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GOLDWATER SAYS UFOs "ABOVE TOP SECRET"

Sen. Barry Goldwater (R.-Ariz.), Republican candidate for president in 1964, has confirmed, in writing, that much UFO information "is still classified *above Top Secret*" (editor's italics) by the U.S. government. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. 3, No. 9, p. 1).

Following is the complete text of a letter written by Goldwater and addressed to Shlomo Arnon, UFO instructor at the Experimental College, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA): "The subject of UFOs is one that has interested me for some long time. About 10 or 12 years ago I made an effort to find out what was in the building at Wright Patterson Air Force Base where the information is stored that has been collected by the Air Force, and I was understandably denied this request. It is still classified above Top Secret. I have, however, heard that there is a plan under way to release some, if not all, of this material in the near future. I'm just as anxious to see this material as you are, and I hope we will not have to wait too much longer."

Goldwater is one of the few members of Congress to become embroiled in the UFO controversy and is presently a member of the Board of Governors of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP).

Arnon, a research and development electronics expert, is the instructor of a course entitled "UFOs -- A Challenge to Science" at UCLA. The course, which began April 7, meets on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. Guest speakers have -- or will -- included Stanton T. Friedman, nuclear physicist and full-time UFO lecturer; Dr. Robert M.L. Baker, computer scientist; James McCampbell, nuclear expert and author of *Ufology -- New Insights from Science and Common Sense* (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. IV, No. 5, p. 8); Dr. Robert Wood, physicist; UFO journalist David Branch; Gen. W.M. Garland (USAF-Ret.), and others.

PILOT'S UFO ENCOUNTER UNDERSCORES SIGHTING REPORTS

Reports of occupants; a plane that chased a UFO; a pilot who attempted to collide with mysterious objects; a UFO that landed near a power line; an object that cast a light beam onto a patrol car; others that shone light beams; UFOs that emitted smaller objects, paced cars, emitted sounds, frightened witnesses, landed, left behind physical evidence, caused physiological and electro-magnetic (E-M) effects, and police who chased UFOs are characteristics of sighting reports from at least 11 states, Canada and Mexico since January. Witnesses included private pilots, a former U.S. Navy pilot, an amateur aerial photographer, police, a newspaper editor, an hydroelectric generating station superintendent, and an assistant state's attorney.

It was May 3. Carlos Antonia de Los Santos Montiel was piloting a small plane at 140 m.p.h. at an altitude of 15,000 feet over Tequesquitengo Lake, 50 miles south of Mexico City, Mexico, when three UFOs joined him. "Two of them flew a few inches from each wing" of the aircraft and the third flew beneath the plane, according to a UPI wire story. The pilot attempted to collide with the two UFOs near his wings, "but the controls did not respond." The witness was so frustrated he "broke into tears." Then the objects "peeled away toward two snow-capped volcanoes."

Brad Jones, Brenda Symms, and Mrs. Kay Demcie were driving west of Port Shanley, Ontario, Canada, at 7 p.m., January 10, when they discovered they were being paced by a blue light, which followed them as they turned north.

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ENQUIRER DOUBLES UFO AWARD OFFER

The nation's largest circulating newspaper -- the *National Enquirer* -- has doubled its \$50,000 award offer to \$100,000 for proof that UFOs are extraterrestrial probes. Submitted evidence, however, will have to pass the rigid scientific scrutiny of the newspaper's UFO Blue Ribbon Panel, consisting of Drs. J. Allen Hynek, Center for UFO Studies director and a prominent astronomer; Robert F. Creegan, philosophy professor at the State University of New York at Albany; Frank Salisbury, plant sciences professor at Utah State University; R. Leo Sprinkle, University of Wyoming psychologist; and James Harder, mechanical engineering professor at the University of California at Berkeley. Though all these prominent educator-scientists are convinced of the reality of UFOs and accept the extraterrestrial hypothesis, they will demand "positive proof" UFOs are from outer space before voting to award the paper's whopping top sum.

Meanwhile, in its June 3, 1975, issue, the *Enquirer* announced it had awarded \$2,000 -- to be split evenly among four witnesses -- to the participants in a UFO encounter over San Antonio, Texas, for the best evidence submitted in 1974. (The newspaper offers up to \$5,000 per year for best evidence -- and the top award was given both in 1973 and 1974 for evidence submitted during 1972 and 1973. In 1975, the scientific panel felt no single case merited the full award in this category for 1974, but singled out the Texas case for the lesser amount).

Eastern Airlines Capt. Jerry Noyes and C.A. Nickerson, his co-pilot, spotted a flashing red ball near their airliner that "suddenly shot up 2,000 feet at an incredible speed." On the ground, at San Antonio International Airport, Jim Stevens, air traffic controller, tracked the UFO on radar while Chester Blanchard, airport security officer, visually observed it.

Anyone wishing to submit evidence may mail it to: UFO Reward, *National Enquirer*, Lantana, Fla. 33462.

Pilot Encounter (continued from page 1)

"When we reached the top of the hill, the car stalled out and the radio went off," Mrs. Demcie related.

The two frightened women began screaming. All the witnesses said the light glowed and blinked intermittently. The light, which "seemed to bob and float," disappeared to the west. (Sources: the January 13, 1975, edition of the St. Thomas, Ontario, *Times-Journal*; and the January 13 and 15, 1975, editions of the London, Ontario, *Free Press*).

Fred Sutter and Mike Killian were midway across a frozen pond in Annadale, N.Y., shortly after 7 p.m., February 10, when they observed a glowing orange, football-shaped object hovering about 400 feet away. The UFO "glowed steadily and without throb for five minutes, until its outer edges converged to its center, leaving only a small orange ball," according to the *Staten Island* (N.Y.) *Advance*, February 14, 1975. Then the object disappeared.

The frightened youngsters returned the next morning to the spot where they saw the object and discovered the trees "had been broken four or five feet above the ground." The barks were "charred and blistered, the thicket tangled and pushed closer to the earth than the surrounding brambles." *Advance* reporters confirmed the physical evidence.

At about 9:30 p.m., New Year's Day -- January 1 -- Mr. and Mrs. James Williams saw a UFO 360 yards long and 50 feet wide with an orange-yellow light land near a wooded area for five minutes and then disappear northwest of Freeburg, Ill., stated the East St. Louis, Ill., *Metro-Ast Journal*, January 2, 1975.

The next evening -- January 2 -- Mrs. Kenneth Owlett and her son, Burton, saw an object with 6-8 red and white lights in a V-shaped formation pass over their home in Liberty Corners, Pa., at about 8:45. The object emitted a humming noise. Meanwhile, Mrs. Hilda Smeck and a friend observed the same phenomenon from South Towanda. After passing over the town,

the UFO "circled the airport and swooped over it," stated the *Towanda Daily Review*, January 7, 1975. Roland Fessenden, of Luthers Mills, and Ronald Kenyon, of Troy, also saw it.

Both a motorist driving toward Savannah, Ga., and a woman in the city saw a bright, gray, metallic disc hovering approximately 1,000 feet above a traffic circle at 11:00 the next morning -- January 3. The UFO had a structure on top "like a pyramid with the point cut off." It emitted a "buzzing sound, like a swarm of bees" and a high-pitched whine. Then it sped off north toward the Savannah River.

"It really moved," the motorist stated in the January 4, 1975, edition of the *Savannah News*. "It just went 'whammy' over toward Carolina."

UFO researcher George D. Fawcett reported on a series of sightings from 20 towns and cities in North Carolina in the April 25, 1975, edition of the *Mount Airy (N.C.) Times*.

- Early January. 10:25 p.m. Durham. N.J. Lemmons and police officers observed objects with blue-green and yellow lights that flew from west to north.

- January 18. Franklinville. Mr. and Mrs. Eric Allred saw a UFO "as big as a house." It had "two running lights and a glow from the bottom center section."

- January 27. Near Winston-Salem. Larry Williamson and Linda Clodfelter watched a "domed UFO" about 10 feet wide and five feet high that came to within 125 feet of their automobile. The car's motor "began to sputter." The object's "orange color changed to greenish-blue."

- Early February. King-Mount Airy-Pilot Mountain. "Motorists reported large white UFOs that dove towards their cars and made right angle turns."

- February 5. Mount Olive. Mrs. Bessie J. Holmes and her daughter, Lois, reported seeing a round object "about the size of a car" that revolved in the vicinity of their home for two hours. The UFO, which had blue, red and yellow lights, disappeared behind some trees.

- March 1. Raleigh. Witnesses observed two brilliant, round objects emitting "sounds like model airplanes" fly fast over the city.

- March 13. 9:15 p.m. Eden. Robert J. Wilson saw a round, rotating UFO with "flashing blue and green lights at its base" hover to the side of a road. The object, with a dome on top, then sped across the sky.

- March 20. Greensboro. Karen Hartle watched a gray, disc-shaped, "dome-topped UFO" that was "about the size of one and one-half cars." It emitted a "humming sound" and disappeared behind some houses.

Man Sees Occupants

- March 27. 11:15 p.m. Hamlet. An unidentified, retired laborer reported seeing an object with a revolving pink light land in his front yard. He saw two small occupants that attempted to talk to him in a language "that sounded Polish." The occupants were "joined by a silver bar." The startled witness saw the UFO lift "straight up."

- March. Near Winston-Salem. A housewife and her two sons saw an orange-red, domed UFO that was lower than nearby telephone poles and "bigger than an airplane." It swooped down on their car and the automobile's engine stopped running and the headlights "dimmed." After the object disappeared straight up, the frightened witnesses sped home.

- April 3. 10 p.m. Asheboro. Two housewives observed a UFO hovering overhead. They "were overcome with fear and rushed back into their homes."

- April 3. Gastonia. Mrs. Diane Glenn saw a "doughnut-shaped UFO with a dome top like 'plexi-glass'" hover over a road. The orange object emitted a "sonar type sound" and disappeared behind the mountains.

- April 3. Evening. Lumberton-Maxton-St. Paul. Thirty police officers watched "a V-shaped UFO with red and green lights." Some of the witnesses chased the strange object for miles, "others reported 'humming sounds,' some reported it landed and, on one occasion, the mystery object cast a 'beam of light' on a police cruiser." Meanwhile, at Red Springs, four UFOs were seen above tree-top level.

- April 3. Evening. White Lake. Police Chief Garry Moore saw a UFO approach to within 200 feet of his car. It "shone a light so bright that he could hardly look at it."

- April 5. Greensboro. Witnesses reported an object "with pulsating red and white lights near the WCOG Radio station."
 - April 6. 5:15 p.m. Pembroke. Five red discs that emitted "blue exhausts as they hovered 100 feet off the ground" were seen. The objects "left an ash residue which was collected by officers, photographed, bagged and sent to the Center for UFO Studies in Illinois for an analysis evaluation."
 - April 7-8. Laurinburg. Numerous St. Andrews College students saw a UFO that "stopped in mid-air, then went through a series of maneuvers and changed colors from bright orange to a bright white in intensity before it finally disappeared from view."
- Numerous residents in and around Corpus Christi, Texas, area saw a UFO on the morning of January 11.

At approximately 9:30, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jolliff (both private pilots) were driving near the city marina.

"I looked up and I said, 'Honey, look at that smoke ring,'" Mrs. Jolliff stated in the January 12, 1975, edition of the Corpus Christi *Caller*. "It looked like a terrific smoke ring in the sky... It was hovering, moving very, very slowly. It was a gray-blue with vapor escaping. The vapor was white. The vapor migrated toward the left end (of the object) and then a passageway appeared. And all of a sudden it disintegrated in a puff of smoke. I've never seen anything like that in my life."

At 10:00, Paul Stanford, a former U.S. Navy pilot, was out in his yard on Ocean Drive. His wife, Nancy, city editor of the *Caller*, was with him. They were watching a "spectacular performance" by the object, which looked cigar-shaped at first, then circular. It disappeared gradually.

At about the same time, W.A. Sanders, a radar policeman, also saw it with numerous other people, including Police Officer Felix Ochoa.

Perhaps the most spectacular report of all came from John Harding, an amateur aerial photographer, who was piloting a rented Cessna across the Laguna Madre at about 10:00 when he and his passenger, Lee Kitchens, saw the black, doughnut-shaped object they estimated to be 30 feet across. Harding said he was flying level with the UFO at 2,000 feet altitude.

"It looked like someone took a fan belt and threw it up in the sky," the pilot remarked. "It wasn't fuzzy on the sides (like a cloud). It looked like you had painted something out there.... I started after it to try and see if I could get a closer look. I was doing about 125 miles an hour, but I couldn't gain any distance."

The UFO turned and banked several times, Harding added.

"It was doing maneuvers," he stated. "It looked like something could have been controlling it."

UFO Lands Near Power Line

Members of four of the families employed by the Arizona Public Service Co. (APS) in Childs, Ariz., have seen UFOs "on numerous occasions."

On the evening of January 13, Mrs. Jack Soulages and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hale observed a cigar-shaped object "about the size of a railroad freight car" hover over a canyon rim, according to the Phoenix, Ariz., *Republic*, February 16, 1975. The object, which was rotating counterclockwise, had red, white and green lights.

As the UFO hovered, a smaller, dome-shaped object emitting an orange glow emerged from under it and descended into the canyon, "apparently landing near a power line." Then a third object, "like a cigarette glow," emerged from the second UFO, followed the course of the power line to the river, crossed to an island and apparently landed about 300 yards from the witnesses. It had a "light resembling a bright fluorescent glow" which spun around twice and "lit up the whole canyon like daylight." The light then suddenly went out and the two objects left the area. Later that evening, Mrs. Soulages saw the "mother ship" for a second time. It flew down the canyon and "came straight over my head," emitting a "humming sound like a refrigerator."

On February 1, Cliff Johnson, superintendent of APS' hydroelectric generating station, and three members of his family saw a dome-shaped object with lighted windows that was revolving counterclockwise just above the canyon.

An unidentified woman was driving to work in Big Cabin, Okla., at approximately 8:30 p.m., January 19, when she observed a round UFO hover over a house about six miles southeast of the town. The object was lit by lights making "a fast circular motion" all the way around it. It approached close to the ground and paced her car 500-600 feet away for about four miles. At times, it would ascend straight up, descend toward the ground, and travel sideways. At one point, it hovered over a bean field, the January 20, 1975, edition of the Vinita, Okla., *Daily Journal*, reported.

At approximately 9 p.m., January 21, Sandra Peterman and a girl friend (who requested anonymity) were studying in Sandra's home in Cape Girardeau, Mo., when the friend left to walk home, the *St. Louis (Mo.) Globe-Democrat*, February 1, 1975, stated. Outside, she had a "premonition of fear," looked up, and saw a hovering disc at tree-top level. She quickly summoned Sandra and the two girls saw the UFO, "about four times the size of a frisbee," hover just above the chimney of the house. The object was surrounded by four blue lights, with a brilliant white light in the center.

Sandra's friend ran toward her home, with the object following. In her front yard, the UFO "emitted a bright light that stunned and momentarily blinded the girl," according to Dr. Harvey D. Rutledge, chairman of Southeast Missouri State University's physics department and a scientist who has systematically tracked and photographed UFOs over Missouri. The girl's mother said the front yard and "the inside of the house suddenly lit up." Rutledge said the girl "suffered recurring spots before her eyes for several hours after the encounter."

A total of 11 UFOs were spotted by police officers and others during the night of January 30-31 over Belle Glade, Fla. Just prior to midnight, Assistant State Attorney Frank Kreidler and Police Officer William Magill saw the first of the white, green, and red flashing lights to the south. Meanwhile, Police Sgt. Robert McElrath, Officer Thomas Walker, and Larry Sprouse spotted others, the *Palm Beach (Fla.) Times*, January 31, 1975, stated. One UFO headed south "and continued in orbit around three of the other blinking lights."

California residents were also observing UFOs.

A rare snowfall was occurring in Morgan Hill at 1 p.m., March 13, when Ronda Ridge saw a large, round, silver UFO "with a band of yellow lights around it," stated the Morgan Hill *Dispatch*. As Ronda watched, the object hovered low over some hills for a few seconds, then headed toward her house. Just before reaching the back fence on the Ridge property, the UFO backed up and disappeared into a mist. Ronda and her family investigated the area over which the object first hovered and discovered some matted grass. They -- and an investigator for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) -- speculated the object may have landed.

For two nights in a row, sightings were reported from Carson.

At 5:30 a.m., April 18, Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff Michael Soderberg and another law officer were on duty in their patrol car when they glanced up and saw a silver-white disc at about 1,000 feet altitude. It stopped, hovered, then "streaked away." The UFO had a steady light that flickered when the object hovered. The witnesses were convinced it was not a conventional aircraft.

The following evening -- at 9:45 -- Mrs. Little Fawn Adams and her teenage daughter had stopped at an intersection to wait for a light and were talking and listening to the radio. They glanced up and saw a disc about 75 feet in diameter and 50 feet above the intersection. The object was so large the witnesses could see only the bottom of it as it hovered over the intersection. It had a dome "as large as a house." There were white lights rotating around the bottom of the dome and an orange glow emanating from the bottom. The witnesses were stopped behind a pick-up truck, which almost had an accident, presumably from the driver observing the disc. Mrs. Adams' radio emitted "a beeping noise." The disc hovered for about 10 seconds, moved north less than a mile, hovered again for 10 seconds over a hospital, and "flew away very fast" to the north. Mrs. Adams and her daughter were so frightened they started to cry during the observation.

Shlomo Arnon investigated the Carson sightings for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

VFON TO CLOSE THIS MONTH

The Volunteer Flight Officer Network (VFON) -- a prime source of UFO reports from commercial pilots -- will cease operations on June 30 due to a lack of adequate funding.

VFON's director was Herbert E. Roth, former subcommittee chairman for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), and the organization was headquartered at Stapleton International Airport, Denver, Colo. It was affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution's Astrophysical Observatory.

VFON operated during some of the most crucial and important periods of UFO history and was the central network through which commercial pilots worldwide reported meteor or fireball, satellite reentry, and, occasionally, UFO sightings. This information, in addition to data on satellite decays, was published in the monthly *Satellite Reentry Newsletter*.

UFOR and other serious researchers and investigators received, via VFON, UFO sighting reports from pilots on a completely confidential basis. Though *none* of the information could be used for publication, except in rare instances, the data comprises a valuable addition to the overall body of UFO information. A standard paragraph in the VFON newsletter read: "Flight crew members are assured that unidentified sightings, regardless of nature, are all considered to be of the utmost confidence and the identity of the pilot reporting the sighting and the airline involved shall be completely confidential. Pilot reports are considered to be a private communication between headquarters and members of the VFON and may be reproduced by the airlines for their exclusive use. No other publication is permitted without specific detailed authorization."

Roth lauded the continuous cooperation of VFON members.

"Members of the Volunteer Flight Officer Network throughout the years have made substantial and meaningful contributions to a variety of scientific disciplines and can take justifiable pride in this effort," he remarked. "It is impossible to adequately acknowledge the contributions made by over 56,000 flight crew members of 120 airlines located in 54 countries; however, we very sincerely... express our gratitude to everyone for a job well done."

OCCUPANT TERRIFIES WISCONSIN FARMER

William Bosak was less than a mile from home -- returning from a farmers' co-op meeting -- near Frederic, Wisc., at about 10:35 p.m., December 2, 1974, when the headlights of his car reflected off an object in the west-bound lane.

"It had a curved front of glass," the farmer stated in the January 19, 1975, edition of the *St. Paul (Minn.) Sunday Pioneer*, "and inside I could see a figure with its arms raised above its head. Its ears were long and narrow and stuck straight out. Its arms were brown and furry and there was fur or hair on the top part of its body. I couldn't tell if the figure was wearing a tight fur suit or had fur itself. I only could see the top half of the body, but the figure appeared to be a little taller than a tall man. The eyes were very large and protruding and it seemed to me to be afraid. But it wasn't nearly half as scared as I was."

Bosak approached to within six feet of the UFO and experienced the "fright of his life." He floored the accelerator and sped toward home.

"When I passed the thing," he continued, "the inside of the car got dark, like a shadow was being cast, and I could hear a kind of soft wooshing sound, like a branch brushing against the side of the car."

After arriving home, the witness tried to spot the object from his window, but his vision was obscured by fog.

"I was so goldarned scared I was afraid to go out at night for a few days," he said.

"FOO FIGHTER" REPORT HIGHLIGHTS OLD SIGHTINGS

A pilot and his crew who saw a UFO over the North Atlantic; an object that illuminated a 2-3 block area; another that was larger than a building; a "multitiered" UFO; and an object with "lightning-like effects bouncing off" it were characteristics of sighting reports spanning a 30-year period. UFO researcher Paul C. Cerny investigated the incidents and sent reports to UFOR.

Dr. Eugene Greider is a medical doctor who was a pilot (lieutenant commander) in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Following the great global conflict, he became a commercial pilot and flew for American Overseas Airline and Seaboard Airlines.

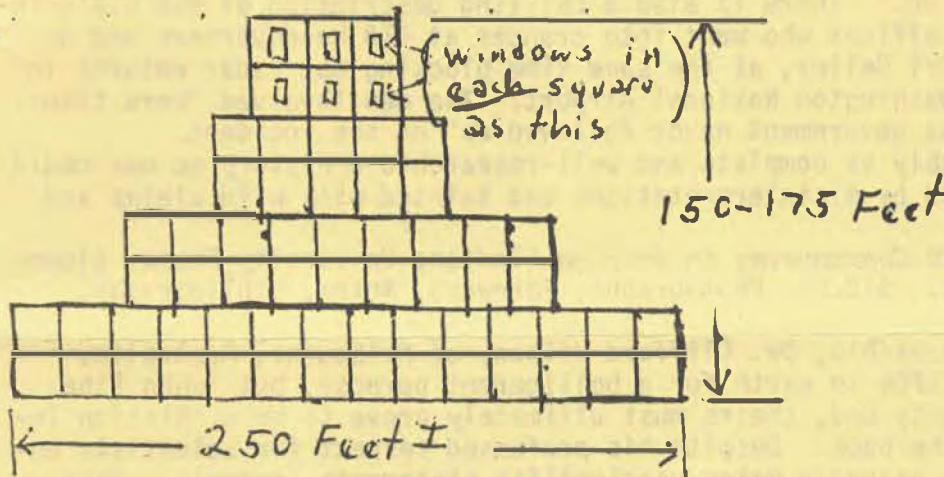
Sometime around 1943, Greider (the pilot) and 10 or 11 crew members were flying a PB2Y5 Navy aircraft (a converted B-24) somewhere over the North Atlantic -- between the U.S. and England -- at an altitude of 10,000 feet and a speed of 200 m.p.h. when they saw a "red orange" UFO that looked like a "glowing coal" cruising approximately 300 feet off the wing of the aircraft. The round "foo fighter" (the name World War II pilots labeled UFOs) was estimated to be 30-100 feet in diameter.

"It stayed with us and we turned a little bit and it would turn," the pilot stated years later in his report. "We'd turn back and it would turn back.... After a little while, it took off ahead of us. It just went ahead of us and disappeared out of sight."

The object took about 30 seconds to disappear and was seen for an estimated total of three minutes. Greider said the incident was not reported to authorities because "foo fighter" sightings were a common occurrence on North Atlantic flights during the war.

More than two decades later -- at about 6 p.m., December 18, 1965 -- Howard O'Neill (a private pilot), his wife, Jayne, daughter Barbara, son Timothy, and 16 others were in Colusa, Calif., when they observed a rectangular shaft of white light with a 45° angle spread that stopped and hovered near them. It was at an estimated 500-700 feet altitude. After having been seen for 2-3 minutes, the light went out. Then, at 5,000 feet altitude, it returned with the same shape. It was an orange ball with a light emanating from it "and had a lot of black smoke trailing." The UFO illuminated 2-3 blocks and lit up rooftops and television antennas. It climbed at an almost vertical angle.

Nearly eight years later -- at 11 a.m., September 18, 1973 -- Nyal Thomas, Sr., and his son "were just looking around" about 2,000 yards from the coast in Manchester, Calif., when Thomas saw an object he at first thought was a buoy. He continued talking with his son. About 20 minutes later, Thomas saw it again, just above the water. He thought later it was not only larger than a buoy, but was larger than a building. Its color was "kind of a tarnished aluminum" with a "black or dark" top. It had a smaller, acorn-shaped object on top. The overall UFO looked "like the rear end of a ship" and Thomas thought "it was masterfully constructed in design." The object appeared to just hover. Thomas' son, who had his back turned, did not see it. A Manchester Beach park ranger also witnessed the phenomenon.



Witness' Sketch of UFO, Near Elk City, Idaho, Oct. 4, 1973

More than two weeks later -- 5:45 a.m., October 4, 1973 -- Mrs. Howard H. Smith glanced out of a window in her log home near Elk City, Idaho, and saw a huge "multi-tiered-multistoried" UFO that appeared to be constructed of squares, with windows in each square. It was about 250 feet long and 150-175 feet high. Mrs. Smith alerted her husband, who quickly rushed outside and viewed the object.

"There were four tiers or offsets with seemingly two floors or stories for each tier..." Smith related in his report. "All the 'rooms'

seemed to be lighted from within. No light source such as bulb or fixture was visible. The object would have been visible even though it had no lights. My first words to my wife were, 'Look at the enormous size of that thing!'"

The UFO disappeared over the horizon "in normal fashion, as any aircraft."

During World War II, Smith was a flexible gunner instructor at Harlingen Army Air Field in Texas. He had been trained to identify all types of aircraft and "had several thousand air hours in training missions as well as a good deal of ground to air observation."

At 11 a.m., April 6, 1974, Mrs. Christine Ezell Johnson and her husband were driving near Foothill College, Los Altos, Calif. Mrs. Johnson saw a metallic, "very bright," cigar-shaped object estimated to be 200-300 feet long. It had "a flat or blunt front end" that

looked like it was made of glass. Both ends of the silver object were "slightly rounded." The UFO was less than 200 feet from the highway, to the west, and Mrs. Johnson saw "lightning-like effects bouncing off" it. Johnson, who did not see the UFO, slowed the car.

"At this time," Mrs. Johnson stated, "[the UFO] suddenly darted forward [to the north-west] at a short distance at the same level as when it was standing still. Without stopping, it changed direction and went almost straight up and vanished at a fantastic speed."

IN-DEPTH UFO HISTORY BOOK PUBLISHED

David Michael Jacobs' *The UFO Controversy in America* "is indispensable reading for any who seek an informed view of the tortuous history of the UFO phenomenon," stated Dr. J. Allen Hynek in his foreward. While the accolade is well-deserved for this scholarly, well-written, in-depth work, like most histories by most historians (the author is assistant professor of history at the University of Nebraska and a consultant to APRO), it is incomplete in a few significant areas.

Jacobs dwells at length on the history of NICAP -- long the largest and most powerful of the UFO organizations. While he adequately covers the fight by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe to establish NICAP as a respectable entity in the late 1950s, he did not dig out the real story of the group's in-house and frustrating fight for survival -- and eventual realignment -- in 1968 and 1969. He also states the controversial memorandum by Robert Low, coordinator of the University of Colorado UFO Project, was discovered by project member Roy Craig in July, 1967, and made public the following April. Actually, the memo was shown to a top NICAP official as early as February, 1967.

Despite the omissions, Jacobs has written perhaps the most complete history of the overall UFO controversy to date. He reveals the involvement of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and, in light of recent CIA developments on other fronts, the revelations are significant -- and a bit frightening. The Robertson Panel (guided by the CIA) in 1953, for instance, suggested APRO and the now-defunct Civilian Saucer Investigation of Los Angeles "be watched because of their potentially great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur. The apparent irresponsibility and the possible use of such groups for subversive purposes should be kept in mind." There is also a chilling description of the CIA's involvement with a woman and a Navy officer who went into trances at CIA headquarters and apparently conjured up a UFO, a la Uri Geller, at the same time blocking out radar returns in the direction of the sighting at Washington National Airport. The men involved "were transferred to other positions" and "the government never followed up" on the incident.

In general, the book is probably as complete and well-researched a history as one could hope for in a subject often clouded by misinterpretations and tainted with wild claims and unsubstantiated "facts."

[David Michael Jacobs, *The UFO Controversy in America* (Indiana University Press, Bloomington, Ind. 47401, 1975), 362 pgs., \$12.50, Photographs, Foreward, Notes, Bibliography, Index].

In *UFOs and Their Mission Impossible*, Dr. Clifford Wilson, of Melbourne, Australia, theorizes evil forces are sending UFOs to earth for a belligerent purpose, but "when [the UFOs] set themselves against Almighty God, theirs must ultimately prove to be a 'Mission Impossible'" -- hence the title of the book. Despite his professed respect for scientists engaged in UFO studies, the author constantly makes unscientific statements (example: "the possibility of life on other planets, apart from divine creation, would be extremely unlikely"), quotes extensively from such "authorities" as Brinsley Le Poer Trench and John Keel (hardly paragons of scientific virtue), and accepts theory as fact (despite his condemnation of Erich Von Daniken for doing the same thing). Very little original information is apparent and the book is essentially another cut-and-paste job with an irritating lack of sighting dates, but too little lack of incorrect, unsubstantiated "facts." The journalistic style is on a par with that of a high school sophomore.

[Dr. Clifford Wilson, *UFOs and Their Mission Impossible* (New York, N.Y.: New American Library, 1975), 225 pgs., \$1.50 (paperback), Preface, Notes, Bibliography].

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