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GENTLEMEN:

Would you kindly send me information on your organization. Can anyone join or is membership limited to scientific individuals?

For what it is worth to you, I will relate an experience I had in the spring of 1952. I believe it occurred in March. I was 15 years old at the time and living with my parents at Hagaman Park, Stevinson, Merced County, California. I was in our back yard gathering clothes around 4 p.m. on a chilly, clear, cloudless spring day. I noted we had a slight north wind. (which is usual that time of year.) As I was working I noticed a very bright orange-red light about the size of a dime at a very high altitude in the Southeast sky. Two things struck me immediately as being unusual.

1. Having lived very close to Castle Air Force base for so long, I was very familiar with the military aircraft in the area and knew that they did not use running lights in broad daylight.

2. Any light that far away and that high would have to be gigantic and extremely bright to be visable to the naked eve in broad daylight.

As I watched it for a few more seconds it was apparent that it wasn't moving. Then, suddenly, it seemed to come straight at me at a tremendous rate of speed. Of course, the size increased in proportion as the distance shortened until it looked like a huge reflector light (the kind they put on bikes.) It then seemed to come to an abrupt stop and hang over an adjacent field (Gallo winery vineyards). Then it started bouncing. It looked like a giant orange-red yo-yo. It kept doing this for a few seconds. Then it seemed to scoot backwards, then forwards, while maintaining its same altitude, which I roughly estimate at about 100 feet. Then, it hovered for a moment and shot straight up with that same tremendous speed it had decended with. I noticed no noise, no odor, no heat, or no wind coming from it or even from the general direction. Due to the intensity of the light I could make out no shape other than that of a ball or sphere. I must admit I was a little disappointed when it disappeared so suddenly leaving me wondering about it. I will also admit to feeling both fear and fascination - the fascination apparently being greater than the fear or I wouldn't have stood around so long. I did not mention the sighting to anyone except my best girl friend, Joyce

Figley for fear of being ridiculed (Thats a disaster when you are 15). I did not hear or read of a similar incident being reported either over the local newscasts or in the local newspaper, The Modesto Bee.

If it was an aircraft of ours' then we are wasting money on our current space program. If it was an aircraft of another nation then in the past 15 years I'm sure they would be ruling the entire world since their technology is so obviously superior to ours. If it was a planet it was a very active, small one. I am familiar with weather balloons and know it wasn't one of those either.

I am sure a report such as mine can't be of any particular interest to you but I submitted it thinking perhaps it would substantiate someone else's or be of some small value in some way.

Sinœrely,

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