

THE GALT INCIDENT: From indefatigable Gene Duplantier, 1157 Saint Clair Avenue, West, Toronto 10, Ontario, Canada, besides the full account of the Galt incident, where a boy saw a saucer and later three-toed footprints burn marks on ground were found, we received the following comment: "I would like to add the following information about the Galt sighting. I spoke to Jack, and he told me and showed me various things the paper did not say. He also corrected some things the paper said and as he said, 'errors'. There were three prints in the circular area as if it had a tripod landing gear. The distances were approximately 14, 15 and 17 feet between prints. Jack didn't go to the scene after it took off. He went home. It wasn't until Thursday that he and two friends went to view the scene. There was slight radio-activity around the circumference of the area. This has been checked by a local resident with a geiger-counter. An investigator for the NICAP organization visited the youth. The official preferred to remain unknown. The Royal Canadian Air Force up to then, hadn't investigated, which seemed strange to me."

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## THE SAUCER AT GALT

Special to UCB

By Gene DUPLANTIER

IT happened around 10:30 A.M. Tuesday, July 30, 1957. Jack Stephens, age 15, was walking with his dog, Tex, about 4 miles outside Galt, through some fields when he saw a bright light over the Paris highway. The object hovered for a moment and then descended vertically into a gully surrounded by bushes. It was about 300 yards away from where Jack stood beside a tree. He wasn't sure whether it was the light or the humming noise that attracted his attention first. The hum sounded like that of a ball being swung around on an elastic. Standing on a hill, overlooking the gully, paralyzed on facing the unknown, his dog barking and growling, he watched this silvery object for 45 minutes. Then all of a sudden, the saucer took off swiftly back into the direction from which it came.

Jack told his mother of his strange experience, and his two friends Gerry Pawelko and Danny Oliver, both 14 years old. On Thursday morning the three left for the landing scene. What they saw when they arrived proved that Jack wasn't kidding them. Tex, sensing something in the bushes, began barking, and three took off as fast as their legs could carry them.

When interviewed by me, the following facts were made known. There were two small lakes or swamps, one on each side of the gully. Bushes and trees obscured the water fairly well when viewed from the gully. Two bales of hay had been ripped open and was strewn about the ground. In the area the saucer covered, there were burnt patches and some of the bushes on the side of the gully were cut straight off, parts of these were scorched also.

In the center of the area which was about 35 feet in diameter there were three depressions dug into the ground about 2 inches deep. They were about 18 inches wide and each had what looked like three toe prints. On the part that would be the palm of the hand, or heel of the foot, were strange markings, not unlike the ribs or veins in a maple leaf. In all the time the machine was there, not once did Jack see any sign of life come out of it. Could these prints have been the marks left by the landing gear?

A description of the saucer and landing is as follows. It dipped across one of the small lakes and hovered above the gully, then dropped to the ground and seemed to hover again, being partly surrounded by tall grass and weeds. The dome was bright and stationary, but the wide body was spinning very fast. As the spinning gradually stopped, the outer ring was shown to have portholes, with a light shining from within. No sign of life was seen, nor could any hatches or doors be seen either. As it descended there was a glow or radiation coming from the undercarriage. The under part was then out of sight, as it was below a hill. Some sort of overlapping came down in vertical lines from the dome to the outer flange of portholes. When it decided to leave there was no sound. A radiation test was taken by Andrew Tarchuk with a portable geiger counter which was designed to pick up radio-activity and atomic radiation. A slight increase in count could be detected in the area. It was barely noticeable around the circumference area. An interesting highlight of the story was that the saucer was bordering on a path through the bushes to the little lake. Could the visitors have wanted to take samples of water as was in the cases of Steep Rock, Ontario, Canada and the Brush Creek, California affair? Many sightings by various residents of the area have been seen recently in the past few weeks and we wonder what strange connection is there between the saucers and the local countryside of Galt, Ontario. (Good work from Mr. Duplantier. Thanks.-Ed.)

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30 July. Galt, Canada. (10:30 a.m.)

"Flying saucer lands?"

Fifteen-year-old Jack Stephens of Galt, Canada, was walking with his dog Tex at 10:30 in the morning of July 30th. Often the boy would ride his bike by the Paris highway, but on other occasions Jack left his bike at home and took a shortcut across the fields. Jack and his canine companion were about four miles southwest of Galt walking on the property of farmer G.S. Knapp. Jack stopped by a tree to catch his breath. (121.)

The young fellow looked out on an expanse of plowed clay loam mixed with with corn stubble. Beyond that was a bush-bordered grassy plot. To either side of the grassy area were two large ponds. (See map) (122.) In the background was a high voltage power line.

Jack wasn't sure what made him tilt his head up, but he spotted a fast moving point of light in the sky. As the point of light grew in size, the boy believed he was watching an airplane approach, but within moments he became aware the shape was wrong, what's more, he heard a queer sound, a throbbing humm. (123.)

The thing came toward him and then stopped in the air above the little clearing of grass, a distance of about 300 yards. Once the object was stationary, Jack could make out some detail. The source of the light was the rays of the sun reflecting off what appeared to be a metal surface of a spinning, round machine, a craft perhaps 30 or more feet in diameter and 12 feet high. The thing had a small, chrome-colored dome and a sloping skirt with vertical lines. Along the bottom edge of the skirt was a row of glowing ports, or what seemed to be port-like opennings. (See drawing by Jack) (124.) (125.)

The "machine" dropped slowly toward the ground. Jack could not be sure the thing actually touched the earth since some tall grass screened his view. (126.) Just before the craft set down, Jack saw a "red glow" come out from the bottom. (127.) No door was visible. (128.) At no time did any "beings" appear, which was fine with Jack because he was so frightened he couldn't move a muscle. He stayed rooted to the spot for about 45 minutes. (129.) His dog Tex sensed something was wrong and barked, whined, and growled. (130.) Eventually the craft rose in the air, not straight up, but at a 45 degree angle. After clearing the power line, the object was surrounded by a bright orange aura which seemed to rotate around the craft. Shrouded in the colorful luminosity, the UFO zoomed away to the west. (131.)

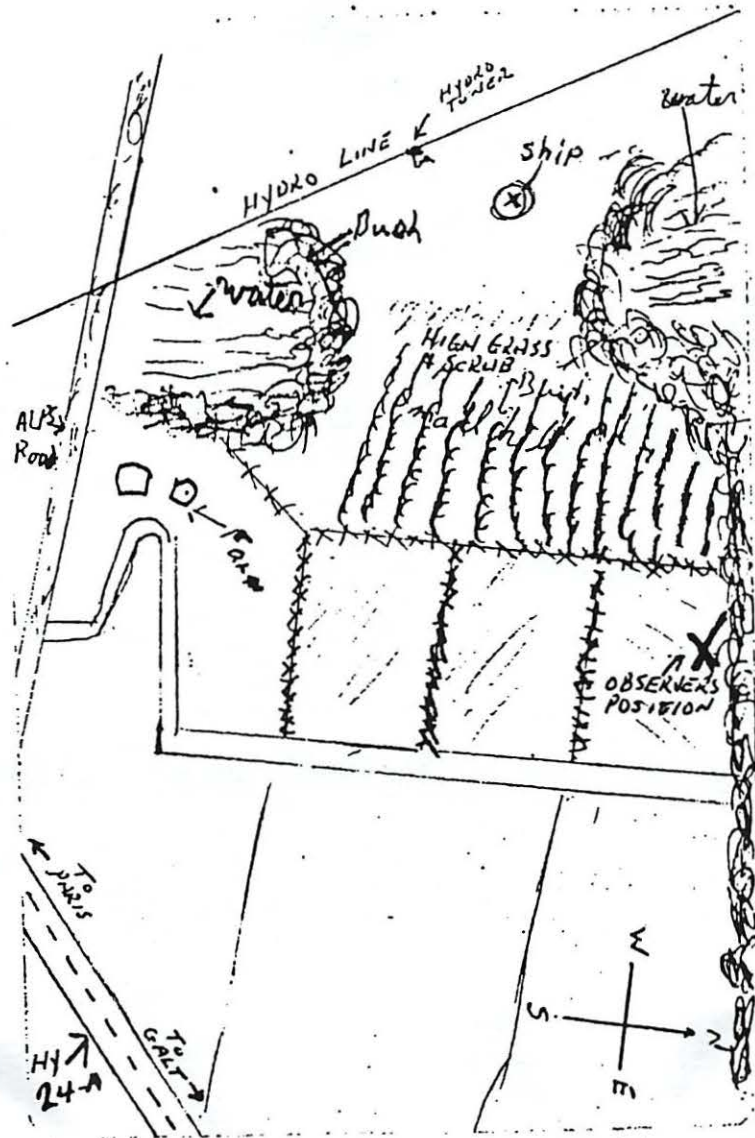
Once the craft had left, Jack rushed home but he was so shook up he said nothing. (132.)

31 July. Galt. The day after.

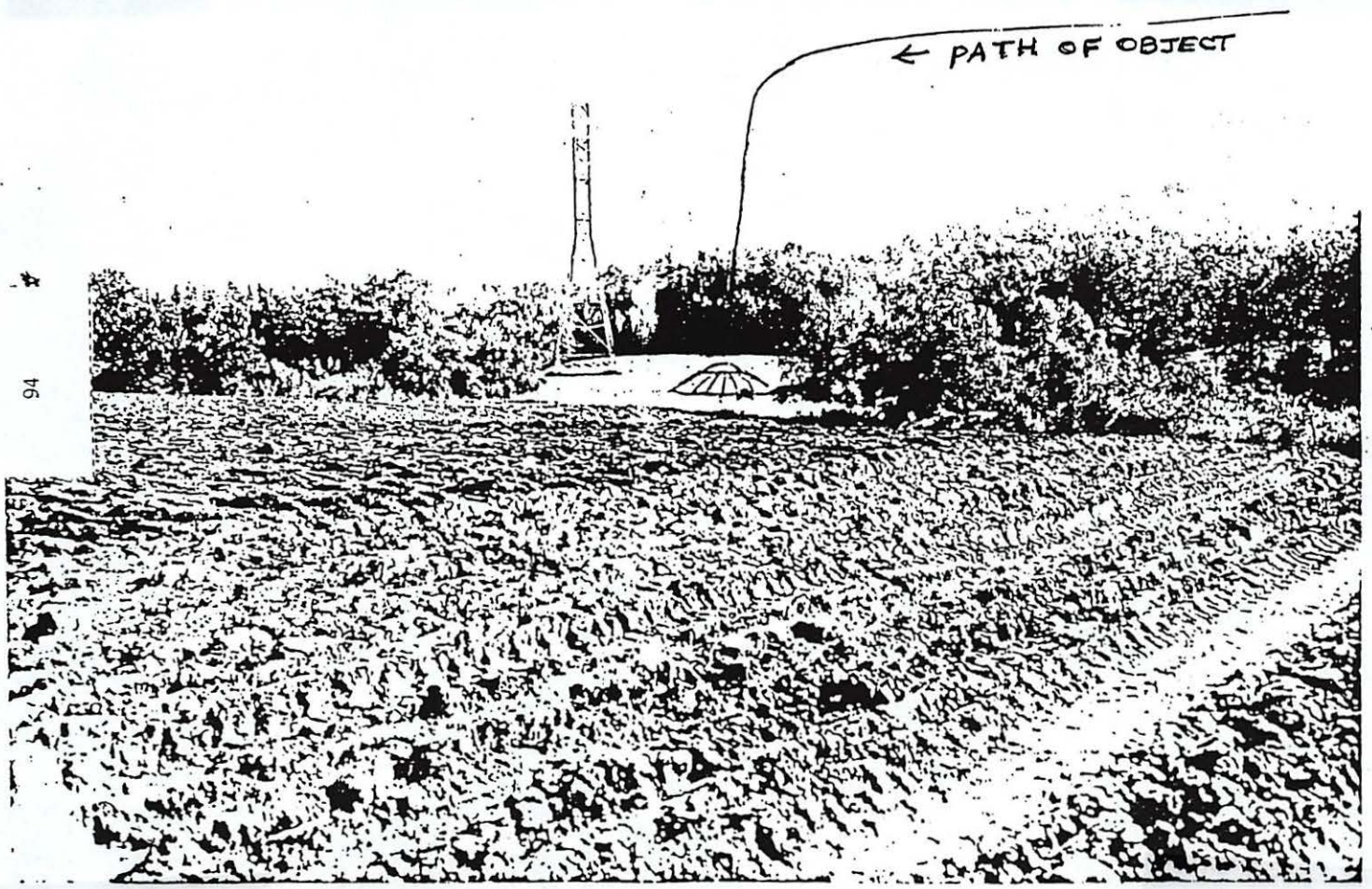
The following day Jack lost most of his fear: "I got to wondering about the saucer. My eyes are as good as anybody's. I wanted to make sure I wasn't seeing things." (133.) Jack returned to the scene with a friend, a Harold Milroy. (134.) We have no details on this visit. That may, or may not be important. There would be more visits in the days to come.

The Galt story, surprisingly, was just beginning.

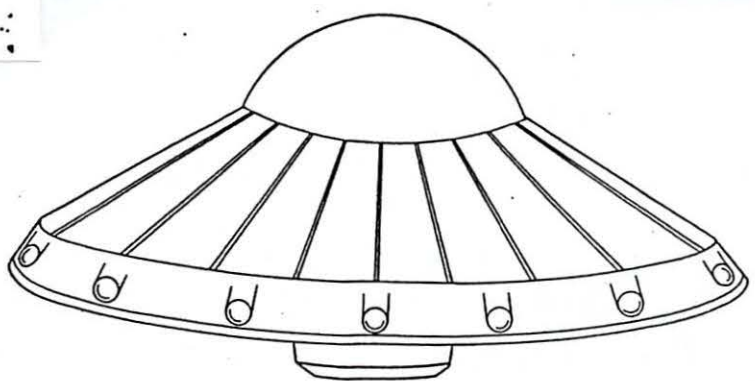
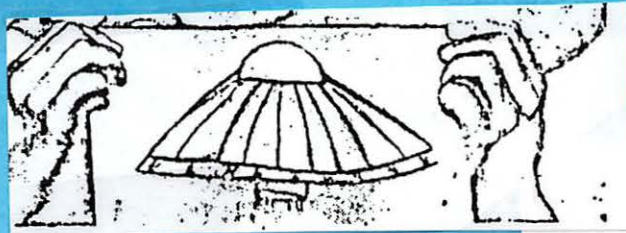
. whole thing could be a hoax.



Galt - "landing" area.



Galt - Photo of "landing" area.



Top: Original sketch by witness, Bottom: A cleaned up version of the sketch found in a Gray Barker article.  
 No one seems to have noticed that Jack's discription of the UFO bears a similarity to the flying saucers in Columbia Pictures 1956 film: The Earth Versus The Flying Saucers.

2 August. Galt, Canada.

Ray Francis.

The excitement in Toronto could not have escaped the attention of Ray Francis, a reporter for the Galt Evening Reporter. Often he acted as a stringer for the Toronto Star. Was the thing over Toronto really a balloon, or was it one of those flying saucers paying a visit to Canada? Were there men from Mars around? Ray Francis may have been pondering that question when young Jack Stephens walked in and announced he had seen a flying saucer land just outside of town! (5.)

Ray was all ears as Jack told of his experience back on July 30th. The story sounded good to the newspaperman so he and Jack went to the spot where the supposed ship was seen. Ray checked the area and found indentations in the soil, burned patches in the grass, and twisted branches. The Galt reporter was impressed by the fact that the supposed landing site was in a small clearing in a low gully which was surrounded by trees and bushes, thus the grassy plot was screened off in most directions from the gaze of any witnesses making it a perfect place to land. (6.)

3 August. The Galt story hits the newsstands.

Ray Francis' story on Jack's adventure appeared in the Galt Evening Reporter on Saturday, August 3rd, under the headline: "BOY SAYS 'FLYING SAUCER' LANDS. I WILL NEVER FORGET IT, I WAS PETRIFIED,' BOY SAYS."

When Jack's account was picked up by the major dailies it caused widespread interest. The Toronto Star carried the story as did the Toronto Telegram. The Telegram version was somewhat sensationalized. The fan-like indentations in the ground were called "3-toed prints" of some sort of giant monster. (See clipping)

Some of the first people to arrive at the land site after the news was publicized were some fellows representing a certain "association" that happened to be headquartered in Galt. The organization dealt with "Metaphysical and Organic Research." The leader of the group questioned Jack Saturday evening and then went to the landing site where he and his associates took measurements and soil samples, obliterating any chance for subsequent investigators to obtain good evidence for their own studies.

Aside from the activities of the investigators representing the Galt metaphysical organization, the site was damaged by crowds of the curious that flocked to the plot of ground on Knapp's farm to poke around and see what all the excitement was about. Apparently not much ever happened in the small town of Galt. The supposed "3-toed tracks" got the most attention. When reporters from the big city newspapers arrived they focused on the foot prints. As the story states, the marks on the ground were hard to miss:

"The footprints are 10 inches wide at the toes, about 18 inches long, and taper to a point in the rear. Newsmen who came to the scene said that the marks must have been made by a heavy object in order to force the corn stubble so deeply into the ground. G. S. Knapp, owner of the farm, was quoted as saying, 'if it's a hoax, I don't know how it could be done.' Knapp showed newsmen six or eight patches which appear to have been burned. 'If they were caused by a field fire, the whole area would have been destroyed,' he said." (8.)

## Galt Boy 'Saw It Land'

# 3-Toed Prints From Saucer?

By JOHN SHARP

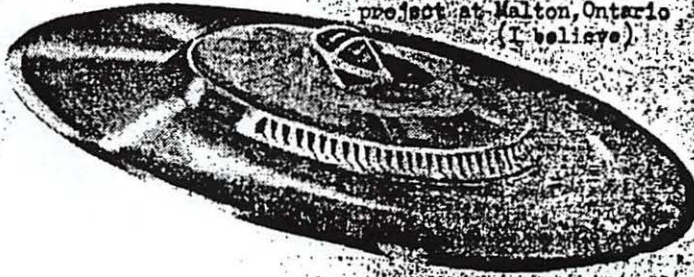
GALT — (Special)

Curious farmers cluster around a burned circle and two three-toed prints in a corn stubble field here — the scene where a Galt boy claims to have seen a flying saucer touch down.

The prints are two inches deep and 10 feet apart, contained in a pressed-down circle about 30 feet in diameter.

Ted Stephens, 15, said he stood 300 yards away while the round, silver colored ob-

The saucer here is an artists impression of the Avro Co. project at Malton, Ontario (I believe)



Did three-toed men arrive in saucer like this?

THE TELEGRAM, Toronto, Sat. Aug. 3, 1957

in the Toronto Telegram, a rival paper Star.

## Saucer

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ject hovered for 40 minutes over the field before landing, only two miles west of here.

He described the saucer as about 35 feet in diameter and equipped with a turret and portholes.

It was the first landing of a saucer reported in Ontario.

At the scene, the three-toe marks must have been made by a heavy object in order to force down the corn stubble two inches into the hard ground.

Owner of the farm, G. S. Knapp, said the circular burns could not have been made by a field fire or the whole area would have been destroyed.

"If it's a hoax, I don't know how they could have done it," he said.

Meanwhile, the weather office said the weather balloon which was sighted by residents over a wide section of the province Thursday night has drifted out of Ontario, and is probably over western Michigan.

### TWO-INCH BURN

The footprints in the field near here are 10 inches wide at the toes and taper to a point at the rear. A two-inch burn mark circles the marks in the stubble.

The Stephens boy said he was alone with his dog when the saucer appeared and hovered over the field.

He said he saw no movement of life when the object touched down.

The day after he said he sighted the saucer, he returned with two friends to the scene. Yesterday, he told a reporter.

Jack's story in to the Toronto

## Toronto Star 1957 Three-toed Footprints Burn Marks on Ground Where Boy Saw 'Saucer'

Special to The Star

Galt, Aug. 3 — Fifteen-year-old Jack Stephens said today he saw a "flying saucer" land in a field within 300 yards of him on Tuesday.

Jack said he was walking about four miles outside Galt when he saw a bright flash circling off the Paris highway. The "thing" hovered briefly, then dropped into a bush-encircled gully. Jack said he and his dog, Tex, watched the "saucer" for 45 minutes.

After the "saucer" had taken off again, Jack went to the scene of its landing and found "two huge prints of terrifying feet" as well as several charred areas.

Jack said the "footprints" were about 18 inches long and "very weird looking. There was a sort of large palm and three toes or claws."

In a nearby bush, a number of small trees and limbs had been snapped off. "One edge of the saucer would have come about there when it settled," said Jack.

He said he had never "seen" flying saucers before. "This is no gag," he insisted. "I saw it and my eyes are pretty good."

"I was walking along a fence row on a hill, above two small lakes in the gully," said Jack. "I stopped by a tree for a breather."

### Made Humming Sound

"I'm not sure if it was the noise or if I first saw the light, but I looked up, past the trees, and saw a kind of bright light. It was moving quickly. First, I figured it was a plane. Then I saw it was circular and it made a queer, singing kind of hum."

"The machine dipped across one of the small lakes. Then it paused above the gully about 300 yards from me. The top was bright and it didn't revolve but



JACK STEPHENS 15  
Saw Saucer. Huge Footprints

the round body was spinning very fast. As I watched, it dropped like a helicopter. I saw light around it, but as the speed lessened they became sort of portholes."

Jack said he was too frightened to run. Tex was barking and yelping. The thing stayed in the gully for 45 minutes but there was no activity of any kind around it. Jack said he could see no hatches or doors.

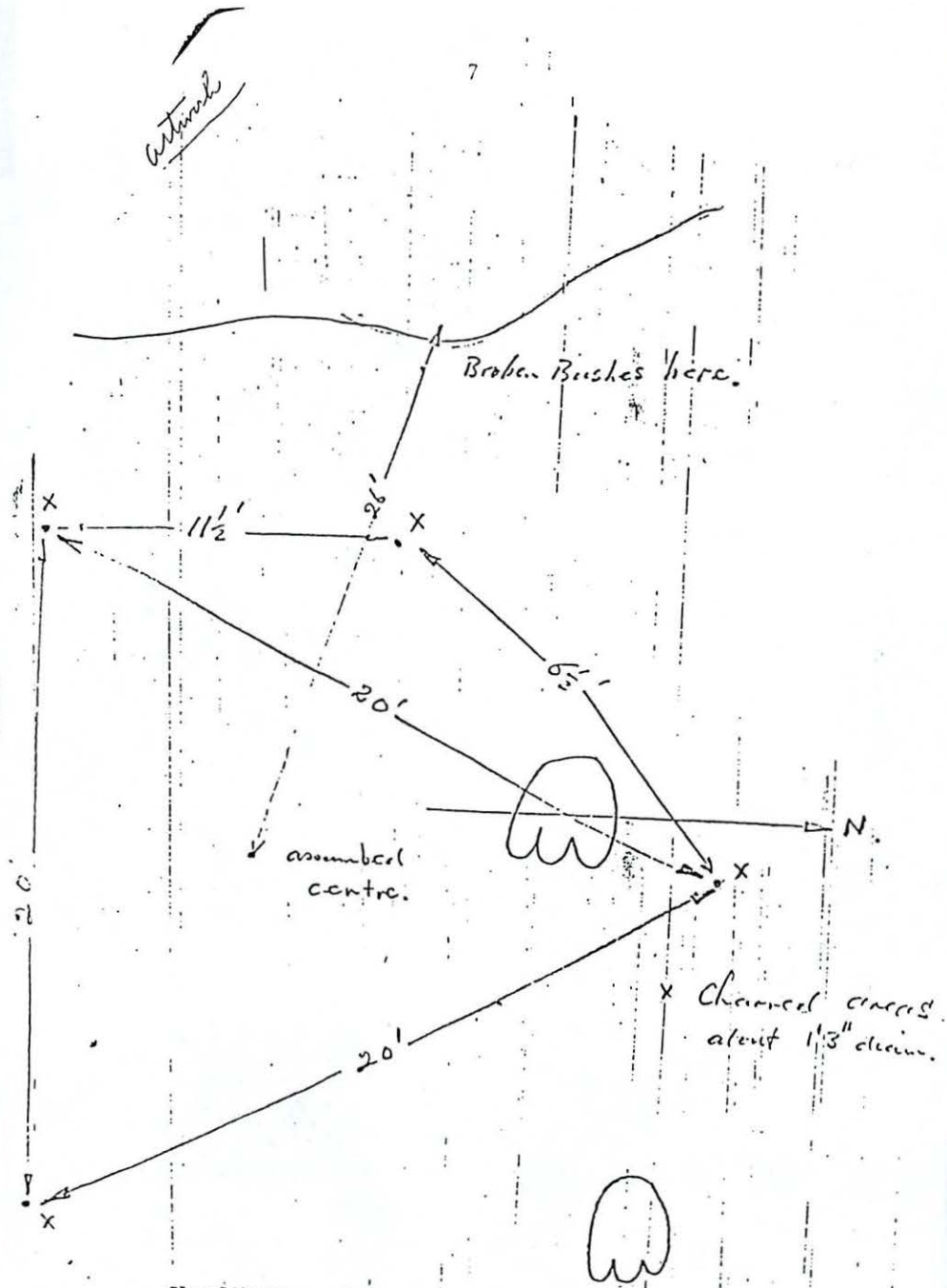
"As it came down, there was no flame," said he, "but I could see a red flame out the bottom of it as it hovered about two feet above the ground. It looked big as a house but I guess it was 30 or 35 feet wide and 10 or 12 feet high."

"It just climbed away without a sound, then zoomed over the lake and away. It vanished entirely."

Both these reporters couldn't even get the kid's name correct! (I required one clip)

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Claw-like Impressions at Galt, Ontario, July 30, 1957.



6 August. Galt. NICAP investigators meet with Francis.

On Tuesday the NICAP team was able to contact reporter Roy Francis and discuss the Galt case. After explaining the situation the NICAP people gained Francis' cooperation. Accompanied by Francis, the NICAP investigators returned to Jack's home and conferred with the boy's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens were won over and they allowed their son to be questioned. It was explained to Jack that he and his friends need not follow the instructions of the local "metaphysical" organization. A NICAP UFO report form was filled out and while that was being done, the NICAP people evaluated Jack's character. Everyone believed JACK was sincere. The boy appeared to be just an average kid with no reputation for telling wild stories, nonetheless, when reporting back to Keyhoe in Washington, the NICAP team was reluctant to give the Galt case an unqualified indorsement. The physical traces were interesting but there was no way to prove they were otherworldly. The one and only witness was just a 14-year-old youth. Keyhoe went along with the judgement of his field investigators. (19.)

Writing up a NICAP assessment of the Galt incident Roy Smith told Keyhoe:

"As usual in these cases, we have no concrete evidence on which we can base a conclusion. Although skeptical at first, I now feel at least 90% sure that the boy is telling the truth as he sees it. Of course, there is till the chance that the whole thing is a hoax, dreamed up by Jack and his friends, but we can see no way of checking on this." (20.)

Also making a positive judgement a precarious proposition was a strong attack on the case by reporter David Ghent of the Toronto Telegram. Discussing the events at Galt in an Investigator article, the NICAP editors said:

"Ghent said the 'giant footsteps were manmade, that they showed evidence of a metallic object dug into the ground and dragged back. Behind the heel, he said, was earth scooped out to make the prints.

"Ghent also explained the charred patches: Someone not seen by Stephens had set several fires and then had broken off branches from a nearby bush to beat out the flames. The identity of the hoaxer or hoaxers was not suggested." (21.)

NICAP officially declared Galt an "open case." (22.)

In summation one wonders what effect, if any, the Galt "metaphysical" group had on the case? Did the organization alter the evidence, or create any of it? Was Jack secretly helping the "metaphysical" devotees? Aside from those questions, just what did Harold Milroy see at the "landing site" since he was the first to visit the place other than Jack?