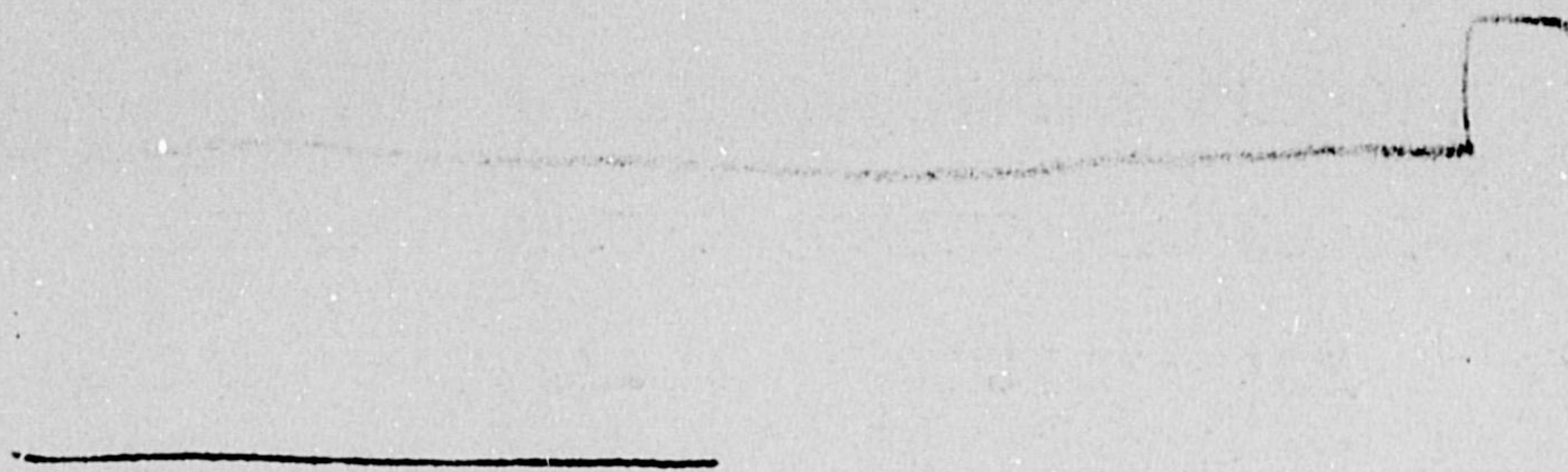


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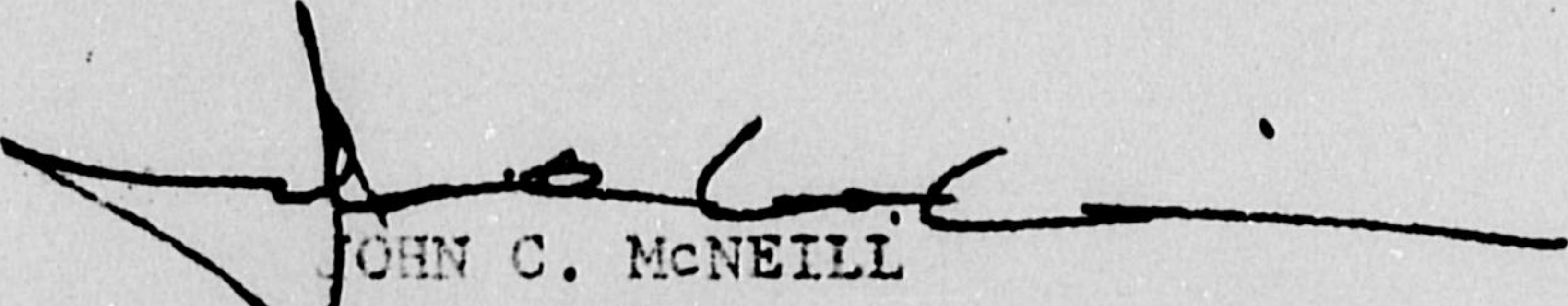
SUBJECT: Extract from OD Report dated 27 Apr 64

28 Apr 64

TO: TDE (Capt Quintanilla)

The following, extracted from Maj Weaver's OD Report dated 27 Apr 64,  
is quoted for your information:

"AFSC Command Post called at 1645 relaying a UFO report as follows:  
At approximately 0130 local time near Espanola, N.M. on 26 April a  
Ranger's son observed an object emitting flames and noise. His father  
sent him back to bed. The next morning the Ranger and his son investi-  
gated the area near where the object was sighted. The grass was burned  
and still smoldering and there were footprints in the vicinity. They  
notified the state police and Kirtland AFB. The prints were similar  
to those reported on the 25th April at Socorran, N.M. Personnel from  
Kirtland are at the site now."

  
JOHN C. McNEILL  
Major, USAF  
Administrative Officer



#### ZAMORA-LIKE OBJECT SEEN

La Madera, New Mexico, April 26 - Orlando Callegos, 35, of Santa Fe, reportedly was witness to an ellipsoidal object similar in description to the one observed by Socorro policeman, Lonnie Zamora, in the vicinity of his father's home north of La Madera.

While occupied in the activity of chasing away stray horses, he noted an unusual craft resting upon the ground in a gravel area some 200 feet distant. The UFO was reported to be the length of a telephone pole, with a circumference of 14 feet. Rings of blue flame emitted from jets about its underside.

It attempting to persuade his family to come out and observe the craft, he was particularly unsuccessful, for they were too frightened to accompany him. The next morning, however, they all examined the landing area, noticing the ground to be still fummy from the previous night.

State Police Captain Martin Virgin, upon checking the charred area, noticed that the rocks present within the center of the landing site were cracked, and a bottle nearby had melted. Green brush in the surrounding area had been set afire, evidently from intense heat. Four depressions and unusual "paw-prints," resembling those of a Mountain Lion, were also seen.

The Air Force, although having sent investigators into the area, has thus far remained silent on their findings, if any.



made of a shiny metallic substance, had no windows, and was as long as a telephone pole and about 14 feet in circumference. It was egg-shaped and resembled a large butane tank.

The next morning, feeling braver in the daylight, the family went out to take a look. The UFO was gone, though the ground was still smoldering! Local police were notified, and found a large charred area, strange marks in the ground resembling paw prints, and depressions similar to those found at Socorro. As a matter of fact, it is reliably reported that the ground was still smoldering twenty hours after the sighting! The charred area, seen by police, Air Force officials,

and many other people, was about 20 feet in diameter. Large rocks within the area showed evidence of extreme heat, while others a few feet away were not damaged at all. Even pieces of glass and metal were found melted and fused. A police officer ventured the opinion that no fuel presently known to mankind would leave the sort of traces found at La Madera. He also felt that the evidence indicated an extreme heat of short duration. We do not yet know what conclusions, if any, were formulated by the Air Force.



THE SECOND NEW MEXICO LANDING: Another sensational saucer landing occurred near the town of La Madera, New Mexico, within hours of the Socorro incident. At about 12:30 a.m., Orlando Gallegos, who was visiting his father's home there, went outside to chase away some horses. It was then that he saw a strange craft of some sort sitting on the ground in a gravel area. He was about 200 feet from it, and was afraid to get any closer. When Gallegos first sighted the UFO, there was a ring of blue flame erupting from numerous jets around the bottom of the craft. He heard no noise, and as he watched, the flames were turned off. Gallegos did not see anyone or anything moving around outside the UFO.

He returned to his father's house and told the family about the incident, but apparently they were all too frightened to go outside to take a look. Gallegos' wife later described him as looking "badly shaken." He returned twice more, alone, to gaze in amazement at the object. He said that it was

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Orlando Gallegos, of Santa Fe, told State Police he got within 200 feet of a hard metal object that looked like an egg-shaped butane tank. He said flames spurted off from numerous jets around the bottom of the object. It was as long as a telephone pole and about 14 feet in circumference, he told police.

Gallegos' report came on the heels of a similar report from a Socorro policeman, Lonnie Zamora, who said he spotted an object near Socorro Friday night. Zamora, in clearing up false reports Sunday, said the object rose about 20 feet off the ground and slowly flew away.

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# \*\*\* 'Infra-Red' Burns Suffered by Girl Who 'Saw' Object

A 10-year-old girl was treated for "infra-red burns" on her face after she said she watched an "egg-shaped" object hovering near Lowell Elementary School Tuesday noon for about 10 minutes.

Young Sharon Stull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Stull, 1409 Milmore SE, told her parents and Police Lt. C. K. Jolly, the "queer looking thing" bounced up and down about three times in the sky and then left.

Jolly said the girl's younger sister, Robin, 8, also saw the object but refused to look at it and ran off to play. The girl was treated by a physician for burns about the eyes and nose who, according to Jolly, said he believes Sharon "saw something and it burned her."

Sharon said it was not the sun she was looking at. She told Jolly the object was to the northeast and the sun was behind her. Her parents said Sharon is very truthful.

# Where UFO Sightings Are Reported Over Wide Area

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
 State officers and the military are investigating more unidentified flying object reports.

The reports came from Socorro and the Espanola area.

State Police Capt. Martin Vigil said investigators from Kirtland Air Force Base at Albuquerque were to arrive in Espanola today after noting the similarity in the different reports.

All of the reported sightings are similar in that they describe oval or egg-shaped objects, flames surrounding the craft when on the ground, scorched earth and wedge shaped depressions that officers say appear

to have been left by some type of landing gear.

The latest report came from a Santa Fe resident, Orlando Gallegos, 35, who told of seeing an object early Sunday morning at his father's home north of La Madera, sitting in a gravel area.

State Police received a report from two men traveling in the same area Saturday night that a flying object, which they said definitely was not an airplane, had swooped down toward their car, then veered off.

At Socorro, where the first such report came Friday evening from a city officer, a motorist, George Mironik, of Albuquerque, told of seeing Sunday night "a luminous flying thing, like an upside down bathtub, without lights except for a glow like exhaust underneath it, come up over the crest of the mountains and then go back down."

An unidentified girl, about 18, told Socorro officer Bill Pyland that she saw a fire in the hills southwest of Socorro Sunday night, where city officer Lonnie Zamora first reported seeing an "egg-shaped object" fly away from a draw. She said she went to within 300 feet to 500 feet from the fire when she thought she saw something in the flames. She then left to report it.

About the report from Gallegos, State Police Capt. Martin Vigil said, after visiting the site, "There was definitely something there."

"The ground was still smoldering 20 hours after the sighting."

Gallegos said he had gone out to chase away some horses when he saw the object. He said he was about 200 feet away when he first saw it.

Gallegos said there was no noise and as he watched, the flaming jets were turned off. He said he didn't see anyone or anything moving around the craft.

He said he returned to the house and told his family but no one else ventured outside. Gallegos said he returned twice more to look at the object. He described it as being of bright metal, without windows, as long as a telephone pole and about 14 feet in circumference. It was egg-shaped, he said, and resembled a large brand gas tank.

Capt. Vigil said the ground was smoldering later Sunday and he found what looked like paw prints along with the depressions that indicate some type of landing gear.

The captain said he contacted Kirtland AFB and an unidentified officer there said a team of military investigators was on its way.

State Patrolman N. Rex Hammer, chief of the Santa Fe unit, said he had two sightings in the Espanola area.

Hammer said the men told him they were driving from Albuquerque to Espanola when the first object came south toward them and they said it was very close and they could see the engine.

and she says it now has nearly 800 members around the world. She says there are some 6-12 landing incidences a year and she believes they are made by beings from another planet.

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## Expert to Check 'Saucer' Reports

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On his first report of the object came early Tuesday morning from State Police Officer Tommy Richardson of the US-66 community of Bernalillo.

He said he had a call from Don Adams of Edgewood, near Moriarty, who told of seeing an object about 100 feet off the ground. He said it appeared to be a fluorescent or fluorescent glowing object.

Hynek said the officer he saw the object under the object and he was startled. The youth reported he then got out and the object went off the object, reappeared and red again.

Hynek was another in a series of reports from New Mexico and Arizona authorities. The report Friday. The report said Tuesday. He had contacted points following a line from south of Truth or Consequences to an area near Espanola.

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 As Tucson, the director of the Aerial Phenomena Re-

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A 20-year-old Edgewood youth says he fired six shots at one of New Mexico's unidentified flying objects.

State Policeman Tommy Richardson of Moriarty reported he received a telephone call from Don Adams of Edgewood about 1:30 a.m. today.

The report said Adams told of seeing the object about 100 feet off the ground. He said it appeared to be a fluorescent or glowing green-colored object about 25 feet long.

He told the officer he drove his car under the object and his car stalled. The youth reported he then got out and fired six shots at the object, reloaded and fired again, without effect. The officer said he did not determine if Adams was using a rifle or a pistol.

Adams' account was another of several such reports that have kept New Mexico and military authorities busy since Monday.

Newspaper offices and broadcast stations were receiving a few telephone calls about similar sightings but most callers would not identify themselves, saying they did not want to be ridiculed.

The reports came from points following a line from near Gallo Reservoir south of Truth or Consequences, north to an area near Espanola.

#### Similar Reports

All the reports are similar in that they describe oval or egg-shaped objects with size estimates ranging from the size of a car to about 30 feet or longer. State police and military officials have confirmed finding scorched earth at the sites, and wedge-shaped depressions that officers say appear to have been left by some type of landing gear.

Spokesmen at all New Mexico military bases say they have no such aircraft fitting the descriptions.

Reports from Monday night included:

A man who refused to identify himself because he said he would be laughed at, said he saw a ball of red flame land near Las Vegas. He made no estimate of the size of the ball. He said he was going from Lake McAllister to Las Vegas when he saw the object.

New information has been revealed about other sightings.

State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez said he was told by Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora that the UFO he saw Friday, the first of the series of sightings, had red markings on its silvery side. Chavez said Zamora told him the design was an inverted V with three bars crossing it, but that the Air Force had told him not to discuss the markings.

Three sightings occurred Sunday night. An unidentified 18-year-old girl told Socorro police she saw a fire with something in it in the same vicinity where Zamora had been.

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State Police Capt. Martin Vigil investigated the La Madera sighting. He found the ground still smoldering 20 hours after the sighting. He said rocks in the center of the area were split, a bottle was melted and green liquid had been spilled. The fire, evidently by intense heat.

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## Edgewood Man Says He Shot At and Hit Flying Object

By United Press International

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Edgewood is about 30 miles east of Albuquerque.

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State Police Capt. Martin Vigil, who checked out the incident, said "There was definitely something there."

Other reports came from an Albuquerque motorist who saw a "flying saucer" object near Truth or Consequences, about 40 miles north of the La Madera area and a Socorro

discovered were "paw prints," "almost identical" in size, like a mountain lion's, "as coloring, marking, character, well as "landing gear tracks and landing gears to the thing reported by Zamora.

#### Photos Mailed

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Unidentified Flying Objects. Zamora, when contacted at said from his Oklahoma City home early today, said he office that pictures of an UFO had not yet received the sighted in 1956 by a ship-photographs.

board radio officer were being mailed to Zamora.

The photos were taken by Air Force bases and T. Fogl aboard the USS Ram. White Sands Missile Range say off the California coast continued efforts to investigate the IIUFO officer, Hayden gave the sightings... with no Hews, said the object was not in sight.

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ring of blue flame erupting from many jets around the bottom of the craft. The jets were noiseless and were turned off while he watched. He saw no persons around the craft which he described as a windowless bright metal, egg-shaped object and as long as a telephone pole, and probably 14 feet in circumference.

No one ventured out of the Gallegos home again during the night. The object was gone in the morning, but the ground was still smoldering.

A team of investigators at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, was to visit the scene.

Whether it was the same UFO or another one is unknown, but Undersheriff James Luckie said a tourist told him in a cafe here Sunday night that a low-flying, bright object had nearly crowded him off U.S. 25 two miles south of Socorro between 7:30 and 8 p.m. The unidentified tourist was traveling north of 25, and the object going south.



# System of Objects Reported as Old

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Space Beings Hinted

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## Ground at La Madera Is Burned

LA MADERA, April 27 (AP) — A Santa Fe resident reported today he sighted an unidentified flying object Sunday near La Madera, northwest of Espanola.

A team of investigators from Kirtland Air Force Base, a group from Washington, D.C., and the FBI were expected to join State Police this afternoon to investigate the new report.

State Police also received a report from two men traveling in the same general area Saturday night that a flying object, definitely not an airplane, had swooped down toward their car, then veered off.

The report was the second during the past weekend, with the first coming from a Socorro police officer.

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Orlando Gallegos, 35, of Santa Fe, made Sunday's sighting. This is his story:

Gallegos and his family arrived about 12:30 a.m. Sunday at the home of his father, Frank Gallegos, just north of La Madera.

His Flame

The younger Gallegos said he went outside to chase away some horses. It was then he saw the thing sitting on the ground in a gravel area.

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At daylight Sunday the object was gone, but the ground still was smoldering. As Gallegos was returning to Santa Fe Sunday afternoon, he told Espanola police officer Nick Naraijo what he had seen.

Notified Officer

Espanola police notified State Police Officer Marvin Romero, who with State Police Officer David Kingsbury questioned Gallegos at length. They then notified Capt. Vigil assigned State Police Officer Albert Vega of Ojo Caliente to go to the scene.

Capt. Vigil said he talked by telephone with a major at Kirtland Air Force Base and described the scene. He was told it sounded exactly like the evidence found at Socorro. Capt. Vigil said the major told him he would send a team of investigators today.

"Something was there," Capt. Vigil said.

Officer Romero told today of the Saturday night sighting.

Officer Romero said two men, whose names he did not get, told him of seeing a strange flying object about 10:30 p.m. Saturday, which would have been about two hours before Gallegos' sighting at La Madera.

The men told the officer they were driving from Abiquiu to Espanola when the flying object came straight toward their car. It veered away. All they could see, they said, was a jet stream of blue flame. They said it definitely was not an airplane.



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By United Press International

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