PROJECT 10071 RECORD

LOCATION

North San Juan, California

3. SOURCE

Civilian

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

One

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

Not Reported

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

Ground-Visual

7. COURSE

NW and Landed

8. PHOTO

XX Yes
☐ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

☐ Yes
XX No

10. CONCLUSION

Sighting: Probable Other (HOAX)
Photos: (INSUFFICIENT DATA)

The orig. negs of the photos were never received. See photo analysis and also the investigating officers personal comments criticisms and also his final conclusio

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

The two observers stated that they were taking pictures of a pet dog when they sighted a saucer shaped craft coming in from the NW at about 100 ft in the air. The craft landed in a close area. The boys stated to run away from the UFO when a door opened and a little 2 - 2½ ft man came out. Before they knew what was happening the boys were standing next to the man. They said that it was as if they were in a trance. There were several other little people in the craft. They said that they came from Alpha Centauri and that they "wished the Air Force would quit shooting down their space ships because they wanted to land and make fix friends".

12 pictures

FORM
FTD SEP 63-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

19 June 67

SAF-OIC/Miss Turnure/76526/Nov. 20, 1967

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Dear [redacted]

This letter is in reference to your observation of an unidentified flying object (UFO) and the subsequent photographs you took on June 1, 1967.

Your three photographs are returned herewith. A detailed analysis cannot be made without the original negatives.

If you would like to have your photographs analyzed in detail, please complete the attached data sheet, and return it with your original negatives in the inclosed envelope.

Sincerely,

DAVID L. STILES
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

3 Attachments
1. Prints (3)
2. Photographic Data Sheet
3. Postage-free Envelope

[redacted]
North San Juan, California 95960

Coord Cy - SAF-OIC
Cmbk Cy - SAF-OIC
Activity Cy - SAF-OIC
Reader Cy - SAF-OIC
Stayback

SAF-OIC

[redacted]

[redacted]

21-3747-22

Becky:

Please send a copy of your letter to [redacted] to:

2nd Lt Kinderman (CDSO)
456th Combat Support Group (SAC)
Beale AFB, California 95903

Also, would you make a Xerox copy of your reply and forward it to us.

Thanks,

Marilyn

Done

Proposed reply to [redacted] on his UFO sighting of 1 June 1967

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

Reference your unidentified observation and subsequent photographs of an unidentified flying object (UFO) taken on 1 June 1967. The photographs submitted to the Air Force were examined by Air Force Photo Analyst personnel even though you did not submit the original negatives. Without original negatives and the focal length of the camera a detailed dimensional analysis cannot be performed. However, photo personnel did offer the following comments:

Of interest was the fact that the alleged "fire" as noted in one of the photographs, is behind the object as viewed from the bottom. This is evidenced by the shadow cast by the object onto the "fire". Since the "fire" is coming from holes on the top edge of the object, the holes would be visible in the two additional photographs. There are no holes visible.

It should also be noted that a brilliant light would have to be shining from ground up, not only to halate the bottom of the object but to have the object cast a shadow onto the fire.

Although we are unable to positively identify the object, the ~~existing~~ evidence does not support the conclusion that the object was extraterrestrial in origin.

If you wish the Air Force to perform a more detailed analysis, ~~request you~~ please complete the attached Photographic Data Sheet and return it with your original negatives in the self-addressed envelope.

We are returning your three photographs.

PHOTO ANALYSIS REPORT

NR 67-68

DATE OF REPORT 14 September 1967

SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

LOCATION North San Juan, California DATE 1 June 1967

PHOTOGRAPHY

AF _____ IR _____ QUALITY Good

P NRS Frames 1a, 1b, and 1c. Attachments to "UFO Report of Investigation" by 2d Lieutenant Kinderman, dated 16 June 1967

1. PURPOSE: This report is written to fulfill a request submitted by Major Quintanilla, TDET/UF, to analyze the referenced photography to determine, if possible, what the unidentified object may be. If the object cannot be specifically identified it was requested that the approximate dimensions be given.

2. ANALYSIS: The imagery which appears in the attached photos appears to be genuine imagery. The object(s) cannot be identified. Of interest, however, is that the "fire" as annotated in photograph, frame 1c, is behind the object as viewed from the bottom. This is evidenced by the shadow cast by the object onto the "fire". Since the "fire" is coming from holes on the top edge of the object, the holes would be visible in frames 1a and 1b. There are no holes visible. It should also be noted that a brilliant light would have to be shining from the ground up, to not only halate the bottom of the object but to have the object cast a shadow onto the fire. No light was mentioned in the investigating officer's report.

3. It is necessary that the original negatives and the focal length of the camera be obtained before a detailed dimensional analysis can be performed.

PHOTO ANALYSIS BY:

Robert D. Myers

ROBERT D. MYERS
Intelligence Research Specialist

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William L. Turner

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Chief, Photo Exploitation Division

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 456TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (SAC)
BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, 95903

REPLY TO ATTN OF: 456CDSO(2/Lt Kinderman/2475) 16 Jun 67

SUBJECT: UFO Report of Investigation

TO: University of Colorado (ATTN: Dr. Condon) Wright-Patterson AFB (FTD TDETR/UFO)

The attached report is the result of a UFO sighting in North San Juan, California. 2/Lt Joseph A. Kinderman, Base UFO Officer, has conducted the investigation and prepared the report IAW AFR 80-17.

ARDEN B. CURFMAN, Colonel, USAF
Commander

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Report of Investigation

16 June 1967

The following report is submitted for your information and follow-up investigation and represents a complete account of the recent UFO sighting and following investigation in the area. (All times in this report are Pacific Daylight Savings Time.)

At approximately 2230 hrs on 7 June 1967, I received a telephone call at my home concerning the sighting of a UFO. Mr. [redacted] called me from Sacramento, California and reported that two young boys had taken some pictures of a UFO in the N. San Juan area of California. He gave me the names of the boys - [redacted] and [redacted] - and said they may be contacted at Roy's Cafe or the S & C Grocery Store in the town. He said that he had recently been through the town visiting friends and that there was a lot of talk in N. San Juan and Grass Valley about the sighting. He was in Sacramento when he called and also stated he knew the individuals concerned.

I was contacted by Mr. [redacted] father and owner of the [redacted] Grocery Store, on 8 June at 1500 hrs. He confirmed the report and asked if I knew what it was. After answering "No," he asked me to investigate the sighting. I made arrangements to see them the following afternoon, 9 June at 1300 hrs.

I received a call later that evening at 1830 hrs from Mrs. Spruill requesting that I come around 1600 or 1700 hours since the boys would be at a school picnic and would not be home until that time.

I received a call at 2000 hrs that evening from Mr. [redacted] of the Grass Valley Newspaper requesting that I give him information on the sighting. I would not and could not give him any information since I had not investigated the sighting yet.

The next morning, 9 June, at 0730 hrs I received a call from Lt. Joseph Nix of the Base Information Section wanting to know if I knew anything about

the sighting. I told him the little I knew. Lt. Nix stated that the area newspapers were calling and asking about the sighting. Lt. Nix stated that he would call them back in about an hour and only reveal the names of the boys involved. He suggested that I investigate the sighting immediately in order to get there before the newspapermen. I called Mrs. [redacted] at 0745 hrs and requested to interview the boys that morning. She agreed.

I arranged with the Base Motor Pool to get a vehicle and left the base immediately. I arrived in N. San Juan at approximately 0915 hrs. The boys and parents were waiting for me in the S & C Grocery Store. I asked if the boys shouldn't be at school and Mrs. [redacted] replied that she would take them to school after I talked with the boys.

I talked to the two boys together at this time. (I later felt that this was an incorrect investigative procedure for evident reasons.) I talked to [redacted] first. He stated he was 12 years old and was in the sixth grade - one day from graduation. I asked him to describe the object he saw. He stated that it looked like a saucer with a rounded part on top. He got mixed up looking for words and asked if I would like to see the pictures. I said, "Yes" and he brought them to me. (See the attached prints.)

I asked him to back up and describe the whole incident from beginning to end. He said that he and [redacted] 9 years old, a third grader and a neighbor, had gone to the area after they got home from school at approximately 1600 hrs. The area itself is approximately ¼ mile from the main route through N. San Juan. There is a very steep, dirt road leading to the area. The boys had taken a camera to the area with the intention of taking pictures of [redacted] dog, Gingy. They used a Babette Camera, made in Hong Kong and distributed from the Toy House in Sacramento, Calif. The camera takes 16 pictures and was made of very weak plastic, costing 79¢. They used Kodak VP 127 film, Black and white film.

It was approximately 1630 hrs. The day was very cloudy (complete cloud-cover) and it was cool, about 45°. They were sitting at the peak of the hill looking at the dog. Suddenly the dog started barking. They noticed nothing until this time. They turned their heads and saw the UFO coming in from the Northwest over an evergreen tree at about 100 feet in the air. They said that it was making a very funny sound, "like they had never heard before." It was pulsating and at a high pitched. Tony said it hovered over the tree for a few seconds, then tilted and headed for the cleared area. It was generating a lot of heat because the air was wavey near the UFO. It slowly came to a rest on the mound.

NOTE: The sighting occurred on Thursday, 1 June.

At this time Tony asked if he could talk to his father privately. After a few minuted he returned. His father told him to tell the complete story as he had told his father. He was hesitant, but continued.

Tony said that the UFO was a dull gray or dull tan. He described it exactly as the one picture shows and added. There were small holes all around the bottom rim"about a foot in diameter." You could not see these in the picture because of the angle taken,he exclaimed. Johnny was very scared and started to run, falling down the hill into the brush. He waited when he saw Tony taking pictures at the top of the hill. Tony further stated that there was a"sort of" window from the top of the UFO to its rim. He said you could not see clearly through this "glass" but he could see four small shadows. These, he said, were little people he later found out. Tony said that he took six pictures but only three came out.

At this time Tony jumped off the hill and also fell through the brush. He and Johnny ran up the road away from the UFO. Although they were running away from the UFO they said a door opened, sliding into the top of the UFO. A little man came out after a ladder had unfolded down to the ground and he

pointed at the running boys. Before they knew what happened, they were standing right next to the "man". It was as if they were in a trance. At this time they could not move. The man said, "I will not harm you." He snapped his finger and the boys were out of the trance. Johnny was very scared. The man said,"Come." They all went up the ladder into the craft.

They stated that the craft was about 6 feet high and a little bigger than a station wagon car (about 2 feet overlapping the side of the car, but round). When they got inside there was only about a foot headspace for the boys. The entire wall around the inside of the craft was a gigantic computer with many buttons and blinking lights. There were three more little people inside.

The "little people" were about 2 to 2½ feet tall. They looked like human beings except for their size. They had 2 antennas coming from their head and a "glass bubble" over their heads. They were all wearing "short skirts." They only had four fingers. They stated that there were "3 boys and one girl." They said they looked like small girls and boys.

When they entered the UFO, the little people bowed to them. At this time the little girl took Johnny and showed him the computers. Johnny stated that nothing was said between them. Tony stayed with the # three little boys and talked." The following events were told to me by Tony but are not in the proper order since he kept on going over and over these events constantly putting in more details.

The little boys from the UFO stated that they "wished the Air Force would quit shooting down their space ships because they wanted to land and ma ke friends." Tony asked where they had come from and they said, "Alpha Centauri." Tony said that they told him they were going to the moon right after they left earth. He further stated that they said they could get to the moon in 15 minutes and it only took 2 hours to get to Alpha Centauri.

The little boys from the UFO then gave Tony a "ray gun" and pointed to an old abandoned station wagon outside of the door. Tony aimed and pulled the trigger. The car "disintegrated." They then went inside toward the "computer buttons." They pointed to a button. Tony pushed it - the door shut and the "flying saucer" rose off the ground. They couldn't tell me how high.

At this time Johnny was directed to get into a miniature model of the flying saucer which stood in the middle of the floor. He said there were a lot of little controls on the panel. He sat in a small "leather chair" but had to crouch way up to fit himself in. The little girl pointed to a button but Tony rushed over and pulled Johnny out of the Miniature craft, stating that something might go wrong. (Johnny said the craft was just big enough to fit one of the little people.) Tony said they had better go at this time.

The "little people" wanted the two boys to take the ray gun. They refused. The "little people" then offered for them to take the "miniature flying saucer", but the boys again refused. Tony asked them what he should do with the pictures he had taken. They said to show them to a lot of people. Johnny and Tony left at this time.

The boys stood about ten feet from the UFO as it raised its ladder, closed its door and started up. The boys said that a lot of heat came out of the holes and their shirts were being blown by the motion of the craft. The UFO slowly raised straight up to a height of about 50 feet. Tony ran underneath the UFO to take "his last picture." At this time a lot of fire came from the sides of the UFO, where the holes were, and it went at about a 45° degree angle into the clouds. It disappeared into the clouds in about 5 seconds. The time this complete story lasted was about one-half hour.

The boys ran up the road and entered the tavern where Johnny's father was. Tony was very excited. Johnny was more scared. Of course, nobody would believe them but the boys said they had pictures of it. They then went to the S & C Grocery Store to tell Tony's mother. She didn't believe them either. Tony's father came in a little latter, and did not believe their story. The boys told Mr. [redacted] that they had pictures of it.

That evening the boys went to [redacted] grandmothers home across the street. A neighbor, Mrs. [redacted] was also there. The boys told their story to the women and they talked a long time about the incident. Mrs. [redacted] called a Mrs. [redacted] and told her about it. The boys talked to Mrs. Barnes on the phone and were told that she had had contact with the Venetians and had many books and tape recordings by experts in the field and even some from the Venetians. Mrs. [redacted] gave them a picture postcard with a picture of a flying saucer on it. The boys showed it to me and said the UFO strongly resembled the one they had seen.

On Friday, 2 June, Mr. [redacted] took the roll of film into Tyler's Photo Store in Grass Valley for developing. The proprietors said they could be picked up on Monday.

On Monday, 5 June, both Mr. [redacted] and Tony went into Grass Valley to pick up the pictures. As soon as they received them they opened the envelope and looked at the pictures. Only three had turned out (been printed). Tony was excited. His father could do nothing else but believe him at this point.

Mr. [redacted] carried on his own investigation, questioning the boys over and over and taking them back to the scene. The more they went over the story the more he believed them.

NOTE: The boys told many people about their experience and showed the pictures around. Many people then started to claim that they had also seen flying saucers and space ships and had contact with people from outer space

in the past. They had all been afraid to report the sightings because of what people might think.

This concluded the story to this point. Johnny and Tony both left for school after the interview. I talked with the father. He said that he did not believe the boys at first, but he had to believe them after he saw the pictures. I asked if I could see the negatives. He showed them to me. Besides the negatives of the three pictures which were printed, there was also another which seemed to show the UFO hovering above a "station wagon automobile." I asked if I could take the negatives with me for investigation and analysis. Mr. [redacted] said that his son did not want to give the negatives up but would give me the pictures. He had promised his son that he would do this.

I left at this time and traveled into Nevada City, about 17 miles South of San Juan. I went to the School's Picnic Area and contacted Tony's teacher. Mr. [redacted] is a teacher-principal at N. San Juan Elementary School. He lives at [redacted], Nevada City, Calif 95959, phone - [redacted]. The teachdr said that there was much talk in school about UFO's. The boys told their story to him on Friday, 2 June. They showed him the pictures on the 6th. They asked him what he thought it was. The teacher replied, " An upside-down cup on an upside-down saucer." He laughed. Tony told him what it was. The teacher questioned him extensively stating, " I used all the psychology I knew to get it out of them but they told the same story as they told you." He felt that they were telling the truth but was very unsure. We looked at both boy's school records. Tony is an average student with a DIQ of 94. He is above average in Science, with a B average. Johnny is just an average student, not excelling in anything. The teacher said that Johnny is a very quiet child, he lost his mother about a year ago and his father has

been known to drink quite a bit. He further stated that Tony had been a good student in Science, "always bringing in projects or items of interest." He said that Tony has been outwardly interested in UFO affairs for about the past three months and his last book report was on a book dealing with UFO's. Mr. Brizzolara at this point didn't know what to believe.

Before I left I saw Tony and asked if he would reconsider giving me the negatives. After I pointed out the importance of having them, he said yes.

NOTE: Tony was not very interested in talking at this time.

ALSO NOTE: Tony did not reveal to the teacher that he had had contact with the people in the UFO and had actually talked to them.

I called Mrs. [redacted] that evening and told her that I would be up by 0930 the next morning, Saturday, 10 June and requested that she have the boys there. She said, "OK."

I left the next morning about 0800 hrs and arrived in N. San Juan about 0915 hrs. I took a base photographer with me to snap comparison pictures at the scene. We arrived at the Grocery Store, but the boys were not there. They had gone into Grass Valley with Mr. [redacted] Johnny's father, and were expected back at any time. We waited for over an hour and then decided to go to the scene ourselves. We went down and took pictures at the scene. (See explanations attached to pictures.)

We went back to the store about 1100 hrs and the boys still were not back. Both Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] were there. They both expressed the desire to keep publicity down to a minimum on this matter and pledged full cooperation.

NOTE: The boys said that the UFO had made a round imprint in the ground where it landed. The father said when he went up there you could see it faintly. I could not see any imprint. The photographer also could not see an imprint. Tony stated that a ground/earth mover had been over the

area and the tracks were visible to me. He further stated that many of the area boys and girls had been down there playing.

ALSO NOTE: When we were leaving the scene of the UFO landing, I told the boys that they could reveal any or all of the above information to anyone they chose. I pointed out the disadvantages of revealing all of the information. They stated they did not want to tell it all. The boy (Tony) then said, " Do we get any money for this?" I failed to respond.

At 1100 hrs on Saturday morning again, the boys still had not returned. We decided to interview some of the area people. We first went to the home of Mrs Louise E. Clark, Box 85, N. San Juan. Her home was the closest structure to the scene, about 400 yards. A small hill and many trees concealed the landing sight from her home. She stated that she had been in Grass Valley that day and did not see anything because of her absence. She further stated that if it came back she would call us.

We went to the home of Mr[redacted] N. San Juan, She is a very old woman (estimate late 70's). She was in the process of moving but consented to talk with us. She confirmed her talks with the boys on the evening of 1 June. She also stated that she had called Mrs.[redacted] because Mrs.[redacted] had had "many" contacts with people from outer space - "the Venetians." She said that she was very much a believer in life on other planets and believed in flying saucers. She said she had not seen them as such but knows personally, many people who have seen them and had contact with its occupants. I must have looked doubtful, because she asked if I wanted to see in the Bible where it stated there was flying saucers. She said she had many books written by a Michael X. (a mystic authority on flying saucers). She said they were all packed away. She further stated that she had lent one to Mrs.[redacted] Mrs. Rodenberger further stated that she had seen strange lights many times during the night.

Mrs. Rodenberger stated that Mrs. [redacted] could be contacted in Tyler and could give us much information, including books and recorded tapes left by the Venetians.

[redacted] N. San Juan was in the residence visiting at the time. (It may be noted that she was laughing quietly all through this interview.) She said that she had been in the [redacted] Grocery Store and saw the boy with a book about UFO's. She asked him where he had gotten it from and that she would like to read it. Tony told her that he had gotten from a boy at school, but he would not give it to her. She further stated that the parents were resentful for asking questions. She apologized and left.

We went to [redacted] home, [redacted] N. San Juan, the grandmother of Tony. She would not answer any questions put to her. We asked her if she had a book by Michael X. She said she had lent it out, but would not reveal the name of the borrower. Asked if she believed in flying saucers, she responded, "Of course, didn't you see the pictures?"

The boys had still not returned to the store. We went to Tyler, a little village about 5 miles southeast of N. San Juan. We contacted [redacted] and asked to talk to her. She was in her late 70's, estimate. She took us into her home and seemed very excited about us being there. She showed us all her books - dealing with flying saucers, mystic powers and religion. Her house was filled with many religious pictures, etc. She said that she was a member of a group known as the Understanding Group which was formed in 1954 and had its present headquarters in Merlin, Oregon. She had been a member of the club since its formation and had gone to every meeting. She stated that had guest lecturers and many tapes were played, stated to have been left by the Venetians. She had many booklets distributed by a Michael X. Barton and others dealing with the belief in flying saucers, life on other planets and mystical powers. She said that she use to hold meetings

in the area which were attended by approx. 6 people, including [redacted]. [redacted] and [redacted] She had also gone into Nevada City and Grass Valley to guest lecture, but because of lack of attendance and interest, gave that up. She gave many descriptions of the people and crafts, explaining that they were very versatile and could do almost anything, including speaking any language. She said there was a meeting every year at Giant Rock, Calif, the scene on many UFO sightings and contacts with Venetians. She told two stories of note. About the tapes, she said at one meeting there was a sealed tape on a table and that the following day there would be a recording on it. (This happened at one of the meetings and was demonstrated by a guest lecturer.) The next day the carton was still sealed and when they opened it and played it, there was a complete recording by the Venetians. When asked if she had ever seen a flying saucer,she replied, "Oh yes." About 0400 one morning she could not sleep "for some reason unknown to her." She got up and went outside and there was a very beautiful, clear sky. She said to herself "If I could only see a flying saucer" and just like that "a big silver space ship appeared for about 5 seconds and then disappeared into the sky." When we asked her if we could see her tapes, she stated because of lack of use, she had given them to her son [redacted] Ave. Santa Rosa, Calif. 95403 (phone - [redacted]. He used them and gives many lectures in that area. She said she would call me when he came into the area again. She said she had not talked to the boys yet but wanted to. She told us many more religious mystical stories before we left.

We went back to N. San Juan and the boys had still not returned. We waited until 1300 hrs before we told Mrs. [redacted] we could not wait any longer. She told us the make of the car they were in and said she would have Tony call me that evening. When we were leaving the town, we spotted the car, described to us,parked in front of Mr. Bradford's Restuarant. We knocked

on the door and Mr. Bradford finally appeared. (He was drunk and didn't walk or talk very straight.) He said he had returned 2 hours ago and let the boys off. They never returned to the Grocery Store , where our military vehicle was parked. Mrs. [redacted] did not know of there whereabouts and did not seem particularly concerned that they had not returned. I asked if I could have the negatives at that time. She stated that Tony had changed his mind again and did not want to give them up. I asked if he could call me that evening.

Tony called that evening and when asked where he was, he stated that he did not know we were looking for him. He said he did not want to release the negatives.

(Before I left N. San Juan that afternoon, I was approached by a [redacted] Old Main Street, N. San Juan, who said he had seen a UFO 1½ years ago in this farmer's field and it looked the same as the picture. He said there were no windows or people visible to him. It made a strange sound and was shiny "aluminum." He said it was 20 feet across with a rounded dome and was flat on top. He also said it 10-12 feet high. He said that he was backing down a hill very fast when it landed. (He described the top of the UFO very vivadly - a difficult feat if he was backing away and down from the object.)

I was absent from the area from Sunday until Tuesday evening for the UFO Conference at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. I returned late Tuesday evening.

I had been called many times by the Grass Valley Newsman, [redacted] a UPI representative very interested in playing the story and pictures up because "there is a lot of money in it for me ([redacted] if it is released." Mr [redacted] of [redacted] Channel 3 in Sacramento was also contacting me and the base extensively. There was a filmed report and interview with the boys,

parents and neighbors at 1830 on Monday, 12 June and again on Thursday, 15 June. Although the first report was convincing, the second was very skeptical in nature. [redacted] told me that the Thursday report ~~~~ was a set of statements by the boys which he thought were contradictory. He gave the report because of the developments resulting from the case. His report on Thursday <u>was</u> very critical of the boys story. Mr. [redacted] also stated that Tony said, " I only got as close as 7 feet to the craft and had unintelligent conversation with the occupants."

The articles attached appeared ~ in the Sacramento Bee on the dates indicated. They are self explanatory. NOTE especially the end of the article dated 15 June.

On 15 June I made a last effort to get the negatives and again they refused to respond and never called me back, as requested many times. I prepared the report at this time.

In reference to article dated 15 June, I was never contacted by a Nun. [redacted] said in his interview that the Mother Superior of Saint Mary's refused to comment saying that the story was completely false.

<u>PERSONAL COMMENTS AND CRITICISMS</u>

1. There were many, many contradictions in the boy's story.

2. Although Tony was very excited, Johnny limited himself to a few statements and explanations and never deviated from the few words he said. He never maintained eye contact with the interviewer.

3. Because of the religious/mystic cult with which the area is completely saturated, the reliability of the boys and people in the town is lowered considerably.

4. The boys were later asked where the car was and Tony could not tell me where. He said they went to the top of the hill from another route, not down

the road and therefore did not see the car. They said it was an abandoned car. The negative showing the UFO hovering over the car was the only one Tony would not release to the press at all. (I suspect, but could not tell from the negative, that it was a double exposure.)

5. In reference to the pictures, the distance and size relationships simply do not correspond. The pictures taken from the hill were taken at a distane of about 150 feet, yet no trees appeared in the picture. Also note the size of the rocks on the ground. If you notice our pictures, the detail was not nearly as close as theirs was. Also note, the picture taken standing on the rocks and dirt - notice the size of the rocks in an enlarged picture. If the object was the size they said it was, they could not have possible gotten the saucer to fill the entire frame of the picture, and without any trees at all in the picture, and still gotten the details they did of the terrain. This was supported by many people, including the Base Photo Lab.

6. Many times when the boys were questioned on their story, they would omit details saying they were confused, and couldn't remember.

7. Tony talked with his father privately for advice every time he was in a "jam". They were highly secretive and suspicious as to these talks.

8. As in the article in the paper the UFO was predicted to return. The father said the boys had contact on Tuesday with <u>them</u> again (13 June) and it was rumored that it would return on Saturday, 17 June.

9. The description of the inside and outside of the craft was shakey and contradictory. Notice the distance and travel time relationship for the moon and Alpha Centauri.

10. The way the family responded to reporters and held on to the negatives. According to the last article, it seems like they were holding out for money. Mr. [redacted] went there and gave them a $50.00 check for the negatives stating that they would also receive a Poloroid Camera and $150.00 the next day. If

UPI printed them they would then give the boys a $2000.00 check. The boys handed them over asking what would be done with them. Mr. [redacted] said they would be subjected to photo analysis before printing. The [redacted] then returned the check and took back the negatives.

11. The extreme interest Tony has in Science and his recent interest in the subject of UFOs.

12. Other criticisms may be drawn from the contents by yourselves.

FINAL CONCLUSION

I believe that the whole story is a complete hoax. The pictures were taken at close range of an upside-down cup or bowl over an upside-down saucer. (There seems to be a shadow on the top of the "UFO" which might be the printing which appears on the bottom of cups.) The story was all thought up in an attempt to get money out of the press from the publicity. The above is my own conclusion from the investigation and should not distort any further investigations.

Joseph A. Kinderman

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THE SACRAMENTO BEE
Saturday, June 10, 1967

Secrecy Marks Area Boys' Photos Of UFO

McClatchy Newspapers Service

NORTH SAN JUAN — The Air Force placed a cloak of secrecy today over the reported sighting and photographing of an unidentified flying object by two North San Juan elementary school students.

Lt. Joseph Kinderman of Beale Air Force Base declined to say more than the boys, Tony Spurill and John Bradshaw, saw "something" and took a picture of it.

He plans to present the pictures at a meeting in Boulder, Colo. The pictures show an object described as resembling a "Texas cowboy hat."

Meanwhile, parents of the boys have been instructed not to disclose any information.

The supposed flying object was sighted at dusk several days ago over the abandoned hydraulic diggings north of North San Juan.

Flying Object Tale Excites Town; Return Is Forecast

NORTH SAN JUAN, Nevada Co. — This community of 120 residents still is talking about a flying object sighted near here and the residents are convinced two young boys, Tony Spurill and John Bradshaw, did see and photograph it.

But the talk is guarded because Air Force officials have taken the photographs and asked the boys' parents not to disclose any information about the sighting.

Curiously, some local residents appear certain the object will return.

The boys and their families, they say, indicated it will return soon, but no one has estimated the exact time.

The stir in this Sierra foothill town began last week when the 12-year-old Spruill and 8-year-old Bradshaw went for a walk to the abandoned hydraulic gold diggings north of the community. Spruill carried a 79-cent camera given to him by his father, market owner C. L. Spruill.

Settles Down

The Spruill boy said they saw the saucer-shaped aircraft drift down near the diggings "from out of nowhere and gently settle down in an open space."

"I was scared and started to run," Bradshaw said, "but then I saw Tony taking pictures and I stopped to wait. After he took a couple of pictures and it sorta of zoomed off the ground we ran."

The aircraft was described by Tony as silver. It made a loud whine as it took off almost straight up, but then moved off at an angle, fast.

The boy took approximately five photographs, which his father said an Air Force officer stated are the best he had seen

Declines Comment

Lt. Joseph Kinderman of Beale Air Force Base would not elaborate about what the photographs show but said he plans to present them at a meeting in Boulder, Colo.

Hulbert L. Gillis, a bartender in North San Juan, who is an uncle of the Spruill boy, said he was not impressed when he first heard of the sighting and photographs, but added "they (the photographs) sure look real and are kind of frightening." He was reluctant to talk about the youngsters, explaining, "They are real good boys and I think they should be left alone."

Air Force authorities said they will analyze the photographs and continue the investigation.

Sees Pictures

Fred Langdon, a 27-year-old rancher who is close friend of the boys' parents, said he saw the pictures and described them as "big clear pictures of this craft."

Langdon said the "saucer" resembled a cavalry hat and made a nearby boulder which measures 6 feet by 5 feet "look like a pebble."

He estimated the "saucer" was at least 15 times larger than the boulder.

Langdon said the boys told him "the thing finally took off and they rushed down underneath."

Youth, Nun Report Sighting UFO With Occupants In Nevada County

McClatchy Newspapers Service

NORTH SAN JUAN, Nevada Co — Want to see a flying saucer? Come to North San Juan!

This town of fewer than 150 persons rapidly is becoming the center of unidentified flying object sightings, visits from outer space and visits by earth people who claim they have visited with visitors from outer space.

It all started two weeks ago when 12-year-old Tony Spruill sighted a flying object he said landed in a hydraulic digging area just north of town.

Takes Six Pictures

Tony snapped six pictures of the object landing, taking off and hovering in the air above the diggings. He said the craft will be back Saturday.

Townspeople have admitted sighting the UFOs for years but said they hesitated to report anything because they had no proof of the sightings.

Most of the persons who have seen Tony's pictures said they clearly show an object shaped like a cowboy hat sitting in the center of the diggings.

One picture shows the saucer taking off in a vertical position just above an abandoned automobile.

The abandoned automobile has disappeared.

Nun Sees Occupants

Two nuns from Mt. St. Mary's Academy in Grass Valley, who would not permit use of their names, visited Tony yesterday and one said she also had seen a saucer—and visited its occupants.

She and Tony, discussing the saucers, asked each other if they had heard the saucer occupants, described as similar to earthlings, but coming in three sizes — medium, large and small.

Tony said he did hear them speak, but unintelligibly. They had children with them and said they were contacting regular earthlings because they feared this government might have a belligerent attitude.

Two saucers had been shot down over military missile installations, Tony said he was told. The nun nodded in agreement. But when they turned and saw reporters and a UFO investigator from Davis standing by the conversation stopped.

'They'll Be Back'

Later, Tony told the nun, "They'll be back this month." The nun smiled. Then the boy remarked the UFO is due back Saturday.

Tony's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Spruill, who operate a small grocery in North San Juan, were going along with Tony, they said.

"He knows things that none of us know," Mrs. Spruill said. When asked about the pictures.

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she said they would be released when Tony is ready to release them.

A reporter offered to pay Tony $50 if he could take the pcitures to a photo lab for investigation. "It's up to Tony," she said.

Tony, who apparently enjoys being the center of attention, said, "Sure, that's great except I want to keep the negative of the saucer and the junked auto." He did not explain why.

The reporter looked at the negative. It clearly showed a round hat-shaped object in different positions. But then both of Tony's parents went into a hasty conference.

Tony announced, "The time is right" (to sell the photos).

Tony's parents whispered to him, then in a loud voice Tony asked, "When is the time going to be right?"

"Just be quiet," his mother said, adding, "I can't tell you right now, but something has just happened and the time isn't right. When it is we'll call you.

"Right now I wouldn't show the pictures to the President of the United States if he was standing right here."

As the reporter left, Mrs. Spruill was still talking. "The time just isn't right."

"And besides," someone added, "they (the photos) are a lot more valuable than that."

At Beale Air Force Base, officers denied reports they told North San Juan residents to remain silent about the UFO reports.

Base Information Officer Joseph N. Nix described the North San Juan investigation as routine and said an officer assigned to coordinate data collection took some material to the University of Colorado "because he was going there this week to attend a study session, anyway."

The Sacramento Union
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The Saucers Come in Sets Like Dishes

NORTH SAN JUAN (UPI) — They come in three sizes — small, medium and large—look like human beings, living in a flying saucer and anyone who wants to can see them Saturday. Maybe.

Tony Spruill, a 12-year-old resident of this town of 150, said he photographed an unidentified flying object hovering over a hydraulic mining area north of the Nevada County community two weeks ago.

He took six pictures of the cowboy hat-shaped object landing, taking off and hovering over the diggings. Tony also took a picture of the UFO rising over an abandoned car. The auto has disappeared.

An unidentified flying object also was sighted by an unidentified nun from Mt. St. Mary's Academy in Grass Valley.

Tony and the nun exchanged information about the description of the saucer creatures — they resemble humans.

The youth said they had children with them and have made previous contact with Earth. He said the saucer people talked with him and told him two o their ships had been shot down over military missile installations.

Tony told the nun, "They'll be back this month." Later he said the saucer will land Saturday.

Joseph N. Nix, an information officer at Beale Air Force Base, said another officer had taken some material gathered about the sighting to a conference he was scheduled toattend at the University of Colorado.

Tony's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Spruill, operate a small grocery store in North San Juan.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: 16 June 1967

The film developers in [redacted]s Photo Store in Grass Valley were interviewed by me and the photographer on Saturday morning, 10 June. They said they remembered the pictures but thought nothing of them. They said that the pictures were not tampered with at all after they were brought to their store.

The 79¢ camera which the boys used has a fixed focal length.

After the report was prepared, there was another article in today's (16 June) Sacramento Bee entitled "Hippies, Hot Dogs Will Greet Saucer". The general text of the article was that the boys were going to set up a hot dog stand to serve all the expected visitors to the area on the 17th, Saturday, to see the landing of the Saucer. It also said that the Hippies, dwelling in the near-by hills, would greet the "space people with their first dose of love." This article will be submitted with any future correspondence.

Mr. [redacted] also called me from Sacramento and told me that he had acquired the negatives from the [redacted] after talking with them for 3 hours. I did not ask if he paid anything for them. He said they were then under reproduction by the film developers and analysis. He said he would send me prints of the two negatives I was missing if he could swing it. He also asked me if I had noticed any wires in the area of the landing. I said, "No." He said there seemed to be some in each of the two negatives I did not have.

On [redacted] Channel [redacted] out of Sacramento, Calif, [redacted] appeared on the news at 1830 with the report of the pictures. The above was repeated and the pictures were shown on the screen. He said that there were mixed emotions about the pictures, from bewilderment to hoax. All photographers agreed that the negatives were not touched up. He further stated that because of the fixed focal length of the cheap camera, they could not have taken pictures of pictures, because a picture taken of an object less than 3 feet away would not be clear. He pointed out the wires in the two pictures not included with this report and stated that there were no wires in the area of the landing. He also stated that the terrain in the pictures did not correspond to the area of the UFO landing.

Any further developments will follow.

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PICTURE ANALYSIS:

PICTURE #1: (A) This is a picture taken from approximately 150 feet away. #1 represents the shadow I questioned on the top of the UFO. #2 is supposed to be the shadows of the little people in the saucer.

(B) This is another picture from the same distance. #3 shows the rocks in the terrain clearly. #4 represents the double exposure(?). #5 again shows the shadows of the little people.

(C) This was suppose to have been taken after the craft was taking off. Tony took the picture from underneath when the craft was about 50 feet in the air above them. #6 represents the "fire" that came out of the holes just before it raced off.

PICTURE #2: (A) Taken from the top of the hill and pointed straight down. (S) was where the boys were standing and they fell or tumbled into the brush at #1.

(B) Also taken from the top of the hill pointing up the dirt road. #3 with arrow represents the route traveled by the boys when they were running from the craft. They were halted in a trance a #2. #3 is where the UFO was.

PICTURE #3: This picture was taken from the top of the hill where the boys said they took the pictures. #1 represents the route traveled by the UFO in landing. #2 is where the UFO settled.

PICTURE #4: Taken standing on the ground where the UFO sat. R represents the rocks. Notice the size in this ' X 10 from a few feet away as compared to the size in the boy's picture #1.B.3. taken from 150 feet away.

PICTURE #5 & 6: The boys said they came to the area from point A and were sitting at point B facing point A. They took pictures 1.A & 1.B from point B. They fell and ran down the drawn in line to point C, before stopped. The UFO came in over the evergreens from point D and landed on point E. (The pictures overlap to give an overall view.)

[redacted] had two other negatives which were not printed. One showed the UFO in the air and there were evergreens in the picture. There were also what seemed to be wires in the picture near the UFO. There were no wires anywhere near the scene of the landing. The other picture showed a car, explained in the text and the one which later disappeared, with the UFO hovering over it. The wires were again visible in this picture

26 June 1967

The following is the follow-up report completing my investigation of the recent UFO sightings in N. San Juan, Calif., on 1 June 1967.

The attached newspaper articles are an example of the extensive coverage given this "sighting". By reading over the articles, you can see the many inconsistencies in the boys' story. I will supplement the attached articles with the developments in the local area.

June 16 was the last day of events I included in the last report. As you can see in the paper articles, the "return of the Centaurians" received a lot of publicity. The news on TV, covered by M[redacted] of K[redacted], channel [redacted] Sacramento, also covered this subject and displayed the prints over again the next day. The UFO never did return although many people did show up for the "event." The TV continued to repeat that the pictures seemed to be authentic although there were many inconsistencies, E.G., distances, terrain, objects in the pictures, and where the pictures were taken.

On Monday, 19 June [redacted] of the Sacramento [redacted] contacted the base and tried to get some information out of us. We revealed only what had been told before and also talked about the UFO Conference in Boulder, Colo. He called Dr. Saunders on the same day and asked many questions. The article resulting from this telephonic conversation appeared in the 20 June edition. I contacted Dr. Saunders the next day and, after reading the article to him, found out that he was severely misquoted.

[redacted]ppeared on the news that evening and defended the

TV station, stating that they had not paid anything for the pictures.

He appeared again the next evening with his final report on the UFO sighting. The boys had given them a space helmet and vest supposedly given to them by the "Centaurians". Mr [redacted] had the helmet and vest analyzed and found that the helmet was made of a "cheap plastic" and the vest was made of a synthetic rubber. He gave the chemical names of the components of each object. The chemist also stated that the helmet, to the best of his knowledge, was a toy - manufacturer unknown. He further stated that if the helmet was given to the boys by space people who were advanced enough to travel that far and land on the earth, they would not make a protective helmet out of such a cheap material. [redacted] would not commit the TV to a true or fake conclusion and left this up to the Univ of Colorado and the Air Force. His whole newscast was very skeptical in nature.

A final newspaper article appeared inthe Grass Valley - Nevada City UNION on 22 June. It was accompanied by a rather humorous, or satirical, report on another sighting. Contents of this article were not investigated.

This concludes my report. Any further developments will be forwarded to both offices.

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Flying Saucers in North San Juan? Boys Say Pictures Show Such Craft

By TOM KERNAN

Are North San Juan's flying saucers real?

Schoolteachers believe it, UFO investigators believe it, members of a religious order believe it and the Air Force is at least investigating it.

The UFO "sighting" began June 2, when 12-year-old Tony Spruill and a nine-year-old companion, Johnny Bradshaw said they saw a saucer land in a hydraulic mining area north of town.

Take Pictures

The boys, armed with a 72-cent c a m e r a, purchased for Tony by his mother, took pictures of the object on the ground, in the air, and next to an abandoned car that has since disappeared.

The Spruills yesterday consented to an examination of the negatives by personnel of The Union.

While not photographic experts, the employes reported that the negatives revealed clearly defined shapes of saucer like vehicles, both landed and maneuvering in the air above the diggings.

The pictures when first developed were shown to Tony's eighth grade teacher, Harold Brizzolara.

When contacted, Brizzolara stated that he was not a beleiver in flying saucers, but the pictures clearly showed an aircraft foreign to any pictures he had seen of earth-type aircraft.

Yesterday at North San Juan two members of a religious order visited Tony, listened to his story and at least on the surface appeared to believe it.

Investigator Checks

An investigator for a UFO investigation organization examined the ground where the craft had landed listened to Tony's story and apparently concluded that it was true that a spaceship had landed there.

The Air Force in the meantime had launched an investigation into the saucer incident.

Personnel from Beale Air Force Base examined t h e ground, talked to the boys and had the photos examined.

Their conclusions, if any, have not been released yet.

For the skeptics the Spruills are available for discussion at their store, the S&C Market at North San Juan.

The Spruills, polite and patient but becoming somewhat exhausted by the deluge of questions, appear to be glad to confront skeptics with their information regarding the saucers.

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Beale Returns NSJ Pictures of 'Flying Object'

MARYSVILLE (AP) — Photographs which the Air Force examined because they reportedly showed an unidentified flying object are being returned to the 12-year-old boy who took theml a spokesman said.

Officials at Beale Air Force Base said Wednssday night that the pictures were examined at the University of Colorado's UFO research center in Boulder Colo. But a spokesman declined to say what the examination showed.

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North San Juan Boy: Saucers May Return

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Earth Love, Too

Hippies, Hot Dogs Will Greet Saucer

McClatchy Newspapers Service

NORTH SAN JUAN, Nevada Co.—A flying saucer expected to land here tomorrow will be greeted by hippies offering love, a 12-year-old boy who claims he saw it once before—and perhaps by a hot dog stand.

The 12-year-old, Tony Spruill, said he saw the flying saucer land in a hydraulic digging area north of town on June 2 and was told it will return tomorrow.

The Spruill family, along with a handful of other people who also believe the tale, have refused to tell exactly when or where the saucer will land, but the fact it will land appears, at least to them, a certainty.

One believer, Mrs. John Barnes, said she could not understand why it would land, "after the way the people of the United States have treated them.

"But they come and go as they wish," she added, without explaining her comments.

Across the street at Babe's Place, the town's only tavern with indoor plumbing, skeptics gathered and tried to decide whether they should set up a hot dog stand for the expected influx of tourists.

Occasionally, however, a skeptic weakened. "If they were really there," one asked, "why didn't they get in touch with our government?"

"The supervisors only meet on Tuesday and their agenda already was full," someone answered.

Hippies, refugees from San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury district who now camp in mountains surrounding North San Juan, regard the landing as their "biggest challenge."

One hippie, who refused to identify himself, said members of his band will be on hand and "plan to offer the space people their first dose of earth love."

North San Juan is 15 miles above Nevada City on Calif. 49. Although no one has revealed exactly where the flying saucer is supposed to land, most say, if it does come, it will return to the hydraulic diggings area.

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North San Juan Awaits Return of Space Ship

North San Juan residents tomorrow will be awaiting the arrival of a flying saucer from Alpha Centauri.

The saucer, scheduled to land at North San Juan sometime tomorrow will be making its second trip, according to reports from that area.

The saucer reportedly landed the first time June 2, and was photographed by Tony Spruill, a 12-year-old North San Juan youth.

The return of the space ship was predicted by North San Juan residents, who reported the Alpha Centaurians have made several visits to the area.

Alpha Centauri is a star in the galaxy which is closest to our Solar System, only four light years away.

Saturday, June 17, 1967 **THE UNION**
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Few Gathering to See Return of Space Ship

Early reports from North San Juan today indicate that Alpha Centaurans will have at least a few earthlings on hand to greet them.

The Centaurians are scheduled to make the 25 million million mile trip from their star to North San Juan sometime today.

According to the reports a pair of Sacrmaneto residents have made reservations at Babe's Skyroom and plan to hold an all-night vigil.

The saucer, first reported sighted June 2 by two boys, is reportedly going to return today.

The saucer's home base Alpha Centauria is 4.3 light years from earth and is the nearest star to earth not including the sun.

Babe Pinaglia, owner of Babe's Place and staunch advocate of civil rights said that if they did show up he would have no objection to serving them.

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From Alpha Centauri

North San Juan Awaits Saucermen

NORTH SAN JUAN, Nevada Co. — Visitors from as far away 25 trillion miles are expected to converge here today for the t consultation between earth people and outer spacemen. at is how far Alpha Centauri, home base for a flying saucer eduled to make its appear- e here, is from earth.

ocal persons say the Alpha ntaurian, inhabitants of the rest star to the earth be- es the sun, have been fre- nt visitors to this former ning community.

Earlier Visit

heir most recent publicized was June 2, when they al- ed a pair of North San Juan ths to take pictures of their cer-like space ship.

he youths, Tony Spruill, 12, Johnny Bradshaw, toured ship and made arrange- nts for today's visit.

he youths, reluctant to dis- cuss the inside of the craft, will not be on hand to greet the spacemen.

Whisked Away

The boys apparently have been whisked away by their parents to a place safe from questioning tourists expected to be on hand today.

Other residents, reluctant to give their names, will be on hand, however, to greet the Centaurians — if they decide to land.

One woman, a prominent member of the community and

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active in civic affairs, said the ships had been visiting the area for years and could be called on to land through mental telepathy. She added, however, "with all the bad publicity they're getting, I wouldn't blame them if they didn't land.

Disguise Selves

"What they might do is disguise themselves to see what the people are thinking and if everything is favorable, then they'll reveal themselves."

The Centaurians, according to reports, are masters of the sky and can land their ships without disturbing conventional detection systems.

According to Tony Spruill, one of them appeared only a few days ago, called to him from a bush lining the town's main street, talked awhile, gave Tony a space helmet and left without being detected by anyone else.

Long Time

If a Centaurian, disgusted with skeptical earthlings, decides to return home without making today's appearance, it may be a long time before they return.

Yesterday, Mrs. Spruill said it is "not true" Tony predicted the second landing. She refused to comment further.

Newsmen, however, have heard Tony telling others the spacemen would return.

On the porch at Babe's Bar in San Juan the "hot stove league" speculates on the flying saucer furor. From the left are Wayne Holden, Tom MacDonald, Dodson Godwin and Otto Trubschenck.

While Babe's Bar Booms

North San Juan Still Awaits Saucer

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By Wallace Lagorio
Bee staff writer

NORTH SAN JUAN, Nevada Co. — Somebody said recently, "If you want to see a flying saucer, come to North San Juan on Saturday." Don't you believe it:

The flying saucer promised by a boy and a Catholic nun failed to materialize much to the disappointment of some 40 or so people who made their way to the old diggings north

Not only did the saucer not show but neither did the hippies who were to be on hand to greet the outer-space visitors, thus insuring love for them. What is more, the hot dog stand which had been predicted did not appear, either.

All Is Not Lost

But all was not lost. Babe's Bar from 9 o'clock Saturday morning until away into the night did not have an empty stool. The gas pumps did one of the largest days in their history and grocery operators reported business brisk.

a surge in activity.

While the general tone of the community was one of disappointment, it also was one of relief. "What if the darn thing would have appeared?" asked one member of the town's "hot stove league" — moved out on the porch for the summer.

"I don't like the idea of them things flying in and out of our world," he said.

Wants No Saucers

"You can have them. I don't want any part of them," another member of the set announced.

the town's one block-long main street revealed those people who had come specificaly to see the saucer were died-in-the-wool believers. Others in the area "anyway" said they believed that a possibility existed that the reported unidentified flying objects were from outer space.

A few said they refused to believe in such things and suggested the community might have used the UFO story to boost business. In general, though, the community buzzed

Bar Is Handy Oasis

North San Juan Waits In Vain To See Saucer

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with flying saucer conversation -- most of it good natured.

Boys Start Things

The whole affair began about two weeks ago when two boys said they had seen a flying saucer land near some hydraulic diggings. One of the boys, Tony Sprulll, 12 whose father operates one of the town's two grocery stores, took six photographs of the "thing."

The photos, together with some eyewitness reports, have been turned over to the Air Force for inclusion in the data being studied at the University of Colorado.

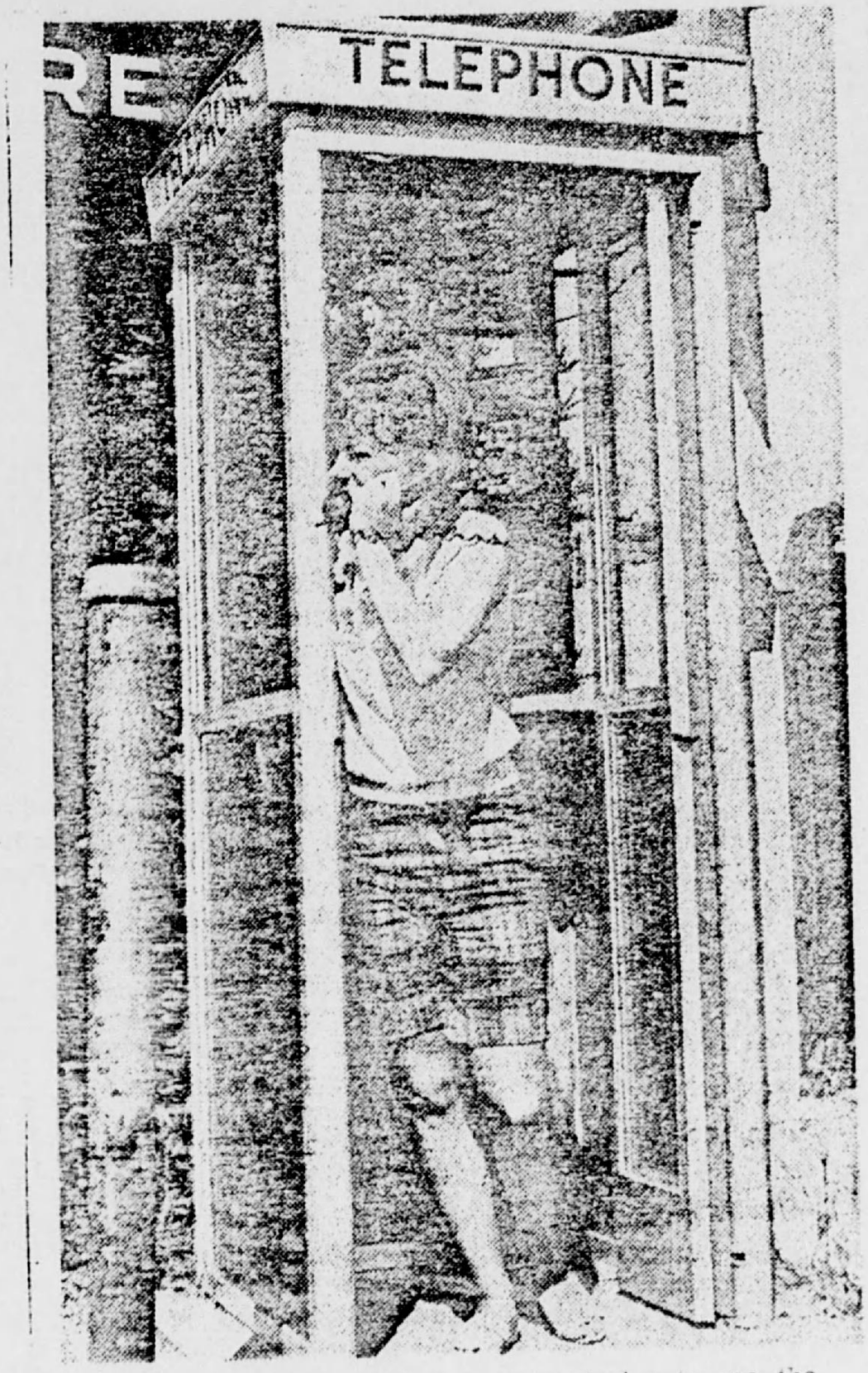
Then a Catholic nun from St. Mary's Academy in Grass Valley reported she, too, had seen and talked with persons who landed in a flying saucer.

Reports Return

The boy then reported that it was coming back this month. He later narrowed the date down to June 17, yesterday. Some of the people who came to see the saucer are still there.

"When you deal in light years, you can't predict exactly when you'll arrive," one ardent believer pointed out.

The latest report from Babe's Bar is that stools still are very difficult to obtain.



Barbara Phillips of Sacramento strains to see the action on North San Juan's main street yesterday when a flying saucer was expected to land momentarily. She is making the phone call to keep a Sacramento friend informed. Bee Photos

Monday, June 19, 1967 THE UNION
Grass Valley - Nevada City California

Flying Saucer Disappoints 60 at No. San Juan

Marysville-Yuba City, Calif. Appeal-Democrat
Phone 742-6491 Monday, June 19, 1967

North San Juan's heralded visit from outer space failed to come off Saturday as predicted.

Fewer than 60 persons were on hand to greet the Alpha Centaurians, should they land according to predicitions made by 12-year-old Tony Spruill.

Tony, who said he saw, talked to and photographed a space ship operated by the Centaurians on June 2, had predicted Saturday's landing.

The crowd, mostly newsmen, stood around asking each other questions, while other less skeptical members set up cameras and discussed what to do in case the Centaurians landed.

A few hippies were on hand, for the most part they laid in the sun, taking the view that the predicted event was a non-happening.

No new predictions on the space ship's return or reasons why it didn't show were made.

The only positive statement made during the day was by a television newsman with a deadline to meet.

About 3:30 the television camera closed in on him and he said "well the saucer should have landed 15-20 minutes ago so it looks like it's not going to show."

He refused to elaborate on his knowledge of the saucer landing time.

AWOL Charge

Paul Terrance Guthrie, 704 Franklin Ave., was arrested by Yuba City police at his home about 8:30 a.m. yesterday on a charge of being away without leave from a U.S. Army base in Alabama. He was held by police pending his release to authorities at Beale Air Force Base.

A Linda woman was hurt about 1:45 a.m. yesterday in a one-car accident on Hammonton - Smartville Road about 4.1 miles east of Doolittle Gate Road to Beale Air Force Base when the sedan she was driving went off the road near a curve and overturned, according to the CHP.

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Spurious 'Spec-I-Men'?

100 UFO Experts Call Saucer Photos Fakes

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MARYSVILLE — This nation's top unidentified flying object sleuths agree, at least unofficially, that photographs taken by a 12-year-old boy of a flying saucer near North San Juan, Nevada County, are fakes. The boy said he photographed the saucer and spoke with its occupants two weeks ago.

His story later was reinforced by a Catholic nun from Mount St. Mary's Academy in Grass Valley.

Gets Copies

Beale Air Force Base UFO investigator Lt. Joseph A. Kinderman reported he was given prints of the photographs and took them to a conference last week at the University of Colorado in Boulder. He said the photos were taken to the conference not because of any urgency, but because he was going there anyway.

It was during the conference that Dr. Davis Saunders of the university's UFO center first saw the photos and branded them fakes.

Saunders yesterday said, "I knew the pictures were fake as soon as I looked at them. There are just too many inconsistencies. I have not ordered further tests because they are not that interesting."

Saunders also said the pictures were shown to as many as 100 UFO investigators attending the conference.

Unanimous Decision

"To the man," he said, "everybody who examined the prints agreed they appeared to have been faked."

When Saunders learned the photos taken in North San Juan had been purchased by a Sacramento television station, he said, "I hope they didn't pay too much. They would have paid too much, however, at any price."

Tony Spruill, 12, who claims he took the pictures, today insisted they are real, even after he was told experts called them fakes.

Lizzie Glotzmier Reports Seeing Flying Saucers

North San Juan's saucer sighting has been eclipsed by Nevada City's latest flying saucer flap.

Lizzie Glotzmier, president of the league of unbiased women, reported sighting and photographing a saucer and later establishing contact with its occupants.

Miss Glotzmier reported the incidents occured this weekend while she was in her own backyard sunbathing.

The saucer shaped objects came in low over the trees, hovered for a few moments above her home, left and then returned.

When the saucer returned, Miss Glotzmier said, a squeaky voice announced that the saucer was from Alpha Centauri, the nearest star to the earth besides the sun.

The occupants, Miss Glotzmier said were complaining of the saucer's cramped quarters and expressed a desire to communicate with other earthlings.

The Centaurians, according to Miss Glotzmier, described themselves as short and odd looking. She said they refused to elaborate on their appearance.

The Centaurians, Miss Glotzmier said are a shy species who resent the stares of earthlings.

According to Miss Glotzmier a Neal Street bar in Grass Valley was the only place they had been able to find where they were accepted without comment.

"They seem to speak our language there" she said they said.

In a gesture of goodwill Miss Glotzmier has started an organization to aid their acceptance into earth society.

The society, the National Association for the Acceptance of Centaurian People (NAACP) has already splintered into a profit making group which will arrange for clandestine meetings between earthlings and centaruians.

The splinter group, Miss Glotzmier said, has adopted the name Nevada County Fly by Night Flying Saucer Club.

Persons interested in the group may contact Miss Glotzmier through telepathy.

UFO Experts Say NSJ Photos Complete Fakes

One hundred UFO (unidentified flying object) experts, gathered at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado, called photographs of flying saucers, reported taken in the hydraulic diggings at North San Juan, fakes.

Dr. Davis Saunders, who heads the university's UFO center, called the photographs fakes when he first saw them and ordered no further activity as the pictures were not of sufficient interest.

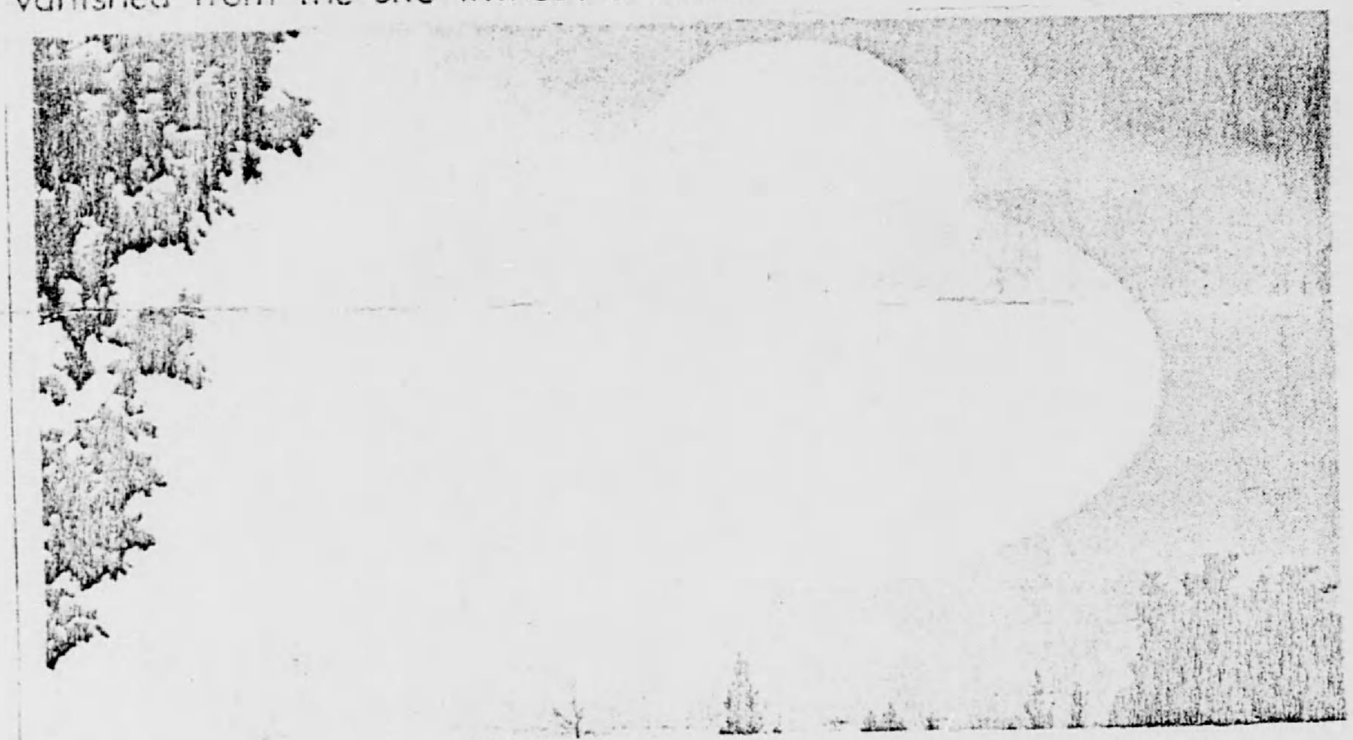
The photos, taken into custody by the Air Force, were presented to the conference by Beale Air Force Base Lt. Joseph A. Kinderman, not because of their value, but because he was attending the conference anyway.

The photos were taken by two boys over a week ago, and they insist that the photos are genuine. Originally the boys said that they talked with the occupants of the flying saucer, who spoke English and promised to return last Saturday. They did not return.

New Flying Saucer Pictures Produced in County

FLYING SAUCER moved from North San Juan to Nevada City where it was captured on film by Lizzie Glotzmier.

SAUCER-SHAPED OBJECT hovered over Nevada City Freeway for several hours yesterday before zooming off into space. According to Lizzie Glotzmier, who witnessed the event, several earth moving machines have vanished from the site without a trace.



SAUCER PICTURE has been verified as authentic by over 100 experts. Lizzie Glotzmier has made the pictures available to the Air Force.

This case contains 3, 4"x5" negatives and 8, 8"x10" photos and 3, 4"x5" photos.