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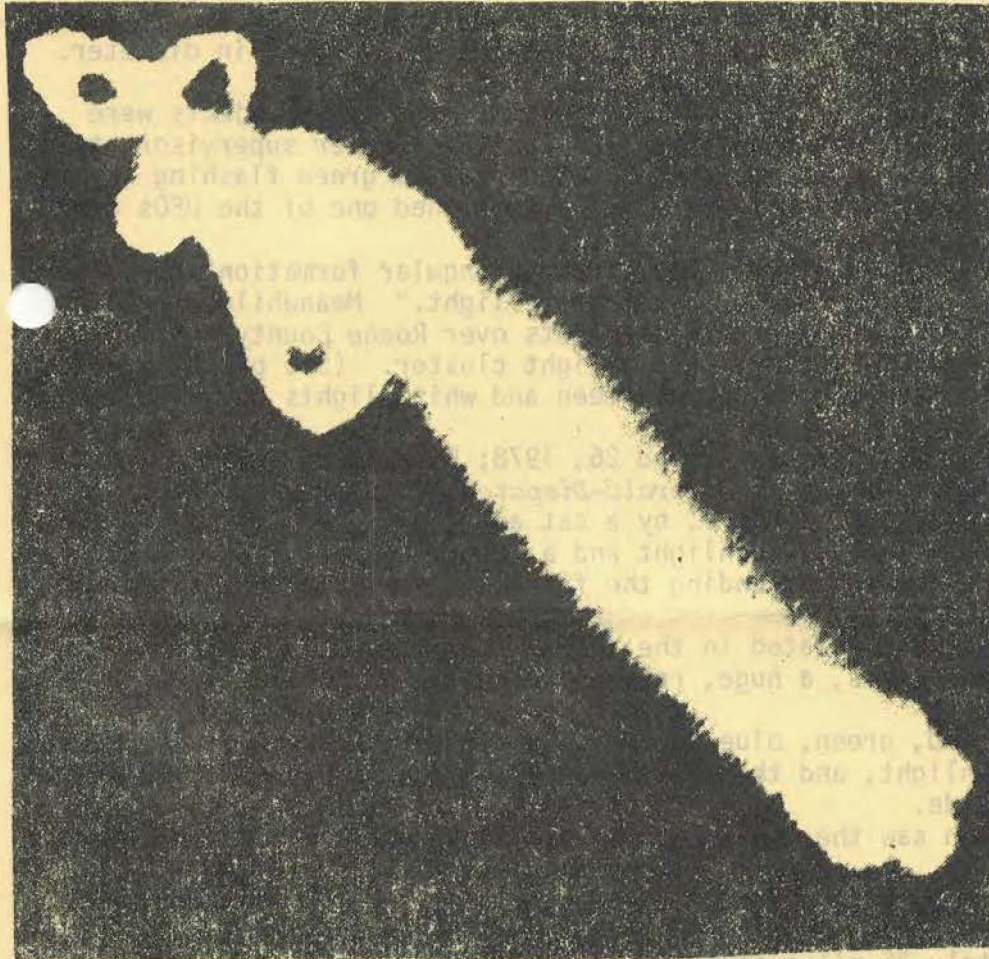
A REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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LEVITATING CARS, OCCUPANTS, ABDUCTIONS HIGHLIGHT 1978 SIGHTING REPORTS

A UFO that lifted a car from a road and carried it 70 kilometers in one minute; an object that apparently caused a car to levitate; occupants; abductions; a UFO that possibly affected food; an object that hovered over an Air Force (AF) communications site; jets that chased alien objects; a UFO that responded to a signal; objects that caused physiological and electromagnetic (E-M) effects and animal reactions; others that were tracked on radar, landed and took off, illuminated the ground, and emitted sounds; another that discharged a small object; UFOs that were photographed and filmed and frightened witnesses; an object that emitted an odor; and a plane that circled a UFO were the characteristics of sighting reports from at least 11 states and five foreign countries during 1978. Witnesses included flight controllers, a pilot, a television crew, police, ministers, a railway station chief, and oil company technicians.



UFO Photo, Marmet, W.Va., October 22, 1978

(Courtesy: Gazette-Mail)

An unidentified man was watching television in Verona, N.Y., at approximately 9:20 p.m., October 23.

"All of a sudden, I heard this noise coming from my backyard," he stated in the Syracuse, N.Y., *New Times*, November 5, 1978. "I went outside... and I saw these lights in the sky that appeared to be the source of the noise."

The witness saw three oblong-shaped UFOs with "flashing yellow and orange lights" in a V formation. Several minutes later, he observed jets he assumed were from nearby Griffin AF Base approach the objects. The UFOs moved away "a lot faster than the jets" and returned after the planes had left the area.

The UFOs apparently hovered over an AF communications test area "that transmits microwave signals from Verona to Buffalo and back." Richard Garcia, spokesman for the Rome Air Developmental Center at Griffin, said the AF "did not engage in any type of airborne testing in that area."

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Goldberg were observing a snowfall at 10:05 a.m., January 17, in Mahoning, Pa., when they observed a silver UFO "with a bright white light and cylinder on the bottom," *The (Allentown, Pa.) Morning Call*, January 18 and 19, 1978, stated. It was at an altitude of 200-500 feet above some trees.

Goldberg grabbed his Polaroid camera and snapped a photograph of the "long, oval-shaped object." The picture shows the UFO with "a clearly defined outline with three bright spots near the bottom."

Meanwhile, the dog next door began barking. Mrs. Herbert Becker confirmed her son's dog, Ringo, was barking at about the time of the sighting, but she

did not check to see what was creating the disturbance. There were also reports there was interference to several television sets in the area at about the same time.

Residents in several West Virginia counties observed the mysterious objects.

At about 8:25 p.m., October 20, Tracy Gossard and three friends watched a huge, brightly lit object "shaped like a frisbee" over Charleston. It "flashed on and off, flew across the sky in all four directions, and once dipped down toward earth."

Early the next morning -- October 21 -- Mason County Deputy Sheriff Frank Crump and other law officers spotted "a jagged, spherical shape" with a white base and red, blue, green and orange lights near Gallipolis Ferry. Crump and his partner chased the fast-moving UFO approximately 13 miles to the Cabell County line. It was estimated to be only 6 feet in diameter. The object rose and changed to a predominantly blue color.

At about 8 p.m., UFOs were seen in the Chesapeake-Belle area, and three objects were tracked on radar for about 4 minutes, stated Bill Givens, flight controller supervisor at Kanawha Airport. The objects were "thick and brightly lit, with red and green flashing lights revolving around their perimeters." Policemen reportedly photographed one of the UFOs over Witcher's Creek.

Three hours later, Gary Corley spotted three UFOs "in a triangular formation" over Chesapeake. The lead craft was emitting "pulsating bursts of white light." Meanwhile, Trooper Gary Williams and about 13 others watched three bright objects over Roane County.

On October 22, Harlan Burns, Marmet, photographed a light cluster. (See photo, p. 1).

Three days later, 11 policemen spotted red, blue, green and white lights over the Ohio River town of Parkersburg.

(Sources: Charleston *Gazette-Mail*, October 22 and 26, 1978; Bluefield, W.Va., *Daily Telegram*, October 23, 1978; and Huntington, W.Va., *Herald-Dispatch*, October 24, 1978).

Roy V.R. Grogan was awakened at 2 a.m., July 1, by a cat and dog fight outside his home in Federalsburg, Md. Rushing outside with a flashlight and a .22 caliber rifle, he saw "a narrow beam of light" shining onto his yard, "sending the frightened animals scrambling for shelter."

"Then I heard a noise," the witness related in the July 5, 1978, edition of the *Federalsburg Times*. "I looked up and there it was, a huge, round object sitting perfectly still above my house."

The UFO then "began blinking red, green, blue and white alternating lights." Grogan signalled to the object with his flashlight, and the UFO responded. Then it headed straight for the house, and the witness ran inside.

Peering out of a window, Grogan saw the craft head toward "four smaller rotating lights in a nearby field."

"As soon as the large object got near, the smaller ones disappeared," Grogan concluded.

At about 9:30 on the "dark and foggy night" of July 13, Rev. Elisabeth and Rev. Stephen Stephenson were driving approximately 25 miles south of Louisville, Ky., when they observed a UFO that lit up the western sky. They stopped and watched as the object quickly approached within 100 yards of the highway, then stopped and briefly hovered about 30 feet off the ground.

The rectangular UFO was 15-20 feet high and 30-40 feet long. It looked to be yellow in the distance, but appeared "as a glowing, steady white light" as it hovered.

"The dazzling, almost blinding light was like no other light I have ever seen before....," Rev. Elisabeth explained in the August 9, 1978, edition of the Glasgow, Ky., *Times*. "It was soundless... and moved with terrific speed. It reminded us of a large house burning all over, except the light was brighter than our brightest sunlight and there were no flames."

As the witnesses watched in awe, "a giant oblong shape of light encircled the UFO and penetrated deeply the fog and darkness." Then the object moved quickly west, and its "lights blacked out just as if someone turned the lights off." The Stephensons continued their journey toward Glasgow.

After traveling about seven miles, the observers again saw the mysterious object. Once again, they stopped. For 15 minutes, they watched as the UFO "played over a hillside" -- executing up and down maneuvers, traveling sideways, and zig-zagging. At times, "the object shot forth ribbon-like flares." A plane also circled the UFO. The light from the UFO "engulfed an area about a mile wide" before disappearing.

At approximately 2:30 a.m., September 15, Sandra Hooper awoke in her home in a rural area near Delano, Tenn. She walked to her kitchen for a drink of water. Looking out of a window, she observed "two man-like forms dressed in white, one appearing to hold a flashlight, in the field behind her house."

As Mrs. Hooper turned to alert her uncle, she glanced back and saw "a long, reddish-pink object descend from the sky and land." The UFO was around 25 feet long and about 8 feet high. The two creatures "just disappeared" as the object appeared to touch the ground.

(Sources: Athens, Tenn., *Post-Athenian*, September 18, 1978; *Chattanooga* (Tenn.) *Daily Times*, and Paris, Tenn., *Post-Intelligencer*, September 19, 1978).

Mrs. Loreen Little was listening to the radio in her car in Sheffield Village, Ohio, at about 10:45 p.m., July 27, "when everything in the car -- radio, flashlight, defroster -- went dead," according to the Lorain, Ohio, *Journal*, August 1, 1978. With her was her daughter, Belinda Sue, and a 14-year old neighbor, Judy Reszkzsky.

Mrs. Little looked up and observed a UFO shaped like "an upside-down banana" hovering just above the ground. It was "flat on the bottom with two lights." The object rose and "sounded like a vacuum sweeper when it goes bad." Then it quickly ascended and disappeared.

At around 2 a.m., January 16, Jon Spizale, Crystal, Minn., observed a UFO with red and green lights that "seemed to be rotating end over end."

"It would seem round, and then flat and long," Spizale remarked in the January 16, 1978, edition of the Minneapolis, Minn., *Star*. "It separated into four pieces that seemed to form a lighted cross in the sky. Then it seemed to form back into one shape and then two. It was all happening so fast I couldn't believe my eyes."

The witness said he saw "about seven of the objects" during a 2.5-hour time period. At least five police officers also observed the phenomenon.

Occupants Seen

Deanne Kearns observed a gray UFO "in the shape of two dinner plates, one turned upside down and placed on top of the other, with a spire on top" at about 2 a.m., October 8, near Ord, Nebr., reported the Grand Island, Nebr., *Independent*, October 18, 1978. The strange object "was about the size of a three-story house" and "had a series of observation windows and red and green flashing lights."

The witness said the UFO landed around 300 feet from her, then rose to 200-300 feet altitude and hovered for about 10 minutes. A "loud buzzing... somewhat like an electric generating plant" was emitted from the object.

Then the girl saw two creatures 5-6 feet tall, but with no distinguishable features, descend from the UFO "on a beam of yellow light." The entities "took earth and plant samples, then returned to the craft on the beam of light." The UFO "shot straight up and disappeared."

At about 7 p.m., November 27, Butch Hopper and his brother, Thomas, were near Battle Mountain, Nev., when they observed "a large white ball."

"At first we thought it was the moon coming from behind some clouds, but then it looked like a bright beam coming down at a 45-degree angle," Butch related in the November 29, 1978, edition of the Van Nuys, Calif., *Valley News*. "It came right toward us. The closer it got, bigger and dimmer it got. By this time, we decided to get the hell out of there and hopped in our pickup and took off. As we looked back, we saw a smaller craft come out of the right lower corner. This smaller craft had a dome in the middle of it and two wings on either side, but the whole thing was oval-shaped."

Herman Buehler and two friends were driving near Sun Valley when they saw the same or a similar occurrence.

"I thought it was an optical illusion at first," Buehler stated, "but it just kept coming closer and closer so I could see it wasn't. Then something started coming out of the side of it. It looked like a star, and then a ring formed around it like the ring you'd see around Saturn.... Then it vanished."

Around 8:30 p.m., August 16, Mitchell S. Sosna and at least 16 others observed "a large, red, glowing light" over La Mesa, Calif.

"At a later time, it was declared not to have been a UFO but... a balloon with flares attached to it," Sosna declared in a report to UFOR dated November 16, 1978. "I am not a nut..., but I swear that what I saw... could have been nothing else other than a UFO.... My neighbors watched it with me. We saw it arrive, travel, drop something and then speed away. The news and other agencies either treated it like a farce or like it didn't happen the way we saw it."

Sosna added that a patrol car from the La Mesa Police Dept. observed the object "and tried to follow it but lost it."

Witnesses in Canada also observed UFOs.

While tobogganing in Bronte at about 8:45 p.m., January 21, two 14-year olds boys (Ian Robertson and Mitch Vanderwal) and two 15-year olds (Tim Whitnall and George Murdych) saw "a big round ball of orange and yellow" near the BP Oil Refinery.

"It took about 30 seconds before I realized it wasn't a plane or anything from the refinery, and I called to my friends to look behind us," Ian told the *Oakville Journal Record*, January 23, 1978.

Mitch, who said he was scared at first, described the UFO "as a large orange-yellow light that was slightly oval-shaped." He added the object "hovered for a short time over the woods, then dropped down behind some trees" and apparently landed near Bronte Creek. The brilliant glow from the UFO could be seen through the trees.

The boys also heard a high-pitched sound "difficult to describe" being emitted from the craft and noted that a Great Dane "went crazy barking" as the UFO came into view.

While on his way home, Mitch "again saw the UFO rise from the bushes and take off towards Toronto." His parents confirmed Mitch was "'petrified' and... covered with snow" when he arrived home.

On the evening of March 11, Jacques Lavoie and Richard Huot were camping near Lake Bas-tong "when a bright, glowing object hurtled out of the sky and sent them running through the snow in terror." It hovered over the lake, the Toronto, Ontario, Canada, *Sun*, March 14, 1978, said.

The men "photographed the object with a 35-millimetre camera." Prints "show a blurred, oval-shaped white object." The UFO remained in view for approximately 30 seconds.

Witness Stunned

Robert Ruddy was going home in Timmins, Ont., at 11:45 p.m., July 31, when he observed a UFO "slightly larger than a house," stated the *Timmins Press*, August 1, 1978. The object was only 80-100 feet away. It hovered and "made a swishing sound."

Suddenly, the witness was stunned "with a blinding flash of light." He fell to the ground and, as he began to get up, the UFO "accelerated away at an extremely rapid speed, vanishing from sight almost instantly."

According to Manoel Roberto, 11, he and his cousin, Paolo, were abducted on board a UFO on the evening of January 20 near Rondonopolis, Brazil. As of nearly a week later, Paolo was reportedly still missing, according to an article in the *Toronto Sun*, January 26, 1978.

Manoel said he and Paolo were taken aboard a "shining engine" by "small people dressed in red who did not speak but communicated by eye movements." At the same time the UFO landed, "there was an electricity blackout that the power company has been unable to explain."

A Chilean engineer reportedly found Manoel "half naked and dirty." Other town residents also reported seeing "a strange luminous object in the sky" that same night.

Residents of Argentina reported strange occurrences.

Felipe Onofre Orozco, chief of the Ramblon Station on the San Martin Railway line, was waiting for a train shortly before 11 p.m., July 12, in San Juan Province, "when he saw a bright light approaching above the tracks."

The witness thought it was a train approaching, but realized it wasn't "when the light began to hover over the station," stated the Buenos Aires, Argentina, *Herald*, July 14 and 16, 1978. The light from the UFO "lit up the area as clear as day for a few seconds."

Orozco panicked and ran into the station's main building, where he discovered "that a large number of stray dogs and cats had sought refuge from the UFO there."

The object left, and the 11 o'clock train approached, but halted when the engineer noticed "the signalling lights had not been turned on." Jumping from his cab, the engineer "found Orozco, who had suffered a nervous breakdown, cowering with the animals." He was taken to a nearby hospital.

According to reports, the UFO caused E-M effects to "radio and television broadcasts across an area of several kilometres."

At about the same time as the sighting, Lorenzo Correa, a farm worker, said the TV picture he was watching disappeared and, in its place, was an image of a mushroom, which appeared on all the channels.

Badly frightened, Correa ran outside, where he encountered a "'phenomenon of great luminosity' and experienced a sensation of sudden weakness, especially in the legs."

At 9:30 p.m., August 22, Jose Antonio Virbilio, Imael Contreras, and Norberto Alborno were preparing to eat at their hunting camp in Coronel Dorrego, stated the Buenos Aires *Cronica*, August 25, 1978. They were about to barbecue some meat, which they would consume with a loaf of bread. Then the hunters detected "a strong sulfur odor" and saw that the meat had turned an unusual color. Also, "the bread had turned into a sponge."

The men saw a round UFO "with a black center and white edges" that emitted "bluish reflections" hovering about 100 meters from their location. They scrambled to their car, but "they found themselves suddenly facing in another direction, 50 meters away on an adjacent road which they could not have reached without crossing an extension of plowed land..." It was "as if we went through the air." As the automobile "stopped suddenly," the object apparently disappeared.

Woodcutter Abducted

Miguel Freitas, woodcutter, was taking a work break in Gobernador, Dupuy, at about 4:30 p.m., August 30, when he observed a UFO approach and stop only about 2 meters away. A humanoid figure emerged from the object.

"It came to me hands forward and showing me the palms," the witness stated in the September 27, 1978, edition of the *Cronica*. "He was completely covered in bluish lights and, when I tried to escape, he pushed a button on his chest and I was paralyzed. However, I could see I was being taken inside the craft."

Freitas added that, once inside the object, the crew questioned him, "pricked his arms," and smeared his mouth with a liquid. During the time aboard the craft, the woodcutter received some objects and "a box from which the beings' voices came out." Then, as dusk neared, he was released 35-40 kilometers from where he worked.

For some unexplained reason, the witness left the "voice box" at the spot where he was set free, but turned the other objects over to the San Luis police. Freitas was given a clean bill of health by medical doctors and a psychiatrist.

At 3:37 a.m., September 8, Roberto Francisco Torres was walking in Venado Tuerto, Santa Fe Province, when "he saw several luminous posters blacking out." Meanwhile, the surrounding area "lighted up intensely," stated the Buenos Aires *La Nacion*, September 12, 1978.

Feeling intense heat, the witness looked up and observed an oval-shaped object with a dome that was around 10 meters in diameter. It hovered about 50 meters off the ground and emitted "a red light" and "a white glare through a series of windows." The UFO "oscillated smoothly."

The frightened witness ran from the scene.

Meanwhile, a blackout occurred in the area at precisely the same time that Torres first saw the object.

Participating in an automobile race, Carlos Acevedo Ramirez, a Chilean shoe manufacturer, and his mechanic, Angel Moya, were speeding at about 140 kilometers per hour (kph) in their medium-sized Citroen on Route #3 between Comodoro Rivadania and Bahia Blanca, Buenos Aires Province, on September 22, when they observed "a light approaching from behind" at a speed estimated to be 300 kph.

The brilliant orange object apparently shone a light through the rear window of the car and temporarily paralyzed the two men.

"What will we do?" Ramirez asked, helplessly. "What is happening to us?"

Incredibly, the witnesses saw that their vehicle had risen approximately 4 meters above the road and was carried a distance of 70 kilometers in only one minute. The automobile's engine and lights ceased functioning. The men, who experienced a "sensation of weightlessness" during the incident, figured they were traveling at about 3,600 kph.

"Then the light started to fade," Ramirez explained. "It seemed as if we were descending, and we found ourselves on the right shoulder of the road. We could react..."

The E-M effects cleared up, and the badly frightened witnesses continued their journey. (Sources: *Cronica*, September 24-25, 1978).

Seven Kuwait Oil Company technicians, including one American, observed a UFO "as big as a jumbo jet" land in an oil field approximately 90 miles from Umm Alaish on November 10. The cylindrical object "had a huge dome and a flashing red light."

The mysterious intruder caused "temporary disruption of telecommunications and the operations of an oil pumping station about 250 yards from the landing site." Seven minutes later, the UFO took off, and the E-M effects cleared up. The witnesses were reportedly "frozen with horror."

Meanwhile, Kuwait Minister of State Abdul Aziz Hussein announced he was forming a special committee "composed of scientists, civil aviation officials and Interior Ministry representatives" to investigate this and other sightings in his country.

(Sources: Indianapolis, Ind., *Star*, November 14, 1978; and Little Rock *Arkansas Gazette*, November 24, 1978).

Quentin Fogarty, reporter for a Melbourne, Australia, television station, hired a four-engine turboprop aircraft to retrace the path of a New Zealand Airline plane whose crew saw UFOs on December 21 over Cook Strait, the channel separating the two islands of New Zealand. Bill Startup, pilot, and the TV camera crew were on the alert for any possible reoccurrence on the evening of December 30.

The plane was only 10 minutes out of Wellington at 11:35 -- over Kaikoura, South Island -- when its occupants observed very bright, erratically-moving objects with "rings of light going around." Meanwhile, in Wellington, Civil Aviation authorities tracked as many as 10 UFOs on their radar screens at the same time.

"There were bright globules of light pulsating and expanding and lighting up the fore-shore and town of Kaikoura," Fogarty explained. "We got frightened when Wellington radar told us we had one on our tail. Then it was joined by four or five more. I thought once, maybe this is it."

Fogarty added that one object was "saucer-shaped with a dome on top and another was egg-shaped with white lights moving around it."

A 23-year flying veteran, Startup said he first saw a UFO approximately 20 miles in front of his plane.

"Air traffic control then told us there was an object about one mile behind us and I turned the aircraft around to have a look," he stated. "We spotted something which kept accelerating to get closer to us and would then fall back. I know of no aircraft which could carry out such a maneuver."



UFO Film, Kaikoura, South Island, New Zealand, December 30, 1978.

Fogarty's crew captured the objects on color film, which was shown on television in the U.S. and abroad. (See photo, left). The UFOs were estimated to be 100 feet in diameter.

A. Causer, a Wellington air traffic controller, said: "We now have recorded sightings by six pilots on three aircraft over 10 days and a host of radar sightings. There is obviously some strange phenomenon and it needs to be investigated."

The New Zealand AF put on alert Skyhawk fighter-bombers, which "will be deployed if radar at Wellington tracks any more unusual signals," according to a Defence Ministry spokesman.

(Sources: CBS News, January 1, 1979; the January 2, 1979, editions of the *Los Angeles Times*, and the Van Nuys, California, *Valley News*).

EERIE CHARACTERISTICS MARK 1978 NORTH CAROLINA REPORTS

Dead dogs that disappeared after an appearance by a UFO; a plane that chased a mysterious object; a UFO that was photographed; and others that landed and took off, caused E-M effects and animal reactions, left behind physical evidence, emitted sounds, and frightened a witness were characteristics of sightings in the Tar Heel state of North Carolina during the period January-October, 1978. George D. Fawcett, long-time UFO investigator and resident of Lincolnton, N.C., investigated the incidents and sent a report to UFOR.

- January 11. Daytime. Atlantic Ocean, near the coast. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Edmond F. Zinc was piloting an A-6A jet aircraft when he observed "two red-orange, saucer-like objects off his port wingtip and gave chase." For 10 minutes, there were E-M effects to his flight instruments.

- Late February. About 2 a.m. Lincolnton. A man and wife (who requested anonymity) heard an explosion "like a bang with an echo." Looking outside, they saw an oval-shaped object 26-40 feet in diameter near some treetops. Fifteen to 20 minutes later, it disappeared with a "roaring sound," but returned 15-20 minutes after that. It turned white as it left the area for a second time. Meanwhile, the couple next door reported "TV interference" during the UFO's visit, but did not look outside.

- March 1. Around midnight. Near Boone. Two truck drivers reported seeing a UFO with a dome on top and a round bottom land near a highway. Other residents said there was a power failure at about the same time, and there were "brilliant lights in the sky." There was also a report that five large dead dogs -- placed in a pen but not yet buried because of the frozen ground -- disappeared after the UFO left the area.

- March 5. 8:45 p.m. Charlotte. A couple (who requested their names not be used) and three children were watching television when they observed an object land between some trees. It emitted red, blue, green and yellow lights. Less than half-a-minute later, the UFO "ascended and moved south." Three indentations "spaced in an isosceles triangle" measuring approximately 8'x8'x6' were discovered at the landing site, "along with sterile soil (heated to 500°F) and increased thermal luminescence."

- March 10. 9:30 p.m. Charlotte. Mrs. Donna E. Wickhorst and her husband spotted a flying craft with a brilliant white light on top and 6-8 amber-lighted windows hovering above nearby trees. The couple's dog "barked a couple of times at it." After 3-5 minutes, the object headed southeast.

- March 22. 10:30 p.m. Ft. Bragg. PFC Steve Molnar snapped a photograph of a five-sided, disc-shaped UFO with "red lights in a circle" over the military base. After hovering for 4-5 seconds, it "took off over the barracks."

- May 25. Evening. Raleigh-Durham Airport. Numerous residents and a pilot saw an orange object. Two other UFOs were also observed. One descended, then ascended and disappeared.

- July 6 or 7. Approximately 1:30 a.m. Bessemer City. Mrs. Mary L. Stamey and her son, Bill, were awakened by the barking of dogs and "a strange, deep, vibrating sound." Outside, they saw a tremendous, glowing object with what "looked like six metal-looking girders on it." The girders were colored red, yellow, and green. A "soft white glow" was emitted from the inside. As the UFO moved away, the neighborhood dogs reacted violently.

- August 5. Around 11 p.m. Lincolnton. Terry Mayo was driving his motorcycle when he was followed by a UFO "about the size of a house." The object looked like "a cup inverted on top of a saucer." It emitted "a loud humming sound and gave off a yellow-white light all around." Then the object hovered near a farm and apparently caused the cycle's lights and motor to conk out. A minute later, the UFO ascended straight up and vanished. The lights of the motorcycle came back on, but the motor wouldn't start. Mayo "had to kick the motorcycle off" before it would function.

- October 16. 10:25 p.m. Near Maiden. Mrs. Betty Morrow had just passed the Lincoln County Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation substation when she observed "a brightly-lighted orange patch of light on the ground in a wooded area." She noted severe interference to her car radio. Then she saw a brilliant white, oval UFO "about the size of a Volkswagen" that quickly ascended, passed her car, and headed toward town. At about the same time, adjacent to the substation, Mrs. Luther Stroupe's TV set was filled with static and emitted a beep-roaring sound "like it was going to tear off the wall."

● October 26. 11:30 p.m. Lincoln. A housewife spotted a bright orange UFO "as big as a full moon" hovering only about six feet above a hospital roof. Then the object emitted "a hissing sound and gave off a yellow streak of light behind it as it lifted up at a 45-degree angle and moved swiftly towards Gastonia." The light streak remained in the area for minutes. The witness said "the light hurt her eyes to watch it."

FROM ABDUCTEE TO ZOOLOGY -- A GUIDEBOOK
(Book Reviews)

OK, you crossword puzzle buffs, try these on for size: aconin, befap, blisk, cabala, celestio-metathesis, cosmogony. Or manadim, mascon, maser, meson, naphology, nebecism. How about optiman, tachyon, theosite, transmogrification, zeroid? Stumped? You should be. Even Mr. Webster is apparently aware of no more than half a dozen of the above. The rest, according to Norman J. Briazack and Simon Memmick in *The UFO Guidebook*, are all part of the new ufologist's dictionary. In their book, Briazack and Memmick define and explain several hundred UFO and UFO-related words from abductee to zoology. Some of the words admittedly have only the slightest peripheral connection to the UFO phenomenon, but the book is a welcome and unusual addition to the literature. Whether you vie for the befap nebecism, manadim or zeroid theories to explain UFO manifestations, an examen of this work may provide some non-exacerbating insights into the lexicon of the naphologist.

[Norman J. Briazack and Simon Memmick, *The UFO Guidebook* (Citadel Press, 120 Enterprise Ave., Secaucus, N.J. 07094, 1978), \$10, 246 pgs., introduction, bibliography].

All the signs are there -- false Christs, war hysteria, famines, imbalanced ecology, earthquakes, religious persecution, false prophets, coldness in the church -- for (what else?) the coming of the antichrist or heinous dictator. Actually, Satan is using UFOs to deceive mankind, and only true Christians will be saved. So says R.L. Hymers, theologian, in *Encounters of the Fourth Kind*. The author contends that many of "those who have been exposed in one way or the other, to UFOs and their occupants" were possessed by demons, but what little backup he presents to support his contention is highly tenuous. "I am convinced, on the basis of virtually every report that I have read on UFOs, that they are satanic in origin," Hymers writes. That statement covers a lot of territory and raises a multitude of questions but the author fails to allow his readers to either explore the hypothesis or to find the answers. Additionally, "virtually every UFO believer I know of denies the incarnation of God in the flesh in the person of Jesus Christ." This is a sweeping -- and untrue -- statement. But, then, the entire book is highly speculative, providing no new insights and promiser old fashioned fire-and-brimstone condemnation if its readers do not agree with the author's conclusions. A few more books like this and the publisher, Bible Voice, may be deservedly silenced.

[Dr. R.L. Hymers, *Encounters of the Fourth Kind* (Bible Voice, Inc., P.O. Box 7491, Van Nuys, Calif. 91409, 1978), \$1.95, 132 pgs., introduction. Slightly updated and reissued version of *UFOs and Bible Prophecy*].

"The Milky Way is not just a chocolate-covered candy bar!" A quote from an astronomy primer for first-grade students? Almost. It does approximate the level of intelligence exhibited by *Stars, Space, UFOs*, one of the Ripley's Believe It or Not series. Judging by the dramatic, sweeping generalities, the outdated information, and the dubious sources connected with the UFO portion of this slim volume, the reader may well wonder how much of the rest of the work -- or the series -- is factual. Actually, the book would fit well on display in one of the Ripley museums under the Believe It or Not section. And any elementary school teacher caught using this hodgepodge to instruct his charges *should* be "publically horsewhipped!"

[Ripley's Believe It or Not! *Stars, Space, UFOs* (Pocket Books, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10020, 1978), \$1.75, 192 pgs., introduction, glossary].

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