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3. SOURCE CIVILIAN	10. CONCLUSION OTHER: PSYCHOLOGICAL  Comments: Psychological interpretations of witness.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  See Letter
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Also See Case 9 FEB 1964

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Riversville, West Virginia  
26588

May 5, 1965

Gentlemen:

Sometime ago (February 1964) I wrote you concerning an object which I saw in the night sky and I thought it was a UFO. I filled out the data sheet which you sent me, after studying the information your reply was that this was probably a weather balloon.

Later on towards the last part of February, on a snowing night I and my father were walking along coming back home from working on our jeep. We were looking at the ground as anyone would do, when we heard the sound of a airplane so I looked up and saw a large light similar to a large flashlight's light shining on the ground and lighting up the snow in that area. This light formed a large spot on the ground (a circle). When I told my father to look up the light went out.



I did not bother to report this because I thought it could have been a car's headlights reflection or light reflecting off of a cloud or something that could be easily explained. But now I have reason to believe that this was a real flying saucer because I think that it was taking photos of the ground. I am writing you now mainly because of what my mother told me as to what she saw.

In the last part of February 1965, my mother said that she saw in broad daylight a white saucer with a domed top extend a long stem like landing gear and land in an open pasture field near our home. We were in school & my father was working. My mother said that she watched a small 3 to 4 foot being come from the saucer. He was dressed in a similar white suit and he seemed to be picking up something. She looked at the clock and it was about 8:00 a.m. EST. At approximately 8:30 a.m. EST the being got into the



long stem which then went up into the saucer. She said that she could hear a loud buzzing or humming sound and could see the outer edge of the saucer rotating very fast in a clock wise motion. After the saucer lifted from the ground she watched it climb away out of sight (straight up) making a very loud humming sound. The reason why she did not report this is because she thought that if anyone found out about it that they might call her crazy and have her put in a institution. I and my family are the only ones that know. I finally persuaded her to let me write to you and tell you what she saw.

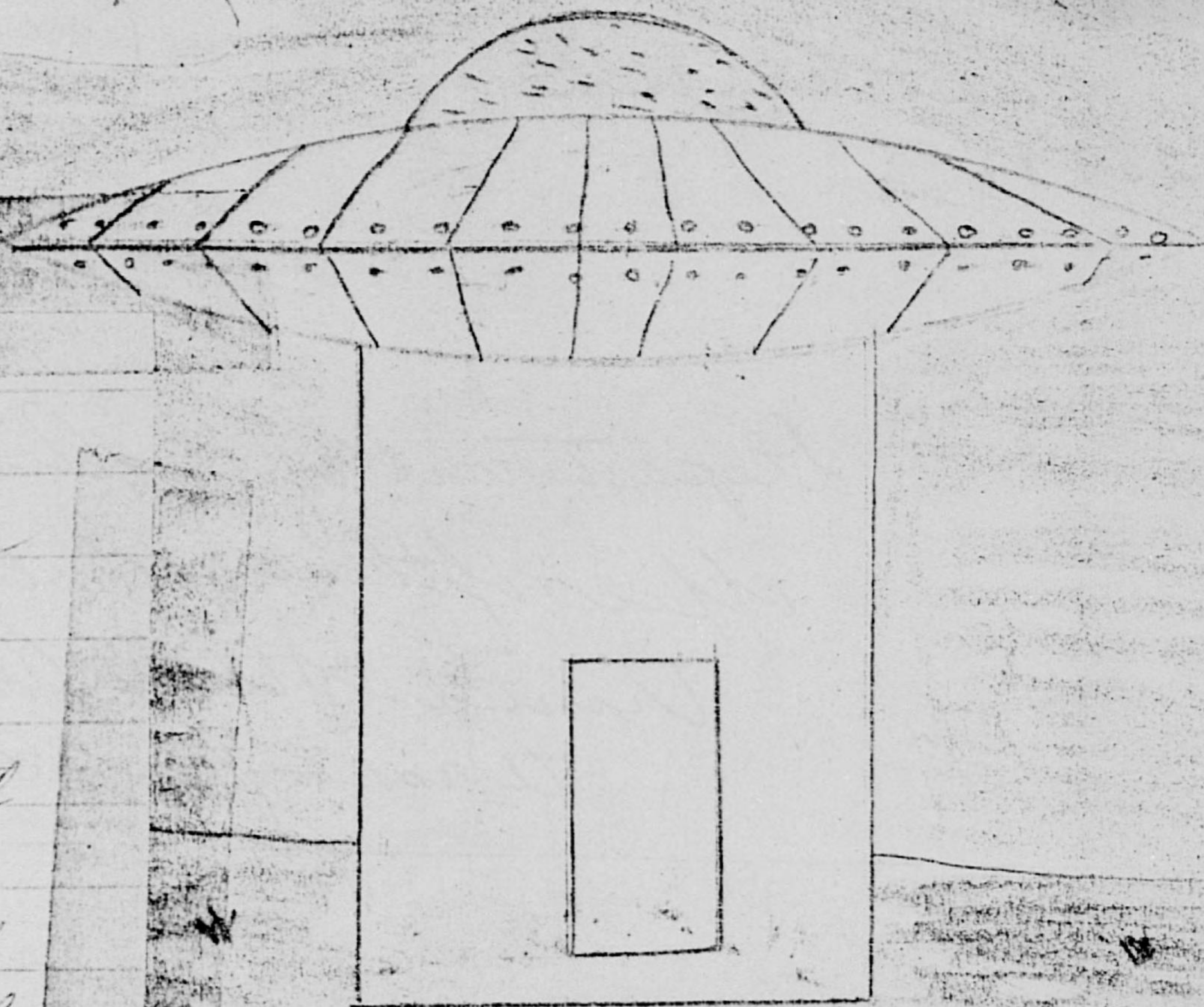
We are sincere and we are not nuts or flying saucer crazy or anything the like. We would be very grateful for any help which you could give us on this problem.

Sincerely yours,

~~Robert L. [redacted]~~ and Mrs. ~~[redacted]~~



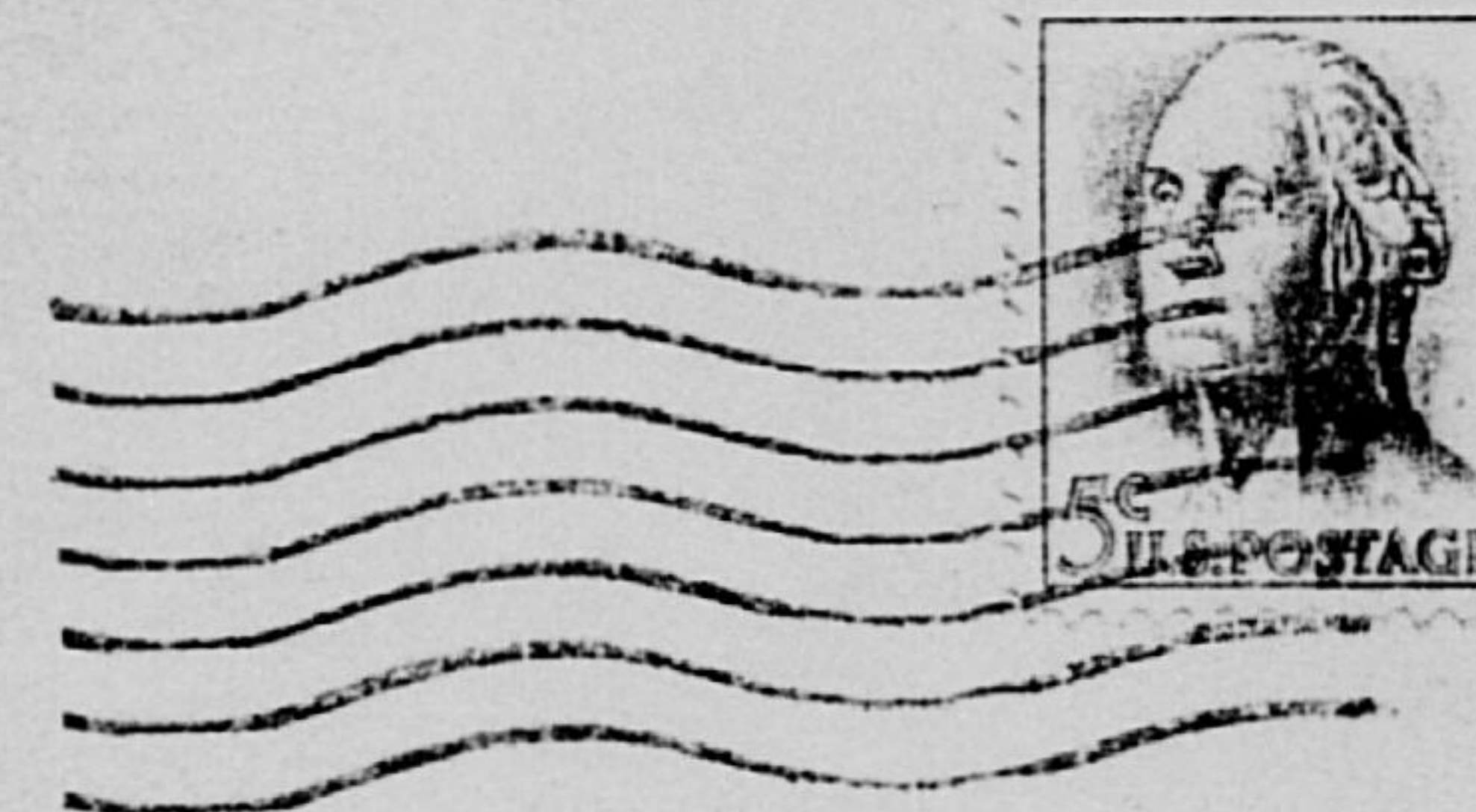
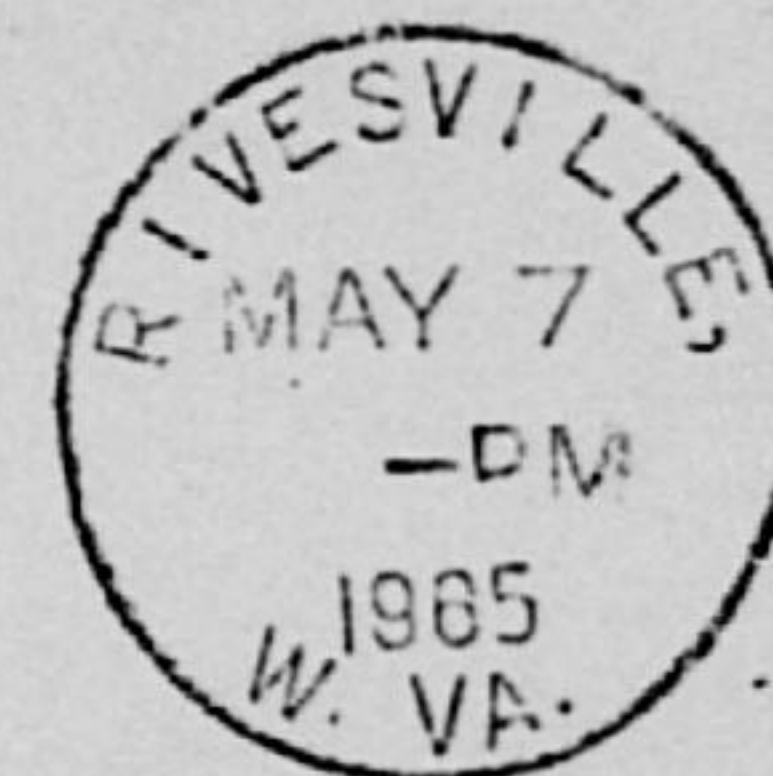
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I made of what my  
mother described to me  
as to what the UFO  
looked like. After this  
drawing was completed  
I showed it to my  
mother and she said  
that it looked just the  
same as the real one  
did. So I thought I should  
include it with the letter.





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Rivesville, West Virginia  
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United States Air Force  
Washington 25, D.C.

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George Adamski, 74, of Vista, Calif., died April 23, 1965, in the Washington Sanitarium, Takoma Park, Md., of an apparent heart attack.

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## NEAR COLLISION REPORTED

The reported near-collision between a UFO and an airliner, mentioned in the last issue, is still being investigated. For reasons we cannot disclose now, the full details and conclusion will have to be delayed. Meantime, here are the main points reported to NICAP:

The sighting occurred at dusk, Jan. 3, 1965, as a four-engine Electra, operated by a major airline, was approaching a large Eastern city. The captain was a veteran with 25 years military and airline experience. In the cockpit with him were the First Officer (co-pilot) and the Flight Engineer.

Several miles from the airport, both pilots sighted what they first thought was an ordinary aircraft. Suddenly it turned, came swiftly toward the Electra—a huge, delta-shaped machine, showing a black silhouette in the dusk. As the captain's report indicates, the abrupt, head-on approach gave the crew a bad scare.

"I called out 'What the hell is it?' . . . Somebody said 'Good God!' . . . It started to turn away, then as suddenly as it had appeared it departed . . . It disappeared at tremendous speed—a speed of several thousand miles per hour. I did not report to the tower because I did not feel it was a near miss with a conventional aircraft . . . And also because of the ridicule that was heaped on Captain Pete Killian of American Airlines." (NICAP note: Capt. Killian was ridiculed by the AF and later silenced after he publicly reported sighting three UFOs from his DC-6 airliner, a sighting confirmed by his co-pilot and five other airline crews. Details in "THE UFO EVIDENCE.")

Besides the reported near-miss, the captain sent an account of an encounter about the time of the famous visual-radar reports at Washington Airport.

"While approaching Washington, after darkness had fallen, the Captain and I, in a DC-6 type aircraft, saw a number of very bright lights darting about the sky. Suddenly two of them came directly at us, at high speed, and appeared to be about to collide with us. The Captain took violent evasive action, and as I recall he had to write many letters to passengers who complained in writing to the company about being tossed about."

The Electra captain said he was sure these earlier UFOs were officially "passed off as unknown itinerant aircraft, but the captain and I knew better . . . these red lights were moving at a speed that even today we have not matched."



NO CASE (Information Only)  
Source: AFRO Bulletin, Jul, Aug, 65

1 February 65  
Maple Valley, Wash.

### **Musicians Spot UAOs**

William E. Bolson of Maple Valley (Washington State) reported to the Seattle Intelligencer on 1 February 1965 that he and his fellow musicians, enroute from Kent to Renton by car, had seen two objects at 6:15 p. m. on the 31st of January.

The objects traveled together in a "crazy pattern" and "seemed to be linked together by some invisible rod", Bolson said. They gave the appearance of a "flying dumbbell". "They moved back and forth across the landscape, then they flew off and almost disappeared from sight. They came back and seemed to hang over some high tension wires. The original color was white, like a glowing light bulb. Then the color changed to red, then green and back to white," Bolson reported



No Case, Information Only  
Source: FSIC Bulletin, Vol 2, #1

2 February 1965  
Staunton, Va

And at Staunton, on Tuesday night, (February 2) three boys said they saw, and chased, a small green man near a rural road. He was described as being 3-1/2 feet tall. (Columbus Dispatch of February 3, 1965.)



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Source: FSIC Bulletin, Vol 2, #1

3 February 1965  
Richmond, Va.

#### **SHERIFF SOUNDS WARNING**

Richmond, Va. (AP) . . . February 3, 1965 . . . Times Dispatch . . . "This thing has gotten completely out of hand," says Sheriff John E. Kent of Augusta County. "It is now dangerous to county residents. Anyone can go out at night," says Kent "and see reflections in the sky. But anyone carrying firearms in the county without good reason will be dealt with according to the law.

"Besides," he adds, "even if creatures from outer space have landed, who's got the right to mow them down?"

Even the AF has gotten into the act. It has discounted any evidence confirming of either flying saucers or little green men. But for the record, a spokesman adds, "Our cases are never closed until the reported objects are sufficiently identified."

(Columbus Dispatch, Columbus, Ohio)

#### **Editor's Comment:**

AFM 190-4 Controls releases by secretary, of Air Force Office of Information (SAOFI). By this order the SAOFI must delete all evidence of UFO reality and intelligent control.



No Case, Information Only  
Source: FSIC Bulletin, Vol 2, # 1

6 February 1965  
Priniston, Virginia

Priniston Times, Virginia . . . February 6, 1965 . . . Ron Ramblin, Times Editor . . . He related that three "little space men" had been chased, but the fleet-footed midgets, reported to be about 36 inches tall, eluded them.

A retired Air Force pilot got into the act last Wednesday, when he reported sighting a UFO as he watched the skies for Echo I satellite to pass his home at Hampton, Virginia. He said the object appeared to be V-shaped and had blinking lights around the outer edges. It made no sound.

Air Force officials have made no definite explanations, but have said they found no evidence of a landing in the field near Fisherville, the sight of the sighting made by Horace Burns. (December 20)

They did however, report a "significant radiation reading" on the side of the automobile which was near the scene. No explanation given.

Ron Powell ends the article with: "But one thing seems certain. People are seeing something, so maybe we will get a definite answer in the near future. In any event, the next time the subject of 'flying saucers' comes up, think before you laught out loud."



NO CASE (Information Only)  
Source: APRO Bulletin, Jul, Aug, 65

11 February 1965  
Boulder, Colorado

### **UAOs Over Boulder**

Nate Ervin, a junior at Colorado University at Boulder, Colorado (USA) reported that he saw six "football-shaped objects with inverted 'V' wings which came to a point at their trailing edges at 7:35 p. m. on 11 February, 1965. They had no tail sections, he said and were "stark white against the crisp, dark winter sky."

They were flying in formation at what seemed to be an extremely high altitude and at first I thought they were jets but they were followed by no jet roar—only a loud wind sound," Ervin said. He noted their maneuvers were different from any aircraft he had observed—and said that the last two objects in the formation suddenly moved out from the group almost at right angles in a jerky movement. "Just as quickly they assumed their flight position", he said. The objects were seen while Ervin was walking across the campus and they were going from southwest to northwest at high speed.



13 Friend Court  
Wenham, Massachusetts


SUBJECT: UFO Report - 16 February 1965  
CONTENTS: UFO Sighting Summary Sheet  
Related newsclips  
Drawing of Sighting area  
DATE: 29 February 1965  
FROM: Raymond E. Fowler  
Chairman: NICAP Massachusetts Investigating Subcommittee  
TO: NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Richard Hall (Acting Director)

cc. USAF (AFSC - FTD)  
W.N. Webb

The following is a report concerning the sighting of a low-flying disc-shaped object over Groveland, Massachusetts by six Boy Scouts on 16 February 1965 at approximately 8:10 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Raymond E. Fowler  
NICAP Investigator

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HAVERHILL, Mass.  
Circ. 18,287

FEB 18 1965

## 6 Youths See Flying Object

Six Groveland youths reported to police the sighting of an unidentified flying object Tuesday night over a barn on property of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Smythe, 42 Garrison St., Groveland.

The sighting was made by Gary W. Smythe, 13, a student at Pentucket Regional Junior High School, West Newbury, and five companions who were conducting a Boy Scout patrol meeting. The silent, silver object, larger than a jet airliner, was visible for nearly 10 seconds flying low over the barn, they said.

They described it as dish shaped.

## Groveland

Correspondent: Mrs. Viola Sweetser,  
8 Bell St. Tel. 373-3237.

## Youths Quizzed About Object

GROVELAND — Six local youths were interviewed Saturday night by a representative of the NICAP regarding the unidentified flying oboject reported seen last Tuesday night.

Raymod E. Fowler, Wenham, chairman of the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena of Massachusetts investigating subcommittee, interviewed the youths at the home of Harold W. Smythe, 42 Garrison St., in whose yard the phenomena was sighted.

The youths who reportedly saw the saucer shaped object were Gary Smythe, Ronald Knowlton, David Crook, Kevin Parker, Stephen Flanagan and Darren McDermott.

Questionnaires were filled out by the boys and a picture was drawn of the object seen by the individuals.

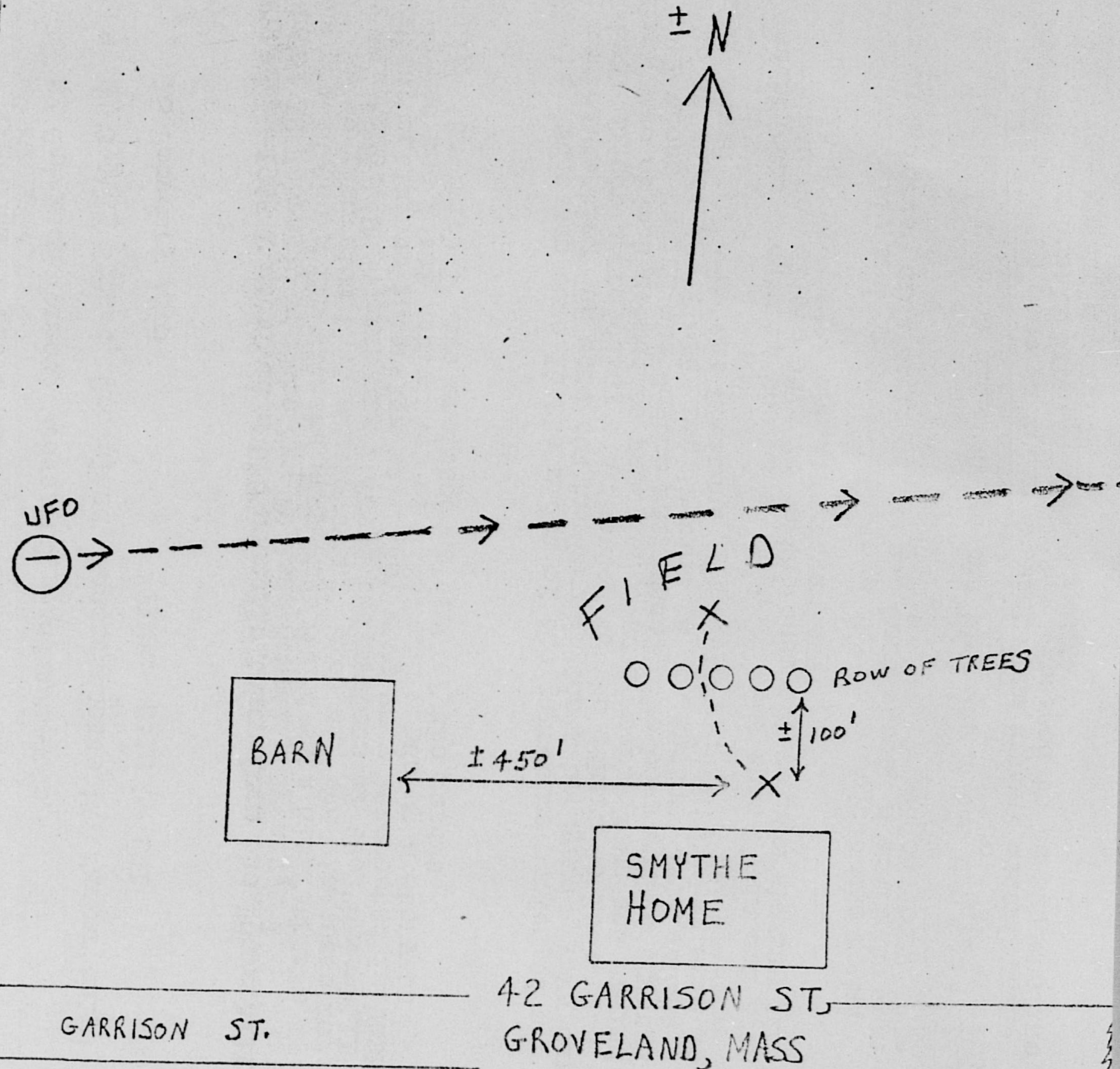
Fowler explained the importance of reporting such incidents to NICAP.

He said the primary charter of the Massachusetts subcommittee is the investigation of local UFO sightings of which detailed reports are written up and submitted to the NICAP headquarters in Washington, D.C., for evaluation and publication.

Fowler said only about 10 per cent of the persons seeing the phenomena report the incident. He stressed persons having information need not be afraid of ridicule in making their reports as their names are kept confidential if they so desire.

The address of this organization is 13 Friend Court, Wenham.

Mr. [REDACTED] was convinced that the boys were telling the truth. He is well acquainted with them and stated that they all ran in the house very excited about what they had witnessed. He phoned the police who in turn informed the "Haverhill Gazette".





# UFO SIGHTING SUMMARY SHEET

UFO REPORT - 2/16/65

WITNESSES:

Gary Smythe (age 13) 42 Garrison Street, Groveland, Massachusetts Grade 8	Steven T. Flanagan (age 11) 18 Chestnut Street, Groveland, Massachusetts Grade 6
* Kevin Parker (age 11) 21 Sylvan Street, Groveland, Massachusetts Grade 6	Darren McDermott (age 12) 29 Cannon Hill Avenue, Groveland, Massachusetts Grade 6
Ronald Knowlton (age 11) 13 Rollins Street, Groveland, Massachusetts Grade 6	David S. Crook (age 12) 46 Gardner Street, Groveland, Massachusetts Grade 7

(Parents of above have given permission to use names)

PLACE(s): 42 Garrison Street, Groveland, Massachusetts

\* 21 Sylvan Street, Groveland, Massachusetts (K. Parker only)

DATE: 16 February 1965 TIME: 8:10 PM EST

## BACKGROUND:

On 20 February 1965 I received a UFO newsclip taken from the "Haverhill Gazette" dated 18 February via the New England Newsclip Agency. I immediately phoned the prime witness Gary Smythe and with his father's consent set up an interview that same evening with all the witnesses for 6:00 PM at his home. Upon arriving I found two members of the "Haverhill Gazette" press waiting to interview me. They were very interested in both the sighting and the local activities of NICAP and wrote up a story on this investigation which I have enclosed as part of the report.

## SIGHTING:

Five of the witnesses were in the midst of the game-time period of a Boy Scout patrol meeting and were out in Gary Smythe's backyard. Gary saw a lighted oval object approaching and shouted to the others to look. As they watched, the object seemed to pass low over a nearby barn and behind a row of tall trees behind the Smythe residence. The boys rushed through the trees to an adjoining field just in time to get another look at the object as it moved off over the horizon. Meanwhile, Kevin Parker said he was watching the moon out of his window at 21 Sylvan Street and briefly glimpsed the object. However, the other boys doubted that Kevin had seen it. I am inclined to believe this to be the case after interviewing him and comparing his drawing with the other drawings.

All agreed verbally and on their drawings that the object was round. Some showed an inverted dish configuration. Most showed a configuration like a dish inverted upon a dish. Five stated that the object carried a large bright light to the rear and a small bright blue light at the front. Steven Flanagan said that he did not see the blue light but saw the white light and a small red light on a dome-like protrusion on top. All except Kevin Parker showed this dome in their drawings and verbal description. Darren McDermott and Ronald Knowlton saw what appeared to be the outline of ports along the object's perimeter.



Estimated duration of the sighting time varied largely as usual - anywhere between 2 - 50 seconds! Taking all factors into consideration I have estimated that the total lapse of time from when the object was first seen by Gary Smythe to the time it disappeared over the horizon must have been at least a minute. The close-up view before it went behind the trees was probably in the order of 10 seconds.

The estimated brightness of the object's lights varied between that of a bright moon and automobile headlights at the same distance. The lights (and moonlight) reflected off the object's surface revealing a silver color. The edges of the object were sharply outlined. There was variance in the estimates of the object's apparent size and its distance from them. The apparent size, as compared to a common object held at arm's length, varied between the size of a half-dollar and a football. Estimated distance between them and the object varied between 150 feet and 800 yards! The object was observed passing in front of a cloud. Clouds were at 13000 feet that evening. Darren McDermott estimated its altitude at 2000 feet but this estimate is not based upon anything substantial except his impression.

All agreed that the object appeared to be larger than a jet airliner at the same altitude and that it was travelling about as fast as a jet would be travelling at that altitude. Steven Flanagan was the only one who heard any sound coming from the object. He described it as a "soft hum". All the witnesses who observed it from 42 Garrison Street stated that the object moved from west to east. They stated that the weather was clear except for a few scattered clouds. All said they saw the moon except Darren McDermott who could not remember seeing it.

#### EVALUATION:

On the chance that the object might have been the local "UFO", i.e. the "Sky Lite" advertising plane, I checked with the company's manager. He informed me that the plane had not flown since November 1964. I checked out the weather and astronomical data with the U.S. Weather Bureau at Boston's Logan Airport. On 16 February 1965 there were high thin scattered clouds at an altitude of 13000 feet. Visibility was good, there was no precipitation, wind was at 25 mph from the west to northwest and the moon rose at 6:11 PM. There was a full moon on the night before.

Due to their age and the excitement it was a difficult task in getting them to fill out the report forms as efficiently as an adult would have done. It is hard to make a good evaluation giving accurate data concerning the object. I am convinced that the five boys at 42 Garrison Street saw an unidentified flying object. The only concrete statement that can be made is that they witnessed a large low-flying oval object carrying a blue and a white light as described. It had a dome. S. Flanagan said that this dome had a small red light on top. One witness heard a soft humming sound. Two witnesses thought they saw the outline of ports around its perimeter. To this date I have not received reports from additional witnesses. It is hoped that the newspaper story will alert others who might have seen this UFO to report it to the subcommittee.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Raymond E. Fowler*  
Raymond E. Fowler (Investigator)  
Chairman: NICAP Mass. Subcommittee



RETURN TO  
Mr. Raymond E. Fowler  
13 Friend Court,  
Wenham, Massachusetts



Air Force Systems Command  
Foreign Technology Division  
Wright-Patterson AFB,  
Dayton, Ohio

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Attention: PROJECT BLUEBOOK



Information Only  
Source: Base Skywriter, 26 Feb 65

Chico, California  
16 February 1965

## AF Balloon Sets Record

The largest balloon ever constructed completed a successful flight Feb. 17 when the Air Force recovered a 450-pound payload which had been lifted to a record 142,000-foot altitude in a 26-hour flight over the western United States.

The mammoth 13.5 million-cubic-foot balloon was launched Feb. 16 from a permanent field station at Chico, Calif., by personnel of the Air Force's Cambridge Research Laboratories (AFCRL), Bedford, Mass.

Arthur Korn of the AFCRL was test director for the flight. Litton Systems Inc. of Saint Paul, Minn., manufactured the balloon.

SKYWRITER  
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Aptos, California  
18 January 1965

A peculiar UFO was observed on Jan. 18, 1965, by Dr. William Nolan, a college professor at Aptos, Calif. At 9:10 p.m., Dr. Nolan saw a large, brilliant light moving on a straight course. Suddenly a concave shell, about eight times larger, came from behind the light. Rotating clockwise on a vertical axis, the shell encircled the light until it was no longer visible. When the shell had completely enclosed the light — or lighted object — it climbed into the clouds at jet plane speed. The professor's report was confirmed by two witnesses.



NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)  
SOURCE: FOWLER

19 February 1965  
Hanover, Massachusetts

February 19, 1965--Hanover, Massachusetts--At an intersection of Route 3 and 139 in Hanover six men in a car pool saw a fast-moving, very brilliant, pulsating lighted UFO that reversed direction and passed directly in front of their car. SOURCE: Boston Traveler, Massachusetts.



NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)  
SOURCE: SAUCER NEWS Sept 65

21 February 1965  
Chalac, Formosa, Argentina

**LITTLE MEN LAND IN FORMOSA, ARGENTINA:** According to a newspaper in Misiones, Argentina, called "La Provincia," a flying saucer landing occurred near the little Indian village of Chalac, Formosa, at 9 p.m. on February 21st of this year. The spaceship was of an aluminum color, and made several passes at very low altitude before finally landing before the astonished eyes of the Indians, who then saw three small figures emerge from the craft.

Each figure was surrounded by a blue phosphorescence of some sort, according to the report. Moving along with difficulty, the creatures reached a place where about fifty Indians had gathered, one of whom fled on horseback to call the police. The police arrived and were witnesses to the incredible scene, and took several pictures of the little men and of their craft. These were sent to Buenos Aires, according to the newspaper, and we have no further information as to what happened to them.

The alien creatures were apparently as frightened by the flash of the photographer's flashbulbs as the natives were of them; for they retreated slowly and with difficulty to their spaceship, then stood next to it for another fifteen minutes, and finally took off at very high speed. At the time of departure, the saucer became enveloped in a light of blinding intensity, and gave off a deafening noise.

Although we have five different clippings about this incident, there is no further information available after the original report from "La Provincia" and the various commentaries on it by other Argentine newspapers. According to one version only, the little men gave a message of peace and good will (presumably in Spanish), to the startled Indians. We tend to disbelieve this embellishment, however.

SOURCE: SAUCER NEWS Sept 65

February  
Argentina

**ONE-EYED GIANTS LAND IN ARGENTINA:** A rather wild story from the town of Terren, date-lined Santo Time, Argentina, tells of two saucer landings that occurred within a few days of each other, during February of this year. In each case, during a very dark night, a UFO landed in full view of a small group of frightened farmers; and two strange beings, more than six feet in height, got out of the machine. They had only one eye, and had an apparatus on their foreheads which gave off small lights of many different colors. The space creatures went into one of the nearby houses, and tried to kidnap the farmer who lived there, but were unsuccessful due to the combined efforts of his friends, who came to his rescue.

On the night that this happened for the second time, the farmers opened fire on the visitors. They found to their dismay that their bullets had no effect! They also found, however, that the spacemen were very weak physically, and apparently could be easily discouraged from their kidnap mission. In any case, it seems that no one on either side of the strange conflict was seriously hurt. However, some of the earthmen who came into physical contact with the visitors have come down with a strange skin disease, which looks like tiny tattoo marks of some kind.



22 February 1965  
Akron, Ohio

#### PEAR-SHAPED UFO

Akron Area . . . February 22, 1965 . . . Mr. Craig Shull, of Mt. Pleasant Road, a former aviator with thousands of hours flying time in all sort of aircraft, was still awake at 1:58 A.M. Lying on his bed in the dark, he was admiring the brilliant stars sparkling in the southern sky. Suddenly his attention was attracted to a very large illuminated, "pear-shaped" object moving very slowly from E to W. When first seen, it was at 30 degrees elevation, in the S.E.

He awakened his wife, Pauline. They both watched it for a while, as it proceeded deliberately westward. They carefully made their way to the living room window, which is a very large thermopane and, at that time, was completely clear of any moisture. They watched the object reach a position S.W. and stop! By then the object had an elevation of 35 degrees. It rose slightly but returned to its original position, where it remained stationary for at least seven minutes.

"It looked something like an inverted parachute at first, it even looked like an egg with a flattened larger end down," said Mr. Shull.

Through the 7x50 binoculars, they both said that it had a clear-cut, "dark greenish-purplish" edge. The surface of the object was "blinky-like", something like the sparkle of snow, and of a white color," said Shull. It seemed that the surface was made up of small, possibly individual lights, which seemed to sparkle or pulse. There was general agreement to this by both witnesses.

The brilliance of the object's clear-cut edge was compared to the brilliant star, Sirius. The surface area was less intense, and "sparkly white."

"Its size was at least 20 times the size of Sirius," said Shull. More specifically, it was the size of a small pea at arm's length.

The sighting of 14 minutes duration ended when a bank of clouds shut off further viewing. He thought they were thin high clouds at first, but a check with the weather bureau at Akron-Canton AP placed the clouds at about 3-4 tenths scattered stratocumulus. Temp. 9 degrees F. Wind WSW - 7 knots.

"It seemed to be at a great distance, "Probably 50,000 feet away," guessed Mr. Shull. "It had to be huge," he surmised.

According to the Shull's, they had a clear view of the sky. No sound, good visibility, no vapor trail, etc.

#### Qualifications:

Mr. Shull: During WW II - had a 5-P rating as a pilot. With ATC - Commercial pilot with Goodyear Tire Company - Now an inspector at Goodrich Tire Company. Overall flight experience - 23 years.

Mrs. Shull: Bookkeeper and insurance agent.



NO CASE (Information Only)  
Source: APRO Bulletin, Jul, Aug, 65

24 February 1965  
Baldwin Park, California

### **UFO Over Southern California**

Friedrich Burkert of Baldwin Park California, walked out into the back yard of his home at 7:20 p.m. on 24 February 1965 and saw a cigar-shaped object in the western sky. It moved slowly from the north and disappeared in the south. It made no sound. Burkert called his brother in Covina who couldn't see the object but who reported three small red objects in a different direction. One object flew from horizon to horizon in 20 seconds.

The object seen by F. Burkert was like two saucers edge-to-edge with a red light on top and one on the bottom. There were several yellow-lighted ports or "gates" as Burkert called them, which would light up one at a time until all were lit, then all would go out and the sequence would start again.



NO CASE (Information Only)

Source: APRO Bulletin, Mar & Apr 65

### Lights Over Arkansas

Amateur Astronomer and APRO member Frank Hudson of Elkins, Arkansas, reports the following observation of UFO on the designated dates. He asks that anyone who has information on similar sightings at these specific dates and time, to get in touch with APRO. Any possible explanation will be appreciated.

"February 26, 1965: Time 7:10 CST. Weather clear, wind calm. No moon. I observed in NE about 30 degrees from eastern horizon a light about the size of Echo 2. It was going faster than a jet and too slow for a meteor. It was going south. The large light brightened and dimmed about every four seconds. It was white. It dimmed out in the SE, about the same distance from the horizon. I saw it for about 10-15 seconds. There was no noise, sparks or tail that I could see.

"February 27, 1965: Time 6:55 P.M. CST. Weather clear. South wind 10 mph. No moon. I saw a white light in east about 25 degrees up from horizon going SE about jet speed. It was blinking at about one second intervals, but not going completely out. I tracked it with my 60X scope, and saw it was one light, or a reflecting light from a tumbling body. Toward the end of the sighting, the light was amber color and was steady. It faded out in SE, well above the horizon. Sighting lasted about 30 seconds..

"February 27, 1965. Time 7:15 p. m. CST. I saw in the west a light going SE about 50 degrees up. Light was similar to light observed on February 26, but the light went completely out between blinks in the first part of the sighting. Blinks about 3 or 4 seconds apart. Was going jet speed or faster. Tracked last part of sighting with 60X scope as object was in south. The light was not going completely out through scope. The light faded above horizon. Sighting lasted about 30 seconds.

March 8, 1965. Time: 7:15 p.m. CST. Weather clear. Light north breeze. Moon up about 50 degrees in the west. I saw a light in the south about 25 degrees up. It was moving east about jet speed. Through 60X scope it showed one white

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light, and steady. It disappeared over a mountain about a minute or less watching time.  
I have tracked jets with my 60X scope and can see their red and green running lights. It is a tricky and jiggly business, but I believe I could tell that there were no running lights near the above lights. The speed of these objects seem to rule out satellites."



1 - 31 MARCH 1965 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
2	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
2	Brooksville, Fla. (FOLDER)	[REDACTED] 7-3745-352	Other (HOAX)
3	Point Au Fer Reef, La.	Military	AIRCRAFT
4	Cape Decision, Alaska	Military	SATELLITE
4	New York City, New York	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
4	Corvallis, Oregon	[REDACTED] (PHYSICAL SPECIMEN)	UNIDENTIFIED
5	Albuquerque, New Mexico	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
5	James Connally AFB, Texas	Military	INSUFFICIENT DATA
6	Washington, D. C.	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
8	Mt. Airy, Maryland	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
9	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
10	Kansas City, Missouri	[REDACTED]	SATELLITE
10	43.00N 173.00W (Pacific)	[REDACTED]	SATELLITE
10	Deer Park, Md.	[REDACTED]	BALLOON
10-12	Youngstown, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Other (PSYCHOLOGICAL)
11	Florida - Georgia Area	Multiple	Astro (METEOR)
12-13	Brooklyn, N. Y.	[REDACTED]	SATELLITES
13	Rochester, N. Y.	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
DR 15	Laos	[REDACTED] (PHOTO)	Other (PART OF AIRCRAFT)
15	Lincoln, Nebraska	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
16	Halifax, Nova Scotia	[REDACTED]	Other SATELLITE DECAY)
	Doctors Cove, Nova Scotia	[REDACTED]	
20	Waverly, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Other (PSYCHOLOGICAL)
20	Sloan, Nevada	[REDACTED] (PHOTO)	Other (DEVELOPER SMEAR)
22	64.36N 29.13W (Atlantic)	Military	SATELLITE
22	Peekskill, N. Y.	[REDACTED]	Other PSYCHOLOGICAL)
24	Lexington, Mass.	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
25	Rangoon, Burma	Multiple	Astro (METEOR)
25	Brooklyn, N. Y.	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
26	Paradise Post NBP, Fla.	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
26	50 Mi S of Albany, N. Y.	Military	Astro (METEOR)
27	Springfield, Ohio	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
28	Texas Area	Multiple	Astro (METEOR)
30	Barberton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
30	Watertown, N. Dak.	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
30	Lewisburg - Dayton, Ohio (FOLDER)	Multiple	1. AIRCRAFT
			2. Astro (JUPITER)
30	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (JUPITER-ALDEBERA)
30	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
30	Belbrook, Ohio	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
30	Pacific (100 mi off Calif)	Military	Astro (METEOR)
31	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
31	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
31	Larson AFB, Washington - Canada	Military	Astro (METEOR)

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ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
Mar 4	Cupertino, Calif.	[REDACTED] (164)	
	Randolph, Mass.	[REDACTED] (NICAP RPT)	



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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
7	Sydney, Australia	Newsclipping	
7	Victoria, British Columbia	Newsclipping	
8-18	Napa, California	Newsclipping	
11	Vandenburg, California	Newsclipping	
14	Everglades, Florida <i>missing July 78</i>	Taylor (Ltr)	
16	Woodlawn, Canada	Newsclipping	
17	Fort Myers, Florida	Newsclipping	
17	Fort Adelaide, Australia	Newsclipping	
18	Takamatsu, Japan	Newsclipping	
20	Belmont, California	Newsclipping	
30	Los Angeles, California	Newsclipping	