovered, moved straight up, changed colors, then flew across the sky. The object was cylindrical-shaped and had "two red lights or portholes," said the *Brunswick (Maine) Times Record*, September 25, 1974. Shortly after the disappearance of the first object, Medary said, "we saw two more coming across the sky.... They went... up vertically quickly and disappeared."

● August 5. Approximately 8:05 p.m. Near Norland, Ontario, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Newman spotted nine lights "so bright they hurt our eyes" that "were in the shape of a

100-yard triangle." "I watched them until they suddenly vanished when Ron tried to circle around them," Mrs. Newman stated in the August 15, 1974, edition of the *Minden (Ontario) Progress*.

- August 20-21. About 10 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Glamor Lake, Ontario, Canada. Mrs. George Bailey and her family saw an oval-shaped, chrome-like object emit three smaller red and green lights which "moved erratically up, down, and sideways on occasion while the large object, at one point, 'blinked out, then came on again,'" according to the *Minden Progress*, August 29, 1974. The following evening, Mrs. Bailey, her family and neighbors, and Provincial Constable Roy Telford saw the same -- or a similar -- object twice emit six smaller objects.

- Around September 8. Near Langenburg, Saskatchewan, Canada. A farmer, Edwin Fuhr, saw "five stainless steel objects" hovering about a foot over a slough. He approached to within 15 feet. "All of a sudden I noticed the grass was moving..., turning near this thing," the witness stated in the September 11, 1974, edition of the Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, *Province*. "I... then noticed that the whole thing was turning. I backed up slow. I wasn't going to turn my back on the thing. When I got back to the swather, I noticed there were another four [UFOs] to the left of me, all revolving. I just froze on the seat and didn't move. I was terrified.... Then they took off after 15 minutes... straight up. There was a gray vapor coming from underneath them and a strong wind." Fuhr discovered depressions 11 feet in diameter in the foot-high grass where the objects had been. Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable Ron Morier said he saw the rings on the ground, took photographs and measurements and sent the data to the National Research Council in Ottawa. "Something was there and I doubt it was a hoax," the constable remarked. "There's no indication anything had been wheeled in or out and Mr. Fuhr seemed genuinely scared."

- August 16. 9:30 p.m. Saltburn, England. Mrs. Joyce Keighley, her husband, and two neighbors watched a bright, flashing UFO that hovered, then flew in a straight line, stated the August 19, 1974, edition of the *Middlesbrough (England) Evening Gazette*. It apparently affected the Keighleys' television set. Arthur Jones, of Portishead, and Derek King, of Redear, described as "a keen astronomer," also reportedly saw it.

- July. Near Pavia, Italy. Numerous witnesses observed an object with a brilliant yellow light on the ground. Police reportedly found "traces of burning" at the landing site.

- June 11. 1:30 a.m. Gonubie, South Africa. Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Oliver watched a bright object that moved, hovered, maneuvered to the side, and frightened the witnesses.

- July 6. Around 1 p.m. Grahamstown, South Africa. Mrs. C.C. Heynes, senior traffic inspector, heard a noise "like something cutting through the wind making a whoosh-whoosh sound," the July 13, 1974, edition of the *Port Elizabeth (South Africa) Evening Post*, stated. Heynes then saw "what looked like a flat scalextric racing car with short square wings." "It came right over [the] car and it was big and twice the size of a jet and going fast...", he stated.

- September 16 and 18. Evening. Near St. Marys, Tasmania, Australia. Mrs. Brian Richards was returning home with two of her children, Janine and Kathleen. Kathleen was asleep, but the other two witnesses saw the sky suddenly light up. The car completely ceased to function and they heard vibration noises "like 30 or 40 jets," stated the September 21, 1974, edition of the Hobart, Tasmania, *Saturday Evening Mercury*. The sound was deafening. Then Mrs. Richards and Janine experienced painful "electric shocks." Their faces became numb and they detected a strong odor. They grabbed Kathleen and ran two miles to the home of Harvey Chappel. Upon returning, the car started and "worked perfectly again," but the radiator was empty. Meanwhile, Mr. Richards, at home, apparently heard the roar and saw the object. Two nights later, Richards was driving home when he saw a light that paced his car and "seemed attracted by the headlights." It followed him during his 30-minute drive home. His wife and son, Ricky, also saw it. The crescent-shaped object appeared attracted by the house lights. When the lights were extinguished, the UFO "faded out." Well after the sighting, Mrs. Richards experienced physiological effects. The next day she could not walk and had "a mark the size of a two-cent coin over her right eye." Her fingers and arms were swollen.

AZTEC, NEW MEXICO, CASE REOPENED
(An Editorial)

After lying fairly dormant for a number of years, one of those old "bugaboo" UFO reports has returned to haunt serious researchers. News media and public interest in Florida and New Mexico, if not nationwide, have been revived in the old Frank Scully story (see *Behind the Flying Saucers*, Chapter 12), published in 1950, of a huge saucer that allegedly crashed near Aztec, N.M., in 1948, with 16 small, humanoid, charred bodies aboard.

The story, briefly: In 1949, Scully talked to a Dr. Gee (a pseudonym), described as "the top magnetic research specialist of the United States," who told the author he and a group of other scientists and AF personnel located a huge saucer measuring exactly 99-99/100 feet in diameter that had crashed to earth near Aztec. Inside were 16 charred bodies 35-40 years of age. The bodies were supposedly whisked off to Wright-Patterson AF Base in Dayton, Ohio, where an autopsy was allegedly performed.

But Dr. Gee did not stop there. According to Scully, Gee said two more saucers were found! The second, located near a proving ground in Arizona, also had 16 bodies on board. The third, discovered near Phoenix, carried two bodies.

Now, during a UFO symposium in Florida, November 1-3, 1974, Robert Spencer Carr, a former member of the Tampa subcommittee of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), a former consultant to Walt Disney Productions, and now retired from the U.S. Steel Corporation, claims he has interviewed other witnesses to the alleged bizarre incident. Stating he is presently, during his retirement, free to talk, Carr held a personal news conference to reveal the startling information.

A representative of UFOR's New Mexico Subcommittee interviewed Carr. Her report: eye witnesses to the events at Wright Patterson following the recovery of the UFO and 12 of the 16 bodies have now told their stories to Carr. The first, a biologist who maintains a winter home in Ft. Meyers, Fla., revealed his story to a friend of Carr's. He said he saw the bodies in a freezer and even assisted in the autopsy on one of the creatures. The humanoids, he added, had type O blood. Carr next talked to a retired Army nurse who said she was also present at the autopsy. A retired master sergeant was reportedly on guard at the AF hangar where the bodies and saucer were reposing. He said he "saw through the door what was going on and took pictures." His sister is now reportedly attempting to sell these pictures to Carr. Still another witness, a high ranking officer, allegedly confirmed the incident, and an engineer at the base said he saw some of the UFO's parts and "there are still 11 frozen bodies" at Wright-Patterson. To top it all off, it was reported that Senator Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) attempted to get on the base to see what was occurring, but was denied permission by General Hoyt Vandenburg.

It is this editor's opinion, after rereading Scully's account after many years, that the whole thing still has the "feel" of a hoax, though to dogmatically label it as such -- as most respected UFO organizations, including NICAP, have done in the past -- would, we feel, be as unscientific at this stage as accepting it as fact. What is needed now is personal contact with the alleged eyewitnesses to determine their reliability and honesty. The names and further details on these observers still eludes us.

While assistant director of NICAP, the UFOR editor met Carr and was impressed with his sincerity and qualifications as an investigator. In the years following, Carr has obviously broadened his UFO activities. He has secured the services of a lecture bureau, which reportedly has him booked solid on UFO speaking engagements. Carr also has a syndicated UFO column, a radio program called "UFO Info," and a news bulletin entitled *You and the UFOs*.

Obviously, this sensational case requires further investigation and study. Though the probability the case is a hoax still remains high, if there is even one chance in a million it is real, it should be pursued to the limits of investigative research. We need not tell UFOR readers of its importance if the incident can be proven authentic. This would require some doing, however. Even if the actual witnesses were to come forward, it would require more than just their word the incident occurred. The alleged photographs -- and their authentication -- would be a big step forward, but possibly nothing short of an admission by the top AF echelon would do the trick.

UFOR thanks Malcolm Macht and the New Mexico Subcommittee for its endeavors in uncovering the facts. We will publish any further details, if forthcoming.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Once again UFOR has relocated. Our new address: 1230 N. Horn Ave., Apt. 408, Los Angeles, California 90069. Telephone: 213-657-5434.

UFOR UNVEILS OLD SIGHTING REPORTS

UFOR and its New Mexico Subcommittee (see story, p. 2) have interviewed at least five witnesses who reported spotting UFOs during a 20-year period -- 1947 to 1967.

At approximately 2:15 p.m., in June, 1947, Warren Bethel, a private pilot, was at the controls of a small AF trainer plane, flying at 7,500 feet altitude, when he saw 11-15 discs 30-40 feet in diameter flying under him. The nearest UFO was less than 100 feet under his right wing. The discs, flying in formation, were apparently reflecting the rays of the sun, and they looked like "shiny aluminum on top," Bethel told UFOR investigator Malcolm Macht. After about 10 minutes, the objects sped upward in a vertical climb "like an elevator rising" and disappeared "within two or three seconds." As they rose, Bethel saw their underbellies had "a dull, stainless steel look."

Malcolm Dillon, a physicist, was working at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories, N.M., in the Spring of 1950. At 2 o'clock one afternoon he and others, including security guards, observed a thick disc about 40 feet in diameter and 500-800 feet altitude that oscillated in onespot at first, about once a second. The disc tilted up, revealing a silver-gray surface on the bottom. It hovered for about 10 minutes. Then a small cloud appeared to approach the UFO, which disappeared "straight up."

It was about 5 p.m. in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., during the Summer of 1960. Mrs. Adele Vaughn (see story, p. 3) was washing her dishes when her children ran inside, excitedly yelling, "Mommy, can you hear the humming?" The youngsters said there was an "enormous object" in the sky. She went outside, clearly heard the loud humming, and saw the object as it receded into the sky.

Shortly after World War I, Bertrand W. Ward held the impressive title of Supervisor of all Supercargoes with the U.S. Shipping Board. He won several impressive honors and retired from the real estate business in 1962. On June 9, 1967, at 6 p.m., he saw two UFOs from his home in Rossville, Ga. He said "they were perfectly round with a dome on top and about 100 feet in diameter."

During the afternoon of a mid-summer day in 1967, in Spokane, Wash., Marc Sternhagen observed a red saucer "with alternating yellow and green lights around [the] middle" that was an estimated 20 yards across. The object approached the witness, then left after 8-10 seconds. There was a shimmer like a heat wave around the UFO, which steadily revolved to the right. Sternhagen said a dog was whining while the object hovered.

UFO SHOW AN OBJECTIVE REVELATION
(A Review)

"We have a very real and persistent phenomenon." These words concerning UFOs, spoken by narrator Jim Hartz, appeared to be the general conclusion of an unusually objective, hour-long, nationwide TV program on December 15 -- the NBC production of "UFOs; Do You Believe?" Certainly, the program was several light years ahead in rational objectivity of the CBS-TV show of more than eight years ago and writer-producer-director Craig Leake is to be commended.

On the positive side were officials of the three top UFO organizations -- MUFON, APRO, and NICAP -- as well as Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Congressman J. Edward Roush (D-Ind.), physicist Stanton Friedman, and others. But the real winners were the witnesses themselves, who straightforwardly described incredible UFO encounters. Astronomer Carl Sagan and Philip J. Klass, aviation writer, presented the negative views.

The next edition of *UFO Research Newsletter* will be ready on or about February 15, 1975.