

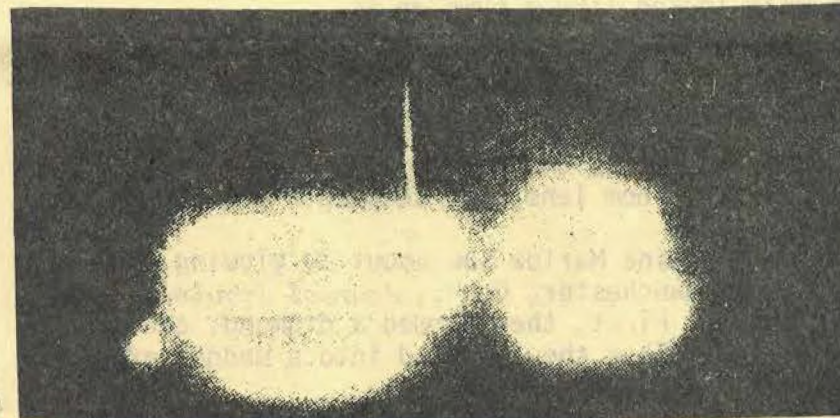
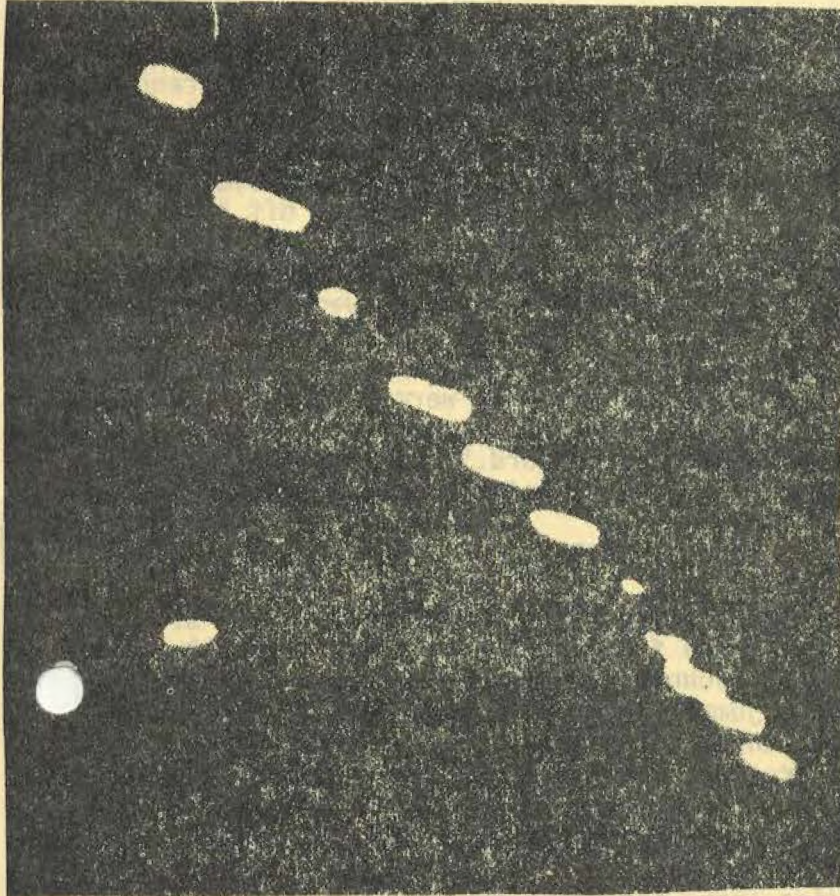
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A REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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UFO PHOTOGRAPHS ENHANCE SIGHTING REPORTS



UFO Photos, Sesto San Giovanni, Italy,
August 6, 1977

UFOs that were photographed, tracked on radar, caused physiological effects and animal reactions, changed shape, emitted sounds and frightened witnesses; an object that descended into the sea and emerged; and UFO light beams that illuminated witnesses, an automobile and the surrounding area are characteristics of sighting reports from at least 10 states and three foreign countries during the period March-September.

Residents in Italy were among the witnesses.

Several artists in Imperia observed a UFO that descended into the sea on the morning of July 31, stated the August 2, 1977, edition of *La Stampa*.

"It remained underwater for about half an hour, and the sea was very rough," said Raffaele Asheri. "We thought at once of a weather balloon, but when I saw it emerging again and going back disappearing into the sky, I had to change my mind. It was bright white in color and elliptical in shape."

It was 10 p.m., August 6. Erminio Ferranti, owner of a photographer's shop in Sesto San Giovanni, received a call from Cesare Bisesti, who said he was filming UFOs. Ferranti, his wife, Nuccia Galbiati, and their son, Lorenzo, grabbed "a camera with tripod and a 600 mm telephoto lens" and rushed to the site, stated *Il Giorno*, August 8, 1977. (See photos, left).

There were 13 UFOs. Three of the objects formed a triangle that reportedly illuminated the others, which were all in a row and moving slowly. One of the objects descended and emitted a light beam, which caused dogs in the area to bark. The UFO also had an antenna protruding from the top.

On July 19, Eduardo Uhalde and Ricardo Larrieu were attending an outdoor birthday party for their children in Avellaneda, Argentina, "when they heard

Courtesy: *Stampa Sera Del Lunde* (top) and *Il Giorno* (bottom)

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loud noises above them," stated the August 8, 1977, edition of the *Buenos Aires* (Argentina) *Herald*. They saw a formation of UFOs flying overhead. The saucers flew in a circular path. Then the formation opened up "like a fan" and zoomed off at a tremendous speed.

A photograph of the saucer formation "which shows the object rather blurily outlined against the sky" was taken.

UFOR is indebted to John Brent Musgrave, Edmonton, Alberta, for his report on the following Canadian sightings.

At about 9 p.m., March 9, Maria and Susanna Stratford observed "a shiny oval object descend almost to tree-top level" over Victoria, British Colum-

bia. The UFO "had a flashing red light on top, a bulge on the bottom" and emitted "a low humming noise." The sisters reported the flying craft circled about 30 feet above them, "and they could see the reflection of street lights on its surface before it took off."

At least eight lights were seen over London, Ontario, at around 10 p.m., April 15. Four of them were in an arrow-shaped formation. About 30 minutes later, Bruce Powell, piloting his twin-engine Viper Aztec, observed them "flashing red lights" and pursued them for half an hour.

Eight days later -- at about 11 p.m., April 23 -- numerous witnesses saw UFOs over Edmonton. There were two red, flashing lights that looked like they were part of the same object. Charles R. Elliott, circulation manager for *Edmonton Report* magazine, said "it appeared to be two V-shaped tongues of red fire, moving slowly westward." One witness snapped two color photographs through a 200 mm lens (Canon). He took the pictures at about one-quarter second utilizing Kodak 64ASA slide film.

(Additional sources: *Canadian UFO Report*, Spring, 1977; *Saint John's Edmonton Report*, May 2, 1977; and *UFO Pulse Analyzer*, June, 1977).

Howard and Alice Crone were traveling near Lunenburg, Vt., at 3:35 a.m., July 31.

"Our Yorkshire was sitting up on the back of the front seat like a cat does," Crone remarked in the August 23, 1977, edition of the St. Johnsbury, Vt., *Caledonian Record*. "All a sudden, it started whimpering and shaking and jumped into the back seat on the floor. I had a blanket down there and he tried to climb under the blanket."

About 3-4 minutes later, the automobile crested a hill, and the car's interior got brighter.

"At first I thought it was the moon, but then I saw that it wasn't," Crone continued. "It got almost bright enough to read a newspaper by."

The light also illuminated the surrounding area, including the trees. Then the couple observed "a bright diamond-shaped glow" with what looked like a hump on it.

"It was hovering when we first saw it," Crone stated. "Then it would move and hover again."

As the object made its first move, the "hump" apparently disengaged itself "and appeared to be a smaller diamond-shaped glow with bright red, green, and blue lights on it." The larger UFO "had a horizontal band of light extending across the top of it."

Crone stopped the car, grabbed his camera with a zoom lens, and snapped a picture. Then "both objects backed away quickly and disappeared."

At around 9:05 p.m., April 10, Pat Thompson and Gina Marlow saw about 20 glowing, yellowish-orange objects in Enfield, Conn., stated the Manchester, Conn., *Journal Inquirer*, April 11, 1977. Several times the UFOs changed shape. First, they formed a diamond, converged, disappeared, and reformed "into an arrow shape." Then they changed into a wedge before disappearing behind a tree.

On the morning of June 24, Jane Sherman was awakened in her Wilson, N.Y., home by dogs barking and observed "a strange red glowing light over the woods," according to the *Niagara* (N.Y.) *Gazette*, June 25, 1977. She alerted her daughter and son-in-law, who also saw it. As a sheriff's deputy approached the area, the UFO disappeared to the east.

A woman in Rasselas, Pa., heard her two German shepherd dogs begin to howl at 9:20 p.m., May 3. She saw a white light beam emanating from a silver UFO hovering below the treetops. The object was about 700 feet away and was approximately 75-100 feet in diameter, stated the Bradford, Pa., *Era*, May 5, 1977. After about 10 minutes, the UFO abruptly accelerated and disappeared straight up.

Lori Wendling was preparing for bed early on the morning of July 13 in the Cypress-Black Bayou area of Bossier Parish, La.

"Then I saw this light in my room and it was fluorescent and lit up the whole yard -- and there were red lights all around it," Lori said in *The Shreveport (La.) Times*, July 17, 1977.

Rushing to a window, the witness saw a UFO 30-40 feet wide hovering about 10 feet off the ground.

"It was a dome-like thing and was all white and the base was the shape of a stop sign and red lights kept going around the base..." Lori continued. "When it started to rise, it made a humming sound like a whang, whang, whang."

Lori ran into her parents' bedroom.

"I knew she was scared and too wide awake to be fooling around," Skip Wendling, a former National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) employee, stated.

Wendling ran for his gun, but Lori stopped him. He looked out of the window, but saw nothing.

Approximately one hour later, Lori again saw the object and alerted her mother and sister, Shari, who also saw it. It was shaped like a plus sign and carried red and white lights. As dawn broke, "it shot higher into the sky."

"I know what I saw and I know what Lori saw and I'll never forget it," Mrs. Wendling remarked.

Pilots Among Ohio Witnesses

On the evening of April 12, witnesses in and around the East Cleveland, Ohio, area observed a UFO. At about 8 o'clock, George Gura and his five children saw it from their home in Mentor. The children were reportedly terrified.

"It looked like a boomerang with lights on it," Gura remarked.

Meanwhile, Rick Aldridge, a neighbor, watched the V-shaped formation of five yellow-orange lights "about the size of ping pong balls." The formation flew from southeast to northwest.

Still another Mentor resident, George Beam, saw the UFO fly from the northwest to the southeast -- the opposite direction -- at around 10 p.m.

"The right side kept changing to a reddish color," he stated.

East Cleveland Police Capt. George Williams, also a private pilot, was "moonlighting" at Lost Nation Airport at 9:20 when he observed it at an altitude of approximately 3,000 feet moving from southeast to northwest.

"There were four orangish lights across it," Capt. Williams related. "They weren't like landing lights, and they didn't put out a beam. As it went past me and I was looking at what was probably its rear, the light on the far right turned red. We called Cleveland approach control radar and they told us they were tracking a target... They said it was at 24,000 feet and moving at the speed of a large jet... At 10:50, a fellow in a twin engine plane landed at Lost Nation and told me he had seen the object. He described it the same way I did. His passenger said one of the lights moved away from the other while she watched it."

(Sources: Willoughby, Ohio, *News Herald*, April 14 and 16, 1977).

Early on the morning of August 11, a deputy sheriff and his partner (who desire anonymity) were patrolling near Allegan, Mich., when they spotted a UFO.

"It was a flying vehicle with two large spotlights mounted on the bottom," stated the August 13, 1977, edition of *The Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press*. "It appeared to be large and round and was about 200 to 300 feet above the ground. It moved very slowly toward the west... Its light were mounted about 10 to 15 feet apart and were pointed toward the ground, as if they were scanning the ground."

The deputy added that one of the spotlights passed directly overhead, and he and his partner were momentarily blinded. Then the UFO disappeared to the west.

Shortly before 4 a.m., a third deputy saw an oval-shaped UFO "pass slowly over the city with spotlights pointed downward."

At about midnight, three men reportedly saw an oval-shaped object 30-40 yards in diameter over nearby New Richland. The UFO had "a belt of reddish to purple lights along the midsection and a large spotlight on the bottom." The mysterious craft "made a whirring or humming sound" as it slowly flew from east to west. After hovering briefly, the object shot straight up "at a high rate of speed."

Steve Kinnard and Tony Newby were walking in Anderson, Ind., when they spotted a "strange lighted object fly over the treetops around the Wesley Chapel" on the early morning of June 29.

"It was changing colors -- red, green and yellow," Kinnard stated in the July 2, 1977, edition of the *Anderson Bulletin*. "It was flying around the church in gigantic circles and doing loops in the air."

The UFO approached the boys and, 50 yards away, changed to a brilliant white color.

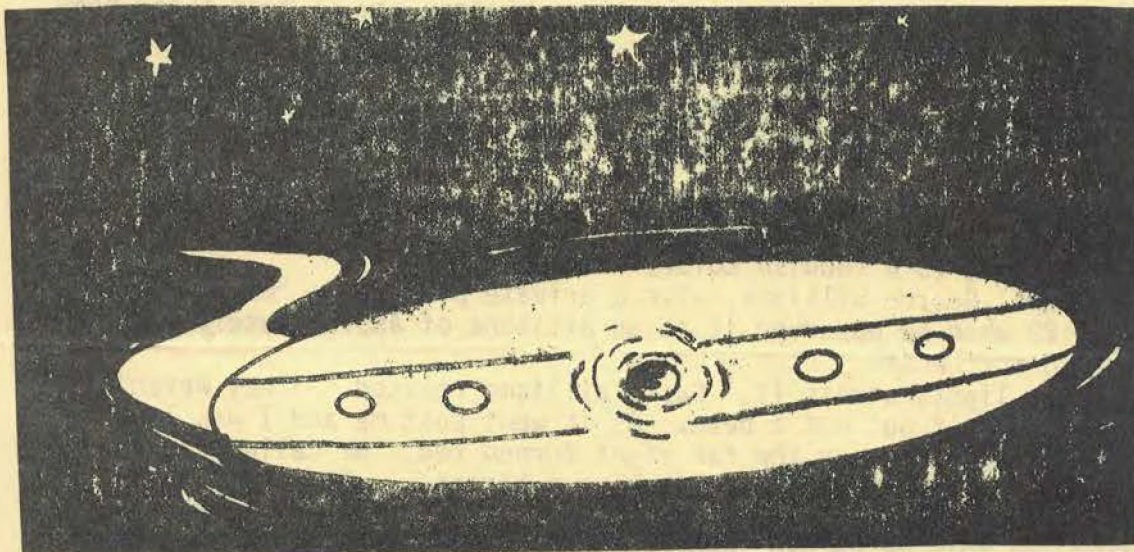
"We were scared to death," Kinnard continued. "We took off running and this thing kept coming toward us. There was a light coming out on us -- nothing else was lit up -- it was just shining on us. It was almost like the thing was trying to communicate with us... real spooky."

The witnesses ran toward a house. As they reached it, "the object began to back off." Then "it changed back to its red, green and yellow colors before completely vanishing."

At about 10:30 p.m., June 25, Jim and Mike Sutherland observed "a bright red light" over a water tower near Mercer, Wisc., according to the July 7, 1977, edition of the *Minocqua (Wisc.) Lakeland Times*. The object descended "and changed to an orange color while increasing in size."

Next, the light changed to "a bright white" which temporarily blinded the boys "before it veered towards the Sutherland home, rose..., and disappeared within seconds."

Mrs. Sutherland also saw the UFO from a house window.



UFO Sketch, Billings, Mont., September 4, 1977

(Courtesy: Billings Gazette)

at an altitude of 15,000-18,000 feet 10-15 miles west of Billings. Pulsating, it apparently changed shape from circular to oblong and emitted "a reddish-green glow speckled by throbbing white, green and red lights on its side," according to the *Billings Gazette*, September 8, 1977.

An air traffic controller (who requested his name be kept confidential) at the airport in Billings, Mont., spotted a UFO at 10:50 p.m., September 4, and contacted Capt. James Webster, piloting a Frontier Airlines, 19-passenger Twin Otter. (See sketch, left). Webster alerted his co-pilot, Larry Helm. They saw an oval-shaped object "about 150 feet in diameter" flying

U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SCRUTINIZE UFO REPORTS

NASA will study UFO reports from the last decade in an effort to determine whether the U.S. government should embark upon a new, intensive investigation into the subject, according to the October 18, 1977, edition of the *National Enquirer*. Dr. Frank Press, President Carter's science adviser as director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, requested that NASA conduct the study.

"Since it has been nearly a decade since the Condon Report, I believe a small panel of inquiry could be formed to see if there are any new significant findings," Dr. Press wrote Dr. Robert Frosch, NASA administrator, on July 21.

According to Herbert Rowe, associate administrator for external affairs for NASA, UFO cases from civilian UFO organizations as well as those contained in numerous books and articles will be reviewed "to see if it would be worthwhile to conduct a further investigation."

UFOR is attempting to learn more about this important White House move, and we will bring you further details, if available.

FROM REICH AND THE HOLLOW EARTH TO "FALLEN ANGELS": A DUBIOUS SMORGASBORD
(Book Reviews)

Despite the claims of its authors to the contrary, much of *Celestial Passengers; UFOs and Space Travel*, by Margaret Sachs and Ernest Jahn, is a hodgepodge of UFO cases, astronomical data and speculations recounted for the umpteenth time. It is not, however, strictly a cut-and-paste job. The authors have done some original research, but just where it all leads -- except, perhaps, to bolster the extraterrestrial (ET) theory -- is a bit unclear. One of the book's better chapters deals with a new statement from Albert Chop -- former Air Force press chief, former NASA information officer, and presently retired from the Energy Research and Development Administration's (now Department of Energy) Richland (Wash.) Operations Office -- on the flurry of UFO activity over Washington, D.C., during the summer of 1952. Chop's report crackles with suspense and excitement. Not so the rest of the book. At times, it is such a paean to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) that the uninitiated reader might well wonder if any other UFO organizations exist. This is unfortunate, particularly in light of what NICAP has -- or has not -- been doing in the better part of the last decade.

[Margaret Sachs and Ernest Jahn, *Celestial Passengers; UFOs and Space Travel* (Penguin Books, 625 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 11022, 1977), paperback, \$2.95, 220 pgs., preface, photographs].

In *The Cosmic Pulse of Life; The Revolutionary Biological Power Behind UFOs*, Trevor James Constable attempts rather dogmatically to illustrate that orgone energy, discovered by Dr. Wilhelm Reich in 1939-40, "is the master technical key" to the UFO mystery. He says such characteristics as electro-magnetic effects, animal reactions and radar trackings can be explained in this manner. The ET theory, Constable asserts, "has paralyzed the thought processes of several generations" of UFO researchers. His overall case is weak, and his praise of George Adamski, George Van Tassel, Daniel Fry, Meade Layne and Ray Palmer doesn't help. Orgone -- described by the author as "the specific biological energy of every living thing, in addition to being the formative etheric underpinning to physical matter" -- has been a subject of heated controversy for nearly four decades, and Reich has been villified and denounced by the government, the scientific community and UFO researchers. The fact is that, 20 years after his death in a federal prison, Reich's theories are gaining widespread acceptance in the field of psychology, and their applications are helping patients overcome a wide variety of psychological ailments. This student of Sigmund Freud is a man whose time has come, but the question of whether or not to link orgone energy with UFOs is still far from resolved, this book notwithstanding.

[Trevor James Constable, *The Cosmic Pulse of Life; The Revolutionary Biological Power Behind UFOs* (Merlin Press, P.O. Box 12159, Santa Ana, Calif. 92712, 1976), 410 pgs., \$5.95, paperback, photographs, publisher's notes, prefaces, index].

Are you ready for this? Here is "real, solid proof that the earth, without any doubt whatsoever, is hollow," as "presented" by Brinsley Le Poer Trench in *Secret of the Ages -- UFOs From Inside the Earth*. Now, you didn't *really* expect solid proof, did you? Right. At least a little scrap of evidence? Wrong. Here's the "proof" for the old UFO/hollow earth theory (revisited): ESSA-7 satellite photographs show "a total lack of cloud cover" over the North and South Poles on *one* day; descendants of Atlantis are still "living in fabulous cities" beneath our feet; Admiral Richard E. Byrd flew beyond the Pole to an "enchanted continent in the sky," but this was kept "under wraps"; since it gets warmer and game is more plentiful as you near the top of the world, it naturally follows a warm wind is blowing from Earth's interior; since UFOs drop "earthly substances" and we all know "these craft are not manufactured *on* the surface, then they must come from *within* the earth"; 100,000 people in the U.S. disappear every year, and "most of these disappearances take place during UFO flaps." Well, there's the "proof." Somehow we doubt an international congress of scientists will be assembled to study it.

[Brinsley Le Poer Trench, *Secret of the Ages -- UFOs From Inside the Earth* (Pinnacle Books, Inc., 275 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, 1977), 240 pgs., \$1.75, paperback, introduction, photographs, appendices, references, index].

One would expect a British journalist with the credentials of Michael Hervey to present an objective, factual analysis of the UFO controversy in America. In *UFOs: The American Scene*, he does neither. The book is one unbroken string of sighting reports with no attempt at analysis. Worse, a number of names and dates are incorrect or confused, and details are often sparse. For a man who has allegedly penned 30 books, 18 television plays, several stage works, and 3,000 short stories, his organizational and writing skills are decidedly below par.

[Michael Hervey, *UFOs: The American Scene* (St. Martin's Press, Inc., 175 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010, 1976), 224 pgs., \$7.95, Foreword by Maj. Kolman S. VonKeviczky, photographs, index].

Roy Stenman's *Visitors From Outer Space* is the UFO subject's first "art" book -- a sort of pictorial history of the phenomenon. It's a wonder someone hasn't done it before. This, however, is about the only distinguishing feature of the work. The rest is warmed-over history of the modern flying saucer era -- from Kenneth Arnold to the top secret "estimate of the situation" to the Robertson Panel, the various UFO flaps, occupant reports, and the psychic connection. Finally, it's hard to tell if this book is aimed at an adult or a young audience.

[Roy Stenman, *Visitors From Outer Space* (Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday & Co., Inc., 1976), 144 pgs., \$8.95, photographs, illustrations].

UFOs "are fallen angels who have come to prepare the kingdom of antichrist on this planet," but Christ will return "with His forces" and destroy "the Satanic power and evil armies of the earth." So says Kelly L. Segraves in *The Great Flying Saucer Myth*, probably one of the most worthless UFO books yet. Segraves is no theologian, either: he says the Bible states that Christ "is the power that created all things." When an author confuses Jesus with God, one naturally has to wonder.

[Kelly L. Segraves, *The Great Flying Saucer Myth* (Beta Books, 10857 Valiente Ct., San Diego, Calif. 92124, 1977), 126 pgs., \$1.25, paperback, introduction].

POLICE AND OTHERS OBSERVE UFOs OVER CANADA

Police and other residents in at least three Canadian provinces observed UFOs during the first three months of the year. A car that was pushed back by a strange flying object; physiological effects; a UFO that illuminated a backyard and circled near a hydroelectric substation; and an object that emitted "an unbearable noise" were characteristics of the reports.

Beverly Mitchell, a registered nursing assistant, observed a disc over some bushland on the outskirts of Napanee, Ontario, at around 12:30 a.m., January 8. The witness was in bed "when a strange droning sound attracted her attention." Rushing to a window, she observed the UFO about one-half mile away and at approximately the same distance in altitude. The object was slowly rotating counterclockwise "with the low-pitched drone accompanying the rotation." Three brilliant, yellow lights on the UFO's rim lit up a neighbor's backyard. The object's diameter was estimated at more than 40 feet.

For about an hour and a half, Mrs. Mitchell watched the strange craft circle in the vicinity of a hospital and the Slash Road hydroelectric substation. Then, at 2:45, she phoned the Ontario Provincial Police, Napanee. Constable David Willis responded and saw the UFO, which had changed to a blue color.

At 12:45 a.m., February 10, Tom Thibault was driving near Docetteville, Nova Scotia, when his automobile was pushed back 250 feet by a UFO 30-60 feet long hovering only 10-12 feet over the road. A blue light emitted from the object engulfed the car, causing "an electric shock and an unbearable noise." The witness reportedly experienced loss of memory and recurring headaches.

At about 1:30 p.m. March 2, David Heneman and two others were sitting in a parked bus in Toronto, Ontario, when they saw a huge disc 100-150 feet in diameter approximately 450 feet over a building of condominium apartments. Heneman remarked the UFO "looked like two shiny silver plates inverted on each other." There was "a whitish protrusion on top." After about 15 seconds, the disc sped to the south.

An unidentified Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) constable observed "a bright yellowish light" 1,000-1,500 feet over Slave Lake, Alberta, at 10:15 p.m., March 3. There were brilliant red, "rotating, flashing or pulsating" lights on the bottom of the UFO. The object "appeared to be wobbling and occasionally losing altitude, only to bounce back to its original height while still heading west." About 10 minutes later, the UFO disappeared toward the west. Before disappearing, however, it began to glow "like coals in a fire." Ten minutes later, the object reappeared "and put on the same performance for another 10 minutes before again disappearing."

Exactly one week later -- at 9:40 p.m., March 10 -- another RCMP constable "observed a bright orange light in the western sky" over Slave Lake. Moving to the west of town for a better look, the constable saw a "cone-shaped object that was tilted on a 45-degree angle." Pulsating red lights were seen near the lower left of the object, and pulsating green lights were observed on the right. Another constable was alerted, and both saw the UFO over the lake heading west and "dipping up and down."

(Sources: *The UFO Pulse Analyzer*, Issues 2-4, May-July, 1977).

STRANGE OBJECT OVER U.S.S.R.

A strange object hovered over a town in the northern part of the Soviet Union at about 4 a.m., September 22, according to preliminary, sketchy news reports.

The UFO reportedly emitted shafts of light which illuminated the town. Then it expanded into a jelly fish-like shape and disappeared after having been seen for approximately 12 minutes. The object was also reported to have been seen in the vicinity of Helsinki, Finland, at about the same time.

UFOR will bring you further details, if available, on this incident.

MYSTERIOUS OBJECTS IN COLONIAL AMERICA TOP HISTORICAL REPORTS

The preponderance of UFO reports from the last three decades tend, at times, to obscure the fact that little-known historical sources hide a wealth of pre-1947 sightings. Good, reliable documentation from personal diaries, ships' logs, newspapers and magazines date back several hundred years.

Perhaps the earliest, reliably recorded sighting in the United States was revealed in the diary of John Winthrop, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, nearly a century and a half before Colonial America became an independent nation.

On an evening in 1638, according to Winthrop, James Everell and two others were sailing down the Muddy River near Charlestown in a barge when they spotted "a great light" swoop down upon them, according to an article by Andrew E. Rothovius in the *Peterborough (N.H.) Transcript*, August 5, 1965. Suddenly, the witnesses found their barge "being attracted by the object and pulled upstream against the tide." After the object disappeared, the frightened men scrambled to shore, where "divers other credible persons had seen the same light."

Colonial Massachusetts was the site of still another strange, rather flamboyant sighting report more than a decade before the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

At 5 a.m., August 14, 1765, a "small black cloud" was seen over Boston. It hovered over the city until sunset, and "thousands were congregated to stare and to gaze, and to gape." At about 7 p.m., the "cloud" descended to the earth, then rose to approximately 15 feet above the ground, stated the *Boston Gazette and Country Journal*, August 19, 1765. It moved slowly along the main street, where "it emitted... a little vapor and smoke, intermixed with a few rapid sparks of electric fire, 'till it came before the province house. Here it flopped a few minutes, swelled, looked excessively black and fierce, and suddenly discharged itself of three tremendous peals of thunder, which shook that lofty fabric, and all the little houses and hollow hearts near it."

The ferocious visitor from the skies then proceeded onto King Street. As it passed a house where "a number of respectable *Magi* were assembled..., it gave three discharges more," which caused one or two of the gentlemen to take "to their heels." The UFO passed the Golden Ball Inn, journeyed down to Oliver's dock, "and by a violent explosion in all directions, shook and tore a newly erected building, said to be for a stamp office, into atoms." Then it scurried up Fort Hill, where it shattered the windows, glass, china, garden fence and coach-house door of a government official said to be "odious to all true North Americans." Then it climbed to the top of a hill, where "it began to roar, and blow, and bellow, and thunder, and to vomit smoke and fire, and raged like Aetna in 10,000 flames." At 11 p.m., the object "suddenly vanished."

Though the newspaper reported this incident with no evidence of tongue-in-cheek, its authenticity is considerably clouded by one fact: in March of that same year, the Stamp Act was passed.

More than 100 years later -- the evening of November 6, 1866 -- A. De G. De Fonblanque, the British consulate in Carthagena, Colombia, observed a large, bright red light fly toward the north-northwest. It was seen for about three minutes, the official stated in the January 2, 1867, edition of *The* (London, England) *Times*.

As far as we know, the first time a UFO was described as a "saucer" can be found in the January 25, 1878, edition of the *Denison* (Texas) *Daily News*.

On January 22, John Martin, a farmer, was hunting near Dallas when he spotted "a dark object" that "continued to grow in size." Finding the UFO too bright to look at, Martin turned away. When he looked up again, it "was almost overhead and had increased considerably in size... When directly over him, it was about the size of a large saucer..."

"It went as rapidly as it had come and was soon lost to sight in the southern sky," the paper related. "Mr. Martin is a gentleman of undoubted veracity and this strange occurrence, if it was not a balloon, deserves the attention of the scientists."

At around 10:30 on an evening in November, 1881, a witness in St. Joseph, Mo., observed about 50 "stars" that quickly formed an upside down pyramid. Approximately 30 minutes later, they began to "break ranks" as "coolly and deliberately as a company of well disciplined soldiers would disband or obey an order," stated *The* (Lamoni, Iowa) *Saints' Herald*, December 1, 1881. The formation was reportedly directly over the home of Governor Woodson.

Edwin Blue and a friend observed a V-shaped formation of 8-10 lights in Grand Forks, N.D., in 1895. The objects flew from the southeast to the northwest, Blue stated in a letter to Ed Sullivan, dated April 11, 1952.

SIGHTING CAPSULES

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

- August 2, 1977. About 12:45 a.m. South Williamsport, Pa. Jonny and Jay Bowman observed a brilliant object "about the size of a car" that rose, hovered, then "took off so fast you couldn't really tell which way it went." The UFO appeared as a glowing, blue-white light source, "like the flame of a blow torch." (*Williamsport Sun-Gazette*, August 2, 1977).
- August 11, 1977. Evening. Tarboro, N.C. Melvin Hoard observed an object that was flashing red, green, white and yellow colors. It mainly hovered in one spot, but occasionally moved up and down, stated the *Tarboro Southerner*, August 12, 1977. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).
- August 18, 1977. Approximately 9:30 p.m. Near Joseph, Ore. Ann Sawyer saw a UFO "emitting a bright blue light" that flew from east to west. It disappeared, reappeared, then "suddenly vanished." (La Grande, Ore., *Observer*, August 25, 1977).