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UFO REPORT

INTERESTING
STRUCTURE
OBJECT EXPLODES
DEBRIS COMING
DOWN

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On the night of July 3, 1967, Mr. Nicholl and six friends were in the back yard of his home in Kansas City. Being on daylight savings time, the sun had not yet set and the sky was bright and clear.

A large saucer shaped, metallic object, with a small protrusion on the top, suddenly was noticed in the sky, west southwest of his home. The object seemed to hover in this one spot for 10 or 15 minutes, allowing ample time for Mr. Nicholl to get his four inch reflecting telescope and a pair of 7X50 binoculars to observe the object closely. He reports that the thing was definitely a solid metallic looking object and appeared to have small holes in the protrusion above the disc like, or saucer shaped under-part. He noticed, as did the witnesses, several bright orange lights around the edge, or rim, of the object. He estimated the altitude to be approximately 3,000 feet. He noticed what appeared to be three wispy white lines of vapor, rising from the rim of the object to a point directly above it and terminating in a common apex. This gave the appearance of a cone configuration.

When the object started to move in a southerly direction, at what he ~~was~~ estimated to be between 115 to 120 miles an hour, the vapor lines rising above the object, followed without distorting the configuration observed when it was standing still. It continued in a southerly direction, and at what he estimated to be several miles south, the object exploded. This was accompanied by a large amount of smoke and firey debris falling towards the earth.

first called the local radio station and they said they had had no reports of such an object, but while he was still on the phone, the station operator said that something must have happened because their switch board just lit up like a Christmas tree. Other people were calling in to report the same object.

From this point on, he called many people, including the sheriff, the air force base commander nearby, and other official people who should be interested, and received nothing for his efforts except a great frustration.

Mr. Nicholl owns his own manufacturing business in Kansas City, has been a pilot since 1941 and has taught meteorology at the university for a number of years. He says it was definitely not something conventional that was mistaken. He feels that some of the residue may still be on the ground under where the object exploded and would be most anxious to organize a search party to scout the general vicinity for some evidence.

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