

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 Dec 1963	2. LOCATION Clovis, New Mexico	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 22/0205Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE - - -
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Several observations of yellow fireball, one at 0205Z/one at 0340Z. See Case File.	11. COMMENTS No decay this date. Objects evaluated as meteors.	

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ACTION: SAF-OS-3

INFO : RDC-4, NIN-9, XOP-1, XOPK-4 (22)

SMB C060

CHQE 060ZCWJB978

RR RUEAHQ

DE RUWGALB 3D 10/0021Z

ZNR

R 092350Z

FM CINCNORAD

TO RUWGBH/COMDR 832 ADIV CANNON AFB NEW MEXICO

RUWGKF/COMDR RICHARDS GEBEUR AFB MO

RUCDGU/COMDR WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RUEAHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

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REFERENCE DI 12-875 FROM 832 ADIV. NO SATELLITES IN THE NORAD SPADATS INVENTORY DECAYED OR WERE IN A STATE OF DECAY AT OR NEAR THE TIMES OF THESE REPORTS. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THESE OBSERVATIONS REPRESENT SATELLITES RE-ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE. THE URSIDS METEOR STREAM WAS AT MAXIMUM ACTIVITY ON 22 DECEMBER, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THESE SIGHTING WERE METEORITES ASSOCIATED.

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NOTE : Ref not identified in SMB

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ACTION: NIN-9

INFO: SAF-OS-3, XOP-1, XOPX-4, DIA-25, DIA-CIIC-2, (45)

SMB C058

Z CHQA104ZCWJX342

PP RUEAHQ

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P 272200Z

FM 832 ADIV CANNON AFB NMEX

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UFO REPORT FOR 332D ADIV, CANNON AFB, NMEX. THIS MSG IN THREE PARTS.

PART I. OBSERVER NO. 1:

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

(1) SHAPE: ROUFD

(2) SIZE: ABOUT AS LARGE AS A PEA AT ARMS LENGTH/

(3) COLOR: FLAMING, BUT NOT WHITE HOT. DD

(4) NUMBER: ONE

(5) FORMATION: N/A

(6) DISCERNIBLE FEATURES: NONE

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(7) TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST: FLAMES WERE COMING OUT OF BACK,
AND WERE AS LONG AS THE OBJECT. THE FRONT END WAS SMOOTH AND NOT
FLAMING.

(8) SOUND: NONE

(9) OTHER PERTINENT FEATURES: NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) WHAT CALLED ATTENTION OF OBSERVER TO THE OBJECT? LOOKING
UP AT ANTENNA.

(2) ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECT WHEN FIRST
OBSERVED: ABOUT 45 DEGREES HEADING AT 080DEGREES.

(3) ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECT UPON DISAPPEARANCE:
VIEW WAS BLOCKED BY HOUSES.

(4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH: WENT IN A STRAIGHT LINE.

(5) HOW DID OBJECT DISAPPEAR? STAYED BRIGHT UNTIL VIEW WAS
BLOCKED BY HOUSES.

(6) HOW LONG WAS OBJECT VISABLE? 30 SECONDS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

N (1) GROUND; VISUAL
(2) NO OPTICAL AIDS USED.
(3) N/A

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D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

- (1) ZULU DATE-TIME GROUP SIGHTING: 0205Z 22 DEC 63
- (2) LIGHT CONDITION: DARK CLEAR NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 34 DEGREES 10' 10" N 103 DEGREES 12' 30" W ON
CORNER OF 17TH AND THORNTON, CLOVIS, NMEX.D

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: CAPT. FREDRICK PROST, 27TFW
FLIGHT TEST OFFICER. ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY: EXTREMELY RELIABLE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS: ALOFT

(1) OBSERVER'S ACCOUNT OF WEATHER: CLEAR CRISP NIGHT, GOOD VISIBILITY.

A/ DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT (OBSERVER NO. 2):

- (1) SHAPE: BALL
- (2) SIZE: SIZE OF A PEA AT ARMS LENGTH.
- (3) COLOR: YELLOW FIRE
- (4) NUMBER: ONE
- (5) FORMATION: NONE
- (6) FLAMING BALL WITH FIRE BREAKING OFF.
- (7) FLAMES
- (8) NONE
- (9) NONE

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B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

- (1) WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF THE OBSERVER TO THE OBJECT? CAPT. PROST CALLED HIM TO LOOK AT IT.
- (2) ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF INITIAL OBSERVATION 045 DEGREES ELEV.
- (3) ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH UPON DISAPPEARANCE: WENT BEHIND HOUSES AND LOST SIGHT OF OBJECT.
- (4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS: STRAIGHT SLOW FALLING.
- (5) HOW DID THE OBJECT DISAPPEAR? BEHIND HOUSES
- (6) HOW LONG WAS THE OBJECT VISIBLE? ABOUT 30 SECONDS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

- (1) GROUND-VISUAL
- (2) NONE, EXCEPT PRESCRIPTION GLASSES.
- (3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

- (1) 0205Z 22 DEC 63
- (2) LIGHT CONDITIONS: DARK CLEAR NIGHT.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 30 DEGREES 10' 10" N 103 DEGREES 12' 30" W
ON CORNER OF 17TH AND THORNTON, CLOVIS, NMEX.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: MASTER SERGEANT CHARLES S.

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DALTON, FLIGHT SURGEONS OFFICE, BASE HOSPITAL, NCOIC AVIATION AND
ADMIN. SECTION.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

(1) OBSERVER ACCOUNT OF WEATHER CONDITIONS: CLEAR AND COLD.

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT (OBSERVER NO. 3):

(1) SHAPE: ROUND

(2) SIZE: PEA AT ARMS LENGTH

(3) COLOR: SAN ORANGE TO RED COLOR.

(4) NUMBER: ONE

(5) FORMATION: FLAMES COMING OUT.

(6) NO SOUFD (7) FLAMES ABOUZ THE LENGTH OF THE OBJECT, IT WAS A SMH
ROUND OBJECT WITH A FLAMING TAIL.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) WHAT FIRST CLLED THE ATTENTION OF OBSERVER TO OBJECT?

A NEIGHBOR

(2) ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF THE OBJECT WHEN FIRST
OBSERVED? ABOUZ 45DECGREES ELEVATION GOING IN A NNE DIRECTION.

(3) ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECT UPON DISAPPEARANCE:

GOT SMALLER AND SMALLER

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(4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS OF OBJECT: GOING FROM WEST TO EAST.

(5) HOW DID THE OBJECT DISAPPEAR? FADED OUT.

(6) HOW LONG WAS THE OBJECT VISIBLE? 30 SECONDS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND- VISUAL

(2) NONE USED

(3) NONE USED

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

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(1) ZULU TIME-DATE GROUP OF SIGHTING: 0340Z 22NDEC 63

(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS: DARK CLEAR NIGHT.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 34DEGREES 10' 50" N 103DEGREES 12' W AT 621
W. 2 0TH ST, CLOVIS, NMEX.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT ALYEA
27TFW HEDRON, QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTOR. ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY:
FAIRLY RELIABLE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

(1) CLEAR NIGHT, STARS COULD BE SEEN.

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT (OBSERVER NO. 1):

(1) SHAPE: NO SHAPE ONLY FIRE

(2) SIZE OF A DIME AT ARMS LENGTH

(3) COLOR: REDDISH-ORANGE

(4) NUMBER: ONE

(5) FORMATION: NONE

(6) ANY DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS: JUST FIRE

(7) NONE

(8) NO SOUND

(9) NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

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(1) WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF OBSERVER TO THE OBJECT?
COMING OUT OF A FRIEND'S HOUSE AND SAW SOME CHILDREN LOOKING UP.D

(2) ANGLE: 45 DEGREES

(3) ANGLE: 45SDEGREES

(4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH: GOING IN A N.E. DIRECTION IN
A STRAIGHT LINE. APPEARED TO BE LESS THEN 1 MI AWAT AT ABOUT 500'
AND TRAVELING LESSSTHAT 100 MPH.

(5) HOW THE OBJECT DISAPPEARED: GOT SMALLER AND SMALWER.

(6) TIME THE OBJECT WAS VISIBLE: ABBUT 3 MIN. HAD TIME TO
TAKE 2 PICTURE OF THE OBJDCT WHICH DID NOT COME OUT. THEY WERE
UNDER-EXPOSED.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GOUND - VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 0335Z 22 DEC 63

(2) LIGHT CONDITION: DARK, SCLEAR NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

(1) 34DEGREES 10' 50" N 103DEGREES 12' W AT ██████████ CLOVIS, NMEX.

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F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: [REDACTED], AGE 34

[REDACTED] OVIS, NMEX. INSURANCE ADJUSTER, ESTIMATE OF
RELIABILITY - FAIRLY RELIABLE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS: CLEAR NIGHT.

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

(1) FIREBALL

(2) SIZE: DIME AT ARMS LENGTH

(3) COLOR: REDDISH IN COLOR

(4) NUMBER: ONE

(5) FORMATION: NONE

(6) ANY DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS: RESEMBLED LOW FLYING
PLANE ON FIRE.

(7) JUST FIRE.

(8) NO SOUND

(9) NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF OBSERVER TO THE OBJECT?
COMING OUT OF FRIEND'S HOUSE AND SAW SOME CHILDREN LOOKING UP.

(2) ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF THE OBJECT WHEN FIRST
OBSERVED? 45 DEGREES HEADING IN A N E DIRECTION

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(3) ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECT UPON DISAPPEARANCE:
45 DEGREES

(4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS OF OBJECT: GOING
IN A N E DIRECTION, AND FADED OUT.

(5) HOW DID THE OBJECT DISAPPEAR? GOT SMALLER AND SMALLER.

(6) HOW LONG WAS THE OBJECT VISIBLE. ABOUT 3 MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GOUND VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) ZUNUSTIME-DATE GROUP OF SIGHTING: 0335Z 22 DEC 63.

(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS: DARK, CLEAR NIGHT.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 34DEGREES 10' 50" N 103DEGREES 12' W AT
20TH ST. CLOVIS, NMEX.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: MRS. AL
[REDACTED] CLOVIS, NMEX. HOUSEWIFE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS: CLEAR NIGHT.

H. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT (OBSERVER NO. 6)

(1) SHAPE: IRREGULAR ON EDGES AND ROUND

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PP RUEAHQ

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(2) SIZE: 8 INCH SPHERE AT ARMS LENGTH

(3) COLOR: ORANGE HUE, NO GLOW, NO FLAMES.

(4) NUMBER: ONE

(5) FORMATION: NONE

(6) NONE

(7) NONE NOTICED

(8) SOUND: NONE

(9) NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

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(1) WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF OBSERVER TO THE OBJECT:
SON WAS WATCHING IT.

(2) ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF THE OBJECT WHEN FIRST
OBSERVED: 45DEGREES

(3) ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECT UPON DISAPPEARANCE:
WENT BACK INTO HOUSE, DIDN'T WATCH FOR LONG.

(4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS OF OBJECT: DIDN'T
WATCH.

(5) HOW DID THE OBJECT DISAPPEAR? DIN'T WATCH.

(6) HOW LONG WAS THE OBJECT VISIBLE? DIDN'T WATCH.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:D

(1) GROUND-VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) NONE

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) ZULU TIME-DATE GROUP SIGHTING: 0335Z 22 DEC 63.

(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS: DARK NIGHT.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 34DEGREES 10' 50" N 103DEGREES 12'W AT 621
[REDACTED], CLOVIS, NMEX.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: MR. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], HANNON, INDIANA, CARPENTER. ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY:

G. WEATHER AND SINDS: CLEAR.

REPORT OF WEATHER FROM CANNON AFB, NMEX ON 22 DEC 63.

0 205Z SIGHTING

G-2 WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY	DIFFERENT ALTITUDE
360DEGREES	20 K	SURFACE
EN 350DEGREES	20 K	6,000
360DEGREES	30 K	10,000
340DEGREES	30 K	16,000
350DEGREES	35 K	20,000
020DEGREES	90 K	30,000
300DEGREES	40 K	50,000
DEGREES	35 K	80,000

0335Z SIGHTING

WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY	DIFFERNT ALTITUDE
320DEGREES	10 K	6,000
330DEGREES	20 K	10,000
350DEGREES	20 K	10,000
340DEGREES	30 K	16,000

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350DEGREES	35 K	20,000
020DEGREES	90 K	30,000
300DEGREES	40 K	50,000
300DEGREES	35K	80,000

THE REMAINING ARE FOR BOTH SIGHTINGS.D

(3) CEILING - UNLIMITED

(4) VISIBILITY - 15 MILES

(5) CLOUD COVER - NONE

(6) THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA: NONE

(72 TEMPERATUJE GRADIENT - 1800 - 24DEGREES, 2000 - 18DEGREES,
2200 - 17DEGREES

H. NO OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION, METEOROLOGICAL,
ASTRONOMICAL, OR OTHERWISE, EXISTED.

I. NO INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION WAS TAKEN.

J. THE FAA IN ALBUQUERQUE WAS CONTACTED, AND SAIDSTHAT NO FLIGHT
CIVILIAN OR MILITARY WAS IN THE AREA.

DET 4, 728 AC&W SQUADRON SAID NOTHING WAS DETECTED AT THE
TIMES INDICATED.

2040TH COMMUNICATIONS SQ. (RAPCON) SAID NO FLIGHT ACTIVITY IN
THIS AREA.

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BASE CONTROL TOWER SAW NOTHING AT THIS TIME.

THE POLICE, STATE POLICE, AND SHERIFF'S OFFICES IN CLOVIS AND SURROUNDING AREAS WERE CONTACTED AS TO ANY REPORTINGS IN THEIR AREAS. ALL WERE NEGATIVE.

K. POSITION, TITLE AND COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

ALLEN K. COLLINS, 2ND LT., ASSISTANT WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 27TH TFW.

COMMENTS:

ALL THE SIGHTINGS INDICATED THAT THE OBJECT WAS TRAVELING IN A POLAR ORBIT. THE 2 SEPERATE SIGHTINGS OCCURED AT APPROXIMATELY 90 MINUTES APART MAKING NO SOUND POSSIBLY INDICATING THAT THE OBJECT WAS AT A GREAT DISTANCE FROM THE OBSERVERS. IT WAS ASSUMED BY SOME TO BE ABOUT 1 MILE AWAY, THIS COULD HAVE BEEN CAUSED FROM THE FACT IT OCCURED AT NIGHT WITH NO VISIBLE REFERENCES TO GUAGE THE DISTANCE CORRECTLY.

THIS OBJECT COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN A SATELLITE RE-ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE FROM A POLAR ORBIT; OR A METERORITE. NEITHER CAN BE PROVEN BECAUSE NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE HAS BEEN FOUND, AND NO ONE HAS REPORTED ANYTHING FALLING.

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FALL OF FOAM IN MEXICO

On December 12, 1963 at 10:00 a.m. Customs Interventor Ignacio Baz was called on the phone by the customs officer at Gate Two in Agua Prieta, Mexico. Because he was busy supervising the check-through of cattle he could not respond, but 10 minutes later, upon receiving a second call from the gate and an urgent message to come as soon as possible, he got into his car and, stopping by home, picked up his camera and proceeded to Gate Two.

When Baz reached Gate Two he was greeted by Inspector Amber Gordillo, who filled in the details about his calls. At 10, he said, a huge, white ball-shaped object had come in from tree top level and landed about a hundred yards southwest of the gate. Ten minutes later when Gordillo called Baz the second time, he reported that two more of the strange things were approaching.

When he finally reached Gate Two, the two objects, about 6 feet in diameter, and not precisely spherical in shape, were literally "bouncing" across the soft ground of a freshly plowed field about 100 yards from the gate. Their bounces took them between 3 and 6 feet off the ground. The field bordered on the Agua Prieta (dirty water) river and a range of stubby mesquite growth. Ignacio Baz sloshed through the mud of the field in pursuit of the strange balls. A strong north wind was blowing and the objects were being driven further southwest along the ground. When they reached the mesquite growth they began to tear apart on the growth. Although their repeated bounces along the ground apparently had no effect on them, their contact with the sharp, spiny mesquite bushes cause them to literally tear apart. At this point, Baz took pictures of the two large portions, each of which measured approximately two feet at the largest dimension. One landed in water, the other at the base of mesquite bush. The one in the water showed no visible signs of deterioration in the short period that it was observed.

After taking the pictures Baz made inquiries, found that the first one had

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been destroyed by frightened children and adults who beat it with sticks and stomped on it with their feet. Then he went back to his station at the Main Gate of the customs station. At noon a hard, driving rain began. Several hours later when the location of the balls was examined again there was no evidence whatsoever of their existence.

Investigation by this office showed Baz to be a serious, intelligent family man who has been with the Mexican Customs service for 32 years. He is well-respected by fellow employees and business men in Agua Prieta and is considered to be honest and reliable.

Baz and Gordillo's description of the strange substance was the following: It closely resembled tiny interlocking bubbles of some sort which were interwoven with a fibrous stuff. Baz at first thought it was a concentration of soap or detergent suds which had blown in from some laundry in the area. However, the balls remained intact in the hard driving wind and only broke up when they came in contact with the brush in the area. It also had strange clinging quality as was evidenced by the way it settled around the mesquite bush. Although it tore in contact with the mesquite, it did not disintegrate further despite the heavy winds which tore at it. Had it been any kind of soap or detergent foam it should have broken up and dispersed even while in the air above the trees.

Baz took two pictures with his Lord 5-D camera, using an F/16 aperture, ASA 125, 35 millimeter film and 1/100 second exposure. He hesitated to touch it, but did take a stick and pushed it into a portion of the substance and noted that it adhered to the stick like "cotton candy." When the stick was thrust into it, it did not cling as suds would do, but it clung to the stick.

In an attempt to understand why other reports were not forthcoming a study was made of the surrounding area. Agua Prieta is located slightly southwest of Douglas, Arizona. To the west of the two towns is open range with nothing between them and the Phelps-Dodge smelter several miles away. With the strong, cold north wind blowing few people were outdoors, and those who were were not likely to be looking up. Being above rooftop level when they came in, the balls of foam would not have been seen by people inside of buildings.

This sighting was brought to our attention by the editor of FATE magazine who asked the Lorenzens to investigate and submit an article if it merited same. As a result, in an effort to get in-

formation to FATE magazine at the earliest possible date, there was no time for a search of the files to determine whether or not there was a precedent. However, since then a local member recalls having read about a similar incident in Illinois in 1957 during that fall flap shortly after the launching of Russia's first satellites. The clipping is believed to be a picture with caption and shows a policeman standing beside a tree in which some of the foam was located after it fell to earth.

To conclude, this substance seems to be similar to "angel's hair" but is even more puzzling as there is no indication of its purpose or origin. After the rain of the afternoon of 12 December, there was no trace of the stuff and it is presumed that the pelting of the rain broke it up into fine particles and that it was absorbed into the ground. If any member has any further information concerning this general type of aerial phenomena we would appreciate it for our files.

NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)
Source: Flying Saucer Magazine Aug 64

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• Air Force Intelligence Officers were checking reports of Unidentified Flying Objects over Northern California, unable to explain why hundreds of people on the ground could see them while radar couldn't. There was widespread interest in the sighting because it occurred coincidentally with the arrival of Mariner II on its flight path past the planet Venus. A spokesman at Hamilton Air Force Base said that a report from the Sheriff's office at Salinas was received at 4:34 alerting the Air Force to the fact that a large unidentified flying object was "going back and forth and changing colors" high in the sky over King City. The air spokesman said that the USAF immediately alerted the state civil defence at Sacramento. Defence in turn called the 28th Combat Center. At the same time the Federal Aviation Agency Tower at Oakland directed all civilian aircraft in Northern California to be alert for UFO or unidentified craft. Pilots flying in the predawn darkness flashed that they could see lights but were unable to make positive contact. Radar was also unable to see the mysterious lights. A half hour later a second report came in that the UFO was back and now orbiting the Greenfield-Solidad-King City area. As radar probed it and Super Sonic Jet interception was being considered, the UFO suddenly climbed straight up and disappeared to the South, a Hamilton spokesman said. Twenty minutes later a third report was made at 5:20. It also came from the Sheriff's Office saying that the UFO had returned for the third time. This morning's predicament was the largest UFO sighting in recent years. This story appeared

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Sauce Viejo

The newspaper *La Gaceta* for December 17 reports that a railway worker named Cesar Tilio Gallardo claims to have had an extraordinary experience with an extraterrestrial being. According to his account to the Police authorities, he was sitting in a stationary sleeping-coach on a siding at Sauce Viejo province of Santa Fé, reading the paper and listening to the wireless, when his carbide lamp went out and his wireless went dead. He went to look outside, but seeing strange lights out there, he at once shut the door and remained inside. At that moment somebody else, "a being totally surrounded by lights," came in at the other door of the coach, and the dazzle from him was so terrible that Gallardo was obliged to cover his face with the newspaper. But the visitor snatched the paper away from him and tore it up. Gallardo was able to observe at this point that the visitor's legs were clad in some kind of shiny dark cloth. The mysterious being next seized an oil-can and poured its contents into a sort of small bottle which he produced from inside his clothing. He then vanished through the same door by which he had entered. A few minutes after Gallardo had reported his story to the police, passengers on an incoming train declared that they had just seen "a luminous man" walking along the railway track.

Ruby "Rings" Over NZ

V. E. Burnett of Ngongotaha, N.Z., reported in a letter to the Editor, Auckland Press, that on 10:15 p.m. on December 28, 1963, he saw traveling slowly in an east-west direction, low enough to be visible through trees, a moon-sized, glowing, pulsating, ruby red circle of light composed of equal-sized segments, the space between which were easily discernible. The object moved in "leisurely" fashion across the sky, pulsating evenly at regular intervals. While watching, Burnett was amazed to see it turn back on its path about one third of the way, make a slight detour to the left and head south over the town of Ngongotaha. Trees and a hill prevented him from seeing what actually became of it. The whole sighting lasted "at least a good five minutes."

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Mar del Plata

According to the daily paper *La Prensa* (Buenos Aires) for December 26 and 27, 1963, large numbers of people had reported that as they were coming out of the casino at Mar del Plata late at night, they had seen large numbers of intensely luminous objects over the sea.