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## Thousands Watch UAO Over Arkansas

### Landing In North Dakota

On the morning of the 13th of September, at 7:30 A.M., young Randy Rotenberger, a farm boy who lives 16 miles out of Gwinner, North Dakota, was surprised to see a strange object land in a field near his home.

Randy's father, Emmanuel Rotenberger, had gone to work, and his mother was babysitting. He was outside when the thing came down in a plowed field about 300 yards from the house. Frightened, the boy ran inside and called his mother. She told him to lock the door and stay inside. Randy watched the object, which sat there, legs extended to the ground, for about one minute, then took off. Randy again called his Mother who was on the phone when the object left and the sound of its leaving was heard over the phone by Mrs. Rotenberger.

The vital statistics:

The object appeared to be metallic, shaped like two bowls fastened together, lip to lip. Two red lights and a green one were arranged along the center. It sat on three "legs" which appeared to be one piece, and ended in "feet" which looked like bowls, i.e., rounded part down. The legs jutted downward and slightly outward, giving Randy the impression of a camera tripod. There was what appeared to be a transparent "bubble" which protruded about 2-3 feet above the top of the object. No forms or movement were observed inside. Randy said upon questioning that he thought the object was about 8-10 feet thick at its thickest portion, and "about one and a half times as wide as a Cadillac is long." After it took off it was completely out of sight within four seconds.

When Mrs. Rotenberger was interviewed, she stated that she "knew something was wrong" by the tone of her son's voice over the telephone. She heard the roar and the buzzing sound as the object took off. Both Mrs. Rotenberger and Randy estimated that the object was there for only about one minute.

Further information: The underside of the object glowed a "dull blue color." The incident was investigated by General Homer Goebel, state Air National Guard Commander at Fargo, and assistant state adjutant general for Air.

Goebel inspected the site of the pursuit.  
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### 1964 Case Revealed By Astronomer

Dr. Gabriel Alvia, Director of the Cosmic Radiation Center at Chile University near Santiago, Chile, revealed in August, 1965, the details of a sighting made by personnel at the center in November 1964:

One night during that month, two technicians at the Laboratory woke up in the midst of intense heat in their rooms. The heat was unaccountable because of the intense cold at that altitude. One of the men went outside and saw that the mountain was lighted up by a bright orange colored light. The heat was even more intense there. Afraid that some tanks of liquid gas had caught fire, he called to his companion, then both spotted an object ascending from the bottom of a canyon. It came up out of the canyon and vanished from sight into the sky at great speed.

In their statement to the press, Dr. Alvia and Professor Claudio Anguita, Director of the Astronomical Observatory of Chile University stated their belief in the existence of UAOs, and said that "something beyond our ken is prowling the earth," and that "we are not alone in the universe."

### Lorenzen Book Is Revised, Published

Part of the delay in issuing this Bulletin was due to the time involved in the revision and updating of Mrs. Lorenzen's book, which is being published by New American Library (SIGNET) in soft cover, and available at any place where paperbacks are sold.

The book is considerably different from the original and includes many more "occupant" cases, as well as photographs.

It was decided, in the spring of 1966, that unless APRO's cases and findings were to be devoured by writers without APRO's permission or credit line, it would be necessary for a book based on APRO's work to be produced and the revised issue is the result. We hope members will support this effort by inquiring about it and purchasing it. No books will be available from this office.

On August 15, several thousand people watched unusual lights over Fort Smith. The story:

Four red lights, stationary but seeming to rotate "like a police patrol car warning beacon," were situated in the sky "like points on the corners of a square."

The lights were visible for about three hours, and when they left, they "blinked out," and did not fade away.

J. W. Gilbreth, Jr., 38, a six-year veteran of the Fort Smith Police Force, viewed the objects but was not on hand when they left as he was on the telephone talking to personnel at the Little Rock Arkansas Air Base. Base officials said they knew of no aircraft in the area.

Crowds of 60, 350 and 600 people were seen by Gilbreth as he drove around the city, and all were looking skyward at the strange lights. Newsmen John Garner of Radio Station KFSA, Fort Smith, broadcast his description of the phenomenon while he watched them with a crowd of about 1500 others. The next day, a spokesman said "apparently they saw something over there last night, but we don't know what it is." The usual statement about 10,047 sightings and 646 unexplained was given to the press.

Gilbreth told Associated Press: "What we saw were lights; what they were on, I can't say."

According to the press, "one set of red and green lights appeared," and then a white blinking light appeared, then a steady white beam, all of them moving separately in straight lines, from one to another of the four red lights.

### Jets Chase UAO Over Germany

On the 27th of August, many witnesses watched a strange object over the Black Forest. It was reported as constantly changing its shape: squared, round or rectangular; of a "transparent" silver color, and wrapped in a "girle of light." Two American F-102 jet fighters were scrambled from Ramstein AFB and they tried to catch the object but the object went too high for them to approach it. The Observatory at Stuttgart said the object's altitude was between 20,000 and 25,000 feet, and "no danger to air traffic."

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## EDITORIAL

By L. J. Lorenzen

When APRO began in 1952, it was more or less a fan club. Mrs. Lorenzen had developed a voluminous correspondence with individuals around the country for the purpose of trading UFO reports and news clips. There seemed to be a need for a clearing house—a point of collection where these reports could be assembled and studied and the results published. Thus APRO was born.

Through the first years we printed the Bulletin on a mimeograph machine in our living room. Coral answered most mail personally and membership was comparatively small. Dues were \$3.00 per year, just enough to cover expenses.

A feature in American Magazine brought international attention. We moved a couple of times as I sought employment more helpful to our UFO research. Keyhoe relied on us for material and plugged us in his books. Membership grew.

In 1956 we changed to letterpress publishing and raised the dues to \$3.50 — just enough to continue to cover expenses.

We had always considered our research to be a temporary thing. Through the first five years we felt that the story must "break" at any time and the need for APRO's existence would be eliminated.

In 1957 we came very close to quitting. NICAP was being formed in Washington under the Directorship of T. Townsend Brown. It seemed like a chance to let someone else take over the work and get a little rest. However, Frank Edwards strongly urged us to continue our separate way for a while longer and we took his advice.

The rest is history. NICAP's ambitious research program never did get off the ground. When the smoke cleared, the reins were in Keyhoe's hands and the emphasis shifted away from research into the general path that they are still following. Obviously the need for a straight research paper still existed.

It seemed to us that a substantial catalog and commentary on UFOs would be much more useful to future analysts than a running indictment of a military public information program. So we continued on the assumption that the program would never be resolved until the scientific community took a serious look at the evidence and that a non-passionate presentation would hasten this eventualty.

Looking back, it is easy to see that we have not operated in a business-like manner. Office space has always been made available in the Lorenzen home. Mrs. Lorenzen, who has done the Lion's share of the work, has never taken any pay for it. Nor has she expected any.

We have now reached a point where a major decision must be made. Membership continues to grow and reports and research projects become more numer-

ous. We operate now with part-time paid help and volunteers but to do the work justice we must have several full-time employees and more office space. The only solution is more revenue. Therefore, beginning with November 1, we will institute a new membership policy as follows:

(1) Six-month memberships will be discontinued.

(2) Membership rate will be increased to \$4.00 per annum effective 1 November 1966.

(3) We will initiate a subscription status for those who do not wish to participate in our reporting or research program but who wish to receive our Bulletin. The subscription rate will be \$6.00 per annum.

Members who do not participate will be renewed as subscribers at the option of this office.

(4) Back issues of the Bulletins will be priced at 75 cents each to members only.

## Apollo Engineer Spots UFO

Albuquerque, New Mexico papers carried the story of a sighting of a UFO by Julian Sandoval of Inglewood, California, a flight engineer associated with the Apollo Space Project, in June. The story:

On the 23rd, at about 3:45 P.M., Sandoval was in northwestern Albuquerque when he saw the object which appeared to be "suspended" at about 12,000 feet above Placitas, which is a small town about 18 miles north of Albuquerque.

The main body, he said, had a blunt end, was incandescent like a light bulb, and the tail end had a series of four lights which varied from a brilliant greenish color to a tinge of blue.

Sandoval first saw the object while driving east en route to Bernalillo with his daughter Juliana. He said its movement led him to believe "it used a type of propulsion." It finally disappeared in a northeasterly direction after making a vertical climb and increasing its speed to high velocity. The acceleration lasted about 12 seconds until it was out of sight, Sandoval said.

The object was viewed with binoculars part of the time. Sandoval estimated its size as about 300 feet in length.

## FSR Special Issue

"Flying Saucer Review" of London, England, will have available, in late October, a special issue dealing with "UFO occupants." We feel this issue, which includes articles by Jacques Vallee, Coral Lorenzen, Aime Michel, Gordon Creighton, and Antonio Ribera, is an important contribution to UFO research and urge APRO members to procure it. The price is \$1.75, postpaid, and can be ordered from "Flying Saucer Review," Special, 49-A Kings Grove, Peckham, London, S.E. 15, England. Please allow at least five weeks for delivery.

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ported landing and found three impressions in the soft earth. Each was a foot in diameter, round in shape, tapering downward to a rounded base. They formed a triangular pattern with sides 26, 23 and 22 feet long. They give the impression of indentations made by pressing three bowls into the ground. Goebel told the St. Paul Dispatch: "They look pressed, not dug," and "I'd hate to call it a hoax because the boy sounded like he was quite sincere."

APRO's investigator found the boy to be intelligent (7th grader) and cooperative and readily admitting he had been very frightened by the incident.

## The Presque Isle Landing

We are indebted to New York writer John Keel as well as numerous members in the Pennsylvania-New York area for furnishing the following details concerning the strange incident involving a landed UFO which took place on the night of 31 July 1966. Park Police Chief Dan Descanio kindly forwarded photographs of certain marks on the beach which are too indistinct for reproduction here, and officers Loeb and Clark also sent along their statement at the request of this office.

At about 10 P.M., Patrolmen Robert Loeb, Jr. and Ralph E. Clark, patrolling the beach at Presque Isle Peninsula Park north of Erie, came upon a car stuck in the sand at area six on the beach. They talked to the occupants, Douglas Tibbets, (18), Betty Jean Klem (16) and Anita Haifley, (22). The trio informed the officers that another passenger, Gerald La Belle, (26), had gone for help. The patrolmen then informed the people that they would be through that area in about 35 to 40 minutes on another regular patrol and would check again, and they left.

At 10:35 the patrolmen came through again, with their red light on to let the group know they were a police car. They asked if the trio needed help, found that La Belle had not returned and that "weird things" were happening up the beach — according to Tibbets. The two officers left with Tibbets and walked about 300-350 yards north by northeast. They found nothing, but it was too dark to look for tracks of any kind.

At this point, the three men heard the Tibbet's car horn sounding incessantly, and hurriedly returned to the car. In his statement, Loeb said, "Ran back to the car where we found Miss Klem hysterical." Clark stated, "We raced back and found Miss Glem hysterical (shaking and crying)."

The following is Tibbet's and Miss Klem's account of the strange lights which they claimed landed on the beach before the patrolmen's second arrival:

The car was stuck in a "U"-shaped section of trees and brush with some large

bushes about 12 feet high directly in front of it, other trees and bushes on both sides. They were watching the stars through the windshield to the east, saw a particularly bright one at about 9:30. It seemed to grow larger and head directly for them, shortly after 10 P.M. It dropped straight down toward Beach #7, directly in front of them, to the east, beyond the bushes.

"It was as big as a house," Miss Klem reported later. She described it as "mushroom shaped" with a narrow base rising to an oval structure and she could see lights on the back of the object.

Tibbets first said it was triangular in shape, and later on a local radio program he said it was "hexagonal," hollowed out in the center.

Both Miss Klem and Tibbets claimed the object settled to the beach about 150 yards in front of them. As it hit, they said, it turned a brilliant red and their whole car "vibrated and shook." They also said they heard a loud humming or buzzing sound "like a telephone receiver makes." At one point during this time, they claim they heard a scratching sound on the roof of their car "as if someone was walking on the roof." Later Tibbets found a small dent and some scratches on the roof.

As soon as the object had landed, almost out of sight, it began to emit powerful rays of light. (Shortly after the incident ended, Tibbets told officials in the administration building that he could not see the object after it landed, but could see the light rays). These narrow beams of white light fanned out and seemed to rotate toward the woods along the beach. Tibbets said there were between 9 and 12 of them, and they "moved like they were searching for something."

When Patrolmen Loeb and Clark drove into the area, the lights on the object went off immediately. They stopped and accompanied Tibbets to the "landing" area.

Meanwhile, at the car, Betty Jean Klem had an experience. A few minutes after the patrolmen and Tibbets disappeared into the darkness, Betty Jean called out to Anita Haifley, "Don't look! There's something out there!" Mrs. Haifley, in the back seat, huddled over her children and did not look.

Miss Klem later told police and reporters that a tall, upright figure had moved up to the car. She could not make out any features, it was just a tall (she estimated it to be over 6 feet tall) creature. Only by leaning forward and looking upwards could she see that the thing had a head. She was looking through the windshield. She could not see legs or arms, and insisted it did not appear human nor like any animal she had ever seen before. Whatever it was, it completely terrified her and she pressed her hand on the horn and held it there. The creature sluggishly moved away and disappeared into the darkness and the bushes.

The two patrolmen and Tibbets, about a hundred yards away, heard the horn and ran back to the car. They encountered nothing on the way, nor had they seen anything where the object had been seen to land.

When the men reached the car, Miss Klem leaped out of it, crying and screaming hysterically, and started to run away. Clark caught her and the men attempted to calm her. Tibbets later said he had known her for 10 years and had never seen her like that before. She was not a girl who frightened easily. Mrs. Haifley remained calm through the incident, for she had not seen anything from her position with her children in the back seat.

At this juncture, the patrolmen took Tibbets, Miss Klem, Mrs. Haifley and her children into the police car and took them to the park administration building. When they arrived there, Betty Jean Klem was so frightened she refused to sit with her back to a window. All of the men were impressed with Miss Klem's hysteria. Park Police Chief Descanio said, "I know what people are going to say, but this girl saw something that scared her badly. This is no joke as far as I'm concerned." Mrs. Lorenzen talked with Chief Descanio via telephone and he repeated this assertion.

The girl was still shaking and her eyes were red from crying when reporters arrived. Tibbets was excited and talkative. Miss Klem's hair was plastered to her head from perspiration.

Records of people in the park that night were checked, and it was found that Peter N. Fisher, 25, and some friends reported having seen an irregular-shaped object directly overhead sometime in the late evening. It appeared to be a green light with a yellow light at one end.

At 7 A.M., on the next morning, Patrolmen Paul Wilson and J. Robert Canfield visited the alleged landing site and discovered a series of markings in the sand. They found two triangular indentations about 18 inches long and sloping downwards to a depth of 8 inches. These prints were very distinct. Several feet away they found three more identical impressions. Two "skid marks" were also found in this pattern. They also discovered a series of imprints, "conical-shaped as if someone had pressed a pointed drinking cup" into the sand. These were nine inches in diameter and six inches deep. They led from the landing site to about 12 feet from where the car was stuck.

In addition they also found three spots of wet sand. The liquid was colorless, odorless, and sticky to the touch. All of the officers pointed out to Mr. Keel that most liquids, such as water, Coca-Cola, coffee, urine, etc., quickly evaporate on the beach. These wet spots persisted for a day. Samples of this substance were collected in plastic bottles.

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In Mr. Keel's report, he noted that "one officer collected some of this wet sand and had it analyzed on his own, he told me. When dried, he said, this substance formed a colorless material which could be bent without breaking—like plastic. The analysis was performed by a relative who is a chemist, he said, and showed that the material was silicon."

Major William S. Hall of the Youngstown AFB investigated for the Air Force, photographed the marks, had a corporal make plaster casts, etc. He took possession of the bottles of wet sand and all the photographs, the latter of which were returned to Canfield later. Chief Descanio told Mr. Keel that the AF investigator seemed to know just what to do.

A NICAP "Subcommittee" group from Buffalo, New York arrived, interviewed witnesses, posed for photographers, etc.

The Air Force's final statement on the case declared that "raccoons and bears are known to be in the woods in that area."

The NICAP group concluded that the impressions in the sand were not very convincing and they were extremely suspicious of the main witnesses—Klem and Tibbets. They classified the incident as a "probable hoax."

The police officers involved were all impressed by the genuine fright of Miss Klem. As Mr. Keel wrote, "They all believe the story to be true. These officers are bright, mature, responsible men. Two of them are school teachers." In view of the fact that professional investigators (the police officers) pronounced the incident to be true, the NICAP conclusion cannot be taken seriously. Also, in view of the fact that Park officials state there are definitely no bears on the Peninsula where the park is located, the Air Force's remarks about bears cannot be taken seriously. Raccoons do not appear to be over 6 feet tall.

In consideration of this case, certain similarities to other cases must be studied. Note the similarity between the described movement of the "robot" which "went over, or through bushes" rather than around, in the Mr. X case, described elsewhere in this issue. In both cases, no legs were noticed—in fact, Miss Klem saw no appendages whatsoever.

The sequence of events suggests that some kind of machine landed on that beach at about 10 or 10:15 P.M., and took off again as the police car approached, red light revolving.

If the "animal" or "monster" seen by Miss Klem was connected in any way with the landed object, and it certainly seems that it was, then some relationship can be presumed between the creature and the strange cone-shaped depressions leading from the area of the car to the area where the object landed. These suggest some type of air-jet propulsion issu-

ing from the "monster" which propelled it along.

When the police car approached the object took off, possibly leaving the "creature" behind of necessity. After Miss Klem's frightening experience, police and Tibbets hurried back to the car, whereupon everyone bundled into the police car and went to the Administration building. No search was made for the "creature" that night, and no "creature" tracks were found the next day—only the mysterious cone-shaped depressions. This raises the question of whether or not the craft could have returned after the crowd left, to pick up the passenger which had been left behind.

## The Barney Hill Affair

LOOK magazine for October 4, 1966, demonstrates a new trend in UFO interest, for a reliable and popular magazine is presenting the details of one of the most sensational and bizarre cases ever investigated.

This case is sensational only in the method by which the information was elicited from the Hills. We are indebted to Mr. John Fuller, author of "Incident at Exeter" (mentioned elsewhere) for this article, the first in a series. It may eventually elicit attention and credit for those researchers who have dared to examine ALL the reports, including the bizarre incidents involving the "occupants."

APRO published the initial story (what was known at the time) in the March, 1963 issue of the Bulletin, under the by-line of our Cleveland investigator, Mr. C. W. Fitch. Further details, kindly furnished to this office by Mr. Fuller, as well as contained in the LOOK article are included in the following:

On the night of 19 September, 1961, Barney and Betty Hill began driving from the Canadian border down U.S. 3 through the White Mountains, on their way home to Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Just after 10, they were in the upper Connecticut River Valley when they saw an extremely bright star which later proved to be a disc-shaped object which reconnoitered their car for some time before it nearly landed in a field nearby.

Hill got out of his car, and using binoculars, observed the object, which had a series of lighted portholes around its circumference, through which he could easily see several men who were apparently watching him.

In this incident, some kind of mental control was obviously used, whether by mechanical or other means, for after Hill saw the object approach and begin to land, he ran back to the car, began driving at high speed. Then a strange beeping sound was heard, which seemed to come from the trunk of the car. The object was no longer in sight at that time.

Shortly, the Hills found that they were about 35 miles south of Indian Head, and

eventually arrived at home. Both had a strange feeling that something had happened to them, and Barney Hill was concerned with a spot on his groin. Examination of the area showed nothing, however.

The ensuing days, weeks and months found both of these people becoming increasingly nervous and Hill actually became ill. After visiting his physician, he was urged to obtain psychiatric help, and did so. He eventually ended up visiting Dr. Benjamin Simon, a reputable and capable Boston psychiatrist, and later he (Hill) submitted to hypnotic questioning from which he learned the details of that night in New Hampshire, and the events of the mysteriously missing two hours about which he and his wife could remember nothing.

During the course of this treatment, the information about what had transpired, was "leaked" to the conscious minds of both of the Hills, after which they remembered the whole ordeal.

The information supplied by Dr. Simon and related by Mr. Fuller indicates that Mr. and Mrs. Hill were stopped by a roadblock comprised of some of the men from the ship, and were forcibly taken aboard. During this time they were "told" that they would not be harmed if they cooperated. They were then subjected to an intensive physical examination in a pie-slice-shaped room in the ship. The Hills speak of the "leader" who wore a shiny black coat and scarf and looked like this:

"They had rather odd-shaped heads with large craniums, diminishing in size as it got toward the chin. The eyes continued around to the sides of the heads so that it appeared that they could see several degrees beyond the lateral extent of our vision. The mouth was one horizontal line with a short perpendicular line on either end. The skin appeared grayish, almost metallic looking."

Although it will not be possible to analyze this complete incident until all the details are known, some thoughts immediately strike one, upon hearing the description of the "men." The eyes, the slit-like mouth, the shape of the head and face are quite similar to those described by Antonio Villas Boas (see "The Strange Case of AVB" elsewhere in this issue). Whereas the color of the woman's skin in the Villas-Boas incident is described as fair, the Hill incident involves entities with "grayish, metallic-appearing skin." This latter may be due to the lighting effect in the ship, which is described as a "bluish, fluorescent" light. Barney Hill had no way of making comparison with the effect of that light on human skin, for he did not see his wife, apparently, during their visit on the ship.

The Hills' described mental condition (dazed, etc.) just after the encounter on the road, and after they found themselves approaching Ashland, indicates that some kind of mental control had

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blocked out of their memories the whole episode. Or possibly the two both suffered so greatly from shock that their conscious minds blocked out the whole incident. That is not known at this time.

We seriously suggest that all members obtain the LOOK magazine containing Mr. Fuller's account, for the first installment is so interesting that it indicates much more of the same to come.

**California Man Is Beseiged By 'Occupants'**

In early September, 1963, three men from the Sacramento area of California went into the mountains near Cisco Grove, Calif., to hunt with bows and arrows. On the night of the 4th, after hunting a ridge, they separated and headed for camp. One of the men, who will be referred to hereafter as Mr. X (at his request), came to the end of the ridge, found a sheer drop and had to retrace his steps and attempt to descend to camp along another route. At that time it was getting dark and Mr. X shortly found that he was lost.

Night set in and the principal found himself in a sparsely-vegetated canyon which was a granite outcropping. He heard movement in the brush and climbed a tree, as he felt it was a bear. After the animal left, he descended and built three small signal fires, hoping to alert rangers and effect a rescue.

Shortly thereafter, Mr. X saw a bright light descend out of the sky in a glide path and land beyond the crest of the ridge. He at first thought it was a helicopter coming to rescue him but he heard no sound, and decided it might have been a meteor despite its slow speed. Shortly he realized his mistake when he heard sounds of something approaching him from the direction of the object, whose lights he could now see. He went back up his tree and watched as two "space-suit" clad figures walked over to the base of the tree followed by a "something" which he referred to as a "robot" in his report, which seemed to float rather than walk, would go over rather than around bushes, etc.

During the next several hours of darkness (there was only the light of the full moon) Mr. X was subjected to the following:

The two "space-suit"-clad figures would shake the tree trying to dislodge him. Then the "robot" would open its "mouth" and a light vaporous material would issue out and float up at Mr. X, whereupon he would lose consciousness. Upon awakening he was nauseous and vomited and retched violently.

From the antics of these three "entities" the following was observed: The "men" apparently knew nothing about climbing trees—they would shake the tree, try to boost each other up into it, but at no time would they attempt to

really climb it. The robot would change its position by "floating", but couldn't get to Mr. X because of the tree branches.

When Mr. X first climbed the tree, he located near the area where the branches began but later, after he realized the intent of his tormentors, he climbed to the top where he strapped himself to the four-inch diameter trunk with his belt. During the night he defended himself in this manner:

First he set fire to his cap, which apparently had a good deal of hair dressing in it, and threw it, flaming, at the gathering below. The two "men" moved away from the tree, apparently afraid of the fire. The robot, on the other hand, during one fire-throwing incident, passed its "hand" or appendage through the fire. Among the things to which he set fire to protect himself, were his paper money from his wallet, all papers except his driver's license, his jacket and camouflage suit, which he tore to bits. He described the "entities" thusly:

The "men" were dressed in light colored suits with apparently transparent helmets. He could not see their features. The "robot" was dark in color, had a squarish head, two orangish flickering "eyes" and when it emitted the vapor, its "jaw" seemed to drop open, leaving a squarish opening from which the vapor came.

During the night, Mr. X also fired his three remaining arrows at the "robot." Two struck the thing, the other missed. Each strike was accompanied by a bluish colored "spark" at the point where it came in contact with the "robot." Both strikes were in the "chest" area, and knocked the thing backwards after which it merely regained its balance, came back to the tree and resumed its vigil.

Just before dawn, another robot approached the tree, stood "opposite" the other, and suddenly a flash, like an arc-welder's flash erupted, and a huge cloud of the vapor issued from the area between the two robots and drifted toward Mr. X. He lost consciousness, and when he regained it, the sun was coming up and the craft, as well as the "entities" was gone.

Mr. X then descended from his tree and with some difficulty, proceeded toward camp. He collapsed from exhaustion before he got there, and later was found where he heard one of his friends calling, and answered. When they got to camp, he spilled his story to his friends, who told him they had seen the descent of the object, which they had, at the time, thought was a very slow, but brilliant meteor.

Mr. X added some other points which are interesting: Upon revisiting the spot, he found two of the arrows, one of which had a "glob of metallic material" still stuck to it. Both arrows were striated or grooved in a strange manner.

Mr. X was interviewed by AF investigators who took one of the arrows (with

the glob of "metal") and who suggested he might have been the victim of teenage pranksters. The arrow has not been returned at this writing nor has a report on the makeup of the metal been submitted to Mr. X.

The Lorenzens heard about this sighting through friends in Sacramento, and asked Dr. Harder of the University of California at Berkeley to investigate, which he did. Arrangements were made to have Mr. X questioned and prepared for hypnotic cross-examination by a reputable psychiatrist. The latter has not been accomplished to date because of a conflict brought about by Mr. X's working hours. However, the Doctor did question him and found him to be cooperative, and not subject to exaggeration or pervarication.

After Major Donald Keyhoe's article in TRUE magazine for January 1965, Mrs. X wrote to him and told her husband's story. Paul Cerny, the chief of NICAP's subcommittee in the San Francisco Bay area was dispatched to interview Mr. X, whereupon he obtained the second arrow. Mr. X has not received a report from NICAP on its findings either. It is not known at this office whether or not the case has been published by NICAP as APRO has not received the "UFO Investigator" (NICAP's official periodical) since Dr. Fontes' visit to NICAP Headquarters in February of 1966. However, prior to that time, the incident had not been mentioned in the Investigator.

Although it is felt much more might be learned, in the way of detail, by hypnotic trance questioning, we decided to release the case nevertheless for several reasons: The "occupants" are the subject of great interest by various journalists (see other articles in this and succeeding issues), and the public seems to evince some curiosity about the same.

**The Strange Case Of A.V.B.**

The following information has lain in the files of APRO since early 1958 when the initial details were forwarded to APRO by Dr. Fontes. Because of the great detail and length of the report, we have condensed it considerably, but a more extensive version appears in Mrs. Lorenzen's revised book, "Flying Saucer" to be published by SIGNET in late October of this year.

Antonio Villas Boas was 23 years old when the strange event took place, and this particular event with which we are concerned, followed two nights of manifestations of strange lights near the farm of his parents, near the town of Francisco de Salles in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil. The first two incidents were witnessed by Antonio's brother Joao.

At about 1:30 A.M., on the morning of the 15th of October, 1957, AVB (we'll

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hereafter refer to our principal in this manner (to save space) was plowing with his tractor in a field near his home. AVB's attention was arrested by what appeared to be a very bright star which he shortly realized was not a star at all, but a brilliantly lit egg-shaped object approaching at high speed. Shortly, it was hovering overhead at an altitude of about 175 feet and illuminating the ground with a bright red light.

AVB panicked, but realized he couldn't escape the thing because of the soft, ploughed ground of the field and sat rooted to the tractor seat. As he sat there the object moved again and settled slowly to the ground about 15 yards away and AVB got a good look at it:

It looked like an elongated egg ("torpedo-shaped"), with small purplish lights all over it, a huge red light on the leading end and three metal bars protruding from the end. On top of the object was "something" which rotated at high speed and gave off a sharp fluorescent red light which began to turn green the moment the object slowed in preparation for landing. As it slowed, the top became more visible and appeared as a round plate or "squashed cupola."

Three props or metal legs emerged from the underside of the craft, and at that point, AVB, thoroughly frightened, attempted to move the tractor away. Then the tractor quit and the lights went out. He tried to start the engine but was unsuccessful. He then opened the door of the tractor, jumped out and started running.

He was caught short by something grasping his arm. He turned to shake off his pursuer and came face-to-face with a small figure dressed in gray-striped suit with a strange helmet, which entirely covered the head, showing only the eyes through a face plate. Tubes led from the top of the helmet to a point in the suit at the back.

AVB pushed the creature and started running, whereupon he was grabbed by three other creatures, all a little taller than the first one. He was then lifted and dragged to the ship. He occasionally called for help, cursed his captors, and occasionally they would stop and listen, apparently sympathetically, but then would continue to drag him toward the ship.

A flexible ladder led from the ground to a door, through which he was taken. Inside, the craft was constructed of a bright metal and lit by lights which emanated from the area where ceiling and walls joined. When the outside door was closed he could not see where it had been except for the ladder, which had been rolled up and fastened to it.

Realizing he was trapped, AVB decided to be cooperative. One of the "men" beckoned him into a room in which he was stripped, washed with a clear, odorless and somewhat thick liq-

uid, and blood was taken from two places on his chin by means of a tubular affair with a vessel at the end.

After this happened, the men left, and AVB felt himself becoming extremely nauseous and went into a corner and vomited. After that, exhausted and afraid he laid down on a "bed-like" thing which was covered with soft gray material and situated in the center of the room. It was curiously "humped up" in the middle. It was then, lying down, that he noted the presence of tiny holes in the wall which were giving off a grayish vapor.

Some time later, the door opened, and two of the men led a woman into the room, then closed the door and left. The woman is described thusly:

About 4 feet, 6 inches tall, fair skinned, blue-eyed, with darkly outlined wide-set slanted eyes which gave her the look of an ancient Egyptian painting. Her hair was blonde, nearly white, short, extending only to about an inch or two below the ear lobes, parted in the middle and turned under slightly. Her face was very broad through the cheekbones, which seemed to be quite pronounced, and tapered to a very pointed small chin. Her nose appeared to be normal, but her mouth was only a slit, completely without lips. She was well formed (this was quite easy to see as she was completely naked), and all in all gave the general impression of a very beautiful woman.

The woman's purpose was instantly obvious, for she set about to seduce AVB, succeeding twice. After the second act was completed, the woman was called for by the two men and left the room. Just before leaving, she pointed to AVB, her stomach, then down toward the earth, and to what he thought was the southern sky, and smiled.

AVB was then given his clothes, all except his cigarette lighter, and courteously taken about the ship, and for a time (he estimated about 15 minutes) stood in what may have been a control room where tables held charts. On one table, set aside from the one where the three "men" stood, was a small cigarette package-sized "box" with a dial, a needle and four positions marked—where 3, 6, 9 and 12 would be on an ordinary clock. The needle did not move during that period of time, and AVB snatched it up, wanting some evidence of his adventure. Immediately the men turned upon him angrily and took it from him. Thereafter he stood still and tried to scratch some material from the wall surface, but his fingers slid off as though it was made of glass.

Shortly, AVB was released, the object took off and he returned to his tractor. The time was then 5:30 A.M. He tried to start his tractor, but it would not start, and he found that wires had been detached from the battery. He replaced them and the tractor started easily.

In the following days AVB became restless and nervous, and suffered from

insomnia and watering, irritated eyes. He accidentally scratched himself, and the abrasion turned into an ugly looking purplish sore, after which others showed up all over his body.

AVB contacted Joao Martins after reading Martin's plea in *O Cruzeiro* magazine for all information about UFOs. He wanted his adventure kept quiet, but consented to an interview with Martins, and Dr. Fontes. The following are, briefly, Dr. Fontes' observations:

AVB was a healthy, normal man, with no obvious psychological problems. The two bruise-like marks where AVB claimed blood had been taken, were still in evidence. The scars from the sores were still in evidence.

Fontes reports that he had a great deal of difficulty in eliciting the information concerning the sexual act. AVB was understandably embarrassed at his sexual facility under such strange and trying conditions. At no time did he exhibit any bragadoccio in describing the incident, but rather considerable questioning was necessary to get the facts.

Fontes and Martins attempted to get AVB to contradict himself, but to no avail. Although basically intelligent, they did not feel he was sufficiently educated to have concocted such a story.

AVB was convinced that the solution rubbed on his body was probably some kind of aphrodisiac employed to excite him sexually, but Fontes and others have decided it was probably some kind of antiseptic agent. It was also speculated, later, that the vapor which apparently made AVB ill, was a kind of antiseptic vapor used to render impotent any respiratory germs.

One of the most interesting aspects of this case is the sound made by these creatures. AVB said he could not duplicate it himself, but it reminded him of the growling of animals, and at times during the petting which led up to the sexual acts, he was repelled by the sounds the woman made.

At no time would the woman kiss AVB although he tried. Her reaction to an attempted kiss was a soft bite on the face, but she would not let him put his mouth to hers.

It is already obvious that the description of this woman generally resembles that of the men described by Betty and Barney Hill in the New Hampshire "kidnap" case which was serialized by *LOOK* magazine. At this writing the first installment has been presented and the similarities between the woman and the Hill "occupants" are obvious. The Hills said that when the "men" opened their slit-like mouths, a "mmmming" noise came out, which would be not at all dissimilar to the "growling" noise described by AVB.

In summing up, it would seem that the AVB incident may have been a real experience. If so, the connotations are many and somewhat obvious. We hope to present a more thorough dissertation on the whole affair in the near future.

## UFO Propulsion?

By Richard Gerdes

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During investigations of UFO sightings, a question of propulsion often arises. Based on reports, it would appear that more than one type of motive force is in use. A particular type is characterized by flame (a butane tank with flames underneath—such as the object in the Zamora landing of 24 April 1964), magnetic fields (compass deflection has been reported in some instances) and radiation. Radio interference together with a strong radio signal detected in the short wave frequencies is also typical of the type of propulsion we have in mind. A discussion of UFO propulsion can only be accomplished in our earthly terms of knowledge and experience.

A news item in the September 15, 1966 issue of "Design News" Magazine (Page 221) has an interesting implication to this discussion. The article describes a 10-foot submarine propelled by a unique system using lead-acid storage batteries (like the one in your car) to create a magnetic field in the surrounding water. The batteries also produce an electrical current that is perpendicular to the magnetic current. Perpendicular magnetic and electric fields produce a Lorentz force that pushes the sub through the water. This project was performed by the University of California at Santa Barbara. It is speculated by them that a cargo carrier can be built with a speed of 20 knots (23 miles per hour).

To learn more of this force, an experiment was conducted in my lab, using a wax paper cup filled with tap water. Table salt was added to allow the water to conduct a large electric current. A small bar magnet was placed in the water suspended by plastic foam. Copper foil was placed on each side of the cup to create the current. While the magnet would act like a compass with the current off, a force was detected with the current on. This force was the proper direction for a Lorentz force.

The Lorentz force is a possible means of UFO propulsion. The magnetic field around the UFO is explained by the Lorentz force generation. The flame can be explained by the presence of the required current. To establish the current, the air must be ionized with, for instance, a high voltage. This ionization could produce what would look like flames or, from a distance, a glow. This glow would probably change in intensity as the amount of propulsive force or speed changed. Radio interference is caused by the ionization process as well as radiation. A buzzing or humming sound would be heard as the result of the ionization. The strong radio signal could be a form

of controlling field to regulate the ionization.

It would seem that this discussion accounts for many observed features of UFOs, however, this statement is pure speculation without hard facts. One can only study the evidence accumulated and draw educated guesses.

## Police Chase In Virginia

At about 3:30 A.M. on the 24th of June 1966, Patrolman William L. Stevens of the Richmond, Virginia police force spotted and chased an unconventional aerial object from Richmond, in Henrico County, Virginia, into Hanover County, to the north.

At that time he was proceeding north on Meadowbridge Road at E. Ladies Mile Road when he noticed "some very strange greenish and yellowish lights" in the air toward the fairgrounds.

Stevens notified the Radio Dispatcher, C. G. Koegler and started toward the lights. As he approached the intersection of E. Laburnum Ave. and Meadowbridge Road he saw a strange looking object in the air. It appeared to be about the size of "a large zeppelin," was oblong in shape and had green and yellow lights around the entire outside. He estimated its actual size as between 100-125 feet long, and its color appeared to be a "dirty gray."

Stevens reported that a sort of mist or steam encircled the entire object. He turned on his emergency lights and tried to catch the object, but the faster he went, he said, the faster the object kept moving steadily in front of him.

"I followed the object well into Hanover county," he said, and it then began to gain on him and disappeared from sight eventually. At no time did it make any sound, and Stevens later told newsmen that the object seemed to be playing "tag" with his cruiser.

In an interview with newsmen later, Stevens said that the object stayed "continually" about two blocks in front of his police unit—no matter what speed he was traveling and the turns he made. He said it appeared to be at about 300 feet altitude.

The chase occurred on the Richmond-Henrico Turnpike and the object began pulling away from him after he crossed the Chickahominy River in Hanover County.

A check with Byrd Field revealed that the object had not been picked up on radar, probably because of its low altitude.

This is the third case of police chasing UFOs—the first was the Ravenna, Ohio police chase (see May-June Bulletin), the second the Grafton, Australia chase of 6 June, although the latter involved only a light.

## Constables Chase UFO

On Page 1 of our May-June issue a "Stop Press" item announced the chase of a UFO by police officers at Grafton,

Australia. The details: Constables E. Mercer and P. Woodham of Grafton, Queensland were sitting in the Grafton police station at 8 P.M. on June 6 when a man called saying there was a "funny-looking thing" in the sky. Slightly skeptical, the two went outside the station and saw the bright object hovering over the city. They trained binoculars on it and watched it move to the south of the city at very low speed.

At about this time calls began coming into the police station at a great rate. The policemen got into a cruiser and began to follow it across the city. They later described the object as "just a large light without any apparent center." As it moved along, at about 1500 feet altitude, its color changed from white to red and then back to white.

After two hours the object moved off at high speed and disappeared.

## Physicist Reports Sighting

Dr. Vasil Uzunoglu, a 40-year-old electronics specialist reported to the press the details of his sighting of a UFO on the night of 1 August 1966: While driving on the Capital beltway (a thruway between Washington, D.C. and Maryland) he saw a disc-shaped object which was silent, "as big as a house" and which carried lights "whose colors were far more distinct" than any he had ever seen before. He estimated its altitude as about 15,000 feet to the west of his position. It had two very bright red lights and a green light. Suddenly it moved to the east about 15 to 20 degrees, at an estimated 4,000 miles per hour. The doctor said he then lost sight of it for a few minutes, then saw it again much larger and nearer the ground—possibly 200 to 300 feet above the roof tops. He was near Route 450 at the time.

At this distance he saw four red lights and a large yellow light. He said the colors and their shadings were far clearer than "anything on earth." It appeared to be round on the bottom and somewhat pointed toward the top. Shortly, it slowly moved away toward Alexandria, Virginia and vanished.

Although Dr. Uzunoglu said he could hardly sleep that night, that "I've never had such an experience," he declined to speculate on its origin. His sighting was one of many in the area of the Washington suburbs at the time—others were merely reports of small lights. They were watched by police and residents alike, most of whom described them as multicolored lights.

At the College Park barracks of the Maryland State Police, many calls came in during the morning of the 2nd concerning bright, flashing objects "about the size of baseballs." The first calls came in at 2 A.M. and the last at about 4:15. Although policemen in Montgomery and Prince George Counties and Alexandria, Virginia, were reporting the objects, the Maryland State Police wrote them off as "just a bunch of stars."

## Object Is Seen Over Sault Installations

Lyle Warner of Sault Ste. Marie reported to the press on the 22nd of August that on the preceding Friday (19th) he observed a UAO hovering in the Sault Ste. Marie area.

According to Warner, who was working at his service station, he heard a conversation on a citizen's band radio broadcast concerning a UFO hovering over the Algoma Steel Plant at about 200 feet altitude.

Warner walked to the northeast corner of his station and clearly saw the object which he described as an inverted dinner plate approximately 30 feet in diameter, with red and green lights above and below, and flashing lights around the circumference. Warner reported that he watched the object for about 10 minutes until it headed north at high speed. The Canadian radio operators whom Warner had overheard said the object had hovered for 30 minutes before it moved out.

The report, from member Erville Smalley of Michigan, states that the area where the object was hovering contains a power station located in the rapids of the river, and which supplies power to the Soo Locks and surrounding area; a series of locks for boats (there is a 21-foot difference between the level of Lake Superior and the St. Mary's River) an international bridge connecting the U.S. and Canada, and a large steel plant on the Canadian side of the river.

## The South American Scene

The following are some of the more outstanding UAO cases from South America:

In August Mr. Inaki Oses forwarded a negative and print of a UAO he had photographed on 13 February 1966 while flying in his light plane at 10 A.M., over the area south of Calabozos. The object pictured shows the classic disc with cupola, which was BENEATH Oses' plane in the Horse Pass sector. Oses was at 8,000 feet. His attention was attracted to something flying at great speed displaying occasional sudden changes in its flight path and occasionally hovering. The object, which glowed yellow, gave off no sound, smoke or trail that could be heard by the plane's passengers. Oses took several shots of the thing.

A luminous UAO which stopped and hovered in midair for short intervals was seen on the 11th of June over Falcon State, Venezuela. Several people on their way to Coro from Dabajuro in the early morning stopped to watch the triangular-shaped object which appeared, from its maneuvers, to be searching for something. Its flight was fast, but the hovering maneuvers indicated a search of some sort. Some of the witnesses were Messrs. Jesus Medina, Alberto Jose Na-

vas, Cristobal Laguna and Josias Jimenez, as well as officers of the state government and some Clergymen.

Navas said the object gave off a beam of light in various directions, which contributed to the impression of a search. After maneuvering, the object made a half-circle in the sky and disappeared toward the north.

At a little after 11 P.M., on the 28th of July 1966, Mrs. Luz Marina de Sanz, wife of a share-cropper who lives near Calabozo, Venezuela, observed a strange craft hovering over a rice field in the Flooding System of River Guarico, two miles from Calabozo.

The object's configuration was not obvious because of the brilliant orange-colored lights on two sides of it and a beam of intense white light projected into the sky. The area under the object was lit up by a bright glow.

Mrs. Sanz, with other passengers, was driving along the highway, and stopped when she saw the object. When she started her car to leave, the object put out its lights and zoomed out of sight into the western sky in a matter of seconds. Although no sound was heard the witnesses did notice a "swish of air" as the object left.

Other residents in the sector called the newspapers to report that at a few minutes before midnight they had seen a UAO flying at great speed in circles, leaving a wake of reddish light, south of Calabozo. They said it was their second sighting, for six days before (on the 22nd) they had seen the same type of UAO maneuvering over and near the Guarico Dam.

A round object with a blue glow and leaving a white trail was seen by many witnesses in the sky over Carora, Venezuela on the night of July 31.

A top-shaped object making a noise similar to that of a jet crossed the sky at Valencia, Venezuela on the night of 23 August 1966. Many witnesses observed the object which maneuvered in the northeast, east and southeast sector of the sky. It finally went out of sight at about 10:30 P.M. Many cars parked along the highways and turnpikes as well as in the streets as the people watched the object.

## Children Watch Object In Central Indiana

Witnesses ranging from the ages of 7 through 15, watched a moon-like object hovering near their place of play near Rushville, Indiana, on Monday evening, August 1.

One of the children looked up from a game they were playing in the road and saw an object almost directly overhead, which was hovering over a tall tree which the youngsters estimated to be 75 feet tall. The girl watched for

a few seconds, then drew the attention of the others who were about a half a block away. It appeared almost round, brighter than the moon, glowing silver, appeared solid but with a fuzzy edge, and rocked a little as it hovered. It appeared about four times larger than the full moon when it is high in the sky.

When the girl, Donna Glosser, called to her friends, the object suddenly changed to a reddish-orange color, mostly on the outer edge of the bottom, seemed to revolve, "jumped across the road fast" and stopped over some trees by a house on a hill about a city block south of the children.

The children then ran into the Glosser home and told Mrs. Glosser who was talking on the phone to her mother. They continued to talk for some time, whereupon Mrs. Bailey, who had heard the children, went outside and watched the object for about five minutes.

Meanwhile, Eric Miller and four others were at the Dairy Delight Drive-In about a mile and a half away from the Glosser home. He spotted the object at about 7:45, described it as having a grayish metallic shine with a faint glow on top. He couldn't see the bottom. He said it was self-luminous, fuzzy at the edges, a dime held at arm's length would cover the object which was in the shape of a flat oval. "It had a little side slip" while hovering over tall trees when first seen. It soon dropped down until it was behind the tops of some trees, and the glow was still seen. Then it suddenly rose back to the original height, then tipping up one side and becoming brighter, it sped away to the southeast. Total time of Miller's observation: 45 seconds.

The sketch accompanying the report sent by Don Worley shows an object almost identical to that described by two boys who claimed they were chased by a UAO for two hours in Norwalk, Connecticut (See page 5 of the May-June Bulletin).

"Incident at Exeter" by Saturday Review columnist John Fuller. In this outstanding book which deals with specific incidents in a specific area—Exeter, New Hampshire in the fall of 1965, author Fuller does a good thorough job of investigating and reporting. We can say little more without spoiling the impact of Fuller's book, so we will merely state that it is highly recommended by APRO.

"Anatomy of a Phenomenon" by Jacques Vallee. Paperback by Ace books. This book is a revised edition of the book by the same title published by Henry Regnery. Even for those who have a copy of the original book, this paperback is an important addition to a UFO library. Vallee's writings are quite Europe-oriented and he still has little of a complimentary nature to say for American UFO researchers, but he does present some good cases, ideas and arguments. Recommended highly.