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Many startling UFO events occurred in the area of White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico in the 1950's and '60's.

A number of these have come to my attention by being fortunate enough to interview the witnesses involved. One such occurrence took place in July of 1958 at Holloman A.F.B. The interesting aspect was the unusual military involvement. At dusk one day, two civilian mechanics were working on the landing gear wells of F104 interceptors out near the air strip. One dropped down to the ground to rest his neck when his attention was attracted to a strange round, noiseless, domed disc-shaped object hovering and wobbling just a few feet off the ground about 150 yards away, out in the open area of the field. Tapping the other mechanic on the shoulder he pointed out the strange vehicle to his companion. It measured roughly 25 feet in diameter by about 8 feet high. It had a very distinctive dome on top with a short supported antenna that looked retractable, and vertical shaped oval windows in the dome which were occasionally giving off a blue glow, one at a time. What appeared to be a louvered or finned track around the circumference of the top edge was observed. This louvered track was moving around the dome and rim area like a circular treadmill at a given speed. Three half visible ball-like landing gear extended through retractable landing gear panel covers, similar to our own aircraft.

The thick edge of the perimeter had a number of fairly large but stubby pipes evenly spaced, protruding outward from the surface edge which were occasionally emitting wisps of white smoke or vapor. The whole craft was a dull aluminum color except for a highly polished brass-like band of metal just above the oval windows. Nothing was observed through the windows.

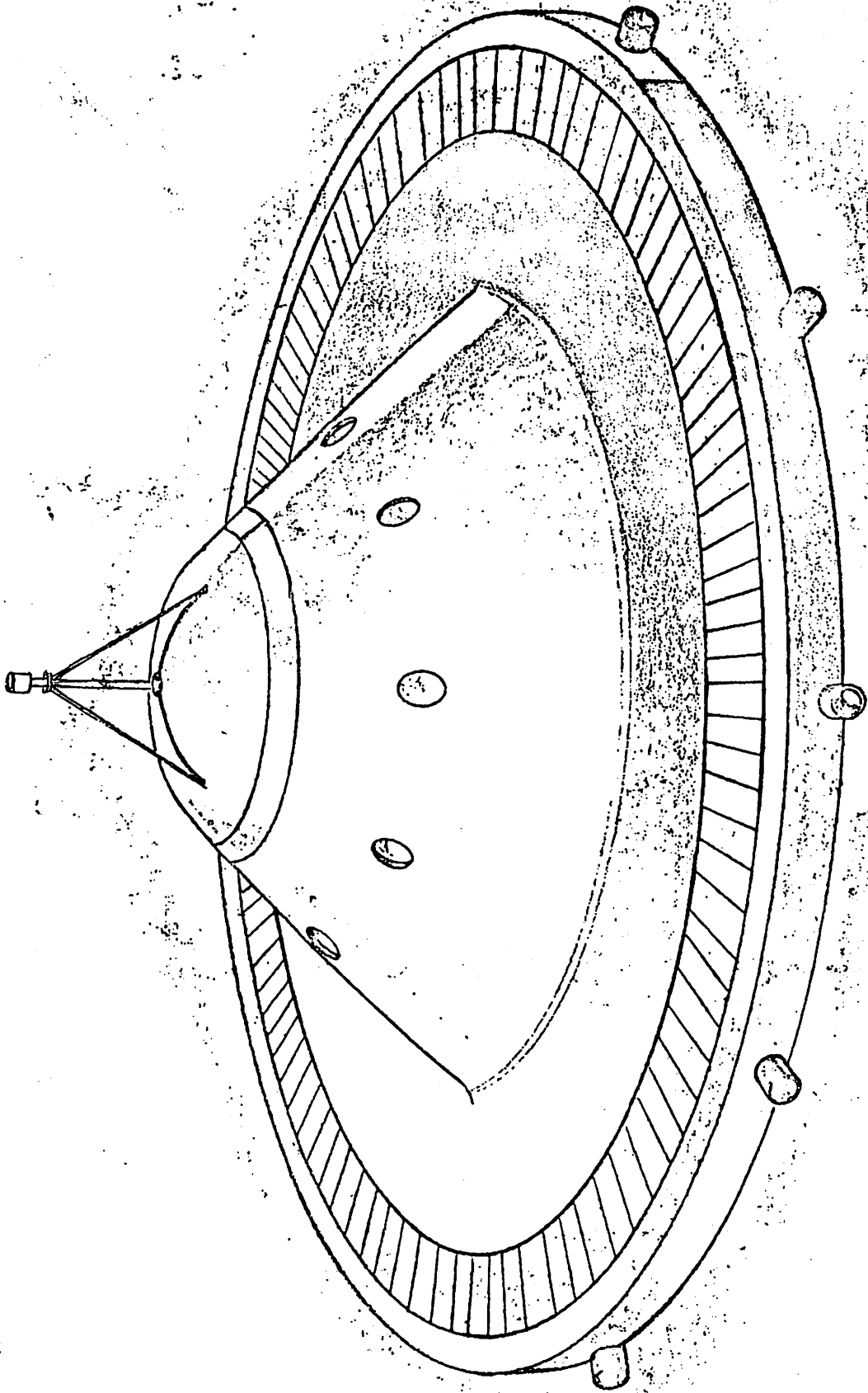
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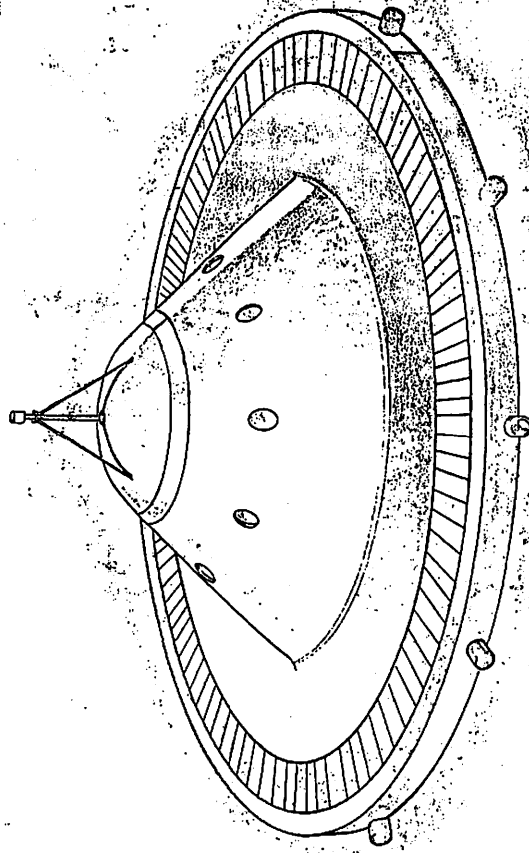
The strange visitor stayed there for about 15 seconds before it suddenly retracted the ball-like landing gear, the covers abruptly snapped closed, and it shot off across the field at high speed, disappearing over the horizon.

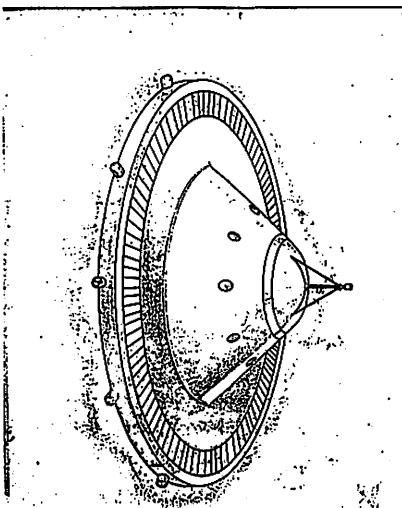
The two mechanics were soon summoned to an interrogation office where they were interviewed by Air Force officers from the base. They were told that Air Force personnel and controllers in the control tower nearby had been watching the object for two or three minutes. The officers then showed the two men a book which they estimated was about 8" x 11" and at least an inch and a quarter thick. The book was full of photographs of UFO's. They were asked to look through the book to pick out the craft that most closely resembled what they had just seen, since they had the closest and most detailed observation of it. The book contained a wide variety of pictures, some showing landing gear legs and windows, some were obviously military gun camera photos. They found a similar looking vehicle on page 415! They were both told not to discuss the incident with anyone whatsoever, and asked to sign a statement to that effect, which they did at the Air Force's insistence.

For years the Air Force has claimed there are no photographs of UFO's. I find it highly strange that back in 1958 there already existed a secretly published or compiled book of UFO photographs. Equally strange is the report that came to us from Australia. On April 3, 1974 an Australian businessman had a close encounter. Two A.F. agencies investigated using a book printed in America with over 400 pages of UFO photos in it, being used in this for off land.

This man was reluctant and obviously nervous in relating his experience to us. He requested assurance that we would not use his name, even though he was not in the military.







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Dear Mr. Hall:

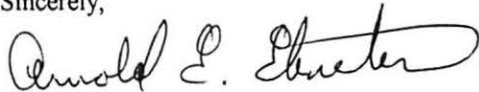
I was at the White Sands Proving Grounds when the UFO sighting is supposed to have taken place. I recall that the balloon flight in question was the first of the so-called "heavy load" series and as such probably did not exceed an altitude greater than 90,000 feet. I also recall that a C-47 aircraft based at HOLLOMAN AFB tracked it.

I do not recall Mr. Macaleese of General Mills, Inc. who was one of the observers on the C-47 ever mentioning observing any anomalies at the time. I did not have any opportunities to talk to the C-47 pilots as they were based at Holloman and I was at White Sands.

The C-47 and its crew returned to their home base after the flight in question and I tracked all of the subsequent "Project Gopher" flights using a rented Piper PA-20 aircraft (N 7755K). I believe that Mr. Macaleese may have accompanied me on some of these tracking flights. We never observed any UFO-type phenomena nor was any mention made that would suggest that they had been seen in the past.

I still have my logbooks of all of the flights that I made at White Sands, airplane and balloon, during this period. I do not know the whereabouts of any of the other people there at the time except for Charlie Moore, whom you have already contacted.

Sincerely,



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Cover-Up Exposed of UFO Landing Near Holloman Air Force Base

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LOS ANGELES - The San Francisco Bay Area Subcommittee of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) has uncovered three suppressed incidents of UFO activity over or near Holloman Air Force Base, White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico.

The first of these events, detailed in last week's column, involved the sighting of a low-level, domed disc by flight-line mechanics and tower personnel at Holloman Air Force Base. This week we received the second and third reports, which were forwarded by Paul C. Cerny, an electronics engineer who heads the subcommittee.

The second report is titled: "UFO Landing in the Proximity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico." The document relates the experience of two informants who have (*no such*) craft (are) under development by the United States or any foreign terrestrial power. The UFO's origin was unknown.

The third report from the San Francisco subcommittee was given to us by telephone by Chairman Cerny. "There were 12 engineers and technicians at a radar installation on top of a low mountain called Twin Buttes," Cerny says. "It was in the summer of 1962. A UFO approached their installation and began circling around it. The engineer who first told me of the incident said that the UFO circled just like a Piper Cub airplane would. This was in broad daylight, and apparently the object was observing the radar station.

"It was a double-sided disc, like two bowls put together, and it was a sliver-coin color. There were no windows or anything else visible. It was about 50 feet in diameter, and was only a few hundred feet away - very close. One engineer grabbed his 35 mm movie camera - he had been taking pictures of missile launches - and started shooting. He shot 90 feet of color film. Two days later the Air Force came up there and confiscated the film."

The Air Force has repeatedly stated: "The Air Force has no files or photographs that indicate our planet had been visited by extraterrestrial vehicles."

"If we could get hold of that film we'd really have something," says Cerny. "But it's buried someplace in the government's secret files."

(Insisting) upon anonymity, but who are known to subcommittee members as credible and responsible citizens. The report included the names of eight other persons who have knowledge of the landing, including two U.S. Air Force sergeants and two colonels.

A subcommittee investigator first discovered the case through casual conversation with one of the informants, a co-worker in the San Francisco office of an international

electronics firm. The informant had previously served as a civilian intelligence specialist at Holloman Air Force Base. The subcommittee member had read the book, *Flying Saucers - Serious Business*

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by Frank Edwards. He mentioned to his co-worker one incident described in the book, a landing at Holloman Air Force Base. The man assumed that the incident was the same one of which he had personal knowledge, expressed amazement that it had been published, and when questioned, related his experience. The subcommittee member soon became aware that the event being described was not the same one about which he had read.

"Early one September morning in 1956," the subcommittee report states, "while dozens of employees of Holloman Air Force Base were driving to work on U.S. Route 70, a disc-type, domed UFO landed alongside the highway. This was at a point approximately 12 miles west of Holloman Air Force Base." The closest eyewitness were within 25 yards of the landed UFO.

"Associated with the landing of this craft, there appeared to be a strong electromagnetic force field, because the radios and ignition systems of automobiles close to the object ceased to function.

"The resulting engine failures caused the morning commuter traffic to back up for a considerable distance. Individuals at the rear of the traffic jam were not aware, at that time, that an unusual craft had landed. The UFO was on the ground for 10 to 15 minutes. Eyewitnesses noted that there was a whirring sound associated with the landing and takeoff of the object.

"The landing was the 'talk of the base' that day, apparently," the report continues, "and many people talked freely about it. However, officials at Holloman Air Force Base informed the Pentagon about the incident. Within a short period of time, Air Force intelligence and Central Intelligence Agents from Washington, D.C. arrived. Employees were assembled in a hangar, questioned, and sworn to absolute silence regarding the incident.

"The veil of secrecy forced upon all witnesses was not, according to the informants, a directive from United States Air Force officials. Rather, the United States Air Force was the instrument used by the Central Intelligence Agency to enforce a policy of absolute silence."

The emphatic conclusion that the Air Force and CIA agents wired to the Pentagon, the report states was "The UFO was definitely not any type of aircraft.