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Don Adams Interview

Ward: Another of the most recent sightings occurred near Edgewood, New Mexico. Don Adams is a rancher and farmer in that small town. His story is interesting.

Adams: I come back from Albuquerque about 1:00, 1:15 in the morning. And I got home and I was getting ready to go to bed. I heard the dog howl and thought it might be a coyote or something up at the barn, so I got in my car, so I came up here, and I came down here in the pasture; and I looked out in the field and I seen a green, glowing object out there - that's when I drove through the fence out into the field. By the time I got out there, I got out my pistol, the _____, light-green, hovered about 100, 110 feet off the ground, and I fired at it six times with the pistol. I could hear the bullets bounding off of it. When the bullets were bouncing off of it, it sounded like a balky hammer head _____ the motor.

Reporter: Then what did you do?

Adams: I got back in the car, tried to start it, and it wouldn't start. So I got out of the car and started for the house. It followed me up the hill. I got about half way up and it moved off up to the north. That's when I got to the house. That's the last I seen of it.

Reporter: Did you think it a little precarious, shooting at an unknown flying object like that?

Adams: Well, later I got to thinking it was, but when I seen it I thought I was going to knock some junk off of it, knock it down or something, and find out what these things are. Maybe I

made a little mistake doing it. I wouldn't advise anybody seeing one of these things, whatever they call them, to tell anybody about it if you do. If you tell the state police or the Air Force, they let it out and then everybody all over the country calls you and writes you letters telling you what kind of nut you are. It's not much fun.

APRO Bull.

Green Object At Edgewood

Don Adams, 22, of Edgewood, New Mexico, reported seeing a 35-foot-long green, flowing object which came down to about 100 feet altitude as he drove his car near Edgewood, which is a small town about 20 miles east of Albuquerque. In a telephone interview, Adams said he had been watching TV in his home when he heard the dogs barking incessantly. He walked out toward the barn, then saw the object. He got into his pickup truck, drove out into the field and under the thing. His truck engine stopped and he got out and fired his .22 caliber pistol at the object. He said the bullets had no affect, but he heard a metallic "ping" which indicated he had struck the object. He re-loaded the pistol. The object then started to descend toward him, whereupon he ran, still firing. The object chased him for what he estimated to be a distance of about 100 yards, then veered into the north and disappeared very quickly. The dogs had been frightened throughout the whole ordeal.

Sept. 1964

Don Adams, Edgewood, N.M.

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8/5 Tried ADQ paper. Did not know him. Had had no. Conn
Medinet at Jambin zone & N. C. Set restaurant + 241-444
No 282-3113 in center of town & they're supposed to know everyone

8/5/67 She said they not know, that she understood Don Adams was
now in jail in A.B.G., and that he was drunk at time of alleged UFO
encounter.

All this explains why woman who answered at Adams' no
was in. Case probably n.g. or at least weak.

8/6/67 Cite as instance where talking to a member of immediate family
did generate a wave-off, a 'cool reaction'. The business of "they're
moved away" was evasive.

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Flying Object



CHARRED AREA — Espanola Police Officer Nick Naranjo, first to hear of the sighting of an unidentified flying object at La Madera shows the peculiar pattern left by the burned area. (See additional pictures on page 7.)

Incident

Occurs ①

In County

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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★ Shots

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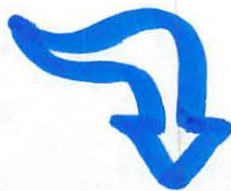
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Separate newspaper eye-witness

This segment does not fit anywhere - but adds a bit of information not contained in other report.

and was the first State Policeman at the scene, said the prints he saw looked like the pad of a bear — with only two toes.

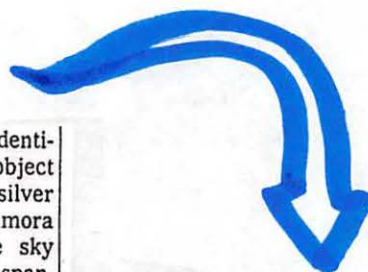
Also found were depressions in the ground which could have been made by fixed landing gear.

The object was seen by Orlando Gallegos, 35, of Santa Fe at about 12:30 a.m. Sunday. He and his family had arrived at the home of his father, Frank Gallegos, which is about 300 yards from the burned - over area.

Gives Report

Monday the elder Gallegos told what happened:

"I had taken off my shoes," he said, "to get ready for bed. A car passed and I saw some horses in the (Petaca) road. I (See LANDINGS, Page 2)



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An Espanola newspaper correspondent said whatever the object was it was not a conventional type object employing thrust. He said the ashes were in place, not scattered.

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The Albuquerque Tribune

Edgewood Man Says He Shot At and Hit Flying Object

By United Press International
A rash of unidentified flying object sightings had New Mexico State Police, local law enforcement agencies and military installations in a dither today.

No less than six "authentic" spottings have been reported since Friday when Socorro Policeman Lonnie Zamora sighted an egg-shaped object which roared off the ground, leaving deep impressions and burned patches.

Fired 12 Shots

Don Adams of Edgewood told State Police he fired 12 .22-calibre pistol shots at an "oblong thing" early today. He told of hitting the UFO six times and hearing the bullets bounce from it.

As he paused to reload, the man said, the object moved silently northward. He was unable to determine whether shots 7 to 12 struck the thing. He described it as being a light green color, about 25 or 30 feet long, and silent. He said it hovered about 100 feet directly over his head.

Edgewood is about 30 miles east of Albuquerque.

A few hours earlier, a motorist in the Las Vegas area reported seeing a ball of fire which apparently landed near a radio station. Employees of the station said the man asked that his name be withheld because he was afraid of being laughed at.

Police also received similar reports Sunday from a Santa Fe man, Orlando Gallegos, who told of seeing an egg-shaped object near La Madera, about 20 miles north of Santa Fe. He told of seeing flames spurt from numerous jets around the bottom of the object as it took off.

State Police Capt. Martin Vigil, who checked out the incident, said "there was definitely something there."

Other reports came from an Albuquerque motorist who saw a "silver looking" object near Truth or Consequences, two men driving in the La Madera area and a Socorro teen-ager.

In both the Socorro and La Madera reports, burned land was found at the sites. Also

discovered were "paw prints, like a mountain lion's," as well as "landing gear marks."

Photos Mailed

The associate director of Interplanetary Intelligence of Unidentified Flying Objects said from his Oklahoma City office that pictures of an UFO sighted in 1956 by a ship-board radio officer were being mailed to Zamora.

The photos were taken by T. Fogelboard the USS Ramsey off the California coast. The IUFO officer, Hayden Hewz, said the object was

"almost identical" in size, coloring, marking, characteristics and landing scars to the thing reported by Zamora.

"Either it was an awful good coincidence or it is the same object," Hewz said.

Zamora, when contacted at his home early today, said he had not yet received the photographs.

Meanwhile, military officials at Kirtland and Holloman Air Force bases and White Sands Missile Range continued efforts to investigate the sightings with no end in sight.

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