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 A pair of Richmond brothers,
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 street, called about 9 p. m. to re-
 port a large, red glow in the north-
 west sky. Lou Benner described it
 as appearing like a red light be-
 hind a cloud. They were in their
 car and had stopped on the Water-
 fall road to observe it. It moved
 to the east and the pair saw it
 again from Reid hospital.

An air force captain and former
 newspaperman, Dennis McClendon,
 of the Wright-Patterson Air Force
 base at Dayton, said Wednesday
 night there were few leads to go
 on. He said "object" stories oc-
 curred while he was employed on
 a Houston paper but all proved in-
 tangible.

An official of the base's Air
 Technical Intelligence center said
 the service has found no evidence
 of flying saucers in the last 10
 years. The report, released by The
 Associated Press, was made to a
 Dayton paper. The report said
 5,700 sightings were investigated in
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port a UFO. Officers Barela and Tarazon of the Las Cruces city police department, and officer Archleta of the Sheriff's Office, were the first to spot the UFO. Other lawmen, unnamed members of the State Police, also saw the UFO.

According to officer Tarazon, he spotted what he first thought to be a fire on top the Organ Mountains. While talking to another officer, yet another light appeared. Evidently the possibility of a fire was what drew so much attention. As police watched, a round light, the size of a quarter at arm's length, rose straight up into the air from the mountain peak. The glowing blob kept gaining altitude slowly, changing color from red, to blue, and then to white. The thing faded from view as it entered a cloud bank at 20,000 feet. (95.)

6 November. Montville, Ohio. (about 11:00)

"The landing." The Olden Moore story.

Olden Moore spend the day in Painesville. Late that evening he left town and headed for home ten miles to the south. Everyone was talking about seeing flying saucers but Moore thought anyone who reported such visions should be under a doctors care.

Speeding along, Moore approached the intersection of Route 86 and Hart Road just outside Montville, Ohio. Up ahead in the night sky was a brilliant point of light traveling fast. Moore's first thought was that he was seeing a meteor. With tremenous speed the light dropped lower and lower and rapidly grew in size.

Moore:

"...it split into two pieces. One part went straight upward. The part that remained seemed brighter than ever and kept getting bigger. When it got to be about the size of a sheet of paper [8X11"?], I pulled the car into a side road and got out." (96.)

To correct some bad reporting Moore turned off the engine himself. The car did not stall.

The "thing" seemed to be heading straight toward Moore. Said Moore: "The color changed, as it approached, from bright white to a green haze, and then to blue-green..." (97.)

The thing abruptly stopped and hovered 200 feet above a 20 acre parcel of land owned by a farmer named Ernest Mausling. The property bordered the intersection of Route 86 and Hart Road. The thing lower itself slowly to the ground. Nothing could be heard by Moore during this maneuver except for a whirring sound. The landing site was about 500 feet from where he was standing. Moore stated: "I stood by the car watching the thing for some 15 minutes before I decided to walk toward it....I wasn't afraid at the time." (98.)

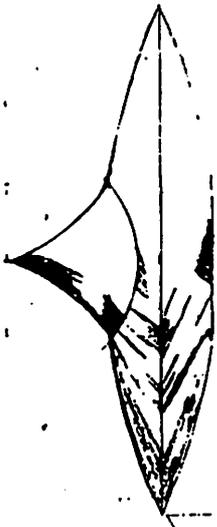
The Mausling farmhouse was even closer to the "landing" than Moore (about 300 feet). The residents, questioned later, slept through everything. (99.)

Mrs. Wenzel and her car.

A half mile (another account says four miles) from the "landing site," was the Leroy Wenzel farm on Route 528 just north of the Route 86 intersection. Mrs. Mildred Wenzel had parked her car in the driveway the evening of November 6th. Having done so, she went in doors and settled down to watch television.

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Edward J. Moore



She found that every channel was blurred. Disappointed, she went to bed. (100.)

Moore again.

Returning to Moore, we find he had something to say about the UFO's appearance. He said the thing looked to be:

"...about 50 feet in diameter, disc-like about 15 feet thick with a cone on top making the over-all height between 20 and 30 feet.

"It was surrounded by a blue-green haze, like a fog, mostly green. And the color pulsated slowly, alternating between bright and dim.

"If you recall, the moon was especially bright that night, and it was the moonlight that made it possible to distinguish the object itself from the haze.

"When the haze was dim, whatever the thing was made of looked the same as those mirrored sun glasses - the kind where the outside of the glasses look like mirrors, and you cannot see the wearer's eyes. I didn't see any windows." (101.)

Moore walked toward the object, approaching within 200 feet. He said the thing: "...appeared to be standing on legs of some kind, as he could see underneath and all around it. It was very bright and phosphorescent like a radium luminous watch dial in color. There were no windows that he could notice." 102.) Moore stopped his approach and glanced around. He wanted other witnesses but no one was in sight. Moore made up his mind to continue his trip home which was only six miles away. When he reached his house he grabbed his wife and took her to the "landing site." (103.)

Mrs. Moore later told the press:

"When he asked me to leave the house, all I could think of was worrying about leaving the four children alone asleep, at that time of night," said Mrs. Moore.

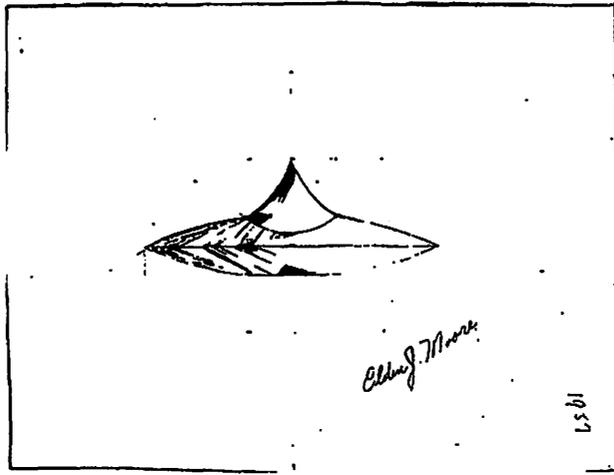
"But he was so excited, that I agreed to go. He described what had happened while we were on the way. When we got there, there was nothing." (104.)

The press story on this states further: "The couple returned home, and Moore instructed his wife to say nothing of the incident to anyone." (105.)

Unknown object in orbit. (See clipping)

An unexplained "thing" in orbit with Sputnik II might have been part of the rocket booster, yet its possible it was something quite strange. Back on October 18, 1957, the Russians complained something similar was near Sputnik I. According to Radio Moscow their scientists: "...were worried about some unidentifiable objects in the vicinity of their satellite. It went on to say that these are what are known to the American public as 'flying saucers.'" (106.)

The possibility of unknown bodies in orbit was later confirmed by Mr. Robin Sanborn, former Chief of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Satellite Tracking System. Sanborn said in 1966 that: "...from 10 to 15 percent of the pictures taken showed unidentified objects, but that these



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RADIATION SICKNESS AFTER UFO SIGHTING?

USSR CLAIMS ANTI-GRAVITY DISCS

On the evening of 2 January, Radio Moscow announced that anti-gravity discs are under development in Russia. This information was forwarded to headquarters by Jan Herr, of San Diego.

We watched papers and listened to endless news broadcasts, in hopes of hearing further details and comments by western officials, but there were none. The announcement, incidentally, is what has been feared by some researchers, including Major Donald E. Keyhoe. Frankly, we here at Alamogordo have not been concerned with the possible hysteria which might result from such an announcement, because we have been putting our faith in the ability of high officials to keep such news from receiving widespread attention. Although the possibility of moon rockets manufactured by the Russians has received a good deal of publicity by our own press, it is obvious that this particular piece of news was never meant for the public ears.

Despite Russian claims in the past that the saucers were only capitalistic attempts to confuse and frighten other nations, they have changed their tune in the past three months. In October they made their first claim that the saucers belonged to them—and this before the saucer "hysteria" of November. It is now apparent that they have been secretly investigating and gathering data on the discs, and have now learned enough about them to do some experimenting. The word "development" in the news release was the most disconcerting part.

It is generally accepted that the United States has been carrying on research into the possibility of utilizing anti-gravitational propulsion, and we can only hope that they are not in arrears in this research as well as in their attempt to launch a satellite. If the Russian communique had said that it was "experimenting," there might be some hope that the free world isn't too far behind; but the fact that the communique stated that the discs are "under development"—the connotation is that the Soviet has built a disc-like craft utilizing the anti-gravitational principle and are testing and developing it.

(See *USSR Claims*, page 7)

GEIGER COUNTER REGISTERS 150 MICROROENTGENS AT SITE OF SAUCER LANDING

Olden Moore, who claims he saw a landed "space ship" near the intersection of Route 86 and Hart Road in Montville Township, Ohio, on 6 November, has had his story backed up by a geiger counter reading which registered 10 times the normal background radioactivity, a day after the sighting. The details:

Moore, a plasterer, was driving home from Painesville at 11:30 p. m., when a disc-shaped, bright object "loomed up in front" of him, then seemed to split apart. One section "disappeared," the other settled down in a field near the road. When Moore saw the object, he shut off his lights and pulled his car off the road.

When the object landed, Moore watched it for about 15 minutes, then got out of his car and approached it. He heard a ticking sound, somewhat like the tick of a water meter. He stopped before he got near the thing, then went back, got in his car and went home to get his wife. In all, he had observed the object for about 20 minutes. When they arrived back at the field, the object was gone.

At 11:30 a. m. the next morning, Moore's wife reported the incident to Sheriff Robusky by telephone. On November 8, he was questioned by Lake County Civil Defense Director Kenneth Locke, Geauga County Sheriff Louis A. Robusky, army authorities, scientists from Case Institute of Technology and newsmen.

And then the biggest mystery began. Olden Moore was gone for a few days, and when he returned, he wouldn't say where he had been. But Mrs. Moore told friends he had gone to Washington, D. C. in connection with the sighting of the UFO. When asked about this, Mr. Moore merely said, "She talks too much. I talked to high officials. I was sworn to secrecy—I won't say where I was."

Moore signed an affidavit containing the details of what he had seen, and the 150 microroentgen reading was taken in the middle of an area 50 feet in diameter in the spot in the field where Moore said he saw the object. At the perimeter of that area, the reading dropped to 20 or 30 microroentgens. Fifteen or 20 are normal readings.

(See *Geiger Counter*, page 8)

Mrs. Letia Kuhn of Madison, Indiana, went out to her garage to check the temperature in her Doberman-Pinscher kennels at 1:25 a. m. on the morning of 10 November, 1957. A bright, circular object was hovering about 100 feet above the garage, which was about 150 feet from her home on Highway 84.

Two weeks later, because of persistent blurring of vision and burning sensation in her eyes, Mrs. Kuhn visited her doctor for a checkup. Dr. E. D. Hudgens told her that her appearance suggested the possibility of radiation damage, or damage by ultraviolet light to her eyes, and that she also suffered from shock.

This information was given to Kenneth Locke, Lake County Civil Defense director. Locke suggested that she go to Lake County Memorial Hospital for a test to see if radiation was present. Mrs. Kuhn agreed, and also said she intended to go to an eye specialist.

When asked why she did not notify authorities immediately about what she had seen, she said she had mentioned it to neighbors, but they had laughed at her, so she had kept quiet until it was obvious that she was ill. She then visited Dr. Hudgens and, consequently, Mr. Locke.

The object which Mrs. Kuhn saw above the garage was bell-shaped, gave off no noise, heat or odor. But from the bottom of the object there issued something like an exhaust, also a very bright beam of light. She said the object itself was from 35-40 feet in diameter.

Mrs. Kuhn said the light held her almost transfixed, or in a sort of a trance. After about 20 or 30 minutes, she ran into the house and locked the door. Then she tried to tell herself she hadn't seen the thing. When she looked out the window, it was gone.

Dr. Hudgens gave Mrs. Kuhn shots for hives, and the rash subsided, leading many to believe that the rash had been caused by shock.

The evaluation of this sighting is very interesting. A woman watched an unconventional aerial object at close range, and became ill. She had not been ill before, and her discomfort dated only from the time of the sighting. Although the information was printed in the Cleve-

(See *Radiation Sickness*, page 8)

Geiger Counter . . .

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Although publicly Mr. Locke said that he couldn't say whether the sighting was authentic or not, he privately told an APRO representative that "a foreign object landed in that field."

It is obvious that Mr. Moore saw something unusual, and there is certainly no commonplace explanation for the high radioactive count in the area mentioned. This is one sighting, which, in conjunction with Mrs. Kuhn's report, and the Tillman report, would be difficult for officials to explain away in conventional terms. This is no doubt the reason that the newspapers carried no follow-up, and the incident was kept off the press wires.

It is not difficult to conjecture just how officials managed to shut up Mr. Moore. They probably told him he had seen some U. S. experimental craft, and that to talk would be a dead giveaway of current highly secret military weapons. We feel this is more feasible than a confession to Mr. Moore that he had seen a space ship, for military confidence in the civilian population is sadly lacking. It also would not be difficult for an uninitiated person to believe such a tale.

We are indebted to member George Popowitch for his coverage of this, the Kuhn and Tillman incidents. Unfortunately, further inquiries were of no avail, and his initial investigations were the only lucrative ones.

Radiation Sickness . . .

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land Plain Dealer for 27 November, there has been no further information in print since, and the initial account of the incident did not go out on the press wires. This is regrettable, of course, and it is important to notice that results of radiation tests were never published.

Two other incidents which took place in the near vicinity also indicate the presence of radiation after a UAO visitation, and were not given publicly since they were initially carried in the Plain Dealer. See other articles, this issue.

This sighting lends weight to a couple of long held theories about the UAO. 1. The UAO occupants are not concerned with any possible harm they might bring to people as a result of their close contact with them. 2. The United States government and specifically the Air Force silence group in the Pentagon, is going to have to be held responsible for many more such incidents if people aren't warned that these objects are dangerous when approached.

AN EDITORIAL

Early in the morning of 15 December, Mr. Lorenzen and I boarded a plane at El Paso, Texas, and at 12:30 p. m. arrived at Idlewild, New York. We were there for two purposes: Mr. Lorenzen was on business and for his company, and I tagged along in order to contact people relative to the publication of my book, and to meet and visit with local APRO members and CSI New York officers.

Mr. Lorenzen and I were fortunate in meeting and conversing at length about UFO with Miss Isabel Davis, Alex Mebane and Ted Blocher of CSI. Needless to say, we enjoyed our stay and were very impressed with the thorough and capable job of research being done by these three principal officers of CSI. Miss Davis has done a comprehensive investigation, and, consequently, a report on the "little men" of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and I am sure that when the completed work is finally published, it will be a tremendous contribution to the UFO mystery and its eventual solution.

We are now more convinced than ever that it is necessary for UFO research group representatives to establish actual contact, for this is more conducive to actual cooperation. Unfortunately, our time was limited, for Mr. Lorenzen was obliged to spend a certain number of hours each day at a place of business. However, on the 19th, we went to Steinway Hall, in downtown New York and met local CSI members and a few APRO members. Our visit, being so close to Christmas, was scheduled for a very inopportune time, but it could not be helped. Nevertheless, it was enjoyable visiting the people who did attend. We are particularly grateful to Mr. Bernard Plotnick who journeyed all the way from Stamford, Connecticut to attend the meeting.

The recent "flap" was discussed in general, and the Stokes case in particular. Jules B. St. Germain, CSI representative and author of several articles dealing with the "crackpot" element, stopped by the meeting for a short visit, and it was a great pleasure talking with him even for that small period of time.

We were pleased to make the acquaintance of Stephen Santesson, editorial director of Fantastic Universe science-fiction magazine, and on the evening of the 18th, we proceeded to the studios of WOR Radio where we spent 5½ hours (from 12 midnight on the 19th to 5:30 a.m. on the 20th) discussing the subject UFO with Long John Nebel on his "Nightbeat" radio show. Appearing on the program with us was Major Wayne Aho of Washington, D. C. who heads a new group of contact devotees. Of course, the morning was punctuated with wrangling over various points of the UFO mystery, and except for just a few major points, there was little common meeting ground for

NOTICE

Member C. W. Fitch of 6526 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio, would like to acquire the November, 1956 issue of the A.P.R.O. Bulletin, which is out of print. He would appreciate hearing from anyone who is willing to sell his copy.

We are constantly implored by various members and other researchers, to let our back file of out of print A.P.R.O. Bulletins (specifically 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955) be circulated for copying. The reason for this, of course, is that few present researchers have comprehensive files of reports for those periods, and would like the compilations which appeared in the Bulletins.

We would like post-card (no letters, please) information from those members who would be willing to buy a pamphlet which contains the information of the 1952-1955 Bulletins, so that we can judge whether it would be worth while having a second printing done. We are not concerned with extra money—but the effort expended would be considerable, and we would like to be sure that sufficient orders would be forthcoming to justify the work entailed. Also, we would not want to use organizational funds to print several hundred copies of the pamphlet, only to have a large number left in stock, paid for, but unused. This is a part of the financial problems involving information distribution of an organization such as A.P.R.O.

Mr. Lorenzen, Mr. Aho and I.

Aho, incidentally, is the former Army Major who has been pestering various congressional committees, etc., urgently requesting them to look into the UFO situation, probably censorship, and particularly endorsing the contact claims of the major contactees—Adamski, Menger, etc.

By the time we boarded our plane at La Guardia airport early on Sunday morning, 22 December, Jim and I had arrived at some definite conclusions. First and foremost, CSI is doing a top-notch job of research, the contactees are losing their stranglehold on UFO devotees as new evidence is ferreted by conservative researchers, and New York is one big city!! Although we enjoyed every moment of our visit, we felt somewhat relieved and nostalgic as we sighted the mountains and barren stretches of desert while approaching El Paso from the air. Mr. and Mrs. Al Brown, local members, were kind enough to meet our plane and bring us the remaining 83 miles to Alamo-gordo.

All in all, the trip was pleasant, eventful and interesting. We are looking forward to other excursions of the same type in the near future when APRO allows the Lorenzen pocketbook to accommodate such extra expenses.

FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY

Redmond Oregon.
Jan. 15, 1960

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

The following in the original records on file at this facility and is all the information contained in this record concerning UFO sighted September 24, 1959. Taken from log of this date. 1259Z

Robert Dickerson Redmond city police reported strange bright light descending rapidly north of the station. At several hundred feet it stopped and hovered for several minutes. He drove toward it on the Prineville highway and turned in toward the airport. At this time the light turned orange and it moved to the northeast of the station very rapidly. Relocated approximately 10 miles northeast of the station estimated 3000 feet.

1310Z Reported object to Seattle Air Route Control Center. He continued to observe UFO. Stayed very steady and projected long tongues of red, yellow and green light. These tongues of light varied in length and extended and retracted at irregular times. Observed high speed aircraft approaching from southeast. As aircraft approached UFO took shape of mushroom, observed long yellow and red flame from lower side as UFO rose rapidly and disappeared above clouds estimated 14,000 feet, scattered layer. UFO reappeared south of Redmond approximately 20 miles estimated 25,000 feet. Seattle Air Route Control Center advised radar contacted UFO at 1420Z located 25 miles south of Redmond at 52,000 feet. No further sightings made at this station. 1511Z

Seattle Air Route Control Center advised UFO still 25 miles south of Redmond, various altitudes from 6,000 to 52,000 feet.

L. E. Davis
Chief, Redmond Air Traffic
Communication Station.

OLDEN MOORE

At the height of the November, 1957, "flap," [See Section XII], a resident of rural Montville, Ohio, had a close-range sighting of a UFO. The report quickly spread to newspaper reporters, area Civil Defense officials and others. The witness, Olden Moore, stated that not only was he interrogated by representatives of the Federal Government, but also he was taken to Washington, D.C., and questioned repeatedly over a three-day period. At the conclusion, he was sworn to secrecy.

After more than three years' observance of this, he decided the need for revealing his story superceded the need for secrecy, so he told his story to newspaper reporter Don Berliner, then of the Painesville (Ohio) Telegraph, on Jan. 21, 1961.

Moore stated that, within two weeks of the sighting, he was taken to Youngstown (Ohio) AFB by car, then to Wright-Patterson AFB by helicopter, and from there to an air base within 20-30 minutes drive of Washington, D.C. (probably Andrews AFB) in a small Air Force transport plane. At all times he was accompanied by two government representatives.

During his stay in Washington, he was quartered in a hotel-like room with one of the government men, who impressed Moore as being there for the purpose of keeping an eye on him. Questioning and interviewing took place in the basement of the building in which he stayed. (The U.S. Court House fits the description. Upstairs are hotel-like jury rooms; in the basement are many offices, including those of U.S. Marshals.) The only time he was permitted to leave the building prior to departure was for a brief guided tour of some historic and scenic areas (which proved highly impressive to one who had never before seen the Nation's Capital.)

The interrogation, according to Moore, was not so much a question-and-answer session, as a corroboration by him of details of his experience, i.e. "was the thing you saw a such-and-such?" His answer, in almost every instance, was affirmative. This led him to conclude that his questioners were less interested in learning what he had seen than in finding out how much he had detected. He said he got the definite impression that those asking the questions were quite familiar with what he had seen.

At the end of the third day of questions, Moore was required to sign a statement promising never to tell of his trip to Washington. Upon returning home, all he would tell the newspapers was

that he had talked with some officials at home and others elsewhere. His wife said he was taken to Washington, but Moore did not confirm this at the time.

Don Berliner, who interviewed Moore in 1961, was highly impressed by his sincerity, lack of sensationalism, and his awareness of the seriousness of revealing information he had promised to keep secret. This material was not published by Mr. Berliner at the time because of its sensitive nature. However, Mr. Moore did offer to tell his story to any Committee or Subcommittee of Congress which might be interested.

Allegedly, the Air Force (government spokesmen on this subject) has withheld nothing from the public. The implication of Moore's story is that considerable information has been withheld. A Congressional inquiry into this matter would appear to be fully justified.

The 1956 sighting of a huge disc by the crew of a Navy transport over the Atlantic [See Section IV] was followed by the personal visit to the aircraft commander by a government scientist. The man took a set of photographs out of a briefcase and showed them to the pilot, asking him to point out the object he saw. The Commander quickly identified one of the pictures as the machine he had seen, whereupon the unnamed scientist put the picture back, refused to comment further, and departed. [Report obtained by R. Adm. D. S. Fahrney, USN, Ret.]

The obvious implication of this incident is that someone in the government has considerably more information about UFOs than has been released by the Air Force. It tends to substantiate Olden Moore's report.

The Sheneman Case

On Aug. 1, 1955, W. M. Sheneman, proprietor of a radio and TV store, arrived at his home near Willoughby, Ohio, (20 miles east of Cleveland). As he got out of his car, he saw a large circular object, with a red light on the front rim, descend rapidly over a nearby field. It stopped at an estimated 800 feet altitude and shot two beams of light toward the ground. As the glow illuminated the ground, Mr. Sheneman saw several "windows" around the edge of the hovering disc. He fled into the house, but returned after a minute with his wife for another look. The craft had become dark and was hovering about 200 feet above the house; from this vantage point, he estimated its diameter at 80-100 feet. It then began to move away, revealing a dome on top lit by a white glow from within. Mrs. Sheneman reported hearing a soft humming sound.

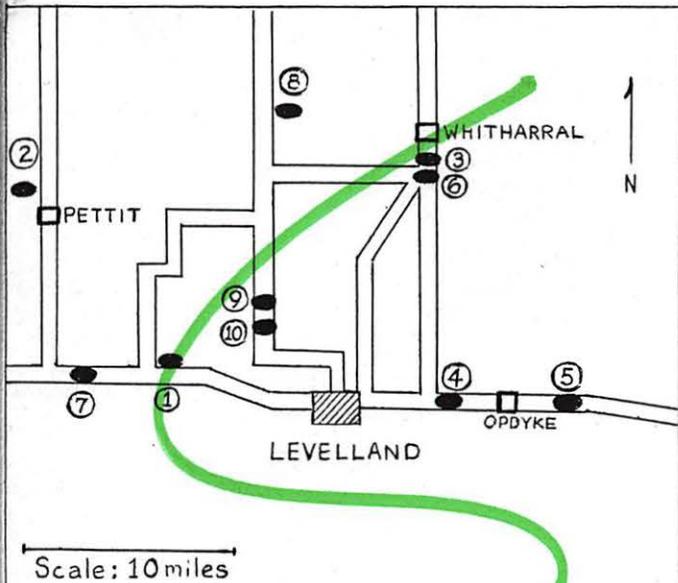
Following report of the incident to the Air Force in 1956, the Shenemans were visited by a major from ATIC, who told them they had seen a test of a Canadian Avro vertical-lift device developed for the U.S. Air Force. To back up his claim, the officer displayed a glossy print purportedly showing the craft in flight. This was, in fact, an artist's conception of what the Avro disc might look like, as the first example was not completed until 1959. The major tried for three hours to convince Mr. and Mrs. Sheneman that they had seen the Avro and to sign a statement to that effect, but they refused.

While definitely resembling the public idea of a "flying saucer," the 18-foot Avro VZ-9V failed to achieve its design performance of vertical take off and high-speed flight. Wind-tunnel and free-flight tests demonstrated that it would not fly out of ground effect, and was therefore limited to an altitude of several inches and top speed of about 35 mph. [5]

The Kinross Case

On the night of November 23, 1953, an unidentified flying object was detected over Lake Superior by Air Defense Command radar. An F-89C all-weather interceptor was scrambled from Kinross AFB, near the Soo Locks in northern Michigan. Guided by radar, the jet sped northwest across the lake on an intercept course. On the radar screen, ground controllers saw the F-89 close in on the UFO blip, and then the two blips merged and faded from the screen. From all appearances, the aircraft and the UFO had collided. No trace of the jet has ever been found.

The last radar contact with the F-89 showed it to be at 8000 feet, 70 miles off Keeweenaw Point, and about 160 miles northwest of Soo Locks. Later, the Air Force reported that the "UFO" was identified by the F-89 as a Royal Canadian Air Force C-47. After identifying the friendly plane, the Air Force states, the F-89 turned back to base. From that time, "nothing of what happened is definitely known." [Air Force information]



LEVELLAND, TEXAS (HOCKLEY COUNTY); NOVEMBER 2-3, 1957

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| 1. Saucedo, 10:50 P.M. | 6. Williams, 12:15 A.M. |
| 2. Combines, _____ | 7. Martin, 12:45 A.M. |
| 3. Alvarez, Abt. Midnight | 8. Jones, Abt. 1:00 A.M. |
| 4. Wheeler, Abt. Midnight | 9. Long, 1:15 A.M. |
| 5. Wright, 12:05 A.M. | 10. Clem, 1:30 A.M. |

White Sands Military Police Patrols

At 3:00 a.m. (MST) - 4:00 a.m. Levelland time - November 3, two military policemen on routine patrol at the White Sands missile range, reported an egg-shaped UFO which descended over the base. A report on this case, and a similar sighting next evening, was issued to the press November 4 by 1st Lt. Miles F. Penney, Commanding Officer of the Stallion Site Camp north of the base headquarters.

Cpl. Glenn H. Toy and Pfc. James Wilbanks, patrolling in a jeep, noticed a "very bright object" high in the sky. The object descended to a point about 50 yards above a bunker which was used during the first atomic bomb explosion. Then its light blinked out. A few minutes later the light flared up again, becoming bright "like the sun," dropped toward the ground on a slant about 3 miles away and disappeared. According to Lt. Penney, the M.P.'s described the UFO as egg-shaped, and about 75-100 yards in diameter. A search party later was unable to find any trace of the object.

[On November 5, in an open session with Public Information Officer William Haggard and newsmen (reported by International News Service), Cpl. Toy stated: "It looked like a completely controlled landing."]

That evening, about 8:00 p.m., Sp. 3/C Forest R. Oakes and Sp. 3/C Barlow, on another two-man jeep patrol, reported seeing an unidentified light hanging above the old A-bombbunker. Oakes described it as "200 or 300 feet long. . . very bright." The patrol was about 2-3 miles west of the bunker. As the M.P.'s watched, the UFO took off climbing at a 45 degree angle, its light pulsating on and off. Moving slowly, sometimes stopping, the UFO gradually diminished to a point of light "like a big star," and finally disappeared.

White Sands Engineer

About 17 hours after the second jeep patrol sighting at White Sands, James Stokes, a high altitude research engineer at the base, watched an elliptical UFO maneuver over the area. While driving toward El Paso, Texas, on Highway 54, near Orogrande, N.M. (at the southeast corner of the Proving Grounds, about 15

miles from the Missile Test Center), Stokes began experiencing motor trouble. As the motor failed and he coasted to a stop, he noticed other cars ahead of him stopped on the roadside with people looking up and pointing to the sky.

Climbing out of his car, Stokes also looked up and saw a large, whitish egg-shaped object moving in and out of clouds to the northeast, in the direction of the Sacramento Mountains. The UFO made a shallow dive, turned and crossed the highway a few miles ahead. As the UFO flashed by, Stokes felt a wave of heat. (His face later appeared "sunburned.")

Moving at fantastic speed, the featureless object turned sharply and disappeared over the Organ Pass west of the base. In a taped interview broadcast on station KALG, Stokes estimated the speed at 2500 mph. It was "definitely a solid object," he said.

Declining to speculate on what the object was, Stokes said, "I just hope we're ready for whatever it is." [27]

Next day sightings reached a peak with numerous reports from all over the country. Included was the radar-visual sighting by the Coast Guard Cutter Sebago, south of New Orleans. [Section VIII; Radar.] Stories of alleged encounters with "spacemen" began to be reported, including a claim by a grain salesman in Nebraska who said he had met German-speaking beings in a landed spaceship. The story was subsequently discredited when it was learned that the "witness" had a prison record. (Later, he was convicted of two counts of swindling elderly women out of large sums of money in California).

On the 6th, a similar report came from Dante, Tennessee, where a young boy reported a landed "spaceship" at 6:30 a.m. Human-like figures were walking near the ship, he said, and their voices sounded like German which he had heard on television. (About the same time, a few reports of "little men" associated with landed craft also began to circulate). NICAP was unable to investigate the Tennessee report sufficiently to pass judgment on it. Some of the story is plausible, but lacking concrete proof and substantiation by other witnesses, we cannot accept it as authentic. [See Section XIV.]

A more thoroughly investigated case (without the "spacemen" aspect) occurred on the night of the 6th. The case also includes the implication of high-level knowledge of UFOs, which is kept secret from the public.

The Olden Moore Case

About 11:20 p.m., Olden Moore, a plasterer, was returning to his home in Huntsburg, Ohio, from Painesville, driving on Route 86. He noticed a bright star-like light approaching, apparently following the course of the road. As the light got brighter and brighter, Moore pulled to the side of the road to watch, and switched off his ignition. (When his story was first publicized, some erroneous news reports were circulated that his motor had failed.) Moore was later interviewed by NICAP member C. W. Fitch in Cleveland, and gave a detailed statement:

"In a matter of seconds from the time I first saw the object it was over a large field at the intersection of Hart Road and Route 86. While it was still high in the air, it [the light] seemed to split apart and one section moved upward out of my range of vision. The other descended slowly and silently into the field adjoining the road, where it loomed big like a house in front of me. In the darkness I could not discern whether it was actually resting on the ground or hovering just above it.

"It appeared to be perhaps 50 feet across and 20 feet from the top to the bottom. It was round and shaped like a saucer with another inverted one resting on top of the lower saucer. It had an inverted cone-shaped dome in the center of the top part. It was mirror-like. . . surrounded by a bluish-green mist or haze, through which it glowed like the dial of a luminous watch. It began to pulsate, first glowing brightly and then dimming with rhythmic repetition.

"I sat in my car and watched the strange object for about 15 minutes, then got out and walked toward it to get a closer look. My feelings at the time were more of curiosity than of anything else, in fact, I do not recall having any feeling of fear. I was so amazed at what I was seeing that I was filled with a sensation of wonderment and curiosity which occupied my mind completely.

"The sky was clear and the moon shining brightly and the surface of the object reflected the moonlight. It appeared to be of a very shiny substance, though I cannot say whether it was metallic or not. . . As I got closer I heard a humming or ticking sound like that of an electric meter. About halfway up to it the thought crossed my mind that no one would believe me if I told them what I saw so I decided I would try to get someone else there as a witness. I stopped, returned to my car and drove home to get my wife. Though I made a hurried trip, when we got back to the field about twenty minutes later the object was gone."

Next morning Mrs. Moore phoned the sheriff and reported the incident, since Moore had been reluctant to report it. Moore was subsequently interviewed by Sheriff Louis A. Robusky, Geauga County; Civil Defense Officials; newsmen and others.

Kenneth Locke, Lake County Civil Defense Director, led an investigating party to the site of the report next day. At the point where the UFO was observed, Locke found small markings about 1-1/2 inches deep. Each marking consisted of three holes arranged in a triangular pattern with a fourth hole outside of the lines of the triangle. NICAP Adviser Ralph C. Mayher (then associated with the news department of station KYW) made a plaster cast of one set of the holes. The cast was turned over to Richard Gray, research physicist at Case Institute of Technology for examination. It was reported that the markings could have been made by some very heavy type of tripod.

Locke took a geiger counter reading at 2:00 p.m. (about 15 hours after the sighting). An area about 50 feet in diameter showed a reading of 150 microroentgens per hour above normal background radiation at the center of the area. At the perimeters, the reading tapered off to about 20-30 microroentgens per hour above normal. A second reading at 5:00 p.m. showed that the radiation at the center of the area had dropped off to 20-25 microroentgens per hour above normal, and the count at the perimeter was now normal. The 2:00 p.m. reading was approximately 10 times greater than the normal background radiation for the area, which is 15-20 microroentgens per hour.

A few weeks later the news leaked out that Moore had been taken to Washington, D.C., where "high officials in the Defense Department" interrogated him. Later probing uncovered that Moore alleged he had been sworn to secrecy after being shown films and slides of UFOs, but felt that he had kept silent long enough. He described the experience in detail to a NICAP member. [See Section IX.]

Other witnesses reported UFOs in the area the night of Moore's sighting. Because of this, the physical evidence, and Moore's sound reputation, his story would appear to warrant the attention of Congressional investigators. If his story is accurate merely in broad outline, the implication is obvious: Highly important information about UFOs is being withheld from the public.

August 1960; Northern California

An intensive concentration of UFO sightings occurred over a six day period in northern California. Dozens of witnesses, including at least 14 police officers, reported typical disc, elliptical and cigar-shaped UFOs. The state police sighting of a highly maneuverable ellipse, which shone red beams of light toward the ground the night of August 13, was reported on the front page of state newspapers and on the newswires.

Chronology of Main Cases:

- Aug. 13-14 **Hollywood.** 10:30 p.m. Red elliptical UFO passed overhead, hovering once.
Willow Creek. After 11:00 p.m. Circular red UFO approached, circled, dove, climbed away.
Red Bluff. 11:50 p.m.-2:05 a.m. State policemen reported reddish elliptical UFO which made "unbelievable" maneuvers. [See Section I.] Second UFO reported during latter part of sighting.
- Aug. 16-17 **Corning.** 8:30 p.m. Two cigar-shaped objects flashing red and white lights passed from E to NE.
Eureka. 9:30 p.m. Group of 6-8 white and red lights maneuvering in formation. Air Force explanation: aircraft refueling mission.

Corning. About 9:50 p.m. Bomerang-shaped object passed from SW to NW, twice emitting bright white light.

Mineral. About 11:00 p.m. Dozens of witnesses including Tehama County police officers reported six brightly lighted objects "dipping and rising and moving at simply unbelievable speed" in the southern sky. Objects alternately hovered, sped, and changed position.

Concord and Pleasant Hill. 11:40 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. Circular UFO flashing red and blue lights maneuvered over area, hovering, moving up and down, side to side.

Near Healdsburg and Santa Rosa. Early A.M. Deputy Sheriff observed "flattened ball, dull red and crimson on the edges," hovering and moving slowly about 5 degrees above horizon.

Aug. 17-18 **Roseville.** Night. Two oblong lighted objects bobbed around in sky for an hour; witnesses include police captain and sergeant.

Folsom. UFO with two bright white lights on front and red lights at rear, maneuvered over area off and on for two hours at night; whining noise "like spinning top" heard.

Dunsmuir. 12:10 a.m. Oblong reddish UFO with associated smaller yellow light descended, then rose and sped away. High-pitched sound "like rushing wind" heard.

Redlands. 1:45 a.m. Oval-shaped UFO with dome and row of red lights on edge, maneuvering slowly in sky.

August 18 **Honeydew (Humboldt Co.)** 9:54 p.m. The postmaster watched a delta-shaped object, clearly visible for more than 2 minutes. UFO approached, made sharp turn and moved away. Red glow visible on front lights on inside of V.

LIST OF CALIFORNIA POLICE WITNESSES, Aug. 13-18, 1960

State Highway Patrolmen:	Stanley Scott Charles A. Carson
Tehama County Sheriff's Office:	Deputy Clarence Fry Deputy Montgomery Chief Criminal Investigator A. D. Perry
Sonoma County Sheriff's Office:	Deputy Bill Gonzalez Deputy William Baker Deputy Lou Doolittle
Plumas County Sheriff's Office:	Deputy Robert Smith
Roseville, Placer County:	Captain Hugh McGuigan Sergeant James Hall
Mt. Shasta Police:	Officers Pete Chinca, Jack Brown, George Kerr

Argentine Concentration, 1962

(Sources: Argentine Embassy, Washington, D. C. Also Argentine newspapers: Buenos Aires Herald, La Razon, La Nacion and La Prensa.)

May 11 - Photograph of a UFO taken by a reporter of the "La Nueva Provincia." (Another photograph was taken by Miguel Thome at some unspecified time during this concentration.)

May 11 - Rear Admiral Eladio M. Vazquezant and Captain Molinari, Navy officers at the U. S. Military Mission in Espora confirmed that they had seen a UFO about 7:40 p.m., possibly the same one that was photographed.

May 12 - Truck drivers traveling toward La Pampa about 4:10 a.m. reported seeing a UFO on the ground which looked like "a brightly lighted railroad car." As the trucks neared, the UFO

IVAN SANDERSON, and a well-documented article by Lonzo Dove entitled "Humanoids and the Mars Saucer Cycle."

- #49 (Sept., 1962) - Contains a long and very important article by James Moseley concerning his exclusive interview with the head of the Air Force UFO project at Wright-Patterson Field, in Dayton, Ohio.
- #50 (Dec., 1962) - Contains the first half of an interesting article by Tom Comella, called "A New Inquiry Into the Flying Saucer Mystery." Also included is a long exclusive report on the recent saucer "flap" in South America.
- #51 (March, 1963) - Contains the conclusion of the above-mentioned article by Tom Comella, plus a wealth of recent saucer sightings from around the world.

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THE OLDEN MOORE STORY
- by C. W. Fitch -

In the September 1962 issue of SAUCER NEWS, Mr. Moseley gave a long account of his interview with Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend, chief of the Air Force's UFO investigation center at Wright-Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio.

In this article, on Page 13, Mr. Moseley stated: "The conversation came around, at one point, to 'hush ups,' and I was told the story of a gentleman (name known to me) who made an important and apparently truthful sighting during the 1957 'flap.' Later he began claiming that, as a result of his sighting, he was taken to Washington and detained involuntarily for three days of questioning. He made these statements to friends and eventually on tape; and this tape was sent to a larger circle of saucer enthusiasts. According to Col. Friend, the Air Force went to interview this man and ask him politely about these wild claims. The fellow admitted in private that they were not true. Apparently he had merely strayed from home for a few days and needed a good story to tell his wife. Then, the story had 'snowballed' from there...."

It is my purpose in this article to set the record straight. As Mr. Moseley and I both know, the name of the gentleman in question is Olden Moore. As recounted in many newspapers at the time (and in the February-March 1958 issue of SAUCER NEWS, now out of print), Moore made a very close sighting of a flying saucer. The date was November 6th, 1957 - right at the height of the well-remembered 1957 "flap." Moore, then living in Lake County, Ohio, was driving his car along Route 86, near Montville, when he noticed what he at first took to be a bright shooting star or meteor moving rapidly across the sky from right to left in front of him.

Said Moore (as quoted in one of the local newspapers): "The object stopped when it got to the center of my side of the windshield, and then it split into two pieces. One part of it went upward. The part that remained then seemed brighter than ever. As I kept watching this 'star,' it kept getting brighter and bigger. I decided to pull my car off the road onto a side road, and I got out to take a look. The thing seemed to be headed straight at the car. As it approached, its color changed from a bright white to a green haze, and then to a blue-green color, as it stopped about 200 feet in the air above a nearby field. I didn't hear any sound from it at all until it started to settle slowly to the ground. Then I noticed a whirring sound, something like the electric meter on the side of my house, only a little deeper in tone. I stood by the car watching the thing for some fifteen minutes before I decided to walk toward it. The object was about 500 feet away from me."

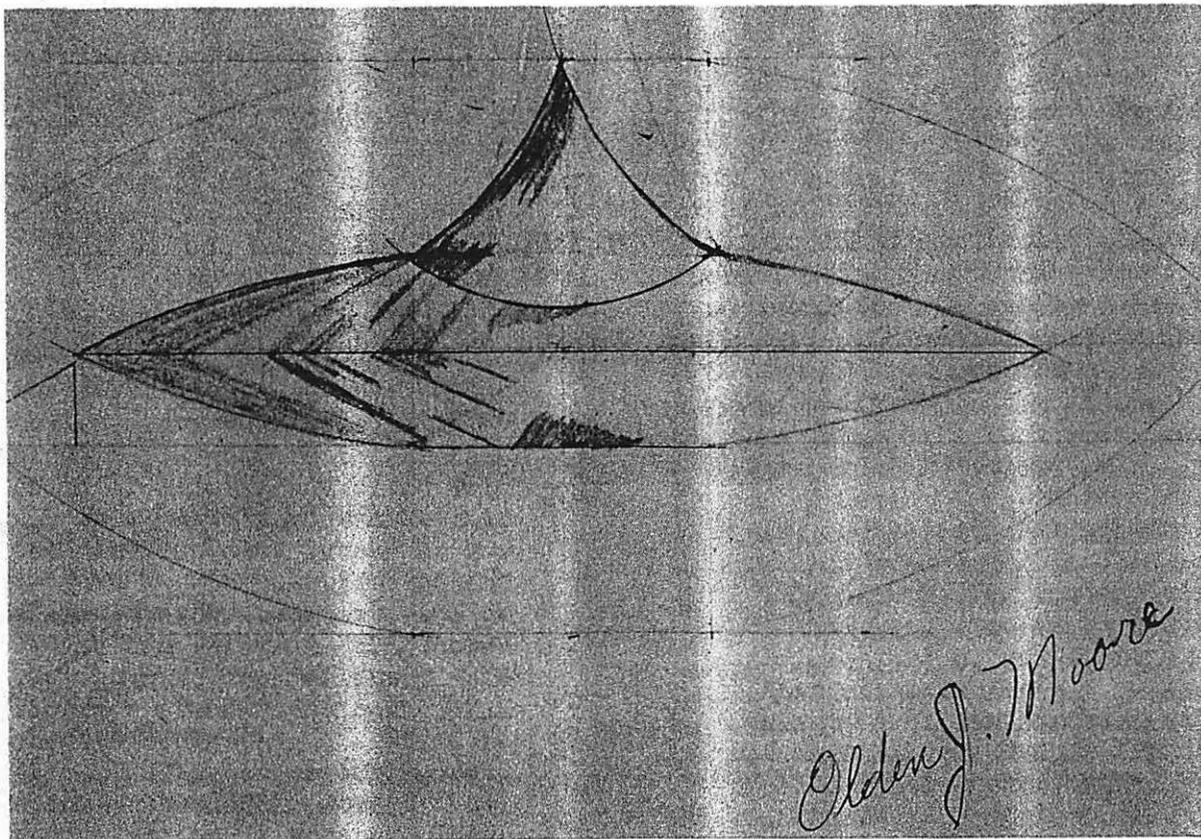
Moore had walked about half the distance between the road and the landed UFO when he stopped and decided that he would go back to his car and

return to the spot with witnesses, as no one would believe him otherwise. He could find no one else on the highway at the time, however. He went home to get his wife, and returned to the spot with her; but by that time the object was gone.

Moore said that the UFO was about 50 feet in diameter, disc-shaped, and about 15 feet thick, with a cone on the top, making its over-all height between 20 and 30 feet. It was surrounded by a blue-green haze, like a fog, and the color pulsed slowly, alternating between bright and dim. The moon was unusually bright that night, and it was the moonlight that made it possible for him to distinguish the object itself from the haze. The UFO had a surface like mirrored sunglasses, but no windows or portholes of any kind.

County officials were notified of the sighting the following day, and Lake County Civil Defense Director Kenneth Locke rushed to the scene. Said he, as quoted in a local newspaper at the time: "There were prints in the field one and a half inches deep and holes in the ground like those made by spiked shoes!" He said that there were six prints in all, "coming from nowhere and going nowhere." He and Lt. Reineck, assistant to the head of the Ohio 5th Area Civil Defense, returned to headquarters to get a geiger counter. "When we came back," said Mr. Locke, "we got a reading of approximately 150 roentgens in the center of the area, tapering off to about 20 or 30 roentgens at the perimeter!" Waiting a few hours, Locke and Reineck took another reading in the same area. This time the meter showed only 20 or 25 roentgens in the center and no reading at all at the perimeter. Locke concluded: "Something must have been here, since this indicated that the reaction on the geiger counter was not caused by minerals in the ground."

Drawings of the UFO were made from Moore's description, and were widely published at the time. The sketch below, however, is Moore's own original drawing, which he gave to me, and is published here for the first time.



The saucer is the darkened area within the geometric construction lines Moore used to draw it. Moore's signature is at the bottom.

Moore moved from Ohio to New York in the Fall of 1962, and has resumed his trade as a plasterer. I have lost contact with him since then, but I was among the first to interview him after his sighting in November 1957, and after the initial excitement died down, I visited him many times during the period from 1957 to mid-1962. He had never believed in nor been interested in matters pertaining to UFO's before his sighting; but from that time on, he was very much interested. On numerous occasions I sat with him in his kitchen and discussed the details of his sighting, and I acquainted him with sightings made by others. I used to bring him articles and magazines on the saucer subject, and we became good friends. I can definitely state that I got to know Olden well enough to form a respect for him as a religious and truthful man. He just wasn't the kind to make up or fabricate stories of any sort. He was very active in church work and spent many of his evenings in that manner.

A few months after his sighting, Moore confided in me about having been flown to Washington and interviewed there for two days and returned home on the third. He said then that I was the first person he had told about it. Three men in particular figured in the picture. He recalled their last names and gave them to me. Naturally, these could have been assumed names. In any case, I later passed this information on to NICAP to see if they could identify or locate any of the three. NICAP was not successful, so I had to abandon this particular approach in my efforts to authenticate Moore's story.

However, Moore did identify certain buildings in Washington - one in particular, which he said was a block-long Esso station, where several stops for gas were made by the Air Force car in which he was being driven around the city. About two years ago, while in Washington myself, I had a friend of mine take pictures of this particular gas station and other adjoining buildings. When I showed the pictures to Olden later, he quickly identified the Esso station and the building opposite it as two of those he had been in while there. Moore had never been to Washington before in his life, but he remembered stopping in this exceptionally large gas station. I learned that it was the only one of its kind in the city, so he wasn't mistaken in that. The building opposite the Esso station turns out to be the United States Court House, which faces on Constitution Ave., and extends between 3rd and 4th Streets. It is shown in the picture below, which is one of the photos taken by my friend. The Esso station in question is right across the street.

Moore said that one of the military officers stayed with him every minute he was in Washington - even sleeping in the same room with him at night. They never let him out of their sight. They dined with him in a private restaurant in the same building where he was housed. He was well treated and afforded every courtesy, and he had no complaint on that score.

The military officers, after questioning him about his sighting at considerable length on several occasions, showed him some slides, projected on a screen. These



slides were of various UFO still photographs. They even ran off a UFO movie film, which had apparently been taken from inside a military plane. Moore said he was told that about 30% of the UFO's on which they had information, were of the type with a pointed dome, such as the one he had seen.

After being shown these slides and motion pictures, Moore was asked to sign papers (with witnesses' signatures attached to them) to the effect that he would not reveal the fact that he had been shown this evidence of the existence of UFO's. Moore told me that he asked where these objects are from. He was told by the military officials that they are not ours or Russia's, and that they must therefore be from another planet, coming into our atmosphere from outer space. He was also told that the public has not been informed about this because the Military themselves do not yet have all the answers.

At my request, Moore even told me exactly how he was taken to Washington. But in order to give you the whole story correctly in sequence, I must explain the heretofore unpublished fact that he was taken on another trip first. Here is exactly what happened:

On Sunday evening, November 10th, 1957, Geauga County Sheriff Louis Robusky, accompanied by a deputy and an Air Force lieutenant who stated he was from Youngstown (Ohio), called on Moore at his home. Sheriff Robusky told Moore that the Air Force representatives wished to question him about his sighting and wanted to have him accompany them to Youngstown for that purpose. He added that he felt it was Moore's duty as a citizen to do as they requested. Moore agreed to go, and asked how long he would be away. They informed him he would be back home later that same evening. Moore got in the car with them, and they drove him to the very same field where he had seen the UFO land! The whole experience was so unusual that he became frightened. When they arrived at the field there was an Army or Air Force helicopter waiting for them. Moore said that two Air Force men accompanied him to Youngstown. On arrival at the airfield there, he was escorted to a nearby building and questioned at some length about his sighting. Then he was flown in the same helicopter back to the field from which he had been taken, and he arrived home about 11 p.m. that evening, as had been promised.

On the following Sunday, November 17th, at about 6 p.m., an Air Force car with two officers in it came to Moore's home. This time he was informed by one of the officers that they wanted him to go to Washington for two or three days of questioning, and he was asked to pack a grip. They said they would return for him in an hour, and promptly at 7 p.m. they did return. The car drove to a waiting plane in which the pilot was already at the controls. The plane touched down at Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, and dropped off one of the officers. It picked up another Air Force officer at the same time, and then took off for Washington, arriving there at an unidentified (to Moore) airport later that night. An official car then drove him to the downtown building where he was housed throughout his stay there. Two or three days later, Moore was flown back home via Youngstown.

Olden said that after it was all over, he lay in bed many times before going to sleep at night, and wondered why the Government had selected him to take to Washington for questioning. I told him that I felt sure the same sort of thing had happened to others, and that they too had been sworn to secrecy.

It was not Olden who first "leaked" the information about his having gone to Washington. While he was away, his wife told a friend on the telephone that her husband was in the Capital being questioned about his UFO experience. This friend told others, and the newspapers and other news media picked the story up. Moore later admitted having gone to Washington, but according to what he told me, he always stopped questioning at that point by



"They've gone to so much trouble digging up the stuff, I didn't have the heart to tell them they'd landed right in the middle of the town dump!"

simply stating that he had been sworn to secrecy as to what had happened there.

In March of 1959, Mrs. Moore sent me a postcard, saying that they had recently had another visit - this time by two men from Wright-Patterson Field, and that she would tell me more about it if I cared to come over. I went to see the Moores, and on that occasion Olden told me that a saucer researcher named Dan Haber had come to him and had convinced him to make a tape recording about his saucer experience. Moore had made the tape to please Haber, and the latter had apparently proceeded to circulate the tape and even sent a copy of it to the Air Force. It was because of this tape that the two officers from Wright-Patterson visited Moore. This official visit, rather

than the earlier ones, is probably the one which entered into the discussion between Mr. Moseley and Col. Friend.

In any case, these officers from Wright Field told Olden that what he had undoubtedly seen, back in November 1957, was a giant fireball. They said that on rare occasions these huge fireballs were seen for periods of very short duration before disappearing or vanishing from sight. Moore's wife was convinced from this conversation that what her husband had seen was indeed a fireball, but Olden told me that while he let the officers think they had convinced him, they didn't change his mind one bit. He told me: "I know I saw a solid object that night, because I was close enough to it to see the reflection of the moonlight on the object's mirror-like surface. It wasn't any fireball. I know what I saw and nothing they said changed my mind on that score."

It is entirely possible that Col. Friend is unaware of the events that took place at the time of Moore's sighting. If this is the case, then, - smugly thinking he knew all the answers, - he accurately told Mr. Moseley what little he did know about the matter. Or, perhaps an inaccurate version of the case had been given to him by someone else. From my personal knowledge of Olden Moore, one thing is certain: Either Col. Friend was ignorant of Moore's visit to Washington or else he withheld the real facts from Moseley. There is no doubt in my mind that Olden Moore is telling the truth!

THE MYSTERY OF THE DISAPPEARING PLANES

- by Sandy Moseley -

Readers of Major Donald Keyhoe's book "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" will recall his description of the amazing case of the disappearance of five Navy planes off the coast of Florida on December 5th, 1945. This disappearance has been called one of the greatest and most incredible mysteries in the history of manned flight. Recently the story has been told in more detail in a fascinating article appearing in the April 1962 issue of "The American Legion Magazine." It is from the latter source that the following article has been condensed.

On December 5th, 1945, a flight of five TBM Avenger bombers took off on a routine patrol flight from the U.S. Naval Air Station at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The weather was clear, and flying conditions were almost ideal. The flight leader's plane carried a crew of two, while the remaining four carried three men each. All of these fourteen men had flight and navigation experience ranging from as little as thirteen months to as much as six years. The planes were expected to make a triangular patrol, flying east for about 160 miles, north for 40 miles, and then back to Fort Lauderdale.

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MOORE CASE

At 11:30 P.M. on November 6, 1957, in the midst of a UFO sighting wave which had begun four days earlier in Levelland, Texas (see **Levelland Sightings**), a 28-year-old plasterer named Olden Moore was driving west of Montville in north-eastern Ohio when he saw a lighted object ahead of him. Moving from right to left (eastward) through the night sky in front of him, it looked at first like a brilliant meteor.

But suddenly, as Moore would relate:

It stopped when it got to the center of my side of the windshield, and then it split into two pieces. One part

went straight upward. The part that remained seemed brighter than ever and kept getting bigger. When it got to be about the size of a sheet of paper, I pulled the car into a side road and got out. It seemed to be headed straight at the car. I had no idea what it was. The color changed, as it approached, from bright white to a green haze, and then to blue-green as it stopped about 200 feet above the field. I didn't hear any sound until it started to settle slowly to the ground. Then I noticed a whirring sound, something like an electric motor, only a little deeper [Mebane, 1958].

The UFO came down 500 feet from him, and for the next 15 minutes Moore watched it without attempting to approach it. It was circular and shaped like a covered dish 50 feet in diameter and 50 feet high. A sharp, steeplelike cone shot up from the top midsection. The UFO, according to Moore, "was surrounded by a bluish green haze, like a fog. The color pulsed slowly, alternating between bright and dim." When the haze was dim, Moore could see the object's surface, which looked as if it were made of the same material as "mirrored sun-glasses."

Finally he decided to walk toward it but about halfway there decided to get another witness. He drove five miles to his home and returned with his wife, but by that time the UFO was gone.

The next morning Mrs. Moore notified County Sheriff Louis Robusky, who came to interview Moore. Early in the afternoon Lake County Civilian Defense Director Kenneth Locke searched the area, finding (according to the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, November 8) "footprints." These "came from nowhere and went nowhere. . . . They had a sort of heel print, then some little holes in the ground, like golf shoes would make. But nobody around there has golf shoes." Near the "footprints" were two perfectly formed three-foot-deep holes, six inches in diameter. Locke left to retrieve a Geiger counter. "When we returned," he said, "we got a reading of about 150 microroentgens [per hour; a normal reading is 15] in the center of an area about 50 feet in diameter, tapering to 20 or 30 microroentgens at the perimeter. This indicated that the activity was not caused by minerals in the ground." To a representative of the **Aerial Phenomena Research Organization** (APRO), Locke said, "A foreign object landed in that field" ("Geiger Counter," 1958).

That same morning, the seventh, Mildred Wenzel, who lived half a mile from the landing site, found "strange pockmarks" on the roof and windshield of her car, which had been parked outside all night. She decided to drive to Chardon to talk with Sheriff Robusky about the matter. On her way she passed the field where the object had come down, and there she spotted the sheriff and Locke. When she stopped to ask them what was going on, Locke ran his Geiger counter over her car and measured 35 to 40 microroentgens.

Mrs. Wenzel said that late the previous evening "something funny" had happened with her television reception. "I couldn't get any of the TV stations on my set," she said. "They were all blurred. I finally turned it off and went to bed." At 6:30 the next morning an area woman, Mrs. E. A. Markell, "saw an object or space ship," which she reported to the sheriff's office. "It was so bright that it blurred my eyes. It was like setting on the ledges and then it went right up. It was round in shape, very low and much larger than an airplane. Odd in shape. Only there a few minutes. It definitely was not the sun, moon, or an airplane. There was no vapor trails or noise" (Williamson, 1957).

Taken to Washington:

Not long afterwards Moore disappeared for a few days. When he returned, he refused to say where he had been. He told local Civil Defense officials that he had left town to escape ridicule and harassment (*ibid.*). Later, however, his wife told friends that the Air Force had taken him to Washington, D.C. Asked about this by a reporter, Moore said only, "She talks too much. I talked to high officials. I was sworn to secrecy. I won't say where I was."

In March 1962 James W. Moseley, editor of *Saucer News*, interviewed Lt. Col. Robert Friend of *Project Blue Book*. In the course of the conversation Moseley asked him about Olden Moore. As he wrote in a subsequent account, Moore

began claiming that . . . he was taken to Washington and detained involuntarily for three days of questioning. He made these statements to friends and eventually on tape; and this tape was sent to a larger circle of saucer enthusiasts. According to Col. Friend, the Air Force went to interview this man and ask him politely about these wild claims. The fellow admitted in private that they were not true. Apparently he had merely strayed from home for a few days and needed a good story to tell his wife. Then, the story had "snowballed" from there [Moseley, 1962].

Friend's charge prompted a response from ufologist C. W. Fitch, who had come to know Moore well after the sighting and had stayed in touch with him until 1962, when Moore moved to New York. Fitch characterized Moore as an honest man deeply involved in church activities and unlikely to fabricate either a UFO sighting or an encounter with officialdom.

Moore claimed that on the evening of November 10, four days after his sighting, Sheriff Robusky, a deputy, and an Air Force officer showed up at his home and asked him if he would go to Youngstown, Ohio, to be interviewed by military representatives. They drove Moore to the field where he had had his UFO encounter—Moore thought this was so strange that he became frightened—and placed him aboard

a military helicopter with two Air Force officers. He was flown to Youngstown, interviewed for some time, then flown back to the field at 11 P.M.

Exactly a week later an Air Force car with two officers came to Moore's house. He was told they were taking him to Washington for extended questioning. They drove him to a waiting airplane, which stopped briefly at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, to pick up one officer and drop one off. In Washington Moore was housed in a downtown building, which from his description Fitch later interpreted to be the United States Court House. He was kept in the building for the entire course of his stay and was even fed in a private dining room there. Though he was treated courteously, the officers watched him at all times, including when he slept.

Even more remarkable was Moore's assertion that toward the end of his stay (during which he was interrogated by several different groups of people, who asked him essentially the same questions [Mebane, 1960]), he was shown slides of, in Fitch's words, "various UFO still photographs. They even ran off a UFO movie film, which had apparently been taken from inside a military plane." The officers told him that since these objects were neither American nor Soviet, they must be from another planet. The military had never admitted this publicly because it did not yet have all the answers. Moore was asked to sign a document swearing him to secrecy.

Moore never discussed any of this in a public forum, but in early 1959 he told the story on tape to a local UFO buff. In no time copies of the tape were in circulation, and not long afterwards two men from Wright-Patterson called on the Moores and tried to persuade him that the object he had seen was nothing more than a large fireball. Moore was unconvinced.

"From my personal knowledge of Olden Moore," Fitch wrote, "one thing is certain: Either Col. Friend was ignorant of Moore's visit to Washington or else he withheld the real facts from Moseley. There is no doubt in my mind that Olden Moore is telling the truth" (Fitch, 1963).

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MOROCCO SIGHTINGS

On the night of September 18-19, 1976, numerous residents of Morocco reported seeing unusual aerial phenomena. On the twenty-fourth the American embassy in Rabat, Morocco's capital city, cabled this message to the State Department in Washington, D.C.:

1. Yesterday, the 23rd of September [deleted] requested to see me at 1000 hours the same day. When he arrived [deleted] had sent him to discuss the sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) over Morocco on the night of 18-19 September. According to [deleted] the Gendarmerie had received calls from Frog Agadir, the Marrakech Area, Casablanca, Rabat, Kenitra, and other areas reporting the sighting of UFOs between the hours of 0100 and 0130. . . . Reports from these widely separate locations were remarkably similar, i.e., that the object was on a generally southwest to northeast course, it was a silvery luminous circular shape and gave off intermittent trails of bright sparks and fragments. And made no noise. He promised to provide further details today . . . and asked that we furnish any information that we might have on these sightings.

I promised that we would do what we could.

2. Today . . . [deleted] met with Datt and gave him a summary of the sightings. [Deleted] also permitted Datt to look at drawings of the UFO prepared by various individuals, including himself, who had sighted the UFO.

3. The times of the sightings varied from 0100 to 0200 hours on the morning of 19 September. With the majority of them occurring between 0100 and 0130 hours. Sightings were reported from Agadir Kalaa-Sraghna, Essaouira, Casablanca, Rabat, Kenitra, Meknes, and the Fez region. There was general agreement that the UFO was proceeding on an approximately south to north course. Generally parallel to the Moroccan Atlantic Coast, at an estimated altitude of 1,000 meters, and that there was absolutely no sound from the UFO.

4. Descriptions of the UFO fell into two general categories, i.e., a type of silver-colored luminous flattened [illegible] disc-shaped [sic], or a large luminous tube-shaped object. Observers reported that the object intermittently emitted bright sparks from the rear.

5. [Deleted] said he was sent to brief Datt on the subject because he had himself sighted the UFO while returning from the city of Kenitra at about 0115 in the morning. He described the UFO as flying parallel to the coast at a relative slow speed as if it were an aircraft preparing to land. It first appeared to him as a disc-shaped object, but as it came closer he saw it as a luminous tubular-shaped object.

6. I frankly do not know what to make of these sightings, although I find intriguing the similarity of descriptions reported from widely dispersed locations. In any event, I wish to be able to respond promptly to [deleted]'s request for information. And would appreciate anything you can do to assist me in this [Fawcett and Greenwood, 1984].

A reply came in October from Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. The delay may have been occasioned by his seeking a briefing on the subject, presumably from the Air Force, in the interim. Kissinger's response cited *Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects* (1969), known informally as the Condon report, after physicist Edward U. Condon, who headed the **University of Colorado UFO project**. "This study indicates that detailed sightings of UFOs by reliable witnesses can be explained in many ways. . . . At present, there is no USG [U.S. government] agency studying this matter, the view being that such sightings . . . can be attributed to natural causes and that further study is unwarranted." He went on:

Although there is no major meteor shower in September, the sporadic meteor rate in the northern hemisphere is at a maximum in the early morning and in the autumn months. But meteors are usually visible at an altitude of around 100 km, not 1 km. However, subjective estimates of the height of such sightings are usually too low. The flat trajectory SW to NE could conceivably be compatible with a meteor, or decaying satellite. Tangential trajectories are not the most likely for meteors, but are not impossible. It is unlikely from the description that the event could have been a reflection from a polar orbiting satellite [*ibid.*]

Kissinger did not add that "from the description" it was just as unlikely that the object was a meteor or satellite debris. Furthermore, the duration of the sighting ruled out these explanations.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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STATE OF OHIO
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CIVIL DEFENSE CORPS
FORT HAYES, COLUMBUS 16



19 July 1958

Commanding Officer
Air Technical Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Attention: Sgt. Bolieu

Dear Sir:

In response to Sgt. Bolieu's telephone request for information pertaining to the UFO sightings of Mr. Olden Moore on 8 November 1957, we are forwarding two copies of the report as made through Civil Defense channels.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE


THANE M. DUREY
Deputy Director

Enc.

cc: Maj. A. W. Masterson, GOC Coordinator for Ohio
Col. Leroy V. John, Director, Area #5 Civil Defense
K. E. Locke, Director, Lake County Civil Defense

OFFICE OF CIVIL DEFENSE
LAKE COUNTY
OHIO

9 November 1957

Civil Defense minutes of Chardon meeting to interview Mr. Olden Moore on U F O sightings.

Mr. Locke and Mr. R. S. Williamson, Lake County Civil Defense, arrived in Chardon at 2000 and were met by Col. L. John and Lt. C. Reinecke of the 5th Area. We waited until 2100 at which time the personnel of Station W N B K - T V of Columbus, Ohio arrived.

They interviewed Mr. O. Moore, The Sheriff and Mr. Locke.

We were also told of a report on another sighting of a U F O by Mrs. E. A. Markell, Ledge Road, 2nd House Trailer, south of Underledge Road. Phone Thom. 2636. Time 0636 Nov. 7, 1957. Received by Oper. E. Skiba, Sheriff's Office Nov. 8, 1957 at 11:26. She told as follows:

Yesterday at 6:30 A.M. I saw an object or space ship. It was so bright that it blurred my eyes. It was like setting on the ledges and then it went right up. It was round in shape, very low and much larger than an airplane. Odd in color. Only there a few minutes. It definitely was not the sun, moon, or an airpland. There was no vapor trails or noise. End of report.

Minutes by R. S. Williamson
Rescue Chief of Lake Co. D.D.

U F O Interview at Chardon, Ohio, Sheriff's Office Nov. 8, 1957
2030 P.M. of Olden Moore, Ohio RT 528, Huntsburg, Ohio

Present at this interview was a group of C.D. personnel, including Col. Leroy John, Fifth Area Director, Ohio Civil Defense Corps., Lt. Charles Reinecke, Administrative Ass't. 5th Area C.D., K. E. Locke, Lake County Director and Group Commander of 51st Mobile Support., R. S. Williamson, Rescue Chief of Lake County D.D., and three people from Columbus, representing W N B K - T V Station. Also Sheriff Louis Robusky and three deputies of Geauga County.

Mr. Moore said he was coming from Painesville toward his home when he sighted this object pass before him. It seemed to split into two parts, one rising and the other landing on a knoll about five hundred feet to the right of road. Mr. Moore stopped his car and shut off his motor and started across the field, he stopped about two hundred feet from his car and thought he should have a witness to what he saw. He returned to his car and drove to his home to get his wife to go back and see this object.

Upon arriving at the scene he found the object was gone. They returned home and Mrs. Moore called the Sheriff to report the incident.

Mr. Moore was then asked as to the color, and shape and noises of this object.

He replied, the color was a blueish green color much the same as a luminous watch with a metallic appearance. The noise of the object was similar to a quiet generator, and much like the sound of a running light meter, used to measure electricity in the home.

The shape of the object was to his description, something shaped like a Mexican hat with the crown being about fourteen feet high and the rim being about eight to ten feet thick. The object, he said, was about thirty feet across.

Mr. Moore was then asked about vision into the object or seeing any people or things about the object. The answer was he had seen nothing nor could he see into the object.

Mr. Moore then was asked why he was absent for a whole day and night after this happened.

He explained of his fears of the jeerings and the general attitude of his friends and fellow workers.

Mr. Moore was then asked if he had forgotten to mention anything else that might help to throw some light on the subject for the investigators of these reports.

He said no, that was all he knew and saw.

Mr. K. E. Locke was then interviewed and gave this account of the incident. Asked, how he was notified. He said by radio and then he called to 5th Area to have someone meet him at the scene.

Arriving, and seeing what the problem consisted of, he then returned to Headquarters for Gieger Counters. Checking for radiation of an area one hundred feet across he found with the help of Lt. C. Keinecke a reading of from twenty Mikrorentgens to one hundred and fifty mikrorentgens in the center of the area. He then decided to check again later which he did about three hours after. He told of the rapid decay of radiation and found it had a count of twenty mikrorentgens. He also told of checking a woman's car that lived in the area. The car had small pock marks on it and was checked for radiation. Result was a reading of twenty to sixty four mikrorentgens, which is not a normal fact at any time.

By R. S. Williamson
Rescue Chief of Lake County C.D.

6 November, Montville, Ohio. (about 11:00)

“The landing.” The Olden Moore story.

Olden Moore spend the day in Painesville. Late that evening he left town and headed for home ten miles to the south. Everyone was talking about seeing flying saucers but Moore thought anyone who reported such visions should be under a doctor’s care.

Speeding along, Moore approached the intersection of Route 86 and Hart Road just outside Montville, Ohio. Up ahead in the night sky was a brilliant point of light traveling fast. Moore’s first thought was that he was seeing a meteor. With tremendous speed the light dropped lower and lower and rapidly grew in size.

Moore:

“...it split into two pieces. One part went straight upward. The part that remained seemed brighter than ever and kept getting bigger. When it got to be about the size of a sheet of paper [8X11”?], I pulled the car into a side road and got out.” (96.)

To correct some bad reporting Moore turned off the engine himself. The car did not stall.

The “thing” seemed to be heading straight toward Moore. Said Moore: “The color changed, as it approached, from bright white to a green haze, and then to blue-green...” (97.)

The thing abruptly stopped and hovered 200 feet above a 20 acre parcel of land owned by a farmer named Ernest Mausling. The property bordered the intersection of Route 86 and Hart Road. The thing lower itself slowly to the ground. Nothing could be heard by Moore during this maneuver except for a whirring sound. The landing site waws about 500 feet from where he was standing. Moore stated: “I stood by the car watching the thing for some 15 minutes before I decided to walk toward it...I wasn’t afraid at the time.” (98.)

The Mausling farmhouse was even closer to the “landing” than Moore (about 300 feet). The residents, questioned later, slept through everything. (99.)

Mrs. Wenzel and her car.

A half mile (another account says four miles) from the “landing site,” was the Leroy Wenzel farm on Route 528 just north of the Route 86 intersection. Mrs. Mildred Wenzel had parked her car in the driveway the evening of November 6th. Having done so, she went in doors and settled down to watch television.

She found that every channel was blurred. Disappointed, she went to bed. (100.)

Moore again.

Returning to Moore, we find he had something to say about the UFO’s appearance. He said the thing looked to be:

“...about 50 feet in diameter, disc-like about 15 feet thick with a cone on top making the over-all height between 20 and 30 feet.

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“It was surrounded by a blue-green haze, like a fog, mostly green. And the color pulsed slowly, alternating between bright and dim.

“If you recall, the moon was especially bright that night, and it was the moonlight that made it possible to distinguish the object itself from the haze.

“When the haze was dim, whatever the thing was made of looked the same as those mirrored sun glasses – the kind where the outside of the glasses look like mirrors, and you cannot see the wearer’s eyes. I didn’t see any windows.” (101.)

Moore walked toward the object, approaching within 200 feet. He said the thing: “...appeared to be standing on legs of some kind, as he could see underneath and all around it. It was very bright and phosphorescent like a radium luminous watch dial in color. There were no windows that he could notice.” (102.) Moore stopped his approach and glanced around. He wanted other witnesses but no one was in sight. Moore made up his mind to continue his trip home which was only six miles away. When he reached his house he grabbed his wife and took her to the “landing site.” (103.)

Mrs. Moore later told the press:

“When he asked me to leave the house, all I could think of was worrying about leaving the four children alone asleep, at that time of night,” said Mrs. Moore.

“But he was so wexcited, that I agreed to go. He described what had happened while we were on the way. When we got there, there was nothing.” (104.)

The press story on this states further: “The couple returned home, and Moore instructed his wife to say nothing of the incident to anyone.” (105.)

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Mrs. Moore later told the press:

"When he asked me to leave the house, I could think of was worrying about leaving the children alone asleep in that time of night," said Mrs. Moore.

"I'm not so worried, but I wanted to go. He described what had happened while we were on the way. When we got there, there was nothing." (101)

The press story on this case further stated Moore returned home and Moore maintained his wife to go on of the incident to report. (102)

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Charles J. Moore

1957

MOORE CASE

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by Jerome Clark

At 11:30 P.M. on November 6, 1957, in the midst of a UFO sighting wave which had begun four days earlier in Levelland, Texas [see Levelland Sightings], a 28-year-old plasterer named Olden Moore was driving west of Montville in northeastern Ohio when he saw a lighted object ahead of him. Moving from right to left (eastward) through the night sky in front of him, it looked at first like a brilliant meteor.

But suddenly, as Moore would relate:

It stopped when it got to the center of my side of the windshield, and then it split into two pieces. One part went straight upward. The part that remained seemed brighter than ever and kept getting bigger. When it got to be about the size of a sheet of paper, I pulled the car into a side road and got out. It seemed to be headed straight at the car. I had no idea what it was. The color changed, as it approached, from bright white to a green haze, and then to blue-green as it stopped about 200 feet above the field. I didn't hear any sound until it started to settle slowly to the ground. Then I noticed a whirring sound, something like an electric motor, only a little deeper [Mebane, 1958].

The UFO came down 500 feet from him, and for the next 15 minutes Moore watched it without attempting to approach it. It was circular and shaped like a covered dish 50 feet in diameter and 50 feet high. A sharp, steeple like cone shot up from the top midsection. The UFO, according to Moore, "was surrounded by a bluish green haze, like a fog. The color pulsed slowly, alternating between bright and dim." When the haze was dim, Moore could see the object's surface, which looked as if it were made of the same material as "mirrored sun-glasses."

The next morning Mrs. Moore notified County Sheriff Louis Robusky, who came to interview Moore. Early in the afternoon Lake County Civilian Defense Director Kenneth Locke searched the area, finding [according to the Cleveland Plain Dealer, November 8) "footprints." These "came from nowhere and went nowhere. . . . They had a sort of heel print, then some little holes in the ground, like golf shoes would make. But nobody around there has golf shoes." Near the "footprints" were two perfectly formed three-foot-deep holes, six inches in diameter. Locke left to retrieve a Geiger counter. "When we returned," he said, "we got a reading of about 150 microroentgens [per hour; a normal reading is 15] in the center of an area about 50 feet in diameter, tapering to 20 or 30 microroentgens at the perimeter. This indicated that the activity was not caused by minerals in the ground." To a representative of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization [APRO], Locke said, "A foreign object landed in that field" ["Geiger Counter," 1958].

That same morning, the seventh, Mildred Wenzel, who lived half a mile from the landing site, found "strange pockmarks" on the roof and windshield of her car, which had been parked outside all night. She decided to drive to Chardon to talk with Sheriff Robusky about the matter. On her way she passed the field where the object had come down, and there she spotted the sheriff and Locke. When she stopped to ask them what was going on, Locke ran his Geiger counter over her car and measured 35 to 40 microroentgens.

Mrs. Wenzel said that late the previous evening "something runny" had happened with her television reception. "I couldn't get any of the TV stations on my set," she said. "They were all blurred. I finally turned it off and went to bed." At 6:30 the next morning an area woman, Mrs. E. A. Markeell "saw an object or space ship," which she reported to the sheriff's office. "It was so bright that it blurred my eyes. It was like setting on the ledges and then it went right up. It was round in shape, very low and much larger than an airplane. Odd in shape. Only there a few minutes. It definitely was not the sun, moon, or an airplane. There was no vapor trails or noise" [Williamson, 1957].

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At 11:30 P.M. on November 6, 1957, in the middle of a UFO sighting wave which had begun four days earlier in Cleveland, Texas (see Cleveland Sighting), a 28-year-old pleasure traveler named Oliver Nelson was driving west on Route 140 in northeastern Ohio when he saw a bright object ahead of him. Moving from right to left (eastward) through the night sky in front of him, it looked at first like a brilliant meteor.

But suddenly, as Nelson would relate:

It stopped when it got to the center of my side of the windshield, and then it split into two pieces. One part went straight upward. The part that remained seemed brighter than ever and kept going higher. When it got to be about the size of a sheet of paper, I pulled the car into a side road and got out. It seemed to be headed straight at the car. I had no idea what it was. The color changed as it approached from bright white to a green, then a red and then to blue-green as it stopped about ten feet above the field. I didn't hear any sound until it started to settle slowly to the ground. Then I noticed a vibrating sound, something like an electric motor, only a little deeper. [Nelson, 1958].

The UFO came down 200 feet from him, and for the next 15 minutes Nelson watched it without attempting to approach it. It was circular and shined like a car head light 20 feet in diameter and 30 feet high. A sharp shadow like a cone shot up from the top midsection. The UFO, according to Nelson, "was surrounded by a field of green boxes like a fog. The color palmed slowly, alternating between bright and dim." When the haze was thin, Nelson could see the object's surface, which looked as if it were made of the same material as "mirrored sun-glasses."

The next morning the Akron notified County Sheriff Robert K. who came to interview Nelson. Later in the afternoon Lake County Division Detective Kenneth Locke searched the area, finding (according to the Cleveland Plain Dealer, November 8) "footprints." These "came from nowhere and went nowhere. . . . I had had a sort of hunch that there were some little holes in the ground, like golf shoes would make, but nobody would touch them. Near the 'footprints' were two perfectly formed three-toed-duck holes, six inches in diameter. Locke left to retrieve a Geiger counter. "When we returned," he said, "we got a reading of about 150 microcuries per hour at a point reading is 151 in the center of an area about 20 feet in diameter tapering to 20 or 30 microcuries at the perimeter. This indicated that the activity was not caused by minerals in the ground," to a representative of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO). Locke said, "A foreign object landed in that field." [The Akron Beacon, 1958].

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Ms. Waco said that late the previous evening "something funny" had happened with her television reception. "I couldn't get any of the TV stations on my set," she said. "They were all blank. I finally turned it off and went to bed." At 6:30 the next morning an man named Art H. A. (initials) saw an object in space ship, which he reported to the sheriff's office. "It was so bright that it blinded my eyes. It was like sailing on the fog and then it went right up. It was round in shape, very low and much larger than an airplane. Only there were a few windows. It definitely was not the real moon or an airplane. There was no report made on radio." [Williamson, 1957].

Taken to Washington!

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Friend's charge prompted a response from ufologist C. W. Fitch, who had come to know Moore well after the sighting and had stayed in touch with him until 1962, when Moore moved to New York. Fitch characterized Moore as an honest man deeply involved in church activities and unlikely to fabricate either a UFO sighting or an encounter with officialdom.

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Not long afterwards Moore disappeared for a few days. When he returned, he refused to say where he had been. He told local Civil Defense officials that he had left town to escape ridicule and harassment (ibid.). A year or two later, his wife told friends that the Air Force had taken him to Washington, D.C. Asked about this by a reporter, Moore said only: "She talks too much. I talked to high officials. I was sworn to secrecy. I won't say where I was."

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Locke Is Noncommittal: *The Telegraph - Parisville, Ohio 11-8-57*

Geauga Alive with Probers Of Reports on 'Space Crafts'

11/9

MONTVILLE — "If there was a space ship here, it will be in this area again," Lake County Civil Defense Director Kenneth E. Locke solemnly prophesied Thursday.

Although reluctant to commit himself on the subject of a space ship or flying saucer, Mr. Locke declared, "There was something here."

He was referring to an expanse of field, at the corner of Rt. 86 and Hart Rd. where a Huntsburg man reported seeing a mysterious craft land Wednesday night.

Armed with Geiger counters, Mr. Locke and a state CD official apparently detected some radioactivity in the field. They also found fresh marks in the earth that Mr. Locke described as resembling a heel print.

Investigators tramped over several acres in an effort to determine where the craft landed.

The only witness to the landing, Olden Moore, could not be located Thursday to assist in pinpointing the spot.

When his wife had reported the incident to the Geauga County Sheriff's Dept. late Thursday morning, the craft was said to have landed "a stone's throw" from the highway.

Before CD authorities and sheriff officers had an opportunity to examine the field, the owner had spread liberal amounts of manure over that portion of the field nearest the highway.

Efforts of the sheriff's department to locate Mr. Moore Thursday were fruitless.

He reportedly spied the strange craft at about 11 p.m. Wednesday. The incident was not reported until about 12 hours later.



ANXIOUS AND PUZZLED over the radioactive pockmarks on her car's windshield, Mrs. Leroy Wenzel (right) of Rt. 528, Montville, gestures excitedly as she is questioned by investigators. The television news cameraman (left) was one of about two dozen newsmen on the scene.

Mr. Locke expressed regret that notice was not received more promptly so examination of the field could be undertaken immediately.

He explained that radioactivity "decays" rapidly.

Light in Sky
Substantiating Mr. Moore's observation to some degree were re-

ports of four Geauga sheriff's deputies. They said they saw a peculiar light in the sky in the vicinity at about the same time Mr. Moore saw the craft land.

Traveling along Rt. 86 at the time, Mr. Moore said his auto's engine was stalled when the craft swooped over the highway near him and landed in the field.

Sheriff's deputies who reported seeing the strange light were Richard Ford, David Yates, Robert Sinarsky and Blaine Kauffman.

Other Evidence
Other apparent evidence of radioactivity in the area was found on a car owned by Mrs. Leroy Wenzel of Rt. 528, a short distance (See OBJECTS, Page 4)

U. S. Airmen Know In Russia If War

Khrushchev, Mao Blame World Troubles on U.S.

Communist Leaders Scoff at Our Lag In Missile Work

MOSCOW (AP)—Nikita Khrushchev and Mao Tse-tung, the two top men in world communism, made a double-barreled attack Wednesday on the United States, gibing at its lag on launching Sputniks and accusing it of plotting trouble all over the world.

Khrushchev, the Soviet party boss, and Mao, the master of Red China, spoke from the same platform before 17,000 delegates here from 60 nations to mark the 40th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution.

Both predicted an inevitable victory of communism over capitalism. Both proclaimed a desire for world peace.

Asks Understanding

Khrushchev proposed a world summit conference to rule out the possibility of another big war. He said the enormous devastation of such a war would be the death of capitalism and he made a plea for an understanding especially with the United States on disarmament.

He predicted the Soviet Union would beat the United States at its own game and surpass it in industrial production in 15 years. He again charged that the United States was inciting Turkey and Israel to attack Syria.

Mao, who received a huge ovation, praised Soviet "frats," including the earth satellites, and hailed as wise the political measures of the Soviet Communist Party from the de-Stalinization program down to the ouster of Marshal Georgi Zhukov.

Audience Laughs

Khrushchev's three-hour speech was filled with taunts at the United States.

The launching of Sputnik I and of Sputnik II, he said,

Seeing Objects At Expert Doubts

By the Associated Press

Individuals in widely scattered part of New Mexico joined Wednesday in the latest fad—that of seeing objects which they could not identify in the sky.

Reports continued to come in from housewives, motorists and children, of strange lighted objects which mysteriously appeared and disappeared.

Air force investigators attempted in New Mexico, as elsewhere, to weed out the reported sightings and investigate further those which considered merited it.

A word of caution came from a top propulsion expert at White Sands Proving Ground, Ed Francisco, a propulsion engineer and member of American Rocket Society.

Sightings Attributed To Hot Air Bubbles

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (INS) — "Hot air bubbles" is the answer of Dr. Donald H. Menzel of Harvard Observatory to reports space saucers have been sighted in various sections of the country and by the Coast Guard Cutter Sebago in the Gulf of Mexico.

Dr. Menzel debunked flying saucers in a book 10 years ago. And he still contends they are reflections of light —mirages.

Reports from Texas of automobile lights dimming, radios dying out and engines stalling, he said, were merely coincidences.

He admitted observers see something, but that what they see are mirages. He added:

"I have seen them — all kinds. I can see them any time I want to go out and look for them. I saw daddy of them all—one flashing red and green and a little propeller on it."

Shooting Case. Suspect Gives Up

SANTA FE — Juan Espinoza Martinez, charged with assault with intent to murder, turned himself in to police

Flying Object Here Turns Out To Be Venus

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activity on Geiger counters. Two hours later the readings dropped to 20 Roentgens. True radioactivity deteriorates.

Find Footprints

SIX FOOTPRINTS were found at the scene. Each print was made up of spiked holes, like marks left by a golf shoe.

TWO PERFECT HOLES, round and three feet deep, were in the ground near the eerie footprints.

"They were not like post-holes," an observer said (there were 15 people at the scene). "THEY WERE PERFECT."

"There was no burning in the grass around there," he said. "Nothing was there but the footprints and the holes."

The farmer who owns the field swore he has done nothing to the field.

POCKMARKS on her car's windshield and side window were reported by Mrs. Mildred Wenzel. A Geiger counter check on her car showed 35 to 40 Roentgens in radiation.

Capt. Charles A. Hardin served 2½ years as head of the UFO branch of the Air Force's Technical Intelligence

Center at Dayton. He is now with the Kent State University ROTC unit.

"I've never heard of anything like that," he said of the Geauga County mystery.

"Red glow in the sky" was reported three times yesterday to the Geauga County sheriff's office. Deputies investigated and reported: "Looks like a DC-6."

Sputnik II is supposed to be clearly visible over Cleveland (clouds willing, unlike this morning) at 5:36 a. m. tomorrow and 5:47 a. m. Sunday.

That the Lindsey report seemed to substantiate Stokes, was not lost on the military either. According to an United Press dispatch out of Alamogordo the Air Force was "very interested" in the case. (10.)

7 November. More on the Moore case. (11:30 a.m.)

Olden Moore, whose UFO report would rival James Stokes' for headline space in the nation's newspapers, gained media attention when his wife made up her mind to contact authorities. After her husband left for his plasterer job at Mantua school, Zelma Moore notified Geauga County sheriff Louis Robusky at 11:30 in the morning of November 7th. The sheriff in turn called Kenneth Locke of Eastlake. Locke was the Civil Defense Director for Lake County.

Mrs. Moore took the sheriff and Mr. Locke to the intersection of Route 86 and Hart Road so they could begin an investigation. (See clippings) Mrs. Moore called her husband at work and told him authorities wanted to question him personally. Olden was displeased his wife had blabbed about the UFO incident. He also had planned to spend the evening studying religious texts as a Congregation Servant of the Jehovah Witnesses, not face an interrogation. (11.) Word had gotten around and a crowd had started to gather at the Moore home. It was clear Olden would not have a moment's peace that evening.

According to Mr. Moore, his wife was not the only one to contact him at work. A couple of Air Force investigators, claiming to be from Youngstown AFB, turned up at the school. The military men said news of the UFO report had reached them through Civil Defense channels (apparently through Locke's office). The two officers did not question Moore about the case then and there. Instead they informed him he would be needed for a three day interrogation and would have to travel to Youngstown in the near future.

Also, according to Moore, two CIA agents were waiting at his house to discuss the UFO incident when he got off work. (12.)

All this was too much for Moore. Instead of going home he drove around aimlessly for two days.

7 November. The Russian threat.

Meanwhile, the morning papers were doing their best to boost America's morale in an attempt to counter Khrushchev's taunts and the formidable display of power by the attendance of 17,000 Communist party delegates from some 60 nations at the huge Moscow celebration. At the same time, UFO stories were played down or debunked by American authorities. The front page of the November 7th issue of the Albuquerque Journal has it all. (See clipping)

7 November. "No parking." "Check your weapons."

Perhaps it's just the American way, but not everyone wanted to see the serious side of things. Consider the following news on November 7th: "...the Gulfport, Mississippi, City Council considered proposals to (a.) make 'Martians' check their weapons with police and (b.) prohibit the landing of mysterious objects within city limits." (13.)

7 November. "Texas citizenship." "Date with Candy."

The Texans had their own proposals. (See clipping)

7 November. "Space ships tuned up."

Nothing new was needed in Nebraska. Reinhold Schmidt's story collapsed fast making it easy to poke fun at the space visitor concept. An Omaha paper told its readers:

"While the Schmidt tale was giving Kearney a sensational conversation piece, most of the talk was of of a skeptical variety.

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'Thingnik' Sighter Finally Tells Tale Of Mysterious Landing to Sheriff

By PAUL COLEBROOK

Olden Moore of Huntsville, whose wife reported his sighting the landing of an unidentified flying object in the Hart rd. — Route 86 area Wednesday night, appeared at Geauga County Sheriff's office yesterday at 8 p.m., to make his personal report official for the first time.

Moore was located at his home yesterday afternoon by Geauga Sheriff Deputy Alton Brockway, ending a two-day search for him.

Met at the Sheriff's office by Lake and Geauga county civil de-

fense officials and Col. Leroy Johns, civil defense director of the 5th area, Moore volunteered his information and answered all questions put to him by the various investigators.

According to Kenneth Locke, Lake county civil defense director, Moore described what he had seen as follows:

Car Did Not Stall

He was driving to his Huntsville home from Painesville at about 11 p. m.

As he approached the intersection of Route 86 and Hart rd, he noticed a large bright shining object passing across the sky, coming downward across his path.

His car did not stall as was originally reported.

He pulled the bar to the side of the road and turned off the engine when the object stopped, hovering close to the ground in the field at the intersection of the two roads.

Getting out of his car, he walked

within 200 feet of the round object that measured about 50 feet across and had a small cone-like top on it. Moore, according to Locke, estimated the overall height of the object to be between 20 and 30 feet.

The only sound made by the UFO was comparable to the sound of a meter's ticking

Thingnik Had Legs

Moore said that the object appeared to be standing on legs of some kind, as he could see underneath and all around it. It was very bright and phosphorescent in color. There were no windows that he could notice.

Returning to his car, he drove the remaining six miles to his home, explained what he had seen to his wife and returned with her to the scene. By that time the object was gone.

Locke said that Moore's comment was, "If anyone had told me 24 hours before that there was

anything but imagination to these flying saucer reports, I would never have believed it. Now, I'm convinced."

Unhesitatingly, according to Locke, Moore drew a picture of the object for the investigating officials.

Explaining his disappearance during the past two days, Moore said that he had been driving around thinking over what he had seen, uncertain about whether his reporting the incident would seem credible to anyone else.

A plasterer, Moore lives in Huntsville on Route 528 about one and one-half miles north of Route 322 with his wife Zelma and their four children, Gary, 7; Larry, 5; Ronald, 8; and Lanny, 1 year old.

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"The Dave Britton family at 34th and Fleetwood airplane chasing a flying saucer in the south window for over 30 minutes, starting a

8 November. Canyon, Texas. (11:05 p.m.)

An Amarillo paper printed:

"Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Rogers of 1111 First Ave Canyon were the first of several people to report red light east of Canyon at 11:05 p.m.

"They reported to the Randall County Sheriff's light was bigger than lights on an airplane across the sky, then stop and hover for a short

9 November. Another big day.

9 November. Southeast of Midland, Texas. (2:

Did two men try to hoax a Mrs. Wilson? The woman refused. Who can say what really took place. (See

'GLOWING LIKE RED LIGHTS SHINING ON I' Woman's Car Hit

A lone woman motorist reported to police Friday she crashed through a mysterious, brilliantly-lit object shortly after 2 a.m. on a deserted stretch of highway 30 miles southeast of Midland in Glasscock County.

"Two men ran from it just as I reached the object and it collapsed," reported Mrs. Mrs. Edith Joyce Wilson of San Angelo, almost hysterical as she reached Midland.

"A few seconds later something—I guess it was an automobile, but it had a brilliant red light—pulled in behind me and chased me four or five miles." Glasscock Sheriff Buster Cox investigated immediately after 2 a.m. with Deputy Otto Dozier.

"We searched the entire area from 2:30 until about 4:30 but we couldn't find a trace of anything," he reported.

"Mrs. Wilson insisted she had seen and hit something but admitted it might have been someone playing a prank—in the light of widespread reports of mysterious objects, someone as

"It was such a nice night, car, but I was driving along enjoying the radio and I must have been

9 November. Abilene, Texas. (early morning)

"Moved slow --nearly hovering."

A spokesman of a trucking company declared:



Mrs. E. A. Markell reported seeing a UFO at Thompson Ledges. She said the object was not round like a ball.



John Shaffer (left) and Timothy Sadowski (middle) reported seeing UFOs on Nov. 6. Their supervisor, John Hasznos, is at right.



Olden Moore who reported seeing a landed space ship near Montville on Nov. 6.

Montville UFO Tops Bumper Crop of Rural Saucers

Geauga County Man Reportedly Talked to Washington Officials

By DAVID VORMELKER

Olden Moore, the Geauga County man who reported seeing a space ship in a field near Montville the night of Nov. 6, has just revealed a mission as mysterious as his Unidentified Flying Object.

He was out of town several days until last Saturday afternoon. He won't say where. But his wife, Alma, told friends he was in Washington in regard to the UFO.

"She talks too much," Moore said yesterday.

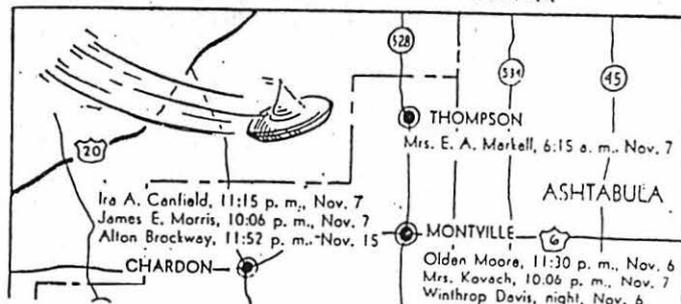
reading represented about 10 times the normal background of radioactivity.

"Readings on counters can be obtained many places because of cosmic radiation, radioactive isotopes and radioactivity produced by bomb tests," Seitz said.

"A normal reading would be 15 or 20 mikro-roentgens."

The field where the object supposedly landed is on Ernest Mausling's farm. Neither Mausling nor his sister saw or heard anything on the night of Nov. 6. The farm house is several hundred feet from the field.

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Sticks to Story
Moore, 28, a plasterer, lives in
Ashtabula, near Chardon.

He was first interrogated on
Nov. 8 by Lake County Civil De-
fense Director Kenneth Locke,
Gauga County Sheriff Louis
Cobinsky, Army authorities,
scientists from Case Institute
of Science and Technology,
radio-ecology and newsmen.

Moore said "I know
I saw, I am sorry, though,
I was not able to have a
close here to see what I saw
back up my story."

Moore has not been shaken
by his story concerning the
sighting of the UFO. He said

he appeared to be as large as an
average house, perhaps 50 feet
across, and shaped like a saucer
with an inverted saucer on top.

Moore also had a cone-shaped
object in the center, according
to his report, and glowed brightly
with the color of radium on a
Geiger counter watch dial.

Moore signed an affidavit
confirming his reported sighting
of the UFO.

Moore did not report the sight-
ing immediately. His wife
reported the report to Sheriff
Locke on Nov. 7, at 11:30
p.m. 12 hours after Moore
reportedly saw the object.

Moore was not available
for questioning until Nov. 8.
He had been driving home

from Painesville when he saw
the bright object coming to-
ward him near the intersection
of Rt. 86 and Hart Road in
Montville Township, he said.

"In seconds it loomed up in
front of me as large as a
house," he said. "Then it
seemed to split apart. One sec-
tion disappeared. The other
settled down in a field near the
road. When I saw the object
approaching I pulled off the
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Locke said he could not dis-
regard Moore's story in view of
his adherence to his original
story.

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ever, so I cannot make any
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Farmer Saw Nothing
Robert Seltz, a graduate stu-
dent at Case, said the higher

Other reports of sightings of
UFO's include those reported by
Mrs. F. A. Markell of Thomp-
son, Geauga County, and mem-
bers of the Ground Observer
Corps at Orwell, Ashtabula
County.

Mrs. Markell reported sight-
ing a glowing orange object that
appeared to be hovering over
the Thompson Ledges about
6:15 a.m. on Nov. 7.

"It was large and shaped like
a flattened pumpkin," she said.
"I watched it a few seconds
and then it disappeared from
sight, traveling north or north-
west. There was no noise but
the bright glow almost blinded
me.

"It was only a few hundred
feet from the trailer in which
I live."

Boys Report Object

At Orwell, John Shaffer, 16,
and Timothy Sadowski, 15, re-
ported seeing a cigar-shaped
UFO at very high altitude and
traveling swiftly northwest on
Nov. 6 at 7:55 p.m.

Both were on duty at the
Grand Valley Observer Post at
the time.

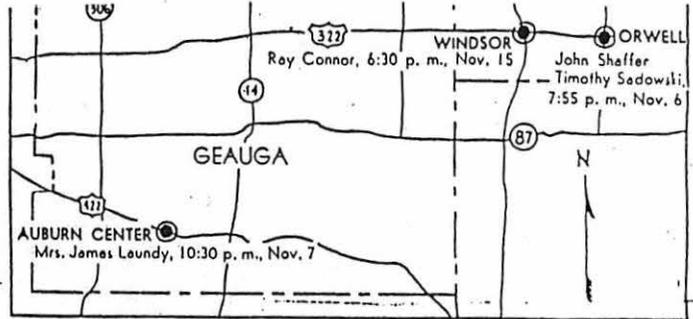
Shaffer told the post super-
visor, John F. Hasznos, that he
saw the object with his binocu-
lars.

"It had lights streaming down
from what appeared to be two
portholes," Shaffer said. "Tim
saw it too, but while I was re-
porting an airplane sighting
and this unknown object to the
Canton Filter Center, Tim saw
another UFO."

Tim said the second UFO had
an intense white brilliance and
traveled so swiftly he could get
only one glance at it.

"It was shaped like a cigar
but was not tapered at both
ends," he added. "One end was
larger than the other."

Ray Connor, a deputy sheriff
of Ashtabula County, reported
a UFO in the vicinity of Wind-
sor at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 15.



Locating the density of sightings in Geauga and Ashtabula Counties.

"The object looked like an
open umbrella with two sticks
dangling from it," Connor said.
"I could see a strong white
light shining from it, a red glow
and a green glow."

"A passenger in the cruiser
also saw it and a grocery store
owner at the intersection of
Rts. 86 and 534 told me he saw
a similar object one or two
nights prior to my sighting of
the UFO."

Other recent sightings in the
Gauga area included:

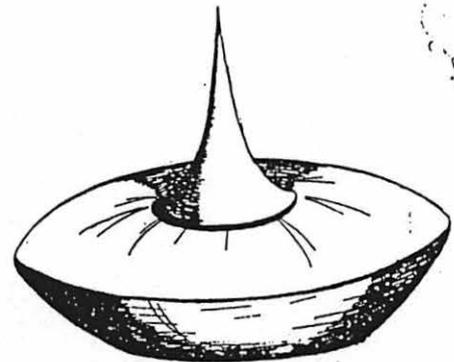
A blue-colored something re-
ported seen by Chardon School
Supt. Ira A. Canfield at 11:15
p.m. Nov. 7 near Chardon.

A reddish spinning object re-
ported seen by Mrs. James
Loundy near Auburn Center at
10:30 p.m. Nov. 7.

James E. Morris reported
seeing a round object with a
blue streamer flashing through
the sky at 10:06 p.m. Nov. 7
near Chardon.

Mrs. Kovach of Route 86 near
Montville reported another seen
on Nov. 7 at 10 p.m. The ob-
ject appeared to be landing
three or four miles from her
home, she thought.

Alton Brockway, a Geauga



Olden Moore says he saw something like
this. Drawing is based on his rough sketch
and description.

County sheriff's deputy, also re-
portedly saw his UFO. Win-
throp Davis of Ashtabula said
a high altitude at 11:52 p.m.
on Nov. 15, near Chardon. The
while traveling east on Route
166. He said the object, larger
and brighter than a star ap-
peared to move away, come
On the night Moore re-
closed and then disappear.

"Mr. D. Kusabs, on the Rotorua staff of the DSIR, saw essentially the same sight from thier kitchen window in Whiteworth Road. He confirmed Mr. A. Johnson's account in detail.

"Eight people rang Station 1YZ immediately after sighting the object from various quarters of the town." (27.)

16 November. Near Bage City, Brazil. (10:30 p.m.)

Another Brazilian case.

The English version was done by the Brazilian editors of a UFO bulletin. The account states:

"Sr. Francisco Cammerini told that happened two landings on the area at the vicinities of Bage City (also belonging to Rio Grande do Sul State). It took place on Nov.16, Saturday evening about 10:30 p.m. The object after throw out strong light jets over the spot, landed on 'Jockey Club' surroundings, and stayed on the ground for a while. After it climbed showing some evolutions, but landed again on another spot, or 'exposicoes rurais' of the city, not to distant from the 1st landing place.

"Several people tryed to approximate to the UFO but were frustrated to due the blinding reddish and yellow light that such an object was throwing out all around the area. Some time after the UFO flew vertically, and was lost of sight." (28.)

16 November. Segura-Beira Baixa, Portugal. (no time)

This isn't much of a report but it takes on interest when another report from Portugal the next day at the city of Vendas de Galizes is considered. The report: "An object with a shape of a globe flew over this [Segura-Beira Baixa] village." (29.)

17 November. Sunday.

17 November. Olden Moore's home. (about 6:00 p.m.)

"You're going to Washington."

Moore was contacted a second time by the military on November 17th. According to Moore, two Air Force officers showed up at his home at 6:00 p.m. and told him to pack a few things for a trip to WASHINGTON D.C. The military men said they would return in an hour to pick him up. Moore felt it was his civic duty to cooperate with authorities and quickly threw some clothes in a suitcase. His wife, Zelma, was less understanding. She later told the press: "I was so mad the night he left. He came in and said he was going away. When I asked him where, he said he couldn't tell me. I asked him what I was supposed to do if one of the children died or something." (30.)

Promptly at 7:00 o'clock the two Air Force officers (one named "Stering") appeared at Moore's front door. The two officers and Moore travelled in an official car to Youngstown AFB, a 40 mile drive. After arriving at the base, the party of three boarded a helicopter and flew to Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. Dayton is about 200 miles southwest of Youngstown. This hop to Dayton was a surprise to Moore. Nothing was said about a trip to Dayton although he was informed he would be spending as much as three days away from home. In any case, little time was spend at Dayton (Moore mentions no one joining his party or leaving it, nor did he say any cargo was handled). Moore and the two officers got off the helicopter and boarded a small military transport plane and

flew to Washington D.C., touching down at a small airfield just outside the Capital. They did not land at Washington National.

The military men drove Moore downtown to a large government building Donald Keyhoe and others believe was the U.S. Court House. The upper floors of the Court House had rooms for sequestered jury members, rooms which were hotel-like living quarters. The basement of the building had many offices for U.S. Marshals.*

Moore was never left alone during the entire trip. He even had one of the military men as a roommate. What was this all about? What would happen the next day? Moore didn't have a clue. (31.)

17 November. Near Valparaiso, Indiana. (8:00 p.m.)

"The shock of his life."

Network radio newsmen and NICAP board member Frank Edwards had a nephew who was a confirmed skeptic when it came to UFOs. The nephew, Donald Dodge, was a noted artist, but another interest of his was ribbing his famous uncle about the UFO subject. Mr. Dodge lived in Indiana in mid-November 1957 and at that time, as we have seen, the Hoosier State was "hot" territory.

The evening of November 17th** Mr. Dodge was driving home to Valparaiso and before reaching the city limits he had an "experience." Mr. Dodge had been listening to a program on the car radio and had just turned it off when the "thing" appeared. Knowing when the program ended enabled Mr. Dodge to place his experience in the proper time period.

As Mr. Dodge drove down the highway he noticed:

"...some revolving lights settling over a snow-covered field alongside the road. Thinking it might be a plane in trouble he stopped and got out of the car.

"The thing stopped about ten feet above the snow and switched on an extremely bright white light. Donald realized that he had never seen anything like this before. He scrambled back into his car and took off down the highway --the object pacing along with him. It banked across the road in front of him. He slammed on the brakes and stopped. The UFO hovered a moment, then streaked upward into the overcast and was gone.

"So was Donald. He drove as fast as he could to the nearest phone to tell me what had happened. I suggested that, since he was an artist, and a good one, he should draw a picture of what he had seen while it was fresh in his mind. Next day, I told him, report it to the local paper and then relax --by and by the investigators would come to see him." (32.)

The investigators.

*Keyhoe told me personally that Moore remembered observing many U.S. Marshalls walking about in the building's hallways --L.E. Gross.

**Edwards wrote that the incident occurred on a Sunday in mid-November. That would put it on the 17th according to a Perpetual Calendar.

Moore was told he would receive financial compensation for lost wages while being away from his job and that any expense incurred during the three days in the Capital would be taken care of by his officer-escorts. Things may have been free but they were not fancy. Besides the spartan accommodations at the Court House, everyone ate their meals in the Court House cafeteria.

Directly across the street where Moore spent the night was something he described as a "block-long gas station." Those who knew Washington were aware of only one such place in town, the big Esso Station between 3rd and 4th Streets that fronts Constitution Avenue. This was further proof Moore stayed at the U.S. Court House building.

The reason for keeping Moore at the Court House was not apparent but the military did do their questioning there. Moore was taken to the basement, passing through three locked doors to get to the interrogation room.

The interrogation was not what Moore expected:

"Most of the questions were answered by the person asking them before he had a chance to comment. He [Moore] said he would have corrected them, had they been wrong. Obviously, they knew more about what he had seen than he did. He felt they were most interested in finding out how much he knew." (37.)

Keyhoe and Ruppelt.

Monitoring the press, Donald Keyhoe was more impressed with E.J. Ruppelt since the ex-BLUE BOOK chief could be a key figure in any Congressional hearing. Ruppelt's recent "pro-UFO" remarks, which CSI New York claimed were not published nationally, eventually reached Keyhoe in Washington via the saucer buff network. The NICAP Director immediately contacted Ruppelt. Keyhoe later wrote:

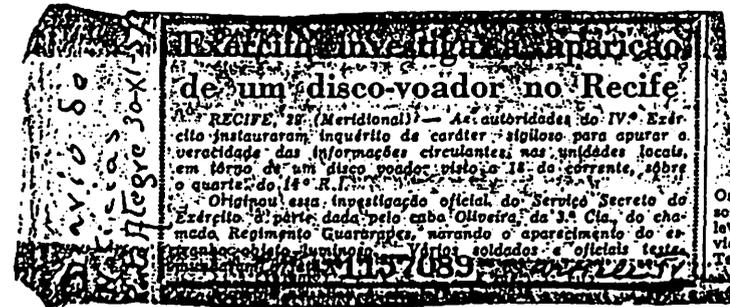
"During the November flap, he confirmed by phone his San Diego press statement: That there was enough evidence of UFO existence to call for more investigation and that Project BLUE BOOK had reports of radiation and electromagnetic interference from UFOs." (38.)

18 November. Maracaja, Brazil. (10:30 a.m.)

Wild story from Latin America. (See cutting from Brazilian UFO bulletin) (39.)

—Two UFO's were sighted on Nov. 18, 1957, 10:30 a.m. at 200 yard roughly from the witnesses. They appeared to be metallic, and were hovering ab. 3 ft. on the ground. Their diameter for each one was 10 ft. approx. At the very moment when they were spotted, THE WITNESSES SAW SIX TALL AND THIN BEINGS WEARING STRANGE SUITS; THEY WERE LEAVING THE PLACE BEHIND A COUNTRY-HOUSE. RAPIDLY THEY ENTERED THE CRAFTS, THREE FOR EACH UFO. (The 10 ft. diameter for each UFO must have been a mistake from the witnesses' evaluation, since three tall beings couldn't be contained inside so small spacecraft. Anyway, the UCE Ed. is passing the sighting just as it came to his hands.) WHEN THE TWO OBJECTS BEGAN THEIR TAKEOFF, OTHER THREE ONES APPEARED BEHIND THE FOLIAGE AND CLIMBED VERTIGINOUSLY. All five objects were lost of sight in fantastic speed. Inhabitants at the vicinities stated they also sighted the UFO's at distance, and heard from them a feeble humming noise. (CASE 35)

18 November. Recife, Brazil. (no time)
 UFOs and the Brazilian Army. (See clipping below)



According to the article, a certain Corporal Oliveira of the 3rd Company of the Guarapes 14th Infantry Regiment had spread word of a strange brightly-lit object's appearance above his unit's barracks on November 18th (As you can see, this was not the Fort Itaipu incident but it suggests an interest in the Brazilian Army by UFOs) The 14th was stationed at the coastal city of Recife. Several other soldiers besides Oliveira witnessed the UFO's visit. Of special interest is the fact that authorities of the Brazilian 4th Army ordered a secret inquiry by that service branch's Secret Service. This official action provides proof the Brazilian military was taking UFOs very seriously and thus suggests Fontes' "attack" story may be true. (40.)

18 November. Arkansas City, Kansas. (night)

Few UFO reports came to the attention of the press at this time. An exception was one that appeared in the Kansas press:

"Residents north of the city reported to police Monday night they sighted an unidentified flying object hovering over the area. It was described as a rapidly moving ball of fire that moved up and down, and sideways, with rapid speed.

"Police officers Marvin Hatfield and Milton Jordan, who went to the scene, reported they saw the object, and other police officers who went to the GOC tower on top of the city hall said they also saw the object.

"Residents said that after the 'ball of fire' hovered in the area and performed its antics, it vanished with a burst of speed." (41.)

18 November. Olden Moore's day in Washington.

According to Moore, questioning about his UFO encounter actually lasted only about three hours total (Even that seems excessive to me --Loren Gross). Other than talking, Moore said he sat through a slide show of UFO photographs (If true, the fact that official UFO pictures were made into slides so they could be projected on a screen, indicates the briefing of large groups. What sort of groups? --Loren E. Gross)

Even some movie frames were shown, footage evidently taken by someone aboard an aircraft. The question arises, if UFOs were such a big official secret, why show such stuff to some "Joe-nobody" from Ohio? Aside from the possibility the Moore story is just a leg-pull, a clue may be the quality of the material. Mr. Moore was unimpressed with the images, and indeed we have reason to suspect the military has in its possession some really good photographic evidence. It may well be the photos and other films were just time-fillers, an excuse to keep Moore occupied.

If we can accept Moore's version of events, not everything is without interest. Apparently there were lulls when Moore got an opportunity to ask his Air Force (U.S. Army people were also involved) escorts questions. Moore, of course, asked the obvious question we might all ask under the same circumstances: where do UFOs come from? The reply, according to what Moore related, was:

"He was told by military officials that they are not ours or Russia's, and that they must therefore be from another planet, coming into our atmosphere from outer space. He was also told that the public has not been informed about all this because the military themselves do not yet have all the answers." (42.)

Why the officers made such a reply is puzzling. Surely they could have evaded an answer if they felt they needed to. The reply may have been just the personal opinion of the officers, or, just as well, the result of a high-level Intelligence briefing. Who can say? In judging the officer's response, Moore felt none of his escorts were of a scientific type so he did not know how to weight their words. It has to be mentioned also, that if Moore was telling a tall tale, he no doubt would be tempted to include this "space question" in any story.

Another bit of information offered by one officer provides an explanation, if only a partial one, of why Moore's experience was of such interest to them. Moore had reported a "pointed dome" on his UFO and that feature had turned up in other impressive cases. (43.)

The 18th would not be the end of Moore's visit to Washington. He was to spend another night in the nation's capital.

Moore's claims and Keyhoe.

At first glance, the notion of official investigators displaying UFO photos seems improbable, however when Keyhoe learned of Moore's assertions the NICAP director remembered a reported incident a year earlier. Keyhoe wrote:

"The 1956 sighting of a huge disc by the crew of a Navy transport over the Atlantic was followed by the personal visit to the aircraft commander by a government scientist. The man took a set of photographs out of a briefcase and showed them to the pilot, asking him to point out the object he saw. The commander quickly identified one of the pictures as the machine he had seen, whereupon the unnamed scientist put the picture back, refused to comment further, and departed." (44.)

18 November. North Beach, New Zealand. (10:15 p.m.)

Additional Information

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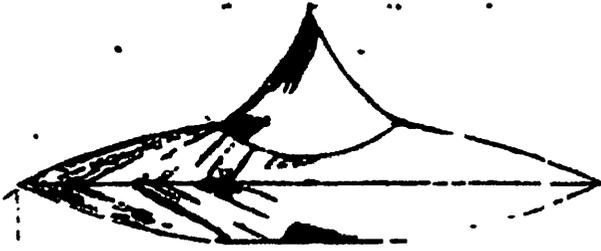
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Charles J. Morse

1957

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MIB Encounters

Men in Black Encounters, a Short Catalogue

by Gareth J. Medway

The following list cannot be complete, but it does I think include all of the well-known cases, and many little-known ones. Obviously, nearly every entry should include the word 'allegedly' or 'supposedly', but I have generally omitted them as they would get too repetitive, though their presence should be assumed. References are to the particular editions of books that I have consulted – for clarification, John Keel's *Visitors from Space* is the 1976 British edition of the work better known by its original title of *The Mothman Prophecies*. Suggestions for additions and amendments to this catalogue are welcome.

1957, November: Olden Moore watched a circular machine land near Montville, Ohio, on 6th, a few days later the local sheriff drove to his house with men in air force uniforms, they took him to the field where he had seen the UFO, a helicopter was waiting there, he was flown to an airport and put on a plane to Washington, where he was imprisoned for three days, and two officers tried to get him to admit he had seen nothing but a 'fireball'. Finally he was flown back to Ohio, but later neither the sheriff nor the Air Force would back his story. Keel, *The Cosmic Question*, pp.155-56.

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Nov 1957: Moore & Stokes

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NOVEMBER 1957: MOORE AND STOKES

Loren Gross continues to examine the November 1947 era and could use some help on these two cases.

Both Olden Moore, the Ohio UFO witness, and James Stokes, the White Sands engineer, are interesting characters in the unfolding events of the November 1957 flap. Since the early 1960's, very little new information has come out about either case.

On the 4 November 1957 about 1:10 p. m. local time, near Orogrande, NM, James W. Stokes, a high altitude research engineer, saw an elliptical UFO sweep across the highway twice. The car radio and the engine failed. Stokes claimed that other drivers were also on the road, and their engines had also failed. Stokes felt a wave of heat, and later his face appeared "sunburned." "Writer's Digest" later did a story on the sighting entitled, "The Day All Roads Led to Alamagrodo." Stokes was interviewed on KALG which was used as the basis of the "Writer's Digest" story.

The Air Force contented that they could not locate any of the other witnesses. (No one, to my knowledge, came forth in the newspapers, either.) The Air Force labeled the story a hoax. Stokes continued to work at White Sands. It was even reported that he had later been promoted. The rumors at the time were that he had been silenced by officials.

Stokes supposedly had an earlier sighting. However, no details are known about it.

In 1956 and 1957 Coral Lorenzen and Major Keyhoe were still on fairly good terms. Coral in one of her letters to Keyhoe before the sighting mentioned that Stokes was angry with the Air Force and was planning something to get even.

Apparently, Stokes was close to APRO before the sighting.

If the APRO files were available, some questions about Stokes could possibly be easily answered. However, here is a list of questions:

- 1) Is anyone aware of a later statement on the sighting by Stokes?
- 2) What happened to Stokes? Did he retire from White Sands? Is he still around?
- 3) Does anyone have information on his earlier sighting?

On 6 November 1957 about 11:20 p. m. EST, Olden J. Moore, a plasterer, was returning home when he saw a flattened spherical object with a conical projection on top descend toward a field [here there are reports of EME on the car which are wrong]. He watched the object for some time. Then, got out of the car and walked toward it. He heard a humming or ticking sound. He decided to leave the scene and get another witness. When he returned with his wife the object was gone. Above normal radiation levels at the site were found by the local Civil Defense shortly after the sighting.

Other people reported sightings that night. Mrs. Moore contacted the sheriff. Moore was later interviewed by the sheriff, the press, Kenneth Locke, the local Civil Defense Director, and LTC (later COL) Friend of Project Blue Book. Plaster casts of the landing marks were made by a NICAP adviser.

It later leaked out that Moore had been taken to Washington, D. C. for questioning. Moore would not immediately confirm this story. In 1961 Don Berliner, later a NICAP official, interviewed Moore. Moore said about two weeks after the sighting he had been taken to Youngstown AFB, Ohio, then, to Wright-Patterson AFB and flown to an airbase near Washington, D. C. At Washington D. C., he was interviewed in the basement of what might have been the U. S. Court House. He was given a brief tour of the historic and other sights while in Washington, D. C. His interview was more like asking for corroboration of what was already know. On the third day he was required to sign a statement that he would not tell anyone where he had been. Then, he was returned home.

The later released interview of LTC Friend's questioning sounds much like Moore's description of his Washington, D. C. experience. Friend goes into a long description of bolide or other common object and asks Moore if that is what he saw.

Questions on Moore are similar to the ones for Stokes:

- 1) Have there been other interviews or newspapers stories on Moore? Or Kenneth Locke? Or Sheriff Robussky?
- 2) Is Moore still around?

Best regards,

Jan Aldrich
Project 1957

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THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010

“Mailbag, Revisited”



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Note to Readers: Every columnist seems to eventually use their spot in the newspaper to answer reader mail. It is a journalistic tradition handed down from antiquity. Modern disciplines have provided new forms of communication through texts, e-mail, and instant messaging that have all but eclipsed genuine letters. Still, imagination makes it possible to frame such questions and comments in an old-fashioned context. So what follows here is a fictional overview of the ‘Thoughts At Large’ mailbag, as it could have been:

Stan Klop, Aquilla - “So, did you make up the UFO incident with Olden Moore in 1957?”

Stan, the Geauga UFO story is completely genuine. A friend named Denny Burdick told me about it for years. I was finally able to confirm the story with help from our county archives. Moore’s encounter was documented on the Geauga Times Leader’s front page. Many years later, the tale continues to circulate. It can be found on websites from all over the world.

THOUGHTS AT LARGE

RUMINATIONS OF A SMALL-TOWN NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST

ROD ICE

OHIO, UNITED STATES

MONDAY, JULY 30, 2007

“Homegrown UFO: Part Two”

The three-car pile-up destroyed a delivery truck and damaged to the OE was replaced. TWO - FIVE services to the

**Study Whatnik Report:
Huntsburg Man Gives
UFO Data to Officials**

CHARDON — Civil Defense officials were alerted to investigate the unidentified flying object (UFO) sighting reported by a resident of Huntsburg, Ohio, on Monday night.

Mr. Moore, executive director of the Ohio Civil Defense Council, said the sighting was reported to the Sheriff's Dept. Thursday night. He was on hand for press and interviews.

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Mr. Moore was contacted at this point. It was previously reported that the car started.

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Note to Readers: What follows here is the second installment about my investigation concerning our famous local extraterrestrial incident. Thanks go out to the staff at the Geauga County Archives, who provided invaluable help in locating the fifty-year-old, original newspaper story.

Anticipation made it difficult to sleep after corresponding with Catlain Katon at the Geauga County Archives. My dreams were restless, and full of wild images. Robots and alien visitors crowded my slumbering mind!

In the morning, my typical routine offered an uneasy calm. I drank coffee all the way to Chardon, and mused over clips from the Phil Hendrie radio show. Yet something felt amiss. The surreal events of an 'X Files' episode were unfolding before my eyes. I felt curious, but tingled with disbelief. How could such a story be true?

I arrived just after 9:00 AM. The front door wouldn't budge, but I saw members of the crew sorting new document boxes in their receiving bay. When I introduced myself, everyone smiled. They were politely amused by the purpose of my visit.

We entered a long room full of shelved containers and bound volumes. Everything was tidy, and carefully organized. I sensed the presence of rare treasures, like those inside a pharaoh's tomb. Then, the guide introduced herself. She was my contact from the Internet.

"Wait here, and I'll get the book," she promised.

I surveyed the rows of historical information. It was a trove of great wealth and importance. Births, marriages, deaths, publications, maps, and photographs... all relating to the area. In a sense, I stood before the shared consciousness of Geauga.

Catlain returned with a long, thick volume of news pages. The story had already been marked by another researcher on the team. She opened the book, dramatically. And my pulse quickened. I felt like a time-traveler as the words lifted from their yellowed parchment, toward my eyes:

GEAUGA TIMES LEADER NOVEMBER 14, 1957

Study Whatnik Report:

Huntsburg Man Gives UFO Data to OFFICIALS

CHARDON - Civil Defense officials invaded the sheriff's office here Friday night to investigate the unidentified flying object reportedly seen Nov. 6 by Olden Moore of Rt. 528, Huntsburg. Mr. Moore, heretofore unavailable for comment on the incident after his wife reported it to the Sheriff's Dept. Thursday morning, was on hand for press and television interviews. Here to question him were Col. Leroy John, head of the 5th Area of the Civil Defense, and Lt.

Charles Reineck, his executive assistant.

Enroute to his home the night of Nov. 6, Mr. Moore said, he first spied the object directly in front of him.

"It was small, like a star, but very bright."

"However," Mr. Moore continued, "it kept getting brighter and brighter. That was when I pulled off the road and turned off the key."

Mr. Moore was insistant (sic) on this last point. It was previously reported that the car stalled. Mr. Moore said, "It was only a matter of seconds from the time I first saw it until it was looming, big like a house in front of me.

"It seemed to split apart then, and one section hovered in the air over a field next to the road. Then it slowly descended to the ground," he said.

Mr. Moore described the object as "round with a dome in the middle." It had, he added, "a bluish-green haze around it and seemed to glow like the dial of a luminous watch."

Getting out of the car, Mr. Moore said he started to cross the field to examine the object. Halfway there, he said, he stopped and thought about getting witnesses and returned to the car.

"No one would believe me if I told them what I saw," he said. "so I wanted to get someone else there."

This fear of disbelievers was what made him reluctant to report the incident, Mr. Moore commented. He could find no one on the highway and went home to get his wife and return with her.

"It was gone when we got back," he said.

(See HUNTSBURG, page 2.)

"The next day, Thursday, the report came in to the sheriff's office. Lake County CD officials raced to the scene and Kenneth Locke Lake County CD Director, reported some unusual findings.

"There were prints in the field one and one half inches deep at the heel, and hole(s) in the ground like those made from spikes on a golf shoe," Mr. Locke reported.

He said there were six prints in all "coming from nowhere and going nowhere." He and Lt. Reineck returned to headquarters to get the Geiger counter.

"When we returned," Mr. Locke continued, "we got a reading over an area about 50 feet in

diameter. The Geiger counter showed a reading of approximately 150 roentgens in the center of the area, tapering of(f) to about 20 to 30 roentgens at the perimeter.”

Roentgens is the unit of measurement of radioactivity.

Waiting a few hours, Mr. Locke and Lt. Reineck then took another reading of the area. “This time the meter showed only 20 to 25 roentgens in the core and we had no reading at all at the perimeter,” Locke said. “We concluded that something must have been here since this indicated the reaction was not caused by minerals in the ground.”

Queried as to what he attributed the cause of the radioactivity, John replied “I can’t say. We investigate these incidents and it’s up to the Air Force to make a conclusion as to what caused them. However, the delay in reporting the incident has hindered us.”

I noted that the county auditor’s stamp said “No. 1810; 1-11-58.”

Catlain offered to copy the front-page section of this incredible story. But its second portion had been placed too close to the binding. So I recorded it by hand, on notebook paper. The entire report was just over six hundred words.

Before leaving, I explained the story of Denny the Corvette Guy. At long last, my colorful friend had been vindicated. His recollection from half-a-century before was accurate in nearly every detail.

While driving to work, I called my wife’s cell phone. She didn’t answer, so I left a hurried voice-mail message. “Liz, you’ve got to see this. It’s absolutely incredible. The Corvette Guy was right. The truth is out there!”

At the office, it was impossible to avoid describing my adventure. Jaws dropped open, and eyes went wide. Even after I settled in for the day, things felt different than before. Sci-fi magic filled the air. It was as if I’d slipped into another dimension.

My spouse finally called, in the afternoon. “So you actually saw it,” she cheered. “The UFO story was real!”

“Yes,” I replied. “Fifty years later, the voice of Olden Moore is still echoing around the county.”

“Did you find out anything about him?” Liz pondered.

I sighed. “Not a whisper. Catlain had already tried that angle before I asked. But there was no further information.”

My wife was in a mood to tease. “So, maybe the UFO came back and he hitched a ride to the stars?”

For a few years, one of my older, hotrodder friends has insisted that there was a UFO incident in the countryside, east of Cleveland. Right in our back yard. One that inspired a report in the local newspaper, and drew attention from law enforcement officers.

Now, I know he was correct.

The report was from November 14, 1957. The incident occurred on November 6th. Civil Defense authorities did an investigation, and radiation was detected at what appeared to be a landing site.

I was able to view an actual copy of the newspaper, in our county archives. Material on the Internet from 'Project 1957' says that the man who viewed the UFO was later interviewed in Washington, D. C. but told to remain silent. He finally admitted the facts to a NICAP representative in 1961.

Truth - as Hunter S. Thompson said, it is a dangerous commodity in the context of professional journalism. But now I know. It really is out there.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2007

“Homegrown UFO - Part Three”

***Greetings, Earthling!
Would you gift us
with some
maple syrup?***



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USA***

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Doing research about the Geauga County alien landing from 1957 was an incredible

experience. It proved that even a place like ours can be touched by the surreal elements of other worlds.

I learned that the story of our homegrown UFO is one that has been analyzed by investigators from around the world. George Hunt Williamson spoke of the happening in his 'Road In The Sky' series. As part of a chapter called 'The Visitants' he mentioned personal knowledge of Olden Moore and his strange encounter:

G. H. WILLIAMSON REPORT

"On November 15, 1957, I was lecturing in Cleveland, Ohio, when a report reached me that a UFO had landed on November 6th a few miles north-east of Cleveland. On that date, Olden Moore was driving home from Painesville, Ohio, to Montville, when he saw a blue-green flaming object fly over the highway at midnight. In describing the experience, Mr. Moore said:

In seconds the object loomed up in front of me. It was as large as a house. Then it seemed to split apart. One section disappeared into the sky and the other section settled down in a field near the road. When I first observed the object approaching me, I pulled off the road and turned off the ignition. I watched the craft in the field for about fifteen minutes, then I got out of my car and walked towards it. I heard a ticking sound like that of an electric meter. I stopped before I reached the object and returned to my car and drove home to get my wife so she might be a witness to the landing. When we returned together the object was gone. It was about fifty feet in diameter and shaped like a 'saucer' with an inverted 'saucer' on top of it, There was a cone-shaped dome that came to a point on top. The dome glowed brilliantly.

In the same area on the same day that Olden Moore was having his encounter with the strange craft, a great cigar-shaped object was sighted by many people and also a car windshield was covered with pock marks and found to be radioactive.

On November 8th Olden Moore was interrogated by Lake County Civil Defense Director Kenneth Locke, Geauga County Sheriff Louis A. Robusky, United States Army officials and many newsmen.

However, on November 7th, Mr. Locke covered the field (where Moore had seen the UFO land) with a Geiger counter and discovered that 'the counter registered 150 milliroentgens in the center of an area So feet in diameter in the field. The reading

dropped to 20-30 milliroentgens near the perimeter of that area.

Robert Seitz, a graduate student at the Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, said that the normal background count was about 20 milliroentgens. Does this mean that the UFO was radioactive ?

Several small, but very deep, round holes were found in the field where the craft had landed. These were arranged in a strange circular pattern. The prints looked as though they had been made by something with `spikes' on it. The first report said that these were `footprints'; however, they were actually holes made by a protruding pole or something similar. The holes were very deep, and much force had been used to reach such a depth in the ground. Scientists from the Case Institute took soil samples a few days later but the counter registered a normal count and the ground apparently didn't suffer from the effects of the radiation.

The Geiger counter reading in this case is important, but not because it measured radioactivity. If the element causing the counter to react as it did was radioactive, then its half-life was shorter than that of elements made artificially in atomic accelerators. In other words, we can assume that the reading was due to some other stimulus than radioactivity. Free electrons will actuate a Geiger counter and it is quite possible that the object observed by Olden Moore possessed such a strong magnetic field that it ionized the air and the Geiger count was due to the free electrons.”

In the course of gathering evidence about Mr. Moore, I realized that the story was larger than I had imagined. Our point on the map had been visited again since that day, fifty years ago. In fact, we seem to have attracted extra terrestrial attention on many occasions. Something eerie was at work. What could possibly direct those from the intergalactic neighborhood to a spot on the Earth like ours?

I began to compile reports that specifically mentioned a Geauga community. In only a short while, I had collected dozens of such incidents:

NATIONAL UFO REPORTING CENTER SIGHTING REPORTS

• Occurred : 2/20/2001 23:00

Location: Chardon, OH

Shape: Sphere

Duration:3-4 minutes

Blue orb hovering over trees, then crosses field.

I was burning brush in our back yard. My house is rather secluded, so other than the light from the fire, it was very dark. I walked away from the fire, and walked deeper into the yard. On either side of the field is forest. I happen to look to the north and noticed a blue ball of light through the trees. It appeared to be roughly 50 ft. above the treetops. It slowly hovered to the south, crossing the field. There was no sound, only the blue light. It continued south in a straight line, until it vanished over the south tree line.

• Occurred : 10/20/2005 20:00

Location: Montville, OH

Shape: Cone

Duration:40min.

Six coned like objects, with bright white lights floating in the Montville sky.

Bright Floating object hanging in the sky from the northeast. Bobbing in the air up and down and then it took off towards the west.

It was followed by five others, doing the same thing. They traveled about a half a mile from one another. They all appeared the same.

• Occurred : 1/25/2006 02:30

Location: Aurora, OH

Shape: Other

Duration:20 minutes

Aurora, Ohio, string of lights deep in the woods at 2 in the morning hovering above the ground, revolved and whistled. 20 minutes.

The object sighted was 8 yellow spheres aligned and slightly bowed down towards the ground, it appeared as though they were all linked together, this object was about 15 feet long and hovering above the ground 10 feet. The other witness and I were deep in the woods camping, we were away from the fire gathering wood when we heard a high pitch noise such as a tea pot going off, we looked over and there it was hovering and slightly revolving, and of course it was night time so it appeared to be glowing, when we came upon it, it started to revolve faster and faster and get louder and louder, then it just appeared to fold into itself, and the light it had given off slowly

dissipated. this all took place at about 2 in the morning. the other witness and I sprinted back to the campsite through the woods and told the others, who were skeptical even though we were clearly shaken.

UFO INFO REPORT

Late Saturday night, November 16, 1996, at approximately 11:10 p.m., Carl Draper was driving on Ohio Route 422 in rural Geauga County, heading east toward Auburn Corners (population 70). As he approached the intersection of Route 44, just west of the reservoir, he "saw an object about the size of a manhole cover cross the sky from north to south." The disc-shaped UFO was flying at a high rate of speed, seemingly coming from Lake Erie. Carl described the UFO as "orange in color, and its trail was green...The tail extended across the entire arc of the sky, and it (UFO) covered the distance in less than one second."

These stories were informative and entertaining. But they had me wondering... was there some connection here between UFO visitation, sightings of Bigfoot, the Bulldozer Guy, the Tube Farm, and Agent X?

The question offered a perfect reason to return to my quest for clues!

FROM THE GEAUGA COUNTY MAPLE LEAF, CHARDON, OHIO

POSTED BY ROD ICE AT 9:51 AM

<http://thecid.com/ufo/uf18/uf7/187543.htm>

6 Nov 1957 -
Montville, Ohio,
USA

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6 November 1957 23:30

Montville, Ohio, USA



Object like a bright meteor split into two pieces,
Olden Moore Case. Explanation: Meteor.

Olden Moore, 28, a plasterer was driving home when he suddenly saw an object looking like a bright meteor split into two pieces, one of which went straight up. The other got larger while its color changed from bright white to blue-green. It hovered 60 meters above a field and came to the ground with a soft whirring sound, 150 meters away. After observing it for 15 minutes, Moore then walked to the object, which he found to be shaped like "a covered dish" 15 meters in diameter, five meters high, with a cone on top about three meters high, surrounded by haze or fog, pulsating slowly. Holes, footprints and radioactivity were found

at the site by Civil Defense Director Kenneth Locke.

A hovering flying disc was observed. Radioactivity was detected. Men in black later interviewed witnesses.

One blue-green ball, about 80 feet across, around 500 feet away, was observed by a radio operator, age 28, on a farm for over 15 minutes (Olden J Moore).

Hynek rating: [CE2](#): Close Encounters of the Second Kind

Vallee rating: [CE2](#): A CE1 that leaves landing traces or injuries to the witness.

[Other sightings in this area](#)

[Google map of this location.](#)

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REPORT U.S.
I Rep for WFO

March 28, 1958

Lawrence J. Tucker, Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services
Department of the Air Force
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

A copy of this registered letter will be sent to the publishers for nation-wide distribution in three weeks. Your answer, if any, will be included for publication. Your refusal to answer my questions will indicate:

1. That the Air Force has an unusual disregard for the facts and a questionable practice of avoiding the truth.
2. That the Air Force refuses to abide by its own written objectives.

All of my many letters to various Air Force Departments concerning the [redacted] UFO sighting have been either unanswered or my questions evaded. The last ambiguous letter from you dated Feb. 28, stated that this "sighting has never been reported to the U.S. Air Force." However, in other communications we receive the following, "The Air Force feels a very definite obligation to identify and analyze things that happen in the air..." Among many other similar pronouncements in my files I'll include a sentence in reference to UFO's written by your Legislative Liaison Director, Major General Joe. W. Kelly to my Representative, Hon. J. Harry McGregor:--"You may be assured that the Air Force shall continue to study, analyze, and present to the public full facts on this subject."

Since you admit complete ignorance of the sighting that was circulated by the press, television and radio in America, I will herein copy a Civilian Defense report for the Air Force. I do this with tongue-in-cheek as I cannot believe that the Air Force knows less about a very important UFO Ohio landing than do thousands of school children in this area.

"UFO Interview at Chardon, Ohio, Sheriff's Office Nov. 3, 1957, 2030 P.M. of [redacted] Mansburg, Ohio.

Present at this interview was a group of C.D. Personnel, Col. Leroy John, Area Director of Ohio Civil Defense Corps., Lt. Charles Baldeck, Administrative Asst., 5th Area C.D., R. E. Tooke, Lake County Director and Group Commander of 51st Mobile Support, R. S. Williamson, Rescue Chief of Lake County C.D., and three people from Columbus, representing W N S K, T.V. Station. Also the Sheriff and three Deputies of Geauga County.

Mr. ██████ said he was coming from Painesville towards his home when he sighted this object pass before him. It seemed to split into two parts, one rising and the other landing on a knoll about five hundred feet to the right of the road. Mr. ██████ stopped his car and shut off his motor and started across the field; he stopped about two hundred feet from his car and thought he should have a witness to what he saw. He returned to his car and drove to his home to get his wife to go back and see this object.

Upon arriving at the scene he found the object was gone. They returned home and Mrs. ██████ called the sheriff to report the incident.

Mr. ██████ was then asked as to the color, and shape and noises of this object.

He replied, the color was a blueish green color much the same as a luminous watch with a metallic appearance. The noise of the object was similar to a quiet generator, and much like the sound of a running light meter, used to measure electricity in the home.

The shape of the object was to his description, something shaped like a Mexican hat with the crown being fourteen feet high and the rim being about eight to ten feet thick. The object, he said, was about thirty feet across.

Mr. ██████ was then asked about vision into the object or seeing any people or things about the object. The answer was he had seen nothing nor could he see into the object.

Mr. ██████ was then asked why he was absent for a whole day and night after this happening.

He explained of his fears of the jeerings and the general attitude of his friends, and fellow workers. *Mr. ██████ made this statement to cover up the fact that he had been taken to Washington for questioning. D.D. HABER has the file.*
Mr. ██████ was then asked if he has forgotten to mention anything else that might help to throw some light on the subject for the investigators of these reports.

He said no, that was all he knew and saw.

Mr. ██████ was then interviewed and gave this account to the incident. Asked, how he was notified. He said by Radio and called to 5th Area to have someone meet him at the scene. Arriving, and seeing what the problem consisted of, he then returned to Headquarters for Geiger Counters. Checking for radiation of an area one hundred feet across he found with the help of Lt. C. Reineck a reading of from twenty Mikrorentgens to one hundred and fifty mikrorentgens in the center of the area. He told of the rapid decay of Radiation and found it had a count, three hours later, of twenty mikrorentgens. He also told of checking a woman's car that lived in the area. The car had small pock marks on it and was checked for radiation. Result was a reading of twenty to sixty-four mikrorentgens, which is not normal at any time."

Handwritten notes:
- [unclear]
- [unclear]
- [unclear]
- [unclear]
- [unclear]
- [unclear]

Civil Defense minutes of Chardon meeting to interview [redacted] on U F O sightings.

Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] arrived in Chardon at 2000 and were met by Col. L. John and Lt. C. Reinecke of the 5th Area. We waited until 2100 at which time the personnel of Station W N B K - T V of Columbus, Ohio arrived.

They interviewed Mr. [redacted], The Sheriff and Mr. [redacted].

We were also told of a report on another sighting of a U F O by Mrs. [redacted]. [redacted] Phone [redacted]. Time 0636 Nov. 7, 1957. Received by Oper. E. Skiba, Sheriff's Office Nov. 8, 1957 at 12:26. She told as follows.

Yesterday at 6:30 A M I saw an object or space ship. It was so bright that it blurred my eyes. It was like setting on the ledges and then it went right up. It was round in shape, very low and much larger than an airplane. Odd in color. Only there a few minutes. It definitely was not the sun, moon or an airplane. There was no vapor trails or noise. End of report.

Minutes by R. S. Williamson
Rescue Chief of Lake Co. C D

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0900 P M of [redacted], Huntsburg, Ohio

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W. E. Williamson,
Bureau Chief Lake County C D

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'Thing' Over Geauga Makes Geiger Click

A "thing" that might have zoomed over Geauga County early yesterday was blamed for picking a car there with radioactive material.

It was the latest in a string of sky-borne "things" that bothered Greater Clevelanders who spent time watching the heavens.

Olden Moore was driving home from Painesville on Route 141, he said, when he saw a blue-green flame-shooting object fly over Route 141 and plunge into a field. He said his motor stalled.

He started the car again, drove home, picked up his wife and took her back to the spot, but they could find nothing.

Later Mrs. Moore notified Geauga County Sheriff Louis Sobusky. He called Kenneth Locke of Eastlake, paid civil defense director for Lake County, who owns a Geiger counter.

Strange Footprints

They went to the scene. Locke said he "picked up radioactivity of 150 Roentgen strength—pretty strong" in the field where Moore said the thing landed.

"We found footprints, too," Locke added.

He said he did not know if they were the prints of humans.

"They had a sort of heel-
print, then some little holes in the ground—like golf shoes—
"like marks," he said. But nobody around there has "golf" shoes or any reason for wearing them."

Mrs. Mildred Wenzel, wife of a farmer who lives on Route 138 nearby, was driving her car to Chardon in talk to the

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'Thing' Makes Gauga Field Radioactive

Car Pockmarked, TV Reception Hurt

★ From First Page

sheriff about strange pockmarks she discovered in the roof and windshield of her auto. It had been parked outside all night, only about a half mile from where Moore said he saw the "thing."

When she saw the sheriff and Locke working over the field with the Geiger counter, she stopped to find out what was going on.

When he heard her story, Locke ran his counter over her car. It measured from 25 to 40 Roentgens, from windshield to roof.

"Is that dangerous?" Locke was asked.

"No, but a normal car doesn't have any radioactivity," he answered. "Humans can stand 200 Roentgens."

Mrs. Wenzel said she did not know what to do.

"I'm scared," she said. "Maybe I ought to go to Alaska."

TV was blurred.

The Wenzel farm is only about three quarters of a mile from the Nelson Astronomical Station, 6133 Chardon Road, on Chardon Street, Montville. There were no observations there when Moore saw the "thing."

"I was out there when they were on that night," said Mrs. Wenzel. "I couldn't get any of the TV stations on my set. They were all blurred. I finally turned it off and went to bed."

She said she did not see the bright flying object.

The Soviet mutant is supposed to be visible here—if it is not cloudy—at 5:05 this morning, 5:54 tomorrow morning and 5:47 Sunday morning.

Dr. Evelyn Grant, Case astronomer, said it would be moving from southwest to northeast each morning. It will be low in the east this morning, about overhead tomorrow and in the west Sunday.

Mutant also makes afternoon trips across town, in the other direction, but is not visible because there is too much light, Dr. Grant said.

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

6 Day 11 Month 57 Year

2. Time of day: 5 PM

Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern

b. Central

c. Mountain

d. Pacific

e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving

b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

MONTVILLE
Nearest Postal Address

MONTVILLE
City or Town

OHIO
State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

5
Minutes

Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight

b. Dull daylight

c. Bright twilight

d. Just a trace of daylight

e. No trace of daylight

f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you

b. In back of you

c. To your right

d. To your left

e. Overhead

f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight — pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF It was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

- b. Several blocks away?
- c. A block away?
- d. Several yards away?
- e. Other

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

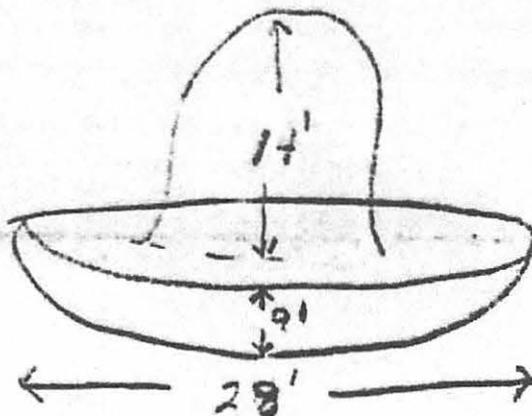
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| c. Windshield | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | g. Theodolite | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| d. Window glass | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | h. Other _____ | | |

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound _____

b. Color _____

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



18. The edges of the object were:

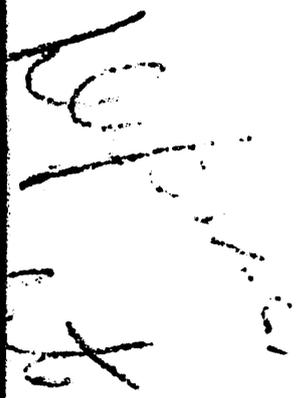
- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 2
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

The Defense kept and/or
 the Air Force have complete
 articles.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the subject was in the longest dimension. _____ feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and of about one's length?

- (Circle One):
 - a. Head of a pin
 - b. Pin
 - c. Dime
 - d. Nickel
 - e. Quarter
 - f. Half dollar
 - g. Silver dollar
 - h. Baseball
 - i. Grapefruit
 - j. Basketball
 - k. Other _____
- 22.1 (Circle One) at the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.
- a. Certain
 - b. Fairly certain
 - c. Not very sure
 - d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? _____

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.



25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building _____
- b. In a car _____
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

26. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Flying near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

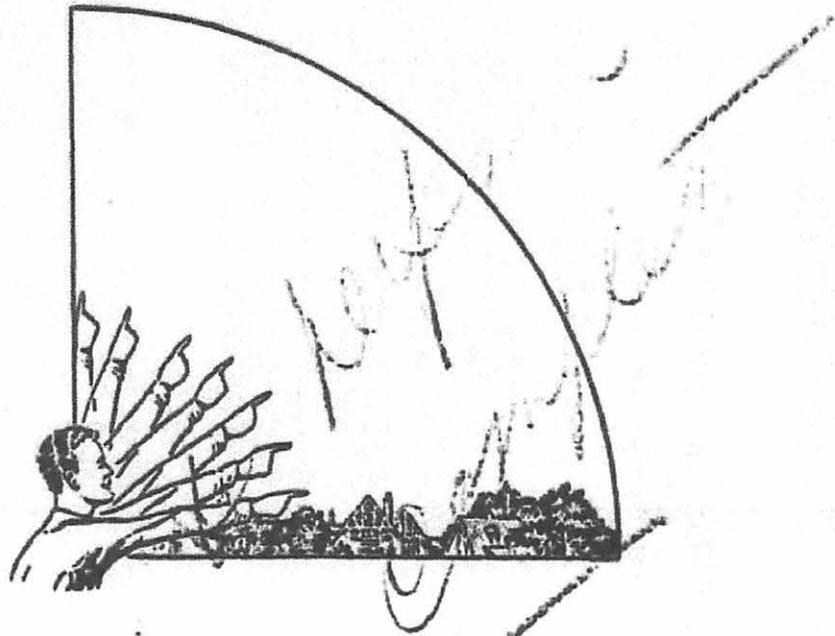
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

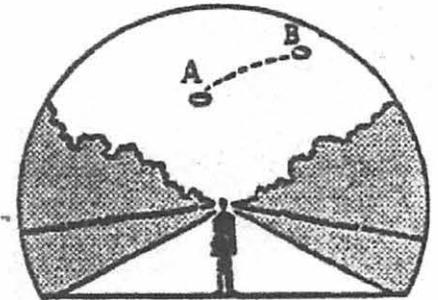
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

Day Month Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

You have questioned [unclear] and for the [unclear] left [unclear]

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____ m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

Age

Sex

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____

e. e. Technical school _____

b. High school _____

(Type) _____

c. College _____

f. Other special training _____

d. Post graduate _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

Month

Year

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET
(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.



NAME [Redacted]
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE [Redacted]

CODE:

DATE 1/4/58

What I must see
appear explaining
the [Redacted] [Redacted]
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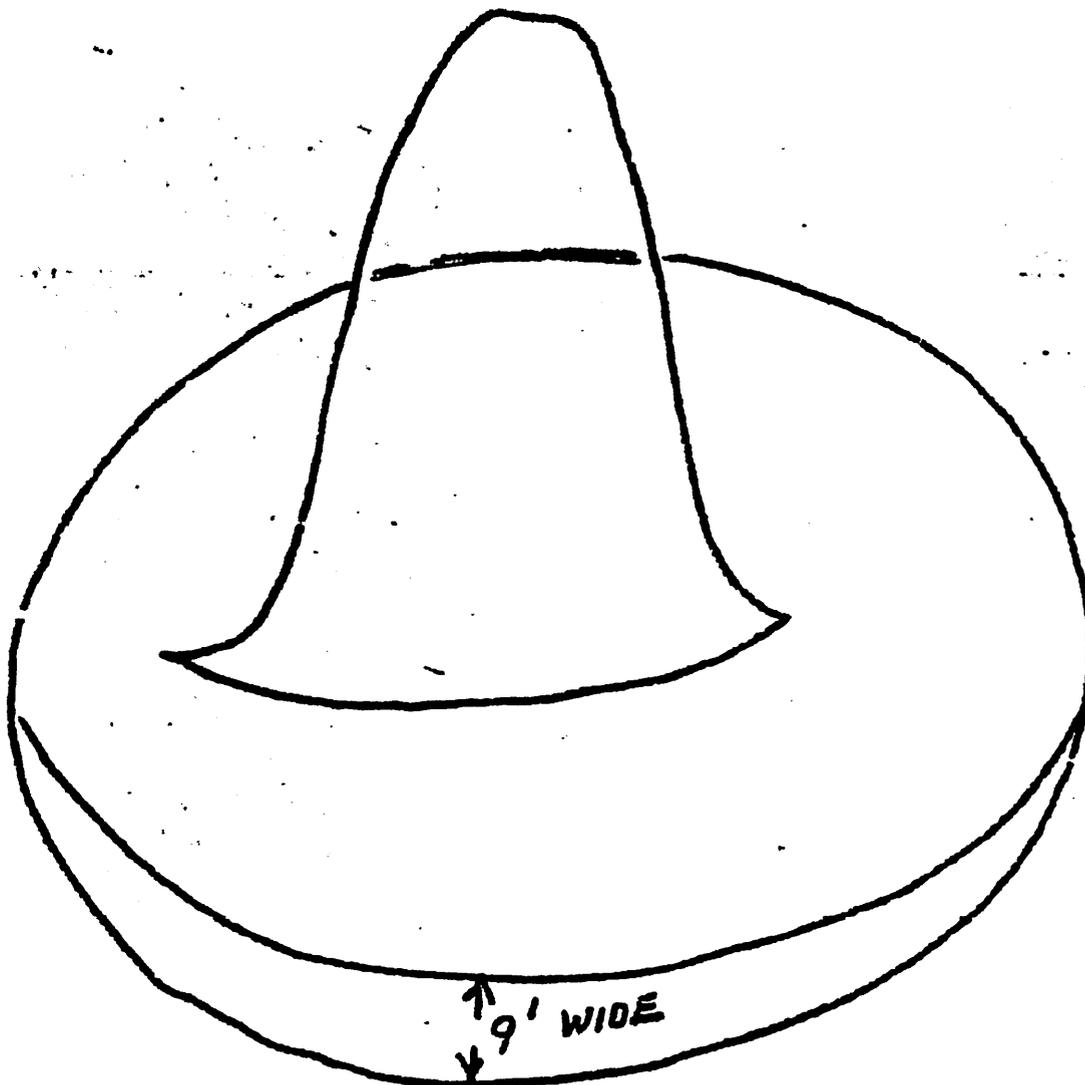
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 of your department
 functions with a degree
 of efficiency of your
 organization.

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Dictaphone copies of the
tape recording of Mr.
Liber's interview of
Mr. Moore.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

██████████ age 28 of ██████████ reported to me that he saw object
50' across a cone shaped top the light in it would get dim and then bright
it had a hum to it like a electric meter 11:00P.M. 11-6-57 changed colors
as it settled down it seemed to split before it about 30,000 ft it had
metalic glow like the phosphris on a wrist watch



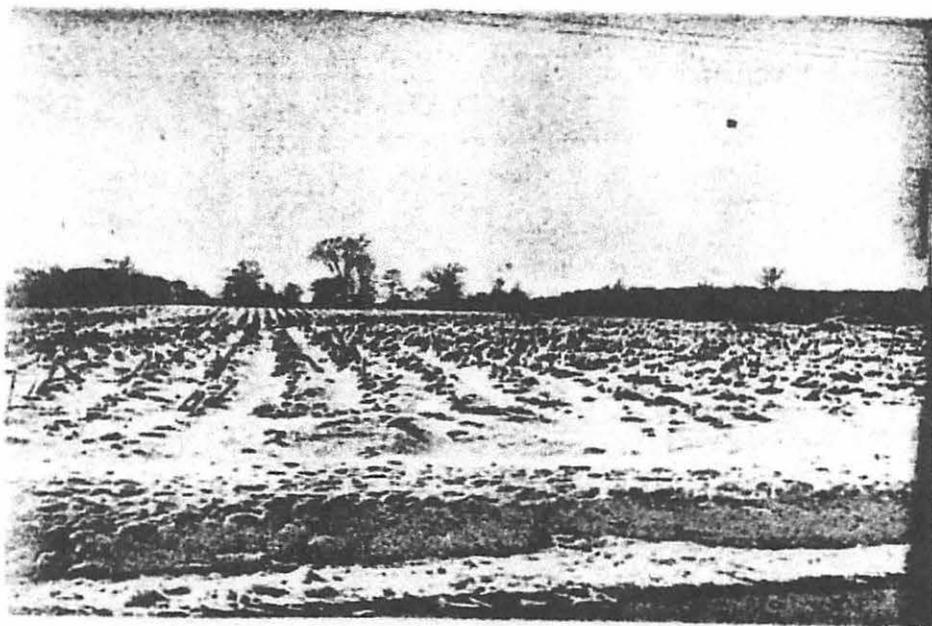
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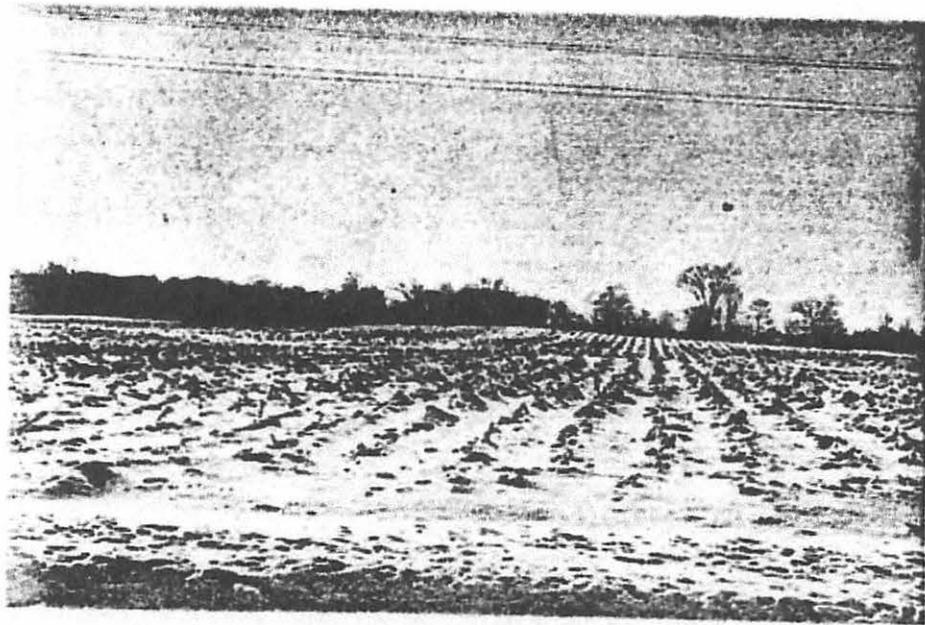
Sounded like meter ticking



THE OBJECT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE LANDED
IN THIS CORN FIELD , ON THE LITTLE MOUND
IN FRONT OF THE OFFICER. THE CAMERA FACES WEST.







Film
Nov. 6, 1957
Montville, Ohio
Observers: ~~DA~~
File # 1003482
In custody of Audio-Visual Division

1975

This case includes
dictaphone copies (2) of tape
recording of ~~██████████~~ interview
of ~~██████████~~, six 4" x 5"
photos, and a roll of
negatives (in following folder).

AFCIN-4E4 Weekly Activity Report

SUBJECT: UFO Program

11 March 1959

1. On 10 March 1959, Major Robert J. Friend and M/Sgt Oliver D. Hill of the Aerial Phenomena Group, AFCIN-4E4g, made a trip to the Montville, Ohio area for the purpose of investigating an Unidentified Flying Object sighting reported to the Sheriff's Office by Mr. ██████████, who lives near Montville. This is an old case, 6 November 1957, but has caused the Air Force much in the way of manhours, and to some extent endangered its prestige, due to exploitation by private UFO investigators.

2. The Air Technical Intelligence Center had no report from an Air Force source or from Mr. ██████████ himself, therefore, all of the information was hearsay, and as such relatively unreliable.

3. The investigation was successful. Mr. ██████████ was very cooperative and it was learned that many of the statements attributed to him were untrue. One such statement is that he (██████████) was carried to the Defense Department and interrogated for two days, then warned not to mention where he had been or why.

4. As a result of this investigation the Air Technical Intelligence Center's conclusion is that Mr. ██████████ UFO probably was a "fireball".

(PPT-5771, Maj. R. J. Friend, 6-9216)
(UNCLASSIFIED)

25 March 1959

MEMO FOR RECORD -

SUBJECT: Olden Moore Sighting, 6 November 1957

1. Background.

a. On 6 November 1957, Mr. [REDACTED] of the Montville, Ohio area sighted an Unidentified Flying Object while approximately two miles northwest of his home on the highway from Paynesville to Montville. This case was never investigated by the Air Force, nor was there on hand a report completed by Mr. [REDACTED]. The only available information on this case was from a very sketchy report prepared by the civil defense and letters to the ATIG from Mr. [REDACTED], a private UFO investigator of Mansfield, Ohio (see Tab A). A summary of the sighting as appears in the Civil Defense Report is that Mr. [REDACTED] saw this flaming object flying at terrific speed, hovering, and then land in a nearby field on a farm owned by Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] rushed home and brought his wife to see the object, but found it was gone. [REDACTED] reported his sighting to Sheriff Louis Robusky of Geauga County, and the civil defense was called in to investigate. The civil defense with Sheriff Robusky went to the site of the reported landing, but found no evidence of a space vehicle. The radiation level as measured with three different counters was on the order of 150 milliroentgens as opposed to a normal background level of twenty milliroentgens. Mr. [REDACTED] appeared on television to report his experience. In the Civil Defense Report it was reported that Mr. [REDACTED] stated he had been spirited away to the Department of Defense for a period of two days. At the DOD he was questioned concerning his experience and warned not to tell of the DOD interest or where he had been taken. Mr. [REDACTED] has exploited this case in his writings to the Air Force. In view of this it was decided to investigate this case in spite of its one and one half year age.

2. Facts for Consideration.

a. On 26 February 1959, Major Friend and M/Sgt Hill visited Mansfield, Ohio to contact Mr. [REDACTED] concerning a February sighting by him and also concerning the Olden Moore case. Mr. [REDACTED] in the Mansfield High School, was immediately recognized as a [REDACTED]. He claims to be one of the original organizers of the National Investigation Committee of Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), and never committed himself to affiliation with any organization at the present time. Mr. [REDACTED], however, was the initiator of a tape-recording service for UFO fans. All that is necessary to get a recording is to send a blank tape and return postage to Mr. [REDACTED] and he would send you the recording of your request. These tape recordings were either speeches by UFO adherents or interviews with witnesses. Mr. [REDACTED] had such a

recording of his interview with Mr. O [redacted]. In summary, the tape recording is essentially the same information as in the Civil Defense Report. (Tab B)

b. On 10 March 1959, Major Friend and M/Sgt Hill of the Aerial Phenomena Group, AF CIN-454g, visited Chardon, Paynesville and Montville, Ohio in connection with the [redacted] case. The first contact in the area was made with Sheriff Louis Robusky at his office in Chardon, Ohio. The sheriff was very cooperative and revealed all of the information in his files concerning the case; this was, however, little because the investigation was turned over to the civil defense. The sheriff indicated that he heard about the case the morning after the sighting when Mr. [redacted] came in to report what he had seen. The sheriff's impression was that Mr. Moore was frightened by what he had seen. The sheriff's report contained a drawing of the object made by Mr. [redacted], a copy of which is attached as Tab C.

c. In Paynesville, Ohio contact was made with Mr. [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] was also very cooperative, and has an avid interest in Unidentified Flying Object sightings. Mr. [redacted] pointed out that he was one of the three persons that took readings of the radiation level in the area after the [redacted] sighting and that the reading was approximately 150 milliroentgens. Mr. [redacted] further pointed out that there were some markings like foot prints, starting nowhere and going nowhere and three others which were very deep, in a diameter of approximately 18 feet. The marks were approximately 6 inches by 4 inches. Plaster casts of these marks were made by Case Institute in Cleveland, Ohio. Samples of the earth were also taken to be given radiation analysis. The radiation level was reported as high, but no specific readings given.

d. A visit was made to the farm of Mr. [redacted] where the object was reported to have fallen. Mr. [redacted], a quiet relatively unconcerned farmer, showed no interest whatsoever in the sighting. Mr. [redacted] said that Mr. [redacted] was near his house and should have come there rather than drive four miles or so to his home and back. Mr. [redacted] allowed Major Friend and M/Sgt Hill to visit the area where the object was supposed to have been on the ground. The area is in the middle of a corn field and on a small knoll. During this investigation the field was snow covered and very soggy. Footprints noted in the area during the investigation were those of rabbits, muskrats, birds and dogs. Radiation level at the time, even with the snow, was below the normal background reading of 20 milliroentgens.

e. The final visit was made to Mr. [redacted] to obtain first hand information concerning his sighting. Mr. [redacted] had moved and was located only by intensive leg work, finally being traced through a meat packing company where he works. Mr. [redacted] was immediately receptive and the following is the interview as closely as it can be remembered:

Major Friend - Mr. [REDACTED], I am Major Friend from the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio (shows credentials). I am here regarding your sighting of 6 November 1957.

Mr. [REDACTED] - (Looks at credentials and smiles) Uh huh.

Major Friend - Generally describe what you saw Mr. [REDACTED], and then I will ask you some specific questions.

Mr. [REDACTED] - I was coming home from Paynesville, Ohio on Route #86. I was approximately three miles from home when I saw this thing through the windshield of the car. It was traveling from right to left and appeared to be going up and getting larger. Its color was blue-white with a green tint. There didn't seem to be any sound associated with this thing until it had passed over the car and came to rest in the field (see Tab D). The sound as it passed over the car was a whirring sound, like a light meter. There was no smell associated with the item. My first impulse was to rush over to where the item landed, then I changed my mind and drove home to get my wife. On my return there was no evidence of the object or that it had been there.

Major Friend - Was there only one object?

Mr. [REDACTED] - It appeared to become two just as it went over the car.

Major Friend - What was the direction in which your car was headed?

Mr. [REDACTED] - South - southeast.

Major Friend - Can you be sure there was an absence of sound or was it possible you couldn't hear it with the car going?

Mr. [REDACTED] - I can't be sure.

Major Friend - How long was the object in sight?

Mr. [REDACTED] - Approximately three (3) seconds.

Major Friend - How fast were you driving?

Mr. [REDACTED] - Fifty miles per hour.

Major Friend - Did you apply brakes as soon as you saw the object?

Mr. [REDACTED] - Yes.

Major Friend - Was the object in sight until the car came to a complete stop?

Mr. ██████ - No, only after it appeared to be on the ground.

Major Friend - When you first saw the object which half of the windshield did it appear to be in, the upper or the lower?

Mr. ██████ - The lower.

Major Friend - You have already stated it disappeared over the car which means it moved to the upper half of your windshield?

Mr. ██████ - Yes.

Major Friend - Did the object hover or stop at any time?

Mr. ██████ - Only when it was on the ground.

Major Friend - Did you see it take off after it was on the ground?

Mr. ██████ - No.

Major Friend - You have mentioned everything except size and shape. Can you give me any information in these areas?

Mr. ██████ - Yes, the object was very small and then became much larger, and it was generally round.

Major Friend - Mr. ██████, have any other government officials contacted you?

Mr. ██████ - Yes, I think an Air Force man, but after seeing you, I don't know.

Major Friend - What was his name, rank and organization?

Mr. ██████ - His name was ██████ and he was from Youngstown, Ohio. I don't know his rank.

Major Friend - I understand, Mr. ██████, that you were taken to the Department of Defense for questioning, is this true?

Mr. ██████ - No. (Smiling)

Major Friend - Mr. ██████, have you been contacted by any other people regarding your experience?

Mr. ██████ - Yes, quite a number of crackpots call and come to see me. (Mrs. ██████ chimes in with "These guys have dedicated their lives to these things, & Mr. ██████ made tape recordings.")

Major Friend - Mr. ██████ what do you think you saw?

Mr. ██████ - I don't know, but I wish someone would tell me. (Mrs. ██████, "There must be some logical explanation").

Major Friend - Mr. [REDACTED], I think you saw an exceptional meteor called a "Fireball". A meteor which is as bright or brighter than -3 magnitude; that means approximately 10 times as bright as the brightest star, and considerably larger than the meteors, or 'shooting stars' as they are commonly known. Fireballs are rare and usually a person experiences only one, if that, in a lifetime. If you are not aware of its nature before hand, and under any circumstances if it comes close enough, it can be a very frightening experience. A fluttering or whirring sound may be associated with these fireballs. At times witnesses have reported these meteors to have struck the ground and the same object has been seen two or three hundred miles away.

Mr. [REDACTED] - I certainly am glad you explained to me what I saw.

Major Friend - Mr. [REDACTED], I further think that because of the startling effect of this experience that you also suffered some illusions in connection with it. Rather than the object moving from your right to your left, I believe the motion was more toward you, which accounts for the rapid change in size of the object and its apparent increase in elevation. This too could account for your not hearing the object until it was over or past you; remember it was moving many times faster than the speed of sound. Finally, some glow or reflection caused you to think this object had landed in the field, it probably continued on its way until it burned out.

3. Discussion and Analysis.

a. Mr. [REDACTED] is married, has five children and is a man of less than moderate means. It is our opinion that he [REDACTED] (He was on several television programs and had some articles written) and the publicity (see Tab E). The facts as he gave them in his interview with Major Friend are probably the truth.

b. It is our opinion that the civil defense people [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. It was difficult to tell if this was organizational policy or due to the fact that Mr. [REDACTED] enthusiastic (see Tab E). Mrs. [REDACTED] was also quite a UFO fan.

c. Other witnesses saw an object with the same description as [REDACTED], same night and same time. It is our opinion that the late hour and low population density are the factors responsible for such few witnesses of this object. Mr. [REDACTED], fortunately or unfortunately, happened to be in position to have the object pass closer to him than any of the other witnesses.

d. It seems quite logical that the meteor seen by Mr. [REDACTED] was quite near burn out. It probably burned out or exploded and some extremely small pieces hit the earth soon after it passed over Mr. [REDACTED]

car. It is our opinion the residue from this meteor could account for the increase in the radiation level and that a smoke formation could account for Mr. ██████'s other illusions.

e. Major Friend pointed out to Mr. ██████ that public anxieties over radiation could be curtailed by also supplying the newspapers with information as to what constitutes a dangerous level. Mr. ██████ was not too receptive to this suggestion, indicating that the newspapers wanted only information which would make sales.

4. Conclusion.

a. Mr. ██████ and the other witnesses probably saw a meteor of exceptional brightness and size, a "Fireball". A fireball is defined as a meteor as bright or brighter than -3 magnitude. These meteors may have curved or irregular paths due to irregular shapes. Fireballs may appear white, blue, green, red, yellow, orange, pink or purple. Usually these meteors leave trains which may also be varicolored and may change color after being left. Trains when seen in the daytime appear as smoke. A good percentage of these meteors burst at the ends of their paths and may leave a cloud of smoke which expand uniformly or in a certain direction.

Prepared by

Robert J. Friend
Major Robert J. Friend

M/Sgt O. D. Hill

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER

See Navy WX & Callan Test Chart
rec'd late on [unclear]

James [unclear] called [unclear] who keeps contacting the press, is an [unclear]

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TO: HEADQUARTERS, USAF
SECY OF AIR FORCE, INFO STS
ATTN: MAJ TACKER
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Office of AF

FROM: AFCEH-4A

12-1927-2

Ref query to AFCE re blue-green globular object reported by man over Cleveland, Ohio on night 6 Nov, and press inquiries to your office. Flt vectored over Cleveland to check. No obj in air. However, scattered clouds and contrails, with searchlights up, from Cleveland found. Proved repeatedly that blue or greenish-white beams often will blend with background, and only circular or elliptical reflection of searchlights underneath scattered clouds visible. This gives illusion of solid object moving rapidly in sky. Report states movement counter-clockwise in circle. This typical of searchlights. Reporting observers cannot be considered very reliable as to est size: basketball size at arcs length would make object almost 3 miles in diameter at given altitude.

DATE	TIME
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COORDINATION: AFCEH-4A
[unclear] 8 Dec 57

AFCEH-4E
Col H. K. Gilbert
[unclear]

SYMBOL	AFCEH-4A
TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required)	[unclear]
PHONE	[unclear]
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TACKER INFO TO AFCIN-X1 /E/ MAJOR BYRNES.

REQ QUERY TO ATIC RE BLUE-GREEN GLOBULAR OBJECT REPORTED BY MANY
OVER CLEVELAND CMM OHIO ON NIGHT 6 NOV CMM AND PRESS INQUIRIES
TO YOUR OFFICE. FLT VECTORED OVER CLEVELAND TO CHECK. NO OBJ IN
AIR. HOWEVER CMM SCATTERED CLOUDS AND CONTRAILS CMM WITH
SEARCHLIGHTS UP FROM CLEVELAND FOUND. PROVED REPEATEDLY THAT BLUE
OR GREENISH-WHITE BEAMS OFTEN WILL BLEND WITH BACKGROUND CMM AND
ONLY CIRCULAR OR ELLIPTICAL REFLECTION OF SEARCHLIGHTS UNDERNEATH
SCATTERED CLOUDS VISIBLE. THIS GIVES ILLUSION OF SOLID OBJECT
MOVING RAPIDLY IN SKY. REPORT STATES MOVEMENT COUNTER-CLOCKWISE
IN-CIRCLE. THIS TYPICAL OF SEARCH LIGHTS. REPORTING OBSERVERS
CANNOT BE CONSIDERED VERY RELIABLE AS TO EST SIZE CLN BASKETBALL
SIZE AT ARMS LENGTH WOULD MAKE OBJECT ALMOST 3 MILES IN DIAMETER
AT GIVEN ALTITUDE.

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		Mansfield, Ohio	
REMARKS Larry- The Air Force (ATIC) received no report on this alleged sighting. Further, upon receipt of this letter we checked with the GOC and radar unit in that area and they report nothing unusual for that day and they did not receive any such report. A check of balloon launchings shows that there was a very large, high altitude, balloon over the area on 6 Nov 57. However the balloon would not fit the description of anything having landed. The sighting report probably got no further than a news story. <i>Summary enclosed.</i>			
FROM NAME OR TITLE 		DATE 21 Feb 58	
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION AFCIN-4X3		TELEPHONE 55266	

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Replaces DA AGO Form 595, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

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FROM: COMDR ATIC

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO: COMDR, 662ND ACWON, BROOKFIELD, OHIO *ReoBW*

~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ FROM: AFCIN-424 2-306-E

REQUEST CHECK OF YOUR RECORDS IF ANY UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED FROM YOUR AREA OF JURISDICTION ON 6 NOVEMBER 1957, PARTICULARLY RADAR. REPLY SOONEST. IN REPLY REFER TO QUOTE UFO CASE - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, CIS ⁽¹⁷⁾ Q&A QUERY UNQUOTE

COORDINATION

AFCIN-424 *Henry A. Milley* DATE 18 Feb 58
 Dr. Henry A. Milley

AFCIN-42 *H.K. Gilbert* DATE _____
 Col. H.K. Gilbert

DATE 18	TIME 0845
MONTH FEB	YEAR 58

SYMBOL AFCIN-424	SIGNATURE <i>Wallace W. Elwood</i>
TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required) Capt G.T. Gregory <i>G.T. Gregory</i>	TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE WALLACE W. ELWOOD Captain, USAF Assistant Adjutant
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REPORTED WEATHER CLEAR. 8. NEG. 9. SILVERTONE HAD
FILIBUSTER BROWN FLIGHT UNDER CONTROL AND GASBAG

REQUESTED THEY BE VECTORED TO CLEVELAND FOR OBSERVATION.

THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED AT 00:30Z. FILIBUSTER BROWN

Note! (See U.S. WX-NAVY
CHART Track w/FCC
AACs Track ^{IN !!} JUST ...)

REPORTED NO OBJECTS SIGHTED, HOWEVER THERE WERE
CONTRAILS IN THE AREA. YOUNGSTOWN WEATHER REPORTED CONTRAIL LEVEL
TO BE 32 ANGELS AND UP. FILIBUSTER BROWN ALSO REPORTED SEARCHLIGHTS

COMING FROM THE CITY OF CLEVELAND. 10. NEG. 11. THESE
SIGHTINGS COULD HAVE BEEN THE REFLECTIONS OF THE
SEARCHLIGHTS FROM CLEVELAND OFF THE SCATTERED CLOUDS.

HORSEFLY REPORTED MANY SIMILAR UFOB REPORTS AT THIS TIME.

1ST LT. WILLIAM H. SCHREINER, INT OFFICER

AT TIME OF SIGHTING. 12. NEG. END OF UFOB REPORT. NO

note!

RADAR OBSERVATION FROM THIS STATION.

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22/1632Z FEB RJEDBW

Note (1) Scattered clouds
(2) Searchlights
(3) Contrails left in
air w/ a/c

Note!
No balloons! I suspect
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Area between 0000Z
and 0050Z -

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This is in reply
to ATIC report
on clock in the UFO
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TO COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB
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/UNCL/ INT 2-128. YOUR AFCIN-4E4 2-306-E, UFO CASE-

018 QUERY. FOLLOWING UFOB REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM CANTON OHIO
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BASKETBALL, COLOR BLUE-GREEN, ONE OBJECT, 2. ALTITUDE 30
ANGELS, DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT COUNTER-CLOCKWISE, IN SIGHT

5 MINUTES, SPEED UNKNOWN. 3. VISUAL SIGHTING. 4. DATEWC
000:10Z, 7 NOV 57, NIGHT. 5. OBJECT SEEN OVER CLEVELAND, OHIO.

16. MR. [REDACTED], MAYFIELD OHIO. NOT AN
EXPERIENCED OBSERVER. 7. WX: SCATTERED CLOUD FORMATIONS OVER CLEVELAND
AT 30 ANGELS. ACCORDING TO YOUNGSTOWN OHIO WEATHER, UFOB OBSERVER

Place 1
Object was moving
in scattered
clouds.

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CANTON OHIO 20

COMMANDER ATIC

WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

REFERENCE UFO CASE ██████████ CIS QUERY NO RECORD THIS STATION.

662D AC&W BROOKFIELD OHIO HAS RECORD OF A REPORT IN CLEVELAND

AREA ON DATE IN QUESTION

COMMANDER CANTON FILTER CENTER

UFO CIS 662D AC&W

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Send teletype to 662nd if any
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Reply from 662nd attached

*no source by that name
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TO: COMDR, CANTON FILTER CENTER, 916 E. CLEVELAND AVENUE, N.W. CANTON, OHIO

/UNCLASSIFIED/FROM: AFCIN-4E4 2-307-E

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REPLY SOONEST. IN REPLY REFER TO QUOTE UFO CASE - [REDACTED]

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COORDINATION

AFCIN-4E4 Henry A. Miley DATE 18 Feb 58
Dr. Henry A. Miley

AFCIN-4E4 H.K. Gilbert DATE _____
Col H. K. Gilbert

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DATE	18	TIME	0900
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On the night of November 6, 1957, about 11:30 p.m., [redacted] a Masterer, driving home from Putnamville, Ohio, was startled by the sight of a glass-shaped bright object suddenly looming up in front of him, seemingly splitting apart, one section apparently disappearing; the other settling down in a field near the road. This locality is about thirty miles east of Cleveland. This incident is reported by Mr. [redacted].

[redacted] of Akronian account of it is published in the AFRO Bulletin of January, 1958. When the object landed, Mr. [redacted] shut off his car lights and pulled his car off the road. He got out of his car and watched the object for about 20 minutes. He noted a ticking sound, somewhat like the tick of a water meter. At 11:30 a.m. the next morning his wife reported the incident to [redacted]. Later in the day Mr. [redacted] was questioned by various local authorities, United States Army representatives, and scientists from the Case Institute of Technology. Geiger counter readings taken in the middle of an area fifty feet in diameter where the object had landed, registered ten times normal background activity. At the perimeter of the area the Geiger counter readings were about 50% greater than normal. It was learned that Mr. [redacted] had gone to Washington, D.C. in connection with this sighting of the UFO. On his return, he indicated that he had worked with high officials and had been sworn to secrecy. Further details of this sighting were unreliable from Mr. [redacted]. This incident is given as an illustration to show a connection between the sighting of a UFO and the apparent great increase in background activity as registered by a Geiger counter in the vicinity of the sighting.

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Montville UFO Tops Bump

Geauga County Man Reportedly Talked to Washington Officials

By DAVID VORNELKER

Olden Moore, the Geauga County man who reported seeing a space ship in a field near Montville the night of Nov. 6, has just revealed a mission as mysterious as his Unidentified Flying Object.

He was out of town several days until last Saturday afternoon. He won't say where. But his wife, Zelma, told friends he was in Washington in regard to the UFO.

"She talks too much," Moore said yesterday.

"I talked to high officials.

"I was sworn to secrecy. I won't say where I was."

His report of a flying saucer landed in a farm field has touched off an investigation by scientists, Civil Defense and Army authorities. A rash of reports of sightings of similar sky objects by others in Geauga and Ashland Counties followed.

Moore is a painter, 38, of Painesville, near Chardon.

He was first interrogated on Nov. 6 by Lake County Civil Defense Director Kenneth Locke, Geauga County Sheriff Louis A. Kobusky, Army authorities, scientists from Case Institute of Technology and newsmen.

"I do not care what people think," Moore said. "I know what I saw. I am sorry, though, that I was not able to have a witness here to see what I saw and back up my story."

Moore has not been shaken from his story concerning the sighting of the UFO. He said it appeared to be as large as an average house, perhaps 50 feet across, and shaped like a saucer with a large propeller on top.

It also had a cone-shaped object in the center, according to Moore, and glowed brightly with the color of sodium on a familiar watch-dial.

Moore signed an affidavit covering his reported sighting of the UFO.

He did not report the sighting immediately. His wife phoned the report to Sheriff Kobusky on Nov. 7, at 11:20 a.m. 12 hours after Moore allegedly saw the object.

But Moore was not available for questioning until Nov. 8.

from Painesville when he saw the bright object coming toward him near the intersection of Rt. 88 and Hart Road in Montville Township, he said.

"In seconds it loomed up in front of me as large as a house," he said. "Then it seemed to split apart. One section disappeared. The other section sped in a low, fast curve. When I saw the object approaching I pulled off the road and turned off the ignition.

"I watched it in the field for about 15 minutes, then got out of my car and walked toward it. I heard a ticking sound like that of an electric or water meter.

"I stopped before I reached it, however, returned to my car and drove home to get my wife. When we came to the field again the object was gone."

Locke said he could not disregard Moore's story in view of his adherence to his original story.

"I did not see the object, however, so I cannot make any comment as to whether such an object was seen or not," Locke added.

"Scientists from Case Institute might examine the field next week to see if the grass has been affected by radioactivity.

"When we took a reading with a Geiger counter on Nov. 7, the counter registered 150 mikrocentgens in the center of an area 50 feet in diameter in the field. The reading dropped to 20 or 30 mikrocentgens near the perimeter of that area."

Farmers Saw Nothing
Robert Seltz, a graduate student at Case, said the higher

reading represented about 107 times the normal background of radioactivity.

"Readings on counters can be obtained many places because of cosmic radiation, radioactive isotopes and radioactivity produced by bomb tests," Seltz said.

"A normal reading would be 15 or 20 mikrocentgens."

The field where the object supposedly landed is on Ernest Mousling's farm. Neither Mousling nor his sister saw or heard anything on the night of Nov. 6. The farm house is several hundred feet from the field.

Other reports of sightings of UFO's include those reported by Mrs. E. A. Markell of Thompson, Geauga County, and members of the Ground Observers Corps at Orwell, Ashland County.

Mrs. Markell reported sighting a glowing orange object that appeared to be hovering over the Thompson Lodge about 8:35 p.m. on Nov. 7.

"It was large and shaped like a saucer," she said. "I watched it for a few minutes and then it disappeared from sight. I was very north or south of west. There was no noise but the bright glow almost blinded me."

"It was only a few hundred feet from the trailer in which I live."

Boys Report Object

At Orwell, John Shaffer, 16, and Timothy Sadowski, 13, reported seeing a cigar-shaped UFO at very high altitude and traveling swiftly northwest on Nov. 6 at 7:55 p.m.

Both were on duty at the Grand Valley Observer Post at the time.

Shaffer told the post supervisor, John F. Hanson, that he saw the object with his binoculars.

"It had lights streaming down from what appeared to be two periscopes," Shaffer said. "Tim saw it too, but while I was reporting an airplane sighting and this unknown object at the Canton Filler Center, they saw another UFO."

Tim said the second UFO had an intense white brilliance and traveled so swiftly he could get only one glance at it.

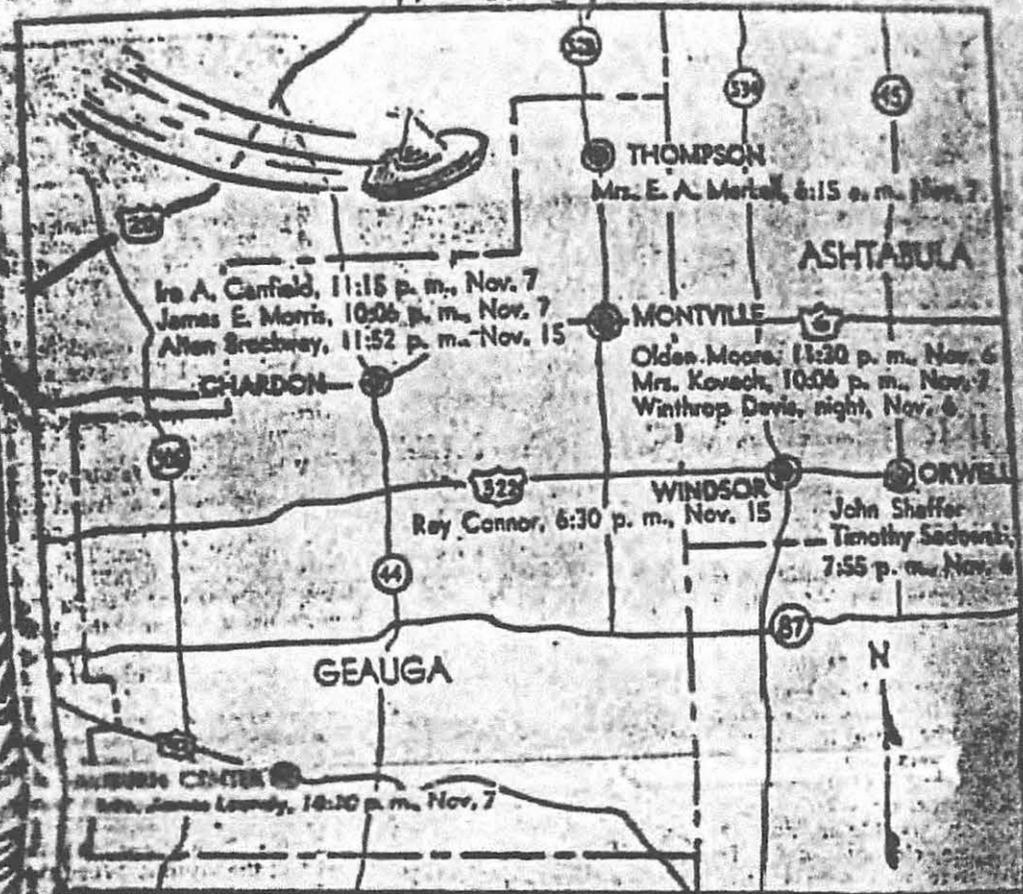
"It was shaped like a cigar but was not tapered at both ends," he added. "One end was larger than the other."

Ray Conner, a deputy sheriff of Ashland County, reported a UFO in the vicinity of Orwell at 4:30 a.m. on Nov. 12.

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Locating the density of sightings in Geauga and Ashtabula Counties

The object looked like an open umbrella with two sticks protruding from it," Connor said. "I could see a strong white light shining from it, a red glow and a green glow."

"A passenger in the cruiser also saw it and a grocery store owner at the intersection of Routes 28 and 334 told me he saw a similar object one or two days prior to my sighting of it."

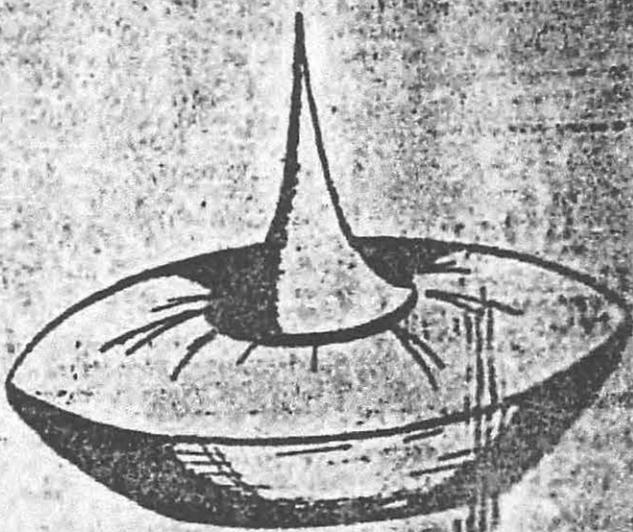
Other recent sightings in the Geauga area included:

A blue-colored something reported seen by Chardon School teacher Ira A. Canfield at 11:15 a.m. Nov. 7 near Chardon.

A reddish spinning object reported seen by Mrs. James Laundy near Auburn Center at 10:30 p.m. Nov. 7.

James E. Morris reported seeing a round object with a blue streamer flashing through the sky at 10:06 p.m. Nov. 7 near Chardon.

Mrs. Kovach of Route 86 near Montville reported another seen on Nov. 7 at 10 p.m. The object appeared to be a landing



Olden Moore says he saw something like this. Drawing is based on his report and description.

County sheriff's deputy, also reportedly saw a brilliant blue object at a high altitude at 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 15, near Chardon. The first blue light report in the area...

Locke Is Noncommittal:

Geauga Alive with Probers Of Reports on 'Space Crafts'

11-8-57

MONTVILLE — "If there was a space ship here, it will be in this area again," Lake County Civil Defense Director Kenneth E. Locke solemnly prophesied Thursday.

Although reluctant to commit himself on the subject of a space ship or flying saucer, Mr. Locke declared, "There was something here."

He was referring to an expanse of field at the corner of Rt. 96 and Hart Rd., where a Montsberg man reported seeing a mysterious craft land Wednesday night.

Armed with Geiger counters, Mr. Locke and a state CD official apparently detected some radioactivity in the field. They also found fresh marks in the earth that Mr. Locke described as resembling a heel print.

Investigators tramped over several times in an effort to determine where the craft landed.

The only witness on the landing, Edna Moore, could not be located Thursday night in attempts to verify the report.

Mr. Locke said the location of the incident is in the Georgia County Sheriff's Dept. jurisdiction. Thursday morning the road was used to haul lumber—a dump truck from the highway.

Before CD authorities and sheriff's officers had an opportunity to examine the field, the owner had spread liberal amounts of manure over that portion of the field nearest the highway.

Efforts of the sheriff's department to locate Mr. Moore Thursday were fruitless.

He reportedly spied the strange craft at about 11 p.m. Wednesday. The incident was not reported until about 12 hours later.



ANKLES AND PULLED — Mr. Locke expressed regret that notice was not received immediately after the incident. He said the television camera was not working at the time of the incident.

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He explained that radioactivity "decays" rapidly.

Light in Sky
Substantiating Mr. Moore's observation to some degree were re-

ports of four Geauga sheriff's deputies who reported seeing the strange light in the sky in the vicinity of about the same time Mr. Moore saw the craft land.

Traveling along Rt. 96 at the time, Mr. Moore said his auto's wipers were pulled when the craft swooped over the highway near Hart and landed in the field.

Other apparent evidence in the area was on a car owned by Mrs. I Wenzel of Rt. 528, a short distance from the field.

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Object

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from the field.

She drove the car to the field and asked investigators to examine some small pock marks that appeared on the windshield and a side window the preceding night.

Mr. Locke and Charles Reinecke, of Chagris Falls, CD director of the state's Fifth Area, examined the pitted areas with a Geiger counter. The indicator needle of the apparatus wavered promisingly several times.

Both CD officials expressed opinions that the car did register radioactivity.

Mr. Locke theorized that the exhaust from the space ship may have caused the glass damage and left the radioactivity.

Draws Picture

James L. Werner, a Chardon attorney who has represented Olden Moore in previous legal matters, said Mr. Moore gave Sheriff Louis Robusky a statement and drew a picture of the unidentified flying object that he had seen Wednesday at 11 p. n. near the intersection of Rts. 88 and Six.

Mr. Werner said that "Moore described it as being as big as a house and rested on a cone. It made a whirring noise, and he had observed it for 15 to 20 minutes."

Other Reports

More reports of seeing unidentified flying objects were received by the Geauga County Sheriff's Dept. this morning.

James Morris, Rock Haven Rd. south of Rt. 322, said he saw a bluish ball-like object travelling west at 11:08 p.m.

Ira Canfield, superintendent of Chardon schools, saw a falling object blue in color.

A Mr. Simons reported that he had seen an object over Montville at 9:45 p.m.

Mrs. Julius Evans saw a high flying object which was traveling north at 10:00 p.m. She said it definitely was not a plane and appeared to land near Morgan Rd. and Rt. 6.

Mrs. James Hamby, who lives Mills and Rt. 22, said she saw a spinning object in the northeast sky at 10:30 p.m.

"It had a light reddish light, quite a bit brighter than the flashing lights of an airplane.

"I watched it for three minutes, then it disappeared," she said.

Photos of 'Saucer' Sent to CD Head; Mailer Sought

By JERRY SNOOK,
County Correspondent
Lake County civil de-
director yesterday re-
a letter and two snap-
from a man who wrote
he had photographed the
ous flying object re-
seen near Montville, O.,
w. 7.

Locke, the director

asked all departments and
sheriff's offices in Northern
Ohio to help him locate the
man, who signed the letter
"Joe Tillman."

Locke said the picture did
not appear to be doctored. But
his main concern was for the
health of the letter writer.

"Tillman" wrote that he had in
his car a basket of radioactive

dirt from where the object
landed. He said the dirt "still
has very active rays."

Radioactivity Registered

Locke, called to the scene
after the object had "gone,"
said his geiger counter had
picked up radioactivity of 150
Roentgen strength. He de-
scribed this as "pretty strong."
The object was supposedly
sighted by Olden Moore, who
said he had seen a blue-green
flame-shooting object fly over
Route 86 and plunge into a
field.

Then, Moore said, his motor
stalled.

If "Tillman's statements are
correct, he will be the only
person besides Moore to have
seen the object.

"Tillman" is not listed in any
Lake County directories. The
letter was postmarked in
Painesville.

Saving Photos

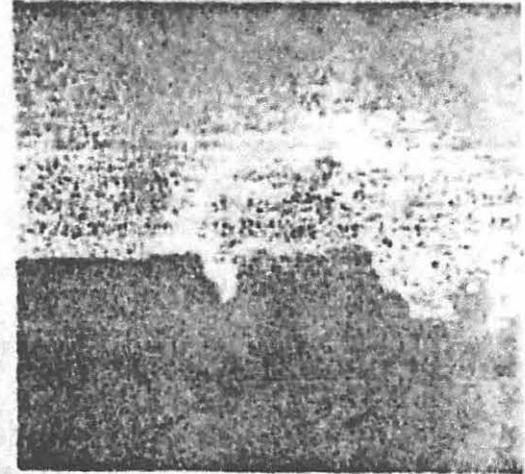
Locke said the pictures
showed a circular white object
against a dark background. A
hill in the photograph, he said,
led him to believe that the pic-
tures had not been doctored.

The letter said that "Till-
man" was saving 17 photo-
graphs of the object for a re-
porter from a flying saucer
magazine who "is coming to
see me any day now."

Describing the shots he and
his wife took, "Tillman" said:
"We have very good views of
the acorn, as we call it, while
on the ground and while it was
taking off."

The pictures sent to Locke
were taken, the letter said,
from a distance of 600 feet.
One showed the object on the
ground, the other in the air.

"Other close-up photos, de-
scriptions of it, and what went
on while on the ground and
while taking off, will be given
to the reporter," the letter con-
cluded.



Letter writer says he took this pic-
ture of flying saucer.

Space Craft Grew, Spotter Says

By PAUL COLBROOK

Calm and quiet-voiced Olden Moore, a 28-year-old father of four children, a plasterer by trade, sat in the kitchen of his Huntsville home last night answering the questions of your New-Herald reporter about the landing of an unidentified object last Wednesday night.

Moore is the first person in the northern Ohio area to report seeing such an object land.

About 11 p.m. last Wednesday Moore was driving south on Route 27 from Painesville to his home in Huntsville.

He had been in Painesville that evening making arrangements to get another automobile.

As he approached the intersection of Hart rd. he noticed what he first took to be a bright shooting star or meteor of some kind moving rapidly across the sky from right to left in front of him.

"It seemed high in the sky and quite some distance away, and it was exceptionally bright. I've seen shooting stars before and I thought that's what it was.

"It stopped when it got to the center of my side of the windshield, and then it split in two pieces.

"One part of it went upwards. The part that remained then seemed brighter than ever. No, I don't remember seeing the part that remained then seemed brighter than ever. No, I don't remember seeing the part that went straight up again. I didn't follow it."

Deposits Saw Ball

In a matter-of-fact manner Moore continued his story. "As I kept watching the 'star' it kept getting brighter and bigger.

"When it got to be about the size of that calendar there (about the size of a sheet of paper, 8 1/2 by 11), I pulled the car off the road into the side road (Hart rd.) and got out of the car.



OLDEN MOORE

"I had no idea of what it was that I was watching. As it got bigger and bigger, it seemed to be headed straight at the car.

"The color of the thing changed, as it approached, from a bright white to a green haze, and then to a blue-green as it stopped about 200 feet in the air above the field.

A Whirring Sound

"I didn't hear any sound from it at all until it started to settle slowly to the ground. Then I noticed a whirring sound, something like an electric motor on the side of the house, only a little deeper."

As we talked, the whir of an electric refrigerator started up. Moore mentioned that the sound of the object was similar, but deeper and a little louder.

"I stood by the car watching the thing for some 15 minutes before I decided to walk toward it. It was about 500 feet away."

Radioactivity registered on a Geiger counter was observed by your News-Herald reporter in the field the following evening about an estimated 200 yards from where Moore said he had parked his car.

Felt No Fear

"No, I wasn't afraid at the time. Even after standing at the

'Space Craft'

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car watching whatever it was for 15 or 20 minutes.

Moore described the object as being about 50 feet in diameter, disc-like about 15 feet thick with a cone on the top making the overall height between 30 and 35 feet.

"It was surrounded by a blue-green haze, like a fog, mostly green. And the color pulsed slowly, alternating between bright and dim.

"If you recall, the moon was especially bright that night, and it was the moonlight that made it possible to distinguish the object itself from the haze.

"When the haze was dim, whatever the thing was made of looked the same as those mirrored sun glasses — the kind where the outside of the glasses look like mirrors, and you cannot see the wearer's eyes. I didn't see any windows.

"Up until last Wednesday night I figured, as most people do, that flying saucer sighters belonged in the booby hatch. Now, I do not doubt them at all.

"It was there. I saw it. I know I saw it."

Moore Tells CD Brass Data On UFO Spotted in Geauga

CHARDON — Civil Defense of Leroy John, head of the 3th Area Scouts traversed the sheriff's office of the Civil Defense, and Lt. here Friday night to investigate Charles Reineck, his executive as the unidentified flying object reportedly seen Wednesday by Odea Moore of Rt. 328, Huntsburg. There were only slight variations to the story told by Mr. Moore to Col. John as to the one reported to Sheriff Louis Robusky and appearing in The Telegraph.

Enroute to his home Wednesday night, Mr. Moore said, he first spied the object directly in front of him.

"It was small, like a car very bright," Mr. Moore said, "It kept getting brighter brighter. That was when I left the road and turned off key."

Mr. Moore was insistent on at least point. It was previously reported that the car stalled.

Mr. Moore said, "It was a matter of seconds from the I first saw it, until it was big like a house in front of me."

"It seemed to split apart and one section hovered in the air over a field next to the road. It slowly descended to the ground he said.

Mr. Moore described the object as "round with a dome in the middle." It had, he added, "a bright green haze around it and seemed to glow like the dial of a lum watch."

Getting out of the car, Mr. Moore said he started to cross the road to examine the object. Half there, he said, he stopped and thought about getting into the car and returned to the car.

"No one would believe me if I told them what I saw," he said, "so I wanted to get someone there."

This fear of disbelievers what made him reluctant to report the incident, Mr. Moore commented. He could not get on the highway and went home to get his wife and return with her.

"It was gone when we got home he said.

Monday, the scene, and Kenneth L. Lake County CD director, reported some unusual findings. (See WHATNIX, Page 4)

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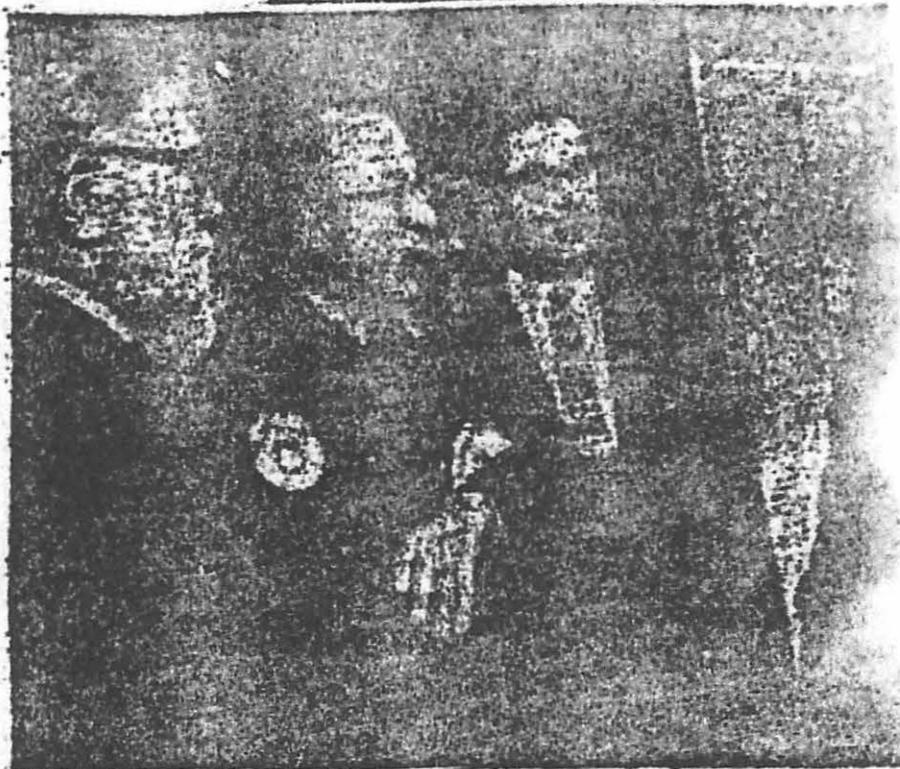
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Quarried as to what he attributed the cause of the radioactivity, Col. John replied, "I can't say. We just investigate these incidents and let up to the Air Force to make the conclusion as to what caused them. However, the delay in reporting the incident has hindered us."



DESCRIBING THE 'WHATNEM' is Oden Moore (extreme right) who saw an unusual light in a field in Montville Wednesday night. Questioning him about the incident are (from left) Col. Larry John, Kenneth E. Locke and Lt. Charles H. Haskins. Haskins, in background, looks on.

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UFO Spotter Taken to Washington



'Sworn to
Secrecy'

Moore
Says of Trip

THE ABOVE PHOTO (not related to the Moore story, which begins on Page 10), was sent to us by a correspondent in Albany, N.Y., who wishes to remain anonymous. He states that at about 2:30 p.m. on the afternoon of March 12th, 1963, he was sitting on the back porch of his home when a UFO flew into sight at low altitude and hovered for several seconds. Our correspondent rushed into the house for his camera, and took three pictures in quick succession as the object moved away slowly toward the east. It made no sound.

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IVAN SANDERSON, and a well-documented article by Lonzo Dove entitled "Humanoids and the Mars Saucer Cycle."

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- #51 (March, 1963) - Contains the conclusion of the above-mentioned article by Tom Comella, plus a wealth of recent saucer sightings from around the world.

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THE OLDEN MOORE STORY

- by C. W. Fitch -

In the September 1962 issue of SAUCER NEWS, Mr. Moseley gave a long account of his interview with Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend, chief of the Air Force's UFO investigation center at Wright-Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio.

In this article, on Page 13, Mr. Moseley stated: "The conversation came around, at one point, to 'hush ups,' and I was told the story of a gentleman (name known to me) who made an important and apparently truthful sighting during the 1957 'flap.' Later he began claiming that, as a result of his sighting, he was taken to Washington and detained involuntarily for three days of questioning. He made these statements to friends and eventually on tape; and this tape was sent to a larger circle of saucer enthusiasts. According to Col. Friend, the Air Force went to interview this man and ask him politely about these wild claims. The fellow admitted in private that they were not true. Apparently he had merely strayed from home for a few days and needed a good story to tell his wife. Then, the story had 'snowballed' from there...."

It is my purpose in this article to set the record straight. As Mr. Moseley and I both know, the name of the gentleman in question is Olden Moore. As recounted in many newspapers at the time (and in the February-March 1958 issue of SAUCER NEWS, now out of print), Moore made a very close sighting of a flying saucer. The date was November 6th, 1957 - right at the height of the well-remembered 1957 "flap." Moore, then living in Lake County, Ohio, was driving his car along Route 86, near Montville, when he noticed what he at first took to be a bright shooting star or meteor moving rapidly across the sky from right to left in front of him.

Said Moore (as quoted in one of the local newspapers): "The object stopped when it got to the center of my side of the windshield, and then it split into two pieces. One part of it went upward. The part that remained then seemed brighter than ever. As I kept watching this 'star,' it kept getting brighter and bigger. I decided to pull my car off the road onto a side road, and I got out to take a look. The thing seemed to be headed straight at the car. As it approached, its color changed from a bright white to a green haze, and then to a blue-green color, as it stopped about 200 feet in the air above a nearby field. I didn't hear any sound from it at all until it started to settle slowly to the ground. Then I noticed a whirring sound, something like the electric meter on the side of my house, only a little deeper in tone. I stood by the car watching the thing for some fifteen minutes before I decided to walk toward it. The object was about 500 feet away from me."

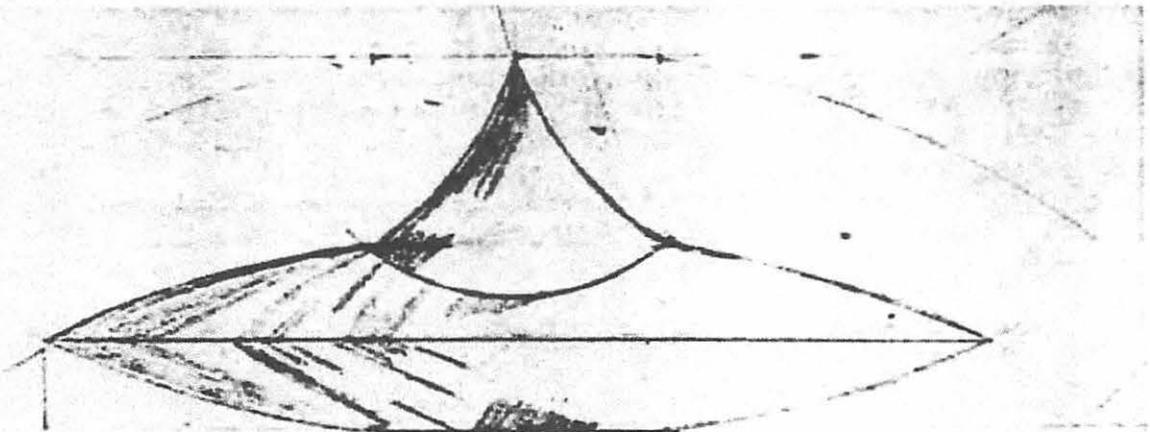
Moore had walked about half the distance between the road and the landed UFO when he stopped and decided that he would go back to his car and

return to the spot with witnesses, as no one would believe him otherwise. He could find no one else on the highway at the time, however. He went home to get his wife, and returned to the spot with her; but by that time the object was gone.

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The saucer is the darkened area within the geometric construction lines Moore used to draw it. Moore's signature is at the bottom.

Moore moved from Ohio to New York in the Fall of 1962, and has resumed his trade as a plasterer. I have lost contact with him since then, but I was among the first to interview him after his sighting in November 1957, and after the initial excitement died down, I visited him many times during the period from 1957 to mid-1962. He had never believed in nor been interested in matters pertaining to UFO's before his sighting; but from that time on, he was very much interested. On numerous occasions I sat with him in his kitchen and discussed the details of his sighting, and I acquainted him with sightings made by others. I used to bring him articles and magazines on the saucer subject, and we became good friends. I can definitely state that I got to know Olden well enough to form a respect for him as a religious and truthful man. He just wasn't the kind to make up or fabricate stories of any sort. He was very active in church work and spent many of his evenings in that manner.

A few months after his sighting, Moore confided in me about having been flown to Washington and interviewed there for two days and returned home on the third. He said then that I was the first person he had told about it. Three men in particular figured in the picture. He recalled their last names and gave them to me. Naturally, these could have been assumed names. In any case, I later passed this information on to NICAP to see if they could identify or locate any of the three. NICAP was not successful, so I had to abandon this particular approach in my efforts to authenticate Moore's story.

However, Moore did identify certain buildings in Washington - one in particular, which he said was a block-long Esso station, where several stops for gas were made by the Air Force car in which he was being driven around the city. About two years ago, while in Washington myself, I had a friend of mine take pictures of this particular gas station and other adjoining buildings. When I showed the pictures to Olden later, he quickly identified the Esso station and the building opposite it as two of those he had been in while there. Moore had never been to Washington before in his life, but he remembered stopping in this exceptionally large gas station. I learned that it was the only one of its kind in the city, so he wasn't mistaken in that. The building opposite the Esso station turns out to be the United States Court House, which faces on Constitution Ave., and extends between 3rd and 4th Streets. It is shown in the picture below, which is one of the photos taken by my friend. The Esso station in question is right across the street.

Moore said that one of the military officers stayed with him every minute he was in Washington - even sleeping in the same room with him at night. They never let him out of their sight. They dined with him in a private restaurant in the same building where he was housed. He was well treated and afforded every courtesy, and he had no complaint on that score.

The military officers, after questioning him about his sighting at considerable length on several occasions, showed him some slides, projected on a screen. These



slides were of various UFO still photographs. They even ran off a UFO movie film, which had apparently been taken from inside a military plane. Moore said he was told that about 30% of the UFO's on which they had information, were of the type with a pointed dome, such as the one he had seen.

After being shown these slides and motion pictures, Moore was asked to sign papers (with witnesses' signatures attached to them) to the effect that he would not reveal the fact that he had been shown this evidence of the existence of UFO's. Moore told me that he asked where these objects are from. He was told by the military officials that they are not ours or Russia's, and that they must therefore be from another planet, coming into our atmosphere from outer space. He was also told that the public has not been informed about this because the Military themselves do not yet have all the answers.

At my request, Moore even told me exactly how he was taken to Washington. But in order to give you the whole story correctly in sequence, I must explain the heretofore unpublished fact that he was taken on another trip first. Here is exactly what happened:

On Sunday evening, November 10th, 1957, Geauga County Sheriff Louis Robusky, accompanied by a deputy and an Air Force lieutenant who stated he was from Youngstown (Ohio), called on Moore at his home. Sheriff Robusky told Moore that the Air Force representatives wished to question him about his sighting and wanted to have him accompany them to Youngstown for that purpose. He added that he felt it was Moore's duty as a citizen to do as they requested. Moore agreed to go, and asked how long he would be away. They informed him he would be back home later that same evening. Moore got in the car with them, and they drove him to the very same field where he had seen the UFO land! The whole experience was so unusual that he became frightened. When they arrived at the field there was an Army or Air Force helicopter waiting for them. Moore said that two Air Force men accompanied him to Youngstown. On arrival at the airfield there, he was escorted to a nearby building and questioned at some length about his sighting. Then he was flown in the same helicopter back to the field from which he had been taken, and he arrived home about 11 p.m. that evening, as had been promised.

On the following Sunday, November 17th, at about 6 p.m., an Air Force car with two officers in it came to Moore's home. This time he was informed by one of the officers that they wanted him to go to Washington for two or three days of questioning, and he was asked to pack a grip. They said they would return for him in an hour, and promptly at 7 p.m. they did return. The car drove to a waiting plane in which the pilot was already at the controls. The plane touched down at Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, and dropped off one of the officers. It picked up another Air Force officer at the same time, and then took off for Washington, arriving there at an unidentified (to Moore) airport later that night. An official car then drove him to the downtown building where he was housed throughout his stay there. Two or three days later, Moore was flown back home via Youngstown.

Olden said that after it was all over, he lay in bed many times before going to sleep at night, and wondered why the Government had selected him to take to Washington for questioning. I told him that I felt sure the same sort of thing had happened to others, and that they too had been sworn to secrecy.

It was not Olden who first "leaked" the information about his having gone to Washington. While he was away, his wife told a friend on the telephone that her husband was in the Capital being questioned about his UFO experience. This friend told others, and the newspapers and other news media picked the story up. Moore later admitted having gone to Washington, but according to what he told me, he always stopped questioning at that point by



"They've gone to so much trouble digging up the stuff, I didn't have the heart to tell them they'd landed right in the middle of the town dump!"

simply stating that he had been sworn to secrecy as to what had happened there.

In March of 1959, Mrs. Moore sent me a postcard, saying that they had recently had another visit - this time by two men from Wright-Patterson Field, and that she would tell me more about it if I cared to come over. I went to see the Moores, and on that occasion Olden told me that a saucer researcher named Dan Haber had come to him and had convinced him to make a tape recording about his saucer experience. Moore had made the tape to please Haber, and the latter had apparently proceeded to circulate the tape and even sent a copy of it to the Air Force. It was because of this tape that the two officers from Wright-Patterson visited Moore. This official visit, rather

than the earlier ones, is probably the one which entered into the discussion between Mr. Moseley and Col. Friend.

In any case, these officers from Wright Field told Olden that what he had undoubtedly seen, back in November 1957, was a giant fireball. They said that on rare occasions these huge fireballs were seen for periods of very short duration before disappearing or vanishing from sight. Moore's wife was convinced from this conversation that what her husband had seen was indeed a fireball, but Olden told me that while he let the officers think they had convinced him, they didn't change his mind one bit. He told me: "I know I saw a solid object that night, because I was close enough to it to see the reflection of the moonlight on the object's mirror-like surface. It wasn't any fireball. I know what I saw and nothing they said changed my mind on that score."

It is entirely possible that Col. Friend is unaware of the events that took place at the time of Moore's sighting. If this is the case, then, - smugly thinking he knew all the answers, - he accurately told Mr. Moseley what little he did know about the matter. Or, perhaps an inaccurate version of the case had been given to him by someone else. From my personal knowledge of Olden Moore, one thing is certain: Either Col. Friend was ignorant of Moore's visit to Washington or else he withheld the real facts from Moseley. There is no doubt in my mind that Olden Moore is telling the truth!

THE MYSTERY OF THE DISAPPEARING PLANES

- by Sandy Moseley -

Readers of Major Donald Keyhoe's book "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" will recall his description of the amazing case of the disappearance of five Navy planes off the coast of Florida on December 5th, 1945. This disappearance has been called one of the greatest and most incredible mysteries in the history of manned flight. Recently the story has been told in more detail in a fascinating article appearing in the April 1962 issue of "The American Legion Magazine." It is from the latter source that the following article has been condensed.

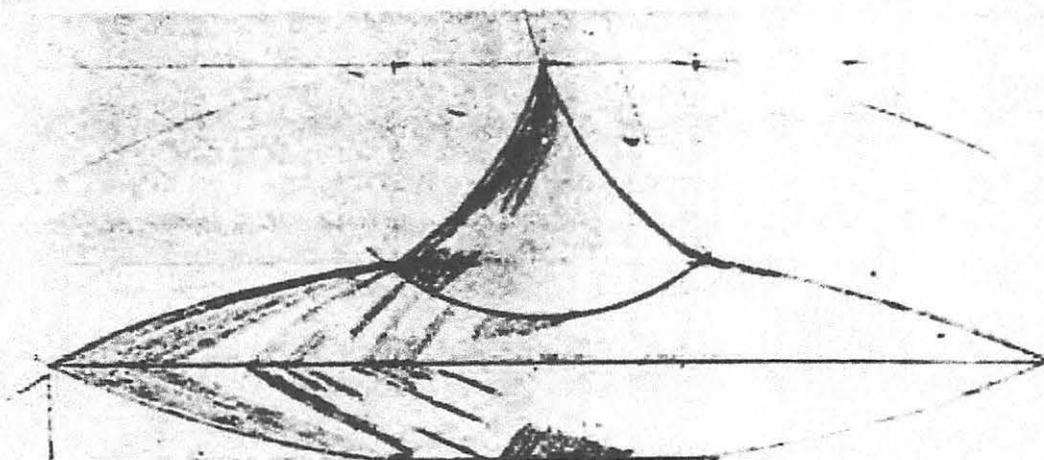
On December 5th, 1945, a flight of five TEM Avenger bombers took off on a routine patrol flight from the U.S. Naval Air Station at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The weather was clear, and flying conditions were almost ideal. The flight leader's plane carried a crew of two, while the remaining four carried three men each. All of these fourteen men had flight and navigation experience ranging from as little as thirteen months to as much as six years. The planes were expected to make a triangular patrol, flying east for about 160 miles, north for 40 miles, and then back to Fort Lauderdale.

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6 - 8 NOVEMBER 1957 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
6	Springfield, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
6	Artesia, New Mexico	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
6	St Albans, West Virginia (CASE MISSING)	GOC	Astro (METEOR)
6	Tampa, Florida	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
6	Baltimore, Maryland	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
6	Mission Hills, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
6	Portland, Oregon	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
6	Cannon AFB, New Mexico	Military	Aircraft
6	Artesia, New Mexico	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
6	Garden Grove, California	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
6	Radium Springs, New Mexico	Multi [REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
6	Hereford, Texas	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
6	Long Beach, California	[REDACTED]	Balloon
6	Long Beach, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
6-7	Lima, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Balloon
7	Shiroi AB, Japan	Multi	Astro (VENUS)
7	Tampa, Florida	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
7	Harlingen, Texas	Military (RADAR)	Other (RADAR MALFUNCTION)
7	Winston Salem, North Carolina	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
7	Floral Park, Long Island, New York	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
7	Bowling Green, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Balloon
7	Manchester, New Hampshire	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
7	Asbury Park, New Jersey	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
7	Inwood, Long Island, New York	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
7	San Antonio, Texas	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
7	Lake City, Tennessee (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Insufficient Data
7	Cedar Hill, Texas	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
7	Ft Deposit, Alabama	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
7	Ringgold, Georgia (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Astro (VENUS)
7	Levelland, Texas	Multi	Astro (VENUS)
7	Bakersfield, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
7	Southern California	Multi (3 cases)	Balloon
7	Seminole, New Mexico	Multi	Insufficient Data
7	Roswell, New Mexico	Military	Aircraft
7	Montrille, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
7	Long Beach, California	[REDACTED]	Other (CONTRAILS)
8	Columbia County, Tennessee	Multi [REDACTED]	Aircraft
8	Merrick, Long Island, New York	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
8	Philadelphia, Mississippi	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
8	Waverly, Illinois	[REDACTED]	Other (GARBLED REPORT)
8	Joplin, Missouri	[REDACTED]	Astro (JUPITER)
8	Freeport, Texas	Civilian	Aircraft
8	Long Beach, California	Military	Astro (STAR)
8	Alexandria, Louisiana	Military	Astro (METEOR)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
Nov	Universe	Science News Ltr	
7	Meridia, Mississippi	Newsclipping	
8	Sioux City, South Dakota	Newsclipping	