

1953: Santa Fe, NM CEI

An hour after the last sighting of strange lights at Lubbock, a Jimmie Milligan of Santa Fe, New Mexico, 250 miles to the northwest, got the scare of his life.

The Albuquerque Tribune reported:

"Jimmie Milligan, 16-year-old high school, was driving home about 9:30 p.m. Near the intersection of Bishop Lodge Road and Ball Park Road 'a thing' sailed in front of his headlamps from the east.

"The object was so close Jimmie thought his left headlamp was going to hit it. He slammed on his brakes and turned off to the left, in the direction he saw it go. At first he thought it was only a piece of metal blown by the wind --not until later did he realize there wasn't any wind that night.

"'I got out and went up close to where it was,' Jimmie told the Associated Press. 'It was in the brush at the side of the road, pointed toward town, and right in front of it was a dirt embankment and a wooden fence.

"'By the light of the moon, here's the way it looked to me. It was kind of gunmetal color, sort of like a dull aluminum, and it was shaped a little like a great big bullet. I would say it was about three feet high, 10 feet long and about five feet across. It was something like two boat hulls stuck together, or like an almond.'

"Out of curiosity, Jimmie reached out to touch it. Then it began to roar. It raised up in the air a couple of feet, began to climb swiftly, just cleared the wooden fence, and took off in a steep climb in the direction of Santa Fe.

"Jimmie is the son of Harold F. Milligan, telephone company foreman. He is a B high school student. His mother says he is not overly imaginative but that when he got home he was white and shaky and 'he looked so odd when he came in that door. He offered to swear on a whole stack of Bibles as to what he had seen.'

"Jimmie said later there was no glow or spitting of fire, no heat or carbon monoxide smell, or any feeling of 'suction.' He said the noise was like a washing machine engine 'but even faster.'" 134.

When Brigadier General G.C. Eddy, Commander at White Sands, New Mexico, was asked about Jimmie's encounter, he asserted that the object in question could not have come from his test range and other than that: "I know nothing whatever about this incident." 135.

About three hours after after Jimmie's experience, another overflight of strange lights was observed at Lubbock in Texas. A V-formation of 8-10 lights came out of north and veered west. The passage was so swift the lights were in sight only three seconds.

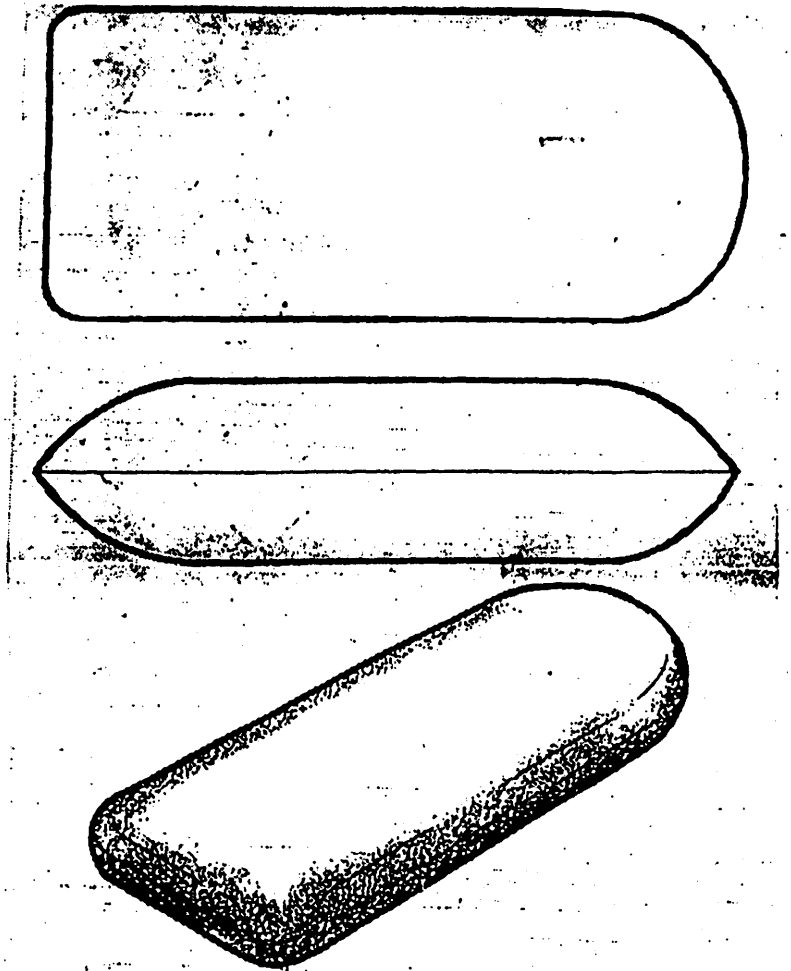
No more lights were seen until Halloween night. 136.

(Loren Gross Entry)

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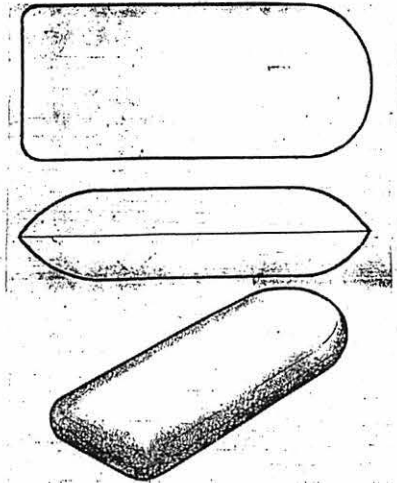
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