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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

What is an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)? Well, according to United States Air Force Regulation 80-17 (dated 19 September 1966), a UFO is "Any aerial Phenomenon or object which is unknown or appears to be out of the ordinary to the observer." This is a very broad definition which applies equally well to one individual seeing his first noctilucous cloud at twilight as it does to another individual seeing his first helicopter. However, at present most people consider the term UFO to mean an object which behaves in a strange or erratic manner while moving through Earth's atmosphere. That strange phenomenon has evoked strong emotions and great curiosity among a large segment of our world's population. The average person is interested because he loves a mystery, the professional military man is involved because of the possible threat to national security, and some scientists are interested because of the basic curiosity that led them into becoming researchers.

The literature on UFO's is so vast, and the stories so many and varied, that we can only present a sketchy outline of the subject in this chapter. That outline includes description classifications, operational domains (temporal and spatial), some theories as to the nature of the UFO phenomenon, human reactions, attempts to attack the problem scientifically, and some tentative conclusions. If you wish to read further in this area, the references provide an excellent starting point.

33.1 DESCRIPTORS

One of the greatest problems you encounter when attempting to catalog UFO sightings, is selection of a system for cataloging. No effective system has yet been devised, although a number of different systems have been proposed. The net result is that almost all UFO data are either treated in the form of individual cases, or in the forms of inadequate classification systems. However, these systems do tend to have some common factors, and a collection of these factors is as follows:

- a. Size
- b. Shape (disc, ellipse, football, etc.)
- c. Luminosity
- d. Color
- e. Number of UFO's

Behavior

- a. Location (altitude, direction, etc.)
- b. Patterns of paths (straight line, climbing, zig-zagging, etc.)

- c. Flight characteristics (wobbling, fluttering, etc.)
- d. Periodicity of sightings
- e. Time duration
- f. Curiosity or inquisitiveness
- g. Avoidance
- h. Hostility

Associated Effects

- a. Electro-magnetic (compass, radio, ignition systems, etc.)
- b. Radiation (burns, induced radioactivity, etc.)
- c. Ground disturbance (dust stirred-up, leaves moved, standing wave peaks on surface of water, etc.)
- d. Sound (none, hissing, humming, roaring, thunderclaps, etc.)
- e. Vibration (weak, strong, slow, fast)
- f. Smell (ozone or other odor)
- g. Flame (how much, where, when, color)
- h. Smoke or cloud (amount, color, persistence)
- i. Debris (type, amount, color, persistence)
- j. Inhibition of voluntary motion by observers
- k. Sighting of "creatures" or "beings"

After Effects

- a. Burned areas or animals
- b. Depressed or flattened areas
- c. Dead or missing animals
- d. Mentally disturbed people
- e. Missing items

We make no attempt here to present available data in terms of the foregoing descriptors.

33.2 OPERATIONAL DOMAINS—TEMPORAL AND SPATIAL

[What we *will* do here is to present evidence that UFO's are a global phenomenon which may have persisted for many thousands of years. During this discussion, please remember that the more ancient the reports the less sophisticated the observer. Not only were the ancient observers lacking the terminology necessary to describe complex devices (such as present day helicopters) but they were also lacking the concepts necessary to understand the true nature of such things as television, space-ships, rockets, nuclear weapons and radiation effects. To some, the most advanced technological concept was a war chariot with knife blades attached to the wheels. By the same token, the very lack of accurate terminology and descriptions leaves the more ancient reports open to considerable misinterpretation, and it may well be that present evaluations of individual reports are completely wrong. Nevertheless,] let us start with an intriguing story in one of the oldest chronicles of India . . . the Book of Dzyan.

This book is a group of "story-teller" legends which were finally gathered in manuscript form when man learned to write. One of the stories is of a small group of beings who supposedly came to Earth many thousands of years ago in a metal craft which orbited Earth several times before landing. As told in the Book "These beings lived to themselves and were revered by the humans among whom they had settled. But eventually differences arose among them and they divided their numbers, several of the men and women and some children settling in another city, where they were promptly installed as rulers by the awe-stricken populace."

"Separation did not bring peace to these people and finally their anger reached a point where the ruler of the original city took with him a small number of his warriors and they rose into the air in a huge shining metal vessel. While they were many leagues from the city of their enemies, they launched a great shining lance that rode on a beam of light. It burst apart in the city of their enemies with a great ball of flame that shot up to the heavens, almost to the stars. All those who were in the city were horribly burned and even those who were not in the city—but nearby—were burned also. Those who looked upon the lance and the ball of fire were blinded forever afterward. Those who entered the city on foot became ill and died. Even the dust of the city was poisoned, as were the rivers that flowed through it. Men dared not go near it, and it gradually crumbled into dust and was forgotten by men."

"Hoax"
-London
Report

"When the leader saw what he had done to his own people he retired to his palace and refused to see anyone. Then he gathered about him those of his warriors who remained, and their wives and children, and they entered into their vessels and rose one by one into the sky and sailed away. Nor did they return."

Could this foregoing legend really be an account of an extraterrestrial colonization, complete with guided missile, nuclear warhead and radiation effects? It is difficult to assess the validity of that explanation . . . just as it is difficult to explain why

Greek, Roman and Nordic Mythology all discuss wars and conflicts among their "Gods." (Even the Bible records conflict between the legions of God and Satan.)

[Could it be that each group recorded their parochial view of what was actually a global conflict among alien colonists or visitors? Or is it that man has led such a violent existence that he tends to expect conflict and violence among even his gods?

Evidence of perhaps an even earlier possible contact was uncovered by Tschien Pen Lao of the University of Peking. He discovered astonishing carvings in granite on a mountain in Hunan Province and on an island in Lake Tungting. These carvings have been evaluated as 47,000 years old, and they show people with large trunks (breathing apparatus? . . . or "elephant" heads shown on human bodies? Remember, the Egyptians often represented their gods as animal heads on human bodies.)

Only 8,000 years ago, rocks were sculpted in the Tassili plateau of Sahara, depicting what appeared to be human beings but with strange round heads (helmets? or "sun" heads on human bodies?) And even more recently, in the Bible, Genesis (6:4) tells of angels from the sky mating with women of Earth, who bore them children. Genesis 19:3 tells of Lot meeting two angels in the desert and his later feeding them at his house. The Bible also tells a rather unusual story of Ezekiel who witnessed what has been interpreted by some to have been a spacecraft or aircraft landing near the Chebar River in Chaldea (593 B.C.).

Even the Irish have recorded strange visitations. In the Speculum Regali in Konungs Skuggsa (and other accounts of the era about 956 A.D.) are numerous stories of "demonships" in the skies. In one case a rope from one such ship became entangled with part of a church. A man from the ship climbed down the rope to free it, but was seized by the townspeople. The bishop made the people release the man, who climbed back to the ship, where the crew cut the rope and the ship rose and sailed out of sight. In all of his actions, the climbing man appeared as if he were swimming in water. Stories such as this makes one wonder if the legends of the "little people" of Ireland were based upon imagination alone.

About the same time, in Lyons (France) three men and a woman supposedly descended from an airship or spaceship and were captured by a mob. These four foreigners admitted to being wizards, and were killed. (No mention is made of the methods employed to extract the admissions.) Many documented UFO sightings occurred throughout the Middle Ages, including an especially startling one of a UFO over London on 16 December 1742. However, we do not have room to include any more of the Middle Ages sightings. Instead, two "more-recent" sightings are contained in this section to bring us up to modern times.

In a sworn statement dated 21 April 1897, a prosperous and prominent farmer named Alexander Hamilton (Le Roy, Kansas, U.S.A.) told of an attack upon his cattle at about 10:30 p.m. the previous Monday. He, his son, and his tenant grabbed axes and ran some 700 feet from the house to the cow lot where a great cigar-shaped ship about 300 feet long floated some 30 feet above the cattle. It had a carriage underneath which was brightly lighted within (dirigible and gondola?) and which had numerous windows. Inside were six strange looking beings jabbering in a foreign

language. These beings suddenly became aware of Hamilton and the others. They immediately turned a searchlight on the farmer, and also turned on some power which sped up a turbine wheel (about 30 ft diameter) located under the craft. The ship rose, taking with it a two-year old heifer which was roped about the neck by a cable of one-half inch thick, red material. The next day a neighbor, Link Thomas, found the animal's hide, legs and head in his field. He was mystified at how the remains got to where they were because of the lack of tracks in the soft soil. Alexander Hamilton's sworn statement was accompanied by an affidavit as to his veracity. The affidavit was signed by ten of the local leading citizens.

SIMILAR TO
CURRENT
CATTLE
MUTILATIONS?

On the evening of 4 November 1957 at Fort Itaipu, Brazil, two sentries noted a "new star" in the sky. The "star" grew in size and within seconds stopped over the fort. It drifted slowly downward, was as large as a big aircraft, and was surrounded by a strong orange glow. A distinct humming sound was heard, and then the heat struck. One sentry collapsed almost immediately, the other managed to slide to shelter under the heavy cannons where his loud cries awoke the garrison. While the troops were scrambling towards their battle stations, complete electrical failure occurred. There was panic until the lights came back on but a number of men still managed to see an orange glow leaving the area at high speed. Both sentries were found badly burned...one unconscious and the other incoherent, suffering from deep shock.

Thus, UFO sightings not only appear to extend back 47,000 years through time but also are global in nature. One has the feeling that this phenomenon deserves some sort of valid scientific investigation, even if it is a low level effort.

33.3 SOME THEORIES AS TO THE NATURE OF THE UFO PHENOMENON

There are very few cohesive theories as to the nature of UFO's. Those theories that have been advanced can be collected in five groups:

- a. Mysticism
- b. Hoaxes, and rantings due to unstable personalities
- c. Secret weapons
- d. Natural Phenomena
- e. Alien visitors

Mysticism

It is believed by some cults that the mission of UFO's and their crews is a spiritual one, and that all materialistic efforts to determine the UFO's nature are doomed to failure.

Hoaxes and Rantings due to Unstable Personalities

Some have suggested that all UFO reports were the results of pranks and hoaxes, or were made by people with unstable personalities. This attitude was particularly prevalent during the time period when the Air Force investigation was being operated under the code name of Project Grudge. A few airlines even went as far as to ground every pilot who reported seeing a "flying saucer." The only way for the pilot to regain flight status was to undergo a psychiatric examination. There was a noticeable decline in pilot reports during this time interval, and a few people interpreted this decline to prove that UFO's were either hoaxes or the result of unstable personalities. It is of interest that NICAP (The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena) even today still receives reports from commercial pilots who neglect to notify either the Air Force or their own airline.

There are a number of cases which indicate that not all reports fall in the hoax category. We will examine one such case now. It is the Socorro, New Mexico sighting made by police Sergeant Lonnie Zamora. Sergeant Zamora was patrolling the streets of Socorro on 24 April 1964 when he saw a shiny object drift down into an area of gullies on the edge of town. He also heard a loud roaring noise which sounded as if an old dynamite shed located out that way had exploded. He immediately radioed police headquarters, and drove out toward the shed. Zamora was forced to stop about 150 yards away from a deep gully in which there appeared to be an overturned car. He radioed that he was investigating a possible wreck, and then worked his car up onto the mesa and over toward the edge of the gully. He parked short, and when he walked the final few feet to the edge, he was amazed to see that it was not a car but instead was a weird eggshaped object about fifteen feet long, white in color and resting on short, metal legs. Beside it, unaware of his presence were two humanoids dressed in silvery coveralls. They seemed to be working on a portion of the underside of the object. Zamora was still standing there, surprised, when they suddenly noticed him and dove out of sight around the object. Zamora also headed the other way, back toward his car. He glanced back at the object just as a bright blue flame shot down from the underside. Within seconds the eggshaped thing rose out of the gully with "an earsplitting roar." The object was out of sight over the nearby mountains almost immediately, and Sergeant Zamora was moving the opposite direction almost as fast when he met Sergeant Sam Chavez who was responding to Zamora's earlier radio calls. Together they investigated the gully and found the bushes charred and still smoking where the blue flame had jetted down on them. About the charred area were four deep marks where the metal legs had been. Each mark was three and one-half inches deep, and was circular in shape. The sand in the gully was very hard-packed so no sign of the humanoids' footprints could be found. An official investigation was launched that same day, and all data obtained supported the stories of Zamora and Chavez. It is rather difficult to label this episode a hoax, and it is also doubtful that both Zamora and Chavez shared portions of the same hallucination.

Secret Weapons

A few individuals have proposed that UFO's are actually advanced weapon systems, and that their natures must not be revealed. Very few people accept this as a credible suggestion.

Natural Phenomena

it has also been suggested that at least some, and possibly all, of the UFO cases were just mis-interpreted manifestations of natural phenomena. Undoubtedly this suggestion has some merit. People have reported, as UFO's, objects which were conclusively proven to be balloons (weather and skyhook), the planet Venus, man-made artificial satellites, normal aircraft, unusual cloud formations and lights from ceilometers (equipment projecting light beams on cloud bases to determine the height of the aircraft visual ceiling). It is also suspected that people have reported mirages, optical illusions, swamp gas and ball lightning (a poorly-understood discharge of electrical energy in a spheroidal or ellipsoidal shape . . . some discharges have lasted for up to fifteen minutes but the ball is usually no bigger than a large orange). But it is difficult to tell a swamp dweller that the strange, fast-moving light he saw in the sky was swamp gas; and it is just as difficult to tell a farmer that a bright UFO in the sky is the same ball lightning that he has seen rolling along his fence wires in dry weather. Thus accidental mis-identification of what might well be natural phenomena breeds mistrust and disbelief; it leads to the hasty conclusion that the truth is deliberately not being told. One last suggestion of interest has been made, that the UFO's were plasmoids from space . . . concentrated blobs of solar wind that succeeded in reaching the surface of Earth. Somehow this last suggestion does not seem to be very plausible; perhaps because it ignores such things as penetration of Earth's magnetic field.

Alien Visitors

The most stimulating theory for us is that the UFO's are material objects which are either "Manned" or remote-controlled by beings who are alien to this planet. There is some evidence supporting this viewpoint. In addition to police Sergeant Lonnie Zamora's experience, let us consider the case of Barney and Betty Hill. On a trip through New England they lost two hours on the night of 19 September 1961 without even realizing it. However, after that night both Barney and Betty began developing psychological problems which eventually grew sufficiently severe that they submitted themselves to psychiatric examination and treatment. During the course of treatment hypnotherapy was used, and it yielded remarkably detailed and similar stories from both Barney and Betty. Essentially they had been hypnotically kidnapped, taken aboard a UFO, submitted to two-hour physicals, and released with posthypnotic suggestions to forget the entire incident. The evidence is rather strong that this is what the Hills, even in their subconscious, believe happened to them. And it is of particular importance that after the "posthypnotic block" was removed, both of the Hills ceased having their psychological problems.

The Hills' description of the aliens was similar to descriptions provided in other cases, but this particular type of alien appears to be in the minority. The most commonly described alien is about three and one-half feet tall, has a round head (helmet?), arms reaching to or below his knees, and is wearing a silvery space suit or coveralls. Other aliens appear to be essentially the same as Earthmen, while still others have particularly wide (wrap-around) eyes and mouths with very thin lips. And there is a rare group reported as about four feet tall, weight of around

35 pounds, and covered with thick hair or fur (clothing?). Members of this last group are described as being extremely strong. If such beings are visiting Earth, two questions arise: 1) why haven't there been accidents which have revealed their presence, and 2) why haven't they attempted to contact us officially? The answer to the first question may exist partially in Sergeant Lonnie Zamora's experience, and may exist partially in the Tunguska meteor discussed in Chapter XXIX. In that chapter it was suggested that the Tunguska meteor was actually a comet which exploded in the atmosphere, the ices melted and the dust spread out. Hence, no debris! However, it has also been suggested that the Tunguska meteor was actually an alien spacecraft that entered the atmosphere too rapidly, suffered mechanical failure, and lost its power supply and/or weapons in a nuclear explosion. While that hypothesis may seem far fetched, samples of tree rings from around the world reveal that, immediately after the Tunguska meteor explosion, the level of radioactivity in the world rose sharply for a short period of time. It is difficult to find a natural explanation for that increase in radioactivity, although the suggestion has been advanced that enough of the meteor's great kinetic energy was converted into heat (by atmospheric friction) that a fusion reaction occurred. This still leaves us with no answer to the second question: why no contact? That question is very easy to answer in any of several ways: 1) we may be the object of intensive sociological and psychological study. In such studies you usually avoid disturbing the test subjects' environment; 2) you do not "contact" a colony of ants, and humans may seem that way to any aliens (variation: a zoo is fun to visit, but you don't "contact" the lizards); 3) such contact may have already taken place secretly; and 4) such contact may have already taken place on a different plane of awareness and we are not yet sensitive to communications on such a plane. These are just a few of the reasons. You may add to the list as you desire.

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33.4 HUMAN FEAR AND HOSTILITY

Besides the foregoing reasons, contacting humans is downright dangerous. Think about that for a moment! On the microscopic level our bodies reject and fight (through production antibodies) any alien material; this process helps us fight off disease but it also sometimes results in allergenic reactions to innocuous materials. On the macroscopic (psychological and sociological) level we are antagonistic to beings that are "different". For proof of that, just watch how an odd child is treated by other children, or how a minority group is socially deprived, or how the Arabs feel about the Israelis (Chinese vs Japanese, Turks vs Greeks, etc.) In case you are hesitant to extend that concept to the treatment of aliens let me point out that in very ancient times, possible extraterrestrials may have been treated as Gods but in the last two thousand years, the evidence is that any possible aliens have been ripped apart by mobs, shot and shot at, physically assaulted (in South America there is a well-documented case), and in general treated with fear and aggression. In Ireland about 1,000 A.D., supposed airships were treated as "demon-ships." In Lyons, France, "admitted" space travellers were killed. More recently, on 24 July 1957 Russian anti-aircraft batteries on the Kouril Islands opened fire on UFO's. Although all Soviet anti-aircraft batteries on the Islands were in action, no hits were made. The UFO's were luminous and moved very fast. We too have fired on UFO's. About ten o'clock one morning, a radar site near a fighter base

picked up a UFO doing 700 mph. The UFO then slowed to 100 mph, and two F-86's were scrambled to intercept. Eventually one F-86 closed on the UFO at about 3,000 feet altitude. The UFO began to accelerate away but the pilot still managed to get to within 500 yards of the target for a short period of time. It was definitely saucer-shaped. As the pilot pushed the F-86 at top speed, the UFO began to pull away. When the range reached 1,000 yards, the pilot armed his guns and fired in an attempt to down the saucer. He failed, and the UFO pulled away rapidly, vanishing in the distance. This same basic situation may have happened on a more personal level. On Sunday evening 21 August 1955, eight adults and three children were on the Sutton Farm (one-half mile from Kelly, Kentucky) when, according to them, one of the children saw a brightly glowing UFO settle behind the barn, out of sight from where he stood. Other witnesses on nearby farms also saw the object. However, the Suttons dismissed it as a "shooting star," and did not investigate. Approximately thirty minutes later (at 8 p.m.), the family dogs began barking so two of the men went to the back door and looked out. Approximately 50 feet away and coming toward them was a creature wearing a glowing silvery suit. It was about three and one-half feet tall with a large round head and very long arms. It had large webbed hands which were equipped with claws. The two Suttons grabbed a twelve gauge shotgun and a 22 caliber pistol, and fired at close range. They could hear the pellets and bullet ricochet as if off of metal. The creature was knocked down, but jumped up and scrambled away. The Suttons retreated into the house, turned off all inside lights, and turned on the porch-light. At that moment, one of the women who was peeking out of the dining room window discovered that a creature with some sort of helmet and wide slit eyes was peeking back at her. She screamed, the men rushed in and started shooting. The creature was knocked backwards but again scrambled away without apparent harm. More shooting occurred (a total of about 50 rounds) over the next 20 minutes and the creatures finally left (perhaps feeling unwelcome?) After a two hour wait (for safety), the Suttons left too. By the time the police got there, the aliens were gone but the Suttons would not move back to the farm. They sold it and departed. This reported incident does bear out the contention though that humans are dangerous. At no time in the story did the supposed aliens shoot back, although one is left with the impression that the described creatures were having fun scaring humans.

33.5 ATTEMPTS AT SCIENTIFIC APPROACHES

In any scientific endeavor, the first step is to acquire data, the second step to classify the data, and the third step to form hypotheses. The hypotheses are tested by repeating the entire process, with each cycle resulting in an increase in understanding (we hope). The UFO phenomenon does not yield readily to this approach because the data taken so far exhibits both excessive variety and vagueness. The vagueness is caused in part by the lack of preparation of the observer . . . very few people leave their house knowing that they are going to see a UFO that evening. Photographs are overexposed or underexposed, and rarely in color. Hardly anyone carries around a radiation counter or a magnetometer. And, in addition to this, there is a very high level of "noise" in the data. The noise consists of mistaken reports of known natural phenomena, hoaxes, reports by unstable individuals and mistaken removal of data regarding possible unnatural or unknown natural phenomena (by

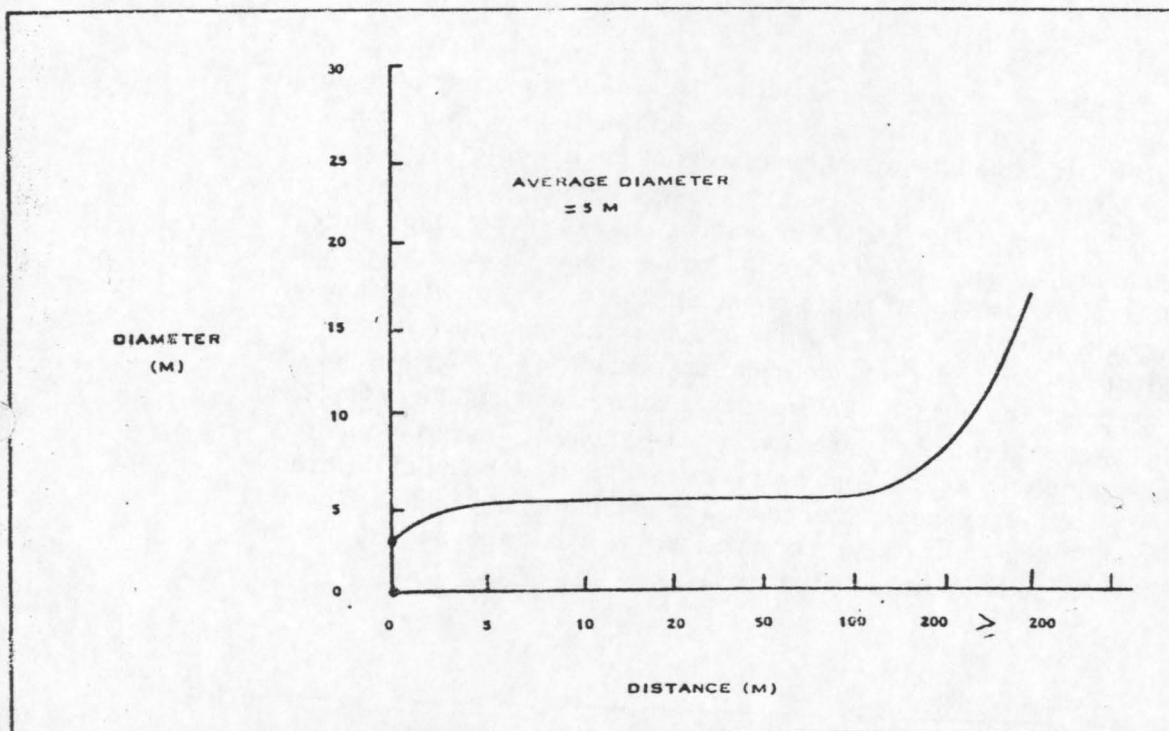


Figure 33-1. UFO: Distance of observer versus estimated diameter, for UFO's which are lower than tree height.

overzealous individuals who are trying to eliminate all data due to known natural phenomena). In addition, those data, which do appear to be valid, exhibit an excessive amount of variety relative to the statistical samples available. This has led to very clumsy classification systems, which in turn provide quite unfertile ground for formulation of hypotheses.

One hypothesis which looked promising for a time was that of ORTHOTENY (i.e., UFO sightings fall on "great circle" routes). At first, plots of sightings seemed to verify the concept of orthoteny but recent use of computers has revealed that even random numbers yield "great circle" plots as neatly as do UFO sightings.

There is one solid advance that has been made though. Jacques and Janine Vallee have taken a particular type of UFO—namely those that are lower than tree-top level when sighted—and plotted the UFO's estimated diameter versus the estimated distance from the observer. The result is shown in Figure 33-1, and it yields an average diameter of 5 meters with a very characteristic drop for short viewing distances, and rise for long viewing distances. This behavior at the extremes of the curve is well-known to astronomers and psychologists as the "moon illusion." The illusion only occurs when the object being viewed is a real, physical object. Because this implies that the observers have viewed a real object, it permits us to accept also their statement that these particular UFO's had a rotational axis of symmetry.

Another, less solid, advance made by the Vallee's was their plotting of the total number of sightings per week versus the date. They did this for the time span from 1947 to 1962, and then attempted to match the peaks of the curve (every 2 years 2 months) to the times of Earth-Mars conjunction (every 2 years 1.4 months). The match was very good between 1950 and 1956 but was poor outside of those limits. Also, the peaks were not only at the times of Earth-Mars conjunction but also roughly at the first harmonic (very loosely, every 13 months). This raises the question why should UFO's only visit Earth when Mars is in conjunction and when it is on the opposite side of the sun. Obviously, the conjunction periodicity of Mars is not the final answer. As it happens, there is an interesting possibility to consider. Suppose Jupiter's conjunctions were used; they are every 13.1 months. That would satisfy the observed periods nicely, except for every even data peak being of different magnitude from every odd data peak. Perhaps a combination of Martian, Jovian and Saturnian (and even other planetary) conjunctions will be necessary to match the frequency plot . . . if it can be matched (Figure 33-2).

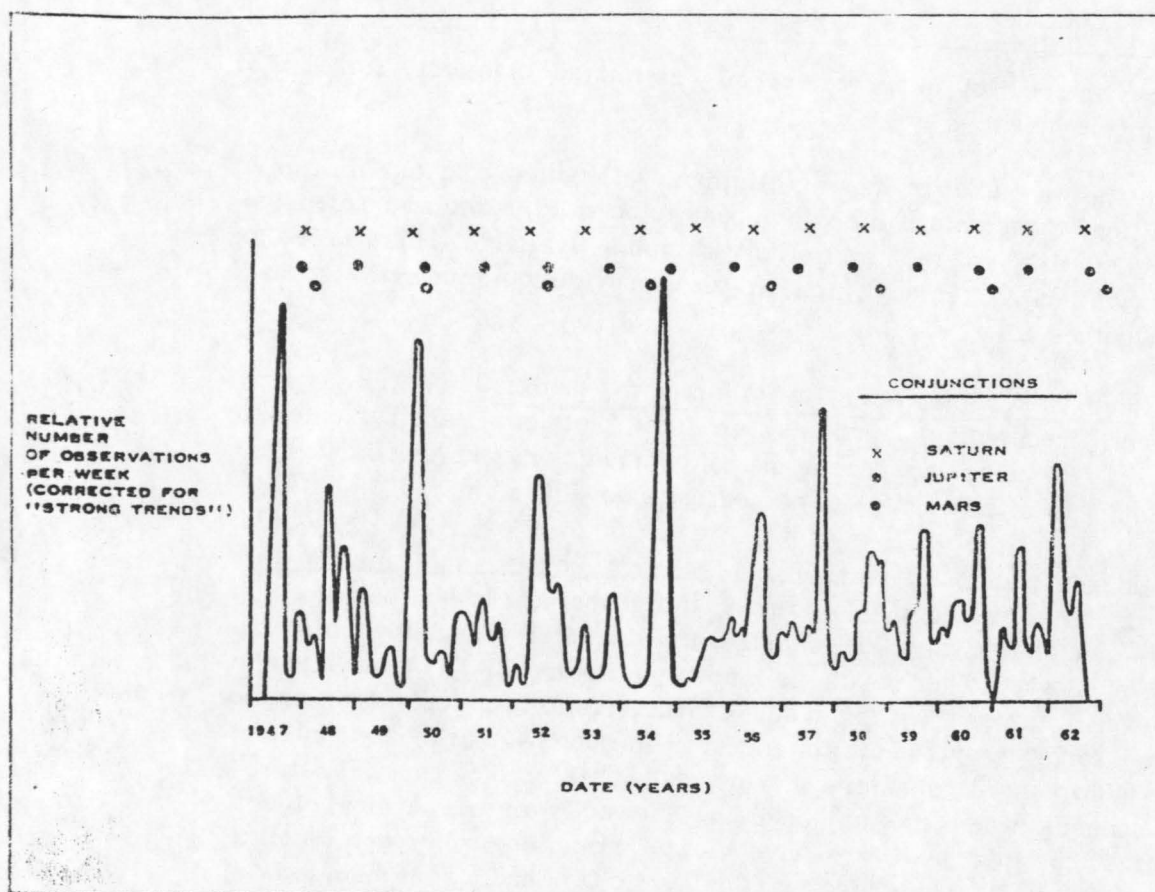


Figure 33-2. Cycles of activity, mathematically corrected for long term "Strong Trends".

Further data correlation is quite difficult. There are a large number of different saucer shapes but this may mean little. For example, look at the number of different types of aircraft which are in use in the U.S. Air Force alone.

It is obvious that intensive scientific study is needed in this area; no such study has yet been undertaken at the necessary levels of intensity and support. One thing that must be guarded against in any such study is the trap of implicitly assuming that our knowledge of Physics (or any other branch of science) is complete. An example of one such trap is selecting a group of physical laws which we now accept as valid, and assume that they will never be superseded. Five such laws might be:

- 1) Every action must have an opposite and equal reaction.
- 2) Every particle in the universe attracts every other particle with a force proportional to the product of the masses and inversely as the square of the distance.
- 3) Energy, mass and momentum are conserved.
- 4) No material body can have a speed as great as c , the speed of light in free space.
- 5) The maximum energy, E , which can be obtained from a body at rest is $E=mc^2$, where m is the rest mass of the body.

Laws numbered 1 and 3 seem fairly safe, but let us hesitate and take another look. Actually, law number 3 is only valid (now) from a relativistic viewpoint; and for that matter so are laws 4 and 5. But relativity completely revised these physical concepts after 1915, before then Newtonian mechanics was supreme. We should also note that general relativity has not yet been fully verified. Thus we have the peculiar situation of five laws which appear to deny the possibility of intelligent alien control of UFO's, yet three of the laws are recent in concept and may not even be valid. Also, law number 2 has not been tested under conditions of large relative speeds or accelerations. *We should not deny the possibility of alien control of UFO's on the basis of preconceived notions not established as related or relevant to the UFO's.*

33.6 CONCLUSION

From available information, the UFO phenomenon appears to have been global in nature for almost 50,000 years. The majority of known witnesses have been reliable people who have seen easily-explained natural phenomena, and there appears to be no overall positive correlation with population density. The entire phenomenon could be psychological in nature but that is quite doubtful. However, psychological factors probably do enter the data picture as "noise." The phenomenon could also be entirely due to known and unknown natural phenomena (with some psychological "noise" added in) but that too is questionable in view of some of the available data.

This leaves us with the unpleasant possibility of alien visitors to our planet, or at least of alien controlled UFO's. However, the data are not well correlated, and

what questionable data there are suggest the existence of at least three and maybe four different groups of aliens (possibly at different stages of development). This too is difficult to accept. It implies the existence of intelligent life on a majority of the planets in our solar system, or a surprisingly strong interest in Earth by members of other solar systems.

A solution to the UFO problem may be obtained by the long and diligent effort of a large group of well-financed and competent scientists, unfortunately there is no evidence suggesting that such an effort is going to be made. However, even if such an effort were made, there is no guarantee of success because of the isolated and sporadic nature of the sightings. Also, there may be nothing to find, and that would mean a long search with no proof at the end. The best thing to do is to keep an open and skeptical mind, and not take an extreme position on any side of the question.

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Your reference

Our reference D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date 8 July 1991

Dear Mr Birdsall,

Thank you for your letter of 21 May 1991 on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

It is not our practice to identify MoD spokespersons by name, however, in common with other Government Departments, it is the role of the Press Office to liaise with the Media and give statements on matters of Departmental interest.

Regarding the reported MoD statement on the Alitalia Air Incident report of 21 April, I do not see how a statement confirming that people make sighting reports to the MoD can be inconsistent with our stated policy on the subject of UFOs.

You mention in your letter that RAF aircraft had recently 'chased' an object over the North Sea. Whilst it is not our policy to comment on operational matters affecting the RAF, we are able to answer specific queries you may have about particular sightings which have occurred recently and can let you know whether we have a report on the sighting and if so what it contains.

Finally, thank you for your kind invitation to attend your Leeds conference on September 14. Given our limited involvement with the subject of UFOs it would be inappropriate for representatives of the Air Staff Secretariat to attend in an official capacity and therefore I must decline your offer. However, I hope that the conference proves to be a success.

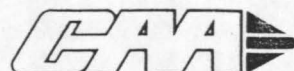
I hope that this is helpful.

*Yours sincerely,
O W Hartop*

From: O W Hartop, Secretariat (Air Staff)2a, Room 8245.



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25 July 1991

Dear Mr Williams-Davies

Thank you very much for your letter dated 19 July 1991 in which you ask for information regarding the incident involving the unidentified "missile" and the Alitalia aircraft. Please find enclosed a copy of our Listing, together with the Captain's report on the incident.

After extensive civil and military investigations it has not been possible to identify positively the object. The Air Defence Department has not been able to confirm the identity of the object but the possibility of a missile from an army firing range has been ruled out. In addition, the Ministry of Defence had no report of any space related activity that can provide an explanation. The description also did not correspond with that expected had the object been a meteorological balloon.

We have therefore closed the investigation and listed the sighting as an Unidentified Flying Object.

I hope this information is useful for your personal research.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B H Dale'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

B H DALE
Head OFS 3
Safety Data & Analysis Unit

PS I have also enclosed a copy of the latest General Aviation Safety Information Leaflet which you may find of interest.

ATC REPORTED OCCURRENCES RECORDED BETWEEN 30 APR 91 AND 6 MAY 91

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UK OCCURRENCES

GD EQP-SVS	9100952J	APR 91	ATC OCCURRENCE : ALLEGED THAT AN ATC UNIT FAILED TO PASS ON TO THE A/C FULL DETAILS OF ITS AIRWAYS JOINING CLEARANCE.	NATS-LATCC
NOT APP	OXFORD NR	NOT APP	THE ATC UNIT CONCERNED HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE FULL CLEARANCE WAS PASSED TO THE A/C. POSSIBLE ATC CLEARANCE PROCEDURES IMPLICATIONS.	M33 91
CESSNA 404	9101077B	15 APR 91	ATC OCCURRENCE : ALLEGED THAT A/C CLIMBED ABOVE CLEARED ALTITUDE & DISPLAYED POOR TRACK KEEPING.	NATS-LATCC
FOREIGN	SOUTHEND	CLIMB		M37 91
UNKNOWN	9101151E	APR 91	ATC OCCURRENCE : PILOT REPORTED MISSILE TYPE OBJECT PASSING OPPOSITE DIRECTION.	NATS-LATCC
UNKNOWN	ABM CLIFF CRUISE		PILOT REPORTED OBJECT APPROX 5 METRES LONG & BROWN IN COLOUR. INCIDENT AT FL230.	M40/91
B727	9101248A	29 APR 91	ATC OCCURRENCE - APHAZ : B727 & B737/A310 NEAR OCKHAM AT FL80.	NATS-LATCC
FOREIGN	OCKHAM	CLIMB	THE B727 HAD DEPARTED R/W27R AT HEATHROW & CAME INTO CONFLICTION WITH THE B737 & A310 WHICH WERE BEING POSITIONED ONTO R/W 09L FOLLOWING A R/W CHANGE. THE FOREIGN COMPANY CONCERNED STATE THAT THE FLIGHT WAS GIVEN A "MID 2G" SID ON FREQ 132.05 TO FL130. THIS CLEARANCE WAS GIVEN TO THE CO-PILOT WITHOUT ANY CORRECTION FROM ATC.	
CITN C500	9101081X	FEB 91	ATC OCCURRENCE : PILOT FAILED TO ALERT ATC OF INTENTION TO PERFORM SINGLE ENGINE CLIMB AFTER T/O.	ATC-EGGW
IDS	LUTON	INIT CLIMB	A/C WAS REPORTED AT APPROX 200FT AGL 1 1/2 MILES WEST OF R/W26 BY AN OBSERVER. CLOUD BASE AT TIME OF INCIDENT 200FT & VIS OF 2000 METRES. WHEN QUERIED PILOT DID NOT KNOW HE SHOULD HAVE OBTAINED PERMISSION IN ADVANCE (AS NOTIFIED IN AIP).	
HS125	9101228G	APR 91	ATC OCCURRENCE - APHAZ : HS125 & P68 5NM SOUTH OF LUTON.	ATC-EGGW
BAE	LUTON	DESCENT	LUTON SSR FAILED DURING THIS INCIDENT. HIGH ATC WORKLOAD. POOR VIS.	
MILITARY	9101109D	APR 91	ATC OCCURRENCE : ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF TEESSIDE SRZ BY MIL JET. NO R/T COMMS.	ATC-EGGW
MILITARY	TEESSIDE	CRUISE		
OPTICA	9101149C	APR 91	ATC OCCURRENCE : INFRINGEMENT OF THE WEMBURY EG D009 DANGER AREA. NO R/T COMMS. CONFLICTION.	ATC-MOT
OTHER	WEMBURY	CRUISE		
MILITARY	9100817D	MAR 91	ATC OCCURRENCE : MILITARY A/C OPERATING IN THE E.S.B. FAILED TO MAINTAIN R/T COMMS. POSSIBLE CONFLICTION.	ATC-THFF
MILITARY	E SHETLAND	CRUISE		

FOREIGN OCCURRENCES

NEAR COLLISION - AIR TRAFFIC INCIDENT REPORT FORM

NOTE: 1*) To be filled in printed characters and in English language.
2*) Shaded boxes contain items to be included in an initial report by radio.
3*) Items marked this * must be deleted as appropriate.

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

TYPE OF INCIDENT	A	INCIDENT <u>NEAR COLLISION</u> PROCEDURAL FACILITY*
NAME OF PILOT-IN-COMMAND	B	<u>ZAGHETTI</u>
OPERATOR	C	<u>ALITALIA</u>
IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS OF AIRCRAFT	D	<u>1-DAWC</u>
AIRCRAFT TYPE	E	<u>MD 80</u>
RADIO CALL SIGN - IN COMMUNICATION WITH - FREQUENCY AT TIME OF INCIDENT	F	<u>AZ 284 - LON 124.1 - AT ~ 2000/2</u>
AERODROME OF DEPARTURE	G	<u>MILAN - LINATE</u>
AERODROME OF FIRST INTENDED LANDING AND DESTINATION, IF DIFFERENT	H	<u>LONDON - HEATHROW</u>
TYPE OF FLIGHT PLAN	I	<u>IFR</u>
POSITION AT TIME OF INCIDENT - HEADING OR ROUTE - TRUE AIRSPEED	J	<u>~ 30NM SOUTH BIGGIN VOR - HEADING 320° - TAS 380</u>
FL, ALTITUDE OR HEIGHT - ALTITUDE SETTING - ATTITUDE	K	LEVEL FLIGHT CLIMBING <u>DESCENDING</u> TURNING* <u>FL 222 - ALT 1013 - RATE 2000 ft/m</u>
FLIGHT WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIME OF INCIDENT	L	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>IMC VMC Distance above/below cloud fog haze</p> <p>Distance horizontally from cloud Between cloud layers In cloud rain snow sleet/fog haze Flying into/out of sun Reported/estimated flight visibility</p> </div> <div> <p><u>VMC</u></p> <p><u>30</u> Km NM*</p> <p><u>30</u> Km NM*</p> </div> </div>
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT IN GMT	M	REPORTED BY RADIO TO <u>LON 124.1</u> AFIS TWR APP <u>ACC</u> FIC* AT <u>04/21/91 ~ 2000/2</u> <small>Date: time</small>

SECTION 2 - DETAILED INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER AIRCRAFT, IF RELEVANT Type, high/low wing, N. of engines Radio call sign, registration Markings, colour, lighting Other available details	N	<u>OBJECT SIMILAR MISSILE - WITHOUT EXHAUST FLAME - UNKNOWN</u> <u>LIGHT BROWN - SIMILAR DESERT COLOUR</u> <u>ABOUT 3 METERS LENGTH - ROUND SHAPE -</u>
DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT If desired add comment or suggestion, including your opinion on the probable cause of the incident. (In case of near-collision give information on respective flight paths, estimated vertical and horizontal sighting and miss distances between aircraft and avoiding action taken by either or all)	O	<p><u>DURING DESCENT, AT FL 222 I SAW FOR ABOUT 3-4 SECONDS A FLYING OBJECT, VERY SIMILAR TO A MISSILE, LIGHT BROWN COLOUR - RED, WITH A TRACK OPPOSITE THEN MINE WHICH WAS 320° - IT WAS HIGHER THAN US ABOUT 1000 ft.</u></p>

AT ONCE I SAID "LOOK OUT - LOOK OUT" TO MY COPILOT WHO LOOKED OUT AND SAW WHAT I HAD SEEN - AS SOON AS THE OBJECT CROSSED I ASKED TO THE ACC/OPERATOR IF HE SAW SOMETHING ON HIS SCREEN AND HE ANSWERED "I SEE AN UNKNOWN TARGET 10 N.M. BEHIND YOU."

DATE <u>04/22/91</u> TIME <u>8 P.M.</u>	FUNCTION AND SIGNATURE <u>CPT ZAGHETTI</u>	FUNCTION AND SIGNATURE
PLACE <u>LONDON</u>	OF PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT	OF PERSON RECEIVING REPORT
OF COMPLETION OF FORM		

SECTION 3 - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

by ATS unit concerned (not for pilot's use)

HOW REPORT RECEIVED	P	RADIO TELEPHONE TELEPRINTER* AT ARO AFIS TWR APP ACC/FIC*
DETAILS OF ATS ACTION: Clearance, incident observed on radar, warning given, result of local enquiry, etc.	Q	

* Delete as appropriate

SIGNATURE OF ATS OFFICER

DATE TIME GMT

Department of Physics - U.S. Air Force Academy

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Chapter XXXIII - Unidentified Flying Objects

"On July 24, 1957, Russian anti-aircraft batteries on the Kouril Islands opened fire on UFOs. Although all Soviet anti-aircraft batteries on the Islands were in action, no hits were made. The UFOs were luminous and moved very fast. We too have fired on UFOs."

"The most stimulating theory for us is that the UFOs are material objects which are either 'manned' or remote-controlled by beings who are alien to this planet. There is some evidence supporting this viewpoint."

"The most commonly described alien is about three and one-half feet tall, has a round head (helmet?), arms reaching to or below his knees, and is wearing a silvery space suit or coveralls. Other aliens appear to be essentially the same as Earthmen, while still others have particularly wide (wrap-around) eyes and mouths with very thin lips."

"Why no contact? That question is very easy to answer in any of several ways: 1) we may be the object of intensive sociological and psychological study. In such studies you usually avoid disturbing the test subjects' environment; 2) you do not 'contact' a colony of ants, and humans may seem that way to any aliens (variation: a zoo is fun to visit, but you don't 'contact' the lizards); 3) such contact may have already taken place on a different plane of awareness and we are not yet sensitive to communications on such a plane. These are just a few of the reasons."

"CONCLUSION: From available information, the UFO phenomenon appears to have been global in nature for almost 50,000 years. The majority of known witnesses have been reliable people who have seen easily-explained natural phenomena...this leaves us with the unpleasant possibility of alien visitors to our planet, or at least of alien-controlled UFOs. The data suggests the existence of at least three and maybe four different groups of aliens (possibly at different stages of development). It implies the existence of intelligent life on a majority of the planets in our solar system, or a surprisingly strong interest in Earth by members of other solar systems. A solution to the UFO problem may be obtained by the long and diligent effort of a large group of well-financed and competent scientists."

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA (NICAP) [Ⓢ]

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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

This form includes questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation by NICAP.

After all the information has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly issued magazine or in another publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, please use another sheet of paper. Please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. Thank you.

1. Name Jimmy Carter

Place of Employment

Address State Capitol Atlanta

Occupation Governor

Date of birth

Education

Special Training

Military Service

Graduate

Nuclear Physics

U.S. Navy

Telephone (404) 656-1776

2. Date of Observation October 1969

Time

AM

PM

Time Zone

7:15

EST

3. Locality of Observation Leary, Georgia

4. How long did you see the object? _____ Hours 10-12 Minutes _____ Seconds

5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. Shortly after dark.

6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. Not in sight.

7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? Stars.

8. Were there more than one object? No.

If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.

9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc.? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary.
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? **Yes.**
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. **At one time, as bright as the moon.**
12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
- | | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? yes | f. Drop anything? |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | g. Change brightness? yes |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | h. Change shape? size |
| d. Give off smoke? | i. Change color? yes |
| e. Leave any visible trail? | |
- Seemed to move toward us from a distance, stopped-moved partially away—returned, then departed. Bluish at first, then reddish, luminous, not solid.
13. Did object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible. **NO.**
14. Was there any wind? **no.** If so, please give direction and speed.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? What? **no.**
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? **no** What kind? How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
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| a. Fuzzy or blurred. | b. Like a bright star. | c. Sharply outlined. X |
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18. Was the object —
- | | | | |
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| a. Self-luminous? X | b. Dull finish? | c. Reflecting? | d. Transparent? |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? **came close, moved away-came close then moved away.**
20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:
- | | | | | |
|------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------|
| a. Pinhead | c. Dime | e. Half dollar | g. Orange | i. Larger |
| b. Pea | d. Nickel | f. Silver dollar | h. Grapefruit | |
- Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length. **About the same as moon, maybe a little smaller. Varied from brighter/larger than planet to apparent size of moon.**
21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? **10-12 men all watched it. Brightness attracted us.**
22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? **Outdoors waiting for a meeting to begin at 7:30pm**
23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? **Moved to distance then disappeared**
24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. **Not pertinent**
25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. **no.**
26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). **Difficult. Maybe 300-1000 yards.**
27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch. **About 30° above horizon.**
28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any.

Ten members of Leary Georgia Lions Club

29. What do you think you saw?
- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. Extraterrestrial device? | e. Satellite? |
| b. UFO? | f. Hoax? |
| c. Planet or star? | g. Other? (Please specify). |
| d. Aircraft? | |

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30. Please describe your feelings and reactions during the sighting. Were you calm, nervous, frightened, apprehensive, awed, etc.? If you wish your answer to this question to remain confidential, please indicate with a check mark. (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

31. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North, your position, the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view, the direction of its course over the area, roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.

Appeared from West--About 30° up.

32. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? No

33. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. No

34. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you if requested. None.

35. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place.

Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. No.

36. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

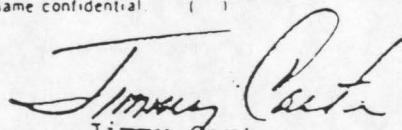
You may use my name. (X)

Please keep my name confidential. ()

37. Date of filling out this report

9-18-73

Signature


Jimmy Carter