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PROBABLE IDENTIFICATION

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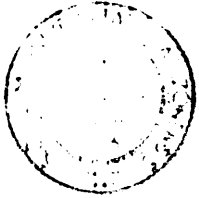
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ANALYST'S COMMENTS (Notes on internal inconsistencies, weak points, strong points, reasons why probably identifiable, etc.): _____



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INSTITUTE OF ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS

December 2, 1968

Chief Eugene A. Ellis
Milledgeville, Georgia, 31061

Dear Chief Ellis:

Thanks again for taking all of that time to go over details of the October 20, 1967, sightings, when I phoned you on December 1. I'd like to take you up on your kind offer to answer a few more points and to get some information from the department logs as to times, names, etc.

Perhaps the easiest way to handle this is to run through a list of numbered questions, and then you can simply refer to the numbers in giving brief answers. That ought to save you at least a little bit of time. The points that I'd like further information on are the following:

- 1) What was the time at which Niblett first noticed in that he saw the object east of town? (Press accounts give 0436 as the time. Is that correct?)
- 2) At what time did Niblett check back in at the station after that first sighting?
- 3) At what time did you get out to the spot on the Oconee River from which you made your observations?
- 4) At what time did Niblett, Mixon, and Poole arrive at the hill, after coming back out from town?
- 5) You indicated that, from your location, the object seemed to come up from a location almost due east. Could you query Niblett as to what direction he thought it lay from the hill? These two directions might shed some light on where the object actually lay, if recollections are at all clear-cut here. (If, by chance, you have a spare city map on which you could mark your location, Niblett's location, and those lines of sight, that would be extremely helpful.)
- 6) What can you recall about the state of the weather that night? Were there any clouds, any precipitation or storms?

7) You described the shape of the object that you saw as somewhat like a water-tank. In press accounts, if I am interpreting them properly, Niblett, at that same time, saw the object "change its shape into that of a giant four-leaf clover." I failed to query Niblett on that, when I talked with him on the phone. If he could give me any further information on that, it might be helpful. Perhaps he could make a rough sketch on a piece of paper and send it along. Am I correct in thinking that he saw the four-leaf-clover shape when he was up on the hill, at about the same time that you were viewing the object?

8) In one press account, it is indicated that, after the object had taken off following the very first sighting by Niblett and Nixon, it came back and moved in behind them while they were en route back to town. Lt. Niblett is quoted as saying, "It lit the police car enough inside to make the hands on your wristwatch visible." Was that an accurate quote?

9) Would your logs show any entry referring to the reports from the Warrenton PD, concerning their having viewed the glowing object off to their west? That particular point is of considerable importance in the case. Would there be any way by which you could query the Warrenton PD to see if they show anything in their own logs on this point? If that's out of the question, could you give me the name of the Chief of Police at Warrenton, so that I might try to contact him myself, perhaps.

10) It would be very helpful to know the date and the time of that incident involving the tourists from Pennsylvania. It would also be useful to know the names of the two officers who went out in the two cars that night. If you could get a brief description of what they saw, how close the light was, the compass direction towards which it lay, etc., that might be very useful. Was the ball of light moving or stationary? what was its color? how big did it seem?

11) Would there be anything in your logs giving the date on which the observations were made from an airplane? (A press item from the October 27 *Columbus Enquirer* indicates that occurred on Wednesday night. It says that the "pilots spotted bright, glowing objects but were never able to get close enough to make any identification." Can anything be added to that?

12) Coming back again to the 10:20 sighting, could you check with Lt. Niblett to see if his group also observed the

object with trees or hills in the background? (You will recall that you mentioned having seen it with distant trees behind it, as it began to rise up to your east. If Niblett and his group were on higher ground, then perhaps they had an even better opportunity to see it with some terrain features behind it. The significance of this point is that it puts an upper limit on the distance, and, of course, most definitely rules out anything like the idea of a planet being involved in this sighting. There are, obviously, several other points that are equally strong bases of rejecting the "Venus" idea.)

13) Does your office have any information on the present location of Charles Mixon and J. M. Poole? Our telephone operator was unable to locate them.

14) Oh, yes, one other point on the 10/20 incidents. Does your log show anything confirming the observations down at Dublin of an object coming down out of the north, just after Niblett reported its first south-bound departure? A positive confirmation on that would be extremely useful. If your logs don't show it but you think that I might pick up some information on it by contacting the Dublin PD, could you send me the name of their Chief of Police, perhaps.

Hope that isn't too long a list of questions to burden you with. As I said on the phone, I believe that this series of sightings at Milledgeville could become quite important in connection with evaluations of the Colorado report that will soon be released. I shall appreciate getting your answers, however brief.

I enjoyed very much talking with you on the phone, and was amused at some of the humorous twists that you brought out. But I do want to emphasize that I regard all of this as a matter of most serious scientific importance, justifying far more detailed investigations than many of these sightings have ever received.

Sincerely yours,

James E. McDonald
Senior Physicist

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Enclosure

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*Maybe for this you can
infer some of details that
sound so relevant to
rebutting any Venus
speculation. jcm*

January 24, 1969

Chief Eugene A. Ellis
Department of Police
Milledgeville, Ga. 31061

Dear Chief Ellis:

We notice, in examining the just released Condon Report on unidentified flying objects, that one of the case histories discussed in some detail appears to be the series of sightings in Georgia in October, 1967, although specific data and locales have been deliberately omitted.

Since the series of reports has been explained wholesale as astronomical misidentifications, it would be most helpful to us if we could obtain first-hand information from you and your associates who made the observations so that Dr. Condon's assessments can be properly weighed.

For this purpose, I am enclosing a number of our standard UFO report forms. If you and Officers Niblett, Nixon, Poole and Council could fill them out, at your convenience, and return them to our office, we would be most appreciative. The information you provide on these sightings could be extremely valuable in evaluating the Colorado University investigators' conclusions.

If you can assist ^{you} us in this request for details, it would be very helpful if you could make diagrams specifically showing the directions in which the object was seen, and in which the witnesses were looking. The important point to try to establish in the sightings is the question of whether or not the object seen actually moved its location in the sky; particularly, was the object seen to the west at any time?

Dr. James McDonald has already expressed to us his opinion that the Condon conclusions regarding your sightings leave a number of unsettled points. If you can help us establish the facts in this series of intriguing reports, we would be grateful. We hope you will oblige us with your cooperation. Thanks in advance.

Very truly yours,

Ted Bloecher
NICAP Staff

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City Edition

2 policemen spot UFO at Thomson

THOMSON, Ga. —Would you believe that a flying saucer was spotted near Thomson early Friday morning?

Thomson city police officer Jack Garrison said he didn't know whether he believed it or not.

"I saw something," Garrison said, "but I still don't know what it was.

"It looked like a star, but it kept changing colors from bright red to bright green."

Garrison and his partner officer Bill Fulmer were called on to try and spot the strange object at approximately 4:55 a.m. Friday after reports started pouring in from sur-

rounding towns about an unidentified flying object.

Garrison and Fulmer took their patrol car out Georgia Highway 12 and Garrison was the first to see something about two miles out of town.

"I saw the thing about 5:05 a.m.," Garrison said. "It was a long ways off and at first I thought it was a star.

"We stopped the car and the more we watched it the more it began to change colors.

"It was bigger than a baseball, but I can't say just how big it was," Garrison said.

Since the sighting reports began, Warner Robbins AFB has been called in to investigate.

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Venus Seeks Revenge?

By SALLY RIOLS
Herald Staff Writer

Were the Venusians striking back?

Many Georgians may have thought a counter-attack was in progress when they spotted a strange flying object with flashing lights early today.

Possibly the inhabitants of Venus weren't too pleased about the invasion by a Russian spacecraft this week.

Residents in a half-dozen towns alerted police when they spotted the unidentified object which reportedly changed in shape from a ball to a four-leaf clover and in color from red to green.

The object was first reported in Milledgeville at 4:40 a.m.,

and later spotted in Thomson, Milledgeville, Sandersville, Bowman, Greensboro and Dublin.

Apparently the "thing" didn't make its way to Augusta or North Augusta, since no reports were received by either of the local police departments.

The Milledgeville Police Dept., dispatched a unit to "spot" the object after receiving reports of the UFO from three persons.

According to wire reports Milledgeville law enforcement officials described the object as bright red, about 25 feet in diameter and moving due west.

Later they said the object changed from red to green and from a ball shape to a four-leaf clover shape.

Robert L. Stevens Jr., of the Thomson highway patrol station where reports were coordinated, said he had been advised the object was a weather bureau balloon released near Jackson, Miss., drifting at 117,000 feet with flashing red, green and white lights.

"It must be some sort of experimental job," a spokesman from the Bush Field weather station said.

The U. S. Weather Bureau in Atlanta said it had no knowledge of such a balloon and said weather balloons normally have only a small red light on them. The Atlanta Flight Service, which would issue warnings to pilots in such events, said it had no report on a weather balloon.

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Middle Georgians Still Battered By Unidentified Flying Objects

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Don't Know

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Planes Chased

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Columbus Enquirer

COLUMBUS, Ga., Friday Morning, October 27, 1967

Not Drunk, Says Sheriff Telling of UFO Sighting

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NIBLETT - MIXSON
MILLEDGEVILLE, GA.
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POLICE SEE IT**UFO Is Sighted
In Georgia Sky**

By WALKER LUNDY

An unidentified flying object—shaped like a football and later like a four-leaf clover—was spotted before dawn Friday by four veteran Milledgeville policemen, one of whom doubles as a Georgia Bureau of Investigation agent.

The object also was reported from a half-dozen other Georgia towns, including Dublin, Thomson, Sandersville, B o w m a n, Greensboro and Warrenton.

The state patrol station at Thomson said it was advised the object was a giant weather balloon floating 20 miles up over Jackson, Miss. However, the patrol radio operator said he did not know from where that information came.

AS LATE AS noon, the Air Force at Warner Robins still was trying to find out what the object was. "We're working on that feverishly," a spokesman said, "but we still don't have anything to report."

First reports that the Air Force and the U.S. Weather Bureau had identified the object as a weather balloon were subsequently denied.

"We speculated it might be a weather balloon," said the Air Force spokesman. "But we didn't say it was. We don't know."

The U.S. Weather Bureau in Atlanta said it had no knowledge

of any weather balloon.

"I'D LIKE TO know what it was, too," said 36-year-old Milledgeville Police Lt. James Niblett. "I've never seen a weather balloon move that fast."

Lt. Niblett, a city policeman for 1½ years and father of four, apparently got the best look at the UFO along with his partner, Officer Charles Mixon, who also is a GBI agent.

They first spotted it while on routine patrol on Georgia 22 just east of Milledgeville at 4:36 a.m.

"At first, I thought it was a new street light we'd never seen before. But as we got closer, it began moving away," the lieutenant related.

THE TWO OFFICERS followed the object, which then appeared as a bright red, football-shaped light, for about eight miles out into the country, he said. They lost sight of it and headed back into town.

"This object, whatever it was, caught up with us as we approached the city limits," he said.

"The other boy (Mixon) started making a pretty scared sound and pointing out behind us. That is when I turned around and saw it," Lt. Niblett continued.

"It lit the police car enough inside to make the hands on your wristwatch visible," he said.

THE OBJECT appeared to be about tree-top level and about the size of a large water tank, the officer said.

"I radioed in that we were being followed by a flying object. I didn't know what it was, but it was following us," he said.

When the officers stopped the car and got out, Lt. Niblett said, the object veered away and disappeared.

They went back to the police station and picked up a third officer, Patrolman J. M. Poole, and drove out to a hill to try to spot the UFO again. Later, a fourth officer, Alan Council, joined them.

"We observed it for about 20 minutes," Lt. Niblett said. "It changed from bright red to orange and then a bright-colored light like an electric weld."

The object then appeared to change its shape into that of a giant four-leaf clover, the officer said.

WE WEREN'T drinking and we weren't scared," the lieutenant swore.

He also said the object appeared to have a "thrust, maybe an exhaust."

The policeman said he did not believe it was a flying saucer.

"If what I've heard about flying saucers is true, this wasn't one," he said. "This wasn't saucer-shaped."

He added that he wasn't even sure he believed in flying saucers. "That was the farthest thing from my mind this morning," he explained.

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(NEWANAN, GEORGIA)---POLICE IN NEWANAN, GEORGIA, SAY THEY HAD A REAL LIVE FLYING SAUCER HOVERING OVER THE TOWN ALL NIGHT.

BUT THEY SAY IT STAYED ONLY FOR THE NIGHT. IT VANISHED AT BREAK OF DAY THIS MORNING.

THE NEWANAN U-F-O WAS ONE OF TWO REPORTED SEEN IN CENTRAL GEORGIA. THE FIRST DIDN'T GET MUCH ATTENTION. BUT THE SECOND WAS REPORTED SEEN BY 11 DIFFERENT HIGHWAY PATROL AND POLICE UNITS IN AS MANY TOWNS. THEY WERE DESCRIBED AS ABOUT EIGHT OR NINE INCHES IN DIAMETER, EMITTING A DARK, BLUE LIGHT.....

NEWANAN PATROLMAN DALE SPRADLIN SAYS HE CHASED THE SECOND U-F-O ABOUT EIGHT MILES BEFORE IT PULLED AWAY. WHEN HE TURNED HIS CAR AROUND AND STARTED BACK TO TOWN THE U-F-O CHASED HIM.

POLICE SAID THE U-F-O HOVERED OVER THE TOWN ALL NIGHT BUT DISAPPEARED AT DAWN. OFFICIALS AT WARNER ROBBINS AIR FORCE BASE, HOWEVER, SAID THEIR RADAR HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO PICK UP ANY OBJECTS IN THE SKY OVER NEWANAN.

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UFO Chases Police Car and

From Press Dispatches

NEWNAN—A rash of unidentified flying objects were reported sighted here early Sunday, including a blue ball that a police officer said followed him and then hovered over this small central Georgia town until daybreak.

The sightings were the latest in a series of UFO reports that began early Friday in east Georgia and spread into central portion of the state Sunday.

State Patrolman Jerry Goldin at the Manchester station said he was the first to spot Sunday's UFO's, one ice blue and about a mile high and the other one a yellow rectangle-shaped object with a red side about 100 yards above the trees.

Before the night was over, highway patrolmen and policemen from 11 different towns had seen similar objects. Reports came from such scattered middle Georgia locations as

Milledgeville, Greenville, Newnan, Talbotton, Fayetteville and Taylor County.

Newnan Patrolman Dale Spradlin said he followed a ball of light about eight inches in diameter for about eight miles down a road just outside Newnan.

"It was a good distance in front of us, pulling away, so we turned around to come back to town," said Spradlin who was on patrol with officer Gerald Masdon. The object was traveling above tree-top level.

"The object turned on us and followed," he said. "It was gaining on us and we were going about 75 miles per hour."

After the object caught up with him, it pulled into the sky, emitting a beam of bluish light that illuminated the roadway, the officer said.

Spradlin said he could not tell how close the object was to his car, "but a boy and girl

Hovers over Newnan

parked at a lake who witnessed the chase said it seemed to be right above us."

Officer Masdon said he and his partner Spradlin heard about the object from the state patrol radio about 1:30 a.m. Sunday, but didn't actually see anything until about 4:30 a.m.

"We had almost forgotten about hearing about it until we were patrolling south on Greenville Street and saw this light off to the east. I don't know what it was and have never said it was a flying saucer. I saw a light that moved all around and I've got no idea what it was," Masdon said.

"We pulled into a car dealer's lot so we could get a better look," he continued. "The light was over to the east beyond a railroad bank. At the time, it seemed about the height of the bank, but we couldn't tell how far away it was."

"We left the lot and went to where we could get a line of bearing on the light by marking

it with a building and then we started toward it. We followed it about eight miles out of town east on Poplar Road. We came to a State Patrol car, and we turned around.

"I was driving and Spradlin was watching the light through the back window. It seemed to get higher like it was gaining on us—that's when he reported it was gaining on us."

"It was a bright light and looked a lot like one of these mercury vapor lamps—with a sort of bluish glow. It moved around all right, but I don't know what it was."

Highway patrolmen and policemen from a wide area watched it until dawn when it faded out of sight. By that time, officers said, it had climbed high into the sky, looking like a bright star except for its erratic movements.

A spokesman for Warner Robins Air Force Base said he had heard the reports of the objects but that nothing was seen on the base radar.

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UFOs Spotted Over Georgia But Fail to Blip for Radar

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By United Press International

Policemen in a dozen different towns across Georgia were plagued Sunday by reports of a profusion of colored, glowing, whirring things that hovered over towns, frightened young lovers, and in one instance, chased an officer and beamed a bluish light at him.

Patrolmen, sheriff's officers, and various other people in towns across the middle of the state said they saw unidentified flying objects (UFOs), but the weird aerial phenomena did not show up on the radar at Warner Robins Air Force Base, according to a spokesman.

The reported objects sighted Sunday, following earlier ones Friday, ranged from an icy blue ball that moved and changed tone, to a deep yellow box with one fire-engine red side that hung over treetops, to a red thing with a tail.

Newnan officer Dale Spradlin told of being chased by a steady, fluorescent-like beam of

light that he and officer Gerald Mascon had followed for about eight miles in their patrol car.

"It was a good distance from us, so we turned around to come back and could still see it in our back window," he said.

"The object turned on us and followed," Spradlin continued. "It was gaining on us at about 75 miles an hour."

He said a girl and boy parked at a lake watched the chase and said "it seemed to be right above us, about treetop high." When it caught up with the car, he added, it beamed down a bluish light that illuminated the whole roadway, then zoomed up into the sky.

Three Newnan police units, Coweta County officers, and police from Talbotton, Taylor County, and LaFayette watched the thing until dawn, when it disappeared.

Highway patrolman Jerry Goldin in his lonely mountain outpost at Manchester was the

first person in his area to report two different UFOs. "They thought I was drunk," Goldin said.

The blue ball that hovered about a mile above earth and a yellow and red rectangle about 100 yards above the trees later "scared two lovers out there to death," the officer added.

Reports from Newnan, Americus, Macon and Manchester said a reddish thing with a tail that varied in color to bluish hues soared above those towns. Police in Warm Springs, Greenville, Perry and Milledgeville said it was visible there as well.

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Maj. D. E. Keyhoe, USMC, Ret. Director
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Dear Major Keyhoe:

For sometime I have been deeply interested in the fascinating possibilities of UFO sightings and their meaning for our country. I have read all I could find, including everything you have written, and am sincerely convinced that they do exist and that they should be intensely studied. Today I read the LOOK article with your remarks and request that all sightings be reported directly to you.

OCT. 20 1967

In February of this year a whole week of sightings took place at Milledgeville, Georgia, and you may already be aware of them. I and a friend went to Milledgeville two different evenings, hoping that we would see one. On the second evening we think we did. I wrote the whole story to the U of Colorado, thinking that at last we had a really 'in depth' study going on, by interested people. I received a nice note of thanks, and that was all. Perhaps at this point I should tell you a bit about the Milledgeville proceedings.

The first I knew of them was a silly little note in our Macon papers, saying sightings had been made and that the sheriff of some county reported they were balloons sent up by kids with helium and / or candles in them, and laughing off the whole thing. I called the police patronman down there who had initially reported that a UFO had followed his patrol car down a country road at about 5 a.m. the day before, playing tag with him, and had scared him to pieces. I had a long talk with him, and knew when I finished that what he saw was certainly a bona fide UFO. The next day the papers reported sightings by other people in the vicinity of Milledgeville as well as in several other parts of middle Georgia. This is when I called the newspapers and gave them the very dickens for assuming that attitude, and asked them to print the enclosed letter.

The next evening a friend and I went to Milledgeville, talked again with the two patrolmen who had seen the UFO, as well as several other people there who had sighted it, and one young man who had taken a photo of it. By this time two representatives from U of Colo. had been to town. I don't know how long they stayed, or exactly what they did, but they did usurp the photo the little boy had taken and had asked for the one the young man had taken, and been refused. I later saw the copy of the one the little boy had taken, and it is exactly like what we had seen in the UFO books, like this:



Bright metal of
some sort.

The little boy had taken it with a polaroid, and had hurried to get another, but as you know, by the time he waited the necessary minute, the thing had risen so high that he got a far-away shot only. The first One had been taken when it was almost in front of him on the ground, he having come upon it in an open field. It could not be a fake, as you could see a cow in the foreground, and it was all made during the week and shown during the week that people saw the UFO all over Milledgeville.

We did not see a UFO that night, and decided two days later, when they were still being sighted, to go back down there (it is a trip of about 40 minutes). When we got there, we saw a large group of people on a hill, trying to spot one. It seems that the UFO had repeatedly been sighted early in the evenings running down the center of a little river there, as though it might hide in the bushes alongside during the day, and then rise over the river at evening. So people were on the hill where it had been seen before. One of the men we talked with was a Baptist minister, a young man about 40, who said he never had believed in them before, but if we wondered how he now felt, just come to church on Sunday, and we would hear how he "got religion" (he said this laughingly, but was quite sincere) He had returned the evening we were where with his two small sons, as he wanted them to see one if possible. We talked with at least 7 or 8 persons who had also seen it the night before. Also, we found that another policeman had a copy of the pictures taken by the two boys and we went and looked them up and reexamined the photos. They were certainly authentic. One was a series of pictures taken by the older boy, who said he laid on his stomach in an open field, and took one after another as they watched the UFO rise over a hilltop. Those pictures were not too good as they were taken at night, but quite obviously were as he represented them. *He had been with 2 parolians on duty when he took one with them & took pictures*

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It was on that second evening, as we drove home around 12 p.m., that the lady with me, (who was keeping her eyes on the sky while I drove) suddenly said, "what is that right over to your left?" I pulled the car to the side of the road on a very steep hill overlooking an open field, and there above and in front of us about a quarter of a mile or less, was a brilliant red sparkling light. We could see no object around or behind it, the light was about the size of an automobile if you sighted it about the same distance away. It is most difficult to be absolutely sure of your distances and sizes when there is no frame of reference --- black night --- nothing around it ---- but that is about the best I can do. However, I can tell you this: It ~~was~~ first sighted to our far left, moved directly in front of us and across to our far right, keeping about the height of a tall tree above us, and finally disappeared beyond a large clump of trees, looking like it was landing, it was so low --- it was too close to "disappear over the horizon" Instead, it just seemed to go down behind the trees, suddenly. There was no sound whatever, which made it so eerie on this lonely road --- there were no other noises which might have drowned it out, and we are both very keenly aware of what we should be looking for, having read so much about UFOs for years. We told one another the following, just as it was in our vision:

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1. It was a huge sparkle, bright red.
2. There was no sound, though if it had been a plane it would have been very, very loud at this distance.
3. There was a small ~~yellow~~ light on the right of the object and a small green light on the left, but they did not sparkle.
4. It did not bank as a plane would have, going from left to right and then ~~turning~~ about to land, but it continued to stand straight up, and the only changes we observed were the disappearance of both the green and white lights as it passed away from our front vision. This was strange, as the one on the side nearest us should have remained in view. We could only surmise that it had been extinguished. The whole affair took only about 2 minutes, as it was moving majestically and slowly. A plane would have been much faster, even it was about to land. And lastly, if it is or if it were possible for anything to turn so fast that you could not see it turning, we would say that the huge red light was turning instead of sparkling. But it would have been so fast that nothing we ever saw could twirl that rapidly.

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Several days later we decided to ^{Gib}back and try to find the place in the road where we had pulled up and stopped, hoping to try to set the size of the object if we could, by the surrounding terrain over which it flew. We had no trouble finding the place, because it was the only one with a huge field on either side of the road, (no trees to obstruct our view, thank goodness), and a hill directly in front of us. We let our eyes follow the path that the UFO had followed before us, and then decided to drive around and try to get into the place where it had seemed to go down for a landing.

We drove directly down a dirt road, and imagine our amazement to see a large set of high power lines, going right along the route the UFO had taken, even that the line went across the road (we had been unable to see that in the dark) and away off in the distance from whence it had come into our vision in the first place. In other words, the UFO had been traveling down a straight line which just happened to cross the road when we could see it, and it had left the power line when it seemed to be landing. I guess the huge field in front of us at the time during the day when we were reconnoitering was the place it must have been heading for, and if it had not been such a dark night we could have traced and followed to where it was going --- (if we had dared, that is.)

A few days later we were exchanging all of this information with a young lady who attends college there in Milledgeville, and her story was the strangest of all. It seems that she and her friends saw it twice. The first time it was flying so low over the ~~high~~ street behind the college that it seemed to be about to hit the trees. They stood in their upstairs dormitories and watched a police car rushing under the UFO, apparently trying to make it stop, and the thing was obviously playing with it and not stopping. She was telling this to another group of friends on the following day, and they were quite skeptical about the whole thing and were laughing at the two girls telling it. Suddenly someone looked out the second floor window, and exclaimed "Well, if you don't believe in it, what do you call that?" They all ran to the window and were speechless as a huge round object seemed to be floating noiselessly toward their window. They were quite frightened, and as it got almost there it suddenly rose gently over the building, and they could look up into the UFO, where they said there was a huge hole in the middle, a round hole, through which they could see something moving. That was all they had time to see as it rose over the grounds and stayed up in the sky for several hours, hovering over the campus, then disappeared.

Later that day one of the huge "mother ships" was observed far up in the sky but the girl telling us of it did not see it herself.

I hope all of this will be of help to you. If you care to send someone to Milledgeville, I am sure you can get all of this authenticated, and perhaps see the two pictures. (one was a series, the other a single).

Sincerely yours,

Malcolm (Dr. Abbott) - J. Van...
(Handwritten signature)

I later drew a diagram of all of the sightings in Georgia, on a map, and found to my amazement that it followed the Michel idea of the straight line, which he calls "orthoteny"

We did one further thing to make sure we were not wishful thinking on the sighting we had made. We called the Airforce Base at Warner Robins to ask if this could have been some noiseless kind of helicopter. Negative.

Then we asked them if a plane of some sort could have had a huge revolving light on it, so large and so bright that it would hide the fuselage and the wings from us. Negative.

They told us there are "search planes" and that one might well have been out that night, but that it was not what we had seen, for the turning light on top was very small compared to what we had seen, it was not so brilliant that it would have hidden our view of the wings and fuselage, and it could not turn that rapidly, but when you saw it you could see it was turning.

I wish to add one last word of thanks to you and your committee who, alone seem to care enough to work out this problem for the protection of all of us.

Another thought has just come to me. My husband belongs to a group of men who call themselves "The Palaver Club" twelve men who meet monthly, one giving a paper on any subject which interests him and the others discussing it afterwards. Since I have got him deeply interested in UFOs, he will give his paper on that (his turn happens to be June 5th). I, too, am about to give a paper on the book, FLYING SAUCERS A CHALLENGE TO SCIENCE, by the Vallees, because it encompasses so much material.

Since we are both working at our reviews, I wonder if you have something to offer us, something we may quote of yours, something, perhaps, which has not been published? We would very much like to hear from you.

I would particularly like to hear what you think of the theory (I forget whose) that there is perhaps something under the UFOs which release them from our magnetic field? It seems to us that this is the only possible solution.

Thanks for your patience with
this Lodge Podge letter —

Heleen Frank

ATLANTA
(NO SIGHTINGS)

FAYETTEVILLE

NEWNAN

GREENVILLE

MANCHESTER

TALBOTTON

GREENSBORO

THOMSON

MILLEDGEVILLE

SANDERSVILLE

MACON
(NO SIGHTINGS)

DUBLIN

1967: Milledgeville, GA et al

multi events & witnesses.

(Colorado case)

GEORGIA REPORTS Georgia has been the scene of the same type of sightings that have been crowding Florida cars off the road..... On Oct. 22 reports were filed in 11 different towns - from such scattered locations as Milledgeville, Greenville, Newman, Talbotton, Fayetteville and Taylor County. State Patrolman Jerry Goldin said he was the first to spot the UFO - one ice blue and the other a yellow rectangle-shaped object with a red side about 100 yards off the tops of the trees. The blue one was about a mile high. Newman Patrolman Dale Spradlin said he chased a ball of light ---- 8 inches in diameter for about 8 miles down a road just outside Newman. "It was a good distance in front of us pulling away, so we turned around to come back to town," said Spradlin. He added that the object was traveling above tree-top level. It turned on us and followed, he said, it was going and gaining on us and was going about 75 miles per hour." After the object caught up with him, it pulled into the sky, emitting a beam of bluish light that illuminated the roadway, the officer said..... The newspaper shortly after that released the 'explanation' that this object was a weather balloon. Although earlier reports had discounted that as a possible explanation.....(ScoopNote: Show me a weather balloon that will chase a police car for 8 miles - doing 75 MPH - not to mention the fact that it was reported to be 8 inches big!)

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