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UFO OVER IOWA BEAN FIELD

UFO Observed at Farmhouse In Colombia

The following is a condensation of a report on the Anolaima case recently received from APRO's Colombian Representative, John Simhon. The case involves 11 witnesses at a remote farmhouse near Anolaima, about 40 miles north-west of Bogota.

The observation commenced at 8 p.m. on July 4, 1969, when Mauricio Gnecco, 13, saw a yellow-red light moving from east to west; he was in the company of Enrique Osorio, 12, looking for "shooting stars" outside the farmhouse. He immediately shouted to the other children (Andres Franco, 13, Marina Franco, 11, Rosita N., 10, German N., 14) who were playing inside the house and the grown-ups (Arcesio Bermudez, Lucrecia Bermudez, his sister, Rosa Ortiz, Luis Carbajal, the butler, Evelia Carbajal, his wife), telling them all to come out and see the "flying saucer."

At first they would not come, but upon Mauricio's insistence they stepped out and watched the light, which was at a distance of about 600 feet. Mauricio obtained a flashlight (there is no electricity in the area) and began to send signals in imitation of *Morse Code*. At that moment, the light source approached the house at a considerable speed and remained suspended between two tall trees about 150 feet from the farmhouse, where it hovered for about 5 seconds. See figure 2. While this occurred, Mrs. Ortiz shouted to Mauricio: "That thing is coming down upon us — turn that flashlight off, Mauricio!"

The witnesses described the object as follows: between 4 and 6 feet tall; yellow-orange color with an apparent "arc of light" surrounding it; two "luminous legs"—blue with green tips. The object made no sound. It then flew to the right of the farmhouse and appeared to come low over a nearby hill. Mr. Arcesio Bermudez, described as the only person in the group who was unafraid, took the
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ALLENDE LETTERS A HOAX

A recent visitor to APRO Headquarters was Carlos Miguel Allende C. (otherwise known as Carl M. Allen), author of the notorious "Allende Letters."

Sr. Allende proceeded to verify a simple fact that we had long suspected — that the famous (or infamous) letters and the associated notations, entered into a copy of M. K. Jessup's "The Case for the UFO" and subsequently published by the Varo Manufacturing Company under an Office of Naval Research contract, were a one-man hoax contrived and executed by himself. The purpose? "To scare the hell out of Jessup."

To a copy of the ONR-VARO publication which Allende furnished to APRO at the time of his visit he had added the following notation in his own handwriting: "All words, phrases and sentences underlined on the following pages in brown ink are false. The below page and the top part of the following were and are the craziest (sic) pack of lies I ever wrote. My object? To encourage ONR Research and to discourage Professor (sic) Morris K. Jessup from going further with investigations possibly leading to actual research. Then I feared invisibility and force-field research; I don't now. (signed) Carl M. Allen."

The statements referred to are on the second and third pages of the first letter received from Allende by Mr. Jessup as it appears in the ONR-VARO publication and consist of various statements referring to the "freezing," "burning," and "getting stuck" which purportedly occurred to sailors who had participated in invisibility experiments allegedly carried out by the U. S. Navy.

The notes entered into the Jessup book attributed to "Mr. A," "Mr. B," and "Jemi" were all executed by Allende and all inferences concerning special knowledge of UFOs, force fields and mysterious events are of course Allende's invention.

Allende explained that Jessup's con-
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The following incident was investigated by Field Investigator Glenn McWane and member LeRoy Latham. Aerial photograph accompanying this report were furnished by Mr. McWane. The initial interview was obtained by Mr. Latham, and later Mr. Warren Barr, who owns the property involved, declined to allow his daughter Kathy to be interviewed further.

On the night of the 13th of July Pat Barr and her 17-year-old cousin Kathy Mahr were preparing for bed in the upstairs bedroom at the Barr farm home, 7½ miles south of Garrison, Iowa. Pat's attention was caught by the sound of what seemed to be a low-flying jet and she went to the north window and looked out in the direction of a neighboring farm. She called to her cousin and both girls watched a strange object which appeared to be hovering over a large bean field on the Barr farm.

Kathy's description is as follows: The object had a dull metallic finish which was easily discerned because of the two rows of lights which were arranged across the face of it at midline. It appeared like two "coffee saucers" placed rim to rim, and rotated as it hovered. The sighting lasted for only a few seconds, after which the object left at such high speed that the girls did not know precisely which direction it went, except that it went past their window. The area where it had hovered was glowing red after the object disappeared from sight. Neither of the girls were frightened, but were curious about the strange-appearing craft.

At breakfast the next day the girls told the Barrs about what they had seen and Mr. Barr tended to be skeptical and attributed the whole thing to "a figment of their imagination." However, later that morning he discovered, at the spot indicated by the girls, a nearly circular patch of ground in his bean field which was almost bare. The bean vines appeared to have been burned although there was no

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search Organization, Tucson, Arizona, is given as the source. Written permission of the Editor must be obtained for quotes in excess of 250 words.

A Progress Report

On the 1st of July 1969, exactly 17 and one half years after APRO was founded in 1952, APRO moved its general business offices to a new location. The offices of the secretary and the International Director (Mrs. Lorenzen and Mr. Lorenzen) as well as the report files will remain in the Lorenzen home at 3910 E. Kleindale Road, Tucson), and the mailing address will remain the same to facilitate receipt of special delivery mail. Those members visiting Tucson may call the general office and arrange for a visit to Headquarters by dialing 793-1825. Those wishing to contact headquarters regarding reports in the evening and on week-ends may call 326-0059 or 793-1147. Please make a record of these telephone numbers.

The move was the result of careful planning. We are well aware of the apparent lack of interest in UFOs, particularly in the press, during the last year. However, interest in APRO appears to be increasing at a steady rate. Although a slight slump in membership and subscription renewals has made itself obvious, new members and inquiries about membership are on the increase.

Elsewhere in the Bulletin will be found a report on UFO activity in the first six months of 1969. It is impossible to publish each and every report received and investigated because of space limitations. APRO is non-profit and does not accept advertising and therefore the Bulletin cost must constantly be a consideration. However, it has been decided that twice each year, in the July-August and January-February issues, a tabulation of the number and distribution of reports, types of objects and other information will be presented. The study for the period January through June 1969 reflects APRO's growing investigative network throughout the world, and the increased number of investigated reports. Hopefully, within the next few months, the Field Investigator's network will have expanded to a point where a large percentage of reports received can be investigated within a reasonable time after the incidents take place.

Correction

The reference to the Calgary Central Planetarium on Page 3, May-June

Bulletin, should have read Calgary Centennial Planetarium. APRO regrets the error.

Field Investigators Network

The number of APRO Field Investigators is increasing steadily and should number several hundred shortly. It has been decided to spread the Network across the world, although main emphasis will be placed on the United States and Canada. Field Investigators in other countries are requested to cooperate with their local APRO Representative when investigations are conducted.

In the near future, APRO will distribute a briefing titled *Standard Procedures for APRO Field Investigators*. This will set the guidelines by which Field Investigators should operate, although it will not attempt to direct or control each individual's personal methodology in investigations. APRO is aware that each case is different and procedures vary according to geographical location and other circumstances. In the meantime, Field Investigators may continue to investigate any reports which come to their attention. Likewise, APRO members may continue to investigate cases themselves and provide APRO with general vital information in the form of word-of-mouth and press reports.

Once the Field Investigators Network is running smoothly, APRO will notify the Investigator closest to the scene of a UFO incident and receive a prompt and accurate report. This will not only help in bringing the UFO subject to the attention of more members of the scientific and engineering community, but will enable APRO to provide even more complete information in the Bulletin.

Sighting Breakdown for 1969

A tabulation of the UFO sighting reports received at APRO Headquarters for the period of January through June 1969 shows a perceptible decrease from reports received in the latter part of the preceding year.

APRO's growth, particularly outside the United States, is definitely reflected in the number of reports received. Similarly, the growth and effectiveness of the Field Investigators Network is made evident in the number of reports investigated in the United States. It is hoped that investigations of foreign reports will also increase in number in the near future. The breakdown is as follows:

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stant pressing for further unified field research alarmed him. He felt that a break-through in that area added psychologically to the impact of the atomic bomb and could have a catastrophically demoralizing effect on humanity — especially young people. He therefore took the rather dubious route of perpetrating the "Letters" hoax to discourage Jessup.

According to Allende, he had no idea that his writings would ever be connected with Jessup's in public print or that they would create such a furor. He said that he had remained silent for years hoping that interest would fade away but when a new (and highly sensationalized according to Allende) version of the matter by Brad Steiger appeared in print he decided to speak up. He wired Steiger's publisher and attempted to have publication stopped but they did not respond even though questions of copyright and inherent proprietary rights are involved. Since Allende did not have the resources to pursue the matter through litigation at that time he decided to make the truth known and contacted APRO for that purpose.

Allende still believes, however, that a U. S. vessel, the S. S. Andrew Furnseth disappeared from its Philadelphia dock and reappeared seconds later in the Norfolk-Portsmouth area, then disappeared again to appear once more in its original berth. He suggested that the incident could be verified by contacting sailors who were assigned to the ship at the time — some of whom he served with and knew personally. This seems like an excellent suggestion but as far as we know it has not been acted upon by the Navy or Varo, Inc. or Brad Steiger or Carlos Allende, for that matter. Since the story originates from a newspaper item based on the gin-mill account of sailors from the S. S. Andrew Furnseth, this writer is inclined to consider the source and let the matter rest.

Which brings us sort of obliquely to the M.I.B. (Men In Black) myth. One of the bulwarks of this theory, advanced by Gray Barker in "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers" was the account of three Men in Black who called on Edgar Jarrold of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau at the time that Jarrold suddenly withdrew from active research. During a recent visit from Dr. Lindtner of the Australian UFOIC, we learned that it was actually Lindtner and two other members of the AFSB who called on

Jarrold for the purpose of discussing organizational policy differences. This discussion in part led to Jarrold's quitting.

Steiger (real name Eugen Olson) teaches "creative writing" in a small Iowa College — could Barker be a student of the same school?

Sighting —

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U. S. Reports 174 Investigated 60
Other Countries 136 Investigated 17

Six categories of types of UFOs were registered as follows: Discs, Cigars, Globes or Spheres, Egg-shaped objects, Lights and Others. The latter is comprised of reports which do not fit into the other five categories.

These six categories broke up as follows:

LIGHTS:

- 49 flyovers
- 25 hovering maneuvers
- 61 maneuvering lights
 - 1 maneuver and flyover
 - 2 formation flyovers
 - 6 maneuvering formations
 - 1 hovering formation

DISCS:

- 21 hovering maneuvers
- 8 flyovers
- 18 maneuvers
 - 6 hover and maneuvers
 - 3 maneuvering formations
 - 3 formation flyovers
 - 3 landings and hovering
 - 3 landings
 - 1 landing and maneuver
 - 1 landing with hovering and occupants
 - 1 flyover and landing

EGGS:

- 4 flyovers
- 2 hovering maneuvers

CIGARS:

- 7 hoverings
- 4 flyovers
- 1 maneuver and hover
- 6 maneuvers
 - 2 formations with 1 cigar,
 - 1 disc

GLOBES:

- 5 hovers
- 13 maneuvers
- 14 flyovers
 - 1 flyover and hover
 - 1 formation
 - 1 formation flyover
 - 1 landing and hovering

OTHER:

- 5 hovers
- 8 maneuvers
- 9 flyovers
- 1 multiple objects maneuvering

- 1 possible landing
- 1 maneuvering formation

Interpretation of this data indicates that, as usual, night time sightings outnumber those made in the daytime — thus the large number of unidentified lights sighted.

Other important aspects of the 310 cases are: 3 cases of people burned, 21 cases of car chases, 1 of car lights affected, 2 lights sighted on the ground, 3 car engines stalled, 1 person partially and temporarily paralyzed, 1 case of a train being "buzzed," 1 case of a ground fire, 1 power failure, 1 case each of television and radio interference.

Two Observe Disk in Mexico

Field Investigator Oscar H. Egly of Guadalajara, Mexico, has forwarded a report on his investigation into a UFO sighting at an irrigation project site near Tepic, capital of Nayarit Province, on the west coast of Mexico. The observation took place on July 24 and the witnesses were Fernando Flores Garcia, 31, and Jesus de la Rosa Pacheco, 20, a student.

Flores, who is in charge of a small irrigation project by the Palillo River (employed by the Department of Hydraulic Resources of the Ministry of Agriculture), was talking to the engineer in charge of all small irrigation projects in Nayarit Province, Jesus de Rosa (Sr.), father of the second witness. After the conversation, Flores and de la Rosa (Jr.) had walked about 1,100 feet toward a pick-up truck when de la Rosa pointed out an object descending into the mountainous brushy area behind where Jesus de la Rosa (Sr.) and two colleagues were conversing. At first, Jesus de la Rosa thought it was an aircraft but before long both witnesses were able to observe a bright object shaped literally like a "coffee-cup saucer" for 20 or 25 seconds. Flores described the object to Field Investigator Egly as a "metallic, round object."

Young Jesus de la Rosa believed that the object was moving slowly, at about 10-12 miles per hour. His narration goes: "I yelled at my friend and said 'Look, there is an airplane coming down,' then I saw it stop over some trees near where my father was standing with two other engineers. It banked slightly and I saw that it wasn't a plane but a round disk. It made no sound. It was white, like an aluminum color; it moved up, away from the trees and we saw it like a 'silver peso' facing us. Then it again

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evidence of flame.

The area in the field which was "burned" is approximately 40 feet in diameter and was easily seen from the air. The local news media showed interest in the incident and a taped interview with the Barr girl was made which was played on a local radio station. Most of the residents seemed inclined to attribute the spot to a "fireball" or lightning. Mr. Barr does not rule out lightning entirely, and when interviewed said that he hadn't informed authorities at first because he was skeptical. Pat Barr stated that she was convinced that the object she had seen had caused the damage to the bean crop and that it was an "air-flying object from outer space." It "wasn't anything earthly," she said.

Mr. Barr told interviewers that he "would hesitate to guess" at the object's identity and the cause of the scar on the field, but did say that he felt it was "something unusual — I'll put it that way."

Samples of the bean vines from inside the circle, near the outside and from elsewhere in the field were gathered by McWane and are now being examined by an APRO consultant. As in the past, there is little likelihood that the bean vines will furnish a clue to what happened, but the tests must be made anyway. Tests for radiation at the site revealed nothing abnormal, and similar tests of the vine samples were also negative. Any further information will be presented in a future issue.

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flashlight from Mauricio and went running in the direction of the object. His sister, Lucrecia Bermudez, followed him but, in the darkness, she fell to the ground.

According to the testimony of the children and Mrs. Rosa Ortiz, Bermudez approached the area where the UFO was and began calling the butler Luis Carbajal, who was the only other adult male present, saying, "Luis, come here. Look at this Martian." Mauricio and Andres watched the object from a nearby hill and reported that it "blinked on and off." Finally, they saw it rise high into the sky and fly away in the direction of Bogota.

Mr. Bermudez returned to the farmhouse and told the other witnesses that he had approached the object, which had landed on the ground, to

within a distance of about 20 feet. The object, he said, "blinked out" momentarily and he shone the flashlight on it. He claimed that he saw "a person" inside. He described the upper half of the entity as "normal" but from the waist down the anatomy of the "person" appeared to be like the letter "A" — which was luminous. The object then "blinked on," rose into the sky and disappeared. About five minutes after the object flew off, all the witnesses saw another identical object, or the same one, crossing the sky at about 300 feet altitude. Its speed was "slow" and constant as it flew towards Bogota and it was also soundless. Two other adult persons, Clemente Bolivar and Rosalba Prieto, who live about two miles from the farmhouse, reported a bright orange-yellow light flying slowly towards Bogota at approximately the same time.

Within two days of the observation, the principal witness, Mr. Arcesio Bermudez was taken very ill; his temperature dropped to 95° F. and he had a "cold touch" although he claimed not to feel cold. Within a few days his condition became far more serious; he had "black vomits" and diarrhea with blood flow. He was taken to Bogota and attended by Dr. Luis Borda at 10:00 a.m. on July 12 and later by Dr. Cesar Esmeral at 7:30 p.m. At 11:45 p.m., local time, Mr. Bermudez died.

APRO has a copy of the medical report signed by Dr. Esmeral diagnosing the cause of death as gastroenteritis. Neither of the two doctors knew of Mr. Bermudez's UFO experience, which may, or may not have some bearing on the case.

APRO-COLUMBIA became aware of the incident four days after the death of Mr. Bermudez, on July 16. On that day, the children Andres, Marina, Enrique and Mauricio were placed into a hypnotic trance by Dr. Luis E. Martinez, Professor at the National University of Colombia. At the hypnotic session, which took place in Dr. Martinez's office at 8 p.m., were APRO Representative John Simhon and Field Investigator Elias Nessim. The hypnotic session was requested by the relatives of the children.

The taped testimony of the children while under hypnosis is almost identical to the testimony already obtained and to the testimony of the adult witnesses (with the exception of Arcesio Bermudez, who was dead and consequently was never interviewed by APRO-COLOMBIA). The investigators consider all the witnesses to be of unquestionable integrity and honesty.

While under hypnosis, the children first said that the object was "a very bright light" and later referred to it as "a UFO." Mauricio, however, referred to the object as "a UFO" right away. The children were made to draw the object while in a hypnotic state which can be compared to their previous drawings. Jose Barreto, a psychologist, was also present at the session.

The next day, July 17, Representative Simhon and Investigator Nessim visited the farmhouse with the witnesses, determined where the object had been observed and conducted further intensive questioning. None of the witnesses claim to have seen the object actually land; this was only claimed by Bermudez who supposedly approached the object on the ground. Luis Carbajal, the butler, described how he heard Bermudez shouting for him to "come and see the Martian" but he only saw the object flying away between the trees. All of the witnesses' testimony agrees generally and although the farmhouse lies under a route for air traffic to Bogota International Airport, they all claim to know the appearance and performance of conventional aircraft and that the object in question was something entirely different.

Another interesting aspect of the case is the reported "animal reaction" due to the presence of the UFO. A monkey named "Michin" commenced to screech loudly and persistently and several dogs around the farm began howling. This was reported by all the witnesses and confirmed by Mrs. Rosa Ortiz, an elderly lady, who explained how the object had two "blue legs" with green lights on the tips. This is believed to be the first reported "monkey reaction" to UFOs.

The APRO investigators were not able to find any physical evidence of the presence of the UFO.

Speculation arose as to cause of death of Arcesio Bermudez. His clothes and wrist-watch were sent to the Colombian Institute of Nuclear Affairs (CINA) which has cooperated with APRO in the past. CINA informed APRO-COLOMBIA that the symptoms of Bermudez's illness were similar to those caused by a lethal dose of gamma rays, although no report from CINA has yet been received.

APRO meanwhile approached two of its Consultants to obtain preliminary professional opinion on this controversial case.

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Dr. Horace C. Dudley, Professor of Radiation Physics at the University of Illinois Medical Center, Chicago, says that "The illness and death of Mr. Bermudez *may* be due to radiation effects but there is not one bit of laboratory data to support such a conclusion . . . without a complete autopsy and pathological (microscopic) study a physician would not be warranted in giving a more specific cause of death."

Dr. Benjamin Sawyer, APRO Consultant in Medicine, says: "The symptoms of enteritis . . . are nearly identical to one of the three basic forms of (intestinal) illness from radiation exposure. There is nothing superficially apparent to distinguish the two illnesses. This is because radiation illness affecting the intestinal tract is truly a form of enteritis which can be due . . . to many things. There is nothing specific in the . . . medical report to indicate whether the death was due to enteritis or radiation injury."

APRO expects further news soon from Colombia which may cast new light on the case. Unless proven otherwise, it is APRO's contention that Arcesio Bermudez died of natural causes. Further information will be published when available.

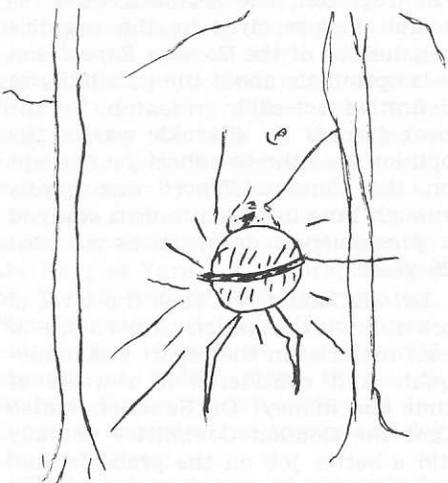


Figure 1

Drawing of UFO by Mauricio Gnecco while in hypnotic trance.

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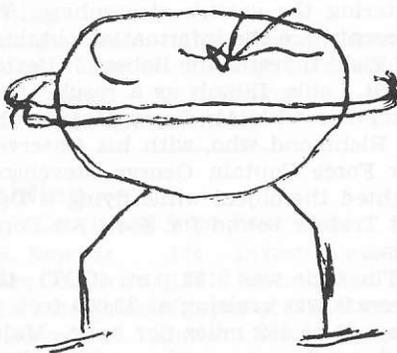


Figure 2

Drawing of UFO by Enrique Osorio while in normal state.

Significant Sightings in The Philippines

APRO has received preliminary information on a series of UFO observations from the Philippine Republic, in southeast Asia. The witnesses were 3 Philippino farmers who observed a UFO at 4 a.m., 7 a.m., and 9 a.m. on November 1, 1968 and a construction engineer who observed a UFO at 10:30 p.m. on June 10, 1969. Both cases were thoroughly investigated by retired Philippine Air Force Colonel Aderito de Leon and retired Army Corps Colonel Rufino C. Santiago. Colonel de Leon was the Director of the Philippine Communications Satellite (Philcomsat) Station in Rizal Province, 30 miles east of Manila, just 3 miles north of where the objects were observed. Colonel Santiago is Assistant Director of the Station.

The three farmers observed the object individually at separate times (4, 7 and 9 a.m.) but gave almost identical descriptions. They described it as "a white low slung saucer-shaped vehicle" which landed and took off again. Two "passengers" were observed and one of the farmers described them as Caucasian, 6 feet tall, wearing a white flying suit with no identification and glasslike (or plasticlike) headgears.

The June 10 observation was reported by Leonardo de Luna, an engineer and assistant project superintendent at a development site near Philcomsat Station. De Luna described the object as a big "yellowish ball of fire" flashing in the sky, followed by a hovering, blinking red light observed for about 15 seconds.

Soon after Colonel de Leon made his and Colonel Santiago's investiga-

tion and report public, Colonel Alfred K. Patterson, Air Force Attache at the U.S. Embassy in Manila, visited the Philcomsat Station and studied the reports of the farmers and listened to engineer de Luna's account. He expressed skepticism about the reports and doubted that real UFOs had been observed. It appears that Colonel Patterson acted more on his own behalf than in an official capacity, as the Aerial Phenomena Branch (Project Blue Book) at Wright Patterson Air Force, Dayton, Ohio, only investigates and evaluates UFO reports within the United States. Colonel Patterson said that de Luna probably saw "a plane diving over the area" but was unable to explain the observations by the three farmers (whom he did not speak to). During his inquiry, Colonel Patterson said he was "satisfying my own curiosity."

These are the most significant cases reported from the Philippine Republic and Colonel de Leon and Colonel Santiago seem to have done an immediate and thorough job of documenting the evidence while it was still available. APRO expects to receive further information, perhaps a copy of the original report, through members in the Philippines. Further details will probably appear in a future issue.

Recent Visitors at APRO

The following persons have visited APRO for general discussions and arrangements since the acquisition of a new office on July 1, 1969.

Dr. Robert Wood, Acting Director, Research & Development, McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Co., Western Division; Dr. Richard C. Henry (Consultant in Astrophysics), Research Appointee, E. O. Hurlburt Center for Space Research, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C.; Dr. M. Lindtner, from the Australian UFO organization UFOIC; Mr. Walter Andrus, Field Investigator from Quincy, Ill.; Mr. Laird S. Carter, Field Investigator from Peoria, Ill. and Mr. Alejandro Vignatti, a reporter from the Argentine magazine 2001 in Buenos Aires.

Rumor?

It has come to our attention that one of the astronauts on the Apollo 10 flight in December 1968 is alleged to have photographed a large, square formation of some kind on the surface of the moon which was not believed to be natural. We are trying to pin down this information but at the present do not know which of the three astronauts is involved.

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moved higher, leveled off and then descended with a pendulum motion until it was behind the brush near the mountain edge and seemed to have landed there as we lost sight of it. We ran to where my father was and asked them if they had seen the round object almost above them near the trees."

However, they had not noticed anything except a noise like a "smooth truck engine approaching." Engineer de la Rosa had commented on this sound to his colleagues (as no trucks could approach the irrigation project that close) seconds before the two witnesses "with startled looks on their faces" came running up. The whole party then proceeded towards where the object seemed to have descended, but the brush was too thick and muddy. They finally abandoned the search and returned to Tepic.

Both witnesses estimated the object to be about 15 feet in diameter. Jesus de la Rosa estimated it was about 60 feet above the brush and trees when it began to descend with a pendulum motion. They described it as bright "when the sun reflected off it." Otherwise, it was a silvery color like an aircraft.

This sighting stimulated popular interest in "flying saucers" around Tepic and many other reports were made in the following days and weeks. One case is reported to have occurred 3-4 days before the above incident and involved a group of wild-olive pickers near the project site, averaging 40 years of age. The group explained how a silvery disk-shaped object, about 15-18 feet in diameter, hovered some 10 feet above a tree right by one of the fruit pickers. It made a low humming noise then a "slight bell sound like police cars in French movies." It then flew off at great speed. The disk was described as having three "protrusions" in the front, an "antenna-like object" at the top and it seemed to round out towards the underside.

This is Mr. Egly's first case as a Field Investigator and he is to be complimented for a job well done.

Object Seen Over Several States

On the 5th of June many witnesses from Illinois to Colorado observed an elongated object with phosphorescent green color and a long, fragmented tail which flew at high altitude in an

east-west direction. Various authorities speculated that the object might have been a meteor or space junk re-entering the earth's atmosphere. We present here the information obtained by Field Investigator Robert J. Hertell of St. Louis, Illinois as a result of an interview with Air Force Major John R. Richmond who, with his Observer, Air Force Captain George Stevenson, sighted the object while flying a T-33 Jet Trainer bound for Scott Air Force Base.

The time was 5:52 p.m. (CDT), the aircraft was cruising at 33,000 feet, at a speed of 462 miles per hour. Major Richmond was on the radio calling Scott Air Force Base which was 138 miles east. He spotted the object on a heading of 280 degrees (heading west) and said it was chrome-green, very brilliant like an arc light or burning phosphorus. He called to Stevenson and pointed it out to him and they both observed it for a period of approximately 35 to 45 seconds as it flew in a perfectly flat trajectory into the west and disappeared from view behind the T-33. Major Richmond estimated the object's altitude at approximately 4,000 feet above his own altitude, or 37,000 feet. He also estimated that it was probably about 1½ miles distant, the green portion was about 30 feet long and the fragmented white phosphorous burning tail about 200 feet in length.

Major Richmond was certain that the object was not a meteor, and hypothesized that it might have been the residue of a Russian space object re-entering the atmosphere. However, he stated firmly that he didn't know what the object was, that he had never observed anything of that nature before, and that he estimated its speed to be between 692 and 807 statute miles per hour (600-700 nautical miles).

Amateur Astronomers Sponsor UFO Panel

A panel of six prominent scientists gathered in Denver, Colorado, on August 22 to publicly discuss the UFO phenomenon and how they feel the scientific community should proceed in the future.

Sponsored as a "special event" during a four-day meeting of the National Amateur Astronomers, the discussion was keyed primarily to attending amateur astronomers from all over the U.S. and to scientists in the area. Participants were: Dr. James Harder, Professor of Civil Engineering, University of California, Berkeley; Dr.

J. Allen Hynek, Chairman, Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; Dr. James E. McDonald, Professor of Atmospheric Physics, University of Arizona, Tucson; Dr. James B. Salisbury, Head, Plant Science Department, Utah State University, Logan; Dr. David R. Saunders, Professor of Psychology, University of Colorado, Boulder (and former member of the University's UFO Project); Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, Associate Professor of Psychology, University of Wyoming, Laramie. Panel Moderator was Jim Peterson, Managing Director for radio station KBTR, Denver.

None of the participants were certain of either the present or future status of the U.S. Air Force Project Blue Book, but all were in agreement that it should be terminated and all research be put into the hands of a group of scientists.

It was generally agreed that Blue Book has served essentially as an Air Force front for the debunking of UFO reports. The panel attributed Blue Book's attitude to one of indifference, generated by their thinking that UFOs do not constitute a threat to national security and are, therefore, of little interest.

The panel also agreed that future investigations should be financed so as to be free of governmental or military influence of any nature. Dr. Hynek regretted the set-back UFO research had received by the negative conclusions of the *Condon Report*, but was optimistic about the possibility of definitive scientific research in the near future. Dr. Sprinkle was of the opinion that the two short years spent on the *Condon Report* was hardly enough time in which to do a study of a phenomenon dating back at least 20 years.

Dr. McDonald felt that the level of scientific investigation and choice of case material in the report was inadequate and considered it a waste of time and money. Dr. Saunders stated that the Condon Committee actually did a better job on the problem than the report indicated, but agreed that many cases they investigated were not even mentioned and that many of the classic, well-documented incidents were ignored.

Dr. Salisbury, basically interested in exobiology, felt that there was excellent evidence of life on Mars, due primarily to the distinct seasonal variations in the coloration of the planet during the change of seasons. The recent fly-bys by Mariner 6 and Mariner 7 have not altered his opinion.

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Dr. Harder, primarily interested in methods of propulsion used by possible extraterrestrial craft, said we would one day be able to use sources of energy that apparently now are available to more advanced cultures. He felt that our rate of technological development, if it continues at its ever increasing pace, will uncover many secrets of energy sources and methods to utilize these sources will follow quickly.

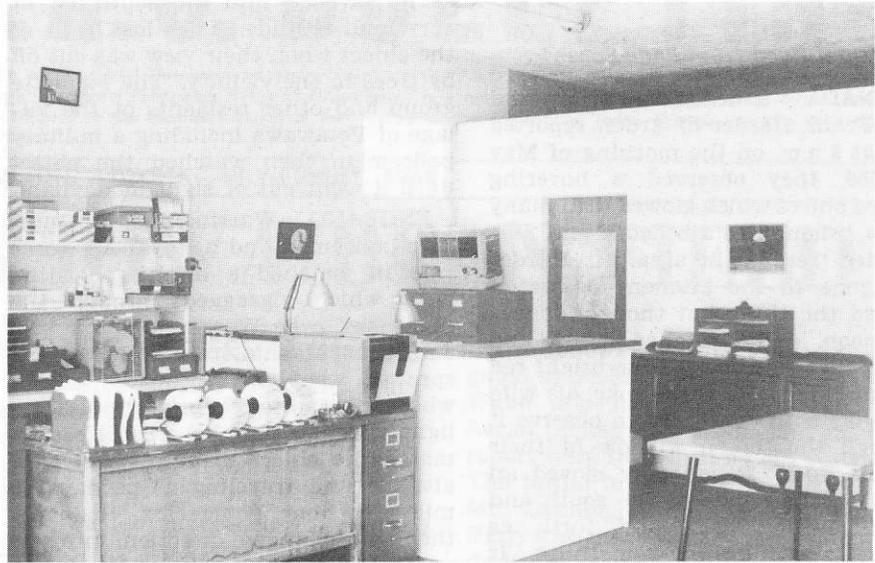
All panelists agreed that further investigation of the UFO phenomenon was more than justified by the expectation that the cause of science would be enhanced thereby. It was agreed that many presently unknown and undetected elements of natural phenomena would be uncovered in such a study, thereby making the "spin-off" discoveries well worth the effort regardless of the final, if ever, conclusions on the UFO.

The panel was hopeful the day would come in the foreseeable future that would see the formation of a central scientific clearinghouse and depository for UFO reports, from which point various cases could be sent for analysis and investigation by interested scientists in specific fields of research. Interested but presently reluctant scientists would then come out into the open on the problem as an independent scientific study gained credibility and stature.

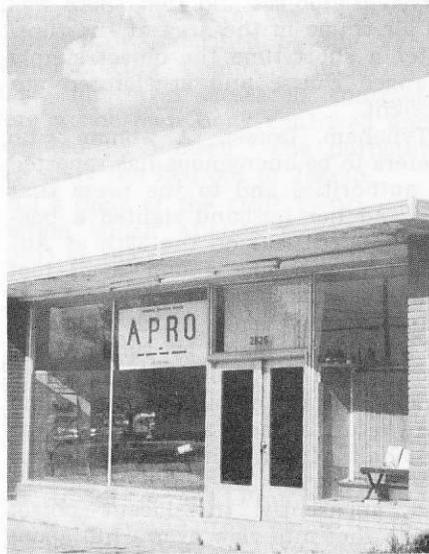
Two of the panelists, Dr. Frank B. Salisbury and Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, are APRO Consultants in Exobiology and Psychology respectively. Dr. Harder is APRO Director of Research.

New Info on Alaskan Sighting

On page 6 of the May-June issue, the details of a sighting of a UFO in Alaska and the subsequent interference of a diesel engine were reported. Dr. Harder, APRO's Research Director forwarded the following: "I was interested in the item. . . . For the explanation is that the engine was connected to a generator, and if the output of the generator was short-circuited, it would be a heavy load to the engine, slowing it down until the voltage plus the shorting resistance was of such magnitude to equal the power output of the engine. If it was "just barely running" as reported, the resistance shorting the output would be very low, and might even be calculated from the speed of the engine. . . . The power output from the diesel would be about



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View of APRO's new office from the outside.

proportional to *its* speed. The normal load resistance for the diesel can be calculated from the generator power and voltage, etc., so all is in hand to calculate the shorting resistance."

Adventurer Reports UFO Over Atlantic

John Fairfax, the British sailor who undertook a lone crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, reported to the Miami, Florida *Herald* and other news services his sighting of two strange star-like objects during his voyage across the ocean. Fairfax did not give a date or approximate location during the time he sighted the objects, but his report to newspapers was made on the 20th of July 1969. He claimed that one night he spotted two bright lights

about 20 degrees above the horizon and that they were 10 times as bright as Venus. They climbed to the region of Jupiter's location, then separated, he said, one flying low and the other flying high. The highest one mounted to the location of Ursa Major (the Big Bear), then the two disappeared. He was certain that the lights were not stars, and said that during the sighting he felt as if in a trance and when the objects had gone and he came out of it the cigarette which he had been smoking was burned down with only a long gray ash left, indicating that he had sat there, unmoving, for several minutes. The "trance" feeling included a feeling that something was asking him if he wanted to go away and he kept projecting the answer "no."

Around the Globe

BRAZIL. Four businessmen from Rio Grande do Sul have claimed that on the night of the 23rd of July 1969, they were traveling by car near the town of Paulo Lopes when a huge UFO came along, hovered above the car (a station wagon) and then lifted it up, carried it through the air for a spell and let it down some distance down the road. When the object was first seen, they said, it was ahead of them, and it shot a jet of white light at their car, the engine of which stopped and the lights went out. Then the car was "transported," and when they were down on the ground again and had progressed further along the highway, they came upon a cargo-laden truck with a Biguacu license plate over which the UFO hovered momentarily before disappearing into the distance.

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CANADA — Arden, Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harder of Arden reported that at 3 a.m. on the morning of May 7, 1969, they observed a hovering lighted object which glowed with many colors, "shone like a beacon" and illuminated trees in the area. Mr. Harder had gone to the kitchen for water, spotted the thing but thought it was the moon. As he watched, it rose and began changing colors from bright red to bluish-red. He then woke his wife and they both continued to observe it through the screen window of their kitchen door. It suddenly moved an estimated half mile to the south and began moving back and forth as though searching for something. It was at this time that the object emitted a brilliant blue light which illuminated the trees. The couple watched it until it moved behind some bushes and out of sight. Both had been skeptical of such incidents until they made their own observation. No sound was heard.

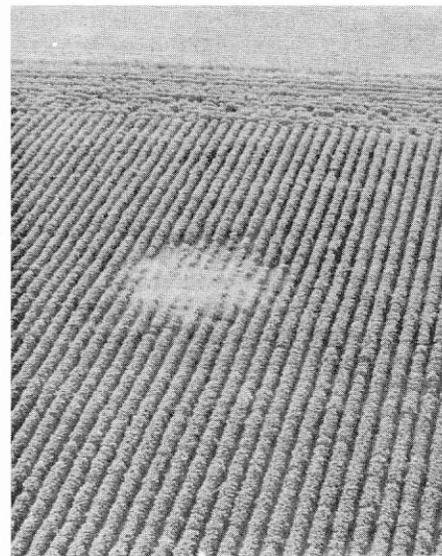
Petawawa, Ontario. Forty-seven year old Edgar Paquette of Petawawa told reporters that he had been chased by a UFO between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. on the 13th of July of July 1969. Paquette had been on his way to Petawawa from Black Bay when his attention was drawn to a brilliant light by a passenger in his car. The Petawawa River, which paralleled the road, was "lit up like day" by the light which Paquette claimed chased his car. As it appeared to come directly toward the car, Paquette turned off the lights and the light "seemed to hesitate." Then he opened the door, the roof light went on and the lighted object descended to within 60 feet of the ground, according to his estimate. Using his flashlight, Paquette began blinking it off and on, whereupon the UFO came even closer, revealing its glowing eggshape, 8 feet in diameter with two "legs" extending downward. Terrified, Paquette jumped back into the car and drove to the nearest house. His woman passenger became hysterical but they finally got back into the car and went to Paquette's home where he wakened his 17-year-old son and 14-year-old daughter. The four then drove to the gate of the house where the light approached them again. During this time, Constables Jack McKay and Grant Chaplin had driven to Petawawa to investigate reports that a woman had been terrified by a bright light in the sky and they viewed the object for 38 minutes

as it travelled into the southeast at very high altitude. They lost sight of the object when their view was cut off by trees in the vicinity. The Paquette group and other residents of the village of Petawawa including a military policeman, then watched the object until it went out of sight at daylight.

ENGLAND. Warrington, 12 June. Two policemen and a Royal Air Force veteran watched a bright, pulsating light which zigzagged through the night sky over Warrington. At 1:30 a.m. Alan Machin, retired Police Inspector, went out into his garden where he spotted a bright pulsating light which lit up the area. He estimated the object to be at fairly low altitude and traveling at perhaps 60 miles per hour, going east. Suddenly the light changed direction into the north and Machin called police to report it. At 3 a.m. the police called Machin to report that they had observed the object and that there was no air traffic in the area at the time. After a short time the object simply changed course and accelerated out of sight.

Tyneham, Dorset. A woman who prefers to be anonymous has reported to authorities and to the press that she and her husband sighted a possible landed UFO on the 29th of August. The couple found a 24-foot diameter pattern of large (9 inches to 1 foot across) holes which appeared to have been made by tubular legs tipped with long spikes. The woman reported that she and her husband were returning across the ranges near Tyneham after a fishing trip at about 2:50 a.m. when they saw a glowing and apparently translucent object which shot into view over a hill about a mile in front of their car. The husband exclaimed that he thought the object was coming down. It made no sound, just settled to what appeared to be a landing. Before landing it stopped in the air and the couple saw "tripod-legs" come down out of it. The woman's husband drove slowly toward the object with his lights off until they could clearly see the object about a quarter of a mile away. The two sat and watched the object for about half an hour, they said, then it took off up into the air and disappeared over the sea at high speed. Investigation will be called for in this instance and when further information is available it will be presented in a future issue.

AUSTRALIA. The secretary of St. Michael's golf course, located in Sydney's eastern suburbs thinks that a "flying saucer" may have landed on the fairway on the 22nd of June. A triangular-shaped set of burn marks



Aerial photo of Barr bean field.
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were found on the links and at the three points of the triangle were found deep impressions about 8 inches wide, 2½ inches deep and about 16 feet apart. There had been a heavy dew that morning and no tracks of any kind were found leading to or from the marks.

Perth. On the 22nd of May four truck drivers claimed that a bright diamond-shaped object had hovered above them and followed them between Esperance and Lake Grace in Western Australia. The clipping which carries this information was not too detailed, but one driver, John Shanahan, a newspaper truck driver had reported that three different drivers had stopped him and told him they saw the object. It was described as like a diamond or an enormous light with a band around it. During the "chase," he said, it frequently sped off at high speed and then returned to hover above his truck.

UNITED STATES. Bountiful, Utah. Two young men, aged 19, were at a drive-in on the night of May 2nd at 11:20 p.m. when they spotted two lighted objects in the vicinity of North Canyon. The objects were yellow-orange in color and round in shape. At first one object was stationary above the ridge and the second object was seen to go rapidly eastward, over the ridge and out of sight. The second object later followed only at a slower rate of speed.

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