

# Unidentified Flying Object Lands Here; Defense Authorities Ask for Immediate Reports of UFO Sightings

Residents of the Geyserville-Healdsburg-Windsor area once again are asked to watch for, and report immediately to the U. S. Air Force, unidentified flying objects.

The official request follows sighting of an unidentified flying object which landed the morning of March 14, in a field in the northern section of Healdsburg.

U. S. Air Force authorities at Hamilton Air Force Base have confirmed County Ground Observer Corps and County Civil Defense valuations of the object as without normal explanation, i. e. the object definitely not a stray weather observation balloon, etc.

Three persons saw the unidentified flying object land in Healdsburg.

According to their report, the object came in for the landing about 8:45 a. m., Friday, touched the ground, hesitated a moment, made a small circling run and then took off again, clearing a fence, a cow in the adjoining field and traveling on a straight course east toward Fitch Mountain over Highway 101.

The object continued east for a short distance then made an abrupt right angle turn south and followed a straight course, about the height of the Fitch Mountain foothills, until it disappeared from view.

A sighting was made recently in Windsor, by four persons of an unidentified flying object described exactly as the Healdsburg object. The Windsor object also was believed to have landed briefly.

A second Windsor sighting about the same time described a similar unidentified flying object which tallied generally with the description of the objects of the first Windsor and Healdsburg reports, but varied in details of shape and motivating power.

The object took off at great speed from the ground when approached by the observer.

The official Hamilton Air Force Base spokesman said Monday that the report of the Healdsburg unidentified flying object had been officially forwarded to headquarters for evaluation and further investigation.

The Hamilton spokesman said, "The object reported sighted in Healdsburg definitely is not a weather balloon. We did not receive the report of the sighting in time to make a physical investigation of it or to secure a radioactivity test of the area in which it landed."

A formal report has been sent to Wright Patterson Air Force

Base, Ohio, headquarters for investigation of unidentified flying object reports. In addition, official reports of the Healdsburg object have been forwarded to Air Defense Headquarters, Colorado and to Washington, D. C.

"Any further comments on the sighting must come from headquarters. We cannot say what it is. But we can say, definitely that it is not a weather observation balloon or similar normal sighting."

The Air Force spokesman, as the Ground Observer Corps and Civil Defense spokesman, point out that adequate investigation of all three of these reports was impossible due to the time lag in reporting the incidents.

In two instances persons seeing the objects were laughed at when they attempted to report the incident. In the third, the report was made promptly but was not relayed to proper Air Force channels.

While all defense authorities stress the fact that they do not wish to start a flood of unreliable reports of normal objects, they are most anxious to receive reports of obviously unidentifiable flying objects.

County authorities ask that you report immediately to the persons listed below any sighting of obviously abnormal objects.

Give a full description of the object; the time and place it was sighted; the direction it was seen from the place of sighting; approximate height and distance; any other pertinent facts of weather, etc., which might have been observed, and your full name, address and telephone number.

Here is the list of persons to call as soon as possible after sighting an unidentified flying object:

Master Sergeant Bob Mascerni, U. S. Air Force representative, Healdsburg. Phone Healdsburg 3 or Healdsburg 1639.

Healdsburg Tribune phone Healdsburg 63 or 64.

Fred Moscon, Windsor, superintendent of Windsor Ground Observer Corps, Windsor, VERNON 8-2534 or Windsor VERNON 8-2207.

Although the county Ground Observer Corps is currently inactive and on a standby basis, it is definitely active in the case of sighting of unidentified flying objects and is equipped to evaluate and make an immediate report to the proper U. S. Air Force authorities.

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Probably CE1 (at least in one of the 3 instances.)

California officers surprisingly blunt in denying that this can be a weather balloon or a "normal" sighting.

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