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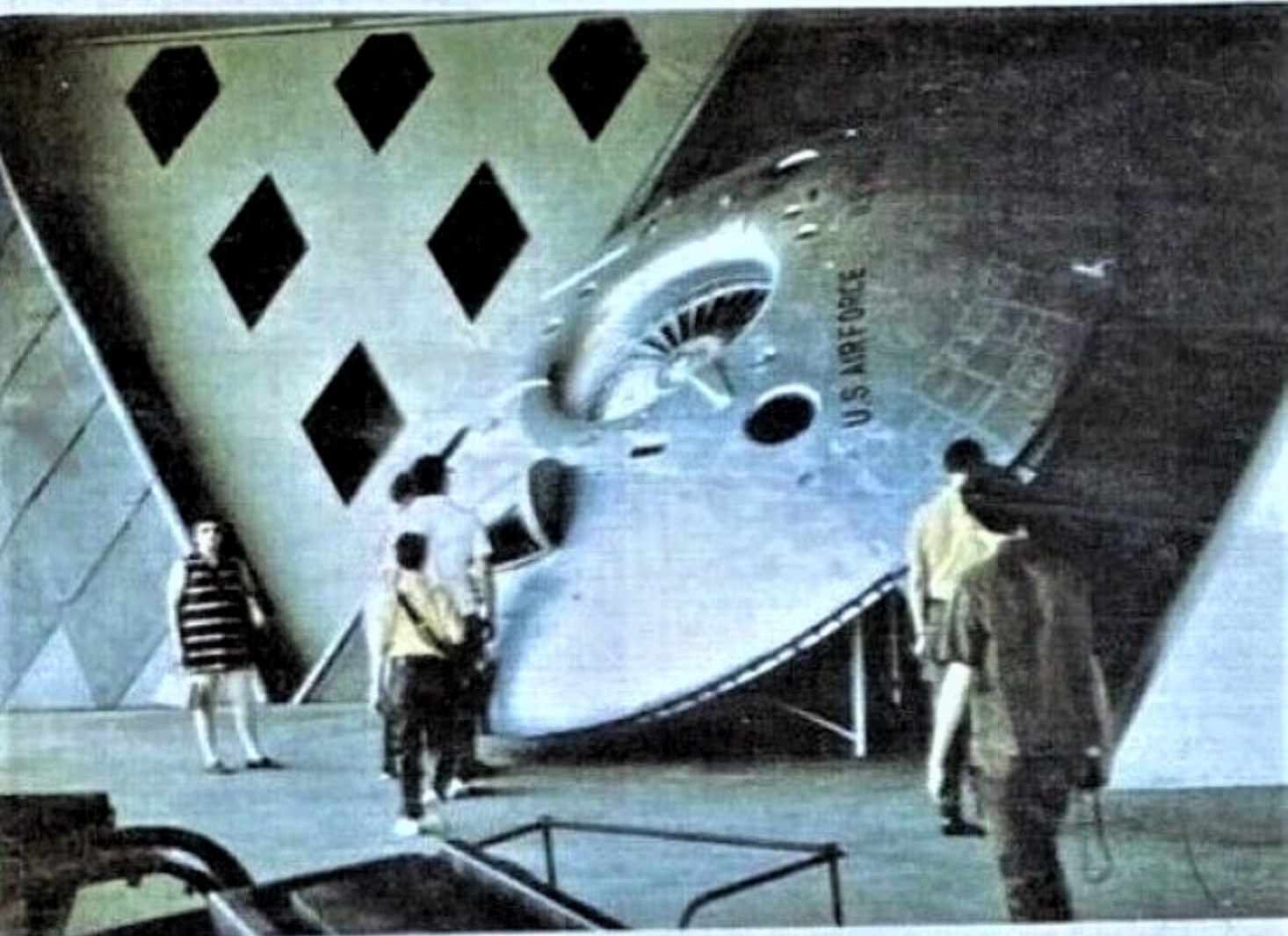
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FLAPS:

A NEW APPROACH

John M. Prytz

The ideal objective in science is to explain the maximum number of facts with the minimum number of assumptions. My forth-coming analysis will not necessarily hold to the above high standards, however, I believe that it is better to put forth and be wrong, than not to put forth at all!

My basic theory presented in this paper is that the number of UFO *sightings* are basically constant per unit time and per unit area, while only the number of UFO *reports* made vary in number. In other words, the phenomena of the flap is unreal. It might have nothing to do with actual numbers of UFO's buzzing around.

What does cause variations in the number of reports of UFO's made? I believe that the social conditions of the time may play a large role in answering that question. The time will either be ripe or not ripe for an increase or decrease in the number of reports made of sightings.

Ufology is of course affected by the social context it finds itself in. This context varies from time to time, hence the relationship of Public to Ufology changes with time. Since the nature of Ufology does not change, it must be the nature of the public at large which causes the relationship changes.

Today for example, reports of

UFO's are at a minimum (does this mean that sightings are down though?). Is this the result of physical factors, or social phenomena, or both? Why are people less interested in UFO's at the moment? Because the UFO's are less active, or might they appear to be less active because interest is low. Which came first, the low interest or the (appearance of) less active UFO's?

Consider the following causal link—Interest in space has dropped from high gear to low; the highly publicized Condon report was negative; the USAF dropped the UFO ball. All of that would logically lead to step two which is the public interest in UFO's saggs, which logically leads to step three—less UFO's are reported. (This does not mean that less UFO's are being sighted.) This would be a social explanation!

The causal link of less UFO's flying around (less sightings) leading to less reports hence less interest is a physical explanation. The validity of the flap phenomena (ie—connecting closeness of Mars with number of UFO reports for example) rests upon a physical explanation. The social possibility has been basically ignored (so far)!

When talking about the social aspect and its relation with the public, we are dealing with two aspects—the number of reports recorded, and the interest in the field; naturally, I believe the two go hand in hand. If

the social context is right, UFO reports will be "in style" (giving the false impression of a flap.) Conversely, if the social context is wrong (as it is now), UFO reports will be "out of style."

If the social context is right, Ufology will be a popular interest (ie—books will sell for example). If the context is wrong, Ufology will not be a popular interest (ie—UFO books now, do not sell; astrology is the "in thing.") It is possible (but by no means certain) that Ufology is at a low now (both in interest and reports) *NOT* because UFO's aren't around, but because the enveloping social context is now negative.

It seems to me that the flap periods (yearly & local) are therefore illustrating the improvement in conditions. If people fear sanctions (ridicule) if they see and report UFO's, they won't report them (even if they have seen them.) If sanctions are not feared, then reports will come flooding in giving the appearance of a flap.

What are some of the social contexts? Well, that depends on what kind of flap is being considered. There are three basic types in my judgment. The first is geographic (sightings per unit time in a geographic location and compared to some *other* location during the same time period.) An example (hypothetical) could be that Calif. had more reports of UFO's in

19XX than did Iceland, after compensating for differences in area and population. If one did not compensate and just said that Calif. had more sightings reported than did Iceland, this could be explained solely on the basis of Calif.'s greater land area and population density. If upon compensating, one might find that person for person, and Sq. mile for Sq. mile, Iceland had more reports than Calif., the exact opposite of what the data suggested, which was that Calif. had the flap, when in reality, it was Iceland!

The second type of flap is a time one (reports per unit time in a geographic area compared to that *same* area in another equal time unit.) An example here would be that the U.S. had more reports in 196X than 195X (indicating a flap for the U.S. in 196X.) Although the area in the comparisons are now equal, one must still compensate for population least the increase be due solely to the increase in population between the two years. If the larger number preceeded the smaller, then this could not be due to population growth (but one should check to make sure then that the population did not decrease!)

The third flap is physical, that is it can be explained on physical or climatic factors (in addition to the before mentioned population density and growth comparisons, and geographic area comparisons). One

might find that N.Y. had more than double the number of reports in the six month period April to Sept. than in the following six months Oct. to March. Is the former a flap, or just the result of the summer months with more people out of doors, with a hence more visible sky?

Or, one may notice that there is a five-fold increase in reports during the early evening hours as compared to any other time of day. A sudden few hour invasion of saucers, or the fact that in the early evening more people are out of doors, away from indoor activity of housework, school work, or daily jobs, not to mention that UFO's would be more visible during that time period (and dawn—but people are usually asleep then!).

Then again, without climatic compensations, it wouldn't be fair to compare L.A. with London, as the latter has many more cloudy days when potential UFO sightings couldn't be seen.

These are a few of the physical factors that must be thought about before any further analysis of any flap can be made. When one is sure that there can be no physical explanation for a flap (with the exception that an actual increase in UFO's is the reason); then one must analyse the more subtle social factors which might account for any sudden increase in reported UFO's.

For example, why the big flap in

1957 in the U.S., in particular over the final three months? Could the following causal link explain it. Russia put up the first man-made moon→the U.S. became suddenly space and space travel conscious→interest in UFO's increase→reports increase.

In other words, is there perhaps a basic social catalyst preceeding flap periods, or a catalyst of any nature? Consider the year 1952 in the U.S. A spectacular series of sightings in a densely populated and strategic area (Washington D.C.)→national coverage→everybody UFO conscious→reports flood in. In other words, might one big sighting lead to a rash of smaller reports, especially when the big one is taken seriously in a no joking manner (as the Wash. D.C. sightings were).

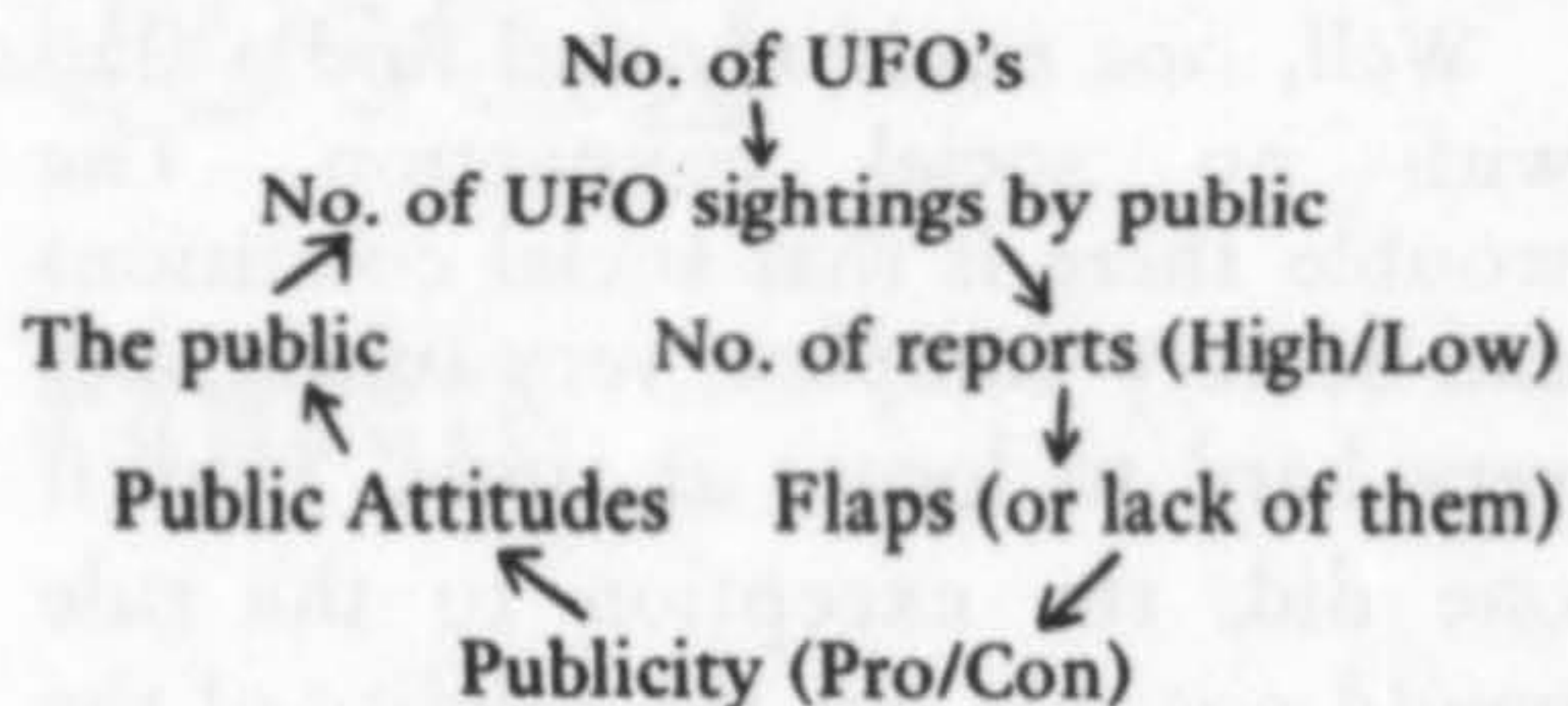
But, without the big catalyst I doubt if but few of the smaller reports would ever have been made. This is a major possibility when considering local, state, area, and national flap periods. In any flap, was there some major catalyst preceeding the flap, usually a big sighting?

How would the mass media react and how would that affect a flap or lack of one? Say identical sightings occurred in two areas, both large enough to attract area wide attention. In one area the press, TV, radio etc. plays up the sighting giving it serious coverage. Will a rash of smaller reports

follow?

What if in the other area, the mass media played it down, reported it as a big joke. How many reports would come in then???

A catalyst alone won't do it. It must be followed by favorable coverage. If unfavorable or no coverage, then little will develop beyond it, although there will always be those who will report what they see, regardless of what anybody else thinks. But, in general, the creation of a flap rests largely upon the mass media, which to a large extent controls human ways of thinking. Consider the following cycle:



The actual number of UFO's need not enter into the above cycle. The number of reports can be controlled by the factor of publicity, which if negative, would effect the number of reports just as if the actual number of UFO's proper were reduced. In other words, one can start either with No. of UFO's or Publicity and end up with the same No. of reports. How can one tell which is the factor, or is it a combination of the two?

If the actual number of UFO's are a

fairly stable constant, then the number of reports, hence flaps are controlled by the social context which is measured by publicity/the mass media/communications etc. If the number of UFO's are not constant, then the picture is not simple as the one variable of number of reports can be independently controlled by two other variables and not just the one. Although my idea is simpler it does not unfortunately make it correct. For in the typically now thought of "Flap", who can say why it occurred? Is it due to one variable and the other, or the other? Who knows, and who can prove it?

Well, one could try and find a flap with no social connection. The trouble there is that social conditions can be very complex, very subtle, and very hard to locate at times. Even if one did, the exception to the rule would not rule out the validity of the rule if it worked in 99% of the cases.

A national catalyst but a local flap in a different area might rule out the social theory, as would a catalyst, favorable publicity and no flap anywhere but I doubt if any examples could be found. I doubt if one could find a local catalyst and a national flap either, without there being a national catalyst. In short, I don't think that one can rule out the social theory in total, just as I can't rule out variations in UFO numbers either, in total. Therefore, the conclusion to be

drawn at this point would be that flaps can be explained by social conditions, or flaps can be explained by social conditions and actual number of UFO's.

Let's say for sake of argument, that the number of UFO's were constant: that social conditions explained all. What would this do to the extraterrestrial theory? Improve it, not improve it (degrade it), or not change it at all?

It probably won't change the concepts of the E.T. theory any, as there is hardly enough data to analyse the problem. Natural, as well as artificial phenomena can be constant over time—both also lend examples of phenomena not constant over time. Hence, a constant number of UFO's can be argued either for or against an artificial theory. A varying number of UFO's can also be argued pro and con for an artificial theory.

It would be silly of me to try and analyse every UFO flap ever recorded in order to see if it fit the social theory. I don't have the time, space or energy to undergo such a task. It is sufficient to say that in every example I've thus far looked into any detail (be it international, national, area, state, or local), the same pattern (sometimes obvious, often not obvious) of social catalyst followed by widespread publicity favorable in some way to the catalyst, was found preceding the following flap.

MOUNT AIRY'S OWN UFO ENIGMA PUZZLES MANY [1947-1972]

George D. Fawcett

With the now current increase of worldwide UFO reports and a growing scientific interest in the problem being shown in many areas, the question of what has been reported locally always arises.

UFO researcher and investigator George D. Fawcett of Mount Airy checked through his Mount Airy, North Carolina files for the past 25 years and came up with some informative and interesting data. Mount Airy does have a problem and its characteristics follow the same

pattern being reported globally. Hundreds and perhaps thousands of amazed and frightened eyewitnesses locally are using the same words used around the globe to describe their enigmatic encounters with the unknown.

Witnesses included clergymen, policemen, public servants, bankers, military men, farmers, technicians, mailmen, housewives, students, businessmen, teachers, newsmen, night watchmen, librarians, chauffeurs, merchants, pilots, amateur

astronomers, all representing a cross-section of the population. Multi-witnesses and independent observers were involved, as well as single observers.

Since 1947 the quantity and the quality of the eyewitnesses have both improved in our hometown and surrounding communities. Mount Airy has a problem, admitted or not; and many observers of UFOs go to great extremes to avoid publicity, while many others speak with the courage of their convictions, because of their amazing observations. After weeding out planetary illusions, jet planes, balloons, meteorites, satellites and two known hoaxes involving plastic laundry bags and birthday candles and a dead dog inside a fake Mount Airy "Muttnik"; the rest of the Mount Airy UFO enigma still remains unexplained and worthy of further scientific investigation. The mystery cries for an explanation and bets for a final solution.

Prior to 1951 when Fawcett saw his first and only UFO while a senior at Lynchburg College, Virginia...most of the UFO reports in Mount Airy showed about 65% of the reported UFO encounters occur at night, while the other 35% represent daylight sightings. All but 25% of those reported locally have logical explanations. But most important, only about 10% of the people who see UFOs report them to anyone, because

of the fear of ridicule, loss of privacy and official or unofficial (self-imposed) censorship. The 90% 'silent majority' in Mount Airy is yet to be heard from, so that one of the purposes in writing this article is to encourage the reporting of these massive 'hidden UFO cases' to this writer at 607 North Main Street, Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030. Sightings will be kept confidential if so requested. Let's look at the documented data to date:

Experiences of Mount Airy citizens in other states and countries are not included in this up-dated report. Over the years several reports of strange UFOs were reported by many near the WPAQ and WSYD Radio Station towers in Mount Airy.

On September 12, 1952 Rev. Lawrence Phillips reported at 7 p.m. a bluish-green blunted cigar-shaped UFO, estimated to be about 5 feet wide and 12 feet long and moving towards Flatwoods, West Virginia; where shortly thereafter eight witnesses were frightened when they saw a landed UFO with a large 'occupant' that emerged from it. On October 13, 1952 Coach Wallace Shelton and many of his football players stopped practice to watch a large white UFO that came straight down from a great height at 4:30 p.m. and stopped and was watched for 15 minutes. Some of the players reported hearing sounds coming from the UFO.

In the summer of 1954 H.A. Hair, Robert Ashby, J.S. McMillian and Donald C. Rector reported a huge UFO, cigar-shaped and 'bigger than an automobile', reddish-orange in color and making a 'swooshing noise' at 8:30 p.m. from a vantage point on top of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

At 11:15 A.M. on January 19, 1962 Harry Epperson, Bill Bowman, George Callaway, Alice Lockhart and dozens of other Mount Airy residents reported a white round UFO, extra bright like the sun and very large descending to the ground. Several witnesses reported what looked like a man at the bottom of the mystery object. The UFO was seen for 5 minutes and local police, county officers and highway patrolmen were unable to solve the mystery. Later during the same year Buford King of Veterans Texaco Service and Nathan Simmons of Modern Motors were talking when an object, weighing over a pound, hit the ground with great force and left a mark on the station's paved entrance.

1965 proved to be an interesting year UFOwise in Mount Airy, when Johnny Parries, salesman for F. Rees Co. at 4:15 a.m. on July 31, 1965 reported watching a "yellowish-orange object shaped like a football" hovering over a smokestack near the Granite Quarry. The object had something on top of it that Parries could not make out. John Leys,

Wesley Adams and Clyde Chandler of the Hennis Freight Lines, as independent observers watched the same object, described by them as being the "size of a goose egg" at the same time from another location. The UFO "moved up and down" during the period of observation for over 3 minutes. Two youngsters with last names of Edwards and Boyd reported to Mount Airy Police Station later the same week that they had watched a round, lighted object, about six to eight feet in diameter for two minutes as it maneuvered 200 feet above the ground, also near the Granite Quarry.

On August 19, 1965 Mrs. T.E. Schumaker, while visiting her mother, Mrs. W.H. Blackburn on Piper's Gap Road near the Toast Section of Mount Airy, was awakened at 3 a.m. by a sharp noise 'like a steady buzzing' that caused vibrations to be sent against the house. When she lifted the window shade to investigate she saw a "cigar-shaped object having a revolving yellow light rise above a nearby Spruce tree, the front yard telephone pole and wires, execute a sharp left turn and then hover above some nearby Oak trees, throwing the leaves to the ground in a semi-circle beside the home. Evidences from the visitations included a "perfect 12-foot circle surrounded by a six-inch ring" impressed in the ground, a background increase above normal in the radiation count, and a large hole

on the roof of the house which had not been noticed prior to the sighting. Leaves on nearby trees also appeared disheveled. During the time of the encounter just prior to the takeoff Mrs. Schumaker reported she felt she had been struck by an "immobilizing power," for she could neither "move or speak." After the UFO left the ground, she was able to wake her mother finally in a nearby bedroom. Schumaker had "headaches" the next day.

On September 6, 1965 two local policemen, Sgt. K.T. Campbell and patrolman Mac Cassell, along with ten other people and several others in cars on Taylor Street watched a large bright moving light in the sky, "bright like a 100-watt bulb" at low altitude.

March 3, 1967 brought a real surprise to Mount Airy when UFOs returned to the area two times at ½ hour intervals and maneuvered overhead. At 8:30 p.m. three reddish-orange UFOs were seen by Miss Pat Andrews, and Mrs. Francis E. Andrews and her son Bob Andrews. Also other witnesses included Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Steele of Spring Street. Seen through binoculars the UFOs had a rotating bottom edge and a series of "square windows" set in a row on the domed upper part of the mystery objects. The UFOs appeared to be about 60 feet wide and 20 feet high in the middle. When the UFOs departed and returned to the same

area for a second series of maneuvers at 9 p.m. Francis Andrews returned home from work in time to join the other witnesses and take two photographs of the UFOs before they moved away in a straight line formation towards Pilot Mountain. Three other witnesses in Dobson and Pilot Mountain reported watching the same objects from different viewpoints. Mr. Andrews used a 35mm camera with 50mm lens to capture the UFOs on film over Mount Airy. Andrews and Steele turned in detailed reports to the U.S. Air Force on their exciting UFO experience, shared with a total of 9 witnesses from three communities, all who gave similar descriptions. And they had the films to prove their observations.

Throughout May and June, 1967 a series of UFO sightings were reported by newsman R.J. Berrier and policemen Harry Monday, officer Monroe Boggs, officer Otis B. Fleming, Sam Monday, Tommy Heath, reported watching a red and white blinking UFO with orange flame spurting out the bottom of it.

1967 ended with a frightening UFO encounter in the Green Hill section of Mount Airy, as Theresa Ann Dobson, 12, and her older sister Linda Lee Dobson, 20, on December 24 at 6 p.m. watched an oval, dome-topped UFO with a large number of red and yellow lights scattered over its surface hover near the ground in a nearby

pasture. The UFO appeared to be about 30 feet long and 10 feet high and only 50 feet above the ground. After watching it for 5 minutes the UFO lifted up and moved away in a southwest direction. Both girls were badly shaken by the experience. Red lights circled the outer edge of the UFO. Linda stated the object was "larger than a car" and her younger sister, who cried during the encounter agreed. Officer Jim Sawyers's wife reported a similar object later that same night.

January 18, 1968 at 4:40 a.m. produced a report of a round metallic UFO with a 25 foot red tail behind it maneuvering above the North Surry Hospital. It was seen for 15 seconds or more by Police Officers Otis B. Fleming and Albert Hicks and two couples from Ohio who were parked at the hospital.

Perhaps the most interesting and most fascinating UFO encounter of all occurred in the Buck Shoals area of Mount Airy, when a housewife (Mrs. X, whose name is on file) reported her encounter with a dome-topped UFO having "windows" that appeared near her home sometime in July or August, 1968. The UFO, estimated to be about 15 feet wide and 6 or 7 feet high appeared about 90 feet behind the frightened witnesses home at 2:30 a.m.

Her attention was drawn to the mystery object by the frantic barking

and pawing at the back door by her pet dog. When she let the dog in she noticed a sound "like a swarm of bees" and looked up and spotted the UFO nearby at very low altitude. The object not unlike a Chinese coolie hat, moved closer to the house and was lighted by red-orange lights. The penetrating sound caused her dog to hide up under her bed and tremble with fear. The second story of the UFO was transparent and through one of twelve windows located at the bottom of the dome Mrs. X. could see a person 'like a small child' about 3 to 4 feet tall and wearing some sort of a silver helmet. Later the UFO moved across the street and hovered above a wooded area, where it stayed for almost 25 more minutes before departure. The next morning the witness found that three electric clocks in the home were running about one hour slower than her battery operated clock. As effects of the UFO encounter, the witness suffered sleeplessness, dimming of vision and headaches, physiological effects on observers of UFOs at close range in many countries reported before. A power failure was reported in her neighborhood that night also, a characteristic also globally documented before years ago.

Later in the year a Flat Rock resident reported a missile shaped UFO, described as being 20 feet long and 10 feet wide (the size of a small

aircraft) and three other witnesses thought that the unexplained object, trailing red-blue flames had landed on a nearby hillside, but no follow-up investigation was conducted.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hiatt and their 13 year old daughter Betsy in the Shelton town community reported at 10:45 p.m. on August 4, 1968 that they saw a bright UFO, that looked 'like a bright flare with a little pole (antennae?) running up to a grayish looking round object at the top of the pole.' As the UFO began to turn near their home, sparks dropped off the outer edge. The family members took turns examining the object for five minutes through binoculars as it maneuvered overhead.

On March 13 at 7 a.m. Jim Barber and his son Blair, Jr., age 11, became the first UFO reporters for Mount Airy as 1971 opened. They watched an 'object' about the size of an automobile that flashed purple, green, blue, orange and white lights. The UFO appeared to be disc-shaped and had a "bubble dome" with windows (six in a row) around its middle. Yellow light poured from the windows as the UFO circled their car near the Lowgap Wildlife Club before it shot straight up in the sky and disappeared in the distance. The UFO was seen for a timed 15 minutes before it finally left the area. Both eyewitnesses were more than just a little bit excited by the appearance of

the enigmatic object.

On January 16, 1972 chauffeur Robert Ferguson at 11 p.m. was startled as he drove his car near the Jones Elementary School when a series of three blood-red discs came down from the sky at a sharp angle and appeared to land in a nearby wooded area. Similar reports that frightened motorists in Exeter, New Hampshire and Ann Arbor, Michigan and elsewhere are on record. School children, who lived in the Jones Elementary School area also saw the brilliantly lighted discs.

From 1951 to 1965 other area residents had personal encounters with such similar phenomena. Former librarian Mrs. Louise Ball was one of three witnesses who reported 3 aluminum colored disc-shaped UFOs, the size of large truck wheels flying in a straight line, one behind the other at 4:30 p.m. These UFOs left smoke trails in their wake. ASCS State Committeeman Claude W. Thore and his daughter reported seeing a large reddish-orange cigar-shaped UFO move horizontally across the sky in a North direction at 5:30 p.m. The weather was clear and the UFO appeared to be about 500 feet above the ground. Harry Epperson at 12 Noon reported a round white circular UFO flying over Mount Airy. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Abernathy and Bobby Puckett of Route 1, Mount Airy watched in amazement as two round

flying objects made 'odd movements' in the sky overhead. Lawrence and Dorothy Lowe, Bill Lowe, and Thomas Tate all watched UFOs on two different nights at 9:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. The mystery objects were circular, fluorescent in color and 'flashing at times' as they moved in a westerly direction.

On February 25, 1972 at 7 p.m. student Danny Lee Forest watched a round UFO having a small dome that appeared to be around 25 feet long and 12 feet high. It had red and white lights and gave off a 'faint smell of gunpowder' the witness stated. Danny, who lives on Lewis Drive in Mount Airy reported he started shaking when the UFO first appeared above the car port at his home. He felt a 'wave of heat' coming off the object and noticed that a vibration had started between his shirt and his arms. Finally the UFO moved away to the North.

On April 3, 1972 between 5:15 and 5:45 a.m. many residents in Winston-Salem and Mount Airy reported a pear-shaped UFO in the sky for a total of 30 minutes. It gave off a 'white chalky' light. Mrs. Rufus W. Walters, housewife and former art teacher, one of the local witnesses reported that the UFO was so bright that it reflected light on the side of the cross on top of the First Baptist Church on North Main Street in Mount Airy, N.C. Other reports are still under investigation by this writer.



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A study of the Mount Airy "whatniks" over the past quarter-century has proved to be a very interesting and fascinating one. Mount Airy, like many other small towns and cities around the globe has been plagued with UFO landings, occupants, car chases, physiological effects, photographs, severe animal reactions, electro-magnetic interferences, radiation increases above normal, fragments, witnessed protrusions on the UFOs, smells attributed to UFO appearances and multiple witnesses and independent observers. And as if this isn't enough, credible persons from all walks of life are still continuing to report these crazy and incredible flying and landing UFOs. For Mount Airy, as well as for other states in the U.S.A. and foreign countries as well, the UFO enigma continues.

UFOs AND TIME OF THE END PATTERNS

(SOME COMMENTS ON THE BIBLE AND BOOK OF MORMON)

Kenneth Lloyd Larson

The author of this article has been engaged in research into the phenomena known as Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) for over 15 years. During this time, I have studied and examined various theories, articles and books concerning the reason for and the description of the flying saucers. As the late author and scientist M.K. Jessup stated: "The scope and breadth of the UFO makes it one of the most profoundly amazing problems which has ever encountered mankind."

During my research that extends up into the year 1973, I came to the hypothesis that the UFOs concern

both the technology of pure and theoretical science as well as the tenets and revelations of religion and theology. That is, the statements of various scientists who have examined many reports, such as the late Dr. James E. McDonald, substantiate the concept that all the evidence and witness-reports make clear that the saucers were clearly visible and did operate on some type of mechanical or technological plane. This level seems to be higher than that of human achievement in this 20th century. The saucers seem to operate on a level that mankind has not attained as yet—although we may one day reach

that higher level and understand the hidden and unrevealed things of the universe. These things, I think, have to do with the powers, acts and plans of a Supreme Being, Who created and organized the solar system, galaxies and universe. I am of the opinion that the year 1947 represented the entry into a clearer concept or revelation concerning the existence and reality of the UFOs. That is, the saucers appeared over Mount Rainier, Washington, on June 24, 1947, because this year-date represented a key point in the complete history of the saucer phenomena. Prior to 1947, there were isolated cases of saucer sightings (such as the object that flew over San Francisco, California, November, 1896). But it was not until 1947 that the saucers came in such dramatic and unprecedented appearances over the United States. These periodic UFO reports continued on during the later decades and also concerned the witness-reports from citizens of other nations and continents.

However, I did not understand the significance of the year 1947 until the

year 1972. Prior to this year, I had completed hundreds of technical drawings and maps concerning what seemed to be a mathematical pattern established by significant UFO report-sites over the United States of America. Some of these articles were published in "Flying Saucers" magazine, edited by Raymond Palmer, between the years 1963 and 1972. But what may be the significant discovery—the key year of 1947 and its significance to America—was somehow not understood by this writer until the year 1972. This research is still continuing, of course.

I am of the opinion that there are tables and mathematical patterns based on UFO reports, year-dates and historical events. These tables make clear, to some extent, the significance and meaning to the flying saucers. One conclusion is that the saucers have waited and are waiting over this planet earth, until the completion of certain preliminary events and historical acts concerning this nation and the other nations of this planet earth.

During this waiting-period, while

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the saucers have hovered over the earth and sometimes landed in a spectacular manner (Levelland, Texas, November 2 and 3, 1957), the basic mathematical pattern seems to have been revealed for wide-spread UFO report-sites. (See "Flying Saucers" magazine, articles by this writer, years 1970 to 1972.) The data seems to make clear that the planet earth was created, planned, organized and designed by a Creator, Who used basic mathematical and engineering plans and concepts while doing these acts. Furthermore, the Bible states that a Creator designed and formed the planet earth:

"In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt...and it shall be for an everlasting sign for the LORD, in the country of Egypt." (Isaiah 19:19-20).

"God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. And his brightness was as the light; he had (rays) coming out of his (side) hand: and there was the hiding of his power...He stood, and MEASURED THE EARTH." (Habakkuk 3).

"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the

measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" (Job 38:4-7).

This writer has completed some tables that seem to make clear why the saucers hovered over the earth, watched and waited, and shall complete the directions and plans of a Supreme Being. These plans have already been revelation or revealed concepts to the human race, I think—but the problem is that these revelations have not been accepted on the whole by the human race. These revealed plans or statements were revealed to a major American prophet named Joseph Smith, who was born in Sharon, Vermont, December 23, 1805. His first vision, he said, was in 1820—when he saw some type of brilliant object or beam descend to the ground or near the ground, while two divine personages spoke to him. Joseph said the Lord revealed the things to come in the future, with the things of the past. He was then directed to dig up some ancient, engraved and metal plates that had been buried near Manchester, New York. These gold plates, recovered on September 22, 1827, were said to be the records of some ancient people

UFOS AND TIME
OF THE END
PATTERNS.

TABLE 2
1,335 Miles =
1,335 "Days" =
1,335 Years.
Extends To
1957 & 1979, A.D.
2,000.
1957 + 22 = 1979
+ 22 = 2001.
Daniel 12.

1841 + 53 = 1894.
Woodruff = June 24, 1894.
1894 + 53 = 1947.
Mt. Rainier = June 24, 1947.
1947 + 53 = A. D. 2000.

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SALTON SEA UFO
NOV. 4, 1957
"Signals"

Kenneth Larson 1973

who had once lived on the American continent, up to about A.D. 421. They had originally sailed to this continent from Jerusalem after 600 B.C. The last survivor was named Moroni, the son of Mormon, and he was the person who had buried the engraved plates in the ground around A.D. 421. These plates were then revealed to the young Joseph Smith, and he said that he had translated them by means of an optical instrument buried with the plates. He then published this manuscript as the Book of Mormon in 1830 and established the church now known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Joseph Smith, after many persecutions, was shot and killed by an armed mob in Carthage, Illinois, June 27, 1844.

Joseph Smith recorded this on September 21, 1823: "He (Moroni) informed me of great judgments which were coming upon the earth, with great desolations by famine, sword, and pestilence; and that these grievous judgments would come on the earth in this generation."

In a revelation given on January 2, 1831, the Lord announced to the Prophet Joseph Smith: "The angels are waiting the great command to reap down the earth, to gather the tares that they may be burned..." (Doctrine and Covenants 38:12, cited by Joseph Smith). A similar

announcement by Joseph was given on December 6, 1832.

Then, on June 24, 1894, the Mormon President Wilford Woodruff made the following declaration: "God has held the angels of destruction for many years, lest they should reap down the wheat with the tares. But I want to tell you now, that those angels have left the portals of heaven, and they stand over this people and this nation now, and are hovering over the earth waiting to pour out the judgments. And from this very day (June 24, 1894) they shall be poured out."

Then, on January 19, 1841, the Prophet Joseph Smith declared that the Lord had revealed: "For, behold, I am about to call upon them to give heed to the light and glory of Zion, for the set time has come to favor her." Zion referred to the future City of Zion, to be built in Jackson County, Independence, Missouri—and dedicated (the land site for the future city and temple complex) by Joseph Smith on August 3, 1831. However, due to the persecutions of the Mormons, who were chased out of the Missouri area by the local natives, Zion was never built after the dedication of the site in 1831. On this basis, I concluded that the dates of 1831 and 1841 were very significant. The mid-center between 1831 and 1841 equals 1836. (Joseph Smith stated that he had only translated the

unsealed section of the gold plates—while the sealed section was returned to Moroni so as to be revealed anew by the Lord in the future.)

Joseph Smith dedicated the Temple at Kirtland, Ohio, on March 27, 1836. During this service, neighbors said that they had seen a pillar of fire rest above the temple, while there was a great rushing wind within the church and members spoke in unknown tongues. (On September 22, 1827, when Joseph Smith went to recover or to dig up the gold plates, Brigham Young, who later became the Mormon President, said that he and his wife saw a brilliant white object in the sky, near this area in New York.) (Orson Pratt, a Mormon writer, said that when the Mormons return to build the City of Zion in Independence, Missouri, from Salt Lake, Utah, they will be lead by a pillar of fire by night and a cloud by day.)

On this basis, I noticed that the Mount Rainier nine saucers came on *June 24, 1947*. This is exactly 53 years after the declaration by President Woodruff concerning the hovering angels over the earth, *June 24, 1894*. Then, on *July 2, 1952*, U.S. Navy photographer Delbert Newhouse filmed a group of circling discs in the sky, near Salt Lake, Utah. (This area was first settled by Mormons on *July 24, 1847*—almost 100 years before *June 24, 1947*.)

On November 2 and 3, 1957, brilliant, egg-shaped UFOs landed on the fields and highways around Levelland, Texas. These were reported by local policemen and highway patrolmen and citizens of the area. We then have five-year interval dates: 1947-1952-1957. All on a straight line between Mount Rainier, Salt Lake and Levelland. The center between Mount Rainier and Levelland is Salt Lake 1952.

The data then forms the following tables:

(1) 1841 equals declaration year, Zion to be established by Lord. — 1841 plus 53 years equals 1894. — June 24, 1894 equals President Woodruff declaration, angels of the Lord have waited Lord's command, were hovering over earth. — June 24, 1894, plus 53 years equals June 24, 1947. — Mount Rainier nine saucers came on June 24, 1947. — 1947 plus same 53 years equals A.D. 2000.

(2) 1831 equals dedication of Zion land by Prophet Joseph Smith. — The year 1831 plus 63 years equals June 24, 1894, statement, angels. — 1894 plus 63 years equals the same date of 1957. — Levelland UFO landings on November 3, 1957. — Nine Mount Rainier saucers appeared to Kenneth Arnold, June 24, 1947. — Then, 1947 plus 53 years equals the next century, A.D. 2000.

(3) The mid-point between 1831 statement and 1841 statement equals

1836, when Kirtland, Ohio, Temple dedicated and possible UFO appeared. — The midpoint between Mount Rainier 1947 and Levelland 1957 equals 1952. UFOs came to Salt Lake on July 2, 1952, while saucers appeared over Washington, D.C. on July 20 and 27, 1952.

(4) There seems to be a mathematical coordination between the year-dates 1831, 1836 and 1841, 1952 and 1957. These are related to the significant declarations on June 24, 1894, when President Woodruff stated that the angels of the Lord had left the portals of heaven and were hovering over the nations of the earth, waiting to pour down judgments on the earth. That is, the UFOs seem related to the citation of the angels of the Lord, hovering over the earth. President Woodruff said that the judgments had already started—on June 24, 1894, exactly 53 years before Mount Rainier June 24, 1947, and this latter date 53 years prior to the new century, A.D. 2000.

Can one assume, then, that the modern-day UFOs represent the angels of the Lord, hovering over the earth and waiting to pour out the judgments of the Lord on the planet earth? Is the reason for their appearances of the past 77 years or more a foreshadowing of things to come? The signs of the times may be marvelous events, different from the events of past times.

“The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.” (Psalm 68:17).

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.” (Acts 2).

“...And I will show wonders in the heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath...And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Acts 2 KJV).

“And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” (St. Matthew 24:30).

When Christ is said to come, He will be accompanied by thousands of angels, traveling through space to this planet earth. He shall be seen simultaneously over the earth, by everybody—and this suggests a possible orbit of the earth (just as rockets to the moon orbit the moon before landing with American astronauts). In the Bible, Daniel is

told that the wise shall understand the signs of the times in the last days. (In the Bible, Daniel refers to the cycle of time known as 1,335 "days". Biblical scholars say this may be 1,335 years—and this may represent the 1,335 miles between Mount Rainier and Levelland. The 1,335 years may extend up to A.D. 1957 (Levelland UFOs)...with the 22-year cycles 1979 and 2001.)

In his book, PROPHECY—KEY TO THE FUTURE, author Duane Crowther thinks that the time of Adam, when he was on this earth, could represent 4000 B.C. This same data appears for the Great Pyramid chronology, 4000 B.C. The years then extend up to A.D. 2000 or six thousand years of the earth's temporal existence or special cycle of time. Crowther then thinks that the commencement for the Millennium, when Christ comes through the clouds to earth, much like a modern-day rocket or space vehicle, could represent the years soon after the start of the year A.D. 2000. Prior to this time, there would be great judgments on the earth, with the calling of 144,000 special priests for the Lord, the coming of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel, and the building of the New Jerusalem in Jackson County, Missouri (or preparations to build this temple complex). Each thousand years after 4000 B.C. would represent a special cycle of time.

Thus, the UFOs could represent latter-day signs of the times, wonders in the heavens, angels of the Lord hovering over the earth and special events portending the future Second Coming of Christ in power and glory through the clouds and sky to this planet earth. (Persons who may be interested in this topic may contact the writer, Kenneth Lloyd Larson, 415½ South Coronado Street, Los Angeles, California 90057.)

These tables could represent the reason why the saucers came and why they seem to have waited for the past 77 years or more. When 1947 came, this year represented a key center date, between June 24, 1894 and June 24, 2000. The nine saucers over Mount Rainier were a dramatic and visible sign of the times or wonders in the heavens—making clear to those who were wise and studied the scriptures that just as the prophet said, great judgments were to come on this nation and the nations of the earth. This seems to make clear that what the Prophet Jesus Christ declared, what the Prophet Joseph Smith declared and what President Woodruff declared were true and should not be ignored by those who heard. The UFOs, then, must be the marvelous wonders in the heavens and angels of the Lord, portending the latter-days and last days of the prophets.

Just as the living creatures or

wheels in the sky appeared to Ezekiel in the Bible and over the land of Israel, so may the UFOs have appeared over this American nation. And the wheels came to the skies over Israel because of the judgments of the Lord to come on Israel. So likewise, the saucers may represent the judgments of the Lord to come on America because of the rejection of Christ and the rejection, on the whole, of Joseph Smith, the Mormon Prophet. When Christ comes, He shall establish the Kingdom of the Lord on earth and the New Millennial Age. Angels in white told the apostles that Christ would come back to earth the same way he had left—through the clouds or within the clouds of space. If there is an orbit of the planet earth by Christ and His angels, comparable to the rockets to the moon around that object—then all mankind will see Christ, just as the Holy Bible states to be true.

The Bible states that God is a Lord of order, and thus He will have a pattern in all things. The wise shall understand, and thus mankind should consider these wonders in the heavens and signs of the times. As Christ said: "What I say unto you I say unto all—Watch."

Explanation

Reference is made to the Book of Daniel, where Daniel 12:10,12 states: "Blessed is he who waits and comes to

the 1,335 days...(then) The wise shall understand." Biblical scholars think that the 1,335 days actually means 1,335 years. Great Pyramid researcher Adam Rutherford thinks that the 1,335 years extend up to and concern the years 1957, 1979 and 2001.

During my research, I noticed that this same data on the Great Pyramid chronology also concerns the years 1957 and 2001...because Levelland 1957 plus 22 equals 1979 plus 22 equals 2001. (Rutherford of England thinks that the termination of the 1,335 days (years) concerns 1957-1979 for the time of the end era and the Millennial Dawn of the New Age, concerning the year A.D. 2001.

On November 4, 1957, one day after Levelland, two witnesses described a brilliant UFO that flashed eight "signals" with periodic, two-second intervals, out in the desert near the Salton Sea, California. (This may concern the eight units of measurement on the drawing, between Salt Lake UFOs 1952 and Levelland UFOs 1957.) (Furthermore, there are eleven units of measurement between Levelland and the Salton Sea—and thus 1957 plus 11 equals 1968 plus 11 equals 1979.)

Both the Great Pyramid chronology between 4000 B.C. and A.D. 2000 and the biblical prophecies seem to concern the Book of Daniel prophecies concerning the time of the

end signs, with the aforementioned UFO reports, 1947, 1952 and 1957. Daniel was told by the Lord that at the termination of the 1,335 days-years-miles the wise would understand.

On this basis, one could conjecture that the saucers were not visible to human eyes before 1947 except for certain significant reports (such as those during the years 1896 and 1897). Yet, the statement by President Woodruff on June 24, 1894, seems to make clear that their presence could be ascertained or made clear to certain persons. They were hovering over the earth, he said, waiting the commands of the Lord and considered angels of the Lord. There have been reports by witnesses during the past years, who have said that they watched UFOs that disappeared before their eyes. Thus, the saucers may have the ability to change mass into energy or appear and disappear to human eyes. Perhaps their mass uses different types of energy not apparent to human eyes.

One might assume, then, that the objects or angels described by Woodruff and clear to him in 1894 were not readily apparent to other humans. Then, on June 24, 1947, and other key dates, they made real appearances to observers over America. They appeared over Mount Rainier on June 24, 1947, because this represented the same month and

day (June 24, 1894) of the declaration by President Woodruff. Then, the 1952 and 1957 reports were a reference to the 1831 and 1841 statements by Joseph Smith, concerning the establishment of Zion on this continent and the future judgments of the Lord.

In this case, the years after 1947 and up to 2000 would seem to be greatly significant. The correct pattern may be made clear by the 22-year cycles or 1957 plus 22 equals 1979 plus 22 equals 2001. These judgments by the angels of the Lord are said to come on all nations—and the UFOs have appeared over many nations of the earth. They have been a marvelous wonder unexplained by scientists—seemingly a type of higher religious phenomena and higher scientific development.

The saucers, then, seem to refer or concern the coming forth of the Book of Mormon and the establishment of the Latter-day Saints Church in 1830. Joseph Smith is said to have opened the Seventh or last Dispensation of the Fulness of Times—and he continually warned the American nation and the other nations of the earth about the judgments of the Lord to come in the future. He was apparently aware in 1831 that the angels of the Lord were waiting the Lord's command to reap down the earth—and President Woodruff, 53 years later, knew that these angels had

left the portals of heaven to stand over this people ready to pour out entire judgments. He also said that on this very day (June 24, 1894) these judgments had commenced.

Why, then, did the saucers wait 53 years until the dramatic revealment or appearance over Mount Rainier, June 24, 1947? This date represented the mid-point between 1894 and A.D. 2000. And the 1957 Levelland UFO reports represented another significant date after 1894. The saucers then centered the significant date of 1952 between 1947 and 1957 by appearing over Salt Lake, Utah, where the Mormons built their temple, July 2, 1952, and over the White House on July 20 and 27, 1952.

This also brings to mind the celebrated cycle, reported by American newspapers. These reporters stated that on years ending in zero, and at 20-year intervals, commencing in 1840, seven American presidents had passed away while in office. 1840-1860-1880-1900-1920-1940-1960. Oddly, Joseph Smith visited the White House in January, 1840, seeking recompense for the persecutions of the Mormons, but his claims were rejected by the then president.

The appearances of the saucers and the statements made by Joseph Smith and President Woodruff certainly deserve serious thought and consideration. The data seems to

make clear that the signs of the times, the wonders of the heavens are upon this nation and other nations of the world. Thus, if 1894 represented a clear commencement of these judgments, as Woodruff stated, then the continued reports of the saucers would seem that unprecedented events have and will occur in the future.

The UFO researcher and writer M.K. Jessup thought that the saucers would rescue people during a time of crisis—and this may be entirely true. Crowther refers to earthquakes, famines and pestilences in his book, **PROPHECY—KEY TO THE FUTURE**. He thinks that the years up to 2000 are extremely significant, and that we are living in the latter-day period of the six thousand year cycle after 4000 B.C. Certainly all people should watch and pray and warn others. They should also consider the statements and prophecies of Joseph Smith, relative to these latter days. The wise shall understand, Daniel said in Daniel 12 of the Holy Bible, knowledge shall increase and many shall run to and fro in the last days. One would assume, then, that these matters and these patterns are of the utmost significance and should deserve the greatest attention, study, prayer and soul-searching thought.

“And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.” (St. Mark 13:37)

THE SOCIOLOGY OF UFOLOGY, Part 1

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Ufologists study UFO's! Everyone agrees on that. But what is a Ufologist? Should Ufologists be studied and why? How do the people who study UFO's fit into the nature of the field itself? How is the nature of the field affected by those who study it?

The purpose of this paper is to try to loosely answer those interesting questions. How will this be done? Well, Ufologists as a group can be studied either formally through the use of hard data (statistics) or informally (general observations). The former would be the approach of an objectively trained sociologist writing for technical journals. It would put 99% of its readers to sleep! That would be the right way.

Then there is my way—an informal look, highly personal (hence perhaps lacking objectivity in its strictest sense), based upon my dealings and observations in the field.

In order to discuss Ufologists in this manner, one can have some reliable

indicator by which a comparison can be made. But what comparison? Ufologist is to Ufology as what is to what? For my purposes, professional scientists is to science will serve in that function.

First off, I think it necessary to define exactly what I mean by a Ufologist. For the purposes of this paper, a Ufologist will be "any person who in one form or another contributes to the knowledge and theory of Ufology, usually over an extended period of time."

Why study Ufologists? To give somebody something to do? Because it's interesting? Actually, because the quality of work in Ufology cannot be any better than the quality of those people who do work in the field. One cannot judge the former without questioning the latter.

This question of quality is a question not usually asked in the more formal sciences, as the quality of M.D.'s, chemists, or oceanographers for example is regulated to a fairly narrow standard quality. As Ufologists

are more informally structured and regulated, so too will the quality of the work they produce. The reader has no idea of my qualifications in knowing what I'm talking about, and with the exception of a few notables, the same applies to most Ufological authors or speakers. I'm not saying this is good or bad, but just the way it is.

Ufology is not a formal science conducted by professional scientists. For most Ufologists, it's a hobby. One never expects the hobbyist or amateur as a whole to have the same degree of quality as the professional.

As professionals are often skeptical of the work produced by other professionals in the same fields, so too, but to an even greater degree, should readers of Ufological material be skeptical of what they read.

One may say that comparison between scientists and their science with Ufologists and Ufology is not always valid under all conditions. This is true, but for purposes of this small study, comparisons led to clearer understandings, as well as opening up new avenues of approach to the subject.

We can ask the question, what types of Ufologists are there, and compare them to the professional types. The professional falls basically into three categories: Those in applied research, those in pure research and those in no research at all (instructors

and those in administrative and advisory positions.)

Ufologists are almost universally pure researchers, and like professionals, have distinct sub-types. Although the list is probably not complete or covers everybody, and although some people might well fall into two or more categories, these are my basic subdivisions. Note my analogy with the professionals and for clarity with the military hierarchy:

Table I

Military

- 1) Generals
- 2) Col's.
- 3) Maj. & Capt.
- 4) One term officers
- 5) N.C.O.'s
- 6) A.W.O.L.'s
- 7) Enlisted Men

Ufologists

Professional
Hard Core
On again, off again
Single timers
Publishers
Sensationlists
Laymen

Professionals

Dept. Chairman
Full Professors
Associate Prof.
Assist. Prof.
Lectures & Assist's.

Crackpots Graduate Students

The professional Ufologist produces the highest quality of work and is to be the most respected of all Ufologists (although I'm not sure at all that they would like that label pinned on them. The professional's interest is of course only a sub-division of a wider academic field to which he belongs. The best examples are Dr. Hynek, Dr. Menzel, Dr. McDonald etc.

The hard core are those who have produced high quality work over long periods of time. Their's are the names most often recalled to mind when one hears the term Ufology. The most notable examples are: Mr. Moseley, Maj. Keyhoe, Mrs. Lorenzen, Mr. Michel, etc.

The on again off again Ufologist are those who produce high quality work but on a more erratic basis, but who given time will probably move up into the No. 2 category. Examples are Fuller, Keel, and many others.

The single timers are simply that—ones who will produce work of respectable nature once, then drop out of sight. The most recent example which comes to mind is Mr. Klass.

The publishers are those whose interest usually lies more in publishing the hobby 'zines than in writing. There are notable exceptions. However, if their names are mentioned, one will usually associate

them with publishing first and writing second. The classic examples are Mr. Palmer, Mr. Barker, Mr. Beckley, Mr. Duplantier, etc.

The sensationalists are those who do the following: Write or publish without regard for truth. Write or publish obvious trash for the sole sake of making a buck. Those who make observations and speculations and pass them off as absolute fact.

These people are the least respected of Ufologists. Many have in my opinion warped minds and senses of humor. Basically, their contribution to Ufology has been a highly negative one.

The lay Ufologists are the most numerous. They are the majority of the readers of the hobby 'zines and other Ufological material. They keep the publishers in business, and the newspapers and politicians on their toes! At times they contribute an occasional paper or letter to the editor of hobby 'zines or local papers.

Without any doubt, these people are the backbone of Ufology. They attend the meetings, send in reports by the dozens, and write the bulk of what we read in Ufology. Their quality may be lower in general, but they speak loudly in sheer quantity. They form the raw material of Ufology; the ones who in the future will replace those in the foregoing categories (should their interest last).

The structure is likened to the military, and to professionals in whom there is an obvious counterpart. However, in the military, structure is determined by rank. In the professional sciences, this structure is dependent upon three things: 1) education 2) age 3) quantity of work published. In Ufology, the structure is more dependent upon the quality of work written and published, plus the significance it has.

It can also be noted that the objectivity of professionals is higher than that of Ufologists. This is because professionals are closely scrutinized by their peers and that means something when it comes to status. If a Ufologist is not objective, criticism could have no effect as that Ufologist can be an island unto himself. With no incentive other than personal pride to force himself to be objective, it is not surprising to find objectivity to be lacking. Ufological readers are also not often in any position to judge the validity of what they read, hence often give criticism where none is warranted, or fail to give criticism when it is really needed.

What other characteristics of Ufologists are worth noting? Age and sex are two obvious ones. Professional scientists are largely male and there can be little argument that males predominate in Ufology also, although to perhaps a lesser degree. There is

quite a difference in age distribution however.

Someone once noted that Ufologists are either young and light-headed, or old and feeble-minded. There is little doubt that Ufology attracts youth to it. Even without hard statistics it would probably be correct to note that most Ufologists are under 35. It would probably be correct to also note that most of the really well-known Ufologists are over 35. However, the average age is probably closer to 20-25 when one considers the hundreds if not thousands of teenagers with dittoed publications and local clubs. In professional science which requires advanced education, the usual minimum age is already 25, while the average age is closer to 40-45. The best known professionals are usually 60+.

Where do Ufologists come from? Unlike scientists who come straight from the academic halls of higher learning, Ufologists are born out of the masses of the lay public. Scientists got their interest and first taste of science usually in formal classroom situations, as early as grade school. Ufologists are usually first interested by an article in a national magazine or paper, or because perhaps they themselves have seen a UFO. There is nothing formal about the education of a layman into the production of a working Ufologist.

Scientists are usually products of the middle to upper-middle classes. The poor can't afford to go to college, and the rich won't make enough money as a scientist. Since formal education is not by any means a requirement for a Ufologists, I would suspect that there would be a more even distribution among class structure in Ufology.

As for religion, I cannot even come close to guessing what the breakdown would be. As I can see no obvious connection with religious tastes and interests in UFOs, I would assume that there would be an even distribution in that category.

Likewise, I can see no obvious connection between political affiliation and Ufologists. Ufologists as a whole tend toward being fairly liberal. Professional scientists on the other hand are more on the conservative side.

What is it about certain people that make them take a liking toward Ufology? There are many answers (and many which may be very important) but for the time being, a sufficient answer is personal interest.

One last question. Where does the money come from? Professional scientists normally get money from Uncle Sam via the taxpayers' pocketbook. Ufologists usually must shell out money themselves, except for publishers who may make a small profit(?). Money in Ufology is

internal only. Very few even break even in their Ufological quest! Other hobbies often bring in money, but rarely Ufology!

But the Ufologist has one thing going for him—he's a self-made hobbiest and man! He has no boss, no dogma to bow down to, no strict guidelines to follow, no red tape for grants or degrees, and little politics to play.

This paper has only covered a very few of the thousands of individual and collective characteristics of Ufologists and their environment. Very little has been said about the psychology of Ufologists, the political structure of the field, or social mobility in moving from status to status. Nothing has been mentioned about the culture of the field itself. These and other questions can be explored in future papers.

Ufologists are a funny lot but then so is any randomly selected group of humans. In particular, they are a funny lot in that they have dedicated themselves to a subject which, although interesting, is frustrating, unproductive, and has few followers or supporters. He does have a spirit comparable to those who pioneered the early beginnings of the now formal sciences. And like the early scientists, history may one day define Ufologists as dedicated men seeking truth over authoritative blindness, or as universal quacks.

STAR COMMAND

Star Command is a phrase used by interstellar fleets of "UFO" or saucer-ships to indicate the integrating control of the fleet. This control is a tight beam of mind-radio waves which the mind can hear and obey. "I hear and I obey" is what happens when Star Command puts the beam on you...you are "on the beam" whether you like it or not.

Star Command wants something from Earth. That something is the sun-bomb formula which will make of Star Command the greatest power in space. When Star Command has the sun-bomb formula it can turn any planet into a sun just by dropping one bomb from any place, any distance...in space.

Richard S. Shaver

To discover the sun-bomb formula Earth has been through all the hell of two world wars and all the other wars since 1914. By mind-control from afar they have caused the emperor Wilhelm to send out his armies of conquest and so destroy the civilization of Europe and of Germany.

Step by step they have forced the issue until the USA turned to the

atomic power dreamers and furnished them with the implementation to make their dreams come true. . .in the atom bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima.

Step by step we are being ushered into the New Dawn of Utter Power for Star Command. When our dunderheads finally discover the sun-bomb formula in their constant testing of new atomic-bomb mixtures. . .we will all go up in smoke, but Star Command will have the formula it wants. How to start a sun they will then KNOW by listening from afar and by forcing the learned gentlemen to develop all the kinds of atom bombs they have been "stock-piling" . . . (but which one suspects have mostly been shipped to space in the "secret" saucers for use in their space war with people who would rather live than die as slaves to Star Command.)

We are involved in this never ending space war of Star Command. But we are their utter dupes, kept totally ignorant of our own labors toward the great secret END, the sun-bomb formula which will give them all power in all space, and all planets paying them tribute just for continued existence.

Star Command has operated peoples and nations from afar for ages upon ages. Ever since the first great races moved away from this area of space and left behind their vast

u n d e r w o r l d c i t i e s a n d
installations. . .and the vermin moved into the empty cities.

Star Command learned to use the telaug in tight beam over vast stellar distances. . .just as the first ancient did.

A telaug isn't a lot different from radio. . .it's often called mind-radio, for it operates in the short wave spectrum that the mind itself uses between cells in the mind.

A stellar telaug, or interstellar mind-radio, operates on a very tight beam over vast distances. . .just like the tight beam-radio radio control used to operate the Mariner as it sailed over Mars' landscape with its camera clicking.

A stellar telaug can operate a MAN's MIND the same way, by radio control. It is no great mystery. Anyone can figure out how it works and construct a mind-radio who can construct an ordinary radio. BUT to do so is forbidden by Star Command, so it is not done.

Verboten, as in Hitler's Germany. . .is all science not in direct control of Star Command.

Star Command wants Earth science to develop atomic fission until it strikes upon the sun-bomb formula and goes up in its own dunder-headed slave-mind smoke.

THEN the star fleets of Star Command can sent its saucers toward any enemy and let fly with a

sun-bomb and turn any planet in its path into a new-born sun. Not a difficult feat, indeed it's not much more complicated than the atom bomb itself.

YET the people and the planet who discover the secret of the sun-bomb for the war-lords of space will be no more. The war-lord who controls all minds like Hitlers and Wilhelms and Hanoi's and some say the Pentagon's too...will inherit from his long distance listening and control a formula for permanent power over all the planets he can reach with his ancient saucer fleet.

You think it is Hanoi who is stubborn and intractable. Yet it is not Hanoi any more than it was Hitler who was so intractable and so ruthless. It is the Star Command who operates these robots in the same way the Mariner was operated...by radio control.

You do not understand about mind-radio control of Earth thought because you have not been raised as a free mind but as a slave mind. You do not know this nor find it very acceptable but it is a fact that your whole life has been a slave-mind life, and you have thought and you have lived as a sort of controlled robot person. You don't KNOW it any more than a robot knows it is a robot.

But some of us KNOW about such things.

Just as the Mariner can be radio

controlled from Earth as it circles Mars and returns with its cameras...or sends its pictures back by tight-beam radio...just as the Mariner can be operated precisely on course and just as the moon-ships can be operated by mind-radio tuned to those short waves the mind's cells uses.

And we are so operated from afar constantly, unknowingly, and the whole existence of the mind-radio set-ups is a "secret" that keeps itself.

But today, with the atom bomb tests going forward step by step toward the ultimate bomb, the sun-bomb...we had better learn to think about our Star Command and what they want of us as they circle Earth far out in space.

What they want is the ultimate power of the sun-bomb formula. To get it for them we have to destroy our world...and their steps toward this ultimate bomb has nearly destroyed Earth already.

They don't care, they will set up the same drive toward the atomic power and atom bomb manufacture on other planets...they don't really care which one develops the sun-bomb, just so they get it.

They want the sun-bomb and all the tribute it can bring them from planets who will pay off rather than go up in one great fire.

Like arsonists extracting protection money from industrialists...they can

exploit all of space and force them all to their knees with the sun-bomb in their hands.

You may not believe it...but the people testing atom bombs all over the world are really mind slaves operated in the same way the Mariner and the Apollo-unmanned was operated...by radio. That source of the mind-drive toward more and more varied atomic weaponry is an off-planet drive. It will destroy us for the sun-bomb formula.

Star Command controls life on Earth from afar, in the same way the Mariner was controlled as it orbited Mars, taking photos.

Not to know this is not to know WHY emperor Wilhelm, who had everything, wanted the rest of the world, too; why he went to war to get everything under him is "Star Command" in action. Utterly ruthless, utterly non-compassionate, utterly careless of all human welfare and all human emotions...it drives a human like emperor Wilhelm to set in motion the whole of Europe into destroying each other.

Star Command wants something from Earth that will cost Earth its existence to give.

The something is the sun bomb formula with which Star Command can wipe out all those planets that stand against it.

With the sun-bomb, Star Command can wipe out planets from afar

without risking its fleet or its power or a single slave's life. With the sun-bomb in its possession it can turn any planet into a sun just with one space-torpedo...one bomb dropped from space. It can point a torpedo at Saturn, and in safety from some point in dark space, watch Saturn become a sun. No planet could stand against the sun-bomb, as no matter how perfect its defenses...no matter how great its "technology" or how numerous and intellectual its people...no people could guard the whole planet surface every minute of every day.

The sun-bomb is a formula...a formula that no one who discovers it can live through the finding except someone like Star Command who can listen from afar as the bungling Atomic Energy Commission readies yet another pile for atomic power, or as the Pentagon prepares yet one more atom bomb test in/on a planet already reeling from repeated atomic tests.

No one knows just what combination of atomic fission or fusion is needed to start a sun into birth...yet one thing we can know: it happens, or there would no no suns in our skies.

How it happens that an atom-bomb blast does not stop but goes on and on into the complete sun-cycle is what Star Command wants of Earth.

So when you SEE a UFO you will know what they are here for.

DRAMATIC WORLDWIDE INCREASE BRINGS UFOs BACK INTO NEWS AGAIN

Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) are back in the news again. A dramatic worldwide increase in such sightings of strange objects seen in the skies and on the ground has been noted.

On the heels of a recent announcement by scientists in Arizona that UFOs are the real-life things, odds are increasing that almost anyone will encounter a UFO soon. With the recent increase of global UFO sightings many persons are keeping their cameras and binoculars closeby. Interested observers say sightings are on the increase in many areas of the world.

Norway and Brazil had a rash of them recently. Great Britain and Australia have been swamped with such sightings. Eyewitnesses are getting eyefuls too in Kansas, Ohio, Arizona and Texas. North Carolina UFO spotters have come alive lately with sightings pouring in from Charlotte, Mount Airy, Eden, Newton, Hickory and elsewhere.

Scientists in the United States and in Australia have held "serious" conventions in recent months to ponder the saucers which are flying like the clay pigeons they resemble.

The UFO reports that grew in numbers during the last four months

George D. Fawcett

of 1971 are continuing to increase by "leaps and bounds" during a similar period of time in 1972.

On September 28, 1971 two motorists near Niteroi, *Brazil* were treated for shock after UFOs there buzzed and stopped their car motors in separate incidents. On October 1 at Sao Cristovao at 7:50 p.m. another Brazilian succeeded in taking two photographs of a reddish UFO with "light beams", which was being witnessed by dozens of persons at the same time.

On October 16, twenty to thirty young people on a beach witnessed a landing of a strange object on a small island in the Saint John River in New

Brunswick, *Canada*. On October 26 at noon a TV crew photographed a revolving circular orange UFO that left intermittent vapor trails which was viewed by millions on British television shortly afterward. This case occurred at Enstone, Oxfordshire, *England*.

On November 2 at Delphos, *Kansas* a young farm worker was startled by a whistling UFO, about 10 feet in diameter that knocked down a dead Chinese elm tree nearby as it landed. Upon departure the "thing" left a 15 foot phosphorescent circle on the ground. Authorities in early November were investigating a report by three badly frightened Santa Ana hunters who reported seeing a UFO "about the size of a car" land near the Mojave Desert in *California*. On this occasion, the hunters fled the area as a mysterious occupant of the craft emerged. Investigators later found five round impressions on the ground where the UFO had rested.

On December 10 a Montrose, *Australia* businessman captured another brightly lit disc-shaped UFO on film as it maneuvered overhead. December 13 proved to be another UFO nightmare as groups of policemen in Easton, *Maryland* reported a UFO carrying green, red and cream colored lights rotating overhead. Officials at nearby Dover Air Force Base, informed of the sighting, reported they had picked up

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one UFO on their radar screens.

1972 was to prove an even more interesting year UFOwise.

On January 1 at Nedre Lerfoss, Norway a technician encountered a cigar-shaped flying object near his home. It came to a stop and hovered, making a "low sound" and giving off blue flames from its lower edge. The UFO had a large number of portholes or windows located near its middle section. Early in January a sixth grader at Drake Elementary School in Strongsville, Ohio was able to photograph a domed disc-shaped UFO as it hovered and moved back and forth in the sky for almost 30 minutes in broad daylight. January 24 brought a fascinating UFO encounter report by witnesses from Balls Ferry, California where four teenage boys and one of their fathers reported

sighting a brilliant glowing UFO maneuvering overhead and a tall UFO "occupant" with lumps all over its body "like pouches in a flight suit". The gawkers fled in panic to the police station, whose chief after investigation stated he doubted the incident was a hoax.

Sightings in February, 1972 continued to flood their investigators with new and amazing details. On February 2 a silvery, oval-shaped UFO was spotted and chased in vain by three A7 combat aircraft from the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona who had tracked the UFO on radar. February 8 was a "red letter day" for UFO activity as UFOs circled the Radio Station WLOE, chased and paced cars in Eden and Stoneville, North Carolina, as well as created severe animal re-actions while in the area. An Argentinean Airlines crew flying from Catamarca to Buenos Aires, Argentina at 11:00 p.m. in their AVRO-748 aircraft reported an abrupt encounter with a multi-colored UFO that paced their plane for about 5 minutes. Other observers on the ground confirmed their experience on February 8. On this same date, another UFO shook up a motorist in Charlotte, North Carolina. This object was triangular shaped and had rapidly pulsating lights of different colors that revolved on its lower outer edge. The UFO cast an orangish-yellow beam of light on the ground below and

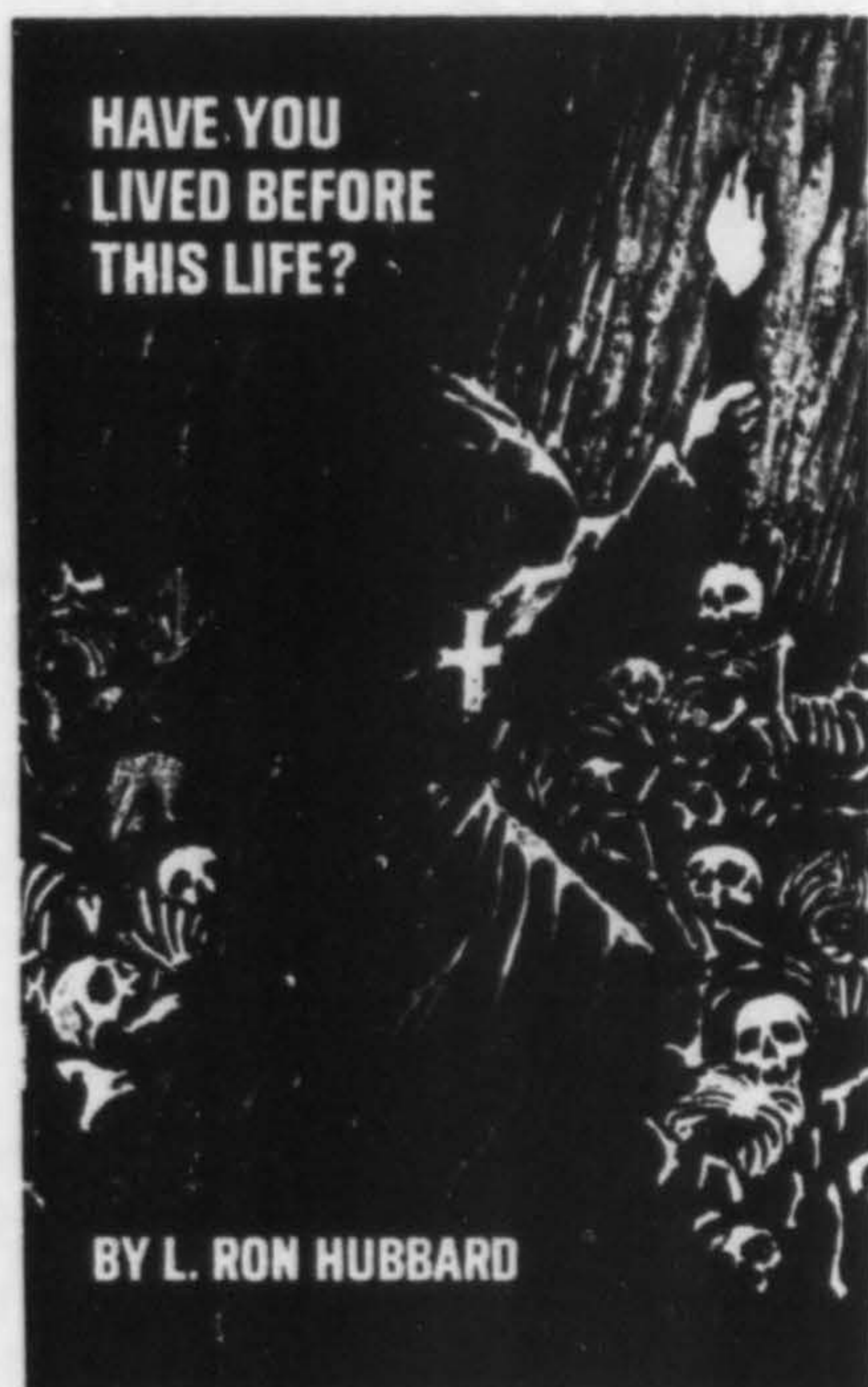
neighborhood dogs started a barking spree.

On February 10 at Oak Harbor, *Washington State* a large UFO, also triangular in shape and having a "window" scared a young man and his girl friend as it skimmed the ground about 300 feet over the treetops. Colored lights came through its windows. On February 15 at Newport, *Arkansas* a UFO described "like a flying car" paced amazed motorists for 30 minutes before it disappeared. The UFO pulsed different colors and was seen by independent observers at scattered locations. On February 28 near Larned, *Kansas*, a UFO paced a student's car, circled the same car and then hovered near a corral at a farmhouse. The next morning a wire fence was found cut on the farm and several of the cows had burned spots, ranging from the size of a person's fist to larger circles. On February 29 at Mart, *Texas* a domed UFO was photographed by a businessman at 8:30 a.m. as it maneuvered near some high line wires near his home. The UFO was estimated to be about 50 to 60 feet in diameter and 17 to 20 feet high. The bottom circular portion was about 25 feet in diameter. The sheep in the area refused to eat and the dogs howled all day and most of the night on the day of the UFO visitation. In addition, a power failure occurred in the neighborhood for about 15

minutes during the UFO appearance.

On March 15 at 12 Midnight twelve policemen in North Carolina suddenly discovered what had puzzled police in Canada, Maryland, Illinois, California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, England and Brazil earlier in 1972. A UFO was seen over Newton, Shelby, Hickory and Maiden, *North Carolina*. The police, in radio contact with each other described their UFO (they watched for almost one hour) as circular with bright blue and white lights that rotated on its bottom outside edge as it hovered over Newton and Shelby. It moved up and down, like it was suspended in the air before it moved away at a rapid pace and disappeared in the distant sky. Officials were baffled by the encounter and plagued by endless phone calls from the United States and overseas. Because of the communication "clogging up" further interviews of the police were forbidden.

On April 3 in *Mount Airy* a housewife and several other residents, as well as residents in *Winston Salem, North Carolina* reported seeing a "chalky-white pear-shaped UFO" in the northeastern sky from 5:15 to 5:45 a.m. In Mount Airy the UFO's light lighted up one side of the cross on top of the First Baptist Church on North Main Street. UFO sightings continued to be reported in large numbers worldwide.



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Where The Reader Has His Say

Dear Mr. Palmer:

I am extremely angry with you and your staff for publishing UFO material which was not only falsified information, but came from shady sources to begin with. I refer to the article "Man Killed By Death Ray From Flying Saucer" by Tom Lingham. The article appeared in Flying Saucers issue No. 60 in October 1968. The story went that Amos Miller, a New Zealand farmer, was killed on February 2, 1968 by a ray emitted from a saucer-shaped object. An autopsy was allegedly performed by top medical men led by Dr. John Whitty.

Let me inform your readers that the original article was taken from the weekly *Midnight*. The fabricated story appeared again in July 1970 issue of *Saga*. On May 4, 1971, *Truth* magazine, published in Auckland, New Zealand, revealed their investigation into the case. According

to Auckland's coroner A.D. Copeland, it seems he had never heard of the incident and neither did the police. Also there is no death certificate that could be found for an Amos Miller in 1968, or years previous to the described date of death. Thanks to Kurt Glemser's investigation, we may have never had the true facts concerning the incident.

May I remind you Mr. Palmer that "Flying Saucers" magazine is to be factual-oriented magazine to expose *facts* about UFO's. I strongly suggest in the future you do a bit of checking your sources before you go off and print a story from such questionable publications.

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● *Isn't your letter rather harsh? We might begin by asking you, given the story which had already been*

published in "Midnight" and in "Saga", what procedure you would have used to discover the truth about this story? You should bear in mind that "Flying Saucers" is published in a small town of less than 600 population, by a guy named Ray Palmer, who is barely able to walk. Is he to be condemned for publishing a story in his magazine, which has ALWAYS cautioned its readers that extensive and very costly and time-consuming research is impossible, therefore prints everything it obtains so that its readers may judge for themselves, knowing that he is advised not to take every word of it for gospel fact? How can we present a story and state definitely that it is true? If we were to print only what we can swear to as truth, our magazine would come out each issue with blank pages!

We have always asked our readers to report to us anything they learn about information published in our magazine, so that we can follow up with counter stories. Many of our readers do this, some even go to great research to check on stories in their area, and either confirm or discredit them.

Unfortunately, "Truth", published in New Zealand, is a magazine not available to us. And even if it were, could we publish its "denial" with any more positive assurance that it, in its turn, was the truth in the matter, or

just an attempt to conceal "truth" in the "Saga" article? How can we know?

Are you asking us to censor every story we have any ground to suspect might not be total fact?

You are "extremely angry" with us! Because we publish "falsified information that exists on UFOs! And we have always done it with the reminder that we have no way of telling if it is actual fact. As for exposing things concerning UFOs, we are responsible for the most exposing any publication has ever done on the subject! We are the world's most respected magazine, because we have actually kept the UFO matter in an area of public scrutiny and fought error, censorship, secrecy, and downright persecution from such areas as military intelligence, the CIA, the FBI, and even the Treasury Department. We've had our magazines lifted from the newsstands, and all sorts of things done to try to break us financially. Even accused of illegal practices (such as when we printed a \$100 bill on our cover, precisely according to laws passed by Congress, but deliberately ignored by the agents who visited us, confiscated our magazines, and our printing plates—even after we quoted the law word for word, which apparently they had never read!). Have you ever been investigated for a whole week by agents who visited every neighbor, and

by so doing, created an atmosphere of suspicion against you, because it is true that people then tend to ask "why is he being investigated by the 'government' if he isn't doing something wrong?"

Putting out this magazine has been a tremendous pain in the neck for us, and opened us to much risk, simply to get the "information" to people like you, and it is very disappointing to be condemned because we actually do a complete and honest job of it!

But if you believe we should hold off printing anything until we can guarantee it, you are simply asking us to quit publication!—Rap.

Dear Ray:

I would like to suggest (or seriously recommend) that FLYING SAUCERS MAGAZINE in one of its earliest 1973 issues give a good review and prominent heading to Dr. Hynek's THE UFO EXPERIENCE (A Scientific Inquiry) Regnery Chicago 1972.

I have read and re-read the volume twice and I believe it is an excellent one (though long overdue) and worthy of wide dissemination. Especially in reconsidering a future methodology for the investigation of UFOs.

I hope you will take this into consideration. I have contacted the home office of Regnery (and they have had a hard time meeting the

demands and orders,) are now in their 4th edition. In addition, I understand it will be published in French, German, Italian and Spanish as well. Over 15,000 hard back copies so far, after a poorly advised 5,000 first edition.

I'm receiving requests for how to obtain the book from California and Florida and elsewhere. Backlog orders in my home town number over a dozen copies to date.

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Dear Ray:

In accordance with Kirlian photography, a living object placed on a film generally depicts on it a colored corona around its own edges, if the film is traversed by a rhythmical electric discharge. (Dec. Fate.) More significantly, when a living object is diseased, its corona changes according to the kind and intensity of the disease. Supportively, while it is dying, the different levels of its declining vitality are clearly indicated in its fading halo.

Similarly, each "selenipatete" (moonwalker) delineates around his own body a blue U, while he is on the moon's surface and surrounded by dust which is exposed to solar radiation. These images and several other phenomena inseparably associated with lunar dust are enigmas

to the scientists. However, the basic explanation for some of them which yours truly offered in a long paper dated Dec. 31, 1967, is getting increasingly valid: Many meteoritic impacts against the lunar surface produced molten pools. While crystallizing, some of the particles in these melts were aligned systematically in reference to the direction and other aspects of the solar magnetic fields and other types of radiation. Hence, somewhat like chloroplasts, these entities gradually developed transducers and such electronic organelles endowed with tropisms and taxes.

This theory accounts fundamentally for many of the selenic objects and events puzzling the researchers. To give but a few examples, there is the remnant lunar magnetization; the surfacial lunar web observed by the selenipatetes: the very numerous microscopic bodies sheltering linear units aligned in perfect order with reference to magnetic lines; the mysterious killing of all microorganisms apparently by some type of radiation emanating from this "dust". Contrastedly, these fabulous substances, again seemingly by radiation, promote the growth of some of our higher plants which thusly develop much faster, taller, larger and healthier than the controls to the amazement of the experimenters who, consequently,

calculated that with only 50 lbs. of this "dust" enough food can be raised to feed the whole world. That they are able to harness and amplify radiative energy is probably not a surprise to those who now have an abundance of evidence to show that selenic particles raised above the surface of their mother planet do not fall back, if they receive light and/or some other electromagnetic waves. In my view, they transduce solar radiation and, using it as fuel, they astrogate away.

Corroboratively, when these puzzling corpuscles are on the moon's surface under sunshine and impacted by gaseous jets, they are ejected along parallel paths, to the deep bewilderment of the scientists. In my opinion, they all travel uniformly because while on the surface they were all oriented sunward and uniformly, thanks to phototropism. That explains how the above-mentioned web is able to do so many stupendous things, v.g. develop phototropic pictures of the sun and of other bright objects.

Consequently, it's my contention that the blue horseshoe arching over each selenipatete is delineated by the floating magnetotactic dust aligned in reference to both the sun and the man's magnetic field.

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Dear Sir:

It seems that all the books on U.F.O.'s say that the first sighting of them in modern times was in Washington State in 1947. This is a mistake that should be rectified. Following are the facts as reported by eyewitnesses.

On June 8, 1920 about 6 P.M. a U.F.O. was observed traveling south from Wathena, Kans. to Rushville, Mo. by about 200 people including farmers who were out doing their chores as well as some townspeople. The St. Joseph, Mo. Gazette ran a very vivid story about the object which was probably an extra edition since it did not appear in the later regular editions. The weatherman, W.S. Belden, said that if the eye witness accounts were true it would have to be some kind of an extra terrestrial object manned by some kind of intelligence which he couldn't accept. He maintained that it had to be a meteor. By coincidence a large meteor fell in Oklahoma 3 hours later and Belden maintained that this was what the people had seen. However, the people who saw the object laughed at Belden's theory for the following reasons.

1. The object was estimated to be from 50 to 100 ft. from the ground between Wathena and Rushville, but it didn't fall to the earth.

2. It flashed different colored lights such as green, orange, red and blue

and left a slight vapor trail but did not burn. It was shaped like a cylinder.

3. At Rushville the object flashed a bluish white light and made a right angle turn to the east at the bank corner. It climbed upward and suddenly disappeared without going over the horizon or behind a cloud.

4. There was a 3 hour difference between the sighting of the object and the meteor that fell in Oklahoma.

5. The meteor that fell in Oklahoma came from the West and was several hundred miles south of St. Joe. The object seen near St. Joe came from the north and turned east at Rushville.

Apparently, Belden's theory influenced the editor so that the story was dropped like a hot potato in the later editions of the Gazette. Joe Hudspeth, a bar owner at Rushville, Missouri remembers the object.

If some U.F.O. Organization could send a researcher to St. Joseph, Mo. now it is probable that evidence could be found to substantiate the event. Probably the best thing for the researcher to do would be to run an ad for one week in the St. Joe newspapers offering 10 dollars to anyone who remembered the object and could provide some description. Also a reward of 25 dollars could be offered to anyone who produced a copy of the Gazette that carried the description or any other local newspaper that had it.

Many of the people who saw the object are now deceased but it is possible that eye witnesses as well as a copy of the paper could be discovered.

The object was never confirmed as a meteor by the people who saw it, but only by Belden who didn't see it and who refused to accept eye witness accounts. Also he refused to consider the reasons why eye witnesses rejected his theory.

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Dear Sir:

I hope you will forgive me for writing to you in the form of a xerox copy but I am anxious for you to receive the enclosed copy of "THE GUIDE TO THE UFO PHENOMENON"—as soon as possible.

I hope this modest Booklet will prove interesting and informative not only to yourself and your colleagues, but also particularly to those for whom it is really intended—i.e. interested enquirers from the press or general public who wish to learn a few true and general facts about UFOs and the people who study them. The Booklet will be sold for \$1.00 to such people to provide the necessary funds for next year's revised edition.

BUFORA would be grateful for any publicity which you may be able to give about the Booklet's existence.

I should explain that the Booklet has been devised, written, edited and printed all in the space of only a few short months so as to coincide with the publication of the British edition of Professor Allen Hynek's book—"THE UFO EXPERIENCE"—in anticipation of the public interest which it is bound to generate. Consequently, we do recognize the existence of various shortcomings in its final form (e.g.—small type size) but these will be remedied in next year's edition.

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Dear Ray:

NO! The color pictures in the December issue of F.S. DO NOT SHOW THE AREAS OF THE POLES! We cannot "see" 180 degrees of a globe, no matter how far away we are, only, approximately, 150 degrees. There is at least 15 degrees of the 'rim' we can NEVER see. YOU AGREE, I know. Therefore, as these pictures were taken from a point over the Equator the polar area *cannot be seen*.

The pictures are self-evident of this fact. The southernmost tip of South America is about 55 degrees S. Even if we allow that another 15 degrees is visible below S.A. we are still 20 degrees away from the South Pole. As

we can see only as far north as we can see south, the northern polar area cannot be seen either. The pictures "stop" slightly within the Antarctic and Arctic Circles. The "depression" you refer to seems to be somewhere in the vicinity of southern Greenland.

ATS III has an orbital inclination (angle between the satellites orbit and the Earth's equator) of 0.7 degrees. It can *never* photograph the area of the poles. Using any photographs, taken from a point over the Equator, as evidence of *anything* at the poles IS IMPOSSIBLE AND YOU KNOW IT!

Your best bet for photographic evidence of a "hole in the pole" is by using the pictures and information supplied by the ESSA or Nimbus satellites.

You have presented pictures taken by the ESSA satellites which you say are composed of no more than six individual pictures. I still disagree, and I'll explain why I'm *sure* it took more than six pictures to make up these composites.

The weather or cloud cover satellite cameras are equipped with both wide-angle and narrow-angle lens. You are *correct*, they are *not* dependent on sunlight to take pictures. I don't know which satellite was the first to have the infra-red cameras (not just infra-red detection equipment) but they have them now. They take their pictures in much the same way as the Mariner probes did of

Mars (as shown on T.V.) an overlapping series of pictures on each "pass". The first weather satellite (Tiros I) took a total of 22,952 pictures in 78 days before it quit sending. Nimbus II (launched May 15, 1966) has (had?) a capacity of taking and sending 3,000 pictures a day (one every 30 sec.) to 150 receiving stations located in 26 other countries throughout the world. I think it only reasonable to assume that if they did not use *more* than six pictures (per hemisphere) to make the world-wide weather maps, there would not be the apparent trend to increase the satellites ability to take pictures.

If you will allow me a little leeway I believe I can make my position clearer. Let's assume we have a satellite in a perfect 90 degree orbit (which none are). It has an orbital period of two hours. The Earth "turns" 30 degrees in two hours. Its (infra-red) cameras can take a picture 2,100 miles across, or 30 equatorial degrees. It takes one picture every 10 minutes. (Remember Nimbus II can take one every 30 sec.) And to make it easier to visualize, let's assume that each "pass" is "straight" along a meridian.

The first "pass" approaching the North Pole, is along the meridian 15 degrees W. It has crossed the Equator and takes its first picture from a point 15 degrees W., 15 degrees N. The first picture covers an area from the

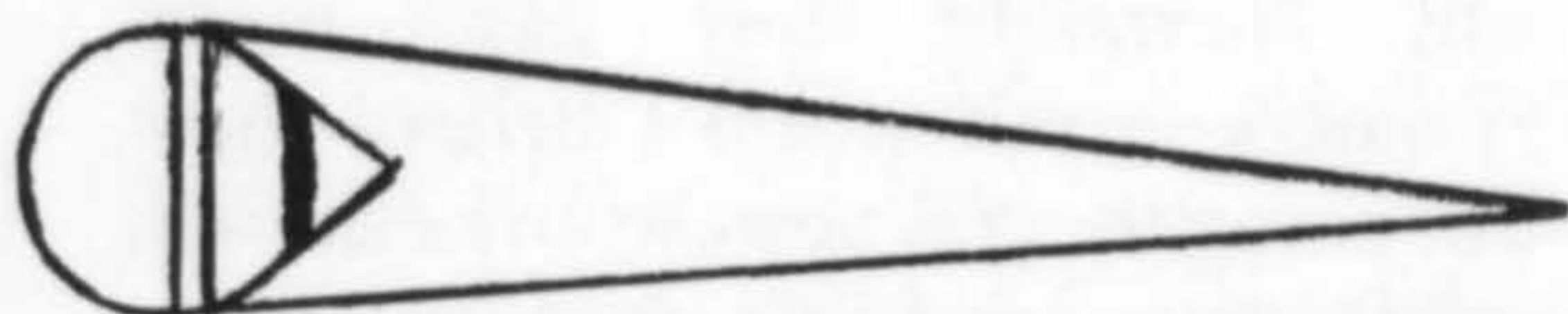
Greenwich Meridian on the east to 30 degrees W.; the Equator on the south to 30 degrees N. Ten minutes later, at 15 degrees W., 45 degrees N., the second pictures, covering area 30 degrees N. to 60 degrees N. Third picture, 60 degrees N. to 90 degrees or the North Pole. We go over the pole to take our next picture from point 75 degrees N. 165 degrees E., and so on down this 165 degree line. We take our sixth picture from 15 degrees N., 165 degrees E. This picture covers the area from 150 degrees E. to 180 degrees E. (W); 30 degrees N. to the Equator. We continue down the 165 E. meridian, crossing over the South Pole and back "up". Taking a total of 12 pictures on this "pass". The Earth has "turned" 30 degrees so we are now "over" the 45 degrees W. Meridian line. Our first picture of this "pass" touches the first picture of the first "pass" (30 degrees W.) on the east, to 60 degrees W.; the Equator to 30 degrees N. The whole thing is repeated for each "pass". Each "pass" is along the meridian 30 degrees west of the previous "pass", taking 12 pictures, and two hours. The sixth "pass" is along the meridian 165 degrees W. The first picture of this "pass" touching the sixth picture of the first "pass" on the west; and the sixth picture of this "pass" touching the first picture of the first "pass" along the Greenwich Meridian. (I hope this isn't too confusing.) It has taken

12 hours to complete six "passes". We have taken a total of 72 pictures covering the entire earth, with a great deal of overlapping at the polar areas, 36 pictures of each hemisphere. This is "imaginary" and over-simplified in specific details but I believe it accurately represents the actual process.

There is one more little detail I would like to try and clear up. Your statement (answering S.J. Larsen; F.S. Sept. 1970, pg 36; para. two) "If your photograph encompasses 24 hours, then it is patently impossible for the cloud cover to be so precisely delineated, and it is patently impossible that during that 24-hour period, the clouds did not move at all, rather than blur the whole pattern because of covering hundreds of miles of territory in various wind directions,..." You seem to be ignoring the fact that only along the line of meeting of the first and last "passes" would there be a major time difference. They actually have orbital ("pass") periods of *less* than two hours. Even a "movement" of hundreds of miles, when reduced to a picture seven inches in diameter, would not be (very) apparent. Individual clouds may appear to move and change very rapidly to us on earth, but from "space" the overall *pattern* of the large masses would change very little. Large weather masses just don't move that fast. If

So far I have been mainly interested in presenting *my* evidence to prove *my* position: many more than six individual pictures are used to make these composites. But I think it necessary, not only to show that I am right, but also to show that you are wrong: it is IMPOSSIBLE to make such a composite using *only* six individual pictures.

Going back to the fact that no matter how far away one is, there is at least 15 degrees around the "rim" of the earth we cannot see, it is also true that the closer one is, the less that can be "seen".



(My globe is marked in 15 degree

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hemisphere. Six circles fit perfectly, the sixth touching the first two. The resulting pattern looked like Fig. 1.

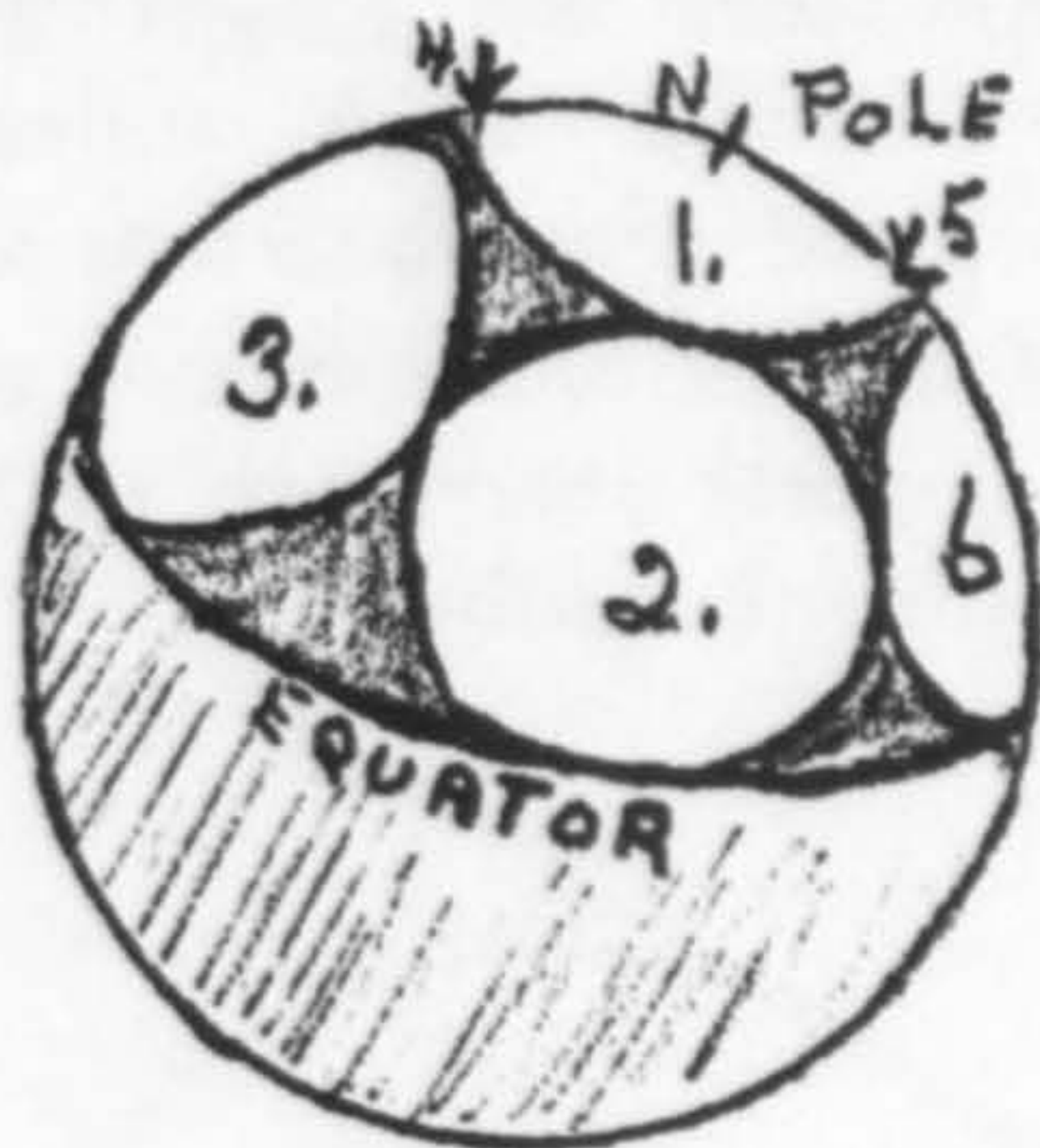


Fig. 1

There is area left unphotographed. The edge of these circles represent "horizon" and in a photo would not be "sharp" or "clear". It bears no resemblance to any of the photographs you have printed, yet if they were actually composed of *only six* pictures they would have to look *something* like Fig. 2.

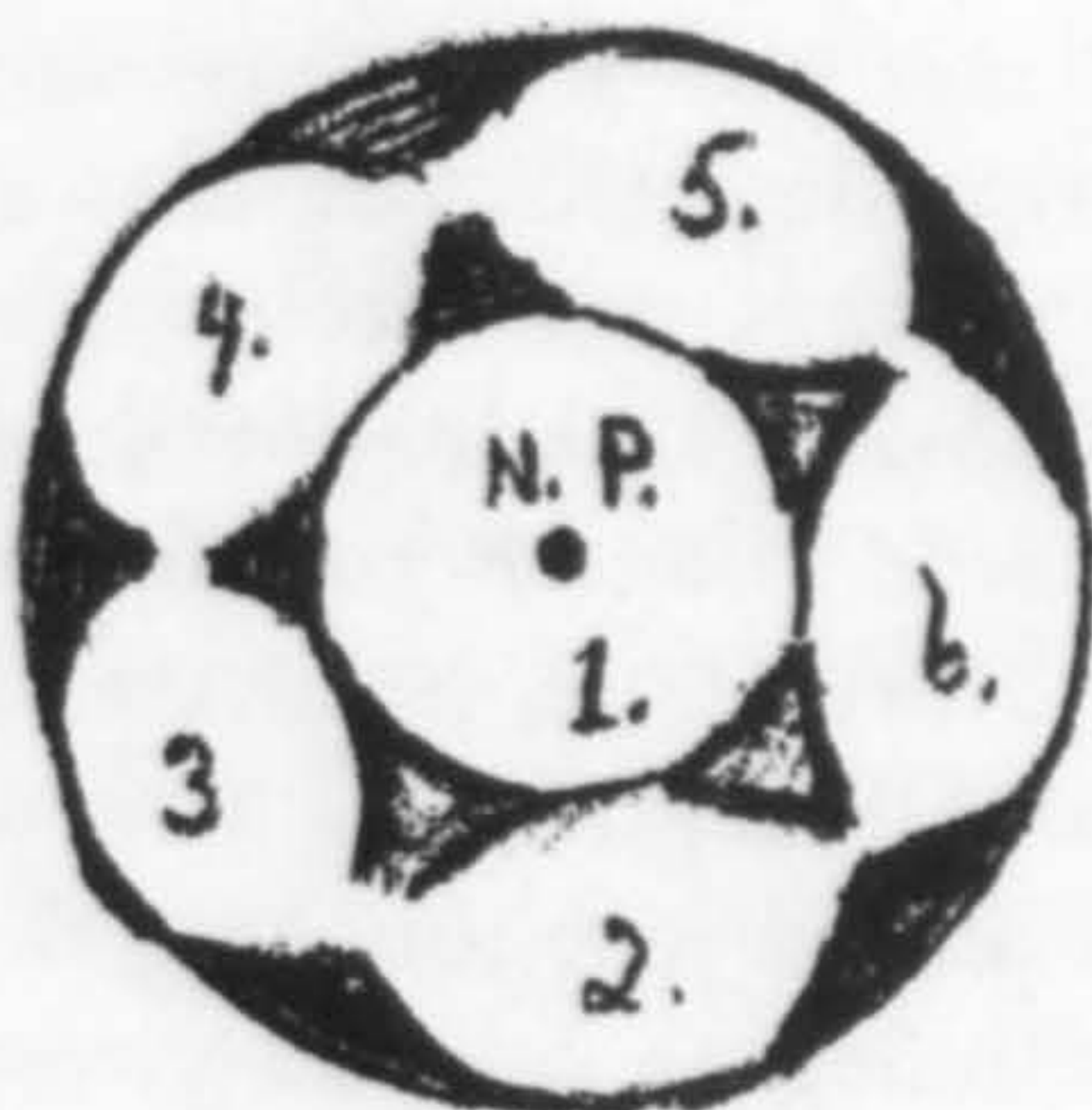


Fig. 2

I know nothing about a camera's "focal length" but I'm sure no camera

can take a picture encompassing the total field seen by the human eye. Any picture taken from 1050 miles would actually cover *less* area than that represented by the circles. I repeat, it is impossible to make these composites using *only six* individual pictures.

So now will you PLEASE EXPLAIN *how* your camera can take six (or less) pictures encompassing one entire hemisphere with nothing left out? And don't you DARE switch (in the middle of this disagreement) from the *number* of pictures to the *time* it took.

The weather satellites carry a lot of equipment besides cameras. Much of it radiation detection and measuring devices in most, if not all, wave-lengths, both incoming and outgoing. Although most of my information on this point is ten years old (certainly they have made advances in ten years) I believe they can compute and correlate the overall information enabling them to infer surface temperature, even where the surface is covered with clouds. This is plotted on charts or maps, very much like surface contour maps.

If I understand the "hole" correctly, it should be "warmer". And being warmer than its surroundings it might be covered with a perpetual mist or cloud, making it very difficult to detect in regular photograph. But a random sampling of these "heat"

maps (of the polar area) might well reveal its location if they did show a permanent "hot spot". You might not be able to use them to prove that "spot" was the "hole" but it would tell you *where* to look at the photographs.

Ray, this is the first letter I've written you in the fervent hope that you would *print* it. I realize it is awfully long so if you want to cut some and just print part of it, that's fine with me. I want so much to read your comments I don't care which magazine you print it in, Forum, Search or Flying Saucers, that's up to you.

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● You've made some very good points in your letter, and I wonder if you didn't read the many times I've made those very points in my magazines? It is absolutely true that with the human eye, the camera lens, or the telescope lens, it is impossible to see the whole of anything—UNLESS IT IS WITHIN THE "FIELD" OF THE (TYPES OF) LENSES! This "field" is best expressed by the advertisements for binoculars, which state that it has "a field of vision of 1000 yards at one mile" (or whatever is the width of the area in view at any specific distance). This depends on the focal length of the instrument, which is the same as

saying its "horizon" or "distance" it can see. The "horizon" is that point where the "railroad tracks" (which are actually parallel) seem to come together. Beyond that point (which is the focal length of our eye), we can see nothing at all! Even though we know the tracks may continue on for 1000 miles! We look at the moon, and we marvel at its beauty. We know that it is about 242,000 miles away. Yet, since the focal length or distance we can see with our eyes is about 32 miles (the distance to the horizon at sea level or the amount of field added by our height above that zero level), it should be obvious that we are not seeing the moon itself. Since light (therefore heat) does not travel through space, what we are really seeing is an "image" or reproduction of the moon, produced by the action on the electro-magnetic energy that IS coming to us via the electromagnetic field of the Earth, moon and sun. This image is produced in our atmosphere, which can be likened to the neon gasses in a tube which are excited by the electrical current passing through those gasses. We cannot say that the neon color we see is coming to us from the power station many miles away. Current is coming, but not the light! It is exactly the same with that shining moon (and sun and stars and planets!) that we see when we look up into the heavens. What we see is not at all "where it's at!"

The stars are seen by us to have no apparent diameter, being simply "points" of light. The "larger" stars shine brighter, but we still cannot measure any significant diameter. The planets do show up as tiny discs. But all this is due to the energies coming from them and acting upon the atmosphere which is excited to glow and reproduce the image we see. If you've noted, the astronauts do not speak of the incredible beauty of the stars (they only see a few) and you will also notice the total absence of any photographs taken of stars by a camera in space. One reason, the "points" have no "diameter" and therefore cannot register on an emulsion containing comparatively large "bits" of silver! The other reason is that they are beyond the focal length of the camera.

Now, about the photographs of the pole and the "hole". It is a fact that we do not have any satellite in orbit which can cover, with its "field", the area of the planet within 215 miles of the geographic pole. This is because no satellite can be put into a precise polar orbit, simply because navigating them depends upon inertial guidance systems and on gravity sensing instruments. Since there is no gravity at the pole (the doughnut shape of the electromagnetic field of the planet), even the most perfectly launched satellite throws the rocket off course so that it does not take up an orbit. It

attains "escape velocity" if launched in a 90 degree polar orbit. Thus, the satellites now photographing the polar cloud cover are in the general area of the 80th degree of latitude. In their passes around the Earth, they invariably leave an unphotographed area about 430 miles in diameter at the poles. This shows up on the computerized photos as a round black area (which is NOT the hole we are talking about, which is smaller, we estimate at not more than 285 miles in diameter). However, in photos taken by the astronauts from 185,000 miles out, we see more of the planet's polar area, and these photos have thus far shown a "permanent" marking at the pole which is difficult to understand. It looks, even with cloud cover, like a "dimple" at the precise geographic pole, and when clouds are not there, it DOES NOT show the ice field which just HAS TO BE THERE if there is no hole! The one thing that we cannot expect to see, is a BLACK area!

As for our claim that the first photo we printed came from a composite of six photos, your argument may be right, but we were only quoting the official caption printed with the photo. It said "six" and we repeated "six". And we have no reason to doubt it. And while there are more than six photos with the newer satellites, it does not change the fact that six or six million, NONE of

them can show the area within 215 miles of the pole!

What we need is a rocket fired in 90 degree attitude, which will televise photos of the polar area about 20 minutes after launch from Vandenburg Air Force Base (before it flies off into space because its rockets are thrusting against no gravity at all!) If that were done, the chances of it proving anything are chancy, because the pole is almost "perpetually" covered by clouds. Yet, it would seem to us that the "dimple" would be clearly visible, with perhaps a very small (maybe 10 miles?) at the very center which would be cloudless. And if laser soundings would be made at the same time, we think it would show that the echoes from the "surface" would show a greater "distance" than from the surface 215 miles away!

The "burden of proof" does not rest with us, who theorize there is a hole at the pole, but upon those with the instrumental capability to "disprove" us. Yet, these authorities ask us to "prove it", and ask us to accept previous "theory" (on their part) as fact. If the promulgator of the theory should be the one to prove it, we will accept that also, and simply say: "You have said the Earth is a sphere as (comparatively) smooth as a billiard ball. So PROVE it!" Let the first theorizer bear the first "burden"! Officials are always "conning" us, and

are always "being secretive". The secrecy, in the main, is an alternative to admitting ignorance! Let me give you a few examples. The Air Force, being unable to tell us what the saucers are, and therefore also unable to defend against them and thus guarantee our national security (which is their job) or to produce an instrument of defense (not knowing what they are shooting at or if, indeed, it can be shot!), have therefore adopted the policy of denying their existence. They do not do this flatly, but they "con" us by saying "there is no evidence that flying saucers are visitors from outer space". This, of course is true! And it is also like saying "there is no evidence that there are elephants in your backyard." You don't have to be told that! You live there, and you have never seen an elephant there! Instead of saying the untruth "there is no evidence of elephants" (you've seen them in zoos!), they add "in your backyard". They do the same with flying saucers. They would be obviously wrong if they said "there is no evidence of flying saucers" so they add "in outer space".

If you saw Apollo-17 on TV, you saw the incident where something bright orange was seen and after it had been visible for some ten minutes, the astronauts were asked what it was. They replied in an off-hand manner that it was an orange "flag" they had

raised over an explosive charge they had placed. As you watched, didn't you wonder why the "zoom" camera didn't pull the mysterious object right up so you could see the threads in the cloth of the "flag" (as it did so readily and instantly, in showing us rocks much further away which were of interesting form and texture)? Instead, it "hung back" and enough minutes passed (during which the delayed nature of the signals allowed control by Houston as to what actually went out on the air) to instruct the astronauts as to the "safe" answer to give when they were "quizzed". But what you don't know, but would if you had the "flight plan" of Apollo-17, is that there were no orange flags aboard to mark explosive charges, no charge was to be placed on this particular "moon walk", and it would not be placed so far away from the moon-ship itself, which had the job of "monitoring" the explosions which were set off after the astronauts were safely back in orbit (or even back on Earth).

Since this flight plan, which I have read very carefully, states every iota of the activities performed on the moon, but does not mention either flags to mark the position of the charges, or specify charges to be placed on this particular walk; and the fact that the zoom camera cannot perform in this case as it does so remarkably in all others, we are

inclined to believe that there was something seen there on the moon (one Houston observer said "we thought we might have an artifact") which has not been honestly reported to us.

Another mystery is why so few Mars pictures have been released. I would like to see ALL of those 7000 odd photos, with NO retouching!

To complicate the picture in all these things is the "crackpot" stories that always blossom—to which the authorities can point in a diversionary way (and some of which I have found through the years have actually been sponsored and paid for and improvised by the authorities) to discount the need for answering any questions of the discerning curious who wonder about what it was they saw. One example is that crazy story of "amateurs" who heard things on their radio that were apparently not heard by Houston with its enormously more sophisticated and efficient radios. Like "God, they are lined up all around us on the rim of the crater—space craft, creatures," etc. etc., ad absurdum! And the story of the Russian astronauts murdered by something awful they encountered on one of their flights.

Just recently we were confronted with that "supposedly crushing" fact that our SAC bomber pilots fly over the pole every day, and that they fly on a "grid" pattern that makes it

impossible for them to have missed an area as small as 50 miles across, and therefore since they had never seen any hole at the pole, obviously there is none.

In reply, I asked what about the rockets fired in a 90 degree attitude? I was told this isn't done—no rockets are fired over the pole, because this would mean war with Russia (within minutes). Dew-line, and all that! Anything coming into range of the Russian radar screen would initiate instant reaction. Yet the SAC pilots are flying "grid" over the pole which takes in the ENTIRE area north of 80 degrees' ALL AROUND THE POLE. How come, then, the Russians haven't launched their atomic "response"? And our weather satellites fly over Russian territory every 90 minutes, and still no reaction? Russian rockets overfly the US constantly. There is always at least one overhead, and many of them obviously military. We don't start any war over them! But I am asked to take all this as evidence there is no hole. In spite of the FACT that SAC, or satellites, or rockets come NOWHERE closer than 80 degrees of latitude, simply because navigation is impossible at higher latitudes. That is, accurate enough to ensure not getting lost.

When I asked for the detailed flight plan of a single SAC flight to prove to me the navigational procedures used, and that it did indeed fly over the

geographical pole, what instruments were used, and how used, naturally this is "top secret". Fine, so it is, but then the fact of flight over the pole cannot be presented to me to be accepted as PROOF that I am wrong in my theory. I won't accept the mere statement, any more than they accept my mere statement. The only reasonable solution to our differences of opinion is solid demonstrable and repeatable proof.—Rap.

To the editor:

Thank you for the excellent report you made on the second Annual Lunar Science Conference in Houston (SN: 1/23 p. 65). Significantly, the vast majority of selenologists over the globe see evidence that the tiny lunar surficial particles are transported, and mysteriously: The main sign, they find, is in the soft, rounded drifts created by them on the side of rocks and running predominantly downhill. And, more importantly, no one has yet presented an acceptable theory to explain firstly, how this dust was transported; secondly, how it was deposited so selectively on exclusive sections which are often elongated and tapering shadow-like in many cases, meanwhile trending preferentially in one direction: downward.

Analogously, when gaseous or liquid currents carry small solid particles and encounter an obstacle,

they deposit some of them behind the obstacle to form soft, rounded, elongated, tapering drifts.

Similarly, the typical surface lunar rock, being opaque to almost all solar radiation, obstructs most beam-currents from the sun thereby casts shadows. In my opinion, those beams supply the energy which the dust-particles, raised from the surface of the moon, are able to transduce to astrogate away from their mother-planet. Now, the average shadow below, i.e. the one going downslope, permeates a section of the space directly ABOVE the surface, which is generally longer than any of the other sections within the shadows cast by the same object at other times in the course of the lunations. Hence, downhill shadows would be likely to comprise more floating particles than those going in the other directions, and so, they would have more to deposit on the surface below.

There is an increasing amount of evidence to show that millenia ago while parts of the molten material on the lunar surface was gradually crystallizing, being under the influence of solar beams, it structured transducers and other electronic organs of that sort with some of their vital units aligned orderly in relation to the direction of the beams; that some of these units together eventually developed into primitive sense-organs which, in turn, evolved

into biophysical, crystalline photoreceptors; that, hence, the corpuscles raised above the surface by skyfalls or other means astrogate away from the mother-planet, provided they received radiation which they transduce into fuel; that this biophysical phenomenon accounts for the fact, that, notwithstanding the innumerable particles raised directly above the Surveyor-3 site very few of them returned to the surface as the photographs show; that those raised within shades had no fuel and so fell directly to the surface below them, creating the above-mentioned soft, rounded drifts as well as other still unexplained features.

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Dear Ray Palmer:

Are you asleep?

Theodore Fitch has topped everyone and scooped everybody except Enoch, Paul and John the Revelator.

His great book, "The Exact Location of Paradise, New Jerusalem—A World Within This World", No. 51 coordinates all past books and also quotes many passages from the Bible and makes it all alive and literally true. The New Jerusalem is only 3,000 miles away. Read

Nansen's description of the central sun as on page 93 and 116 of Smoky and also Nansen's description as quoted by Fitch.

You never published a greater book; so I suggest that you make a deal with him for a large quantity of his book and give the book a large full-page ad in all your magazines.

Also you should reprint your article from Flying Saucers for March 1962, No. 24 "The North Pole-Russian Style"—great. On page 69 you state "The data thus far amassed by expeditions and ice stations fill more than 120 volumes; the list of books, monographs and articles that is emerging from that data already exceeds 600 titles." Where can you get hold of that material and can Fitch (world's greatest compiler) have it?). Please answer.

Brownly wrote me that we need a serious book like Gardner's to inspire a polar expedition. Now we have that book. It is No. 51 of Fitch which I hope you will sell and publicize.

Also, the Russians have also scooped you with their article in National Enquirer for Sept. 20, 1970 on page 32 "The moon is hollow say two Russian scientists, etc."

Fitch states that all inhabited planets in the universe are hollow and contain a city four square—cubical and he gives the astounding number of square miles of its 12 stories, the building being 1,500 miles each way

and being lit up by the Shekinah Glory and Smoky gives details that prove to me that Emerson told a true story. I offered you the life story of Emerson as quoted from three newspapers but you did not request it.

"The "flaming sword" of Genesis guarding the tree of life is also magnetism with a visible aurora and this turns all light rays very crooked and misleads all explorers or any who ventures too far north so that in my opinion, it is almost impossible for the best ice breaker, regardless of how large, to get very far inside the earth. Also, the civilizations there are thousands of miles inside so that explorers would only see trees and animals; and also the inhabitants may have a system of radar to watch so that no surface people can get inside to corrupt them with our evil ways and evil living habits. So that for the NOW, getting inside is just about impossible. Have you read Tennyson's "Time of the End"? It may be 15 to 30 years before the march of prophesy permits any surface people to get inside. However, any ships on the surface that try it may return with a lot of fine scientific information. I expect a reply to this letter regardless of how busy you are.

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● *My source of the number of books on UFOs is "Flying Saucers Books*

And Pamphlets In English—A Biographical Checklist” by Norman Brennan, whose address is Box 2662, Buffalo, New York, 14226. He lists a total of 390. As for all planets being hollow, I can tolerate that theory because there is evidence that it can be true, and follows from the theory we now have as to how planets are formed (which makes such hollow structure very reasonable). But when you put a “city” in each one, 12 stories high, 1500 miles each way, and lit by something called a Shekinah Glory, I rather balk. I’d rather wait until we get inside the Earth (if the hole actually exists) to find out if there is a city there. But no matter how much legend and information Fitch has compiled, drawing positive conclusions from it is dangerous. I’ve got an enormous collection of such things, and what it does is make you think and question our preconceived notions. But it does nothing more. Proof is what is needed, and that is what I am seeking. I need some evidence about the polar area that seems singularly hard to get! See the following letter!—Rap.

Dear Ray Palmer:

I have a theory about your HOLE-AT-THE-POLE photographs that you have published in FLYING SAUCERS. But first, I want to list some facts that have come up in connection with this photographic

phenomena:

(1) The HOLE is on unretouched film.

(2) The satellite that took these pictures is stationary at an approximate altitude of 20,000 miles.

(3) This hole has appeared in several different pictures of the same area at different times.

(4) There is AURORA BOREALIS phenomena that occurs at approximately 600 miles altitude over the poles. Radio frequency transmission through the aurora borealis causes disruptions ranging from light static to blackouts. The cause of aurora borealis is thought to be charged particle emissions from the sun in solar flare-ups which seem to coincide with sunspot activity.

(5) The Van Allen belts trap many charged particles in cyclotron racetrack effect at altitudes above 1000 miles. At the poles the “lines of force” are perpendicular to the plane and surface of the earth. Particles coming parallel to these lines of force will go straight into the earth at the pole without getting trapped by the Van Allen belts.

(6) We have daily flights over the north pole from San Francisco to Europe. We have talked to these pilots and there is nothing unusual at the pole as a hole.

(7) Recently many oil companies have discovered huge oil pools on the ocean floor north of Alaska at the

edges of the HOLE area. Again no unusual land features are reported other than usual snow country terrain.

(8) Airplanes have varied their altitude over the north pole from a few hundred feet to 10 miles.

If we accept these facts, we can conclude that the phenomena which turns up in the satellite picture occurs at an altitude greater than 10 miles and less than 20,000 miles. It also implies that HOLE is related to the aurora borealis phenomena since the HOLE phenomena DOES NOT show up in every photograph of this area.

Of course I have more suspicions but that will take more research and another letter. I hope I have provided some food for thought.

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● *Your item 6 is the one I want to comment on once more! It's just not true! We DO NOT have daily flights over the pole. No commercial airline comes nearer than 1500 miles of the geographic north pole. Not one of those pilots you have talked to can produce an actual flight plan which will show otherwise! As for a charted flight plan, showing every inch of the way, and the position of each geographical mile flown, you will find that all the flight is over very well mapped territory, very well known to geographers, and recognizable and identifiable place by place. But*

nowhere along that chart will you find "north pole, directly in view beneath the plane". Not by 1500 miles!

Your item 7 is pretty vague too—the Alaska off-shore oil pools are an H of a way from the pole! And Alaska is hardly "the edges of the hole area"!

Item 8, Airplanes have varied their altitude over points identified by the compass, shots of the stars as navigational aids, and inertial guidance systems, but none of these points can be said to be the "pole". You see, if there is a hole, then shooting the stars is useless, because the identification of location depends on the false assumption that the 90-degree angle from the Earth's surface is still the outer circumference of a sphere 8000 miles in diameter. Because the curvature of the Earth at the edge of the hole would obviously become very much more accentuated, we can see why shooting the stars would give us a much further north location than if there were no hole. This accounts for Peary's amazing final dash to the pole; when "shooting the stars", he discovered that he had actually walked 120 miles in one day! Nansen also found it remarkable that the horizon was much farther away in an east-west direction, than in a north-south direction! Obviously you can see farther along the lip of a hole than over the edge of it!

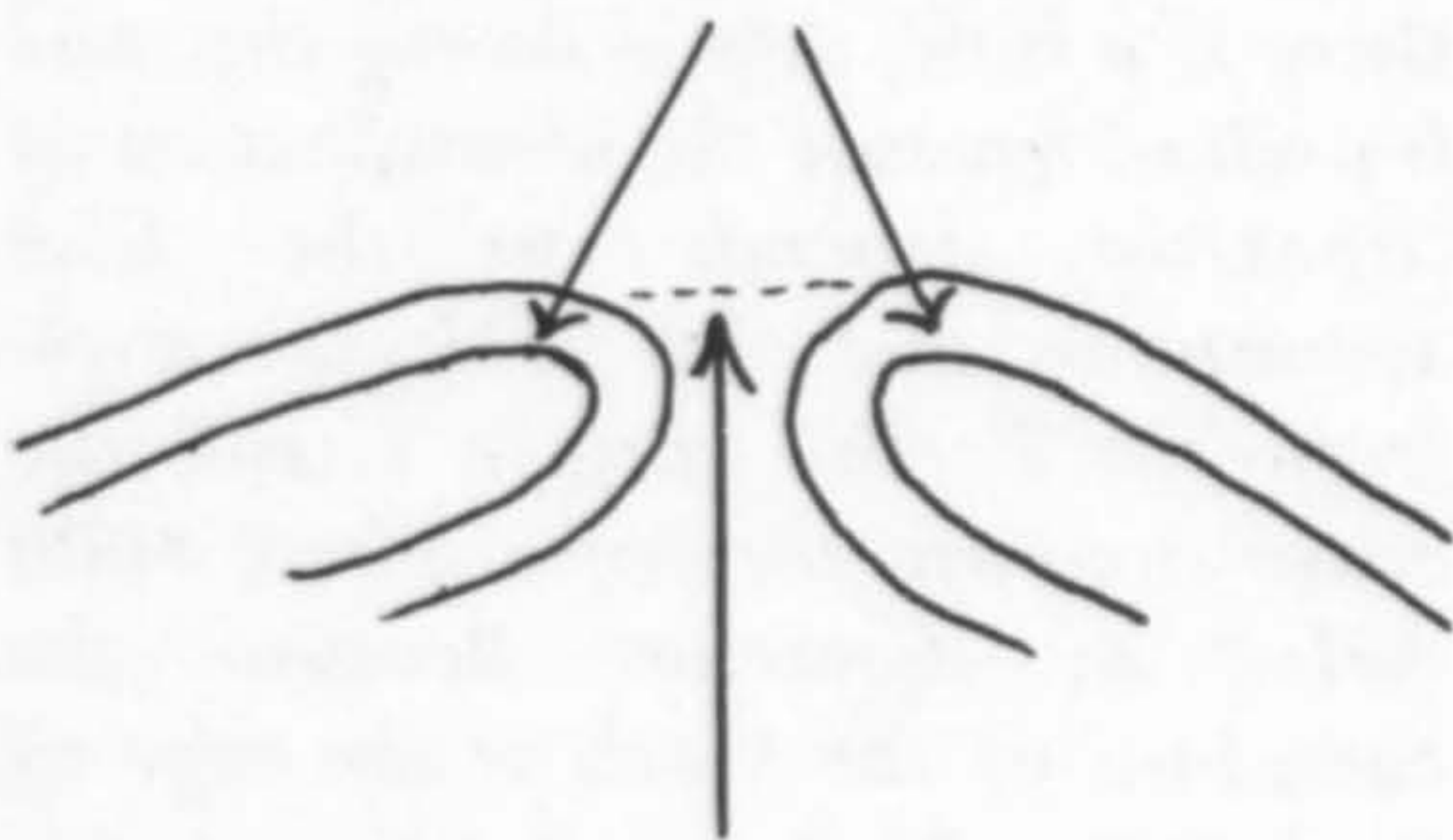
So, let's not "accept these facts" to

"conclude" anything! They simply are not facts!—Rap.

Dear Ray:

As a subscriber to Flying Saucers over the years I seem to have missed one vital point regarding the "hollow Earth". I.e., how can the hole-at-the-pole possibly have a "cloud cover" when the atmosphere

ATMOSPHERE ENVELOPE (ENBIG'D)



**NO cloud-layer possible
at this point!**

must of necessity flow into the depression, and thus leave what is in effect an "Empty space" in that area atop the globe?? Would you kindly fill me in on this please? (note sketch)

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● Your point is a good one, and one I've pointed out myself. But what you are doing is drawing a conclusion from

a sort of straw dummy you set up just for the purpose of knocking it down. What we are primarily concerned with is why we don't see the hole, and we speak of "cloud cover". The fact is, none of our weather or communications or photographic satellites are in an orbit that permits photography of the polar area, but leaves a "blind spot" of approximately 430 miles in diameter. It is inside this blind spot that the hole can exist. The few photos taken by lunar astronauts ALL show the possibility of the hole, but at a very deceiving angle. Some show a consistent marking that does not change as the cloud cover changes. In two of these photos, by as accurate a measurement as I can make, I come up with a hole not more than 285 miles in diameter. But this is at the outer lips, and if the hole is a graduated depression, the actual opening at the center could be only a dozen or so miles across, and the atmosphere, curving with the surface into the depression, could continue the cloud cover to a degree that the non-cloud cover, if it actually exists, is just too small to be discerned from space. We are up against that old barrier of "focal length" of our lenses and "field of vision". For example, from 20,000 miles out (and lots less!) the city of Chicago is not visible. The Hawaiian Islands cannot be seen. So, in a photo taken 120,000 miles away,

no detail only a mere 30 or so miles across could be seen. Even our astronaut, circling the moon 63 miles up, could not see the lunar landing vehicle on the surface below him. Neither could he photograph it! There are lots of reasons why simply saying "how can there be a cloud cover in the area you mention" is a meaningless question from which no conclusions can be drawn. The hole could even be as large as you envision it, but be something less than straight in its descent into the interior and you'd see "surface" everywhere from a vantage point in space, and on this surface there would be atmosphere and clouds.—Rap.

Dear Editor:

On March 16, 1972 at Three Rivers, Texas, (about 70 miles south of San Antonio) a UFO was sighted by a group of about 12 people. It was first seen at about 8:00 P.M. as the group was in front of the local movie theater. The UFO was to the west, and although Venus was in the western sky at the time of the sighting, the witnesses state that they could see Venus and therefore were not mistaking it for a UFO. One of the witnesses, Eddie Stainthorpe, stated that the UFO had a bright metallic coloring and at times it glowed with a pinkish almost red color. The UFO was saucer-shaped, and a dome could be seen on top of it

with the use of binoculars. At times the UFO would move in a westward direction, and when it did the witnesses reported that it would emit beams of light from its top and bottom. One of the strange aspects about the UFO was that it was said to have faded away from view several times. The light from the UFO could be seen yet the object itself could not be seen. The UFO was last observed at about 10:30 P.M. One of the witnesses stated that he had seen the UFO on several other occasions. A UFO that was disc-shaped with orange lights was seen by many people over San Antonio on the night of March 31. The sighting of this UFO was reported by a radio station in San Antonio.

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Dear Mr. Palmer:

Mr. Saunder's article "Raiders of the Sea-UFOs or UMMs?" in the September 1970 issue of FLYING SAUCERS magazine brought one very important aspect of the UFO subject to light which should be expanded upon. This would be the possible connection between the finding of completely passengerless ships at sea and UFOs. It seems that one of the easiest ways for a flying saucer to obtain specimens of earth-bound homo sapiens would be to pluck them up right out of the sea. A ship at sea

would be the ideal source, since it is virtually alone as far as visual contact is concerned, whereas on land there is a much better chance of someone observing the abduction. A ship in the middle of a great big ocean is also completely helpless in regards to immediate outside aid, and would be quite defenseless by itself against a fantastic machine (or whatever) of unknown offensive and defensive capabilities. A UFO could therefore go about its business in complete privacy, and take what it wants, where it wants, when it wants.

If this theory of "sea-ductions" is correct, the only question, though, would be why do the ufonauts leave everything on board the captured ship in order, disturbing virtually nothing, and letting the ship continue peacefully on course (minus crew and passengers) to be found in that condition and to be puzzled over for months and months by utterly frustrated review boards? Why don't they just destroy the empty ship, instead of leaving it behind as intact evidence of the strange things that occurred on board? It is quite disturbing enough to find that a ship was lost at sea, but it is far more frightening and disturbing to surround the fate of the crew and passengers with mystery and question marks.

Of course, whenever we speak of these alleged UFO kidnappings, we cannot be at all sure of the fate of the

"victims". By implying that a human being was abducted by a UFO we cannot say with any certainty that he is doomed to some hideous fate; quite the contrary, he may be in a far better state of being than we are. And although there have been a few documented instances of alleged UFO hostility, the bulk of information available seems to indicate that most of the ufonauts perform in a totally "humane" manner.

Even though the intentions of the alien abductors, evil or otherwise, remain at present unknown, perhaps one of their favorite hunting grounds has been uncovered. Certainly more study should be made of mystery ships and their possible link with the UFO phenomena.

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Dear Rap:

I got my FS mag in the same mail with my True Treasure (my twin interests) and will answer your call for comments on the contents. I have nothing to contribute to the Polar Hole argument. A copy of that ancient newsreel strip would sure be a collector's item. I would have been a 7-year-old boy while it was circulating, with those old Eddie Cantor & Chaplin comedies.

I just finished browsing through a book exchange copy of the Flying

Saucer Reader. The final two chapters deal with the famous (?) Capt. Peter Killian sighting, Feb. 24, 1959 (14 years ago). He was told it was a tanker re-fueling operation. He claimed the three objects he saw over Ohio were 3 TIMES THE SIZE OF ANY TANKER OR BOMBER.

Your article claiming the "saucers" are domestic products, piloted by midgets, IS AS ABSURD AS ALL THE OTHER "SECRET WEAPON" EXPLANATIONS. Argosy magazine showed what I consider extremely bad taste when they ran a similar article last summer while our boys were on the moon.

The author's listing of patent numbers means nothing. We have a 15 year old lad here in town who built his own laser this winter, with \$75 worth of equipment. All these TV movies are preceded by a long list of names also, in case an Oscar is mentioned. I saw a "toy flying saucer" on the Johnny Carson show, that just barely cleared the floor with an adult riding it.

I remember Henry J. Taylor on the radio, reassuring the God-fearin' people they were built in Maryland, No sane man "swallowed" it then; even less so the past two decades. How many midgets would have to be employed to account for the MILLIONS of sightings, over a MILLENIUM of time?

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A bright light was seen high in the sky on the eve of my last birthday, over the Ohio River. TV weather men attributed it to the setting sun (7:30 P.M.) on two layers of clouds—seen over a 4 state area? Another miniature sun was seen on the Louisville to Chicago flight, a few nights later. (Another "interstate meteor"?)

That elderly lady's "flying cucumber" report in FATE, isn't too far removed in time and space from my own father's sighting at the turn of the century. He was watching his mother hang out a wash, when this little frame-work contraption, resembling a garage that hasn't been sided yet, WITH A LITTLE GUY HUDDLED IN ONE CORNER AT THE CONTROLS, come gliding silently over the old homeplace.

The surviving witnesses of the '97' flap must all have vivid memories of those unforgettable days. The sense of "awe and wonder" was still strong in men, then. It's hard to excite anyone with something worthwhile, anymore.

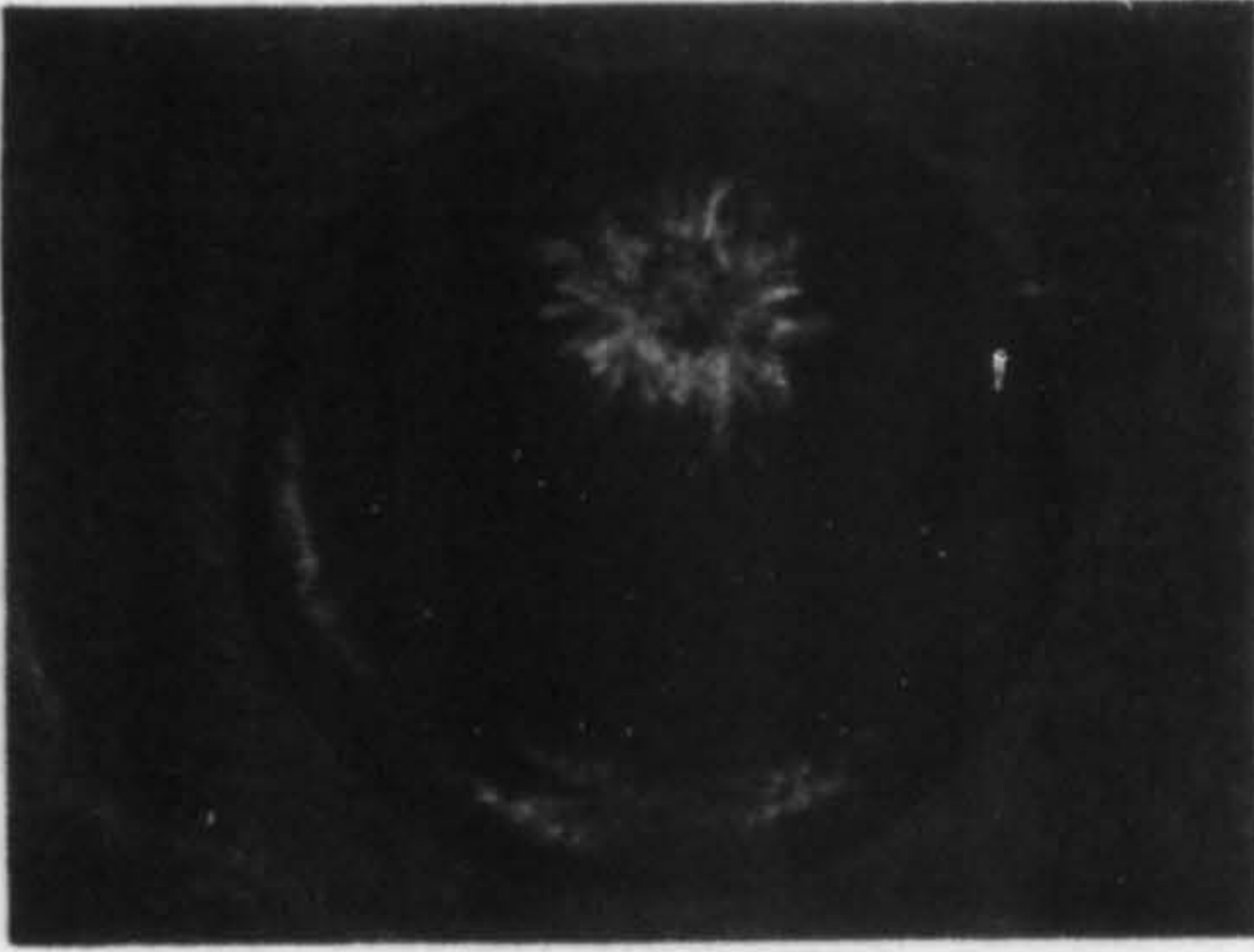
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Dear Mr. Palmer:

On the night of the moon launch, April 16, 1972, there occurred a particular phenomenon which might interest you or your readers. The



moon appeared crescent (first quarter) with a very bright star-like object sitting inside the crescent as appears on the enclosed sketch. We watched for awhile, commenting on the beauty, with only a vague feeling that this was highly unusual, unable at first to pinpoint the reason for our feeling. Then it occurred to us: First, the star-like object is *inside* the circle of the moon, which means the object had to be between the moon and the Earth for us to witness it as such. Second, there *are no stars or planets* which orbit between the Earth and moon. Third, because of the time length involved (it was seen for *at least* three hours, maybe longer, by many persons, in this same position), it could not have been a meteor or comet, for either of these would have been in view in this position only a split second before moving on. It could not have been our space vehicle, for we lost visual contact with that one very early in its departure. Our only conclusion seems to be that this

was some other spacecraft of undetermined size, located somewhere between Earth and the moon, or perhaps some gigantic light coming from the surface of the dark side of the moon. The following night, and since then, this has not occurred. The object is not there. One witness to this beautiful sight is past sixty years old, and stated she has never before seen anything like this.

As an afterthought, a star or planet of the size *this one* would have to be because of its appearance in relation to the moon's size, could not have projected its light (or brightness) to the extent of appearing as bright and as large as Venus, for its surface could not pick up the necessary light from the sun.

We are anxious to hear your comments, or comments from your readers. Perhaps someone has an explanation. A feasible one, please.

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● *One of the mysteries of the moon has been such "lights" seen within the dark area of the crescent. It does not mean they are on the moon, of course, but the possibility of being an intervening object is also hard to understand, because of the unlikelihood of the source of the light being lined up for such a long period, if it is any distance from the moon of any significance at all!—Rap.*

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