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## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

<b>1. DATE</b>  3 November 1957	<b>2. LOCATION</b>  White Sands, New Mexico		<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b>  Local _____  GMT <u>03/0930 and 0300Z</u>	<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
<b>5. PHOTOS</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>6. SOURCE</b>  U.S. Army Military Personnel		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical      1. Moon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical      2. Venus <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b>  10 to 25 minutes	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b>  two	<b>9. COURSE</b>  variable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b>  Sources were U.S. Army soldiers on patrol. On 1st patrol they observed a very bright, fuzzy light to the west above the horizon, large as grapefruit. It was cold, drizzly, windy & cloudy. On 2nd patrol they observed a pulsating light that looked "like a star" for 25 mins about 45° above horizon towards the SSW.  Determined that they had discussed their separate sightings among selves before rptg them. (determined by AF Investigators).		<b>11. COMMENTS</b>  This obviously another case where rpt was influenced by famous Level-land case which took place few hrs before & was given nation-wide publicity by press, radio & TV. Sources very young (18-20) impressionable & on duty in a lonely, isolated desert post. Interviewers agreed that their statements were magnified out of proportion. Conclusions: 1st patrol sighting-moon set. 2nd patrol sighting-Venus	



UFO SIGHTING, WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS, NEW MEXICO  
3 November 1957

RELIABILITY OF SOURCE: Source appeared to be quite ingenuous, naive and impressionable. He was immaculately dressed in his Army uniform and meticulously observed military courtesy. Source appeared to be quite sincere, cooperative, and was eager to describe the sighting. By the time this interviewer was able to talk with Source, he had been interviewed several times by press representatives as well as military personnel, had discussed it with the other patrol, and so gave all answers without hesitation or uncertainty. In the opinion of this interviewer, Source is quite sincere in his belief that he truly saw "something;" however, it is believed that this has been magnified out of all proportion.

SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: At approximately 0230, 3 November 1957, Cpl X together with PFC Y, was on a routine motor patrol of the "up range" area of the White Sands Proving Grounds, when he noticed a "very bright" object high in the sky. This object slowly descended to an altitude estimated to be approximately fifty (50) yards where it remained motionless for about three (3) minutes, then descended to the ground where the light went out. The object was not blurred or fuzzy, emitted no vapor or smoke. The object was in view for about ten (10) minutes, and Source estimated that it was approximately two (2) or three (3) miles away. It was estimated to be between seventy-five (75) and 100 yards in diameter, and shaped like an egg. Source stated that it was as large as a grapefruit held at arms length. The weather was cold, drizzling, and windy, and Source stated no stars were visible. After the light went out, Source and PFC Y continued north to the STALLION SITE CAMP and reported the incident to the Sergeant of the Guard, who returned to the area but failed to find anything. Source's signed and sworn statement to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:

"AT about 0230-0300 Sunday morning, I, CPL X and PFC Y were on patrol in Range Area when we noticed a very bright object high in the sky. We were proceeding north toward South Gate and object kept coming down toward the ground. Object stopped approximately fifty (50) yards from the ground and went out and nothing could be seen. A few minutes later object became real bright (like the sun) then fell in an angle to the ground and went out. Object was approximately seventy-five (75) to 100 yards in diameter and shaped like an egg. Object landed by the bunker area approximately three (3) miles from us. Object was not seen again./END OF STATEMENT"

PFC Y was not available for interview, since he was on a three (3) day pass; however, his signed and sworn statement to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:



"I, PFC Y, saw a fire like object about 0230 the 3 Nov 57 between the bunker area and South Gate, this is about all I remember seeing it was about sixty (60) or eighty (80) feet off the ground and it started down slow then it went out for a while, then I saw it again and it started down in about a forty (40) degree angle. It was about three (3) miles away and was about 120 feet in diameter./ END OF STATEMENT"

RELIABILITY OF SOURCES: Both Sources, interviewed by press and military personnel prior to this interviewer's talk with them, gave identical accounts of the sighting. The two (2) Sources were neat and observed military courtesy at all times, but impressed this interviewer as being not at all observant or competent witnesses. The general tenor of their conversation did not indicate keen insight of details, nor did it indicate above average intelligence. In the opinion of this interviewer, Source's account of the sighting has been magnified out of all proportion to its importance, and the attendant publicity has been more sensational than factual.

SOURCES' DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: At approximately 2000, 3 November 1957, the two (2) Sources were on a routine motor patrol near the Trinity site at the White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico, driving west in a jeep. The night was fairly bright with some stars visible through scattered clouds. The moon was visible. At the same moment, both Sources became aware of a bright light in the sky, which slowly climbed to approximately forty-five (45) degrees from the horizon. The light appeared to pulsate, and was the color of heated metal; red, then white. At no time did it disappear behind clouds. Sources did not observe any smoke or vapor, nor did they hear any unusual sounds. The object climbed in the sky until it looked like a star and then disappeared. The object did not have a distinct silhouette, but appeared blurred and fuzzy. Sources viewed the object for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes. Signed and sworn statements made to their Commanding Officer are quoted below:

Signed and sworn statement of SP-3 A to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:

"On the four (4) to twelve (12) Patrol, 3rd Nov 57, SP-3 Z and I, SP-3 A, on our check at Trinity Site, at approximately 2000, we looked in the general area of the West Impact area, and seen a bright light leave the ground and proceeding slowly into the air, we watched it for a few minutes and then proceeded to Nip Site, when we reached the Range Road, the object kept getting brighter, then going dimmer, then out then proceed to get brighter again. On arriving at Nip Site, we set and watched it for a few minutes then it disappeared, we then proceeded to the RMO and notified the SGT of the Guard. On our way to the RMO we seen the object several times and then disappear again./END OF STATEMENT"

Signed and sworn statement of SP-3 Z to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:



"On or about 2000 hours 3 November 1957 SP-3 A and myself, SP-3 Z, saw a large bright light hanging approximately fifty (50) feet over bunker. It took off at forty-five (45) degree angle and went up into the sky, then it started blinking on and off. Then it disappeared. I would say it was two or three hundred feet long and just about as wide. It was very bright, as the sun. We were approximately four or five miles west of the light./END OF STATEMENT"

SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, Head of the Department of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, revealed that no unusual meteorological or astronomical phenomena occurred during this period.

2. Weather records reveal that the planet Venus was at first magnitude at 2000 hours MST, and at 15 degree elevation, with an azimuth of 225 degrees.

3. Moonset on 3 November 1957 was at 0229 hours MST at an azimuth of 270 degrees.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. The conclusion is that the first patrol probably, due to refraction, mistook moonset for an UFO and that the second patrol probably witnessed the planet Venus.

2. Both sightings were made by young and impressionable Sources, on duty in lonely and isolated areas.



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/UNCLAS/AISOC 214 PD PRELIMINARY REPORT ON WHITE SANDS SIGHTING

PD TWO SEPARATE ARMY MILITARY POLICE PATROLS CONSISTING OF TWO  
MEN EACH REPORTED THAT THEY HAD OBSERVED A BRILLIANT OBJECT IN  
THE VICINITY OF THE STALLION SITE CAMP APPROXIMATELY NINETY MILES  
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APPROXIMATELY 0300ION 3 NOV 57 PD THE OTHER PARTOL OBSERVED AN  
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0300 AND THE WEATHER WAS CALM AT 2000 HOURS PD A FEW STARS WERE  
VISIBLE THROUGH SCATTERED CLOUD CONDITIONS PD INTERVIEWS WITH THE

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ONLY THREE SOURCES AVAILABLE DISCLOSED NEARLY IDENTICAL STORIES PD



REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL NEWSPAPER PRIOR TO A FORMAL *Note!*

INVESTIGATION BY THIS ORGANIZATION NO PRELIMINARY REPORT IAW PARA  
7 AFR 200-2 WAS SUBMITTED BY LOCAL AGENCIES PD AGES OF THE SOURCES  
RANGED FROM 17 TO 21 PD NONE HAVE MORE THAN HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONS  
CMM NONE HAVE ANY AERONAUTICAL HOBBIES CMM NONE GIVE THE IMPRESSION  
OF BEING PARTICULARLY OBSERVANT OR ANALYTICAL CMM BUT RATHER QUITE  
IMPRESSIONABLE AND UNSOPHISTICATED PD INVESTIGATION BY THIS

ORGANIZATION LEADS TO THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS CLN THE SIGHTING MADE  
BY THE PATROL AT 2000 HOURS IS "PROBABLY" THE PLANET VENUS PD AT  
THIS HOUR VENUS WAS OF FIRST MAGITUDE CMM AT AN ELEVATION OF  
APPROXIMATELY 15 DEGREES AND AT AN AZIMUTH OF APPROX 225 DEGREES *Astro Obs. Made.*  
PD NO OTHER CRITERIA FOR UFOBS ARE APPLICABLE PD THIS *OK.*

SIGHTING MADE BY THE PATROL AT 0300 HOURS IS "PROBABLY" THE MOON PD  
UNINTERPOLATED DATA INDICATES MOONSET AT 0229 HOURS AT AN AZIMUTH  
OF 270 DEGREES PD REFLECTIONS FROM SCATTERED CLOUDS ARE PROBABLE PD  
ALTHOUGH THE PLANET SIRIUS IS EVIDENT DURING THIS HOUR CMM IT WAS  
ONLY OF THIRD MAGNITUDE AND MAY BE RULED OUT PD AF FORM 112  
FOLLOWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PD END

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patrols in white Sands  
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REFERENCE PREVIOUS MESSAGE IN EIGHT PARTS, DTD 8 NOVEMBER 1957. THIS IS ADDITIONAL INFO RE HIGHLY PUBLICIZED INCIDENTS.

REF. PART I OF PREVIOUS MSG: INVESTIGATION OF ANOTHER SOURCE IN AREA WHO CLAIMS THAT HIS IGNITION STALLED AT TIME OF SCHMIDTS SIGHTING, DISCLOSED THAT HIS DISTRIBUTOR ROTOR WAS CHANGED IN HIS TRUCK DAY BEFORE. FURTHER, STATEMENT FROM MECHANIC INDICATES THAT PIECE OF OLD ROTOR LATER FOUND WEDGED IN BETWEEN POINTS.

REF. PART IV, STOKES INCIDENT: HOSPITAL EXAMINATION REVEALS NO BURNS ON STOKES. UNDER EXAMINATION ADMITS THAT HE HAD EXPERIENCED RADIO FADE-OUT IN THAT AREA PREVIOUSLY. WITNESSES WHOM STOKES CLAIMS TO HAVE JOTTED DOWN CANNOT BE FOUND AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH. STOKES EVALUATED AS UNRELIABLE BY AF INVESTIGATORS.

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REF PART IV, MILITARY PATROLS INCIDENTS: INVESTIGATION  
MADE OF 3 OR 4 MEMBERS WHO OBSERVED UFOS AT SEPARATE  
TIMES IN WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS. FOLLOWING DISCLOSED:

- a. SOURCES AGES 17 to 21, QUITE IMPRESSIONABLE.
- b. INDICATED THAT NOT PARTICULARLY OBSERVANT OR ANALYTICAL.
- c. ALL MEMBERS HAD DISCUSSED PHENOMENA AMONG THEMSELVES,

WHICH PROBABLY ACCOUNTS FOR ALMOST IDENTICAL STORIES.

- d. THEY GAVE STORY FIRST TO LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

- e. ASTRO PLOTS INDICATE VENUS AT ITS MAGNITUDE AT TIME,  
PLACE AND DIRECTION OF FIRST PATROL'S OBSERVATION. MOON  
IN GENERAL DIRECTION OF SECOND PATROL'S OBSERVATION, WITH  
SCATTERED CLOUDS.

PASS ON TO MAJOR TACKER, SAFIS. CAPTAIN GREGORY COULD NOT  
CONTACT MAJOR TACKER, MONTS OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF  
DEFENSE OFFICE, SATURDAY. INFORMATION GIVEN TO MISTER  
HOWELL. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEGATIVE GIVEN TO LIFE  
MAGAZINE BY SOURCE. AISS DETACHMENT, NORTON AFB SAYS  
PRINT WILL BE OBTAINED SOON. ASSUMPTION GIVEN TO MISTER  
HOWELL NOW APPEARS VALID.

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<del>CONFIDENTIAL</del> /FROM: AFCIN-4E4 CITE							
THIS MESSAGE IN EIGHT PARTS. REFERENCE NUMEROUS PRESS QUERIES TO HEADQUARTERS USAF AND ATIC DURING LAST THREE DAYS REGARDING UFO INCIDENTS THROUGHOUT U.S. GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY, AND YOUR REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE CONCLUSIONS OR FINDINGS.							
PART I. KEARNEY, NEBRASKA "SPACE SHIP" INCIDENT. SOURCE, REINHOLDT SCHMIDT CONSIDERED WHOLLY UNRELIABLE SOURCE. HAS WIDE CRIMINAL RECORD, THREE YEARS IN PENITENTIARY, AND HAS REFUSED TO TAKE LIE DETECTOR TESTS. LOCAL SHERIFF STATES HE CAN BREAK SCHMIDT'S STORY TO MAKE HIM PERSONALLY ADMIT STORY WAS A HOAX. BELIEVE PORTION OR ALL OF THIS RELEASED TO PRESS. THEREFORE, USAF RELEASE TO PUBLIC CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.							
PART II. GULF OF MEXICO, COAST GUARD CUTTER "SABEGO"						757-30468	
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CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS. FROM LIMITED DATA IN OFFICIAL REPORT, REFERENCE TT MESSAGE CGC SEBAGO WPG 42, COPY YOUR HEADQUARTERS. FOLLOWING CONSIDERED OUR TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS:

- a. IMPRESSION THAT ONLY ONE OBJECT OBSERVED APPEARS ERRONEOUS. FOUR SEPARATE TARGETS INDICATED, 3 ON RADAR, ONE VISUALLY.
- b. EACH TIME SUCCEEDING TARGET PICKED UP IT WAS IN ALMOST DIRECT OPPOSITE DIRECTION FROM PRECEDING TARGET AND SOME DISTANCE AWAY.
- c. A TIME-DISTANCE PLOT INDICATES ONE TARGET RETURN HAD SPEED APPROXIMATELY 250 MPH, ANOTHER 660 MPH, SUGGESTING PROPELLER TYPE AND JET AIRCRAFT RESPECTIVELY.
- d. VISUALLY SIGHTING ONLY 3 SECONDS, BRILLIANT LIKE PLANET, MOVING WITH HIGH SPEED, BUT HORIZONTALLY, REPEAT HORIZONTALLY, AGAIN SUGGESTIVE OF AIRCRAFT.
- e. AREA OF INCIDENT IS SCENE OF MANY FLIGHTS AND OPERATIONS OF NAVY AND AIR FORCE. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT CHECK THE COUNTLESS POSSIBLE ORIGIN OF AIRCRAFT AND THEIR FLIGHT PLANS.
- f. ON BASIS OF ABOVE, MANEUVERS AND SPEEDS SUGGESTIVE OF CONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT FOR MOST PART. HOWEVER, THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE AND DISAPPEARANCE OF THE TARGETS COULD BE INDICATIVE OF SPURIOUS RETURNS (FALSE TARGETS). IN ANY EVENT, MORE THAN ONE RETURN IS INDICATED, CONTRARY TO

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PART III. LEVELLAND, TEXAS, "BLUE LIGHT" CASE. INFORMED BY COMMANDER, 1006TH AISS THAT INVESTIGATION PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY. FURTHER DATA DISCLOSE FOLLOWING:

- a. CONTRARY TO KEYHOLE'S AND WASHINGTON PRESS REPORTS ONLY THREE, NOT NINE PERSONS WITNESSED INCIDENT.
- b. OBJECT OBSERVED FOR ONLY FEW SECONDS, AND NOT LENGTHY PERIOD AS IMPLIED BY PRESS.
- c. MIST, RAIN, THUNDERSTORMS AND LIGHTNING DISCHARGES IN SCENE OF INCIDENT, FACT NOT QUOTED BY NEWSPAPER RELEASES.
- d. THE FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES, REPEAT POSSIBILITIES, BEING CHECKED, WHICH COULD RESULT IN UNUSUAL PHENOMENA OBSERVED PARTICULARLY UNDER DARKNESS, MIST AND RAIN: (1) BURNING GAS FROM OIL OPERATIONS IN THE AREA, REFLECTING OFF LOW CLOUD CEILING EXISTING AT THAT TIME, (2) DOWNED POWER LINE GIVING OFF SPARK DISPLAY IN CONTACT WITH WET GROUND, (3) ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE OR SIMILAR PHENOMENA LIKE ST. ELMO'S FIRE CAUSED BY RIGHT COMBINATION OF WEATHER AND OTHER CONDITIONS, AND (4) "BALL LIGHTNING" A RARE, BUT NEVERTHELESS, POSSIBILITY IN VIEW OF LIGHTING DISCHARGES IN VICINITY.

PART IV. SIGHTING AROUND WHITE SAND PROVING GROUND, NEW MEXICO AREA. INFORMED THAT MAJOR GENERAL LEIGHTON DAVIS, COMMANDER HAS SET UP INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO SIGHTINGS. REPORTED THAT PRINCIPAL JAMES STOKES ENGINEER

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WITH THE MISSILE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, WHO MADE A STATEMENT  
O ALAMOGORDO RADIO STATION REGARDING SUNBURN GIVEN OFF  
Y HEAT OF FLYING OBJECT THAT MADE A PASS NEAR HIS LOCA-  
TION, WAS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL FOR OBSERVATION.

PART V. REFERENCE DEMANDS OF R. C. MAYNER FOR RETURN OF  
IS SAUCER FILM ALLEDGEDLY WITHHELD BY THE AIR FORCE.  
MAYNER IS TELEVISION EDITOR OF TV STATION KVWT, CLEVELAND.  
AS PUBLICLY ACCUSED AF OF THIS. FOLLOWING IS QUOTED FROM  
LETTER TO AFCIN-X, DATED 9 MARCH 1954. QUOTE 1. AIR  
TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER HAS NO RECORD OF HAVING  
RECEIVED SUBJECT FILM FROM (MARINE) PRIVATE RALPH MAYNER.  
LIFE MAGAZINE, IN RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH  
ATIC, INDICATED THAT IT (FILM) HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY TURNED  
OVER TO A NAVAL BASE. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THE FILM  
WOULD HAVE REMAINED WITH NAVAL INTELLIGENCE. UNQUOTE.  
T APPEARS THAT MAYNER DESIRES TO COMMERCIALIZE ON THE  
CURRENT "SAUCER SIGHTINGS" FUROR.

PART VI. REGARDING POSSIBLE DECLASSIFICATION AND RELEASE  
F BRIEFING GIVEN TO MEMBER OF OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SECRE-  
ARY OF DEFENSE, DR. ROBERTSON, REFERENCE IS MADE TO FORM  
HQ C-86 MESSAGE TO AFCIN-X1, DATED 18 OCTOBER 57,  
ATTENTION: MAJOR BYRNE ON SAME SUBJECT. IN BREEF, THIS  
CENTER INTERPOSES NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE. HOWEVER,  
ECISION TO RELEASE LIES WITH AFCIN AND SAFIS.

PART VII. ATTENTION IS INVITED TO FACT THAT MEMBER OF

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NICAP WAS IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO LEVELLAND TEXAS TO INVESTIGATE. SIGNIFICANT TO POINT OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THIS ORGANIZATION CONTINUOUSLY IMPLIES USAF NOT QUALIFIED TO INVESTIGATE, OR DO NOT RELEASE THEIR FINDINGS, IT HAS NOT MADE ANY STATEMENTS REGARDING ITS OWN FINDINGS OR CONCLUSIONS. DESIRABLE IF NICAP WOULD MAKE ITS FINDINGS KNOWN FIRST, THEN USAF COULD QUERY HOW ANALYSIS PERFORMED AND CONCLUSIONS DERIVED. IN ALL PROBABILITY NICAP WILL LET USAF MAKE FIRST STATEMENT, THEN WILL MAKE THE USUAL CHARGES.

PART VIII. MAKING CHECK FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ATIC'S ENTRY INTO UFO PROGRAM AND EARLY HISTORY REGARDING DOCUMENTS WHICH BROUGHT THIS ABOUT.

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### *E-M and Non-E-M Saucers*

The next UFOs reported in this series belong to the old-fashioned, non-E-M variety. From White Sands Proving Grounds near Alamogordo, New Mexico, came a report that military police, while patrolling the up-range in a jeep about 2:30 Sunday morning (a few hours after the Saucedo incident), had seen a brilliant reddish-orange light, shaped like an egg, hovering in the sky. From its apparent distance (two to three miles away) and apparent size (as large as a grapefruit held at arm's length), the men deduced that it was a huge object, 75 to 100 yards in diameter [2]. After remaining motionless for about three minutes, it descended toward the ground and disappeared. (According to some versions, it later rose into the sky and then disappeared.) Members of another jeep patrol soon matched this tale with the report that on Sunday night about eight o'clock they had seen a bright, glowing object hovering in the sky but, instead of landing, it suddenly climbed until it got so far up it looked like a star. Both, jeeps, it should be noted, continued to function normally.

Officials at White Sands soon dampened the excitement. The description of the light that appeared at 2:30 A.M. included certain doubtful factors. The night had been overcast and so dark that the stars were not visible, although the cloud cover was broken at intervals. Since the sighting had not included any object of known distance or known size for comparison, the estimates of the UFO's distance and size were of no value. The light might have been small and close; it might equally well have been huge and far away. Under the circumstances, the most probable explanation was that the men had glimpsed the moon (then roughly half full) through broken clouds, and that the apparent movement was an illusion produced by the moving clouds. The Sunday evening UFO was unquestionably the planet Venus. Then nearly at maximum brilliance, it was a conspicuous object in the western sky after sunset and inspired many saucer reports during this week of anxiety.

The White Sands incidents had reached the papers, however, and contributed to the general hysteria. By Monday afternoon, flying eggs were allegedly stopping automobiles as far north as Canada, but the Southwest continued to hold the center of the UFO stage against all competition.



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# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS <b>WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS, NEW MEXICO</b>		DATE OF INFORMATION <b>3 Nov 57</b>
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT <b>1006th AISS Ent AFB, Colorado</b>		DATE OF COLLECTION <b>6 Nov 57</b>
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL <b>WILLIAM P. BRUNSON Lt. Colonel, USAF</b>		DATE OF REPORT <b>13 Nov 57</b>
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE <b>GLENN H. TOY and others</b>		EVALUATION <b>F-6</b>

REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)

**AFR 200-2**

SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)

## UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)

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II. SUMMARY: This report contains information about an Unidentified Flying Object sighted on two occasions by two separate MP motor patrols in the vicinity of the STALLION SITE CAMP about ninety miles north of White Sands Proving Grounds Headquarters; results of supplementary investigative efforts; and possible identification criteria. All SOURCES are assigned to the US Army Garrison (Det 5) at White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico.

III. INVESTIGATOR: Captain Patrick O. Shere, AO 1639638

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1. SOURCE: Cpl Glenn Toy, RA 13542160  
Address: US Army Garrison (Det 5)  
White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico

Age: 21

Occupation: Motor Patrol, Military Police

Education: Half of tenth grade

II. RELIABILITY OF SOURCE: SOURCE appeared to be quite ingenuous, naive and impressive. He was immaculately dressed in his Army uniform and meticulously observed military courtesy. SOURCE appeared to be quite sincere, cooperative, and was eager to describe the sighting. By the time this interviewer was able to talk with SOURCE, he had been interviewed several times by press representatives as well as military personnel, had discussed it with the other patrol, and so gave all answers without hesitation or uncertainty. In the opinion of this interviewer, SOURCE is quite sincere in his belief that he truly saw "something;" however, it is believed that this has been magnified out of all proportion.

0930-Z = 7 = 0230 AM

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: At approximately 030930Z Nov 57, SOURCE, together with PFC James E. Wilbanks, was on a routine motor patrol of the "up range" area of the White Sands Proving Grounds, when he noticed a "very bright" object high in the sky. This object slowly descended to an altitude estimated to be approximately fifty (50) yards where it remained motionless for about three (3) minutes, then descended to the ground where the light went out. The object was not blurred or fuzzy, emitted no vapor or smoke. The object was in view for about ten (10) minutes, and SOURCE estimated that it was approximately two (2) or three (3) miles away. It was estimated to be between seventy-five (75) and 100 yards in diameter, and shaped like an egg. SOURCE stated that it was as large as a grapefruit held at arms length. The weather was cold, drizzling, and windy, and SOURCE stated no stars were visible. After the light went out, SOURCE and PFC Wilbanks continued north to the STALLION SITE CAMP and reported the incident to the Sergeant of the Guard, who returned to the area but failed to find anything. SOURCE's signed and sworn statement to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:

"At about 0230-0300 Sunday morning I, CPL GLENN H TOY and PFC WILBANKS were on patrol in Range Area when we noticed a very bright object high in the sky. We were proceeding north toward South Gate and object kept coming down toward the ground. Object stopped approximately fifty (50) yards from the ground and went out and nothing could be seen. A few minutes later object became real bright (like the sun) then fell in an angle to the ground and went out. Object was approximately seventy-five (75) to 100 yards in diameter and shaped like an egg. Object landed by the bunker area approximately three (3) miles from us. Object was not seen again/

note! observed from a moving platform.

END OF STATEMENT"

PFC Wilbanks was not available for interview, since he was on a three (3) day pass; however, his signed and sworn statement to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:

"I, PFC JAMES E WILBANKS, saw a fire like object about 0230 the 3 Nov 57 between the bunker area and South Gate, this is about all I remember seeing it was about sixty (60) or eighty (80) feet off the ground and it started down slow then it went out for a while, then I saw it again and it started down in about a forty (40) degree angle. It was about three (3) miles away and was about 120 feet in diameter./END OF STATEMENT"

Almost due West



Address: US Army Garrison (Det 5)  
White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico

Age: 21

Occupation: Motor Patrol, Military Police

Education: High School Graduate

SP-3 Forest R. Oakes, RA 13524749

Address: US Army Garrison (Det 5)  
White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico

Age: 19

Occupation: Motor Patrol, Military Police

Education: High School Graduate

*Both clean*

*Note: Made in Sept. 57 upon completion of interview*

II. RELIABILITY OF SOURCES: Both SOURCES, interviewed by press and military personnel prior to this interviewer's talk with them, gave identical accounts of the sighting. The two (2) SOURCES were neat and observed military courtesy at all times, but impressed this interviewer as being not at all observant or competent witnesses. The general tenor of their conversation did not indicate keen insight of details, nor did it indicate above average intelligence. In the opinion of this interviewer, SOURCE's account of the sighting has been magnified out of all proportion to its importance, and the attendant publicity has been more sensational than factual.

III. SOURCES' DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: At approximately 040300Z Nov 57, the two (2) SOURCES were on a routine motor patrol near the Trinity site at the White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico, driving west in a jeep. The night was fairly bright with some stars visible through scattered clouds. The moon was visible. At the same moment, both SOURCES became aware of a bright light in the sky, which slowly climbed to approximately forty-five (45) degrees from the horizon. The light appeared to pulsate, and was the color of heated metal; red, then white. At no time did it disappear behind clouds. SOURCES did not observe any smoke or vapor, nor did they hear any unusual sounds. The object climbed in the sky until it looked like a star and then disappeared. The object did not have a distinct silhouette, but appeared blurred and fuzzy. SOURCES viewed the object for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes. Signed and sworn statements made to their Commanding Officer are quoted below:

Signed and sworn statement of SP-3 Henry R. Barlow to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:

"On the four (4) to twelve (12) Patrol, 3rd Nov 57, SP-3 OAKES and I, SP-3 Henry R. BARLOW Jr. on our check at Trinity Site, at approximately 2000, we looked in the general area of the West Impact area, and seen a bright light leave the ground and proceeding slowly into the air, we watched it for a few minutes and then proceeded to Nip Site, when we reached the Range Road, the object kept getting brighter, then going dimmer, then out then proceed to get brighter again. On arriving at Nip Site, we set and watched it for a few minutes then it disappeared, we then proceeded to the PMO and notified the SGT of the Guard. On our way to the PMO we seen the object several times and then disappear again./END OF STATEMENT"

Signed and sworn statement of SP-3 Forest R. Oakes to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:

*West Horizon*

*without apparent movement through scattered clouds*

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On or about 2000 hours 3 November 1957 SP-3 Barlow and myself, SP-3 Forest R Oakes, RA 13524749 saw a large bright light hanging approximately fifty (50) feet over bunker. It took off at forty-five (45) degree angle and went up into the sky, then it started blinking on and off. Then it disappeared. I would say it was two or three hundred feet long and just about as wide. It was very bright, as the sun. We were approximately four or five miles west of the light. /END OF STATEMENT

Note: blinking off and on

at 2:30  
in the  
morning!



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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with Dr. Lincoln LaPat, Head of the Department of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, revealed that no unusual meteorological or astronomical phenomena occurred during this period.

2. Weather records reveal that the planet Venus was at first magnitude at 2000 hours MST, and at 15 degrees elevation, with an azimuth of 225 degrees.

3. Moonset on 3 November 1957 was at 0229 hours MST at an azimuth of 270 degrees.

*Almond due west*



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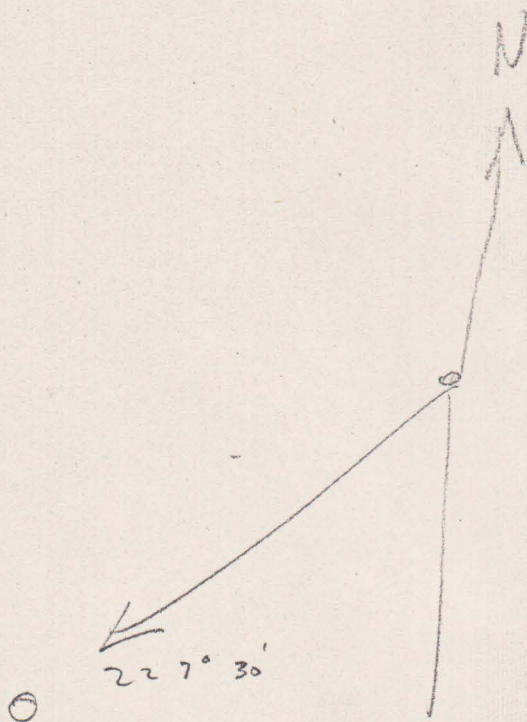
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### COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

1. The opinion of the preparing officer is that the first patrol mistook moonset for an unidentified flying object, and that the second patrol merely witnessed the planet Venus.
2. Both sightings were made by young and impressionable SOURCES, on duty in lonely and isolated areas.
3. Identification criteria for planets are applicable for each sighting.

*William P. Brunson*  
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Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Operations Officer



at that time

(Correct)







URGENT

1ST LEAD OBJECT

WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS, N. M., NOV. 4.--(UP)--TWO SEPARATE MILITARY PATROLS REPORTED TODAY THEY HAD SEEN AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT NEAR THE SPOT WHERE THE FIRST ATOMIC BOMB WAS EXPLODED IN 1945.

THE DESCRIPTION OFFERED BY THE TWO PATROLS FIT THE ONE OFFERED BY PERSONS WHO SAID THEY SAW A FLYING OBJECT NEAR LEVELLAND, TEX., YESTERDAY.

THE PATROLS, OF TWO SOLDIERS EACH, REPORTED THEY HAD SEEN THE "VERY BRIGHT" OBJECT YESTERDAY NEAR "TRINITY SITE," THE SPOT IN AN ISOLATED AREA OF WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS WHERE THE FIRST TEST ATOMIC BOMB WAS EXPLODED. THEY SAID THEY SAW IT AT DIFFERENT TIMES YESTERDAY.

ONE PATROL REPORTED THE OBJECT TOUCHED DOWN BRIEFLY AT THE TRINITY SITE. THE OTHER GROUP SAID IT ONLY HOVERED OVER THE SPOT.

LT. H. F. TENNY, COMPANY COMMANDER AT THE ARMY'S STALLION SITE ON THE GROUNDS, MADE AN INSPECTION TRIP TO THE SCENE TODAY HE FOUND NO VISIBLE MARKINGS.

HE SAID HIS INVESTIGATION WAS COMPLETED, AND THAT THE REPORT WOULD STAND.

(PICKUP 3RD PGH EARLY, STARTING: WILLIAM HAGGART, ETC.)  
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URGENT

WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS, N. M., NOV. 4.--(UP)--TWO SEPARATE MILITARY PATROLS REPORTED TODAY THEY HAD SEEN AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT EARLY YESTERDAY OVER AN ISOLATED AREA OF THE WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS.

THE DESCRIPTION OFFERED BY THE MILITARY PATROLS FIT THE ONE REPORTED BY PERSONS WHO SAID THEY SAW A FLYING OBJECT NEAR LEVELLAND, TEX., YESTERDAY.

WILLIAM HAGGART, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER FOR THIS MISSILE-TESTING CENTER, REPORTED OFFICIALLY TONIGHT THAT A "VERY BRIGHT" OBJECT WAS SIGHTED BY THE TWO PATROLS.

THE REPORTS FROM THE PATROLS SAID THE OBJECT WAS SHAPED LIKE A CIGAR, 200 FEET LONG AND 75 FEET IN DIAMETER. THE PATROLS SAID THE OBJECT WAS ABOUT 50 YARDS ABOVE THE GROUND.

ONE PATROL SIGHTED THE OBJECT AT 2:30 A. M., YESTERDAY, AND THE OTHER SAW IT AT 8 P. M., YESTERDAY.

HAGGART SAID THE MISSILE CENTER'S RADAR UNIT DID NOT PICK UP ANY OBJECT ON ITS SCREEN. HE SAID AN INVESTIGATION WAS UNDERWAY TO DETERMINE AUTHENTICITY OF THE REPORTS.

THE MILITARY POLICE PATROLS PUT THE INFORMATION OF THE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN THEIR OFFICIAL DAILY REPORTS. HOWEVER, THE REPORTS WERE NOT FILED WITH THEIR HEADQUARTERS UNTIL TODAY.

HAGGART SAID THE PATROLS SAW THE OBJECT (OR OBJECTS) AT POINTS LOCATED 90 MILES NORTH OF THE WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS HEADQUARTERS, IN THE ISOLATED MISSILE IMPACT AREA.

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STORY

See Special Investigation Report attached

This is directly on Rd 88 to the runway Check and see if tests made



As for the White Sands sightings, the AF explanation speaks of "lights seen by planes patrolling the area." This is the first mention anywhere of planes; all the newspaper accounts said lights were seen by two two-man jeep patrols - by one at 3 a.m. and by another at 8 p.m. the same day (Nov. 3). Didn't the AF know about the jeeps? Did it know about them and prefer to ignore them, and why? Or were they merely being careless about their \$10,000 facts? Were the lights also seen by planes? Whatever the reason for this discrepancy, we can test the AF conclusions only against the reports of the jeep observers. Says the AF: "The reports of the plane pilots were apparently explainable by the planet Venus in an unusually favorable position for observation, or by cloud formations around the moon." So far as the jeeps are concerned, the first explanation is all wrong and the second is preposterous. Venus is NEVER visible at all at 3 o'clock in the morning, and on November 3 it had set at 7:30 p.m., half an hour before the second jeep patrol saw anything. As for the alternate explanation suggested, the soldiers' descriptions of what they saw (page 2) indicates that such celestial acrobatics of "cloud formations around the moon" (in New Mexico's notoriously clear skies) were never seen before nor since.



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## Ike Will Address

### Motorist Kills Two Policemen

Rockingham, N.C. (UP) — A dark-skinned gunman shot two state highway patrolmen to death in separate incidents 60 miles apart last night and fled before his trail could be picked up.

The shootings which occurred an hour apart touched off a manhunt throughout central North Carolina. Roadblocks were thrown up on all major highways between here and Raleigh 100 miles to the north.

THE VICTIMS were Patrolman Wister Lee Reece, 40 years old, of Ramseur, N.C., shot near Ellerbe, N.C., and Patrolman James Thomas Brown, 33, of High Point, shot on U.S. 1.

A motorist with dark skin and believed to be either a Mexican, Indian or Negro, was believed almost certainly to have killed both patrolmen, authorities said.

Reece was shot at close range 10 miles north of here at about 7 p.m. and died within a few minutes. An hour later Brown radioed he was chasing a speeding car on U.S. 1, where he was shot.

BROWN radioed he had stopped the car seven miles north of Sanford. The patrol

### Senate To Probe Lag In Nation's Missile Program

Washington (AP) — A Senate investigation of the United States satellite and missile program was ordered yesterday as Sputnik II, the Soviet's second satellite, sailed on through space with a furry dog aboard.

Soon afterwards the White House announced that President Eisenhower had altered previous plans and will make a major address to the American people tomorrow night. The subject: "Science and Security."

The President had planned to speak on this subject at Oklahoma City Nov. 13. Obviously spurred by the Russian scientific successes, he advanced the address by almost a week and will choose another topic for Oklahoma City. Tomorrow, incidentally, is the 40th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.

SENATOR JOHNSON (D.-Tex.) announced that the satellite and missile probe will be launched this month by his preparedness subcommittee, a unit of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Johnson is the Senate's Democratic leader.

He said the Russian achievement in hoisting two satellites into the skies has "handed us both a technological and a propaganda defeat." His subcommittee is not particularly interested in blaming anyone in the

expert on insects, that the United States would launch its first satellite next week.

There have been reports that the first U.S. sphere will carry insect life.

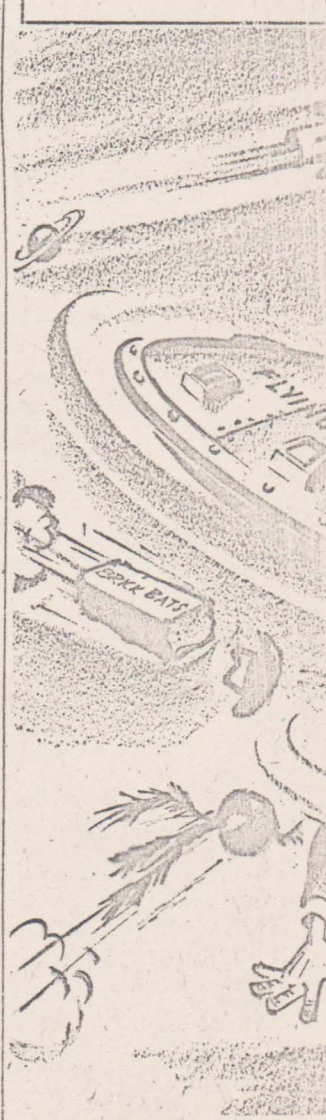
Mutual's broadcast said its reporters could not confirm the report at the Pentagon in Washington.

IF THE DEFENSE Department has any plans for some dramatic move before tomorrow, it apparently is not in the field of satellites.

A Defense Department spokesman, in answer to a question said last night that no satellite equipment is in place for launching from Cape Canaveral, the Florida missile

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### As If Space



DOES U.S. HAVE SPACE SHIP?



# APOLIS STAR

TODAY'S CHUCKLE

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## SPACE SHIP

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## Nation Tomorrow

Weren't Cluttered Up Enough—!



### 'Object' Sighted Often As M.P.s Relate Landing

FROM WIRE SERVICES

White Sands Proving Ground headquarters reported last night three military police who spotted a mysterious object agreed what they saw looked like the landing and takeoff of a space ship.

In an open session with public information officer William Haggard and intelligence officers, the trio pieced together a startling tale of what appeared to be the movements of a "controlled device," as the men called it.

The military policemen were stationed at the northern tip of the 100-mile White Sands Proving range, in an isolated area near Stallion Site, where the first A-bomb blast occurred in 1945.

At the same time, the FBI was investigating a report that a Bakersfield (Cal.) man, traveling in Nebraska, visited aboard a strange flying machine yesterday, and that the occupants spoke "high German." The man, R. O. Schmidt, said he was not harmed, and that his "hosts" left in the strange craft.

came down very slowly to about 50 yards from the ground. It stayed there about three minutes just giving off a brilliant reddish-orange light.

"Then it came to the ground fairly fast at about a 45-degree angle and the light went out quickly. This was about three miles away from me. It looked like a completely controlled landing."

Wilbanks, on a three-day pass granted before Sunday, was not present at the meeting.

The other two MP's, Spec. 3/C Richard Oakes of Washington, D.C., and

THE SOLDIERS working on



## Feature Begins In Star Sunday

Getting into colleges is getting tougher every year. In 1950, 18 per cent of persons between the ages of 18 and 21 were attending colleges and universities. Today the figure is over 30 per cent.

To help prospective students and their parents understand the problems of getting into and succeeding in college, The Indianapolis Star will publish a 16-part series on "College and You," beginning Sunday.

Stanley H. Brams, a top writer, has spent months gathering material for this series.

Each day he will take up such problems as choosing the right school, costs of an education, scholarships, Selective Service and how to apply for and qualify for admission.

pounder—scheduled to make three fast passes overhead beginning at 4 a.m. (CST) today. 105 American moonwatch teams were alerted to man their telescopes and start tracking it.

Moscow reported that Laika, the flying dog, is still alive—which was followed by a demand from the Tail Waggers Foundation of America that the animal be "rescued." The foundation did not suggest how.

**SOVIET SPOKESMEN** contend Laika is making a valuable contribution to science. Any protests, Moscow Radio said yesterday, should be worded like this:

"To all humanitarians who are bombing Yemeni villages, shooting nationalists in Algeria, persecuting Negroes in Little Rock and exterminating the indigenous people in South Africa, we, dog-lovers, call for a condemnation of the Russian barbarians . . ."

The Mutual Broadcasting System reported it had been informed reliably by a leading scientist, described as an

four men and two women inside it.

Reinholt Schmidt, 48 years old, a gun dealer from Bakersfield, Cal., said the inhabitants of the "Whatnik" spoke in English and German and told him "in time you will find out what we are doing."

After 20 minutes of pleasant conversation, Schmidt said, he got out of the flying machine and it rose silently upward, "like a helicopter."

An FBI agent from Grand Island, Neb., was dispatched to Kearney to investigate Schmidt's story.

Police Chief Thurston Nelson meanwhile backed up some details of Schmidt's claim.

He said he found the footprints of two men approaching a single set of footprints, presumably Schmidt's, in a sandy expanse outside Kearney.

**THE THREE** footprints then advanced together and suddenly disappeared, as if they had been yanked upwards, Nelson said.

Police said they also found

late yesterday, white-faced and asking to see a minister.

He said he was driving near Kearney in South-Central Nebraska on a grain-buying expedition when he spotted a silvery object which looked like a Navy blimp.

"I got within 60 feet of it and my car stopped," he said. "I got out and walked close. It was 100 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 14 feet high, and standing on four posts."

"As I approached, a ramp like a staircase came out. Two men emerged and one flashed something at me like a flash light. For seconds, I could

## City To Close For 80-Cent

The first downtown block of Massachusetts Avenue will be closed to traffic by Thanksgiving so the city can turn the broad avenue into an 80-cent shoppers parking lot.

Mayor Phillip L. Bayt yesterday gave preliminary approval to installing traffic islands to block the avenue entrances—an old plan recently dusted off.

**THIS WILL** leave the 6-foot-wide avenue free through traffic from its beginning at Ohio and Pennsylvania streets northeast to its three-way intersection with Delaware and New York streets.

Along the block's curb more than 80 perpendicular parking stalls will be painted. Sandbags nearly 40-feet square will cut off through traffic at each end of the block.

City Traffic Engineer Stanley T. Siegel said this will add 50 parking spaces in the block although the parking system may be redesigned later as problems appear.

If the plan works as well, city officials hope during the busy Christmas shopping season it will be extended quickly to the city's other three radial thoroughfares, Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana avenues. Permanent concrete barriers will be installed later.

**BAYT SAID** the plan may be a good answer to repeated pleas of merchants in

## FOR HER TWO CENTS WORTH

# Widow Wins \$574,658

London (AP)—A 34-year-old widow arrived in London yesterday to collect 205,235 pounds (\$574,658) for two pennies that she invested in Britain's weekly football pools lottery.

"Thank God," said an almost hysterical Mrs. Nellie McGrail, "I can pay off the mortgage on my house — and also the mortgage on my father's house."

Her win was the biggest jackpot ever chalked up by any winner in the nation's privately operated pools gamble, which are legal here.

The pool operator (Littlewoods) pays the taxes on the winnings.

Mrs. McGrail, who plays the football pools every week as a habit, didn't even bother to check over the results of last Saturday's games.

**THE FIRST** she knew of her staggering good luck was shortly after midnight Monday night when a representative of the operators awakened her at her home

in Reddish, in the north of England.

"Mrs. McGrail," said the man, standing outside in the rain. "I have the pleasure of telling you that you have won a considerable amount of money on the football pools."

"It's a considerable sum, and, by the way, may I come in out of the rain?"

Mrs. McGrail's husband, a truck driver, was killed in an accident last April.

Early yesterday morning, Mrs. McGrail and her two daughters, Irene, 17, and Barbara, 11, left for London.

She was handed her tremendous winnings at a ceremony at one of London's biggest hotels (Grosvenor House) last night.

**THE OPERATORS** of the pools said it was possible the widow also would collect a second prize and share in a third prize.

The operators of Britain's football pools lotteries pay off on the total number

of points scored by a forecaster of results—not by scores.

They award three points for predicting a tie, two points for correctly picking a team to win away from home, and one point for correctly guessing that a team will win at home.

The perfect score is 24 points—three points each for correctly predicting eight tie games.

Mrs. McGrail forecast seven ties for 21 points and picked up two more for being right about an away-from-home win.

The picks are made on games in all of the British Football (Soccer) Leagues.

Picking the winners is a national pastime. The operators collect all of the money and then take out all of their expenses plus a small percentage. The remaining money is paid in prizes with 55 per cent going to the winner, 20 per cent to second, 15 per cent third and 10 per cent to fourth.



move. Then one said "We'll have to be here a little while—you may as well come inside."

HE ENTERED the contraption, Schmidt said, and found two more men and two women. They searched him and spoke with a German accent, he said.

The walls of the blimp were transparent from inside, Schmidt said. The women appeared to be working on the ship's wiring and all the passengers seemed to move about the ship on a conveyor or magnetic field, he said.

"They told me to look around but they wouldn't answer my questions about the ship," Schmidt said. "All they would say is 'Tell the people we're doing no harm.'"

## ose Avenue r Parking

block for help with their parking problems.

He pointed out the two hours of free parking the city plans to allow motorists will help store owners, ease traffic congestion and help relieve overcrowded downtown parking conditions.

"If it doesn't work it only costs us six weeks of confusion," Bayt said. "If it does work it may be a big step towards solving some of our parking problems."

Siegel said the radial streets are "useless" and create dangerous intersections.

He said he will ask Bayt's traffic improvement committee and the Board of Public Safety for quick approval of the plan.

Although it did not tally with common concepts of space travel, Schmidt insisted the big balloon was propelled by tubes fitted with huge propellers.

Finally, he said, the "space people" told him to get out, assuring him his car would start.

As he returned to his auto, he said, "the thing just took off in the air like a helicopter. It seemed to change color and blend into the atmosphere, but I think it was going south-east."

## Television Theft Ring Is Smashed

The arrest of five suspects, alleged members of a burglary ring accused of stealing large numbers of television sets from Indianapolis stores in recent months, was announced late last night.

Detectives said the five suspects will be questioned further today. Three juveniles also were picked up and turned over to the Juvenile Aid Division for questioning about the thefts.

## The Weather

Joe Crow Says:

An East Gary mother is hibernating under hypnosis this week to gain some weight and erase a nervous rash. At 6 a.m. any weekday we'll bet most of the nation would give that treatment the nod.

Indianapolis—Fair and cold today; fair and a little warmer tomorrow.



prior to their sighting the "object" they had read no newspaper accounts or heard anything about the mysterious object seen over the Lovelland (Tex.) area during the week end.

The soldiers emphasized although the object looked as "bright as the sun" it did not light up the sky around it.

Cpl. Glenn H. Toy of Kippaning, Pa., who with Pfc. James Wilbanks of Alabama saw the object first about 4 a.m. (CST) Sunday and told of noticing the mysterious light "far up in the sky."

TOY SAID: "Then the object

ing motionless about 50 yards from the ground, then saw it rise slowly into the sky and stop again. Oakes added:

"But it finally got so far up it looked like a big star. Then all of a sudden the light went out and we didn't see it anymore."

Barlow insisted the object could not have been a conventional aircraft because it remained motionless for several minutes. The three youths ranged in age from 19 to 21 years old. All agreed the object was 75 yards in circumference and

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# Democrats Win Eastern Voting

By the Associated Press

Democrats continued their winning ways in off-year elections yesterday as Democratic Governor Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey won re-election against his Eisenhower-supported challenger, Malcolm S. Forbes.

Meyner, who thus boosted his chances for consideration for a place on his party's 1960 presidential ticket, swept to victory with the help of some Republican and independent votes.

FORBES, a 38-year-old state senator and wealthy magazine publisher who ran as an Eisenhower Republican, conceded defeat at 10:12 p.m. At the time, Meyner had a lead of 167,000 votes with a bit more than half the votes tabulated.

Two hours earlier, the Democrats had made a clean sweep of the more important posts at stake in yesterday's state and local elections by electing a governor in Virginia and re-electing a mayor of New York City.

Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler issued a statement shortly after 10 p.m. saying the returns from the three top contests show that the American people are "turning to the Democratic

party for leadership in a time of crisis."

MEYNER also appeared to have carried a Democratic State Assembly with him.

Democrat J. Lindsay Almond Jr. won the Virginia governorship handily over Republican Ted Dalton after a hot campaign over how to preserve the state's racially segregated schools.

Almond ran under the banner of the Byrd Democratic organization and its program of "massive resistance" to school integration.

IT WAS the first test of southern voting sentiment since Eisenhower sent Federal troops into Little Rock, Ark.,

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## Get Directory For Mail Zone

Every time you send a piece of mail inside Marion County, be sure you consult the Postal Zone Directory which appeared last Sunday in The Star.

This 28-page special section, listing every street and road in the county, should be in every office or home.

A limited number of copies are still available. They may be purchased at the classified counter in The Star and The News Building. The price is 10 cents each.

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## INSIDE TODAY'S STAR

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## Police Nab 467 In Safety Drive

Police nabbed 467 persons yesterday for traffic violations. The breakdown:

Speeders—124.  
Reckless drivers—12.  
Drunken drivers—9.  
Jaywalkers—15.



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## Sky 'Object' Spotted at A-Bomb Site

WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUND, N. M., Nov. 4 (AP).—The Army today reported that a huge oval object "nearly as bright as the sun" was spotted Sunday hovering near bunkers used in the first atomic bomb explosion.

The sightings were made seventeen hours apart by two different military police patrols on this southern New Mexico missile testing range. The first atomic bomb was touched off on the northern edge of the area July 16, 1945.

First Lt. Miles F. Penney, commanding officer of the M. P.'s, said none of the men had heard radio reports or seen newspaper accounts of similar sightings in Texas yesterday.

Both sightings were in the area of abandoned bunkers used by technicians who observed the world's first atomic explosion.

Lt. Penney said one sighting was made by a two-man patrol at around 8 p. m. Sunday.

Sp. 3/c Forest R. Oakes and Sp. 3/c Barlow reported that time their patrol saw a bright light. Specialist Oakes thought hanging about fifty feet above the old atom bunker. He said the "large bright light took off at a 45 degree angle into the sky and started blinking. Then it disappeared.

This patrol estimated the object's size as "200 or 300 feet long." "It was very bright," Specialist Oakes said. He said his patrol was two or three miles west of the light.

The earlier sighting came at 3 a. m. Another two-man jeep patrol consisting of Cpl. Glenn H. Toy and a Pfc. Wilbanks made the report.

Lt. Penney quoted them as saying they noticed a "very bright object" high in the sky. The object descended until it was about fifty yards above the atom bomb bunkers when it went out. an angle to the ground and went out." A few minutes later, Cpl. Toy He described the object as said, "the object became real about 75 to 100 yards in diameter, like the sun, then fell ineter and shaped like an egg.

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., NOV. 4--(UP)--THE SOUTHWEST'S LEADING METEORITICIST, DR. LINCOLN LA PAZ, SAID TODAY HE DOESN'T BELIEVE THE MYSTERIOUS CIGAR-LIKE OBJECT SIGHTED OVER WEST TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO LAST NIGHT CONTAINED "LITTLE PEOPLE FROM MARS OR VENUS."

LA PAZ, HEAD OF THE METEORITICS INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, SAID THE OBJECT WAS "EITHER MAN-MADE" OR COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO "METEORITIC PHENOMENON."

HE SAID STORIES OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A "SPACE SHIP" FROM ANOTHER PLANET MOTIVATED BY MAGNETIC FIELD FORCES "HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY SCIENTISTS." BUT HE INDICATED IT WAS "ENTIRELY POSSIBLE" THAT THE OBJECT WAS MAN-MADE.

LA PAZ SAID HE HAS RECEIVED CALLS TODAY FROM "THROUGHOUT THE AREA" MADE BY PEOPLE WHO REPORTEDLY SIGHTED THE MYSTERIOUS OBJECT. AMONG THEM WERE METEORITE WATCHERS WHO OBSERVED THE RED, CIGAR-SHAPED PHENOMENON THROUGH "BREAKS" IN AN UNUSUALLY CLOUDY SKY.

CIGAR-LIKE OBJECTS AND OTHER SUCH OBJECTS, GLOWING RED, GREEN, AND PRACTICALLY EVERY COLOR OF THE RAINBOW, HAVE BEEN SIGHTED OVER THE SOUTHWESTERN DESERT FAIRLY FREQUENTLY WITHIN THE LAST 10 YEARS. LA PAZ SAID ALL REPORTS, INCLUDING THOSE MADE TODAY, WERE FORWARDED TO THE OFFICIAL GROUP AT WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE IN OHIO WHICH IS INVESTIGATING SUCH PHENOMENON.

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