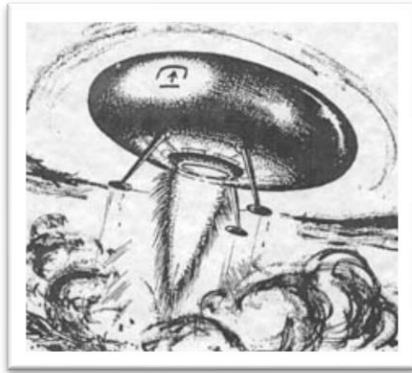


# UFO LANDING at SOCORRO

## The Zamora Incident



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***Why this case is so important to investigators:***

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This event and its body of evidence is often deemed one of the best documented and most perplexing of all UFO reports! Despite more "rational" explanations, was

this just a hoax to attract visitors to an otherwise sleepy area of New Mexico, as some debunkers suggested? In my opinion, No Way!

This sighting of this UFO landing witnessed by police officer, Lonnie Zamora remains one of the most credible encounters on record. And one that still holds much fascination with UFO researchers and investigators, even today over fifty years later!

There is certainly an abundance of information available on this case. Three separate agencies would investigate it, including the US Army and the FBI, as well as the US Air Force's Project Blue Book investigators. In fact, the mystery surrounding this incident was so powerful that one of the Blue Book investigators and previous skeptic of such reports, J Allen Hynek would completely alter his thinking on this case.

To many UFO researchers, the Zamora incident is not only one of the most credible UFO cases, but it could prove to be one of the most important. Both in terms of the details available at the scene itself, and in how the various groups and organizations would react in the aftermath of the encounter.

When we compare it with other similar cases, it might ultimately offer a clue into just what the agenda and the end goal of the UFO phenomena really is, as well as how important it is that we pay attention to such incidents and the clues and messages they contain.

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### ***The High-Speed Chase Runs into UFO and its Occupants:***

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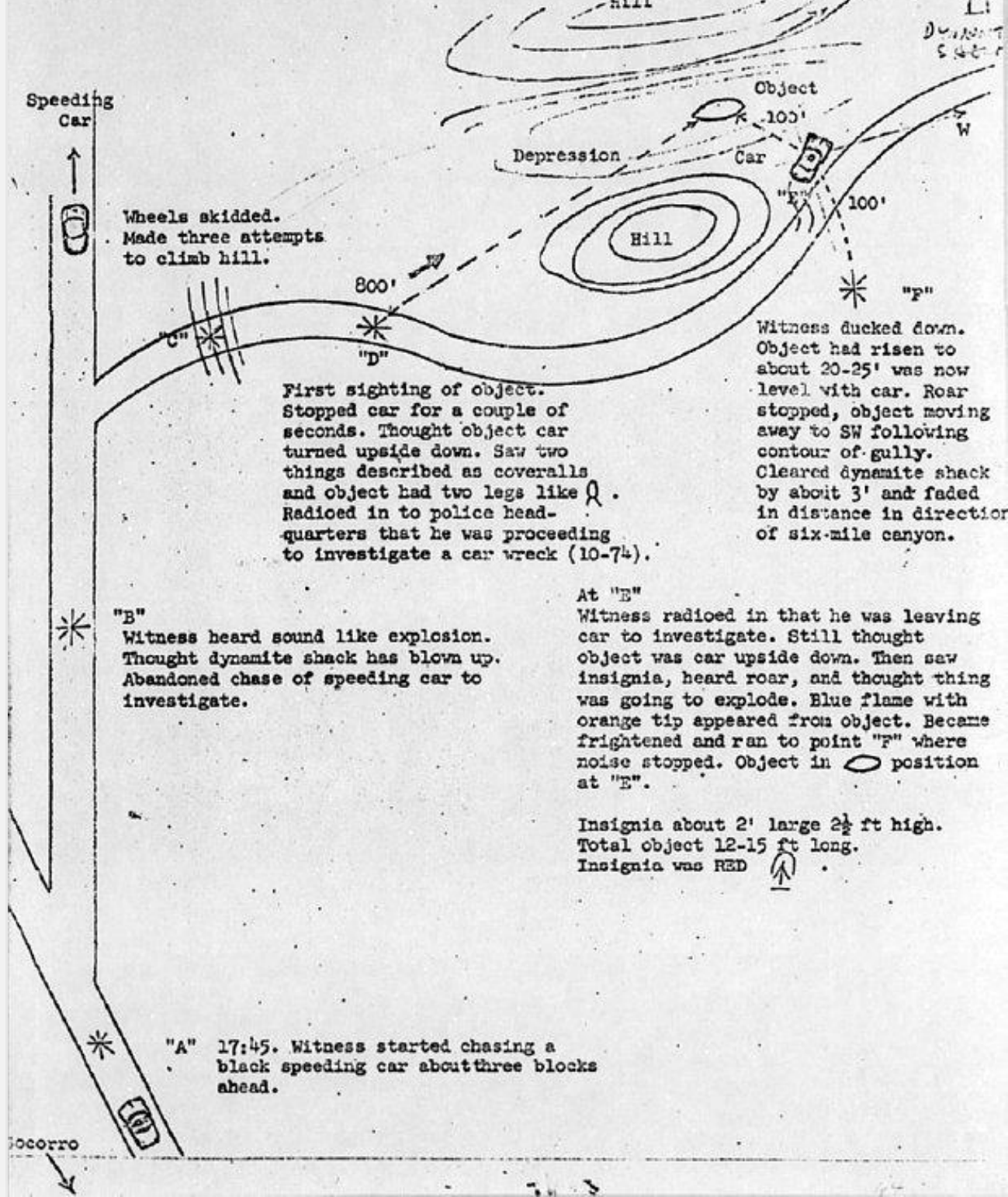
At a little after 5:45 pm on the evening of 24<sup>th</sup> April 1964, police officer, Sergeant Lonnie Zamora was speeding down the highway that cut through the sandy terrain of Socorro, New Mexico, in pursuit of another vehicle traveling much faster than the speed limit.

Then, with the speeding car still a considerable distance in front of him, he heard "a roar and saw a flame" in the sky between half a mile and a mile away.

Wondering whether an aircraft had come to the ground, or even if a nearby storage shack of dynamite might have exploded, Zamora would abandon his pursuit of the speeding vehicle and make his way to the sound of the explosion. As he did, he could see a "bluish-orange" flame descending, calmly to the ground.

24 April 1964

Direction of dynamite shack and six-mile canyon (departure of object)



Speeding Car  
Wheels skidded. Made three attempts to climb hill.

First sighting of object. Stopped car for a couple of seconds. Thought object car turned upside down. Saw two things described as coveralls and object had two legs like  $\Omega$ . Radioed in to police headquarters that he was proceeding to investigate a car wreck (10-74).

Witness ducked down. Object had risen to about 20-25' was now level with car. Roar stopped, object moving away to SW following contour of gully. Cleared dynamite shack by about 3' and faded in distance in direction of six-mile canyon.

"B" Witness heard sound like explosion. Thought dynamite shack has blown up. Abandoned chase of speeding car to investigate.

At "E" Witness radioed in that he was leaving car to investigate. Still thought object was car upside down. Then saw insignia, heard roar, and thought thing was going to explode. Blue flame with orange tip appeared from object. Became frightened and ran to point "F" where noise stopped. Object in  $\Omega$  position at "E".

Insignia about 2' large  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ft high. Total object 12-15 ft long. Insignia was RED  $\uparrow$

"A" 17:45. Witness started chasing a black speeding car about three blocks ahead.

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He would further describe the flame as “funnel-like” but as he was driving at the time, his full attention was divided between the bizarre landing object and the oncoming road ever-rushing towards him. As he was heading towards the scene, he realized that the noise was still audible. That it was “a roar” as opposed to a blast.

*This noise would last around ten more seconds and would change from a high pitch to low.*

As the object came lower, Zamora approached a steep hill which his vehicle struggled to negotiate. So much so, in fact, that it took the officer three attempts to overcome the climb. By this time, the speeding vehicle was long gone in the distance. The noise had also now stopped. He would continue at an urgent but leisurely pace for several more seconds.

Then, he saw a shiny object to the side of the road around 200 yards ahead of him!

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### ***“Were They Small Adults or Large Kids?”***

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At first, Officer Zamora believed the object in front of him was an overturned car. He could see “two people” standing next to it as if examining the vehicle and their surroundings. Each of them were wearing white coveralls. He didn't notice anything strange at the time other than their size. Then one of these strange people noticed his approaching vehicle.

Later he would state that: “they were (either) small adults or large kids”. As he continued to approach, a little slower now, he began to get the feeling the vehicle wasn't an overturned car at all. He would later describe it as an “O” shape or “like an egg” and of being a whitish aluminum color.

He further noticed a strange marking or insignia on the side of the craft. We will later focus on this strange, but possible important logo a bit later. It appeared of importance to Officer Zamora.

He then radioed a quick report of his location and situation to the dispatch desk. Then, he brought the police car to a stop and began to exit the vehicle. Almost as soon as he had left the car, the roar returned and at the same time a blue flame shot out of the underside of the craft.

At first fearing an explosion, he flung himself to the ground. He would then make his way to the back of his patrol car, all the while keeping the scene in front of him in sight.

The roar began to grow louder and louder, rising in frequency at the same time. Then, the object began to rise into the air directly upwards. As it began to ascend, he could once again see the blue flame with the orange tinge to it on the underside of the craft.

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### ***UFO Take-Off!***

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As the craft continued to rise, Zamora could clearly see it was "oval in shape". What's more, he could still clearly see red colored insignia or symbol on the side of the craft. The exterior had the look of something remarkably smooth and there was no visible doors or windows.



Zamora began to back away slightly, keeping the car between himself and the rising craft. Then, at around an altitude of twenty feet, the craft stopped its upwards progression and hovered for several seconds.

Panic began to rise in Zamora. Fearing another roar of sound, or even flames, he temporarily covered his face with his arms for several seconds. When he looked again, the craft was again moving in a straight line, away from him. This time, much faster. He would later state that:

*The object was possibly 10 to 15 feet from the ground. And it cleared the dynamite shack by about three feet... It was traveling very fast. It seemed to rise up and take off immediately across country!*

Coming back to his senses, Zamora rushed back to the car and radioed a message to the operator at the police desk, Nep Lopez. He told him to "look out of the window" to see if he could "see an object" overhead. He kept the rapidly decreasing craft in sight as it moved over the Six Mile Canyon Mountain region.

Almost as soon as the craft was no longer in view, another police officer who had heard Zamora's radio calls, Sergeant Sam Chavez, arrived at the location. He would comment how his colleague looked as "white as a plate". Then, upon examining the area where Zamora claimed the strange object was, he became intrigued with the strange markings.

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### ***Description of Incident in Officer Zamora's Own Words from Official Report:***

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About 5:45 P.M. 4/24/64 while in Socorro 2 Police Car (64 White Pontiac) started to chase a car due south from west side of Court House. Car was apparently speeding and was about 3 blocks in front.

At point on Old Rodeo Street (extension of Park St. south) near George Morillo residence (about 1/8 mile south of Spring Street, the chased car was going straight ahead toward rodeo grounds. Car chased was a new black Chevrolet (it might have been boy about seventeen). Chased car still about three blocks ahead. Alone.

At this time heard a roar and saw a flame in the sky to southwest some distance away--possibly a 1/2 mile or a mile. Came to mind that a dynamite shack in that area had blown up, decided to leave chased car and go.

Flame was bluish and sort of orange too. Could not tell size of flame. Sort of motionless flame, slowly descending. Was still driving car and could not pay too much attention to the flame. It was a narrow type of flame. It was like a "stream down"--a funnel type--narrower at top than at bottom. Flame possibly 3 degrees or so in width--not wide.

Flame about twice as wide at bottom as top, and about four times as high as top was wide. Did not notice any object at top, did not note if top of flame was level. Sun was to west and did not help vision. Had green sun glasses over prescription



glasses. Could not see bottom of flame because it was behind the hill. No smoke noted.

Noted some "commotion" at bottom--dust? Possibly from windy day--wind was blowing hard. Clear sunny sky otherwise--just a few clouds scattered over area.

Noise was a roar, not a blast. Not like a jet. Changed from high frequency to low frequency and then stopped. Roar lasted possibly 10 seconds--was going toward it at that time on the rough gravel road. Saw flame about as long as heard the sound. Flame same color as best as recall. Sound distinctly from high to low until it disappeared. Windows both were down.

No other spectators noted--no traffic except the car in front--and car in front might have heard it but possibly did not see it because car in front was too close to hill in front, to see the flame.

After the roar and flame, did not note anything, while going up the somewhat steep rough hill--had to back up and try again, two more times. Got up about halfway first time, wheels started skidding, roar still going on, had to back down and try twice and rock. While beginning third time, noise and flame not noted.

After got to top, traveled slowly on the gravel road westwardly. Noted nothing for a while, for possibly 10 or 15 seconds, went slow, looking around for the shack--did not recall exactly where the dynamite shack was.

Suddenly noted a shiny type object to south about 150 to 200 yards. It was off the road. At first glance, stopped. It looked, at first, like a car turned upside down. Thought some kids might have turned over.

Saw two people in white coveralls very close to the object. One of these persons seemed to turn and look straight at my car and seemed startled--seemed to jump quickly somewhat.

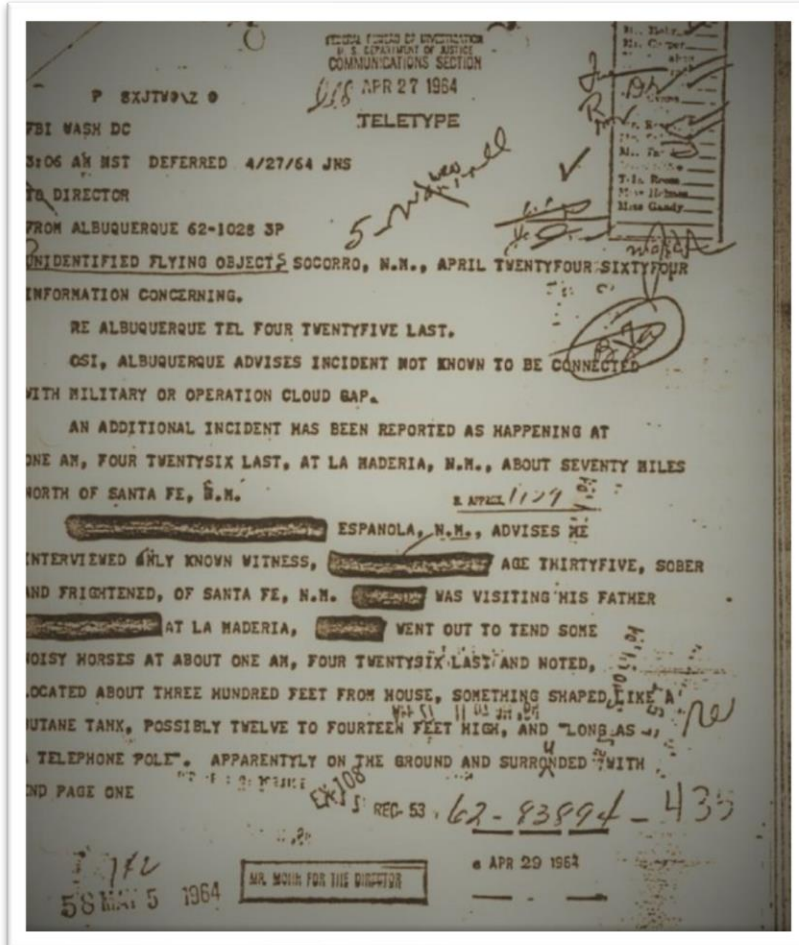
At this time, I started moving my car towards them quickly, with idea to help. Had stopped about only a couple seconds. Object was like aluminum--it was whitish against the mesa background, but not chrome.

Seemed like O in shape and I at first glance took it to be overturned white car. Car appeared to be up on radiator or on trunk, this first glance.

The only time I saw these two persons was when I had stopped, for possibly two seconds or so, to glance at the object. I don't recall noting any particular shape or possibly any hats, or headgear. These persons appeared normal in shape--but possibly they were small adults or large kids.

Then paid attention to road while drove towards scene. Radioed to sheriff's office "Socorro 2 to Socorro, possible 10-44 (accident), I'll be 10-6 (busy) out of the car, checking the car down in the arroyo."

Stopped car, was still talking on radio, started to get out, mike fell down, reached back to put up mike, then replaced radio mike in slot, got out of car and started to go down to where I knew the object (car) was.



Hardly turned around from car, when heard roar (was not exactly a blast), very loud roar--at that close was real loud. Not like a jet--knows what jets sound like. Started low frequency quickly, then roar rose in frequency (higher tone) and in loudness--from loud to very loud. At same time as roar saw flame.

Flame was under the object. Object was starting to go straight up--slowly up. Object slowly rose straight up. Flame was light blue and at bottom was sort of orange color. From this angle, saw the side of object (not end, as first noted).

Difficult to describe flame.

Thought, from roar, it might blow up. Flame might have come from underside of object, at middle, possibly four feet area--very rough guess. Cannot describe flame further except blue and orange. No smoke, except dust in immediate area.

As soon as saw flame and heard roar, turned away, ran away from object but did turn head toward object. Bumped leg on car--back Fender area. Car facing southwest. Glasses fell to ground, left them there. ran to north--car between him and object.

Object was oval, in shape. It was smooth--no windows or doors. As roar started, it was still on or near ground. Noted red lettering of some type (see illustration).

Insignia was about 2 1/2' high and about 2' wide, I guess. Was in middle of object. .  
.Object still like aluminum-white.

After fell by car and glasses fell off, kept running to north, with car between me and object. Glanced back couple of times. Noted object to rise to about level of car, about 20 to 25 feet guess--took I guess about six seconds when object started to rise and I glanced back. I ran I guess about halfway to where I ducked down--about fifty feet from the car is where I ducked down, just over edge of hill.

I guess I had run about 25 feet when I glanced back and saw the object level with the car, and it appeared about directly over the place where it rose from.

I was still running, and I jumped just over the hill--I stopped because I did not hear the roar. I was scared of the roar, and I had planned to continue running down the hill. I turned around toward the object and at same time put my head toward ground, covering my face with my arms. Being that there was no roar, I looked up, and I saw the object going away from me. It did not come any closer to me.

It appeared to go in straight line and at same height--possibly 10 to 15 feet from ground, and it cleared the dynamite shack by about three feet. Shack about eight feet high.

Object was traveling very fast. It seemed to rise up and take off immediately across country. I ran back to my car and as I ran back, I kept an eye on the object. I picked up my glasses (I left the sun glasses on ground), got into the car, and radioed to Nep Lopez, radio operator, to "look out of the window, to see if you could see an object."

He asked what is it? I answered, "It looks like a balloon." I don't know if he saw it. If Nep looked out of his window, which faces north, he couldn't have seen it. I did not tell him at the moment which window to look out of.

As I was calling Nep, I could still see the object. The object seemed to lift up slowly, and to "get small" in the distance very fast. It seemed to just clear the Box Canyon or Six Mile Canyon Mountain. It disappeared as it went over the mountain. It had no flame whatsoever as it was traveling over the ground, and no smoke or noise.

Feeling in good health. Last drink--two or three beers--was over a month ago. Noted no odors. Noted no sounds other than described. Gave directions to Nep Lopez at radio and to Sergeant M.S. Chavez to get there. Went down to where the object had been, and I noted the brush was burning in several places.

At that time, I heard Sgt. Chavez (N.M. State Police at Socorro) calling me on radio for my location, and I returned to my car, told him he was looking at me. Then Sgt. Chavez came up, asked me what the trouble was, because I was sweating, and he told me I was white, very pale. I asked the Sgt. to see what I saw, and that was the

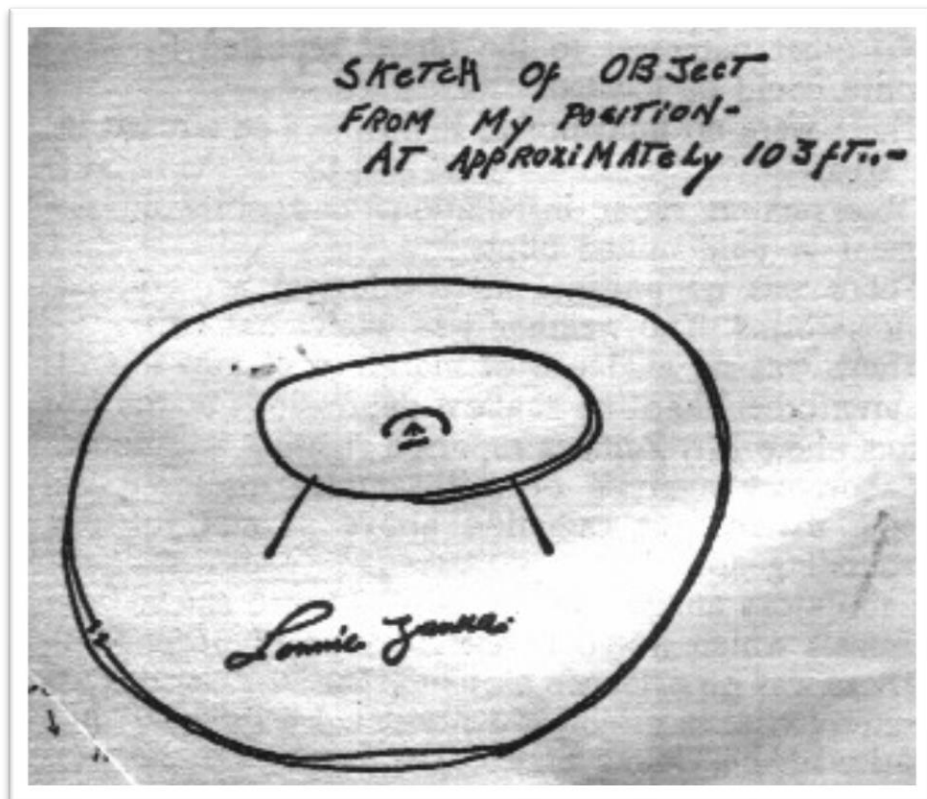
burning brush. Then Sgt. Chavez and I went to the spot, and Sgt. Chavez pointed out the tracks.

When I first saw the object (when I thought it might be a car) I saw what appeared to be two legs of some type from the object to the ground. At the time, I didn't pay much attention to what it was--I thought it was an accident--I saw the two persons.

I didn't pay any attention to the two "legs?" The two "legs" were at the bottom of the object, slanted outwards to the ground. The object might have been about three and a half feet from the ground at that time. I just glanced at it.

Can't tell how long I saw object second time (the "close" time), possibly 20 seconds--just a guess--from time got out of car, glanced at object, ran from object, jumped over edge of hill, then got back to car and radio as object disappeared.

As my mike fell as I got out of car, at scene area, I heard about two or three loud "thumps," like someone possibly hammering or shutting a door or doors hard. These "thumps" were possibly a second or less apart. This was just before the roar. The persons were not seen when I drove to the scene area.



Just before Sgt. Chavez got to scene, I got my pen and drew a picture of the insignia on the object.

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## ***Then the Press! The UFO Organizations! And the US Military!***

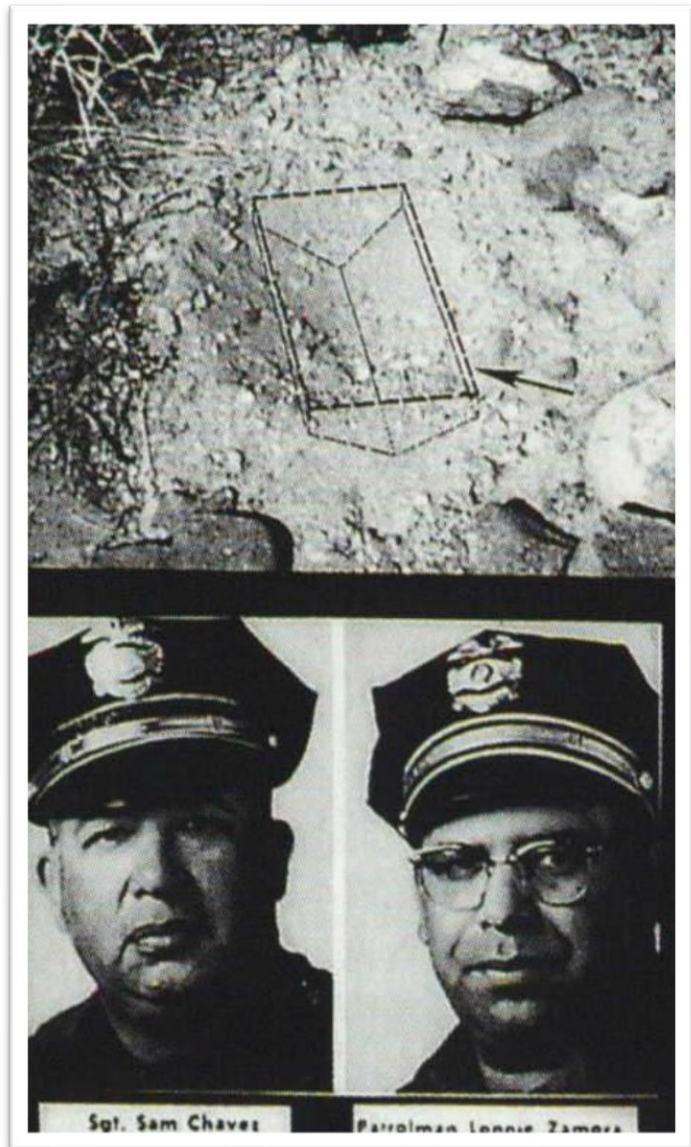
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Both Zamora and Chavez would go to investigate the area that was now “burning brush”. Smoke was rising from the apparent burning area. However, there were no flames, nor any materials that appeared to be on fire.

Chavez also spotted what appeared to be eight distinct imprints. Four of the indentions were larger and rectangular, while the remaining four were smaller and round in shape. Zamora later claimed he had noticed legs at the time the object was on the ground.

The incident would take only a matter of hours to reach the press. It would take only days for the previously sleepy town of Socorro to become the center of the attention for the UFO world. UFO researchers and investigators would descend on the area. As would various reporters from such news agencies as United Press International and Associated Press.

Furthermore, groups such as APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization) and NICAP (National Investigations Committee On Aerial Phenomena) would also send teams to the area. Further still, the US Air Force would send representatives of their Project Blue Book to perform an “official” investigation.



# Strange Objects Sighted Over N. M.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (AP)—More strange sightings in New Mexico skies are keeping authorities busy investigating flying objects.

A man who refused to identify himself because he said he would be laughed at, said he saw a big ball of red flames land Monday night near Las Vegas, N. M. He made no estimate of the size of the ball.

The reports came on the heels of others from points stretching in a more or less straight line from near Caballo Lake south of Truth or Consequences in South-Central New Mexico to an area near Espanola in Northern New Mexico. The first of a series of reports of sightings came Friday.

A 20-year-old youth, Don Adams, from Edgewood, on U. S. 86 east of Albuquerque, told state police he fired a dozen shots at an unidentified

flying object shortly after midnight Tuesday.

Newspaper offices and broadcast stations were receiving a few telephone calls about sightings but most callers would not identify themselves, saying they did not want to be ridiculed.

State Police Capt. Martin Virgil investigated a sighting near Espanola. He found the ground still smouldering 20 hours after the sighting. He said rocks in the center of the area were split, a bottle was melted and green brush had been set on fire, evidently by intense heat.

All the reports are similar in that they describe oval or egg-shaped objects with size estimates ranging from the size of a car to about 30 feet or longer. State police and military officials have confirmed finding scorched earth at the sites, and wedge-shaped depressions that officers say appear to have been

One of the first at the location was NICAP investigator, Ray Stanford. Perhaps because of this, Stanford would appear to have spoken to several corroborating witnesses before the story truly exploded.

He would discover a potential witness who happened to be driving through the state at the time of the sighting (who we will come to shortly), as well as unearthing a report made to a television station in Albuquerque, which perhaps began to help for a timeline of sorts.

At 5:30 pm, the Albuquerque resident rang to state that an "oval object", flying a very low altitude and relative slowly for its size, was heading towards the town of Socorro.

## ***More Witnesses, And Now A Second Landing!***

There were also several witnesses who claimed to clearly remember hearing a “loud roar” at around the same time that Zamora claimed. Several of them would even state to hearing the second roar that Zamora claimed occurred as he left his car.

Stanford would also learn from the Socorro police records that three separate members of the public had made reports to the dispatch desk of a bright glowing object rising in the sky. These reports would have been received before the incident had received any publicity.

Perhaps one of the most interesting was a report from the La Madera region of New Mexico. And what’s more, one that the FBI would see fit to investigate. On the same day as the Zamora incident a UFO was reported in the region, with military aircraft being ruled out, the object remained a mystery.

Then, two days later on the 26<sup>th</sup> April at just after 1 am, a local resident would go out to see what was disturbing his horses when he witnessed something “shaped like a butane tank” landing on the ground nearby.

When it eventually took off again, the witness recalled seeing a “blue-white” flame on the underside of the craft. He would also discover four large indentions on the ground, along with several smaller, rounder ones. Furthermore, a burned circular patch of ground clearly marked the landing site for some time afterward.

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10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <b>Sighting of landing by Lonnie Zamora. SEE CASE FILE.</b>		11. COMMENTS <b>Initially believed to be observation of Lunar module type configuration. Effort to date cannot place vehicle at site. Case carried as UNIDENTIFIED pending additional data.</b>

*Here's the original Project Blue Book case card that indicates a conclusion of "unidentified" as well as "unknown"*

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## ***Physical Evidence Left at Landing Site***

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When Chavez first arrived at Zamora's position where the object had departed from, he also noted that burnt bushes were still smoldering.

Multiple policemen arrived soon after to help investigate, including Ted Jordan and James Luckie. All noted fresh burning at the site. Luckie and Chavez were quoted in the Socorro newspaper saying that clumps of grass and burned greasewood bushes were "still hot" when they arrived.



*Bushes found to be smoldering, four depressions surrounding it such that the burn mark is in the location of the center of gravity of the object. Smaller "footprints" also found.  
Estimated force to produce "landing pad" depressions was at least 1 ton per*

Chavez was also quoted saying that dry grass was still "smoldering" as were the greasewood plants. Jordan later filled out a sworn statement saying, "When I arrived, greasewood branches were still smoking."

Zamora was likewise quoted about the green bush "burned bare by exhaust heat" and that it was "still smoking several minutes after the craft's departure." The FBI report written by the agent on the scene within two hours similarly reported that all first responders noted "four irregularly shaped smoldering areas."



Chavez was again quoted in an Air Force report written two days later about smoking brush. "Chavez then went to the area where the craft or thing was supposedly sighted and found four fresh indentations in the ground and several charred or burned bushes.



*Rocks are piled around the imprint to preserve it. Note that it appears as if dirt was pushed out to the left. Some plant material appears to have been crushed into the impression, and to have sprung back on the left side, while remaining more crushed on*

Smoke appeared to come from the bush, and he assumed it was burning, however no coals were visible, and the charred portions of the bush were cold to the touch."

Chavez was further reported securing the area and scouring the ground looking for the presence of other human activity. He could find no other tire tracks besides Zamora's and was "adamant" that there was no other "track activity" (footprints or other marks) in the area. In addition, Chavez was also quoted in the report saying

that the indentations appeared to be new: "He stated that the marks were definitely 'fresh', and the dirt showed evidence of 'dew' or moisture."

Similarly, several policemen later told Stanford that whatever had produced the rectangular, wedge-shaped landing traces appeared to have penetrated into the moist subsoil, as the bottoms of the traces were moist for several hours, suggesting that the traces were freshly made.

Hynek also commented on the freshness of the soil impressions in a letter to astronomer Donald Menzel: "I have the word of nine witnesses who saw the marks within hours of the incident, who tell me the center of the marks were moist as though the topsoil had been freshly pushed aside."

The FBI investigator also observed that the rectangular marks "seemed to have been made by an object going into the earth at an angle from a center line" pushing "some earth to the far side."

Also observed were "three circular marks in the earth which were small, approximately four inches in diameter and penetrated in the sandy earth approximately one-eighth of an inch." Speculation in Stanford's book was that these were ladder indentations for the crew to exit and enter the craft.

In 1968, physicist and UFO researcher James E. McDonald located Mary G. Mayes, who asserted that when she was a University of New Mexico doctoral student in radiation biology, she had been asked "to analyze plant material from the Socorro site. Afterwards, she was to turn in all records and samples, and heard no more about it."

When interviewed by McDonald, Mayes reported that she and two others had worked on studying physical evidence from the Socorro site, but she could not remember the names of the others. According to Mayes, she had examined the site the day after the event and had gathered plant samples for analysis.

Mayes later determined that the plants which had allegedly been burnt by the UFO's flames were, unusually, "completely dried out". Mayes also found no evidence of radiation but found "two organic substances" she was unable to identify.

Mayes also reported to McDonald an area of apparently "fused sand", where the sand had taken on a glassy appearance, near where the object had allegedly landed and then departed.

The area of glassy sand was roughly triangular, measuring about 25 to 30 inches at its widest, though it gradually tapered down to about 1 inch wide; it seemed about a quarter of an inch thick. Mayes thought the glassy areas looked as if a "hot jet hit it."

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## ***Obviously, Something Was There!***

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It was obvious to all officers at the scene that the indentions were freshly made and not a preexisting mark. Furthermore, they were made as though an object of significant weight had landed in the area at an angle.

Although Zamora was the only police officer to witness the actual craft itself, several others – including Chavez – could more than testify to the authenticity of the situation. As well as, in Chavez' case, to Zamora himself, who would claim that his fellow officer was in “a state of shock”.

All would claim how the ground, in places, was still hot and smoldering when they arrived. Even the FBI report would note how there were “four irregularly shaped smoldering areas” at the location Zamora claimed the incident took place.

Chavez would also perform an immediate and thorough search of the area. He could find no tire tracks, aside from the ones left by Zamora's vehicle. Nor were there any other tracks leading to the landing site.

Before we move on to look at the official military investigation, let's go back to one of the “out-of-town tourists” who were driving in the area that Stanford identified upon arriving in the area.

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## ***The Mystery Tourists – “The Aircraft Fly Low Around Here!”***

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The owner of Whitting Brothers Service Station near to the location of the landing, Opel Grinder, would go on the record as part of the US Air Force investigation. While he didn't witness the incident himself, he did know of a pair of gentlemen who were passing through the state who did.

He would claim that the vehicle had pulled up just after the loud boom. The gentleman who came to pay for their goods would quip to Grinder of how low the aircraft “fly around here”. At the time Grinder uninterestingly replied that a lot of helicopters regularly flew in the area. The gentleman would state back that “it was a funny looking helicopter – if that's what it was”.

Furthermore, it would appear that the mystery vehicle had passed Zamora's police car, even commentating to Grinder about it.

Follow-up investigation would eventually reveal the mystery men to be Larry Kratzner, who had spoken to Grinder, and his friend, Paul Kies. Both were from Dubuque, Iowa, which is where they were returning to at the time.

UFO researcher, Ralph DeGraw would conduct interviews with the two men in 1978. And while he noticed some discrepancies compared to the account of Zamora, and even with each other's statements – after all, it was fourteen years previously and an event they were heading away from – there were also some intriguing close matching offerings.

Kratzner, for example, would state:

*I saw a cloud of black smoke coming from the ground ahead of them and to the right... I could see a round saucer or egg-shaped object ascending vertically from the black smoke!*

He would claim also that he could see several "windows" in the side of the object. Perhaps most interestingly, though, was the "red Z" marked on the side facing him.

It is interesting that witness Kratzner saw windows on side and Zamora didn't. Maybe it was the angle of Zamora's viewpoint or his attention being focused elsewhere. Or maybe our other worldly travelers can seal off the windows went not be used or on landings and take-offs? We know so little about these craft, but I plan on eventually getting these answers, either from our alien visitors or from our own government!

And what about that "Z" symbol Kratzner saw? Did he see the same thing as Zamora and it appeared differently, or did he see something different from what others saw?

Zamora claimed that the investigators didn't want him to reveal the real symbol. Could it be that the real symbol was more like a "Z" and the other two designs were fake, and the government wasn't able to get to Kratzner in time to get him to keep quiet about what he really saw? Or maybe I'm just being unfairly paranoid about the honesty of the government?

Well, if in a couple of weeks you notice that I drop all mention of the "Z" from this book, and refuse to discuss it, you'll know they got to me!

Another witness to this event was officer M. Sam Chavez, who was first on the scene to help Zamora. Chavez privately confided with others that he did see a craft head west as he drove towards where Zamora had radioed from. The Chavez data only became public in 2009. Also, many other people came forward and reported that they had seen a UFO in the Socorro area, these people told friends or called local radio or television stations.

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## ***The Military Investigation and Cover-Up Begins***

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The United States military first officially arrived to interview Zamora on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April when Army Captain Richard T. Holder, who was at the time the most senior officer available at the nearby White Sands base, arrived along with Arthur Byrnes of the FBI.

During the course of the interview, Zamora would state his belief that he had witnessed a secret experimental craft. Holder, however, would quickly dismiss this notion. In fact, he would seemingly go out of his way to state to the press the military had “no object that would compare to the object described” by Zamora. (If they did, would they really admit it?)

Almost immediately following the interview, in the dark and using flashlights, no less, Holder and Byrnes would make their way to the alleged landing location. They would quickly cordon the area off while taking samples and examining the blackened areas of the brush.

in his 1968 book '*Fight for UFO Science*', researcher, James E. McDonald, would claim that a sample of “fused sand” was discreetly removed by the military. He would claim that a contact with the Las Vegas Public Health Service (some sources name her as Mary Mayes) who works as a radiological chemist, was also involved at the Socorro site that evening.

During her work, on behalf of the US military she discovered the solid glass-like area “right under the landing site”. Most of the samples she would take would prove to be sap. However, there were several unidentified and unknown organic materials.

Ultimately, McDonald writes:

*Shortly after she finished her work, Air Force personnel came and took all her notes and materials and told her she wasn't to talk about it anymore!*

They also, removed any remaining evidence of the heat-induced sand-glass. Interestingly or not, these analysis reports remain classified. What were they onto?

### **Here's how to make glass:**

Actually, glass is made from liquid sand. You can make glass by heating ordinary sand (which is mostly made of silicon dioxide) until it melts and turns into a liquid. You won't find that happening under normal circumstances as sand melts at the incredibly high temperature of 1700°C (3090°F).

To get a furnace that hot to melt sand into glass will melt the furnace walls," "If you add soda ash and an accelerant like potassium nitrate, the melting point for glass is 2,450 degrees, which won't melt the furnace. Making glass is about a 20-hour process. Nuclear bombs are also capable of turning desert sand into glass.

Jet exhaust produces temperature of around 900°C (1650°F). Rocket exhaust reaches 3,200 °C or 5,800 °F So it looks like jet exhaust can't melt glass, but rocket exhaust can. So, whatever was propelling that UFO must have been powerful, not just a student project as some have claimed.

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### ***Analysis of Object Speed and Acceleration***

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According to Stanford's reconstruction of the event from on-site interviews with Zamora, the time was probably no more than 20 seconds from when the object went to silent operation, rapidly accelerated towards the perlite mill at the base of the nearby mountains, and then rose rapidly, a distance of about 2 miles. These numbers can be used to estimate the object's acceleration, average speed, and final speed.

Assuming constant acceleration, the acceleration would be given by  $2d/t^2$ , where  $d$  is the distance of 2 miles (3.2 km) or about 3,200 meters, and  $t$  is the time of 20 seconds. The final speed would be  $2d/t$  and the average speed  $d/2$ . This works out to a final speed of 720 miles/hour, an average speed of 360 miles/hour, and an acceleration of 16 meters/sec<sup>2</sup>, or about 1.7 times Earth gravity of 9.8 meters/sec<sup>2</sup>.

These high values rule out many conventional explanations, such as a helicopter or balloon. A high-performance jet aircraft or rocket propulsion could conceivably produce the acceleration and near-supersonic speed, but neither forms of propulsion are silent.

The Air Force report on the incident also said that they analyzed the soil and found no evidence of chemical propellants, as might be expected from a jet or most rocket engines. Further, no contemporary craft was capable of vertical take-off and such high speeds. The oval object described by Zamora also lacked any wings or other external structures that might have provided lift.

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## ***Allen Hynek Claims: “Air Force Doesn’t Know What Science Is!”***

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The main investigator of Project Blue Book – whether purposely or not on the part of the Pentagon – would not arrive in Socorro until four days after the incident on the 28<sup>th</sup> April.

He would quickly realize there was an apparent conflict of interests between discovering the truth of the affair, and the Air Force’s angle of investigation.

Zamora and Chavez, according to Hynek “were very anti-Air Force”. This largely due to their apparent blunt accusations that the whole incident was a hoax.

In fact, so angry was Zamora at this suggestion, he initially wouldn’t speak to Hynek.

It was around this stage that Hynek began to not only suspect that there might be something to the UFO phenomenon after all, but that the military and, ultimately, the Pentagon and the United States government, despite their public rhetoric, were not interested in finding out the truth. And even less interested in sharing it with the general public.



*Actual photo with Dr. Hynek in foreground - Not sure of location or what the story was with that UFO!*

Perhaps most damning of all, and certainly an indication of Hynek’s feelings towards the Air Force’s attitude to facts and evidence, he would write in his notes that “the Air Force doesn’t know what science is”. Of the alleged landing in Socorro, Hynek would state:

*I think this case may be the Rosetta Stone (of UFO cases)  
... There’s never been a strong case with so unimpeachable a witness!*

The military, which perhaps indicates how sensitive they believed the incident to be, would attempt to offer that what Zamora had seen was merely an experimental government craft. However, with clear descriptions in the public domain, there was

no (known) craft available. And besides, Holder had already stated as much publicly.

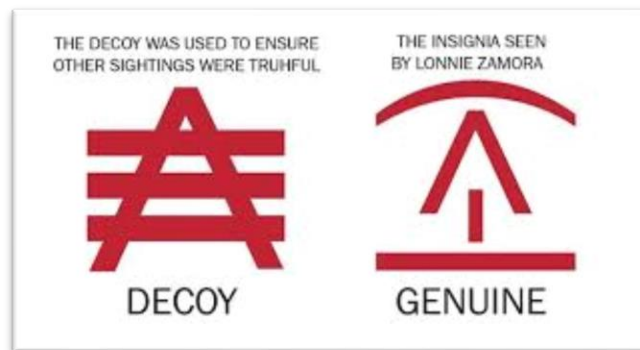
Again, in the words of Hynek, the Air Force were “in a bit of a spot” over this apparent UFO landing at Socorro.

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***“They Don’t Want Me to Say Anything About the Markings!”***      ***-Lonnie Zamora***

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As I mentioned earlier about returning to the claims of an insignia, logo, or symbol on the side of the craft, here it is...



In his statement, Zamora said that he quickly sketched this drawing as the craft rose into the air. In the back of my head there is something familiar about this symbol, I'm working on some research now.

Shortly after the encounter, Zamora would give numerous details to the press and media who had descended upon the area. One of these would take place on the following day on the 25th April to KSRC Radio in Socorro. In it he would state to Walter Shrode:

*No sir I couldn't tell you that (because) they don't want me to say anything about the markings!*

To this, Shrode would immediately state that:

*If we run into an area that they don't want you to talk about then you just say so!*



To hear the actual conversation, follow this link:

<http://www.noufors.com/audio/Cops%20and%20Saucers/07.mp3>

Whereas there very well may be security reasons for such an order, it brings up some suspicions, nonetheless. And furthermore, talk of such an insignia must have already been swirling in the background of the media rush for Shrode to question Zamora on it in the first place.

In fact, Zamora himself had mentioned them the previous day. And produced a sketch of them, to boot. He described it as:

*...a crescent with a vertical arrow pointed upward inside the crescent and a horizontal bar beneath that!*

Shrode would also clearly state during that 12-minutes that many residents of Socorro were convinced that **something** had landed that day. And while Zamora would stop short of saying the object was "something from outer space" he was clear it was "something he had not seen before".

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***Here's what Zamora described two days later to radio interviewer Walter Shrode:***

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ZAMORA: I went up that little road, for about half a mile, I guess, came up to this little parking (?) there on the side of the road, and I thought I'd glance out of the window, looked to my left and seen this white object on the ground. Thought that it might be a car that had turned over. Crossed the (?) to go out there to investigate, thought maybe somebody might be hurt. At that time, I saw this white, egg, like egg-shaped looking object...

SHRODE: That it looked something like an egg, you mean?

ZAMORA: Yeah, from that distance I was it looked like an egg to me...

SHRODE: About the size of a car, I think someone said.

ZAMORA: Yes sir, it looked like a car that had turned over, therefore I would say about the size of a car.

As he got closer, he saw something like two people near the object.

SHRODE: Did they have helmets on like spacemen or anything?

ZAMORA: No sir, I wouldn't say they were people, I just... I saw something white, white coveralls, that's all I can say.

SHRODE: But you couldn't identify them as actually being an actual human being, like you or I are?

ZAMORA: No sir, I couldn't.

It blasted off with a loud rocket-like sound, and Zamora saw flames.

ZAMORA: It was very low to the ground, at the time I was seeing it, it was very low to the ground up to the perlite mill there, and then it started gaining in altitude.

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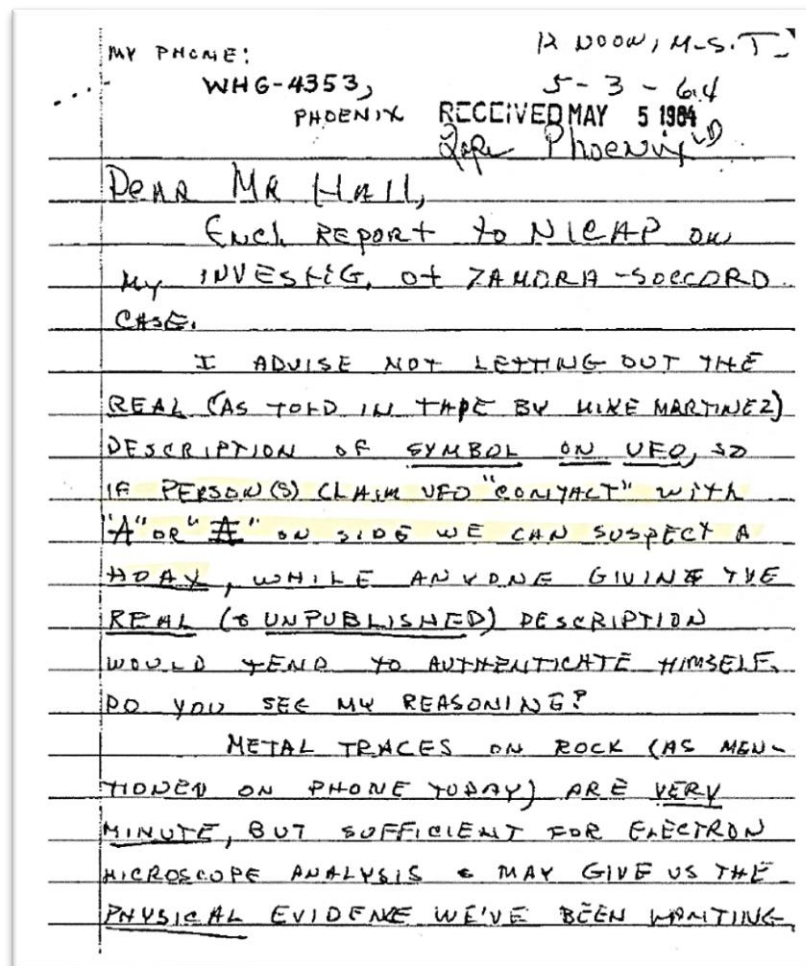
## ***That Strange Symbol Seen on the side of the Spacecraft***

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Which symbol is correct?

Shown is a copy of a handwritten letter by Ray Stanford dated May 3, 1964, in which he wrote, "I advise not letting out the real description of symbol on UFO, as if person(s) claim UFO 'contact' with an "A" or "A" (here he drew the one with the three bars through it) on side we can suspect a hoax."

With the symbol signed by Zamora, we have, not only the one reported to have been drawn within minutes of the



departure of the craft, but another, apparently created within hours, while the very first investigators were on the scene. It would seem to me that two signed symbols in the file outweigh the contradicted inverted "V" with the three lines.

Captain Holder's son was often told by his father that he obtained Zamora's agreement to not divulge the real 'insignia' he saw in red on the observed vehicle, so a bogus one was substituted.

Simply put, the alleged red 'insignia' Zamora began describing only after his talk with Captain Richard T. Holder on the evening of Friday, April 24, 1964, was NOT what he really saw, but is the substitution he decided to describe after talking with Captain Holder.

**Examples of the media mentioning the symbol in the days immediately following:**

1. Zamora interviewed by Walter Shrode on KSRC, possibly the day after the incident:

SHRODE: And someone said that the markings that you saw was an upside down "V" with three lines running through it.

ZAMORA: No sir, I couldn't tell you that, because they still don't want me to say nothing about the markings.

2. Walter Shrode interviewing Hynek had him saying it (maybe April 29, after Hynek arrived at about the same time as Ray the evening of April 28).

SHRODE: Well, about this marking, can you tell us how he described this marking and what the marking was?

HYNEK: Yes, I see no reason why not. He described it to me as an inverted "V" with a sort of a bar across it...

3. AP quoted Hynek saying it:

AP Story, April 30 (e.g. Frederick MD News)

"The scientist [Hynek] also discussed the markings that Zamora said he saw on the side of the object, a red, inverted V with bars through it."

4. First responder and Zamora's friend Sgt. Sam Chavez was quoted saying it:

Hobbs NM Daily News, April 28, front page

"State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez said he was told by Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora that the UFO he saw Friday... had red markings on its silvery side. Chavez said Zamora told him the design was an inverted V with three bars crossing it, but that the Air Force had told him not to discuss the markings."

5. AP attributed the description directly to Zamora himself:

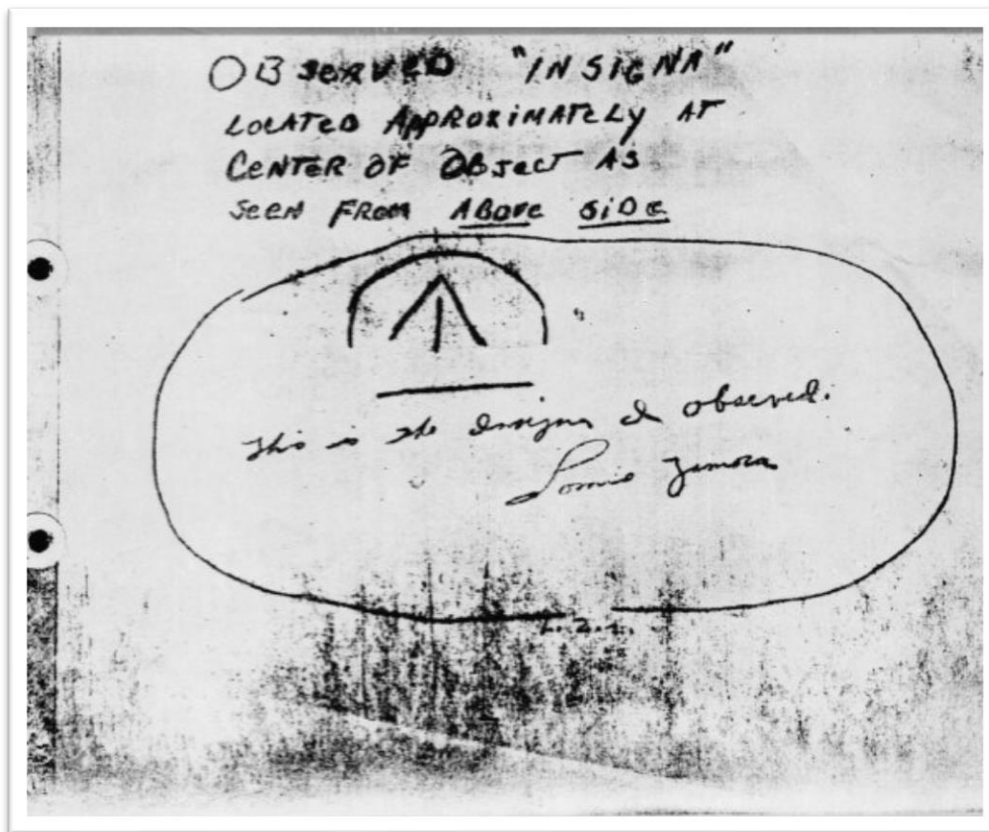
AP Story, April 29 (e.g., San Antonio TX Light, Danville VA Bee)

“Officer Lonnie Zamora said the object he saw last Friday was a brilliant white. He said there was a red marking on it like an upside-down V with three lines across the top, through the middle and at the bottom.” (San Antonio paper also showed a drawing of the object with the symbol, said to be based on “newspaper accounts”)

Well, Hynek drew the following for the Foreign Technology division: We plainly see that it is also an inverted V with three lines, but with some change in their lengths and placement.

So whether Hynek's version was more accurate, or what first-arrivers at the landing site who talked to Zamora before he talked with Captain Holder said Zamora told them (and in at least one case drew) is more accurate, we can reasonably deduce that whatever the little variations might have been, it was the inverted V with three lines that Zamora saw and absolutely NOT the Zamora described to all media persons and other investigators after his agreement with Holder to provide a substitute 'insignia'.

#### **A copy of Zamora's sketch of the mystery insignia.**



The inverted V with the three lines through it is one of the many symbols used in alchemy which certainly gives it a terrestrial based source. I'm not sure how relevant that is, but it seems unlikely that a spacefaring race would paint such a symbol on their craft.


Sketches made by the officer show that the object was wider than it was tall, and the insignia was a T or cross-like character inside an inverted U.

### Does all this really matter?

**THE C.I.A. AND THE SAUCER**


Part of the evidence that the C.I.A., under Allen Dulles, was the builder and operator of the flying saucers seen in close encounters.

ANALYSIS OF THE INSIGNIA SEEN BY PATROLMAN LONNIE ZAMORA ON A LANDED FLYING SAUCER AT SOCORRO, N. MEX. ON APRIL 24, 1964



*This is the insignia I observed.  
Lonnie Zamora*

A.




*This is the insignia I observed.  
Lonnie Zamora*


B.

Step 1: Exact copy of Insignia as drawn at time of sighting. It was about 2 x 2 ft. in area, in red lettering, consisting of an arc, a line, and an "arrow-like" figure, with "stem" and "point" disconnected.


A. Reprinted from p. 67 of Emenegger, "UFO's Past, Present, and Future", Ballantine Books #25036, 1974 (\$1.75).




B. Reprinted from p. 107 of Steiger, "Project Blue Book", Ballantine Books, #26091, 1976 (\$1.95)




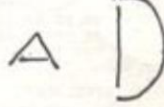
Step 2: Rotate the entire Insignia, counterclockwise or clockwise.





Step 3: Rotate the "arrowhead" only, to form the letter "A" with the "stem"





Step 4: Interchange the second and third letters, forming the initials of the "C I A" exactly!      Shift the vertical line to the right to meet the arc, forming the letter "D", thus giving the initials of Allen Dulles, "A D"!

Well, first of all it is interesting to note that often details of UFO sightings are altered by officials to slip up hoaxsters.

I can understand the reasons for that, but I just want you to realize that not everything we are being told regarding alien visitors is accurate. But I guess you were already aware of that.

To the left is analysis of the symbol most likely seen by Zamora.

Does either one of two versions of these symbols come close to other symbols reported as being from alien craft? And does it really matter?

I've been fixated on these type of UFO symbols for a long time. To me, these markings just may reveal some of the secrets of the aliens. They may be able to give us more information on how they are, where they are from, and what they are doing here.

And when I first saw the Zamora drawing of the symbol with upward pointing arrow, I knew that was the correct one. Not only because of the evidence, but it seemed to resonate with something that's been stuck in my head for a long time. And that is a symbol from a UFO of an upward pointing arrow with a baseline underneath it.

Since what was in my head closely matched the one Zamora saw, I set off on an elaborate search to find what I had seen. But I couldn't find a photo to match it. Did I actually see it in person? I don't know.

But in case you find UFO symbols as fascinating as I do. Here's what I discovered, even though none of them seem to match.

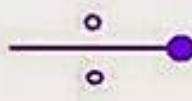
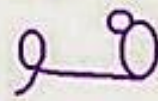
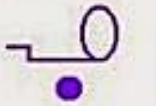
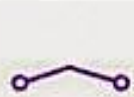
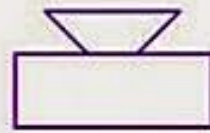
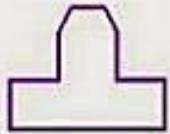
UFO Symbols From my Search to Find a Match to Zamora's:



*A nice design treatment of these UFO symbols  
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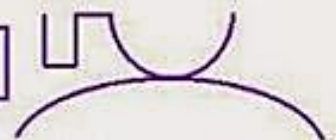
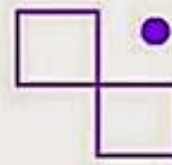
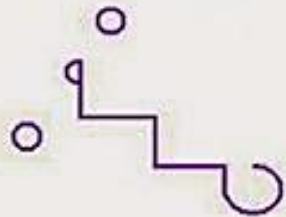
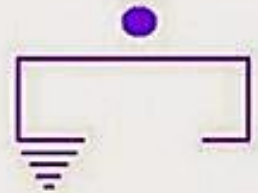
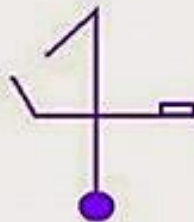
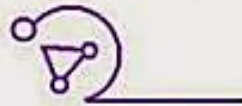
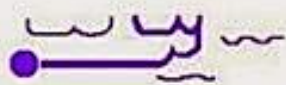


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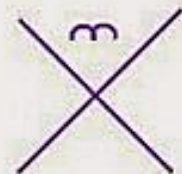
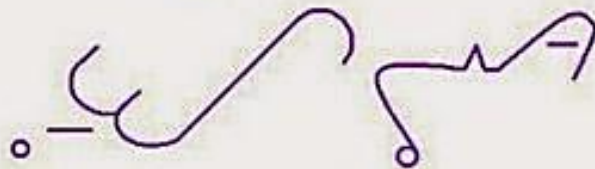


R.A.F. Bentwaters Symbols

*Mr. Lofly.*



Roswell symbols 1.





*Is She Carrying the Yellow Book?*

### **Utsuro-Bune Symbols:**

In the symbol diagram on previous page, you may have noticed at the top, and above the Bentwaters and Roswell UFO symbols are symbols for Utsuro-bune and are saying what the heck is that!

Well, Utsuro-bune (うつろ舟 'hollow ship') refers to an unknown object that allegedly washed ashore in 1803 in Hitachi province on the eastern coast of Japan.

Accounts of the tale appear in three texts: Toen shōsetsu (1825), Hyōryū kishū (1835) and Ume-no-chiri (1844).

According to legend, an attractive young woman aged 18-20 years old, arrived on a local beach aboard the "hollow ship" on February 22, 1803. Fishermen brought her inland to investigate further, but the woman was unable to communicate in Japanese.

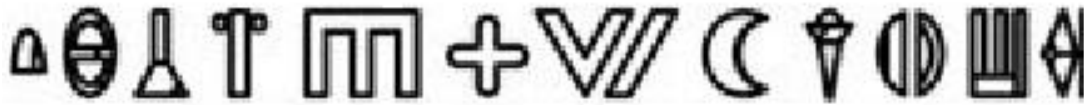
She was very different than anyone there. The fishermen then returned her and her vessel to the sea, where it drifted away.

And certain ufologists have claimed that the story represents evidence for a close encounter of the third kind. Which seems to make a lot of sense when you look at the details. Notice how the symbols seem to closely resemble other UFO symbols? Here's a few more details:

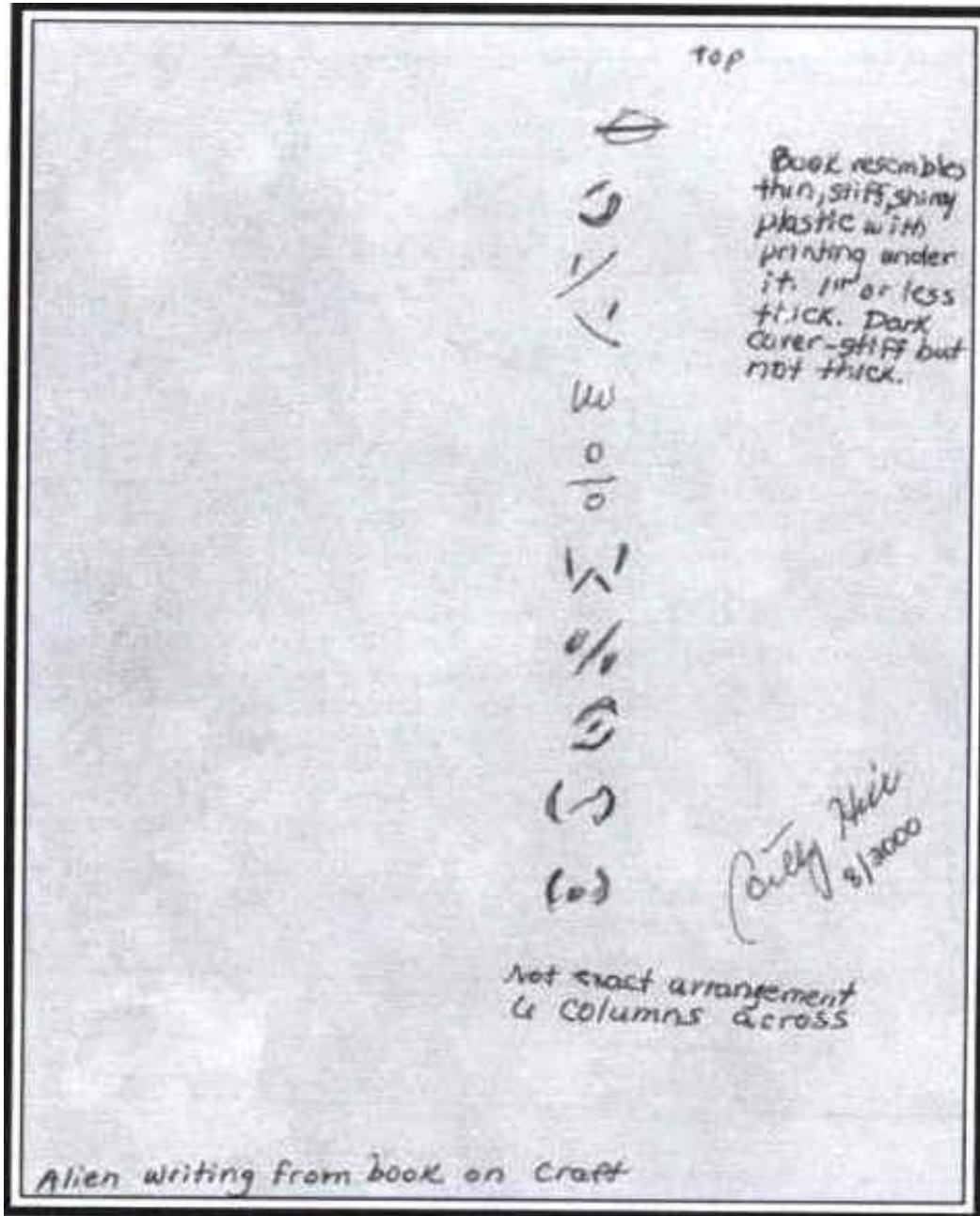






Kecksburg UFO Symbols:






From Betty and Barney Hill - Alien Writing they saw in Book while on UFO :






## Explanation of UFO Symbols

1.  As expected, the Kecksburg symbol is incomplete, but is half of an ellipse
2.  pattern seen on the Roswell I-Beam.



1.  All three similar symbols. The Roswell I-Beam and the Rendlesham Forest UFO are much more similar than the Kecksburg symbol.
2.  and the Rendlesham Forest UFO are much more similar than the Kecksburg symbol.



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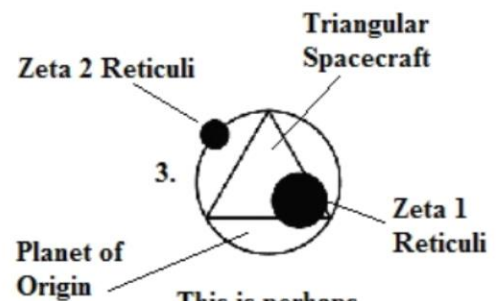
1.  Again, the symbols from the Roswell I-Beam and the Rendlesham Forest UFO are more similar to each other than the Kecksburg symbol.
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2.  The symbols from the Roswell I-Beam and the Rendlesham Forest UFO are very similar, but the Kecksburg symbol appears to be upside-down.
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2.  These two symbols from the Roswell I-Beam and the Rendlesham Forest UFO appear to be similar depictions of a roughly humanoid form. No known counterpart exists from the Kecksburg symbols.
3. 



This is perhaps the most intriguing of the Rendlesham Forest UFO symbols. In my opinion, it is the craft's symbol of its point of origin.

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## ***Further Discreet Revelations from Allen Hynek:***

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Whether it is of consequence or not, the aforementioned Ray Stanford would speak with Louis Reidel, who was the publisher of the *El Defensor Chieftain* newspaper. Reidel would inform him of a strange set of tracks that were almost “hoof-like”.

Furthermore, they appeared to follow a pattern of walking. And further still, they appeared on the side of the craft that Zamora claimed to have witnessed the two white-clothed figures standing. Reidel, fully aware of how outlandish this statement was, would decide to leave it out of his newspaper’s report of the incident.

What is perhaps interesting, though, is that one of the main *Project Blue Book* investigators, Allen Hyneck, during an interview with Walter Shrode on *KSRC Radio* on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1964 – around three months after the incident – would elude to the tracks also.

He would assure the listeners that he appeared as an “independent investigator” and so would comment openly about the case. After stating his belief that Zamora had “a most interesting and significant experience” he would matter-of-factly state:

*“I am particularly interested in the tracks that were left and the analysis of the samples of the materials of those tracks!”*

Hynek would also go on to confirm the presence of the mysterious marking on the side of the craft. He would state that upon looking at the sketches Zamora produced of it, the insignia reminded them of a cattle-brand symbol.

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## ***The Persistent Attempts to Write Off the Case as a Hoax!***

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Whether through legitimate debate or through other darker influential means, the accusations that the encounter was nothing more than a hoax would continue to surface. However, each accusation has either been refuted or deemed drastically unlikely by those most likely to know.

For example, respected Harvard astronomer, Donald Menzel would propose that Zamora himself was a victim of a hoax. He would claim that several high school students purposely wanted to trick Zamora, and so set up a “complex prank”.

Incidentally, when Hynek would suggest to many of the locals he spoke with, it was an idea that was universally dismissed. In fact, to most who knew Zamora and the general youth of Socorro at the time, the idea was preposterous.

Renowned UFO skeptic, Philip Klass would perhaps show his preconceived bias when he not once, but twice attempted to “debunk” Zamora.

Initially, he would state that Zamora had witnessed “ball lightning”. However, this itself was proven to be impossible in this instance. However, instead of looking at the sighting with a more open mind, Klass simply intensified his attack on the main witness.

He would state that, along with the mayor of Socorro at the time, Holm Bursum Jr., Zamora had invented the entire episode so as to put Socorro on the map and to “attract tourism” to the area. He would even claim that Bursum was the owner of the land where the encounter took place. This was later proven to be entirely false.

The pair would state Klass' claims to be “ridiculous”. What's more, several other self-confessed skeptics, while still having their own explanations, would do likewise. Perhaps the final nail in the Klass hoax claims was the fact that a tourist attraction at the site never went ahead as Klass claimed it would.

Skeptics claim Zamora saw a balloon, a dust devil, or was pranked by the town's local college students. The Skeptics are wrong.

Debunkers even think a top secret, in trouble, NASA lunar module landed outside of Socorro.

Nobody doubted Zamora's remarkable report. The FBI came out and verified burn marks in the desert scrub from the object's rockets. Air Force investigators recorded a detailed account from Zamora for Project Blue Book.

Their version was more explicit: the figures were definitely humanlike in white suits, and the vehicle was smooth and white, with no windows or doors, shaped either like a football or an oval. Its only feature was an insignia in red, about two feet high: an inverted V with three lines beneath it.

For some time, there has been an interesting candidate explanation floating around. At that time in 1964, NASA was testing an early engineering model of Surveyor, the lunar probe that went to the moon in 1966.

This testing was done out of Holloman AFB in New Mexico at the White Sands Missile Range, and researchers have found records showing that the model was being carried by helicopter on the same day — although earlier in the morning — as Lonnie Zamora's sighting.

Yet another possible candidate has emerged in recent years... One of the participants in the Project Mogul (Remember, the weather balloons that were claimed to be what was really the Roswell UFO?) Balloon launches, Charles B. Moore, stayed in Socorro and taught atmospheric physics at the college there, He visited the Socorro "landing" site in 1966, and thinks that Lonnie Zamora is sincere, and that he really did see something strange on that day in 1964. In 1995, a colleague of Moore's who ran the Skyhook Balloon program at Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo, Bernard "Duke" Gildenberg, learned from Capt. James McAndrew, that on April 24, 1964, there were special tests being conducted at the north end of the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) involving a helicopter used to carry a Lunar Surveyor around for some tests. A portion of the WSMR Range Log obtained by McAndrew appears below.

Daily Range Schedule for Friday, 24 April 1964				Prepared by Range Operations Directorate Deputy for Range Activities AFMDC, HAFB, New Mexico, 23 April 1964		
CODE	MISSION	TYPE	SCHED TIME	A/C SUPPORT	TGT SUPPORT	CONTROL
AA	Track	Sled Test	0715T.O.-0745COMM-0800T-0810C	Army Aviation		- - -
AB	Surveyor	Helicopter Flts	0745-1145			- - -
*AC	RF4C/RF-6	Photo	0830T-0900R-1100C			K
AD	EMB	Tracking	0855-1105			C
AE	Computer		0900-1000			- - -
**AF	ROD Check	Radar	0900-1500			- - -
AG	Aerobee	Ground Check	1000-1100			- - -
AH	Scmor	Equip Check	1000-1400	C-130		- - -
AJ	Track	Sled Test	1015T.O.-1100T-1110C	Army Aviation		- - -
AK	TFW	Rockets & Bombs	1100-1300			- - -
AL	Joki	Chaff	1130T-1215C			C
**BA	ROD Check	Radar	1200-1400	T-33		K
BB	RF4C/RF-6	Photo	1300-1430			- - -
BC	RDV	Tracking	1315-1400			- - -
BD	TFW	Rockets & Bombs	1400-1600			- - -
*SUPERSONIC FLIGHT: "AC" Mountainair to on range.						
**MISSIONS NOT FORECAST						
MISSIONS FORECAST BUT NOT SCHEDULED:			AIR FORCE 2 TFW, 20MM	ARMY Zeus, Tracking	RANGE ROD Check, Met	
Daily Range Schedule for Monday, 27 April 1964				Range Operating Hours: 0800-1830		
AA	Surveyor	Helicopter Flts	0600-1000			- - -
AB	F-106	GAR-3A/QF-80(Chaff)	0700Radio-0730PRadio-0800R-T.O.-0820T-0830C	F-106, F-100	QF-80	K
AC	ROD Check	Frequency	0700-1200	3 DT-33's		- - -
AD	ROD Check	Frequency	0715-0830	C-131		- - -
AE	Vigilante	Drops	0800R-0810T-16T-22T-28T-34T	C-131		S
AF	EMB	Tracking	0800-1010			C
AG	RDV	Tracking	0900-0945			C

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Surveyor was a three-legged, unmanned probe, which was used to learn about the moon before the Apollo program got there. This new angle on the old Socorro story was first mentioned publicly in a brief piece in the July 15th, 2000 edition of James Moseley's Saucer Smear.

The timing isn't right for the Socorro UFO sighting -- the range log calls for morning tests, and the sightings occurred in late afternoon - but then things don't always go "according to plan," and many tests which have defied completion by morning have been known to somehow get finished up in the afternoon. In fact, bombing runs scheduled for that part of the range might have delayed the tests.

There are many other tantalizing bits that might support the Surveyor explanation for Socorro.

- The Surveyor tests were done with a small Bell helicopter that supported the craft from its side. The helicopter and spacecraft would have presented a bizarre profile. The Surveyor's slanted legs fit Zamora's description well and are also a match for the shape of the "landing pod imprints" found later. In Stanford's 1976 book, he mentions Phil Klass' comment that landing pads like Surveyor's were among the only practical shapes for that function.
- The spacecraft used vernier engines and attitude jets to probe and sample soil, which could explain the flames the policeman saw, and the burn marks many saw. The flames weren't being used for lift; that was supplied by the helicopter. The burn marks at the site did not indicate sufficient thrust to lift a large vehicle, according to Hynek.
- The Surveyor used a mechanical scoop with a shape that matches a rectangular trough photographed at the Socorro site.
- Zamora described the craft as "aluminum-white," which certainly matched the bulk of the Bell helicopter.
- The tests missions were manned by a helicopter pilot and a Hughes engineer ... two persons, in white coveralls.
- Most people in Socorro, and several of the investigators, thought it was most likely a secret government experiment, and some Blue Book researchers even pinned it down as a tenant operation run by Holloman, the base for the Surveyor test flights.

Of course, this new evidence is far from conclusive. A lot has happened since 1964, and it's difficult to reconstruct events from that long ago, especially events with strong implications. Was it a college prank? A hoax? A balloon? An alien craft from another world? Perhaps we'll never really know.

Some have even pointed to early logos of various Hughes subsidiaries (Surveyor was built by Hughes Aircraft) as possible matches for the insignia drawn by Zamora. Surveyor landed with rockets, the same loud rockets that Zamora heard. And what would Hughes technicians be wearing besides white coveralls? In some articles describing this theory, it appears to be a virtual lock.

## What do you think?

Maybe I'm just a skeptic, but I find it to be a terrible explanation. For one thing, Holloman is directly adjacent to the White Sands Missile Range where the Surveyor testing was done, yet Socorro is a full 150km away. It can hardly be argued that the engineers strayed slightly outside their boundaries. For another, never once in the recorded history of NASA or the Air Force have they transported their experimental craft far from their remote desert test facilities and directly into populated towns to test them, and it strains credibility to conclude they might have felt that doing so was the best course in this case.

Surveyor was a tripod of aluminum trusses with a couple boxes at its base. By no remote description can it be said to look like an egg, an oval, a football, or an overturned car. It doesn't even have a flat surface on which an insignia could appear. And if it did, it would — like every piece of hardware NASA had ever flown



*Just to muddy the waters a bit - could it have been some kind of top-secret experimental craft shaped more like Zamora described than this Lunar Lander shown above, but with more powerful capabilities and a more advanced mission?*

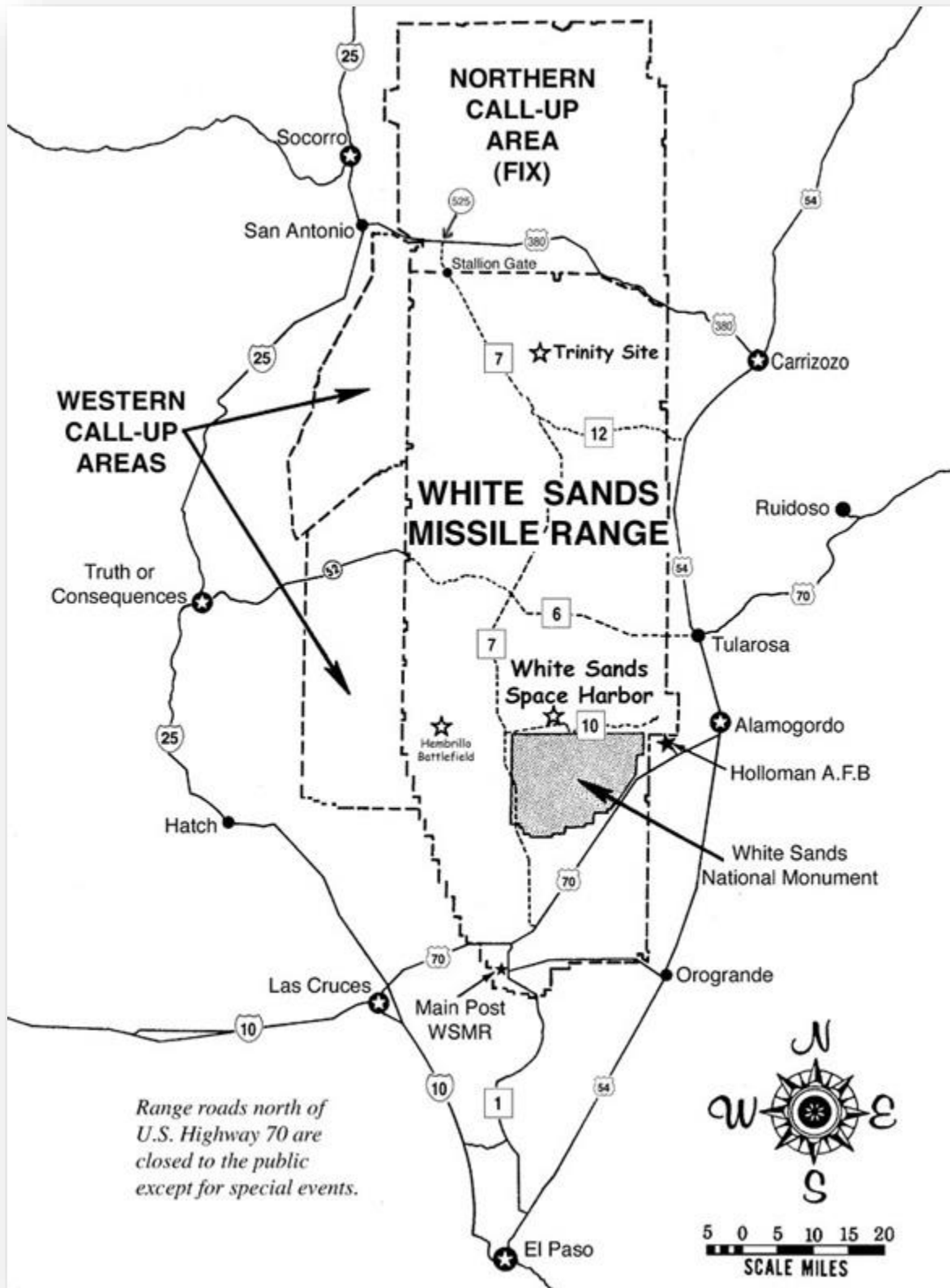


*A lunar surveyor sits on the surface of the moon. This would have been attached from the side to a Bell helicopter for testing*

— have had the NASA logo displayed, not some obscure Hughes subsidiary logo.

Surveyor had never been designed with any takeoff ability. Its retros slowed its descent, then it fell the final 3 meters to the surface, where it stayed. Zamora's description of a craft taking off and flying away had nothing to do with anything related to Surveyor.





Anyway, the engineering model had to be transported by helicopter, and Zamora probably would have noticed that. If the claim is that the oval-shaped craft that Zamora saw take off was the Air Force helicopter, then he was the most monumental ignoramus in the history of ignoramuses, and I don't hear anyone saying that.

So, I'm going to go out on a limb and say no, whatever Lonnie Zamora saw was most definitely not the Surveyor engineering model from Holloman.

Hector Quintanilla was in charge of the USAF's operation, Project Blue Book at the time. Quintanilla also followed this theory that perhaps what Zamora had seen had military origins.

UFO author Randle refers to "...some special tests being conducted at White Sands involving a Lunar Surveyor and helicopters." we learned that Quintanilla, having addressed this theory, came away "dejected" and convinced that "the answer to Zamora's experience" was not to be found in military experiments, after all.

A more persuasive explanation came from the unlikely source of Linus Pauling, the famous chemist who is as well known for his two Nobel prizes, with the promotion of Vitamin C, and less well known for his interest in UFOs.

After his death, a letter was found in Pauling's files from 1968, which he'd sent to Stirling Colgate, then President of New Mexico Tech, and received a handwritten reply on the bottom. As a postscript to his letter, Pauling had asked Colgate what the people at New Mexico Tech thought about the Lonnie Zamora incident, and Colgate scrawled back:

"I have good indication of a student who engineered hoax. Student has left. Cheers, Stirling."

Students at tech universities have a long and time-honored tradition of pranking, and it turns out that Lonnie Zamora had worked on campus for several years, where he had developed a reputation for being somewhat rigid and impatient with the students.

Consequently, he was not overlooked by those with mischief on their minds when he became a police officer. UFO researcher Tony Bragalia corresponded with Dr. Colgate by email several times in 2012, as well as with two others from New Mexico Tech, to get some more of the story — although no former students' names were forthcoming. What it came down to was this:

The Energetics Lab on campus stocked all kinds of pyrotechnics, more than enough to make all the audio and visual rocket and explosion sounds that Zamora saw and heard, as well as the burned scrub. White lab suits were conveniently available. And in the exact words of the university president himself, the craft itself consisted of:

## *"A Candle in a Balloon"*

That's not a very sophisticated suggestion. And while there are those out there who think college hoaxers is the answer, when you look back over Officer Zamora's testimony, it seems like a far-fetched conclusion that doesn't check all the boxes of either practicality or even possibility.

Yes, these New Mexico Tech students may have been very skilled and even had access to certain equipment, but it all boils down to this: If they had the ability to create something like this powerful with exhaust hot enough to make glass out of the sand and thrust to reach these speeds and then be able to cruise quietly at high speeds – they would have a very lucrative contract with the government and wouldn't have time to be pranking a police officer!

The artist (Commercial & Police) Allen-- who did the first drawings of the craft and landing area was interviewed. Allen's drawings for the police and newspapers were done shortly after the landing, the pod marks and Zamora's car tracks were still fresh along with the burnt shrubs when she arrived at the scene.

This 1964 UFO landing was not a hoax or misidentified swamp gas, something landed hard outside of Socorro, the crafts pod prints went deep into the ground. As far as hoaxers being involved, the police and the military authorities did not find any footprints in the area that lent credence to the theory that local college students staged this happening.

Until proven otherwise--the UFOLOGIST are right----the Socorro UFO was not a malfunctioning NASA or military vehicle, it was a craft from parts unknown.

As for Zamora, he eventually quit law enforcement, he got tired of being questioned about what he saw and the insinuations or acquisitions by media people, and those like Philip Klass, who claimed the Socorro UFO was a misidentified weather balloon or that Zamora had lied.

Klass was a professional misinformation specialist, no matter what evidence was presented about a UFO happening, Klass would deride the data. Many UFOLOGIST, think Klass was paid by a government organization to spread UFO disinformation. Zamora was just the opposite of Klass, the New Mexico officer was an honest religious man, those that knew him thought highly of him.

Philip Klass, considered by those who knew him as: "A real piece of work!" And those who I crossed swords with in the 1990s – consider him to be a definitive debunker – rather than an open-minded skeptic

Klass pursued various clues and data in this to try and make a case for a hoax. His conclusions were not particularly persuasive.

The real question now is: What landed outside of Socorro, was it an alien scout ship in trouble that was on recon duty? Were the two crewmen, aliens or small robots. If they did land purposely outside of Socorro what were they looking for, what did they want?

Interestingly, two nights later another UFO of similar description was seen hovering and landed in La Madera which is in northern New Mexico. Once again burnt ground areas were found along with pod marks. Perhaps in the Zamora case an alien ship just had bad luck in where it landed as being seen in the wilds outside of Socorro.

The La Madera case was different, the alien craft startled numerous stampedes of animals. (Were they trying to capture and dissect some of these animals?) Frightened cows and horses ran down lanes of La Madera after being spooked by the low flying craft. Near the landing site, civilians noted strange tiger like paw prints, these prints could not be accounted for. Are these paw prints just like the "hoof marks found at the Socorro landing?

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### ***Those Claims Of "Strong Winds" Don't Hold Water!***

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There were further attempts to pass the incident off by some as a weather or hot air balloon that had become a victim of the wind. However, this certainly doesn't explain the loud roars heard by Zamora and several residents of Socorro. Nor does it explain the flames that Zamora saw. Or the smoke that the "mystery tourists" would report.

Zamora had spoken of seeing what he thought was dust flying about near the object. He wasn't sure if this was the wind or whether the dust was a consequence of the landing. Indeed, Zamora himself would recall that the winds were blowing particularly hard that evening.

However, research since the claims that wind might have been responsible for dragging a balloon has shown a key detail. All reports would state that the object was moving into the west-southwest direction. However, this would mean the object would have been moving into the oncoming wind. Obviously, this would completely dismantle the notion that a light moving craft was simply at the mercy of the wind.

Furthermore, the object would, according to Zamora, rise straight upwards. And then, furthermore, would hover for several seconds in the air. Not movements at all

consistent with an object that was relying on the strength of the wind for direction and, indeed power.

So, with all of these attempts to prove the case to be anything but a mysterious nuts-and-bolts craft we have to ask ourselves, why? What was so special about this case, at this time, that would evoke such a response? And furthermore, when the actions of the Air Force and their apparent transparent UFO investigative operation, Project Blue Book, would come to light, these attempts would look suspicious in the extreme.

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### ***A Tale of Two Reports!***

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The Air Force, it would eventually come to light, would prepare two reports regarding the events in Socorro on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1964. The first, for public consumption, would suggest that the report highlighted obvious errors throughout the investigation. All of which, incidentally, were true. How discreetly purposeful those errors might have been, at least at a higher level of the Air Force is perhaps open to debate.

The report would state how there were several witnesses who were simply not spoken to. While inadequate documentation and photographs of the landing site was another obvious error. Ultimately, the Air Force could draw “no conclusion” from the report. Furthermore, the investigation would remain open.

However, a second report, prepared by Major Hector Quintanilla, the director of *Project Blue Book*, and held back from the public arena until well into the 2000s, would go to the CIA. And, as you might imagine, the language, content, tone, and even the facts, were at odds with the Air Force report given to the general populace.

For example, they would state that there was “no doubt” that Zamora witnessed something that evening. And furthermore, unlike what the public would hear, “there was no question” regarding his reliability as a witness. They would state:

*He is puzzled by what he saw. And frankly, so are we!*

This secretive report would go on to state that the incident in Socorro was the “best-documented case on record”. And what’s more, despite their best efforts, they had no idea what the vehicle was, or what exactly scared Zamora so much about the encounter.

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## **Connections to the Gary Wilcox “Fertilizer Case”?**

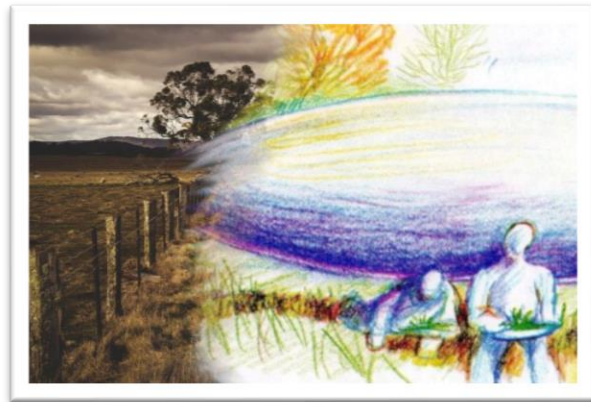
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This brings up questions about the encounter of Gary Wilcox and 'The Fertilizer Case' that took place on the same day as the Zamora incident but on the other side of the country in Newark Valley, New York.

What's more, the details offered by Wilcox, both of the craft and the occupants are almost identical!

Although he didn't recall an insignia, the description of the craft was the same oval shape as that witnessed by Zamora. As were the descriptions and activities of the two occupants, who on this occasion would obtain fertilizer from the witness.

Many people were skeptical of the Wilcox incident. However, he would turn down several large sums of money to tell his story. Certainly not the aspirations of a hoaxer. And furthermore, he would report his encounter almost immediately after it occurred.



While it perhaps can't be proven that he didn't know of the Zamora incident, it is highly unlikely that he did. Or that he planned to emulate it in his description. For example, would he not include the insignia if his goal was to match the craft Zamora described?

One further interesting detail that Wilcox described was how a circular patch of land remained behind following the departure of the UFO from his farm. This circular patch would test higher than normal for radiation. And what's more, nothing would grow there for years after.

These details can be found in numerous landing cases, even down to the apparent collecting of organic samples. If we accept there is likely a connection between the Wilcox case and the Zamora incident, then how many other landing cases might also share connections? And what is the purpose of these landings? For the most part, they would at least appear to be non-confrontational.

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## ***Details of the Gary Wilcox “Fertilizer Case” Revealed***

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Here's more on the bizarre case of Gary Wilcox and his claimed encounter with aliens on his farm in Newark Valley, New York. His story is one that would divide opinion in the UFO community. And even to this day still stumps investigators. While some dismiss the claims as an attempt to “cash in” on the rapidly increasing number of UFO encounters. Others, however, particularly given that Wilcox would turn down several large sums of money for the “exclusive rights” to his story, believe his encounter to be authentic and Wilcox to be very genuine.

It is perhaps the mundane aspects of this encounter, as is often the case, that provides it with the authenticity that appears to envelop this particular incident. An encounter off-world entities on a mission to obtain plant species and growing material from the lush planet Earth. Were they out to gather information about organic materials of planet Earth, as well as the intricacies and knowledge of farming and rules of agriculture?

The encounter of Gary Wilcox is certainly one of the most intriguing of its era. And also, one that has more than stood the test of time. Perhaps, even now over fifty years later, it still has details of significance to divulge. Details that will contribute to form the eventual answer to the UFO and alien question!

### **The Strange Shape At The Edge Of His Field!**

On the morning of 24<sup>th</sup> April 1964, at around 10 am, 27-year-old, Gary Wilcox was on his farm in Newark Valley, New York. There were multiple fields on the 300-acre site. On this particular morning, he was running one of his tractors, spreading manure in a field that would soon contain crops. When all of a sudden, he noticed a strange shape hovering, only ever so slightly, at the edge of the field near his woodland. He peered over for several more seconds before changing the direction of the tractor and heading directly towards this other worldly anomaly.

As he approached this strange object, he could see that it was an oblong shape, “resembling an egg”. He estimated it to be around twenty feet long and around four feet high. Bringing his tractor to a stop and climbing down from the cab, he made his way towards the object.

Cautiously, and maybe even foolishly, Wilcox reached out to touch it. First tapping it with his closed fist and kicking at it lightly with his foot. It was most definitely of a metallic exterior and the color of aluminum. Remarkably, although a detail found in

multiple close encounter incidents since, he discovered that the exterior bore “no rivets or seams” and was completely smooth and polished.

It was as if the object was from a single piece of metal. Furthermore, the object didn't give off any heat and was absolutely silent.

As he continued to examine the strange craft, two short “men” approached him...



*“Don't Be Alarmed! We Have Spoken to People Before!”*

He would later recall that the men were no more than around four feet tall. Furthermore, they appeared to have come from underneath the object, although Wilcox couldn't see any type of entrance. Each of them carried a strange “square tray”, upon which was various roots, leaves, and samples of soil. They each donned a “shiny white metallic suit” covering their entire bodies.

Wilcox and the two entities watched each other for several moments. There was no doubt Wilcox could feel the fear inside him rising with each second. Perhaps sensing this, one of the strange humanoid creatures said, “Don't be alarmed. We have spoken to people before”.

He would later state how bizarre and blurry the situation was. On the one hand, he could understand the strange creatures perfectly well. On the other, though, he couldn't tell if they “were speaking English or not”. He would also recall how “their voices did not sound like a voice I could describe”.

Then, in a bizarre and perhaps authentic twist, they would quiz Wilcox about all manner of things relating to his work as a farmer. Everything from why he was doing what he was doing, what the tractor was, why was he “spreading manure”, and what even was manure. It would appear that “they were very interested in organic



substances" of the planet. In total, he would spend almost two hours answering questions and explaining, in detail, the most mundane things to the average human. They had, bizarrely enough, an intense interest in "fertilizer". And asked numerous questions of it as well as general farming practices.

This is interesting in that many encounters tend to be the reverse. With information either passed to or asked by the witness. However, Wilcox still had several intriguing details to reveal.

### **Alien Visitors from Mars?**

One of the details that would make many doubtful of his story was the claim that these entities hailed from our cosmic red neighbor, Mars.

We live with the notion that life doesn't exist on Mars, the closest planets to us is largely based on the acceptance that life means life as it is on Earth. However, life could exist in conditions that are not at all ideal for humans or even mammals. But perfect for other organisms known as extremophiles. And of course, alien life, by definition, is alien to us. It could be that aliens are very drastically different.

(Plus we have been educated to believe that Mars is a barren, dead planet. But now we are starting to learn that Mars may be a little more hospitable than we have been told!)

Plus, scientists are discovering that there are more indicators that life, at least at one stage in its past, very well could have existed on the red planet. Not least the plethora of alleged artificial structures. And what's more, although this is pure speculation, this potential alien civilization could still exist on Mars, only underground, away from the brutal conditions and extremely thin atmosphere.

In fact, this last detail of a thin atmosphere (which Mars is claimed to have) is interesting in itself. According to Wilcox, he would ask these mysterious visitors if he might go with them on their craft. They would decline this, stating that their "atmosphere was much too thin" for him. Incidentally, they would also state that they always tried to stay away from the big cities of Earth because the "automobile fumes" caused problems with their own vehicles. These fumes were much lower, almost non-existent in the countryside.

### **Their Departure (And Later Return?)**

Suddenly, the two occupants would state they had to leave. Remembering their questions, Wilcox offered to get them a bag of fertilizer to take with them to study. However, they claimed to have no time to wait.

They would re-enter their craft which then began to rise slowly into the air. A small “motor-noise” was present, similar to an “idle car engine”. It began to glide a little before suddenly racing off into the distance, disappearing within seconds.

Interestingly, Wilcox would return to the area of his encounter later that afternoon with a bag of fertilizer. He left the bag near a tree next to the spot the UFO was hovering that morning. When he returned the following morning, the fertilizer was no longer there.

Wilcox would report the incident to the local police department. And while he would receive considerable attention from UFO researchers and sensationalist-writing journalists alike, he would maintain he would do the exact same thing again if he were to have another contact experience.

Perhaps also of interest is the fact the incident occurred within hours of one of the most famous UFO incidents on record, the Zamoro, Socorro Incident.

### **Partially Correct Predictions!**

There were also several “predictions” passed to Wilcox by these apparent visitors. And although they wouldn't come true in their entirety, there were several “loose” connections. The main prediction involved the upcoming deaths of several astronauts, two Russian, and two American, John Glenn and Virgil Grissom. According to these mysterious visitors, all four would die within a year. Apparently in a space disaster due to “exposure to the elements”.

While Glenn didn't meet his fate, Grissom would die a horrific death on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1967 in the Apollo capsule disaster. Two others would also die when their test-capsule became incinerated with all three trapped inside. Furthermore, on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1967, exactly three years after the alien encounter, Soviet cosmonaut, Vladimir Komarov died during re-entry to the Earth when the parachute on his capsule failed to open.

Incidentally, Wilcox's farm would go downhill following the encounter as nothing would grow on large portions of the land. He himself would receive medical treatment for radiation burns. Furthermore, government agents would investigate the land for some time due to the radiation. As well as for a strange “darkened patch” of land. But he would go on to become a very accomplished mechanic. Whether there is a connection to his newly found skill or not is perhaps open to debate.

Did Gary Wilcox meet with extraterrestrials from another world, possibly Mars? His story remained unchanged and this appears to be an encounter of great importance.

## **The West Coast UFO Wave In April 1964**

While the above Fertilizer case shares obvious and direct links to the Zamora incident, such as occurring within hours of each other, there were several other noticeable sightings in the western states of the United States in the weeks leading up to and after the apparent landing in Socorro.

For example, shortly before noon on the 10<sup>th</sup> April in Merced, California NORAD (*North American Aerospace Defense Command*) would pick up “between 6 and 12” anomalous objects overhead. Radar would confirm that a dozen objects were indeed airborne over Merced at altitudes between 60,000 and 90,000 feet. F-106 jets were scrambled from Castle Air Force Base. However, no successful intercepts were achieved.

A week later at just after 7:20 am at Fallon Air Force Base in Nevada, their radar would pick up two strange objects, seemingly flying in stacked formation. They remained visible for just over an hour before disappearing.

Only two days following the Zamora landing, in Las Vegas, Nevada they witnessed around twelve bright, sliver objects moving through the sky in a southern direction. However, after thirty seconds or so, the objects changed course in unison and began to move towards the north.

At noon on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, back in New Mexico, in Albuquerque, 10-year-old, Sharon Stull and 8-year-old Robin Stull witnessed an “egg-shaped object” hovering near their school, Lowell Elementary. Bizarrely, while Robin ran away, Sharon remained and witnessed the object “bounce up and down” in the sky several times before leaving.

She would later receive medical attention for “infra-red” burns to her face. The physician who treated her would claim that he believed Sharon’s story to be authentic. And what’s more, he believed her burns to be a result of the UFO.

### **“Why Were They So Interested in our World in ‘64?”**

It would appear that something of significance occurred on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1964. Whether that significance was merely that Zamora’s encounter attracted such widespread and unwanted attention is perhaps open to debate.

Was there some kind of organic reconnaissance mission taking place throughout the United States in the opening months of 1964? And if so, by who, and for what purpose? And just what did the military and the Pentagon know of this speculative alien operation? Was their interest an indirect one? Or might they have had more active involvement with these mystery visitors?

It would certainly appear that some very high-ranking, and perhaps shadowy figures in the United States government placed the incident in Socorro at the top of their immediate priority list.

Even the US Army representative, Captain Holder, who remember was a young man at the time and only sent there as other higher-ranking officers were simply away from the White Sands base, appears to have known little as to what the situation was.

Following his investigation, for example, he was shocked and nervous of having to give his report to an extremely high-ranking Colonel at the Joint Chiefs of Staff – the people who advise the President of the United States. And what's more, rather than prepare the report in writing, he had to give it immediately over a secured phone line.

Perhaps the question Holder would ask himself often over the years is one we should all ask. Considering their high-ranking position, and considering the official government stance that UFOs were the product of overactive imaginations, "why in the world were they so interested?" Why, indeed.

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## ***Project Blue Book Report***

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The Air Force issued their formal report on June 8, 1964. Jerome Clark suggested that the report was "riddled with errors", including the claim that there were no other witnesses (several reported their sightings within minutes of Zamora's encounter), and the claim that there were no disturbances to the soil (manifestly false, based on Jordan's photos of the scene taken less than an hour after the encounter).

Noting that they made no conclusion as to the object's origin (other than to rule out the extraterrestrial hypothesis), the "Air Force was continuing its investigation, and the case is still open."

However, in a secret report prepared for the CIA, Project Blue Book's director, Major



Hector Quintanilla, offered further details regarding the Zamora case, "There is no doubt that Lonnie Zamora saw an object which left quite an impression on him.

There is also no question about Zamora's reliability. He is a serious police officer, a pillar of his church, and a man well versed in recognizing airborne vehicles in his area. He is puzzled by what he saw and frankly, so are we.

This is the best-documented case on record, and still we have been unable, in spite of thorough investigation, to find the vehicle or other stimulus that scared Zamora to the point of panic."

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### ***Interview with Publisher of Chieftain Newspaper in Socorro***

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*Socorro, New Mexico, April 29 (?), 1964. Louis Reidel, publisher of the El Defensor Chieftain newspaper in Socorro, is interviewed by Ray Stanford regarding little men with hooved feet near the object that Officer Lonnie Zamora observed and reported to the USAF investigators.*

**STANFORD:** Ray Stanford speaking. I'm at the office of the Defensor-Chieftain, Socorro, New Mexico. I have just talked to a gentleman here who was on the site Saturday morning [June 25, 1964], some hours after the occurrence while the imprints were still very clear. And I want to ask him some questions. I wonder if he can tell us his name first

**REIDEL:** Louis Reidel; I'm the publisher of the *El Defensor Chieftain*.

**STANFORD:** Regarding what you published, seen by you at the site, did you see the indentations or tracks while they were still very fresh?

**REIDEL:** Yeah, very early the next morning, and that was Saturday morning, and before hundreds of people there, gotten the chance to obliterate all those tracks.

**STANFORD:** What was your impression of these tracks? Do you think they were made by a heavy object or a light object, or by digging out, or what?

**REIDEL:** I would feel a heavy object, coming down very slowly. And, ah, made a four or five inch depression in the comparatively hard sand there in the draw.

**STANFORD:** And these were longer than they were wide?

**REIDEL:** About twelve, I would guess, about twelve inches long, and three or four inches wide.

**STANFORD:** And these tracks running through the center of the wedge, was that a description of this that was accurate on this...?

**REIDEL:** Well, probably a little deeper on the south side, I mean the north side of the way it landed. From the ?? of the description, the front of the plane from where it landed—I could put it that way—was facing south, and the way it landed on uneven ground seemed to be heavy indentations on the south side, which indicates more of the weight was there.

**STANFORD:** This would be lots, as I recall from being there this morning, the south side is downhill, it tends to slope upwards to the north, so there might be more weight on the south side for an object balancing on its legs, would this be your observation too?

**REIDEL:** Yes.

**STANFORD:** Now I hear there were two indentations to the side, the west side, sort of parallel with one of the lines made by one of the lines made by two of the four legs. Did you see these two indentations yourself?

**REIDEL:** Yes, I did. And someone in the crowd, one of the more forward ones (??), one of them made the remark that they were possibly footprints, or, ah, if you want to describe it more of a hoofprint, but that wasn't the impression that I had. But we decided in our story, in our newspaper that we wouldn't go into that too deeply. It sounded a little preposterous.

**STANFORD:** I see. How close were these to the line formed by the two nearest footprints, formed by the object, legprints, how close were they to the line made by the two various legprints?

**REIDEL:** Well, ah, practically in the center between the two indentations made by the legs on the west side, and probably 36 inches, about a yard.

**STANFORD:** Uh huh. Were they in parallel with that line made by the two legs?

**REIDEL:** No. They were, ah, yes, they were parallel, I'm sorry.

**STANFORD:** Yes. Now we won't speculate as to what these were. I was wondering, it was only the second time (?) that Zamora told me that he had seen some figures from a distance in white coveralls. Did he tell you about these figures?

**REIDEL:** Yes. Yes, they were on the same side those indentions [sic], those was around the(?) round holes, indentions, rather.

**STANFORD:** In talking to Dr. Hynek, he implied that Zamora had told him nothing specific at all about seeing any men and implied that he had never mentioned any men. He later seemed to come down and say that he did mention coveralls, after very pointed questioning by one of the persons who was present. But did, um, in this talk with Zamora soon after the sighting, since you were one of the first to be there, did he mention to you that he actually saw men or just coveralls?

**REIDEL:** He really doesn't (?).He said there were two there. Now he didn't say anything about them being men, but, ah, but you were meant to think so, because he said that he, that when he was still in the car, the one of them, both men or objects, had their back turned, and one of them turned around looked him squarely in the face. That was his exact words. And he very definitely said that he saw two men there at the, ah, at the object. He said that immediately, that he, ah, they disappeared, kinda got in the plane, from the side, from the west side, and the plane lifted up and started off.

**STANFORD:** (??) from the west side, this is pretty effective that (??). That if they got in the west side, weren't they by these two circular indentations at the west side?

**REIDEL:** Yes.

**STANFORD:** Would you say these were in a position, where, where speculation you might think these might be some stairs that had been folded down, that it touched down there, that this looked like it could have been stair (??)?

**REIDEL:** Well, it's possible. I thought that later when I got to thinking about it, when... You don't ordinarily think of men with hoofs, or anything like that, so I presumed that... the most remarkable part was that there was no other tracks there.

**STANFORD:** Yes. I can tell you the men were small and child-like, as one report said. Did he tell you that, that they were child-like?

**REIDEL:** Well, that was his description, kind of (?) said that, that they were small. That's, that's what he was...

**STANFORD:** Yes. I would think if they were that small, maybe overnight their footprints might be destroyed by a little breeze or something.

**REIDEL:** Well, they could have...

**STANFORD:** Heavier ones could have remained a little more. So, while it's only speculation that maybe these things were associated with a, with a ladder, this might at least give us a reason why they were on the west side of the object, since we know, that according to Zamora's report, this was where the men disappeared into the object was on the west side. Now, would you say that Zamora was still rather excited Saturday morning when you were there?

**REIDEL:** No, no, he'd gotten over that part of it.

**STANFORD:** Zamora impressed me as a very down and low ?? sort of fellow, and not subject to imaginative spells or hallucinations. Would this be your impression of him, and from the people's knowledge of him here in town, would you say this seems to be a general impression?

**REIDEL:** Ah, very definitely.

**STANFORD:** Quite. Well I think (unintelligible) in getting the details of this case on the record, since I may not have time to talk to all of these things with Mr. Zamora, who's been bothered a lot by everyone questioning him and calling him on the phone, I sure do appreciate your help.

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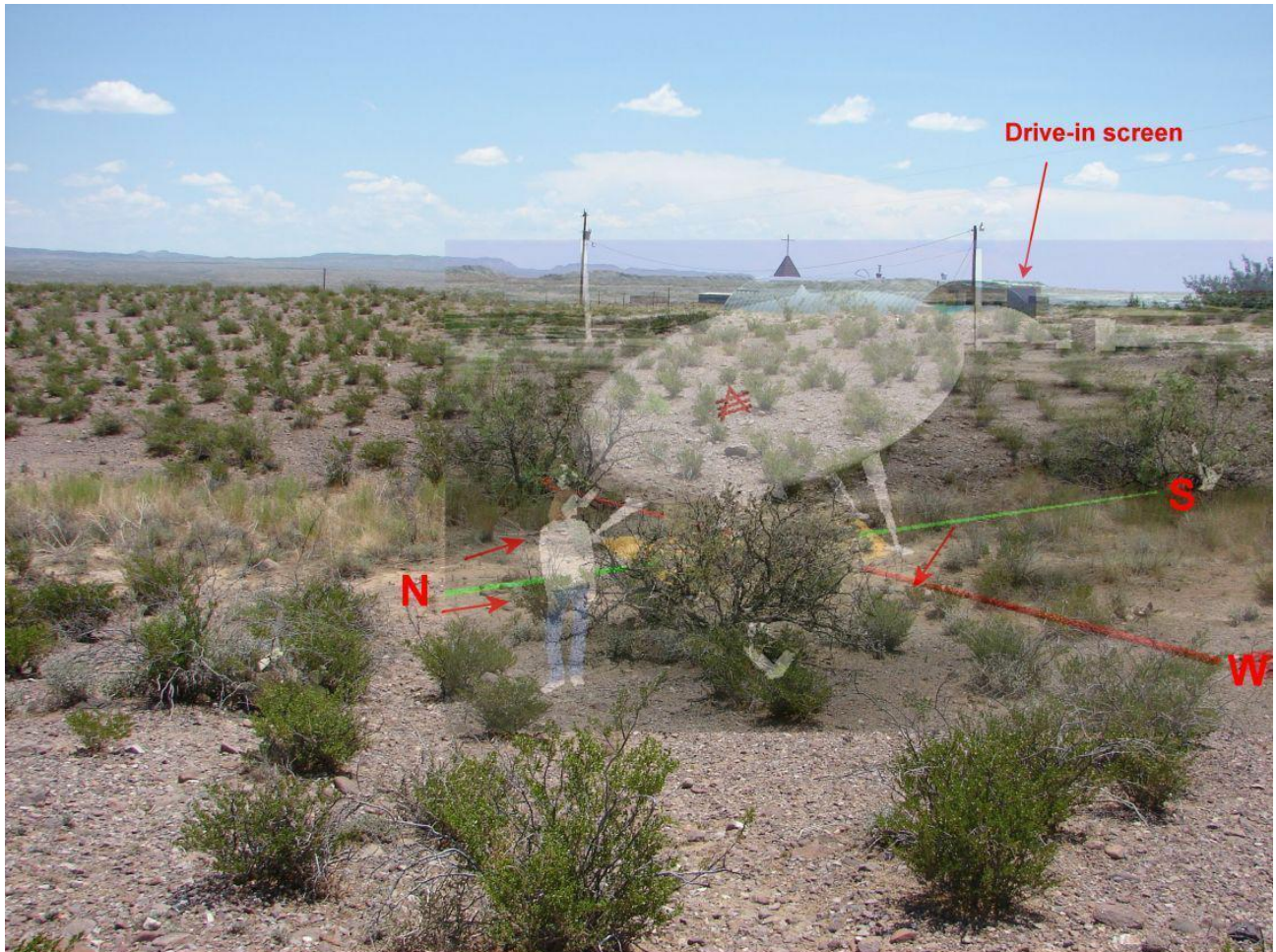




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## **1964 Socorro UFO Landing Site Reconstruction**

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Socorro N.M. UFO landing site from about 60 feet looking southeast. (Photo July 3, 2012) Photo taken from edge of arroyo where slope steepens, roughly where officer Lonnie Zamora parked his car offroad. An egg-shaped UFO as described by Zamora has been superimposed on the photo to simulate what Zamora saw as he left his car and took several steps toward the object. Arrows point to present-day stone rings circling original landing pad indentations. Model UFO was generated with Google Sketch-up and inserted into exact landing site in Google Earth to give 3-D reconstruction of site. Nearby church in background did not exist when sighting took place April 24, 1964. Closest buildings and highway in 1964 were one half mile away. Marked drive-in screen in background still exists and is present in 1964 photos by investigators, useful in triangulating photo positions. Greasewood bush in front of UFO with figure of woman to left for scale is about 5-1/2' in present day but only 4-1/2' in 1964. From about 850 feet uproad, Zamora saw two small beings standing next to this bush near NW landing gear (hidden from view and on other side of bush from this vantage point). Stiff gusts of wind were blowing out of the SSW to the right, but Zamora reported the object rising about 20 feet and speeding horizontally off toward the mountains to the WSW, or into the wind.

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## ***CIA Information from their Files on How They Investigate UFOs***

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The CIA describes the account of officer Lonnie Zamora outside of Socorro, New Mexico. The CIA quotes Air Force Maj. Hector Quintanilla — the last chief officer of Project Blue Book, the Air Force's long-term UFO investigation — who was in charge of the Socorro case who said that this was “the best documented case on record.” The CIA adds that the Zamora incident “remains unsolved.”

The introduction to the document doesn't mention the most extraordinary part of the sighting: According to the initial report, “two persons in apparent white coveralls” appeared near the strange flying object and eventually disappeared, presumably entering the object before it rose up and sped away. An image of the original FBI teletype

The CIA reveals the following instructions for UFO Investigating:

1. Establish a Group to Investigate and Evaluate Sightings
2. Determine the Objectives of Your Investigation
3. Consult with Experts
4. Create a Reporting System to Organize Incoming Cases
5. Eliminate False Positives
6. Develop Methodology to Identify Common Aircraft and Other Aerial Phenomena Often Mistaken for UFOs
7. Examine Witness Documentation
8. Conduct Controlled Experiments
9. Gather and Test Physical and Forensic Evidence
10. Discourage False Reporting

In #5 the CIA cites a 1998 report that suggests how “some common explanations for UFO sightings included misidentified aircraft (the U-2, A-12 and SR-71 flights accounted for more than half of all UFO reports from the late 1950s and most of the 1960s).” But some UFO researchers may challenge this claim of theirs.

Bruce Maccabee, a retired Navy optical physicist, and UFO researcher is one who questions the U-2's role in the frequency of UFO sightings.





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## ***The 1964 UFO Sighting Chronology***

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*Thought you would be interested in seeing this list of UFO sightings that also occurred in that strange year of 1964...*

### **Jan. 26, 1964; Moultrie, GA**

7:30 p.m. Dull red sphere rose up from behind trees, crossed highway at low altitude, turned, appeared to follow car, then fell back and seemed to head toward ground. Driver was physics student at Georgia Institute of Technology. (NICAP report form.)

### **Feb. 25, 1964; Liberty, NY**

8:30 p.m. Two pulsating white lights with reddish tinge paced an aircraft, twice turning and approaching it on apparent collision course. The pilot twice took evasive action. A third light joined the first two and they moved away after 5-10 minutes. (NICAP report form.)

### **March 8, 1964, Oberwesel, Germany**

UFO allegedly photographed by Harry Hauxler, who was on a train passing through

Oberwesel, Germany, when he said he saw a disc rise into the air. The photograph shows a dark swirling mass below the disc. A very rare shape on this unknown object. (Ridge, Olmos)



### **April 3, 1964; 1-mile W of Monticello, Wisc.**

9 p.m. R. Wold, graduate student in anthropology, and wife, Rossing and another, saw 4 huge red lights in a rectangular formation, with a white light above, near the ground, tilt and fly away. (Vallée Magonia 594; FUFOR Index)

### **April 10, 1964; Merced, California**

At 11:40 a.m. PST, NORAD advised that there were 6 to 12 unidentified flying objects at 30 miles east of Merced, California. Radar picked up 12 objects at altitudes 60,000 feet, 90,000 feet and higher elevations. A message sent to Air Staff said objects were following a 60-mile race-track pattern. F-106's were scrambled at Castle AFB. Pilots locked on to some of the objects but could not keep the lock. NORAD said they were sending two more aircraft with pilots in pressure suits.

### **April 11, 1964; Homer, New York**

6:30 p.m. physiotherapist W. B. Ochsner and wife saw 2 cloud- like objects darken, one shot away and returned. (Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Exp, case DD-2)

### **April 17, 1964; Fallon AFS, Nevada**

At 7:22 a.m. local time, A2C Edward Lowe, radar operator, 858th RADRON, Fallon AFS, picked up on ground radar two blips in stacked formation with rapid changes in altitude at 122 degrees at 60,000 feet at 145-mile range. The motion was up and down. The length of the observation was 1 hour and 21 minutes when the blips disappeared to the SE. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list)

### **April 20, 1964; McMurdo Sound, Naval Air Station, Antarctic**

Early morning. During Operation Deep Freeze 6 members of a US coast Guard aircraft sighted a V formation of nine objects glowing white and flying at an estimated 35,000 feet altitude. They were flying from McMurdo Naval Base with supplies and were travelling in a C-130 turbo-prop transport airplane. The right-side observer first sighted the objects approaching at about 400 knots from above and to their right side. When they came abreast of the airplane they showed to its speed. After a "short time" they flew above the airplane and took up position above

and to their left side. The pilot attempted to radio the ground, but the radio was dead, and their radar also stopped working. When the pilot tried to switch to auxiliary power it too was not functioning. At one point the airplane's engines stopped (the oil began to congeal in the very cold air). Instead of losing altitude it maintained "a steady altitude and course." The airplane allegedly continued flying in complete silence! Then it entered a "strange haze" (likened to a white-out) with air filled with static electricity. There was electrical arcing from one's body to metal inside the fuselage. The haze vanished after about 20 minutes. The power suddenly returned, and the crew was able to restart the engines in sequence. The airplane had covered a distance of 265 nautical miles during the 45-50 minute period while travelling at from an indicated airspeed of from 160-190 knots. (From Dr Richard F. Haines, Project Delta : a study of multiple UFO, LDA Press, 1994, APRO bulletin Vol. 23 No. 3)

### **April 24, 1964; 1 mile SSW of Socorro, New Mexico**

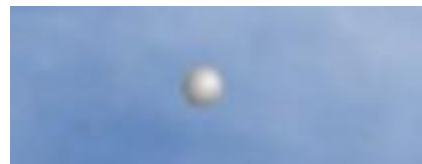
5:45 5:50? p.m. Socorro Police Dept. patrol officer Lonnie Zamora, while chasing a speeder heading S, heard a roaring sound and saw a bluish-orange funnel of flame in the sky to the SW slowly descending possibly 1/2 to 1 mile away, bottom of flame hidden behind a hill. He tried to pursue the flame, turning off to the right on a rough gravel road to the SW, lost sight of flame while trying to get car up steep rough hill. At the top after 10-15 secs of continuing along gravel road he suddenly noticed a shiny whitish-aluminum color landed object about 12-15 ft tall about 800 ft away to the SW down in a gully, at first looking like upturned car but actually appearing oval long-axis vertical on two legs, and for about these 2 secs also saw 2 small-adult-like figures in white coveralls near object, one turning toward him seemingly startled and jumping. He lost sight of object as he drove about 1,000 ft further WSW, radioed headquarters he was investigating possible car accident, then stopped at the top of the ridge about 103 ft from landing site down in the gully to the SE. He got out, heard 2-3 loud thumping noises like a door shut hard, walked 3 steps to the front of the car to possibly 90 ft distance when he heard a very loud roar increasing in volume and saw a smokeless blue-orange flame coming from beneath the oval object, now seeming long-axis horizontal at this angle (about 120° from previous sighting), with a red insignia or lettering in the middle about 2 x 2 1/2 ft, and slowly rising. He thought it was going to explode and ran away, putting car between him and the object, about 25 ft and 6 secs of running from the car he glanced back and saw object had risen about 20-25 ft to level of his car, ran another 25 ft and "ducked down" below edge of ridge. Roaring noise stopped, he looked up and saw object heading to the SW (towards W end of Socorro Municipal Airport 1 mile away) at level height just clearing 8 ft dynamite shack by about 3 ft moving "very fast," no flame or smoke or noise. He ran back to patrol car, radioed headquarters, saw object climbing slowly and "get small" in the distance just clearing Box Canyon or Six-mile Canyon Mtn. (about 6 miles to WSW). Immediate police and military investigation found physical traces, burning brush and indentations in the ground, and several other more distant witnesses. (UFOE, Section V; Hynke UFO Rpt pp. 223-9, etc.)

### **April 24, 1964; Newark Valley, NY**

Farmer found shiny elliptical object in field, confronted by two small humanoids who spoke with him (UFOE Section XII).

### **April 26, 1964; La Madera, New Mexico**

A bright, metallic, egg-shaped object was seen on the ground. Explanation: Flare. At 12:30 p.m. Orlando Gallegos observed a bright, metallic, egg-shaped object about 70 meters away, on the ground, north of La Madera, New Mexico . Blue flames appeared to circle the base of the machine, which was silent and about the length of a telephone pole. Scorch marks and four imprints were found, according to Police Capt. Martin Vigil. Also on the same day, a thirty-foot wide silver, inverted bathtub-shaped UFO was sighted near Truth of Consequences, New Mexico by a Mr. Mitropolis. It was seen a quarter a mile to the east, flew up over a mountain, then down out of sight near the Caballo Reservoir. (McDonald list)



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### **Apr, 26, 1964; Las Vegas, Nevada**

At 1826Z, from 36:11N latitude, 115:12W longitude, an Engineer from Westinghouse, saw, in clear sky, 12-15 silver objects, in a formation. They were initially seen at 20-30 degrees' elevation, flying in a southerly direction for 30 seconds, in a random pattern. They then reversed their course to the north and were seen, in all, for 2 minutes. (Basterfield, Fold3; McDonald list; Sparks.)

### **April 28, 1964; Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Noon. 10 year-old Sharon Stull and Robin Stull (8) saw an egg-shaped object hovering near the Lowell Elementary School for about 10 minutes. Robin refused to look at the object and ran off. The object bounced up and down about three times in the sky and then left. Later Sharon was treated for "infra-red" burns on her face by a physician and according to Police Lt. C. K. Jolly the physician said he believes Sharon saw something and it burned her. (BB docs/Dan Wilson)

### **April 28, 1964; Minot AFB, N. Dakota**

8:50 p.m. One object observed visually by a civilian pilot about 50 miles south of Minot AFB. Ground radar picked up the object. The object appeared as a light 3000 feet below the aircraft flying at 7000 feet and seemed to be following the aircraft. Minot AFB GCA reported a scope indication of an object at 160 degrees bearing 15 miles moving outbound at approx. 25 miles from the station, orbiting in a five-mile circle. The object then proceeded inbound to the station to approx. 15 miles and disappearing from the scope. (Dan Wilson, Brad Sparks, McDonald list).

### **April 30, 1964; Stallion Test Site, NM**

B-57, white object landed, photo recon.

### **April 30, 1964; Canyon Ferry Reservoir, Montana**

9:30 [10:30?] p.m. Flittner, Harold Rust family children, and Linda Davis, saw egg-shaped object size of an automobile land about 150 [125?] ft away. Left 4 indentations in the ground, 8 x 10 inch rectangles, 4-8 inches deep, about 13 ft apart, and a burned area. (UFOE, Section VII; Tony Rullan; Lorenzen 1966, pp. 223-4; FUFOR Index)

### **May 5, 1964; Comstock, MN.**

Object landed in field, physical traces (UFOE Section VII).

### **May 9, 1964; Asheville, North Carolina**

Civilian witnesses. (NARA)

### **May 9, 1964; Chicago, Illinois**

10:20 p.m. J. R. Betz, U.S. District Court reporter, saw 3 light green crescent-shaped objects, about half the apparent size of the moon, flew very fast in tight formation from E to W, oscillating in size and color for 3 secs. (Berliner)

### **May 10, 1964; La Rioja, Argentina**

Domed disc rose from woods, electromagnetic (E-M) effects on van, 10-meter (30-foot) burnt circle found next day (UFOE Section XII).

### **May 15, 1964; Stallion Test Site, NM**

11:30 p.m. local. Two scrambles, radar/visual, UFOs sent proper IFF signals.

### **May 17, 1964; Near Lawrence, Ohio**

Close encounter II, no details. (UFOI-2,7)

### **May 17, 1964; Tipton, Indiana**

10:15 p.m. Citizens and police officers called to the scene, witnessed a UFO. The reddish object appeared round while hovering, then darted across the sky and appeared flattened while in motion. (UFOI-II,7)

### **May 18, 1964; Mt. Vernon, Virginia**

5:15 p.m. Civil engineer F. Meyers saw a small, glowing white oval split twice after moving from the right of the moon (to the E, half-moon phase, 115° azimuth, 48° elevation) around to the left. (Berliner)

### **May 19, 1964; Hubbard, OR**

Animal reaction case. Rectangular object with legs left flattened wheat and three indentations on the edge of a circle (UFOE Section VII).



Young Michael J. Bizon had gone outside his home in Hubbard, Oregon, to let the cow out of her stall. His mother, Mrs. Leonard M. Bizon, was inside the house. The time was about 7:30 am, May 19, 1964.

"I went to put the cow out in the field," Mike told a local newspaper reporter. "Usually she can't wait to get out there. She was crosswise in the stanchion and seemed very nervous....she was bucking all the way."

Then he saw a square object about four feet high. The silver-colored UFO was sitting in the middle of a wheat field. It had four shiny legs.

"It started with a soft beep and started to go up," the boy told Marion County Deputy Sheriff Shirlie H. Davidson, who sent his official report to NICAP. "It went up slow until it got to about the height of a telephone pole. Then it shot up just like a rocket...."

Sketch by Deputy Sheriff Davidson of Hubbard, Ore., Object, May 19, 1964.

Mike said the UFO emitted a smell like gas fumes as it rose. He then ran into the house. Mrs. Bizon said her son "had been very frightened and half crying when he made the report to her."

At about this time, Ray Mortenson, the Bizons' carpenter, arrived on the scene. He went with the boy to the wheat field and they found a spot where the wheat had been flattened out.

"I would say the area was between three and four feet across," the carpenter stated, "with the wheat being pushed out in a flower-shaped pattern."

After being notified of the incident, Officer Davidson also arrived on the scene and saw the flattened area.

"The grain appeared to have been pushed down by some object," Davidson wrote in his report. "Three particular spots were noted. These were spaced about 36 inches apart...."

Later, an officer from Adair Air Force Base also inspected the site, but NICAP is unaware of any Air Force comment on the case.

### **May 21, 1964; Altus AFB, Oklahoma**

At 4:30 a.m. CST, at Missile Site 7, a large bright light was observed overhead below 10,000 feet directly over missile silo. The light was bright enough to light silo cap. The apparent size of the object was described as large as a basketball held at arm's length. The object was first noticed hovering over the south fence of site seven for 8-10 minutes. (Dan Wilson)

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ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

MISSILE SITE 7, ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

UFO Report from SAC. Received at 1135Z at SAC Command Post. At 1030Z Missile Site 6, Altus, Oklahoma reported a large bright light (size of a/c) overhead, below 10,000' directly over silo. Light was bright enough to light silo cap. Reported to people in silo, and crew silo commander sent a maintenance man up, who saw light and verified it being there. By the time he got there it had moved to an extremely high altitude. Moved vertically in NW direction. Weather high thin, scattered.

405 - HU28100 Priority 3 (Major Funk)

Spoke with Lt/Col Hollis. Site has guards all night, no military personnel. No Silo Crew Commander. Was told that it was Missile Site #7. Lt Stevenson, OIC, witness A3C Davis. ALC Somera spoke with these witnesses. Observation 1030Z-1040Z, like large aircraft rising looked like bright star. South of Silo Door, 2X as bright as star. Flight from E to North Gaining altitude from 30 deg - 45 deg.

Missile Site 7, Altus AFB, Oklahoma, Sunrise 0528 am at 35 degrees N beginning of twilight 0341 am. Time of sighting 1030Z = 0430am.

Brightness in sky, size of large a/c under 10,000 ft. Alt was estimated by high thin clouds. No features, light only. Rose straight up at fast rate. Duration 10+. Motion was to Northwest. ALC Somera saw for 1 1/2 minutes at 45 deg elevation. There was no change in size nor any change in color. It faded into the distance disappearing. There were no features other than light. A3C Davis first saw obj (light) had a magnitude of 2X N Star. There was a change in brightness which was associated with motion. He was facing northeast.

Lt Stevenson OIC, Missile SOD ext 451.

### **May 24, 1964; White Sands/Holloman AFB, New Mexico**

The Air Force confirmed that a radar unit at Holloman twice tracked UFOs in the area of White Sands, which lies west of Holloman. The spokesman, however, alluded to a natural phenomenon such as a dust storm, as the probable cause; however, it is considered unlikely that the fine particles present in a dust storm could have induced a radar return that resembled a solid object. (Jan Aldrich, BB files, The UFO Reporter, Summer, 1964)

### **May 24 [26?], 1964; Millinocket, Maine**

9 p.m. Man and a friend driving on Millinocket Lake Road saw a fiery, structure less 2 ft spherical object to the side, stopped, left the car to get a better look. They became afraid, walked back to the car, the sphere followed them. Car would not start while sphere was within 5-10 ft. (Vallée Magonia 607)

### **May 26, 1964; Cambridge, Mass**

7:43 p.m. EDST. Paul Wankowicz, RAF pilot and ex-Smithsonian satellite tracker, saw a thin, white ellipsoid (3.5x length/width ratio), estimated 15-20 ft in length if at 1,000 ft, fly straight and level, travel from nearly overhead at 80° elevation in the NE to about 20-30° elevation in the ENE, where it disappeared behind the roof of the Sears Roebuck store as viewed from his car in the parking lot to the S, looking out the window. Estimated angular speed equivalent of 200 mph at 1,000 ft (17°/sec) or 1,000 to 3,000 arcmins/sec (17°-50°/sec) in agreement. Briefly lost sight of UFO as it passed behind 40% cumulus cloud cover. No noise or trail. Estimated tops of cumulus clouds at least 3,500 ft, thus speed at least 700 mph and length 50-70 ft. (McDonald, Sparks; Basterfield; BB files; NICAP website; Berliner) 3-4 secs, 1 with, 1/3rd to 1/2 moon.

### **May 26, 1964; Pleasantview, PA**

11 p.m. Rev. H. C. Shaw saw a yellow-orange light, shaped like the bottom of a ball, in a field and chased down the road for 2 miles. (Berliner)

### **Summer, 1964; Point Isabel, Ohio**

Late evening. A couple saw a creature over 6' tall with gold, glowing eyes and wide shoulders. Body hair not obvious; had pointed chin and large ears. Just vanished from short distance. (Stringfield; Skylook-93,9)



*Point Isabel, Ohio*

**June 6, 1964; 600 miles NW of Asuncion Island**

S.S. Norma C. Penn. <>The 3rd Officer of the ship had a UFO sighting. This was reported to the Consul General in Pretoria and was followed up with the USAF UFO questionnaire (FTD Form 164). The object appeared as a light with the same brightness as the brightest star. It moved from a bearing of  $112.5^{\circ}$  to  $90^{\circ}$  at constant elevation. The object appeared to flash. The flight path of the object contained three distinct maneuvers, which included the object crossing its own path. Its motion was also described as erratic. The object disappeared in the east at  $60^{\circ}$  elevation. The sighting lasted 8 minutes. Blue Book conclusion: Star Vega (Rullan, 5.11, page 43)

**June 13, 1964; Toledo, Ohio**

9:15 p.m. B. L. English, announcer for radio station WTOD, saw 3 glowing white spheres, glowing red on their sides, moving slow, hover then moving in circles very fast, making a low, rumbling sound. (Berliner)

**June 14, 1964; Dale, Indiana**

9:00 p.m. Charles Englebrecht (18) reported that a small basketball-sized object

had landed in his back yard with E-M effects. Possible UFO "probe" or "ball lightning". (Investigated by William Powers and Fran Ridge of Indiana Unit No. 1 team, NICAP; Fold 3).

### **Late June 1964; Rome, Indiana**

Indianapolis Star, June 28 - "Mysterious Markings in Field Baffle Perry County Farm Family". A five-foot circular burned circle, with three intensely burned circles arranged in a triangular shape as though made by table legs were discovered in the alfalfa field.

### **June 29, 1964; Lavonia, GA**

Brilliantly lit top-shaped object made head-on passes at car, paced ahead of it, hovering and darting motions (UFOE Section XII).

### **July 10, 1964; Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Jackson, Mississippi, Belleville, Illinois**

At 2:25 a.m. local time (0825Z), a pilot flying from Perryville, Missouri, to Cape Girardeau, Mo., reported a UFO to Cape Girardeau ground observer in tower. The tower operator observed the object with binoculars and contacted Memphis who in turn contacted CHADS at Belleville, Illinois. Radar contact by the 798th Radar Squadron was made at bearing 152 degrees at 85 miles. The altitude varied from 33,200 feet to 8,900 feet. There were apparently no aircraft in that area. The visual observation from aircraft and ground of the objects described them as shaped like a cone or long rectangle and the color was intense white, orange or red. All visual observations at 270 degrees 20-40 degrees elevation. There were three objects seen but never more than two at one time. (McDonald list, Dan Wilson)



### **July 16, 1964; Conklin, NY**

Humanoid with dark suit and helmet, climbed on top of craft. Physical traces found at site (UFOE Section XII).

### **July 16, 1964; 15 miles S of Houghton Lake, Mich**

11:15 p.m. Northern Air Service Pilot K. Jannereth saw 4 white lights in a stepped-up echelon formation, joined by 2 more, closing in on the airplane, then rapidly slow and fly along with it. (UFOE, Section III, Berliner)

### **July 20, 1964; Clinton, Iowa-Littleton, Illinois**

4:45 a.m. J. J. Winkle saw a 60 ft diameter round topped, flat-bottomed object with a long acetylene colored flame shooting downward, flying straight and level, make a half loop, then rise up. [Military and civilian witness(es)?? Two different cases?] (Berliner)

### **July 24, 1964; Langley AFB, Virginia**

At 4:26 a.m. local time, multiple brilliant round objects were seen by tower operators using 7X50 binoculars and were observed on radar by the GCA operator. The sighting was described as four objects one-and one-half minutes in trail followed by two objects one-and one-half minutes apart, and three to four minutes separating the two formations. The objects appeared as large as a silver dollar held at arm's length and resembled burning magnesium. No sound was heard. The objects were observed to the south of the field at 75-degree angular elevation. This elevation is also given as 15 degrees and to the southeast of the field. (McDonald list, Dan Wilson))

UFOs around out military bases is very common. And you might say that I'm fascinated with their fascination. But Langley has gotten attention from the aliens for many, many years.

Plus, it also interests me because we are neighbors. Yes, I live right across the Harris River from Langley.



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STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH

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*Langley AFB*

**July 27, 1964; Norwich-Sherburne, New York**

7:30 [9?] p.m. Duabert, engineering supervisor [engineer?] stopped his car when he saw an aluminum sphere with a fluorescent luminous ring, stationary 50 ft above ground, which emitted 3 beams of very bright light before flying off at high speed. (UFOE Section V, Vallée Magonia 618)



### **July 27, 1964; Denver, CO**

8:20 p.m. A. Borsa saw a white ball of fire, the size of a car, climb slowly, then speed up. (Berliner)

### **July 28, 1964; Lake Chelan, WA**

10:30 p.m. Former Navy pilot and another man, at work in a field saw an intense light, cone-shaped, emitted from the ground and a similar light in the sky, alternating which was on and off. A round, aluminum-looking object, about 30 ft in diameter, with one red and one white light, then appeared and descended to ground with a strong whistling sound similar to a small jet, piercing and high-pitched voices similar to those of children playing were heard. Before this object took off a low-flying jet circled its position. The densely wooded area was explored by helicopter and on foot 3-4 days later by Sheriff Nickell and a USAF officer, but nothing was found. (Vallée Magonia 619)

### **Aug. 10, 1964; Wake Island**

5:16 a.m. Aircraft commander Capt. B. C. Jones and navigator 1st Lt. H. J. Cavender, in parked USAF C-124 transport plane, saw a reddish, blinking light approach the runway, stop and make several reverses. (UFOE Section I, Berliner)

### **Aug. 15, 1964; New York City, New York**

1:20 a.m. S. F. D'Alessandro saw a 10 ft x 5 ft bullet-shaped object with wavy lines on the rounded front part and 6 pipes along the straight rear portion, making a "whishhh" sound. Witness' dog growled. (Berliner)

### **Aug. 15, 1964; Yosemite National Park, Calif**

8:15 a.m. E. J. Haug, of the San Francisco Orchestra and Conservatory, and C. R. Bubb, high school math teacher, saw 3 bright silver, round objects, in a stack formation, fly very fast, changing positions within the formation, with a sound of rushing air. (Berliner)

### **Aug. 18, 1964; Atlantic, 200 miles E of Dover, Delaware**

12:35 [5:29? 12:29? EST] a.m. USAF Major D. W. Thompson and First Pilot 1st Lt. J. F. Jonke flying a C-124 transport (no. 31007) with the 31st Air Transport Sq, 1607th Air Transport Wing, out of Dover AFB at 9,000 ft and 200 mph true airspeed, saw a large round, blurred or diffuse edged, reddish-white luminous object on a collision course with the C-124 from ahead and about 500 ft below, collision averted when pilot took evasive action by turning from a 260° heading to 340° and object made a right turn and disappeared. (Berliner; cf. Hynek UFO Exp ch. 5, case NL-10; NARCAP)

## Sept. 4, 1964; Near Cisco Grove, Calif

On September 4, 1964, 28-year-old Donald Shrum and his friends were bow and arrow hunting at Cisco Grove, Placer County, California.



Before very long, the avid hunter would

have an encounter with the unknown; an encounter that would make this the most memorable hunting trip of his life.

During the afternoon of hunting, Shrum had become separated from the rest of the group, and with nightfall fast approaching, he decided to sleep the night away in a tree for safety. His attention was soon drawn, however, to the sight of a white light which zig-zagged through the trees at low altitude.

At first, he thought it was a helicopter, so Shrum jumped down from the safety of the tree and began lighting flares to attract attention to himself. He thought that his friends had launched a rescue party to locate their missing companion. Finally, the white light turned in his direction, coming to a stop some fifty yards from the tree.

He soon discovered that the object was not a helicopter at all, but a strange-looking object, different from anything he had seen before. Now frightened, he climbed back up into the safety of the tree.

After a short period of time, he was shocked to see three beings approaching the tree. Two of them seemed to be a humanoid-type of being, while the third was more robot-like. Shock became utter panic now, as the three began to shake the tree in an attempt to dislodge him. He vividly recalls a white vapor being shot from the robot's mouth; which rendered him unconscious.

When he came to, he was nauseous, but began throwing lighted matches toward the beings, which caused them to back away from the tree momentarily.

Soon the assault continued. Finally, Shrum managed to load and shoot an arrow at the invaders, hitting the robot. The direct hit caused a spark to fly, indicating that the arrow had hit a metallic surface. He managed to shoot two more arrows at the beings, each time causing to the group to scatter.

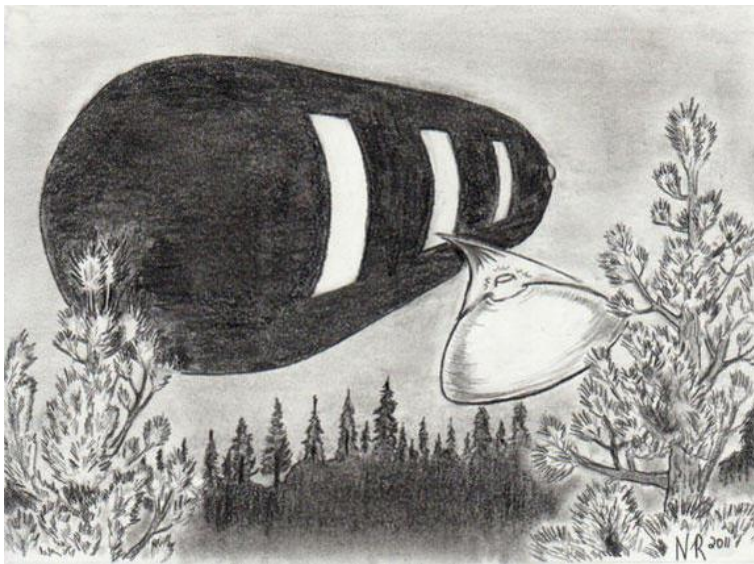
Soon, a second robot joined the group, and again Shrum was rendered unconscious by the strange, white vapor coming from the entity's mouth.

When he awoke again, the two humanoid beings were now climbing the tree! He managed to thwart the attack by throwing different objects at them, and shaking the tree.

This scenario continued off and on for most of the night.

As dawn approached, more beings arrived, and this time a large volume of smoke caused him to black out completely.

When he awoke, he was barely hanging from the tree by his belt. The aliens were finally gone. Shrum was soon rescued and reunited with the other hunters. Corroborating at least part of his story, one of the other men who had also become lost, had seen the UFO. What exactly were these humanoid-like creatures that Shrum encountered that fearful night in California?



*Cisco Grove, Calif*



## July 20, 1964; Clinton, Iowa-Littleton, Illinois

### Sept. 10, 1964; Cedar Grove, New Jersey

7:09 p.m. Chemist P. H. DePaolo saw 4 white lights, 3-4 [degrees?] apart, to the N, going W. (Berliner)

### Sept. 15, 1964; Big Sur, CA

UFO reportedly filmed while disabling Atlas warhead.

(One of the most remarkable cases, known as the Big Sur Incident, involved the inadvertent motion picture filming of a UFO that approached, circled, and—using four beams of light—shot down a dummy nuclear warhead in flight as it raced downrange over the Pacific Ocean to a designated splashdown site near Kwajalein Atoll. Although the exact date is uncertain at this point, because the documents are still classified, the available evidence suggests that this event occurred sometime in September 1964.

The former U.S. Air Force officer in charge of filming the interrupted test flight, former Lt. (now Dr.) Robert M. Jacobs, broke the amazing story in 1982 and has publicly discussed it countless times since then, most recently on the *Larry King Live* program in July 2008.

Jacobs' account has been entirely corroborated by another officer, retired Major (later Dr.) Florenze J. Mansmann, who carefully studied the Top-Secret film at Vandenberg AFB, California prior to its confiscation by CIA agents. Mansmann said that his frame-by-frame analysis of the footage, using a magnifier, revealed that the UFO—which appeared to the unaided eye as small, white dot—was actually a domed, disc-shaped craft that had pivoted on its vertical axis before emitting each beam of light.

Shortly after releasing the fourth bright burst, the UFO raced out of camera frame while the stricken warhead began to tumble, eventually falling into the ocean hundreds of miles short of its target.

But the Big Sur Incident was not unique, according to retired Technical Sergeant John W. Mills III, who was a Minuteman missile targeting team chief at Vandenberg from 1981 to 1985. Recently, Mills claimed that he had once been shown a highly-classified motion picture film of three Minuteman III dummy warheads—formally known as Multiple Independently-targeted Reentry Vehicles, or MIRVs—in flight during a test at Vandenberg in the mid-1980s. As he watched, a "small, white object" seemed to maneuver near the warheads. Inexplicably, only one of those MIRVs successfully splashed down at the target site; the other two simply "disappeared".)

### **October 11, 1964; Brockton, MA**

Engineer, others, observed dome-shaped object following jet fighters. UFO shot straight up and out of sight (UFOE Section IV).

### **Oct. 30, 1964; Somerset, UK**

Midnight +. Four businessmen on a night fishing trip reported an object described as a brilliant red light that lit the fields and the banks of a stream. A herd of about 50 cows made noise and ran when the object approached slowly at low altitude and hovered overhead. The men hid behind a car to keep from being trampled or swept into the river. After a few minutes, the object accelerated and disappeared, and the cows quieted down. The presence or absence of sound from the object is not addressed. No EM effects or physiological effects were reported. Fifty cows reacted to low object.

### **Nov. 14, 1964; Menomonee Falls, Wisc**

9:40 p.m. Dr. G. R. Wagner, MD, and two girls, saw 3 dim, reddish lights fly through 160° arc. (Berliner)

### **Nov. 16 (17-18?), 1964; Caribbean**

US Navy radar tracking of unidentified object emitting encrypted IFF Mode 1 transponder signals. (Tony Rullan) Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) system is the primary positive means of aircraft identification in air defense operations. An IFF transponder receives interrogation pulses at one frequency (1030 MHz), and sends the reply pulses at a different frequency (1090 MHz).

Nov. 19, 1964; Pacific, about 1,400 miles E of Tokyo (BBU 9183)

Military personnel saw a bright white flashing light traveling from horizon to horizon. (Berliner)

### **Nov. 19, 1964; U.S.S. Gyatt, 220 miles NW of Puerto Rico**

9:00 p.m. local time. The USS Gyatt was stationed in the Atlantic when its radar detected a bogey approaching the island from the Northeast at speeds exceeding Mach 1. The USS Gyatt relayed a message to Roosevelt Roads Navy Base in Puerto Rico, which then contacted an F-8C aircraft of Utility Squadron Eight. This aircraft was already flying at an altitude of 30,000 ft over Puerto Rico. The aircraft reported a stranger closing in very fast. The pilot of the F-8C described the object as delta shaped and about the size of a fighter. Its color was black or gray and had no lights. It had no contrail but had a light source emitting from the tail during periods of acceleration. The pilot pursued the bogey but could not intercept. The target accelerated out of sight in a wide starboard turn climbing through 50,000 feet at about 18°-20° angle of climb in excess of Mach 1. (Rullan, Wilson)

### **Nov. 24, 1964; Caribbean**

US Navy radar tracking of unidentified object emitting encrypted IFF Mode 1 transponder signals. (Tony Rullan)

### **November 25, 1964; New Berlin, NY**

Was there a double UFO landing at New Berlin, NY? Was that particular incident a mission or something else?

One cool autumn night in 1964, a woman steps out on her porch. When she looks up, an amazing activity in the sky meets her view. She initially thinks about a shooting star falling into a hillside opposite to her, around 2/3 of a mile away. As she continues to watch what appears to be a falling shooting star, another falling light comes to her view. The light descends in a vertical manner, but it does not reach the ground as it stops descending. It then starting to move in a horizontal manner above and along a creek bed that runs parallel to her road.

Intense bright is all over the place as it comes closer with a low humming noise. The woman calls her mother-in-law to come outside as she steps into her driveway to have a better and closer look. Two cars pass by the road right at that moment and one of the two cars pulls off the road, apparently looking at the strange object. The unidentified flying object then begins to come close to the car, but the car speeds away.

As the woman runs back to her house, her mother-in-law takes a look at the mysterious UFO just outside the porch and runs back inside after. The mother-in-law pleads the woman to return to the house and never mind the UFO. But the woman ignores the request and continues to watch the UFO as another car approaches.

The car speeds up rapidly upon noticing that the UFO. The strange flying object then moves away in a northerly direction and stops in a field across the road, around 3800 feet away.

The woman then follows her mother-in-law inside the house. They use a pair of high-powered binoculars and focus on the site where the strange flying object has landed. They both see a round structure positioning what looks to be landing struts. Underneath of the structure is illuminated with bright light and within the light they see 5 or 6 figures bringing boxes that appear to have filled with unusual devices.

The mysterious men extract a big contraption out of the UFO using the strange hand-held tools. Then at the northeast, they see another descending light that lands behind the first UFO. Then more strange beings getting out of the second UFO and seem to hurry assisting the other humanoid figures working on the first mysterious object.

The story seems taken from science fiction movies or novels, but the above account of a twin UFO landing is true. It happened on the night of November 25, 1964 in a hamlet of New Berlin, NY. The nearest large city of this small community of people is Oneonta, 25 miles away. The witnesses were Mrs. Kathy Hatzenbuhler and her mother-in-law.

At around 4:55 AM, the entire event ended when the second UFO went straight up and abruptly disappeared then the other UFO rose straight up a minute later and shot off in the same direction as the first one.

### **Dec. 4, 1964; Baker, Oregon**

At 4:50 a.m. local time, a glowing round object that had the apparent size ranging from a baseball to a basketball at arm's length and was seen by at least 4 observers, Harold H. Eves TSGT Radar Operations Crew Chief , a city policeman, Donald H. Stinett 821st Radar Squadron, and Vernon W. Meador 821st Radar Squadron AC&W Operator. Observations were made with binoculars and a surveyor's scope, and there were also radar returns observed on an AN/FPS-35 Search Radar. Length of observation was approximately 2 hours. Some observers saw from 3 to 4 objects. (Dan Wilson, McDonald list)

### **Dec. 19, 1964; Patuxent River NAS, Maryland**

3:30 a.m. USN control tower operator Bernard Sujka and 2 other CTO's tracked 2 large target 10 miles apart heading directly toward the radar station at about 7,000 mph, swerving off at 15 miles range, then approaching again to 10 miles, then one target returned to 8 miles range and made a high speed 160° turn. (NICAP)

### **Dec. 21, 1964; Harrisonburg, Virginia**

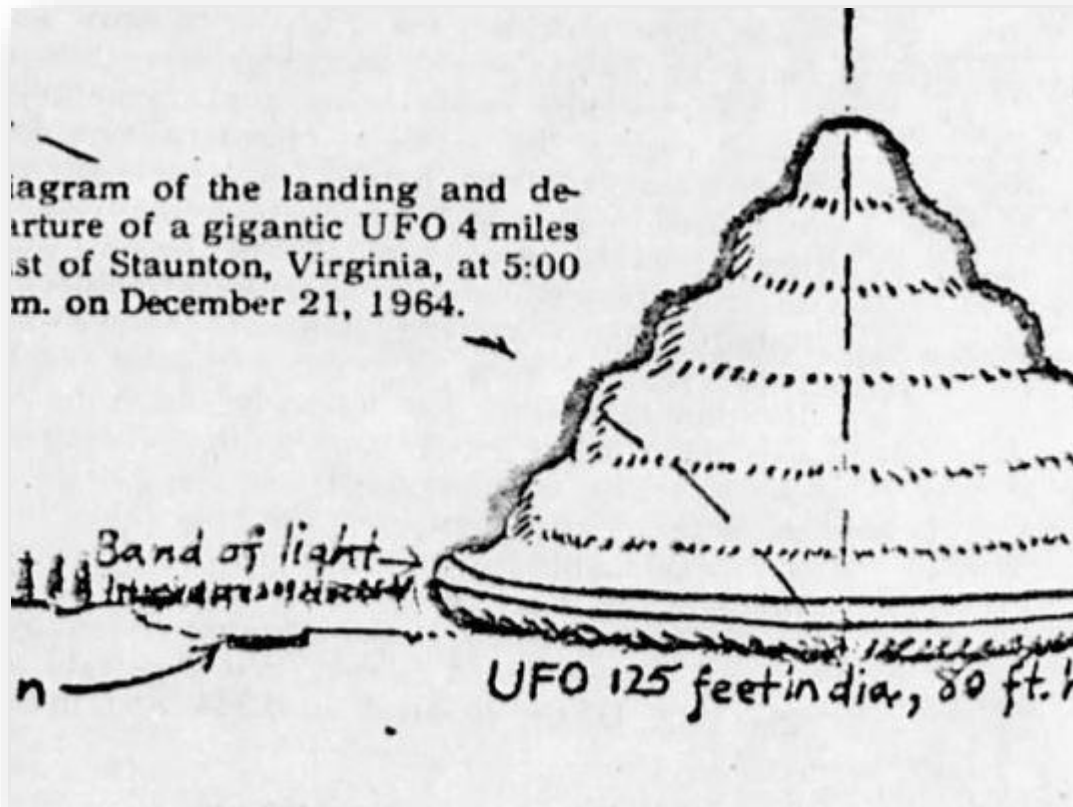
On December 21, 1964, as Harrisonburg Gunsmith Horace Burns drove his 1958 Mercury station wagon east on Route 250 near Fishersville, he saw a huge metallic object fly over from the north. It crossed Route 250 about one-quarter mile west of the Woodrow Wilson Rehab Center and landed in a field to his right, just as his car cut off and he drifted to a stop.

Burns described the object as "125 feet in diameter and 80 to 90 feet tall." It was shaped like a beehive, with no visible portholes, wings or seams. He watched as it "rested for 60 or 90 seconds" then rose up, tilted and flew northeast. Shaken, he re-started his car and drove home.

After telling his wife of his encounter, Burns contacted an extra-terrestrial club at Eastern Mennonite College. On Dec. 30, German professor and UFO Investigators

Club President Ernest Gehman drove to the landing area. Using a school Geiger counter, he claimed to find heavy radioactivity.

Gehman contacted Wright-Patterson Air Force Base's Project Blue Book, and on Jan. 12, 1965, Sgts. David Moody and Harold Jones arrived to investigate the UFO landing. "During [Burns'] interview ... the witness appeared normal," Moody and Jones' undated report states. "He exhibited no indications of suffering from mental disorders."



Frustrated, Gehman and Burns suspected a cover-up. They pointed out that Richmond Times-Dispatch reporter Dallas Kersey had interviewed a Staunton boy who had seen a UFO traveling in the same area and the same time as Burns reported the landing.

Gehman also learned that around 5 p.m. on the evening of the sighting, several nearby homeowners reported to Virginia Electric and Power Co. that their lights dimmed, and their radios and televisions stopped working for several minutes.



"I think we need a psychiatrist here," Sgt. Jones wrote in a memo to his commanding officer. "What does a person need to eat to see a traveling beehive?"

Within weeks, over 30 more UFOs were reported in Augusta County. On Jan. 20, two boys reported a blue and green "fast-moving object" near Doods. Waynesboro News-Virginian employee Sam Witt reported a blinking object near Verona. A Fishersville woman told the News-Virginian that she and her son watched "shapeless, noiseless objects" in the sky over Waynesboro for 90 minutes.

The climax of the phenomenon was a "close encounter" reported by General Electric engineer William Blackburn. On Jan. 22, at 5:40 pm, the Fishersville resident reported two saucers landed near him as he cut wood at an archery range near Brands Flat. He claimed three beings about three feet tall, wearing a shiny material, debarked from the larger ship and approached within 12 yards of him.

As Blackburn watched, frozen in fear, he noted they were "shaped like humans," with one having very long fingers. They carried no weapons and did not appear hostile. He said they uttered unintelligible sounds before returning back into their ship.

"I am sure I did not have a hallucination," he told the News-Virginian of the 30-minute encounter. "I didn't use to believe in these things. This made me a believer."

On Jan. 28, groups of shotgun-toting county residents began patrolling Route 250 looking for aliens. "This has gotten completely out of hand," Sheriff John Kent told The Associated Press. "Anyone carrying firearms in the county without good reason will be dealt with according to the law."

Despite mounting sightings, Charlottesville's Leander McCormick observatory spotted nothing unusual. Larry Frederick, chairman of the University of Virginia's astronomy department, explained that the objects could be meteors "since there was some

'showering' activity."

Real, meteors or hoax, the sightings stopped as quickly as they began, and by the end of February 1965, the great Augusta County UFO scare faded away.

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## ***World's Best Places to Hunt For ETs And Search For UFOs***

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Countless UFOs are being sighted, and despite numerous witnesses, they are never reported. Most people keep UFO experiences to themselves for fear of being labeled crazy. According to the National UFO Reporting Center, there were over 4,881 reported sightings in the United States in 2017, but just imagine how many were not reported.

What was once a subject of clandestine conversation has now become an international fascination with tourists visiting famed sighting areas and governments from around the world organizing extensive exploration. Even the U.S. Pentagon admitted it ran a secret program to investigate sightings by military pilots of countless unidentified flying objects. The Advanced Aviation Threat Identification Program officially ended six years ago, but many believe the program is still active.

My fascination with the unknown compelled me to explore unique areas from around the world where visitors can discover the mysteries of the universe, as well as be entertained by historical sightings. Here are my 8 favorite locations for your own out of this world experience.



Alien landscape in Chile

## **CHILE**

Chile is often mentioned as the country with the highest recorded number of UFO sightings. Due to its low humidity, high altitude ridges, and clear skies with little pollution, Chile has become a favorite among UFO-seekers from around the world.

The country has even launched the CEFAA (Committee for Studies of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena (CEFAA), a government body which investigates UAPs (Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon) under the control of the Chilean Air Force. Cerro Paranal in the Chilean Atacama Desert



## Paranal Observatory- Northern Chile

Located in the Atacama Desert of Chile, ESO's Paranal Observatory is one of the best astronomical observing sites in the world and is the flagship location for Europe's ground-based astronomy. It contains several major telescopes including the Very Large Telescope, the Visible and Infrared Survey Telescope for Astronomy, and the VLT Survey Telescope.

The ESO Hotel and La Residencia adjacent to Paranal Observatory provide accommodation for staff and media only. Tourists are not allowed to stay overnight. In order to visit the observatory, it is a two-hour drive from Cerro Moreno airport and opens on weekends only with an advance reservation.



The Alma Observatory at Chajnantor Plateau

## ALMA Observatory

ALMA Observatory is the most ambitious radio observatory on Earth. Unlike optic telescopes, radio telescopes are designed to capture radio waves emitted by sources in space. This is a segment of the electromagnetic spectrum that allows researchers to take a closer look at the Universe. ALMA has 66 antennas: fifty-four 12-meter diameter antennas and twelve 7-meter diameter antennas.

It is open every Saturday and Sunday to members of the public who want to visit its facilities located in northern Chile (30 miles from San Pedro de Atacama). Visitors get to see the ALMA Operations Support Facility (OSF), where ALMA personnel work and where you can observe the control room, laboratories, and the antenna transporter. The area of Chajnantor Plateau (where the massive number of antennas are located) are not open to visitors.



### [San Clemente UFO Trail](#)

El Enladrillado UFO landing area

San Clemente, Chile is considered to be the unofficial UFO capital of the world. Researchers say that hundreds of UFO sightings have been reported there, as much as one per week. So popular is the area that the Chilean tourism board established an official UFO trail in 2008. The 19-mile trail runs through the Andes mountains covering sights where close encounters have been reported. Included in the experience are Colbún Lake, which has proved popular with UFOs because of its high mineral content, along with various areas highlighting historic sightings. But the trail's must-see location is El Enladrillado, a huge, bizarre flat area formed by 200 perfectly cut volcanic blocks that were reportedly laid by ancient civilizations. It takes four hours to get to the location on horseback and is believed by many to be a landing pad for extraterrestrials.



## [Elqui Domos Astronomical Hotel](#)

### Elqui Domos Astronomical Hotel

Elqui Domos Astronomical Hotel is a small 10-year-old hotel located in the heart of the Elqui Valley, a narrow valley stretched in between the Andes Mountains. The hotel is equipped with a restaurant, an astronomical observatory, an outdoor pool and 11 air-conditioned and centrally-heated rooms. The rooms are divided into 7 geodesic domes and 4 observatory-style cabins.

The domes have a private bathroom, a living room on the first floor and a bed on a mezzanine floor, from where you can uncover the roof of the domes and search the skies.

The Elqui Valley is well known for its perfectly clear skies and nice weather, as well as for its great potential for UFO spotting and studying astronomy.

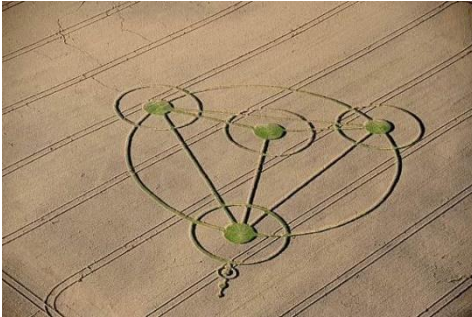


Poolside dome at Elqui Domos Hotel

### [Andes UFO tours](#)

Take this excursion on horseback to the Andes along the trails of the local cowboys, an adventure that will take you through a natural and wild landscape under a perfect blue sky and along the Cochiguaz river. You will be accompanied by a trained guide who will educate you on the skies using a 12" telescope while sitting around a campfire and drinking pisco sours.

The next morning is a trip to the scientific observatory of Cerro Tololo, which includes a visit to the observatory's facilities and a guided tour introducing the research done at the complex. That evening check-in to a hotel in Vicuña before a night tour to the observatory.



## WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND

Crop circles adorn wheat fields near Wiltshire, England

Mysterious patterns have appeared in the fields of Wiltshire, just one mile from the equally bizarre Stonehenge. Many sightings have occurred here including a large disc-shaped object hovering above the site. The prehistoric monument includes a ring of massive stones dating back to around 3100 BC and is listed as a World Heritage site. Supporters of the theory that ancient aliens built the landmark also consider the area a landing pad for spaceships or a location marker for extraterrestrials.



Sign for Little A'Le'Inn and flying saucer near Area 51

## AREA 51, NEVADA (S4 Papoose Mountain Facility)

This U.S. military installation is located almost 100 miles north of Las Vegas and is commonly known to UFO conspiracy theorists as a location the U.S. government refused to acknowledge. They believe that the area is a storage facility for the examination of a crashed alien spacecraft including its occupants both living and dead as well as materials recovered at Roswell. They also believe the area is used to manufacture aircraft based on alien technology.

Some UFOlogists are now claiming a secret underground facility has been discovered in the base of the Papoose Mountains, in Lincoln County, Nevada, where recovered alien space crafts and extraterrestrial beings are kept hidden away and no longer at Area 51.





## PLANETXV UFO Hunting Trip

This tour takes you to locations near the famed Area 51, departing from Las Vegas for nighttime explorations. Area 51 is a highly classified remote detachment of Edwards Air Force Base so visitors are limited on how close they can get.

Sedona vortex VISIT SEDONA

## **SEDONA, ARIZONA**

Sedona, Arizona is one of America's most popular destinations for spotting U.F.O.s. Nightly tours go out with visitors equipped with night vision glasses, binoculars, and telescopes. The amount of activity recorded is staggering including reported sightings of; Orbs, portals, aliens, and even Bigfoots all within the high desert.

The mysterious Bradshaw Ranch also draws numerous tourists. Located deep within the national forest, it is reported to have been confiscated by the U.S. Government because it housed one of the most powerful inter-dimensional portals on the planet. Visitors are not allowed in the National Forest at night, but several tour operators will take you there and stay until dusk. According to accounts, it's in the last hour of twilight when many of these phenomena take place. There are even more outrageous reports of a top-secret underground base at the ranch as well as an elaborate tunnel system, possibly used by both extraterrestrials and the U.S. military.

### [Sedona UFO Tours](#)

This tour begins with a two-hour meditation walk starting at the Amitabha Stupa, Sedona's most spiritual vortex. Guides will take you through a guided meditation and even offer a paranormal video tour. After sunset, you can visit a well known hot spot of UFO activity where the company guarantees sightings of UFO's, using special night vision goggles.



Wycliffe Well, Australia

### **WYCLIFFE WELL, AUSTRALIA**

UFOs are not an uncommon sight in Wycliffe Well. They are known to appear at the beginning of the dry season, from May to October. Wycliffe Well is located in the Northern Territory along the Stuart Highway between Alice Springs and Tennant Creek and considers itself the UFO capital of Australia. Wycliffe Well is said to be one of the top five UFO hotspots in the world and guarantees a sighting every couple of days. Visitors can stay in cabins at the Wycliffe Well Holiday Park located 236 miles from Alice Springs.



Ural Mountains Perm Anomalous Zone

### **M TRIANGLE, RUSSIA**

This famous Perm Anomalous Zone is located in a remote area near the Ural Mountains in Russia. The M Triangle is one of the most mysterious places in the world and was discovered in the 1980s. Reports of watches that stop, and bright glowing and colored lightning appearing in the sky. Ufologists consider this a sign of underground fractures where strong energy emits. This wave duct for electromagnetic energy usually results in color, sound, and other phenomena.

The village of Molyobka sits on the border of the Perm and Sverdlovsk regions. Opposite the village, on the left bank of the Sylva River, is the famous Molyobka Triangle. When Perm geologist Emil Bachurin found a circular, 206-foot impression in the snow in the 80's, the location quickly became a location for enthusiasts to explore Yetis, UFOs, shining spheres, and plasmoids.

The area is currently developing a UFO park, and local businesses are building hotels and observatories for tourists as well as installing gravity meters, infrared cameras, and magnetic-field sensors. UFO tourism is also popular in nearby Tolyatti, where visitors can see some of the world's largest crop circles.



Joshua Tree Sunset CONTACT IN THE DESERT

## **JOSHUA TREE, CALIFORNIA**

Joshua Tree is on 29 Palms Highway, about a three-hour drive from LAX. The area is known to have many underground waterways all featuring a high mineral content. Joshua Tree National Park was once home to 300 mines and includes a unique white crystal quartz hill behind Giant Rock. Visitors often go searching for the hidden alien base that is rumored to be located somewhere beneath the expansive desert.

UFOlogists believe that Joshua Tree sits on the 33rd North parallel just like Roswell. The research behind the 33rd North parallel provides the location for the most UFO sightings.

### [Joshua Tree expedition with UFOlogist Dr. Steven Greer](#)

Dr. Steven Greer is a controversial UFOlogist who founded the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence (CSETI) and the Disclosure Project, which seeks the disclosure of allegedly suppressed UFO information. Each week-long expedition is limited to about 25 and includes an intensive training program with Dr. Greer. At night the group meets under the stars for 4-5 hours to make contact using Greer's CE-5 Contact Protocols. During the intensive training program, visitors learn how to make contact with ET civilizations and how to really become an Ambassador to the Universe.



Dr. Steven Greer expedition

[Contact in the Desert](#)

For the past five years, UFO researchers ranging from professionals to fans converge on the California High Desert for a long weekend of lectures and workshops on the unexplained. The Woodstock of UFOlogy is a weekend of education into the Science of UFOs & Extraterrestrial Life, Ancient Aliens, Human Origins, Crop Circles, Government Disclosure, UFO Sightings and Interplanetary Living.



UFO Festival in Roswell ROSWELL UFO FESTIVAL

## **ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

Roswell has been at the heart of the UFO scene since July 1947 when the military announced it had found the remains of a crashed UFO in the desert nearby. Ever since the legendary Roswell UFO crash of July 1947 alien conspiracy theorists have claimed the remains of a flying saucer, and even dead aliens, were secretly taken into storage.

Visits to the crash sites are difficult to navigate deep in the desert, so many tourists visit the Roswell Spacewalk and the International UFO Museum and Research Center.

### [Roswell UFO Festival](#)

Every Fourth of July weekend the city of Roswell organizes the UFO Festival, a celebration of all things extraterrestrial. Thousands of people meet on Main Street for the Comic-Con of UFO devotees. Costume contests, and a long weekend of lectures and book signings put on by Roswell's International UFO Museum.

## **PROFESSIONAL ALIEN EXPLORATION**

Aside from the numerous tourist locations around the world, the scientific community is ramping up efforts to discover the unknown and to hopefully make contact with extraterrestrials. The following are the top satellite and research programs that are currently active with a few offering tourists to visit their facilities.

### [Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite](#)

A planned space telescope for NASA's Explorers program, designed to search for exoplanets using the transit method is planned to launch in March 2018. The conclusion is that Europa or Enceladus are both possible life planets as well as the discovery of Kepler-452b. It is the first near-Earth-size world to be found in the habitable zone of a star that is similar to our sun. And, in 2015, NASA announced strong evidence that liquid water flows intermittently on present-day Mars.

[The James Webb Space Telescope](#) is a large infrared telescope with a 6.5-meter primary mirror. The telescope will be launched on an Ariane 5 rocket from French Guiana in Spring 2019 and will study the formation of solar systems capable of supporting life on planets like Earth.

### [The Nexus for Exoplanet System Science](#)

(NExSS) is a NASA research coordination network dedicated to the study of planetary habitability. The goals of NExSS are to investigate the diversity of exoplanets and to learn how their history, geology, and climate interact to create the conditions for life.



Project Breakthrough Co-Founders Mark Zuckerberg (L) and Yuri Milner

### [Project Breakthrough Initiatives](#)

Billionaire Yuri Milner, physicist Stephen Hawking, and Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg have launched the \$100 million Breakthrough Listen program. The program is focused on astronomical observations in search of evidence of intelligent life beyond Earth. It is by far the most comprehensive search ever undertaken for artificial radio and optical signals encompassing a complete survey of the 1,000,000 nearest stars, the plane and center of our galaxy, and the 100 nearest galaxies.

### [UFO taskforce, GEIPAN - France](#)

The CNES French Space Agency service is funded by the French government. Its mission is to collect reports of UFO or UAP (Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena) sightings that have occurred over the French territory, to provide an explanation when possible, and to answer questions from the public.



## [Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence \(SETI\)- California](#)

SETI, the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence is located in Mountain View, California and seeks evidence of life in the universe by looking for some signature of its technology. More than 90 scientists work at the Institute looking for life beyond Earth. The Allen Telescope is sometimes available for tours and is located 350 miles North of the Institute.



Great Refractor Telescope in California UC OBSERVATORY

## [Nickel Telescope- California](#)

UC Santa Cruz and UC Berkeley have given the Lick Observatory's 40-inch Nickel Telescope a new pulse-detection system capable of finding laser beacons from civilizations many light-years away. The automated planet finder (APF) is the world's first robotic telescope capable of detecting rocky planets that might support life in other solar systems. Located one hour from San Jose in the Santa Clara Valley, visitors are allowed inside the dome of the 36-inch great refractor Thursday-Sunday.

## [Pan-STARRS Telescope- Hawaii](#)

Operated by the Institute for Astronomy at the University of Hawaii. A strange oblong asteroid named Oumuamua was recently detected by Pan-STARRS through its collection of telescopes perched high above the Hawaiian island of Maui. The SETI Institute began scanning Oumuamua with its [Allen Telescope Array](#) on Nov. 23, 2017. So far, they have spent 60 hours checking for transmissions over a wide range of frequencies. Another SETI project, Breakthrough Listen, will soon devote 10 hours to investigating Oumuamua using a large antenna in West Virginia.



Aperture Spherical Telescope in China

[Aperture Spherical Telescope – China](#)

China's five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical Telescope (FAST), is located in a rural part of China's Guizhou province and will be used to try to solve some of the universe's biggest mysteries. One of its primary missions is to detect communication signals or messages from alien civilizations.

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