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## EDITORIAL

A certain researcher, for whose work in the field I have a proper respect, writes me as follows:

"It grieves me to see the 'Journal' rapidly deteriorating into something like a 'Psychic Newsletter.' "

This observation by my correspondent strikes me as deserving of an answer at some length.

In the first place, as most readers will no doubt agree, it is inaccurate as to fact. During the seven years of my editorship of the 'Journal' only a small number of articles published—not more than 5% probably—have involved any element of the psychic at all.

In the second place, bearing in mind the increasing impact of psychical research upon the UFO scene, I should be failing in my duty as Editor if I neglected to take cognisance of a trend which is reflected in practically all recent books on the UFO phenomenon, as well as in most of the leading UFO periodicals, including 'Flying Saucer Review.'

We must follow wherever our data lead us. It is useless to say: "I am a nuts-and-bolts man and I will disregard anything which does not square with my preconceived notions about UFO's." In case after case of UFO sightings and landings, features are reported which are difficult to reconcile with a mechanistic view of the objects witnessed.

I am not, of course, proposing to turn UFO—research over to the devotees of 'occultism.' I am merely opting for an approach to the UFO problem which avoids the absurdities in which the 'nuts-and-bolts' enthusiasts are apt to involve themselves.

In Volume 2 No. 10 of this 'Journal,' for Autumn/Winter 1969/70, I remarked, in the course of my Editorial:

"If, as some prominent thinkers believe the material universe is no more than the four-dimensional surface of a five-dimensional hypersphere, the vast spaces within the hypersphere may, (assuming the interior to be more than a mere mathematical fiction), be populated, as Benson Herbert of the Paraphysical Laboratory at Downton has postulated, not only by discarnate humanity but by alien creatures to whom our universe would appear as a thin, unreal cross-section or shadow."

A similar view of the material cosmos as curved around a 'Superspace' has been advanced by John A. Wheeler, Professor of physics at Princeton University, in a paper which he co-authored in the 'Physical Review' in 1962, entitled, 'Causality and Multiply-Connected Space-Time.'

Something in the order of 300,000 UFO reports must have been made throughout the world since 1947. Assuming that 10% of these related to objects not explicable as manmade artifacts or natural phenomena, it is surely incredible that, assuming UFOs to be material machines, we are not in possession of a single scrap of UFO 'hardware,' in spite of the apparent tendency of the UFOs to develop mechanical faults and even to shed bits and pieces, as commented upon, amusingly by John A. Keel in his writings?

We are not in a position to deny that a few UFO sightings may relate to physical machines, whether terrestrial or extraterrestrial. It is becoming increasingly clear, however, that the UFO phenomenon as a whole is linked intimately with the human race. We may think of it as an affair of projections by alien entities from a psychic realm, or as due to the upsurge of forces from the Collective Unconscious as Jungian Psychology would have it. It is the fact which is important, not the terminology employed to describe it.

Why are certain persons apparently foci for UFO manifestations? Why are such manifestations apt to cluster around ancient sites of habitation? What is the secret of their profound emotional impact upon many who experience or study them? All questions which cannot be answered within a 'nuts-and-bolts' context.

It is, of course, gloriously easy to select from the corpus of UFO accounts those which conform with a pet theory, rejecting and ignoring those which do not. Unfortunately, however it is also a procedure which is blatantly dishonest and totally unscientific. We must take the data as we find them.

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### SKYWATCH ORGANISATION

During the present flap over the Potteries we have organised quite a few mini-skywatches till about half-past ten. Apart from what we see, we thought that it might be of interest to UFOlogists how we arrange our skywatches. Skywatches must be well organised. We try on each skywatch to get at least four people. Three people sit on reclining chairs watching the sky, while the other person or persons keep a random look-out. We are fortunate to be able to tape our watches. This is extremely useful as we can make at the minute comments on what we see. The tape can afterwards be analysed and we feed it through an oscilloscope to detect any inaudible sounds (especially high pitched, which many UFOlogists think are emitted by UFOs and cause animals with sensitive hearing to become uneasy). On the first 'watch when we experimented with taping it was discovered that with feeding the microphone directly into the tape recorder, we got a lot of background hum thus rendering further analysis very difficult. However we found that by feeding the microphone into a powerful amplifier and speaker and recording it from there, we eliminated the hum. Because the amplifier has two channels we can use two microphones. This gives more clarity and if one mike fails we still have one recording.

A useful addition to our equipment has been a UFO detector which works on the primitive but quite efficient principle of moving magnetic fields, disturbing a compass needle, which completes a circuit and sends off an alarm.

We have, as all good skywatches must have, a camera on constant standby. We use a fast film and the camera can be held on long exposure. It is mounted on a tripod.

When a UFO is sighted, one person goes to the camera and starts taking pictures. Another person notes direction, temperature and how long the UFO is visible for. One person follows the UFO with naked eye or binoculars and shouts out details which are recorded and at least one person is always looking at the rest of the sky. Other people either follow the UFO's course or comb the rest of the sky.

We have not got very powerful optical instruments but we have binoculars and telescopes. In our opinion binoculars are the best, as they can see much of the sky in detail and have few focusing difficulties.

Food is not essential, but drink, especially coffee, is welcome on a mini-skywatch.

Our preparations have not gone unrewarded. In the last two mini 'watches' we have seen about NINE objects. This is a large number but the flap on at the moment is also large. Reports are in the local evening paper almost every day. In fact when we rang up they were completely bogged-down with sightings.

We hope that this article has been of some use to skywatchers.

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**Editorial Note:** In the matter of binoculars, I would caution skywatchers against the use of high magnification instruments. These are generally slow and difficult to focus and need some kind of mounting to overcome the 'shake' which results when they are held in the hands. I have settled of late for Russian-made 8 x 30 binoculars, which are compact, easy to focus and provide good and clear definition.

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### PHENOMENA ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 7, 1971

The cloud of light widely reported throughout the U.K. on the night of 7th September, 1971, has now definitely been identified as a Barium Thermite Cloud.

The launching rocket, a PETREL, was fired from South Uist and was observed by a BUFORA member at Glasgow climbing skyward. The exact time of the cloud formation was timed at 21.16 by Duncan Hogg, who also obtained a series of excellent photographs of the high altitude cloud, after the rocket had fired the experiment.

The cloud formed as a globe in the first instance, with a whitish blue colour. The size of the cloud was given as having a diameter of  $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  and observed at an angle of  $35^{\circ}$  in the North West, later reported as moving N.W. at an elevation of  $30^{\circ}$  and changing shape to that of a rugby football and fading finally at approx. 21.50

The Glasgow Weather Centre gave out the story that the cloud was a high altitude weather experiment conducted by the Sussex University. This statement was not supported by the Weather Centre at Bracknell who commented that no weather rockets had been fired since last Winter. The Sussex (and Surrey) University denied that they were responsible, as they were not currently carrying out this type of experiment.

It did appear at one stage, that the Ministry of Defence was involved and this fact was later confirmed when it was found that the experiment was being carried out by a Government Research Establishment. The Rocket reached a height of 80km. and fired a Barium Thermite Experiment.

On the night of September 7th, 1971 (the same night as the Barium Cloud), a small piece of magnetic material fell from the sky and lodged on the metal door frame of a small office at the Shipston-on-Stour Sewerage Works.

Mr Prior an employee of the department, heard a metallic "clonk" from outside of the office, which had the door open as it was a warm evening. Mr. Prior could not see anything, but later in the evening when he went to close the door, he found that it would not shut because of a small piece of material stuck to the door frame. He found that the material was magnetic and a mark in the flower bed outside, indicated that the material had fallen from the sky and bounced on the ground, hitting the door. He believed the time of the incident to be approx. 20.30, which was some  $\frac{3}{4}$  hr. before the rocket launch at South Uist.

The incident was related to Mr. G. A. Baker, a BUFORA member residing at Stow-on-the-Wold Glos., who realised the importance of the event and arranged to forward the piece of material to Mr. O. Fowler, at that time the BUFORA investigation Co-ordinator. Colour transparencies were taken of the site and a small sketch made of the plant layout and the track of the object

The section of material appeared to be a piece of Ferrite on initial inspection and after photographing the item, it was handed to the Space Department, Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, for analysis. Their observations follow:-

The distance from South Uist to Stow, is too far for the object to be associated with the Barium Cloud of September 7th, the time is also inconsistent. Although the material was identified as Barium, the cloud experiment was probably powder and which would sublimate quickly in the vacuum at high levels. The sample is of hard material (Barium Ferrite)  $\text{BaO}, 6\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  (X-Ray Analysis), Iron, Barium, Calcium, Tin and Zinc were found by Spectrographic Analysis. The material shows no sign of heating, associated with re-entry.

O. FOWLER,  
*BUFORA Investigation Co-ordinator (Southern).*

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#### **BUFORA A.G.M. 1971**

At the Annual General Meeting of BUFORA, held on 2nd October at Kensington Library, Mr. R. H. Stanway, F.R.A.S., was elected Chairman. The Meeting expressed its gratitude to Captain E. I. A. Mackay, the retiring Chairman, as also to the retiring President, Mr. Gordon Creighton, for their services to the Association.

It was agreed that the word 'eight,' in Article 8(d) of the Constitution of BUFORA, be amended to 'six' (weeks).

The following resolution was passed without dissent:-

"In view of many years of dedicated and untiring work in the field of UFOlogical Research, particularly in regard to his sole allegiance to BUFORA, its welfare and its promotion to an accepted status, through many years of literary endeavour as Editor of BUFORA JOURNAL, which has brought him international recognition and as a lecturer of considerable repute, it is recommended that John Cleary-Baker, Ph.D. be granted the honour of Honorary Life-Membership of BUFORA, as a token of esteem by the Members of the Association."

Mr. G. N. P. Stephenson was also granted Honorary Life-Membership of the Association, in recognition of his past services to the Association and to UFO-research generally. Dr. Cleary-Baker proposed and Mr. Lionel Beer seconded.

It was revealed that membership of BUFORA remains at a very satisfactory level and that the Association is in a good financial position.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I consider it an honour to have been elected Chairman of BUFORA. But perhaps more than that, I keenly sense the responsibility that I owe to all members of the Association to promote the objectives of BUFORA to the full.

Fortunately, I have a strong committee to help me with this task and Dr. Geoffrey Doel, an extremely knowledgeable President, whose wise counsels I know I will find immensely valuable.

Your committee is conscious of the fact that in the past some members have been justifiably critical of the Association on a number of counts. These may perhaps be summarised as follows:-

1. Too little emphasis on both conducting research and improving the quality of investigation.
2. Failure to gain timely and effective publicity for the activities of BUFORA in the press and broadcasting media.
3. Failure to ensure that members outside London receive value for their subscriptions.

Your new committee has already taken action to remedy these short-comings and we hope that within 12 months these measures and the consequent improvements will be clearly identifiable.

Briefly, the steps taken are as follows:-

1. The holding of a research seminar in November in Staffordshire at which research policy was discussed. Recommendations were made and these were subsequently ratified at a committee meeting on 4th December. Details of the major policy decisions are contained in a New Year Research Bulletin issued by your Research Director, Anthony Pace.
2. Your Vice-Chairman, Lionel Beer, has been appointed Public Relations Officer with particular responsibility for publicity. Good public and press relations are extremely difficult to develop and maintain in respect of such an emotive subject as UFO's and, therefore, I hope to concentrate some of my own efforts to working with Lionel Beer on these matters.
3. The Journal is the main tangible benefit that non-London members derive for their subscription. Your Editor, Dr. Cleary-Baker, has devised a number of ideas to improve the impact of the journal. But now, as in the past, every member can actively influence an improvement by submitting articles and suggestions. Again, I hope to concentrate part of my efforts in helping John to obtain the support and assistance that he requires.

It is perhaps worth mentioning here that BUFORA's subscription is considerably less than those of other similar organizations *e.g.* the Society for Psychical Research and the British Astronomical Association, both of which produce excellent Journals and conduct fundamental research. There is therefore a financial restriction on the quality of the Journal's format. The production costs of a Journal of similar format quality to say that of FSR would absorb nearly all of the present subscription leaving very little for essential research activities. It may be a subject of future debate whether the Association is unrealistically operating on a shoe string and thereby consistently failing to meet the expectations of members with regard to investigation, research and publications in the form of both the Journal and research papers.

I would very much welcome the comments of members on anything I have said above, and the next issue of the Journal may be an opportune occasion to run a special feature on the views of members on the matters that I have discussed. Feedback is essential if your committee is to ensure the development of a dynamic and enlightened Association.

ROGER STANWAY.

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### PROFESSOR HOYLE—AN AUDACIOUS HOAX

Leading astrophysicist Fred Hoyle, Plumian Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge, founder of the 'Steady State' theory of Cosmology and one of the World's prominent scientific figures, is not a likely candidate to become the victim of a daring hoax. This, however, is exactly what he *has* become, as emerges from his repudiation of certain sensational views attributed to him in an article in the 'National Bulletin' of May 10, 1971, under the byline of Ed. Monk. The article has subsequently been reproduced in John Keel's 'Anomaly' and in 'Canadian UFO Report.'

The text is as follows:

'Human beings are simply pawns in the games of alien minds that control our every move. Our whole life and the complete existence of this universe is at the whim of these creatures that hold fantastic mental powers over us.

So says Fred Hoyle, the famed British astrophysicist and author.

"They are everywhere," he said in a special press conference held in London, "in the sky, on the sea and on the earth. They have been here since the beginning of time and control nearly everything we do!"

Hoyle told the press conference that a large part of the scientific establishment is convinced that another intelligence exists on this planet.

"It is not an intelligence from another planet. It is actually from another universe. It entered our universe at the very beginning and has been controlling all that has happened since."

Hoyle explained the many reasons why the majority of people had no idea of this.

"Panic is the major reason that no general announcement was ever made," he said. "But there have been some books out on the theory."

"But the books have really only circulated in scientific circles and academic markets. The theory and arguments around it are much too technical for non-scientists."

This second universe, said Hoyle, where these powerful minds originally came from is much like ours and yet on a totally different plane.

"It is probably three-dimensional like ours and may even have a fourth and fifth dimension which breaks the time and space barriers that restrict us."

"But their laws of chemistry and physics are no doubt completely different from ours because they are a much more advanced type of intelligence."

"They seem to be totally free of any physical restrictions, such as bodies. They are like pure thought and can be anywhere at any time they please."

Hoyle pointed out that this intelligence probably controlled our complete evolution and continues to control our minds. All of what man has built and become, was done because of the tinkering of these intelligent forces.

"And the weirdest thing about it," said Hoyle, "is that at times they actually appear in physical forms."

"In this way they have been responsible for almost all of the legends in different countries which are scoffed at today. They also had a hand in the different things which were discovered in only some parts of the world and not others."

Astrophysicist Hoyle, who is known throughout the world as one of the best, could not give concrete details about the intelligence.

"They are so different from what we know," he said, "that to try and describe them in language that everyone would understand would be impossible."

Hoyle said that teams of philosophers and linguists (language specialists) had described them fairly well, but only in technical terms. Mathematicians also have had success in drawing a verbal picture of the creatures, but only in numbers.

Hoyle then explained that they had the power to appear anywhere as anything.

"They take any shape or form. They can appear as a tiger in one place or a person in another. They can appear as a gas or a cloud or anything that can be seen by the human eye and even in some forms that cannot be seen by the naked eye."

Hoyle said that the most recent documented incident of their appearance was at sea.

"Dozens of ships were following something on the sonar. It was traveling at 250 knots and 20,000 feet deep. There is nothing on earth that can go that fast and that deep."

The biggest problem about informing the public, said Hoyle is with the government.

"The only reason I called this press conference is that no government in the world would release this information."

"They fear panic among the people. They think that if the people know that some intelligent force is controlling them they will no longer listen to the governments."

"For these reasons, all information has been suppressed and hidden."

Hoyle said that he didn't expect many people to believe everything he said at the press conference.

"Most people . . . well, not most . . . many people will think that this is a hare-brained theory and just laugh it off. Others will be worried and check with police or governments."

"Naturally the governments will deny everything."

"But most scientists we notified weeks ago are agreed that it would be a good thing to at least get the story out and let the public chew on it."

"A little at a time, more facts will be released until everyone has access to all the information which is now only in the hands of scientist and government officials."

So much for the opinions of the pseudo-Hoyle!

Readers will note the cleverness with which the theme of governmental secrecy is introduced. The fact is, of course, that this is the Era of the 'D' Notice and a time when very powerful pressures can be and sometimes are brought to bear on public figures who talk out-of-turn on matters which we are not supposed to learn about. Obviously the unknown joker is aware of this and confident that some persons will chose to treat his views as authentic Hoyle, notwithstanding the Professor's repudiation of the same.

There is a lesson for UFO-researchers to learn from this affair, which is to beware of deceptions from *all* quarters and to use every effort to arrive at the truth of a matter, regardless of attempts to lead them off the track.

J. C-B.

## NOTES & QUOTES

### **Vulcan Discovered?**

Astronomers at Cambridge and the Naval Observatory in Washington have 'inferred' the existence of an intra-Mercurial planet from the slight disturbances it is said to cause to the paths of the other planets. If a cat may look at a king, a mere UFO-researcher may, perhaps, raise his eyes to a number of eminent astronomers and express some doubts as to the validity of the alleged discovery. An intra-Mercurial planet of any size would surely have been observed long ago, in the vicinity of the Sun or in transit across the solar disc. A mere asteroid might have escaped detection but would be too small to occasion the planetary perturbations noted. I have a list of over 60 mid-19th Century and other reports of black bodies in transit across the Sun, but attempts to link some of these with 'Vulcan' have always failed.

### **A Question of Date**

It transpires that radio-carbon datings of archaeological specimens are subject to a cumulative margin of error as they delve further into the past.

This on the basis of check readings derived from study of the rings of the Bristle-cone Pine of California. Stonehenge is now re-dated at 2,000 B.C. instead of 1,800 as previously and the Egyptian Pyramids jump back 500 years in time. Not of direct interest to UFO-research, perhaps, but still indicative of the uncertainties of the Science which we are all supposed to regard as unerring.

### **A Timely Reminder.**

"No scientific theory achieves public acceptance until it has been thoroughly discredited."

DOUGLAS YATES.

### **False Claims.**

The 'Director' of a certain UFO organisation is making such claims as that it is the biggest in the World, with 40,000 members and that talk is in the wind of BUFORA joining it. Taken at face value these statements are demonstrably untrue. It has never been BUFORA or 'Journal' policy to engage in battles with other societies, but this kind of thing is damaging to the public image of UFO-research. I suggest that the gentleman concerned moderate his claims and thus avoid exposure in these pages.

### **The Size of the Universe.**

The idea is gaining ground in astronomical circles that the intrinsic luminosity of RR Lyrae stars may be considerably less than has previously been supposed. If this is the case, the Universe will not be as vast as has been thought and our own Galaxy will also need to be pictured as smaller than we have hitherto imagined. Are we perhaps at the beginning of what good old Charles Fort called, "a slump of immensities down towards a conception of a thinkable sized formation of stars"?

### **The Value of Experience.**

"Human experience, which is constantly contradicting theory, is the greatest test of truth."

Dr. SAMUEL JOHNSON.

## **The Nature of Phobos.**

The first ever T.V. close-up picture of the inner moon of Mars, Phobos, has just been beamed back to Earth. The satellite proves to be, not, as some have maintained an artificial construction, but an irregular lump of rock, with a pitted surface and at least one large crater some four miles in diameter. Another colourful hypothesis bites the dust! It was always obvious, as I have often pointed out, that Mars, being near the main asteroid zone, would be likely to have acquired a few asteroidal satellites. Incidentally, since Phobos is unlikely ever to have experienced volcanic action, the existence of craters on its surface would seem to lend support to the impact (meteoric) theory of crater formation on Luna, Mars and probably elsewhere in the solar system.

J. C-B.

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## **THE WANTAGE MONSTER**

It may only be the inability of some people to understand such a paradoxical situation that prevented the following story from making national news, for which perhaps, we should be grateful. Few people took the trouble to even telephone the police when, aroused by noise outside in the street, saw a large gang of children and teenagers throwing stones at what was admittedly a rather elusive, monster. The 'monster' according to those interviewed so far, is about eight feet tall, with broad shoulders and an otherwise featureless head with glowing red eyes about twelve inches apart. It also possessed small horns, a very deep or protruding back and thick arms. The monster appeared to have a covering of greyish white hair or fur. To make matters worse (or better) it also has the amazing capabilities of running through dense undergrowth without making a sound, and also jumping large obstacles.

The monster first appeared to three teenagers walking home, across waste ground, from the local youth club. After they heard a rustling in the undergrowth, the monster 'popped out' from the bushes, and simultaneously a glowing red indeterminately shaped ethereal form rose slowly from a few feet away, levelled out and sped swiftly out of sight. The three teenagers fled across the field with the monster silently pursuing them.

Despite the detailed descriptions from some of the witnesses, none of them gave any satisfactory explanation as to how the monster departed. They all recall how they encountered it but it seemed to have the ability to vanish suddenly. Some of the witnesses obviously preferred to think that due to its agility, it dodged behind bushes, etc., but others could not explain its disappearance. They were sure it just vanished. Some of the witnesses said that it recoiled and vanished when lights were shone at it (which may explain why the police were unsuccessful when they hunted it with searchlights). The police took a fairly serious view of the reports, but goats were the only explanation they could find.

We have so far interviewed about ten people. The five key witnesses are as follows:

- Mr. Halstead, 114 Stockham Park Way, Wantage.
- Mr. Michael Nicols (14), 10 Vicarage Hill, East Challow, Wantage.
- Mr. Steven Ellis (16), 2 High View, East Challow, Wantage.
- Miss Linda Milne (18), East Challow, Wantage.
- Mr. Nicky Lawrence (14), East Challow, Wantage.

We know, however, that there are other witnesses some of whom may have had a good look at the monster.

The monster has been seen on numerous occasions since the 14th (or 16th) September and was first reported to the police on Friday, 24th September. Its appearances seem to have dropped off towards the end of October but this can be directly correlated with the fact that few people venture onto the waste land in the area in which the monster was seen. A thorough search of the land is planned for 20th-22nd November, when we also hope to trace other witnesses and find out if there has been any more recent sightings of the monster.

During the week when encounters with the Wantage Monster were most prolific a single report of what may be a similar creature came from Bodicote, Banbury. A London lorry driver, whose report is being investigated, claimed that he was frightened by the creature when he encountered it standing in the road near the Bodicote Flyover on 27th September.

R. P. COLBORNE.

M. G. PREWETT.

NOTE: There has been a UFO 'flap' of considerable proportions in the Banbury area during the late Summer and early Autumn. Many reports have been investigated by BUFORA members Richard Colborne, Mike Prewett and the Rev. H. D. L. Thomas, to whom sincere thanks are due for the time and labour they have expended in interviewing witnesses and otherwise recording the phenomena of the 'flap.' The information they have made available to the Association is now being sifted and assessed and will be passed on to the membership in due course.

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### OBITUARY

It is with the utmost regret that I have to record the passing of my longtime friend and colleague Mrs. Aletheia Jane Lloyd, who died of cancer on 21st January, 1971. News of her death reached me too late for inclusion in any earlier issue of the 'Journal.'

Lee Lloyd joined the Executive Committee of the London UFO Research Organisation in mid-1963. She became a member of the National Executive Committee of BUFORA on its birth in 1964 and remained on the Committee, part of the time as Assistant Secretary, until the A.G.M. of 1969. She worked hard and loyally for the Association and her lively and charming personality endeared her to everyone with whom she came into contact.

I know from talks with her that Lee shared my interest in psychical research and in the mysterious and the unknown generally. She brought to these studies a keen mind and a delightful sense-of-humour.

Dear Lee! I know that fellow BUFORA members who knew her will join with me in wishing her well on her journey into the Sunset.

J.C-B.

## UFOLOG

### (Sightings Supplement)

UFO sighting-reports intended for inclusion in UFOLOG should be sent direct to the compiler, as follows:—

MRS. K. SMITH,  
“Ringlemere,” Colwell Road,  
Colwell Bay, Isle of Wight.

A large percentage of all UFO reports relate to misidentified man-made artifacts or natural phenomena. ‘Journal’ readers must decide for themselves whether or not a given sighting ought to be assigned a conventional explanation or retained in the ‘Unknown’ category.

To assist them in reaching a decision, each report bears a number, i.e. 3/5/4, which implies Volume 3, Number 5, Report 4. Reports appearing in a given issue of the ‘Journal’ will be thus identified in future issues, when a verdict on each report will be delivered in the light of subsequent enquiries by BUFORA investigators.

Only major sightings can be evaluated fully. Minor sightings will, when possible, be subjected to appraisal.

It has been decided to confine the contents of UFOLOG to sightings reported within the compass of the British Isles since, investigation of foreign reports ought to devolve upon UFO societies operating in the countries concerned.

J.C-B.

*Ref. : 3/5/1.*  
*Time : 0720 hrs.*

*Date : 23rd March, 1971.*  
*Location : Near Dorking.*

Mr. Patrick O'Brian arrived home one morning and was astonished to see a strange object in the sky. He writes:—“My friend Mr. Fred Staunton and I arrived at Goodwyns Farm Estate at 7.30 a.m. As I was stepping out of his car Fred remarked “I say, what’s that up there?” I glanced up and straightway noticed a large object in the sky clearly outlined against a patch of dark cloud.

The object was rather like a turnip in shape and when I first sighted it, it was stationary. It was the colour of newly-fallen snow, whiter than white.” The object remained in the same spot for about 60 seconds.

Some 20 yards from the point where I left Mr. Staunton I came across the driver of the Dorking Council refuse truck. I asked him if he noticed anything unusual in the sky. “Oh yes,” he replied, “One o’ them flying saucers I reckon,” as he passed the remark he was reversing his truck at the top end of the road. He glanced up momentarily and I am of the opinion that he had seen the object before I accosted him.

At this moment the object began to move, slowly at first but with ever increasing momentum in the direction of Gatwick. I kept the object in view from the moment I left Mr. Staunton until I reached my own house, (a distance of about 100 yards). As I reached my home the object was becoming increasingly difficult to follow because it was going directly towards the rising sun. It is difficult to estimate its speed because it was moving away from me. It certainly accelerated with great rapidity. Its height seemed to remain constant. I had the impression that it was solid and had a snub-nosed “exhaust pipe” protruding from its base.

It was completely unlike any conventional type of aircraft, balloon, etc. I have never seen anything remotely like it in my 53 years on this planet.

I parted from Mr. Staunton at 7.21 a.m. approx. and reached my home at 7.26 a.m. During this time I had the object in view.

DORKING INVESTIGATORS OF UFOs, From F. A. WOODCOCK,

Ref. : 3/5/2.  
Time : 2140 hrs.

Date : early April, 1971.  
Location : Totternhoe, Bedfordshire.

A remarkable object was seen in the night sky by Mr. Les Seymour. Mr. Seymour is a flying instructor for pilots of private aircraft, and himself an experienced pilot. He is a member of the London Gliding Club, and not only is he a trained observer, but has mastered the art of being able to put into words exactly what he has seen. Mr. Seymour is also well versed in estimating heights, distances and speeds.

Briefly, the sighting was as follows:— The exact date is unrecorded, but early April 1971. The time 2140, and the place, just outside the Bedfordshire village of Totternhoe. The weather was very clear and visibility extremely clear.

An illuminated object, five times larger than a star came into view travelling in a south-easterly direction at an estimated altitude of about 20,000 feet, and it stayed on that course throughout the sighting. The colour, to use Mr. Seymour's description, was the colour of copper burning in a fire, or a greenish-blue. After a few seconds observation the object stopped and at the same time displayed a white diffused light on the underside. After a couple of seconds the light was extinguished and the object continued across the sky, and again stopped for a few seconds, when again the light appeared below. By this time the object was overhead to Mr. Seymour, and again a couple of seconds the light went out and the object accelerated out of sight at a most fantastic speed. A few sums were done regarding the speed and it was estimated to be something in the order of 25,000 m.p.h. The object, estimated to be around 40/50 feet in diameter, was in sight for a total of about 20 seconds and made no noise throughout. Mr. Seymour said that it was like nothing he had ever seen before and he knows of nothing that can accelerate to the phenomenal speed.

ALBERT DAVEY, F.R.A.S. IN S.H.U.F.O.I.G. JOURNAL.

Ref. : 3/5/3.  
Time : 2300 hrs.

Date : 22nd May, 1971.  
Location : Dorking.

The witness, William Barnes of Dorking, was walking home from Dorking Fair when he noticed two white lights in the sky. It was a rainy night with broken cloud, he writes,—“ I watched the lights for about 30 seconds, then they disappeared behind cloud. Without taking my eyes from this area, I watched for about a minute, when one object appeared to the N.E., south of where the others were seen. During the next 5-6 minutes I observed gaps in the cloud, up to 6 of these objects at once, cloud sometimes blocked my view completely. All the time I observed them they did not change altitude though they intermittently hovered or moved slowly in a northerly direction. Twice, while I watched, two of the objects performed a curious “fusing” movement. The two objects met and seemed to join for a few seconds in the middle, then they returned to their positions, and twice one of them projected a beam of light.

Two friends then joined me and for 5-6 minutes we watched together counting for one brief period 7 lights, all in a straight line across the sky from north to south. Then cloud completely blocked our view and we left.”

The lights were a bright white and about twice the size of a pin head at arms length. Some of the objects the witness was able to observe for about a minute and some for only a few seconds owing to cloud. Mr. Barnes said that the fact that they hovered and were all in a straight line captured his interest.

DORKING INVESTIGATORS OF UFOs.

Ref. : 3/5/4.  
Time : 1435-1441 hrs.

Date : 17th July, 1971.  
Location : Hull, Yorkshire.

Two brothers James Henry and Michael Leslie Sturdy observed two blue/white, bright, disc-shaped objects travelling north to south at fast speed. After disappearing in southerly cloud formation quickly followed by four more similar discs in echelon formation, one of these being coloured orange, veered off to its right and then returned to its formation 20-30 seconds later. After these had disappeared into cloud an interval of approx. 1½ minutes elapsed, then two more discs appeared, one blue/white, one orange, one behind the other. During these sightings which lasted about 6 minutes, there were no sounds of any sort from the objects. James Henry Sturdy has served with the R.A.F. and claims that the aerobatics performed by the orange disc are impossible in conventional aircraft.

B.U.F.O.R.A. HALIFAX BRANCH. From M. WRIGHT.

Ref. : 3/5/5.  
Time : 2300 hrs.

Date : Thursday, August 12th, 1971.  
Location : Himbleton, Nr. Droitwich, Worc.

Guide Leader Mrs. O. Grainger, together with the Divisional Commissioner Miss L. Hare, and another guider Mrs. Betty McGowan saw a strange object while at a Guide Camp at Himbleton Manor.

Mrs. Grainger, mother of two, said that there was a sudden tremendous roar. They looked up and saw what appeared to be an aircraft out of control. It looked enormous and they thought it was going to rush on to the tents. However, it went into the next field 50 yards away and hovered, lower than the trees around it. It seemed to be about 30-40 feet long, cigar-shaped, with red and green lights. It remained hovering and silent for about an hour. Miss Hare wanted to go and investigate it but Mrs. McGowan said she was too afraid. When the object left it rose with a noise and disappeared over some trees.

Shortly afterwards a jet aircraft circled for some time. The R.A.F. said that its Pershore Station which is connected with the Royal Radar establishment at Malvern, has no hovering aircraft that might fit this description.

From J. D. LLEWELLYN.

Ref. : 3/5/6.  
Time : 0230 hrs.

Date : 16th August, 1971.  
Location : Staffordshire.

At 2.30 a.m., P.C. Leek of the Staffordshire Police Force took a series of 12 photographs of an unidentified object in the sky over S.E. Birmingham. Constable Leek used the Minolta camera, mounted in his patrol car for recording traffic offences. The camera was on automatic setting, using Tri-X 35 m.m. film rated at 200 A.S.A.

P.C. Leek and three colleagues were investigating a report from Mr. Joseph Willcox, of Walsall Road, Aldridge, Staffs. He had been watching a large glowing object over the S.E. of Birmingham. It was, he said, bigger than a jumbo jet, not an aircraft, thought to be about 700 to 800 feet up. It was observed for two hours and it finally disappeared heading west.

Air traffic control, Birmingham Airport reported no aircraft in the area. A spokesman at Edgbaston Observatory said that Mars was visible in the object's reported position.

During an interview on T.V. between J. D. Llewellyn and P.C. Leek it was established that during the final part of the 2-hour period of observation the object was in an overhead position to the witnesses and observed from another location two miles away with the statement, "I am on the other side of it."

From the many reports submitted to the Studio it was apparent that a number of glowing objects had been seen in the late hours of Sunday, August 15th from neighbouring areas.

B.B.C., T.V. Midlands Today programme, of September 7th, included an interview with P.C. Leek and a local amateur astronomer, and four successful photographs from the 12 taken were shown, revealing a change of shape of the object. The last one being of a well defined segment of a circular shape in a vertical position.

From Mr. F. MORTON and Mr. J. D. LLEWELLYN.

Ref. : 3/5/7.  
Time : 2040 hrs.

Date : 16th August, 1971.  
Location : Llywngwrl, Merionethshire, Wales.

Witness, Mr. James Earl, together with three other people, one of whom had binoculars, observed a strange object in the sky at an elevation of 5 degrees.

The object appeared as a black spot with a large cigar-shaped, flame-coloured plume behind it, which had sharply defined edges. Or alternately, it could have been a solid cigar-shaped object with a black tip. It moved slowly, and then suddenly sped forward across the twilight sky returning to a slow movement. It was joined by a similar object.

From Mr. DAVID COOPER.

Ref. : 3/5/8.  
Time : 0230 hrs.

Date : August 16th, 1971.  
Location : South-east Birmingham.

#### **Report in the "Birmingham Post" August 17th, 1971.**

It was large, it glowed and several people saw it—but no-one can explain the flying object which was seen over South-east Birmingham early yesterday.

Air traffic control at Birmingham Airport said there was no aircraft in the area, meteorological officers said they thought it very unlikely that it belonged to them, and the R.A.F. wondered why no one had bothered to report it.

The mystery began with Mr. Joseph Willcox, a shopkeeper, spotted the object from outside his home in Walsall Road, Aldridge, at about 2.30 a.m. "It was low in the sky in the direction of Birmingham Airport. I could not see the shape because of the light from it," he said. "It was definitely not an aircraft. I would think it was about 700 to 800 ft. up, and bigger than a Jumbo jet. My wife and I watched it for about an hour and a half. I'm not a crank. It was something I can't explain at all."

Aldridge police were told, and four policemen saw the object. Finally it disappeared, heading west, about two hours after the first sighting. A spokesman at Birmingham Airport said: "In my experience, these reports usually turn out to have a natural explanation. Dust in the atmosphere can make stars appear very large and bright. I've seen the effect and it's quite impressive," he said.

The object was reported to Jodrell Bank radio telescope observatory in Cheshire, but it did not pick up any signals.

The R.A.F. were not impressed by the report. "We are not interested in flying saucers, but we are interested in these reports from a defence point of view. This is the first I've heard of it and it's a bit late now," said a spokesman. A spokesman at Edgbaston Observatory, Birmingham, said last night that Mars was visible in the object's reported position. "This planet is almost in its closest position to the earth. It is very bright and low on the southern horizon all night. We have had about 40 calls in the past few days from people who thought they had seen a flying saucer," he said.

BIRMINGHAM U.F.O. INVESTIGATION SOCIETY.

Ref. : 3/5/9.

Time : Not given.

Date : August, 1971.

Location : Cirencester, Glos.

#### **Report in "The Sun" 20th Augsut, 1971.**

The Thing From Outer Space wrecked a young couple's cuddling session. They watched it, too terrified to move.

The couple had stopped their car at a favourite spot when The Thing appeared—only 100 yards away. "It looked like an orange light in the sky," 16-year-old Judith Wills said yesterday. "Then another Thing arrived and the two of them hovered together. They were definitely not aeroplanes." Her boy friend Duncan Edwards, aged 19, of Coln St. Aldwyns, near Cirencester, Glos., said: "They made a horrible noise. I went like a block of ice." Judith, of Kingsmeade, Cirencester, Glos., said: "If someone had told me about flying saucers before I would not have believed them. I was terribly frightened."

A picture of another UFO—unidentified flying object—appeared in The Sun yesterday. It was taken by a policeman at Aldridge, Staffs. From MR. F. MORTON.

Ref. : 3/5/10.

Time : Not given.

Date : August, 1971.

Location : Tyneside, Northumberland.

#### **Report from the "Sunday Express" August 22nd, 1971.**

A detailed account of an unidentified flying object seen over Tynemouth, Northumberland, has been prepared by a mathematics teacher and an engineer. They watched it "manoeuvring" for nearly three hours.

The sighting, reported to North Shields police and the Ministry of Defence, came a few hours before Police Constable Leek photographed a similar object in the night sky over Aldridge, Staffordshire.

Teacher Mr. Wolfgang von Metz, of Percy Gardens, Tynemouth, said he and a neighbour observed the U.F.O. with the help of night glasses and a small telescope.

The object looked like a disc seen edgewise-on. It was yellowish at the centre with red tips and at times seemed to be surrounded by a bluish haze. Mr. von Metz said that after watching the U.F.O. for a few minutes he drew it to the attention of engineer Mr. G. R. O'Brady-Jones, then a stranger to him, who also lives in Percy Gardens. Independently each man drew a sketch of the object and on comparing them found that they were almost identical.

Two days later they read newspaper accounts of an object seen by four policemen and photographed over Aldridge, Staffordshire. Mr. von Metz believes it could have been the same object (which is still unidentified) seen from a different angle.

I.O.W. INVESTIGATION SOCIETY.

Ref. : 3/5/11.  
Time : 0600-0630 hrs.

Date : August 24th, 1971.  
Location : Brownhills, Staffordshire.

Object sighted—silver colour predominating with a bluish sheen—no sound—no smoke—weather dry—no wind. Sketch revealed vertical cigar shape with two extending arms top and bottom. Object hovered for about four minutes, then it started to descend with arms taking up a folding position. When it was approximately 50 feet from the ground its arms folded like a penknife leaving vertical cigar. Object then rose at about "100 m.p.h." and headed north.

From J. D. LLEWELLYN.

Ref. : 3/5/12.  
Time : 2145 hrs.

Date : August 27th, 1971.  
Location : Andover, Hants.

On Friday, 27th August four young people, Kevin Gentleman, Alison Taylor, Edward Clapcoll and Janet Harris all of Andover, saw two UFOs.

The sighting took place near to Scat's silos at Andover. Their attention was first attracted by a "shooting star which pulsed on and off." Looking back to where they first appeared, they saw below the scattered cloud two straight sausage-shaped objects. They were much brighter and larger than stars although of the same general colour. The objects were at all times moving to the south-west and if they were not joined together they kept a remarkable station with each other.

The lights pulsed slowly and when dimmed resembled stars at their brightest. The edge of the objects were not sharp. All the witnesses watched the objects for about three minutes before they disappeared over the horizon.

ANDOVER UFOLOGISTS.

Ref. : 3/5/13.  
Time : 0610 hrs.

Date : August 30th, 1971.  
Location : Southampton.

#### **A letter in the "Southern Evening Echo" September 1st, 1971.**

On Monday, August 30th, at about 6.10 a.m. I saw what appeared to be a UFO and I watched it for over ten minutes in a clear blue and almost cloudless sky.

At first this "thing" appeared to be as a halo and I thought it must be a curious formation of white cloud, though it was such a perfect circle.

As I watched, it narrowed into an eclipse, and to my amazement it tilted to the right, and I saw what seemed to be two bright points of light on the lower right edge.

A moment or two later it re-appeared from the lower right edge of a cloud and sped into the remote distance until it was lost to view as a pinhead of bright light. The direction was somewhat to the right of the Sun at the time.

ANDOVER UFOLOGISTS. MR. R. L. SEAMAN.

Ref. : 3/5/14.  
Time : 2240 hrs.

Date : 1st September, 1971.  
Location : Solihul, Birmingham.

Two brothers, Simon Day (13) and his 12-year-old brother Crispin, watched a bright object in the sky from their bedroom window on the night of September 1st. They discovered the next day that their friend Mark Brown had also seen a bright object in the sky the same night.

Simon, who first saw the light said, "It was about twenty to eleven when I looked out of the bedroom window, I looked at the moon because it was bright and I saw this shape in a rough curve. It was almost as bright as the moon and the same colour, yellowish-white. I called my brother and we watched it or about five minutes before it scattered and went into little pieces, tiny little objects as bright as the big one had been. Simon said his parents had seen the object before it finally went over the moon in a rainbow-shape and disappeared.

Mark Brown described the slightly different object he had seen on the same night. "It was pure white with a green light flashing under it about every ten seconds," he said. "It was completely still all the time, so we didn't think it could be a plane, and I watched it for about 40 minutes before it disappeared."

BIRMINGHAM UFO INVESTIGATION GROUP. From MALCOLM DREW and ALAN CROWE.

Ref. : 3/5/15.  
Time : Not given.

Date : 2nd September, 1971.  
Location : Birmingham.

### **Report in the "Birmingham Evening Mail" 3.9.71.**

Frightened children were calmed by police and parents as a glowing UFO hovered over a Birmingham suburb. The mystery object was spotted in the night sky from homes in Great Barr. Neighbours gathered in the street and police switchboards were jammed with calls as scores of sightings were reported.

For over half an hour the unidentified flying object hung motionless in the sky, changing shape and colour several times before disappearing at high speed. Today experts recorded the Great Barr phenomenon as the most spectacular and puzzling development in a spate of recent UFO sightings over the city.

The alert began late last night when the green L-shaped object appeared in the sky glowing red at each end. One of the first to spot the object, 17-year-old typist Miss Lynette James, said today: "Suddenly it changed into an oblong shape and then became a glowing cigar." Miss James tried to calm her six-year-old brother and sister aged nine, then called the police. "They were terrified," she said, "we thought it was a space ship."

A police spokesman said a number of reports of the sighting were received and officers were sent to the area because children were alarmed.

Several recent UFO reports have been identified as the planet Mars at present in its closest relation to the earth, but a leading city astronomer discounted this as a solution to the mystery. He said, "Mars would have been seen as a bright blob in the night sky. I cannot conceive that the planet could have been observed changing shape in this manner. This is a particularly interesting and puzzling feature of this sighting."

One explanation of the mystery was that the UFO was nothing more sinister than a trick of the weather. A meteorologist at the Air Ministry said that a mirage could have been created by light refraction through changing air densities.

BIRMINGHAM UFO INVESTIGATION GROUP.

Ref. : 3/5/16.

Date : September 5th, 1971.

Time : 1630 hrs.

Location : Barden Tower, Wharfedale, Nr. Skipton, Yorkshire.

Mr. H. Hiley and his wife were watching a single seater plane apparently making for Leeds/Bradford Airport when they noticed what they described as "a hazy metallic inverted saucer or cone" above the plane at estimated height of 6000/7000 ft. After watching both plane and object for several seconds travelling at the same speed one directly above the other, the plane disappeared into a bank of thin cloud and out of view, whereupon, the object appeared to hover for 2/3 seconds and then it reversed its direction, began to move faster and then disappeared from their field of vision at a terrific speed. There was no noise that Mr. and Mrs. Hiley could discern.

B.U.F.O.R.A., HALIFAX BRANCH.

Ref. : 3/5/17.

Date : September 6th, 1971.

Time : 2315 hrs.

Location : Strensall, Nr. York.

Mr. D. Jobling and his friend Mr. K. Mennell, both of York were waiting at the bus stop in the centre of Strensall. Mr. Jobling looked up and saw a bright white light appear in the north west sky, drawing his friend's attention to this, they both watched it move in an up and down fashion until it dropped vertically to the ground behind a house and was lost from sight. The speed was constant, with no noise and the light was visible for 15 seconds.

B.U.F.O.R.A., HALIFAX BRANCH.

Ref. : 3/5/18.

Date : September 8th, 1971.

Time : 2340 hrs.

Location : Clee Village, Shropshire.

An object was seen by two witnesses in a car which was travelling at about 20-25 m.p.h. It was a well defined, cone-shape with a flat top, metallic silver coloured. The object, which was approximately 500 feet high, was in a low valley to the right of the road, which made it appear to be level with the road. There were three portholes of light on the object and below them a convex row of small round lights. This "craft" was hovering, and as the witnesses passed the rise of the hill a bright moon was revealed which outlined its shape. It had no blades or wings. The witnesses stopped the car but did not switch off the engine because an extremely large and bright red light shone from the top of the cone and beamed for about 5 seconds. The witnesses became frightened and drove away as quickly as they could. The object was still visible through the rear window until the trees and descent obstructed the view.

The location is near Clee Hill Radar Station where a silver disc had been observed three weeks previously at mid-day.

A sketch by one of the witnesses of the former object reveals a hat-shape with a tall crown and large brim. Small lights circled the brim and larger lights were in the crown. There was a red light on the top.

From J. D. LLEWELLYN.

Ref. : 3/5/19.

Time : Not given.

Date : September, 1971.

Location : Scotland, to Cornwall.

**Report in the "Daily Mail" Thursday, September 9th, 1971.**

Flying saucer spotters and the Men from the Ministry fell out yesterday over The Thing. Hundreds of reports poured in from Scotland to Cornwall. All told of a bright light travelling westwards, sometimes hovering, sometimes moving at high speed. It was "round, with a kind of cotton-wool rim," when Mr. Ivor Beeston saw it in Manchester. "I saw it move behind a cloud, but it was so bright it shone right through. Then it moved off at fairly high speed."

No one seemed to agree what it looked like let alone what it was. Over Guildford, Surrey, it was a white ball. Over Weybridge in the same county, it had suddenly sprouted flames. At Tavistock, Devon, it was "yellowish white," and at Bude, Cornwall, police said it was a blue blob.

The Ministry of Defence came up with the theory that it could have been a noctilucent cloud—a vapour cloud still reflecting sunlight. They were backed, in a way, by officials at Glasgow Weather Centre who said it was a fluorescent chemical cloud at a height of about 50 miles which was ejected by a meteorological research rocket launched from South Uist, in the Hebrides.

Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, of the Direct Investigation Group, Aerial Phenomena, said, "The Ministry are idiots, you would find no cloud so widely reported and moving at different speeds." Mr. Omar Fowler said, "There seems no explanation. I checked with the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, and they said the sightings certainly had nothing to do with rockets, clouds or Russian satellites."

From P. DUNN.

Ref. : 3/5/20.

Time : Night.

Date : September, 7th 1971.

Location : Colwyn Bay, North Wales.

**Report in the "Weekly News" 9.9.71.**

The unidentified flying object reported to have been seen over parts of Britain on Tuesday night (Sept. 7th) was also noticed by a number of Llanfairfechan residents, among them Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Williams, and Mr. J. C. Griffiths, a teacher at Llundudno.

"We saw an oval shaped white light rather like the beam of a car headlamp in foggy weather moving in a north westerly direction over the Irish Sea," said Mr. Williams. The light was partially obscured by haze, he added, and they watched it for between 20 and 30 minutes as it slowly moved away.

One explanation of the phenomenon is that it might have been the reflection of light on a cloud, but Mr. Williams disagrees. "It was an oval light and it never varied in shape," he insisted. Several schoolboys on the beach also saw it.

Ref. : 3/5/21.

Time : 2130 hrs.

Date : September 8th, 1971.

Location : Llanfairfechan, North Wales.

On the evening of September 8th Mr. E. Jackson of Colwyn Bay, and his fiance, both noticed in the sky to the north an oval white light. It was at an elevation of about 35° above the north-western horizon and it appeared to be obscured by haze as it had the appearance of a bright bulb seen through frosted glass. The apparent diameter was that of the full moon. The object remained stationary for about ten minutes and then the witnesses discontinued their observations to make a 'phone call. Ten minutes later the light was still visible but it had traversed about 10° and was lower in the sky, and about 25° above the horizon. Its shape had altered a little and it appeared to be slightly flattened. The witnesses watched for a further few minutes but were unable to watch longer.

From Mr. E. JACKSON.

Ref. : 3/5/22.

Time : 0430 hrs.

Date : October 11th, 1971.

Location : Walthamstow.

**From a report in the "Daily Mail."**

Two police constables, P.C. Ray Parker and P.C. Brian Giles, on duty in a crime car, saw a long cigar-shaped object flashing through the night sky. They said it gave off a blinding white light and after about six seconds it disappeared over the rooftops. P.C. Parker said that it appeared to be flying at about a quarter of the height of a plane and he was certain it was not an aircraft or a shooting star.

From P. DUNN.

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**Saturday, April 8th, 1972, 7 p.m.**

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