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6:00 a.m. April 27

~~9:10~~ a.m. Roy Turner

Don Herbert

WTOP News

Called 9:15 a.m.

"egg-shaped"

Sueilis

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[also Frank Wilson]

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NOTES - call to Lonnie Zamora
4-28-64 approx noon EDT

3 hrs. diff.
835-1134 mother's, next door

John McMillon

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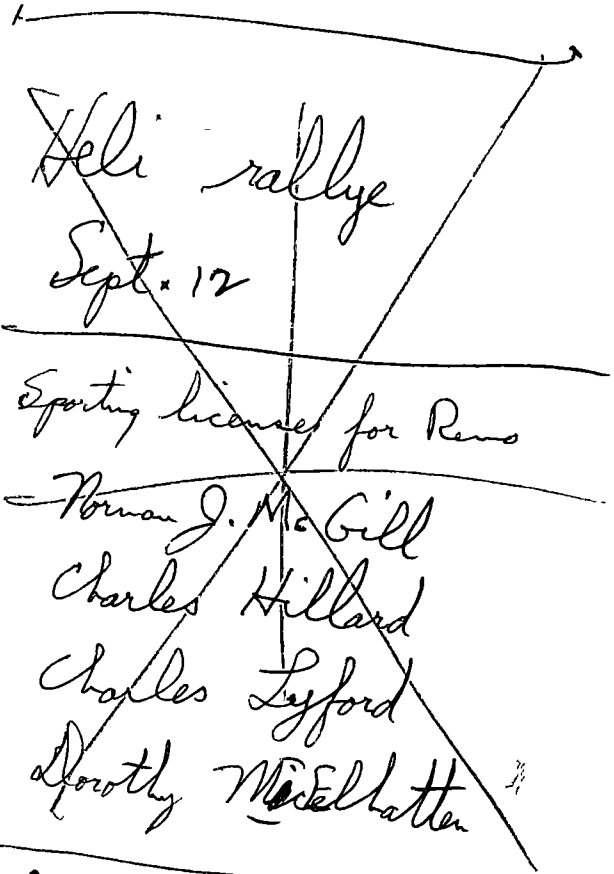
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Lonnie Zamora, Socorro, N. Mexico

Sgt. Sam Shavez 835-1441
0941

egg sh obj.

2 ^{legs} on this side; 4 imprints

150 yds @ 1st

then 200'

big roar (dyna shack?)

something close to it - look like

pair coveralls w/ it

out of car red lettering

~~was~~ drew out - gave

to Capt. ^{Reddy} Holder, White Sands

noise again, dust

ran back

noise stop, took off

10' off ground 2 1/2 min went up

5,000 words.

- I. Brief Summary of Sighting (Officers reactions + deeds)
 - A. True account after Invest. (Precise)
- II. Invest. (Misc)
 - A. Interviews
 - B. Points in Brief (Evidence ^{physical})
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UFO LANDS IN NEW MEXICO

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Coral Lorenzen is one of the foremost investigators and writers on UFOs in the country. In 1952 she became the international director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) and editor of its publication, "The APRO Bulletin." She is the author of a book published in 1962, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax" (William Frederick/APRO, New York). Born in 1925, she lives with her husband and three children in Tucson, Ariz.

By Coral Lorenzen

Investigating an "overturned car," the patrolman found it was a strange machine—attended by two small figures.

OFFICER LONNIE Zamora had been chasing a car south on Park Street in Socorro, N. Mex. at about 5:40 P.M. on Friday, April 24, 1964. Near the Church of *La Buena Pastor* (Good Shepherd) his attention was caught by a roaring sound and a blue flame southwest of him. In the area where the flash appeared there is a dynamite storage shack and Zamora feared there had been an explosion there. He radioed headquarters in Socorro and cut off Park Street onto a

narrow winding trail among the hillocks and gullies in the direction of the shack.

As he descended a small rise and started into a wash he saw what he thought was an overturned car with its top exposed to him, about 450 feet away in a deep gully. Zamora radioed headquarters again from this point, since he assumed there had been an accident and a car was overturned.

To approach the overturned car Zamora would have to drive up out

of the draw he was in onto a small mesa. As he looked further he saw what he later described as an egg-shaped, white object with two protrusions, like legs, and two man-shaped beings who appeared to be doing something to the object. The beings were dressed in white and one turned toward him.

Zamora drove up onto the mesa and got out of his car. The object was still in its original position. But almost immediately it started belching blue flame from its underside. An earsplitting, pulsating roar filled the air. Zamora turned and ran, looking back over his shoulder at the object as it climbed to about 20 feet altitude, when the roar and flame ceased. It then proceeded southwest toward the Black Range, ascending as it flew at high speed. It was out of sight in seconds.

At this point Sgt. Sam Chavez drove upon the scene. He had been alerted by Zamora's radio calls and had jumped into his squad car in an attempt to locate him. Chavez later told me that he arrived within three minutes after the initial radio call.

He found Zamora standing by his car, appearing to be very upset. After a brief conversation the two men descended into the gully to examine the spot where the object had rested. A mesquite bush and some small weeds were charred and smoking.

This is the bare outline of what was to be the most exciting UFO report I ever have investigated.

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EXACTLY 17 HOURS after the Zamora sighting took place I received a telephone call from Mr. Arlynn Bruer, news editor of the Alamogordo *Daily News*. Sgt. Sam Chavez is a long-time friend of Bruer's so when the story came in on the wire Bruer talked with Chavez by phone, then called me. I alerted Terry Clarke of Radio Station KALG in Alamogordo, N. Mex., and began checking the story through members of APRO in central and northern New Mexico. Every source urged Mr. Lorenzen and me to come over and verify it for ourselves. So at 5:00 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, less than 24 hours after the incident occurred, we steered our ponderous old Cadillac east out of Tucson, Ariz.

At 9:00 o'clock the next morning we arrived at police headquarters and were seated at a desk facing Sgt. M. Samuel Chavez, of the New Mexico State Police. He was just finishing an interview with an Associated Press reporter. We waited.

Sergeant Chavez is about 41 years old and has 15 years service with the state police behind him. His air of competence and attention to detail generates a feeling of

THE "LITTLE MEN" PROBLEM

On Sunday, April 26, a UPI story from Socorro, by-lined by Charles Richards, quoted Patrolman Lonnie Zamora as denying that he had seen any "little creatures" around the UFO. He saw only what looked like a pair of coveralls, he said.

"There have been so many phone calls," Zamora sighed. Richards said that he spent "most of Sunday" shaking his head over some of the reports of what he supposedly had said.

"Maybe you'd better ask some of these other guys," Richards quoted Zamora as telling reporters. "I'm the only one who saw it, but they seem to know more about it than I do."

Because of the alleged sighting of "little creatures" is perhaps the most important single issue in the Zamora sighting, FATE's editors asked Author Lorenzen to comment specifically on his descriptions and later denials. Here is what Mrs. Lorenzen wrote:

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Jim and I were stunned when we heard and read of Patrolman Lonnie Zamora's subsequent denial that he saw "little men".

Why did he change his story?

I think basically it is because he doesn't like the implications of what he saw. When we talked with him two days after his bizarre experience he already was weary of telling about it—over and over. No doubt, too, ridicule about "the little men" got to him very soon and he regretted his early candidness.

I am sorry he has found it necessary or comfortable to change his story for this can be used to discredit all of his story.

In the face of this amazing about-face I can only reiterate that Patrolman Zamora did tell my husband and me, in the presence of at least three other witnesses, that he had seen two human-shaped beings in what appeared to be white "mechanic's coveralls" beside the craft. We questioned him closely concerning their apparent size and Mr. Zamora estimated that they were as tall as one-third of the craft, which he in turn estimated to be between nine and 12 feet long.

He stated that when he saw them he was looking into the gully in which the craft was parked, that he thought they were doing something about the ship. When he later topped the mesa and got a closer look at the ship the "men" were gone, presumably inside. And the ship took off in a matter of seconds.

Sergeant Chavez also told us in detail what Patrolman Zamora had told him of seeing small beings beside the craft—and this when the sighting was only minutes old.

I can only state for the record that I believe Zamora's initial description of what he said he saw. I do not pretend to understand the motives which now have led him to contradict himself.

confidence, and his precise way of stating facts is reassuring. It was he who filled in the background details and, along with Police Chief Polo Pineda, testified to the competence, honesty and integrity as well as the courage of the witness, Patrolman Lonnie Zamora.

"Lonnie is not a man to be easily frightened," Chavez told us, "that thing must have made an impression on him to scare him like it did." Chief Pineda, who rode out to the site of the landing with Chavez, Mr. Lorenzen and me said simply, "Lonnie is a good man."

As we drove out to the site of the landing Chavez pointed out the place on Park Street where Zamora first had sighted the cone-shaped blue flame in the sky to the southwest. At that point Zamora had discontinued his pursuit of the speeder, whose identity he felt he knew anyway, to proceed in the direction of the flame because he feared that an explosion had taken place at the dynamite vault.

He described the flame as four times as long as it was wide at its widest point and coming down in the vicinity of the vault. Just after the blue flame dropped out of sight the roaring sound ceased and a whining sound, which earlier may have been masked by the roar, was heard. Its frequency decreased rapidly to zero. By then Zamora had left Park Street and was mak-

ing his run up a steep rocky incline to the mesa (A). Because of the steepness and condition of the trail he made three tries before topping the grade; then as he began descending the south west slope he spotted the object in the gully. From his position he was looking across one gully and up into another, somewhat down at the object. Still in his automobile he saw the object, two of its "legs" or landing gear, and two small white-clad figures. One turned and looked in his direction. He said they appeared to be "small adults" or "boys."

At this point Zamora, as he drove toward the incline leading to the second mesa (B), lost sight of the object as it was obscured by the terrain. He parked his car and got out, accidentally dislodging his microphone as he did so. He automatically hung this back in its proper place, then took three steps toward the object. At that instant it set up an ear-splitting roar.

He was thoroughly frightened. He did not know what he was observing and he was within 100 to 150 feet of the object. He turned and ran almost blindly, banging his leg on his car as he passed it and dislodging his sunglasses. He ran almost directly west across Mesa B and into the next gully. As he ran he looked over his shoulder because he heard the roar diminishing. It



Indentation in soil, four inches deep, was one of set left by landing gear of UFO.

was then he saw the brilliant blue cone-shaped flame again.

The object had risen until it now was about 20 feet above the top of the mesa. Then the flame shrank to nothing and the roar ceased. Once again Zamora heard the whining sound which began at a high frequency, dropped rapidly to a low frequency and faded out. The object flew silently up the gully, barely missed the top of the dynamite vault, and ascended rapidly at a shallow angle in the

direction of the Perlite mine southwest of Socorro. A few seconds later Sergeant Chavez' car ground up the steep grade to Mesa B and stopped. Zamora walked over; the two men talked, then went to examine the gully where the strange machine had rested.

It is a dry, rocky draw within the city limits but isolated from the town proper. Only the roofs of two barns and a house are visible from the spot. The highway, less than half a mile away, is hidden.

The marks left by the machine are not entirely unfamiliar to experienced UFO investigators but to the two law officers they were strange. Four indentations apparently had resulted from landing gear pressing into the hard, rocky earth. At another point four circular impressions were found. The indentations were approximately three and one-half to four inches in depth, the circular impressions a little less. Almost in the middle of the area three-quarters of a mesquite bush was charred and smouldering. The burning must have been intense and brief for weeds and earth within the area bounded by the indentations also were burned and smoking. There were no tracks.

After Zamora described his experience and what he had seen and heard, Chavez checked Zamora's car for a spade, shovel, or any implement which could have made the indentations. He found nothing. All the indentations were exactly alike.

"I just thought I'd check," Chavez said. Obviously he had found Zamora's account all but incredible.

Later questioning by Chavez and by Mr. Lorenzen and me yielded the following additional information: The color of the blue flame was an "indescribably brilliant blue." Zamora got the impression from the stance of the figures that

they were "doing something to the object." His first view yielded only a long-range glance of a few seconds but he did note two protrusions which were possibly landing gear. When he stopped on the second mesa he got a good close look before the roar began and he started running. He noted landing gear or supporting elements, also some markings (see diagram 3). The object kicked up a little dust as it rose from the ground. After it cleared the dynamite shack its ascent was at a shallow angle and it disappeared "by getting smaller" into the southwest at a high rate of speed.

After examining the landing site the two men proceeded back to headquarters in Socorro where Chavez alerted an FBI man he knew was in town. Captain Richard Holder, the Army officer in charge of the White Sands Stallion Site station, also was notified and he visited the site of the incident that same night. Rocks were piled around the indentations to preserve them, measurements and photographs were taken and Zamora was questioned. At 7:30 o'clock the next morning United Press International broke the story and the curious arrived to look and to trample on what little residual evidence there was.

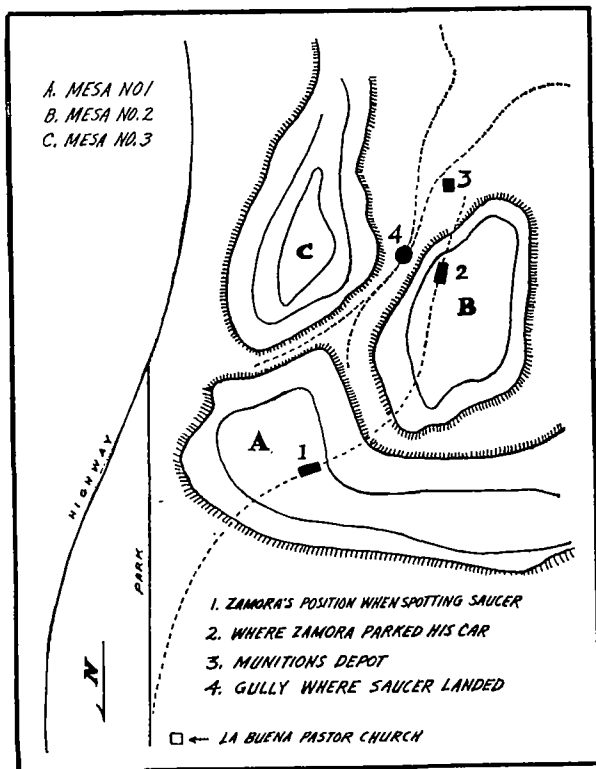
During a lengthy discussion with Sergeant Chavez on Sunday morn-

ing Mr. Lorenzen and I discussed our plans for analyzing the soil samples we had taken and I mentioned to Chavez that Zamora and he probably would be questioned by Air Force Intelligence. He answered that a major from Kirtland Air Force Base, near Albuquerque, and a Sergeant Moody from Wright Patterson were waiting for him down the hall. A scientist from Sandia Corporation at Albuquerque

also was waiting but after talking to Jim and me he left. From our conversation with the sergeant and the major we gathered that officialdom was very interested in the goings-on in that gully on Friday, April 24.

- A very important point relating to the markings at the site of the landing is the appearance of the wedge-shaped indentations. They look as if something very heavy ex-

Patrolman Zamora was at point (1) on Mesa A when he first sighted the landed UFO, which was in a gully (4), near a munitions depot (3). As Zamora left his parked car at (2) on Mesa B, the UFO unexpectedly took to the air.



tended its supporting mechanism and settled to earth where its weight pushed down and consequently pushed some of the earth up and away. The bushes and grass are burned only toward the apparent center of the area.

Later during our own examination of the site we noted that shoes did make an impression on the ground but anyone wearing soft moccasins might not leave an impression.

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AT 2:00 P. M. on Sunday afternoon we met Patrolman Zamora. A neat man of medium height, 31 years old, he is solidly built and gives one the impression of quiet dependability. Our main concern now was with details concerning the ship or object itself, the human-shaped figures, and Zamora's reactions.

Lonnie Zamora said he thought at first an explosion had occurred and therefore he abandoned his chase of the speeding car. His observation of the two white-clad figures at the object was comparatively short and he admitted that at the time he viewed the object across the draw he thought it was an overturned car with its occupants. He did not become aware of the strange nature of the thing until he drew up onto the second mesa about 100 feet from the UFO. He still intended to investigate and

did not become alarmed until flame began to shoot out of the bottom of the vehicle and the roar commenced. He thought it was going to explode and it was then he began to run.

Patrolman Zamora was reluctant to talk but I believe he told us the truth. He would not talk about the markings, however, and he intimidated Captain Richard Holder, United States Army officer, had instructed him not to. We could not persuade him to describe the markings to us but managed to get a diagram from other persons to whom he had talked shortly after the incident took place. The reason for this request for silence on the subject of the markings, Captain Holder told me later, was to prepare for the possibility of corroborating evidence from other witnesses who might have seen the UFO.

Fortunately, Mr. Lorenzen and I found someone who had an accurate description of the marks which, incidentally, were not red as was later asserted by the press, but seemed to indicate the presence of an entrance hatch into the object rather than identification symbols. Judging by the apparent size of the hatch as initially described by Zamora we must assume it was convenient only for beings no more than four feet tall.

I got the definite impression that Zamora wishes the incident had not



Sgt. M. Samuel Chavez (left), alerted by radio call from Patrolman Lonnie Zamora (right), reached scene a few minutes after UFO had left, but saw smoking brush and markings in gully.

happened. He said he wished the military would tell him the object was some secret vehicle so he could forget the whole thing. He gave the further impression that he had thought it was a classified military vehicle until Captain Holder, of White Sands, announced that nothing answering the description was being tested on that range.

Zamora described the object as about the size of a car. When sketching its shape he showed the figures he had seen to be approximately one-third the length

of the object itself. If the object was nine to 12 feet long, the figures were between three and four feet high.

In drawing sketches, Zamora consistently indicated legs angling outward from the bottom of the object making an angle of approximately 45 degrees with the ground plane. In making his original observation and measurements Captain Holder noted that the members which made the impressions appeared to have been thrust into the ground at an angle from the

direction of the general center of the quadrangle and withdrawn in the same manner.

We noted that the impressions at the point where the longest sides joined was at the lowest elevation (toward the bottom of the gully) while the impressions marking the junction of the two shortest sides was at the highest elevation. This leads to a rather obvious solution of the irregular arrangement of the impressions. The object had rested on legs whose lengths were adjustable in order to compensate for irregular terrain while supporting the vehicle on an even keel.

Moisture content of the desert growth had been such that the fires ignited under the craft, apparently by a radiant heat source, went out by themselves. The major part of the burning took place after the vehicle had departed and ashes lay apparently undisturbed by the moderate turbulence of the takeoff.

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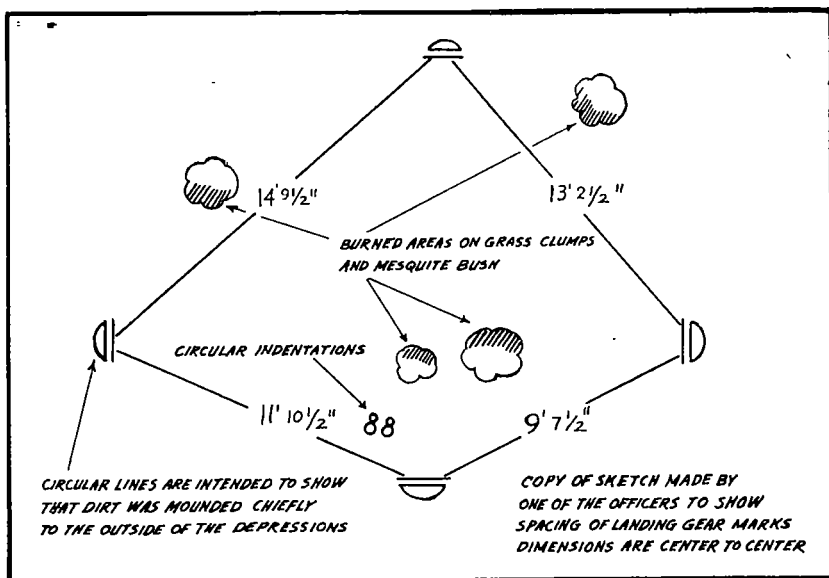
ZAMORA'S TESTIMONY together with the corroborating evidence on the ground furnishes some clues to the object's propulsion.

When Zamora summoned the courage to look back as he raced across the mesa he noted the brilliant blue flame, about four times as long as it was wide and extending downward from the airborne object, and saw the UFO rising

slowly with a loud roaring sound. As he watched, the sound diminished, the flame subsided, and a whine, which became apparent when the roaring ceased, dropped rapidly in pitch to inaudibility. Zamora was puzzled by the lack of dust. It kicked up a little dust when it took off but not much, he said.

Dr. J. Alan Hynek, head of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University, who was on the ground for an Air Force-sponsored inspection, voiced the opinion that there was no evidence at the site for a thrust powerful enough to lift a vehicle of the size Zamora reported. This statement, of course, is based on our knowledge of conventional rocketry. However, we cannot dismiss Zamora's story simply because the phenomenon described is beyond the range of our technology. I believe it lies within the range of physical theory.

We are accustomed to achieve rocket lift by exhausting voluminous masses of gas, a product of combusted fuel, at relatively low acceleration. Newton's laws of reaction, however, tell us that the same effect could be achieved by exhausting a small amount of gas at considerably greater speeds. Also, if this speed approached the speed of light we might be able to take advantage of the increase in mass predicted by Einstein. The process

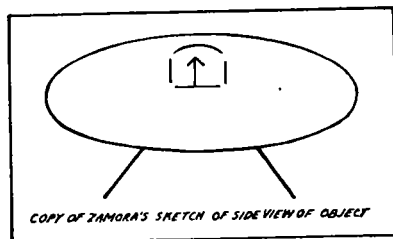


here hypothesized could be expected to produce a high degree of ionization, the characteristic brilliant blue glow of plasma, a high level of radiant heat and, since only a small volume of matter would be ejected, turbulence might be rather minimal.

One further point: It appears that the type of power plant just described was used only to elevate the craft to a moderate altitude above the terrain. It appears that this power then was switched off in favor of some sort of "field drive." Why?

Aime Michel's *Flying Saucers And The Straight Line Mystery*

told of landed UFOs (in France in 1954) which were reported to carry a good deal of earth with them on take-off. It was said that this soil appeared to "fall upward" leaving gaping holes in the ground. Michel theorized that a field which im-



parted negative weight to the UFO had done the same to the nearby earth.

Perhaps the auxiliary power, apparently used by the craft in Socorro, has been added to overcome this nuisance.

In a statement to the press on April 30, reported from Albuquerque by the Associated Press, Dr. Hynek also said he was puzzled by the lack of radar contact with these objects. He had commented several days before that the area was "infested with radar."

It is not difficult to solve the doctor's quandary.

Socorro is located just off the White Sands Proving Ground Range area. Stallion Site, which has radar, is not far from Socorro. However, the Zamora incident took place about 5:45 or 5:50 P.M. and the radars at these instrumentation sites are not left on 24 hours a day. The simple answer is that the radar which infests that part of the country was not turned on. Even if it had been it is doubtful that it would pick up so small an object cruising in and out of gullies, barely skimming the terrain.

Dr. Lincoln La Paz, Director of the Institute of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, in Albuquerque, was quoted by *The Albuquerque Journal* as saying that

"a super pogo" military craft is causing the flying saucer scare because "anyone living outside this troubled globe would be displaying absolute nonsense to come here." La Paz's statement seems a non-sequitur in view of the contradictory statement by the New Mexico military commanders who said that they are testing no craft which would account for the sightings. And on May 3 Gene Kanoff, Chief of Administration for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at White Sands Missile Range, said the lunar excursion module designed for the Apollo moon flight might fit Zamora's description but won't be built until later this year. Thus Dr. La Paz has given us a solution involving a nonexistent military craft.

However, it appears that the recipe for debunking again is being served up. On April 30 an Air Force "authority" publicly regretted there had been no corroborating witness and no photographs had been taken of the Zamora object.

At this writing soil samples taken at the site are in the hands of qualified and competent scientists for analysis.

I myself left Socorro convinced, for the first time in 17 years of UFO investigation, that alien beings are reconnoitering this planet.

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Dear Sam. I thought you might like to have these - especially the letter from my daughter mentioning the inverted - Her husband Larry (Farmsworth) is a wild life ranger in A.M. (Forest ranger?)
I know you have most of the other info.

A P Chapdelaine

CHAPDELAIN, ANDRE P

28 April '64

Hi.

As usual, no time to write. Will do so soon as possible. Chickens + pigs giving me trouble + taking up 90% of my time. My house is a wreck (+ so am I).

Here's a clipping from radio station KOBE in town — straight off the wire, plus a clipping from the paper. Caballo (pron CAH-BY-O) (means "horse" in Span) Reservoir is the northern boundary of Barry's district + he spends a good part of his time patrolling there. ^(UFO) They were probably getting water.

Latest report is by an unidentified man (he's not giving his name as he's afraid to be laughed at) who saw a large red ball landing outside of Las Vegas, N.M. All reports, they say, have similarity.

Radio says the one Zamora saw did not blast off such as a jet does as ground was not disturbed. The intense heat, however, melted a glass bottle and split rocks open.

Zamora told a fellow policeman of a marking on the craft which the Air Force told him to keep quiet about. He said it was an inverted "V" with lines above, below, + thru it. (A) This is my idea, only of what it might be like.

Jerry at radio station KOBE is saving ^{for me} all the clippings on UFO from the teletype. Hope she saves me the one I've just told you of. We know her well. Her hubby is one of Barry's acct's.

Love,
None

over

PS

Radio Station KOBE (I have it tuned in all the time) started out its 8 AM program this morning - "Welcome flying saucer watchers".

PPSS: Laurie entered in a kids fishing derby in Torc
Sal mon. There's a "kids only" fish pond they put 300
trout in + she caught a 14" rainbow trout.

PPSSS: Thanks very much for paying for phone call. We
are scraping up money + borrowing rest from bank
to buy water softener. Costing \$105.01 plus
parts to install ^{it} an insulated box (we'll make it)
to put it in outside, + salt. Cheaper in the end
than paying Culligan to put in a ^{rental} unit + maintain
it. Water is so hard + alkali, it's eating
our skin + making our hair look + feel like
it's been washed in mud + can't get clothes clean.
Will bring it w/us whenever we move + re-install
it. With the farms irrigating, the water level
is dropping + water getting worse daily. Most
homes, even in town, have softeners. Got to! - so
there goes our cooler we hoped to get to relieve
us from this 95° to 100° summer heat. Water has
to come first.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

June 30, 1964

Dear Mr. Earley:

This is in response to your letter of June 28, 1964, in which you request information on several Unidentified Flying Object sightings during the past months.

Inclosed is a summary of information on the Socorro, New Mexico sighting. We would like very much to be able to answer you in detail on all your questions, but unfortunately Project Blue Book does not have the resources available to reply at length to each and every letter received by the Air Force. It is for this reason that we have tried to make our Fact Sheet (copy inclosed) as detailed as possible. We also make it a policy to allow the news media and scientific researchers, at their request, to visit our project office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to examine the files. Press releases are also issued and summaries of information prepared as warranted.

Sincerely,



MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Inclosures

Mr. George W. Earley
9 Hiram Lane
Bloomfield, Conn.

Socorro

April 8, 1968

Dr. David Saunders
1418 Mariposa Avenue
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Dr. Saunders:

When you visited the NICAP offices on March 5, our file on the Socorro, New Mexico, sighting was lent to you. We are now in rather pressing need of it, and Mr. Lore has asked me to inquire about its return. It contains, as you know, documents of which we have no other copies.

If you have not finished with it, perhaps you would be kind enough to let us know as soon as you conveniently can, approximately when it will be coming back, so that we can plan accordingly for its use.

Sincerely yours,

Isabel Davis
Assistant to Gordon Lore

ID:adb


J. Douglas Stewart
265 W. McCreight Avenue
Springfield, Ohio

May 17, 1964

T. Sgt. David Moody
F.I.D.
T.D.E. (UFO)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Fairborn, Ohio

Dear Sgt. Moody;

I was very interested in hearing you on WHIO's "Conversation Piece" program last Thursday. Your answer to the last question, regarding the markings on the object seen by Sgt. Zamora in New Mexico, raised some questions of my own. Unfortunately, of course, time had run out by then and I couldn't call them in, but I wondered if you could answer them by mail?

As I recall, you stated that these markings were red, about a foot high, and resembled a crescent shape with an arrow pointing into the crescent and a bar beneath...something like this  I would suppose?

My questions, then, are these:

- 1) Have any of these UFOs ever been reported before to have markings, either like these or some other symbol? — NO
- 2) Doesn't the Federal Aviation Agency require that all aircraft in this country, experimental or otherwise, have either civilian "N—" registration numbers or military designation symbols? — ?
- 3) What of the other reported sightings in the New Mexico area, about the same time as Sgt. Zamora's. (I was disappointed that you didn't mention these on your program.) Did any of these sightings report such markings? — NO. (3) OVER
- 4) What of the boy in the Meriarity area who was reported in our local paper to have fired several shots at a hovering object? (4) OVER
- 5) Wasn't the object seen by Sgt. Zamora--or the others in the area--picked up on somebody's radar? (5) OVER
- 6) What of the orange 'tractor trailer'-sized object seen Friday night near Interstate 90 south of Ashtabula? This certainly doesn't match the description of Sgt. Zamora's object, nor does it seem likely that our government would be testing an aircraft of that size in that part of the country. (6) OVER

I wouldn't be bothering you with these questions, but since you did give the addresses over WHIO, and the Air Force has said your investigations are not secret, I felt you wouldn't hesitate to disclose this additional information.

Many thanks for your attention.

Very truly yours,

J. Douglas Stewart letter 4/17

- (3). There were four official cases reported to the Air Force following the Socorro sighting requiring investigation by the Air Force. 1) La Madera sighting by Mr Gallagos evaluated as a fire in the dump where the alleged object was observed. 2) The case where it was claimed that a witness shot at a flying saucer with his 22 and hit it with six shots. The initial investigation was made by the local police and they did not believe the story. The Air Force officials agreed with their conclusion. Dr Hynek talked with the witness and did not consider the report valid. Final evaluation made at Wright Patterson concurs with all other investigative efforts and the case is carried as a hoax. 3) The little girl that was allegedly burned by the rays from a flying saucer. The Doctor who treated her for burns was contacted, not the girl, and in his professional opinion the girl had conjunctivitis caused by the sun, wind and sand storms in the area at the time. Several days had passed and the girl showed no evidence of being burned, when she was contacted by Air Force Officials from Kirtland AFB. 4) A fourth sighting made by an unidentified witness at Socorro on 25 April was determined to be a rotating Navigational Beacon located at the spot where a UFO was reported to be. (Report received over the phone and witness did not give name). In addition to these reports there were 10-15 calls to the Base at Kirtland of objects observed or under observation at the time of the call. These were all evaluated at the time of the report as either the Planet Venus, Satellite ECHO, or known A/C in the area at the time. Several reports were due to a photo plane on low level missions using an unusual strobe flash for lighting of the targets. 4) Regarded as a hoax by local police, newsmen, AF investigators, Civilian Investigators etc. 5) The object was at no time reported to be at an altitude of over 20 ft, and would be lost in the ground clutter. There were no unidentified tracks on radar in the area (including sets as far South as El Paso) during the entire period. 6) No report of an object at Astabula has been received. It is possible that this is the Fire in the dump, since this happened near Santa Fe. However, the object was reported as white and like a butane tank by the witness. Circumstances surrounding the report indicate that this is an extremely unreliable REPORT, since there were several witnesses and only ONE would indicate that he saw anything unusual.

Paula Keagy
TK6- 11504

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HOT LINES

MONDAY.. April 27th, 1964

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY -- Progress is wonderful;
30 years ago only hobos cooked their meals out of doors.

- *** PETERSBURG -- NOTED EXPERT SPEAKS ON MENTAL HEALTH TONIGHT. Dr. John D. Schultz, Associate Director in the Mental Health and Mental Retardation field for the District of Columbia will speak tonight to a group of community leaders in Petersburg. It is a part of Mental Health Week which started yesterday with open house at Central State Hospital.
- *** RICHMOND -- GIANT SCOUT RALLY ENDS. The largest scout gathering in Virginia history ended yesterday when 45-hundred scouts folded their tents and headed home. The weekend Council-Rama at the Virginia State Fairgrounds was sponsored by the Robert E. Lee Council which encompasses 18 Central Virginia counties. More than 28-hundred tents were up during the gathering.
- *** SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO -- MYSTERIOUS OBJECT SIGHTED. Military officials are looking into reports of unknown flying objects again. Socorro, New Mexico Policeman Lonnie Zamora, described as a "very reliable witness," reports seeing a spherical object about the height of a car Friday evening at dusk. He said it was of a shiny aluminum-like substance and stood on 4 stilts. Two people were nearby, according to Zamora, but when he moved in for a closer look, all he found were 4 impressions in the sand and a patch of scorched earth. Army officers at the nearby White Sands Missile Range were contacted. They inspected the indentations, and later confirmed that none of their equipment could have made the marks. The Army reports that government agencies are continuing the investigation. (W-HAP invites you to listen to a special new feature, "Flying Saucer Reports," each Sunday morning at 8:00 for information on previous sightings of this nature.)
- *** RICHMOND -- MOST OF VIRGINIA LAGS BEHIND AS OTHER POINTS SWITCH TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS. Virginia faces its first business day in the Summer of 1964 at odds with the hour. Residents of Arlington and Fairfax Counties and the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax moved their clocks ahead an hour early this morning. Most of the rest of Virginia will make the switch May 31st, but this year the Southwestern counties will remain on standard time all Summer long.

THE W-HAP WEATHER FORECAST -- Mostly cloudy with little temperature change today... High in the mid 60's. Outlook for Tuesday, mostly cloudy with scattered showers.. high in mid 60's. The Hot Lines are distributed as a service to you in the leading restaurants and coffee shops of the Tri-City Area. They are read by an estimated 6,000 people daily, Monday through Friday. Now flip this sheet and go behind the Scenes with W-HAP

*** TODAY IS MONDAY..... April 27th.... the 118th day of 1964 with 248 to follow.

*** WERE YOU ABLE TO ANSWER FRIDAY'S BRAIN TWISTER? Mr. Lee Litchfield of 1950 South Sycamore Street in Petersburg did. Mr. Litchfield was the first person to call W-HAP with the correct answer to this:

Two stations are 50 miles apart. Two trains start toward each other at the same time on a single track. Just as the trains start out, a bird leaves the first train and flies directly to the other train, and as soon as the bird reaches the second train it starts back toward the first train. This goes on until the trains meet. If both trains travel at 25 miles per hour and the bird flies at 100 miles per hour, how many miles will the bird have flown before the trains meet?

Since the trains travel at 25 miles per hour, they will meet after traveling for 1 hour. The bird also must have been flying for 1 hour and since it traveled at 100 miles per hour, the bird flew 100 miles. Mr. Litchfield will receive two free passes to the Beacon Theatre... Congratulations!

*** SOCIABLE SALESMAN? An over-zealous door-to-door salesman in Danbury, Connecticut, has been fined \$50.00 on charges of a breach of peace. The salesman, Vincent Ceccarelli of Stratford, Connecticut, was accused of kissing two women customers against their will. The judge discredited a defense contention that the peddler was just being sociable.

*** BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR CAR WASHED SATURDAY... The Omega Sigma Phi Sorority is having a Car Wash on May 2, 1964 at Wheelhouse Sunoco Service Station, which is located on Route 10, on the Hopewell Road. The time will be from 9:00 am till 4:00 pm.

*** SMILE FOR THE DAY from Gary's Men and Boy's on the Sunshine Corner in downtown Hopewell --- If men are born free, it's high time the hospitals were told about it!

*** WOULD YOU LIKE TO WIN TWO FREE PASSES TO THE BEACON THEATRE? You can, if you're the first person to call W-HAP, after 10 this morning, with the correct answer to this Brain Twister:

It was definitely established that 1 of 4 men committed a crime. Following are the statements made by each of the suspects.

Abe: Bert did it.

Bert: Dan did it.

Charlie: I didn't do it.

Dan: Bert lied when he said I did it.

If only one statement is true, who is the criminal?

*** WHEN SHOPPING FOR FURNITURE... visit TRI-CITY FURNITURE located on the Hopewell-Petersburg Highway in Hopewell... Open every night till nine. Did you know that TRI-CITY FURNITURE has a complete line of quality furniture and appliances at discount prices and the largest department of used furniture in the Tri-City Area? That's at TRI-CITY FURNITURE in Hopewell.

Thanks for looking. We'll see you tomorrow right here!

NAME Everett, Washington

SUBJECT Herald

✓ 27 April 1964

Army Investigators Report N.M. Policeman Claims He Saw Flying Saucer

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Zamora said the machine had been supported on the ground by four girder-like legs. The bush supposedly was burned by exhaust from the saucer.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1964

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NAME Indianapolis, Ind.
SUBJECT Star
DATE 30 April 1964

Scientist To Check Radar In Probe Of Flying Objects

Socorro, N.M. (AP)—One of the things that bothers the scientist investigating New Mexico's unidentified flying object reports for the Air Force is the lack of mention of radar contacts.

"It's my understanding New Mexico is infested with radar equipment," said Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, an astronomer who is a special consultant to the Air Force. "I'm going to check to see if there have been radar contacts that might tie into these reports."

Dr. Hynek visited yesterday the secluded hill where Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora reported seeing an egg-shaped object fly away from a draw last Friday evening. Other reports have followed. The Socorro report and another at La Madera in northern New Mexico were similar in that state and military authorities confirmed a scorched area where the object was supposed to have landed, and wedge-shaped impressions that appeared to have been left by some type of landing gear.

HE WOULD, not offer an opinion on just what Zamora did see.

He said he had investigated many such sightings but "this is not the clearest, not that's not the right word; just say it is one of the soundest, best substantiated reports as far as it goes.

"Usually one finds many contradictions or omissions in these reports," Dr. Hynek said. "But Mr. Zamora's story is simply told, certainly told without any intent to perpetuate a hoax. The story of course was told by a man who obviously was frightened badly by what he did see. He certainly must have seen something."

Zamora's reliability as a witness was supported by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz of the University of New Mexico who has an international reputation in running down reports on fireballs and meteorites.

I WOULD first point out that we are not personally involved in the investigation of these unidentified flying

objects," Dr. LaPaz said yesterday. "But I do want to say that I have had contacts with Mr. Zamora for 16 years in my work and he is a thoroughly dependable observer."

Dr. Hynek said he found little at the Socorro site.

"The area certainly has been thoroughly messed up by the tourists. There's nothing to see there now."

He said soil samples had been taken to "see if there are any particles in the ashes or at the site that might be foreign to this area."

NAME Santa Barbara, Calif.

SUBJECT News Press

DATE 29 April 1964

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*News Press
4/29/64*

Expert Visits Secluded Hill Where Space Ship Was 'Seen'

SOCORRO, N.M. (AP) — An astronomer from the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University was here today to examine the secluded hill where a Socorro policeman reported seeing a mysterious, egg-shaped flying object.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, unidentified flying object consultant to the Air Force, was sent to New Mexico after a rash of reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects in the state.

He planned to visit the place where officer Lonnie Zamora said he spotted the object last Friday.

Zamora said the object he saw 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. He said that from a distance there appeared to be two figures in white coveralls outside the object. It flew off with a roar when he approached, he said.

Since Zamora's sighting, at least six reports have been made to authorities including one from a youth who said he fired several shots at something about 100 feet in the air near Moriarty.

T. Sgt. David Moody of the Aerial Phenomena branch at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, is in New Mexico to assist Dr. Hynek, a Wright-Patterson spokesman said.

Dr. Hynek said his investigation in Socorro would determine whether he would vis-

it Espanola, where State Police Capt. Martin Vigil found the ground still smouldering 20 hours after a reported sighting.

Authorities found scorched grass and four wedge-shaped indentations in the ground at the Socorro site and near Espanola.

Dr. Hynek said he has found most people honest and sincere in reporting flying objects. Many common things, however, are often responsible for such reports, he said.

"Meteors, flocks of birds, weather balloons, even the moon can lead to these reports," Dr. Hynek said. "In such cases the reports often come from entirely honest people who see something that puzzles them."

NAME Santa Barbara Calif.
SUBJECT News Press
DATE 28 April 1964

4/28/64 News Press

NEAR WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE

Flying Saucer Seen on Desert— At Least Officer Says It Was

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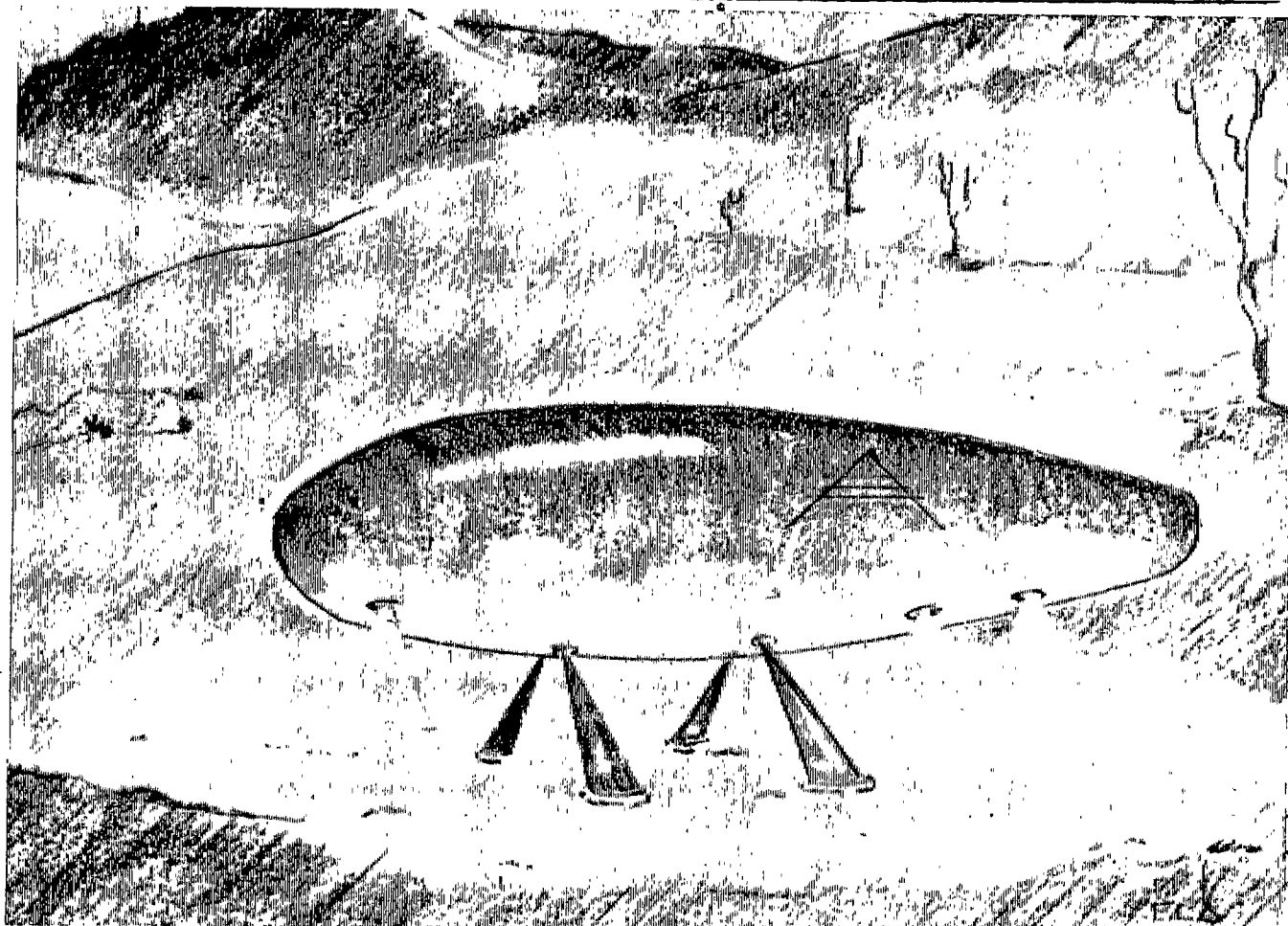
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Thursday, April 30, 1964



ARTIST'S UFO — Here is one Santa Fe artist's conception of the "flying objects" spotted throughout New Mexico over the weekend. Mrs. Edda Allen's drawing was taken from news accounts of the objects. Drawn for United Press International, it in-

cluded the lettering on the side of the craft, the four grider-like landing supports, and the fire spurting from jets along the bottom of the craft. Mrs. Allen is employed at Philippe Register Architects in Santa Fe.

NAME

S. San Francisco, Calif.

SUBJECT

Enterprise - Journal

DATE

29 April 1964

COMMENT

South San Francisco,
Calif.
ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL

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OUTLOOK



By VINCENT MAGER

One of the most fascinating experiences of our time is the Unidentified Flying Object. It has whet the imagination of many. Most scoff. Some believe. Others just don't know what to think.

Recently a "very reliable witness" saw a flying saucer in the New Mexico desert. Evidence reported after preliminary investigation showed that "something" was where the witness said it was.

The world has been conditioned to the sham and the hoax. We think that much around us is venerated. The fast buck artist--and his victims--are generally connected with such things as Flying Saucers.

Many leading citizens, top Air Force officials and just plain folks have claimed to have seen UFOs. There have been fantastic descriptions. Some have been conservative. This most recent one was cautious to the point of denial. The very few facts that the witness would agree to were supported in the preliminary investigation.

Perhaps the Flying Saucer does exist. Perhaps they come from other planets. These are the things that bring excitement to some, fear to others.

In our opinion the whole story can be mirrored in one of the best take-offs on the Flying Saucer fad. Talented Johnathan Winters has an excellent skit on the hick farmer and the space people. Hilarious, yes. Impossible, no. Somewhere between the ridiculous in humor and the ridiculous in logic can be found an answer--and even perhaps a Flying Saucer or two.

NAME New York, N.Y.
SUBJECT Smiles (Neale's Edition)
DATE 28 April 1964

A Four-Legged Something Shows Up in New Mexico

Heads Already Set
SOCORRO, N. M., (UPI) — It was round, stood on girder-like legs and scorched grass and bushes, but Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora does not know what it was.

Mr. Zamora saw it, and state policemen and Air Force officials saw what it left.

Mr. Zamora said the mysterious object was round and about as tall as a car. It was shiny and stood on four girder-like legs.

But when he moved closer to the object at dusk, all he found was four indentations in the ground and scorched grass and bushes.

Mr. Zamora told Sgt. Sam Chavez of the state police. They found four indentations 14 inches long and six inches wide. White Sands Missile Range officials confirmed the markings and the burned grass. They reported the incident to the officer in charge of unidentified flying objects at Holloman Air Force Base, near Alamogordo, N. M.

Holloman officials said they would investigate.

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NAME El Paso, Texas *

SUBJECT James

DATE Feb 1965

Film On UFOs To Include Socorro Officer

Socorro, N.M. (AP)—A Hollywood, Calif., firm has finished filming the Socorro part of a documentary on unidentified flying objects.

Principal in the Socorro section of the film was city policeman Lorenzo Zamora. He said he saw an UFO on April 24, 1964, after it had landed in a gully near here and also said he saw it take off.

Zamora re-enacted his experience for Empire Film Studios at the scene last Saturday.

A studio official said the film may be ready for showing in five weeks. The first public showing is scheduled in Socorro. The film will run about 20 minutes.

The documentary will be entitled, "Phenomena — Seven Feet Seven." This, said the official, is 77 per cent of an estimated 3,000 sightings classified by the Air Force as UFOs.

The official said the documentary is designed to show that neither hysteria nor panic were caused by the alleged landing here.

El Paso Times 2/15

FILE:

SOCORRO

NAME Los Angeles, Calif.
SUBJECT Unseen
DATE 28 April 1964

Strange Flying Objects Seen in New Mexico

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part I—TUES., APRIL 28, 1964 Los Angeles Times 2*

SOCORRO, N.M. (AP) — A report of an unidentified flying object near Socorro Friday evening has been followed by two more reported unidentified sightings in the same area.

Socorro policeman Bill Pyland said a girl, who didn't give her name, reported a fire in the hilly area one mile southwest of Socorro Sunday night.

Officer Lonnie Zamora, while patrolling in his car late Friday afternoon said he saw an egg-shaped object in a draw. When he approached, he said, the object flew away. And Sunday, a motorist reported he saw a "flying bathtub."

Pyland said the girl, about 18, said she was from 300 to 500-ft. from the fire and she thought there was something in the flames.

Pyland said a search of the area found nothing.

Representatives of the military and other officers who visited the spot where Zamora saw the object land found burned brush and scorched earth. They also found four impressions in the earth, which appeared to have been left by landing gear.

A motorist who identified himself to Pyland as George Mitropolis of Albuquerque, said that while driving north Sunday he saw a "silver looking object" go up, over a mountain, and down out of sight near Caballo Reservoir.

NAME

Long Island, NY

SUBJECT

Newsday

✓ DATE

29 April 1964

Long Island

Newsday

Wednesday, April 29, 1964

Flying Saucer Report Is Probed

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SOCORRO ARTICLE:

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Page 1: Will need new lead including date; /such as... A policeman in Socorro, N.M. was a chance witness of a UFO April 24 when he interrupted pursuit of a speeding car to investigate a loud roaring noise off the highway...Patrolman Lonnie Zamora, etc.

? -> Insert parenthetically or otherwise a note about the two legs he saw vs the four imprints later found. He saw the two legs on side toward him. ~~See below~~

Page 2: Zamora was looking slightly downward at the UFO in the gully. Zamora became frightened at the roar, fled, bumped into his patrol car, this knocked off his sunglasses, then fell to ground and covered face, etc. When referring to the "emblem" on the UFO, state (see Zamora's sketch).

You have about the write amount of wordage and general information for the summary of the report. However, it should be stated at what point Zamora made his call for assistance.

Page 3: How soon afterwards did Sheriff Luckie & Ptn. Jordan arrive?

Transition to appearance of Ray Stanford as NICAP investigator needs to be smoother, such as... "Five days later, after being notified by military authorities, Dr. Hynek arrived to investigate officially for the Air Force. On the same day NICAP member Ray Stanford, who had been authorized by NICAP to investigate this case, arrived and was at the site with Hynek [in fact he loaned Hynek some containers to take away samples for analysis]. etc.

Page 4: The story of the samples Stanford obtained needs to be enlarged a little. Important to note that the area where they were found was pointed out to him by Zamora, who stated something to the effect (check Stanford report for exact words) "It looks like the UFO scraped that rock when it landed." Realizing the potential importance of the metallic appearing scrapings on the rock, he waited for an opportunity and removed the entire rock to his car. Later, he drove to Washington and was present with R. Hall and W. Webb as arrangements were made for analysis in a large government laboratory/footnote explaining why it cannot be named/

Capt. Holder's inquiry should be discussed before mention of Hynek & Stanford.

Page 5: Now I see on this page that you go into Hynek in more ~~the~~ detail. The chronology as you have it is a little confusing, and should be reorganized: ~~(a)~~ under THE INVESTIGATION: (a) First arrivals at scene; (b) Capt. Holder and FBI; (c) The Lorenzen's (if they come next); (d) Hynek & Stanford, etc. (USAF Team)

Page 7: The write-up in the El Defensor Chieftan definitely should be mentioned--in a footnote if nowhere else--and any appropriate quotes taken from it. Also the other partially confirmatory reports from the article--and I believe in a taped interview we have with the publisher of the paper or the Socorro radio station man. As long as they are quotes from sources at the scene they will carry some weight.

General: Don Berlinor's & Roy Turner's work on this case should also be covered. If the notes in the folder are not clear, ask me about it. We called Zamora 2-3 times and got some good info on the phone; once we had witnesses on the other phones.

Quotes from the analysis report should be included.

As much as possible, "The Investigation" section should be in chronological order. We will also need a final summary or conclusion sub-section saying, among other things, it is best documented and most reliable landing case on record. We agree with USAF conclusion of "unknown" which was quietly reached ?? early in 1965 or late in 1964--we'll have to pin down the date.

Before you do more on this, you probably should listen to the Socorro tapes and take notes from them, including some things to quote verbatim.

R.H.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

8 January 1965

Dear Mr. Barrow:

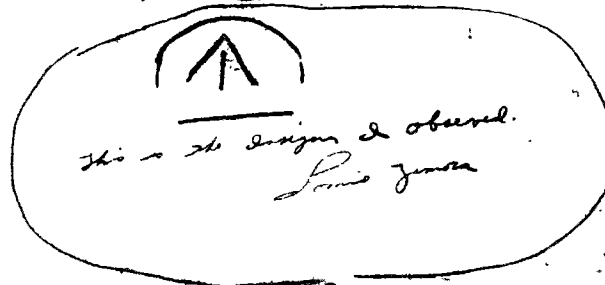
The Socorro, New Mexico, sighting is still unsolved. However, no evidence was found which indicated that the vehicle was from outer space.

Sincerely,

Maston M. Jacks
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Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. Robert Barrow
4167 Cleveland Road
Syracuse, New York, 13215

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Officer Lonnie Zamora's sketch of Socorro, N.M. UFO

PRESS COVERAGE OF OFFICER LONNIE ZAMORA SIGHTING, APRIL 24, 1964,
SOCORRO, N.M. (& FOLLOW-UPS, INCLUDING OTHER SIGHTINGS)

STATE	PAPER	DATE	APPROX. LENGTH (inches)	SOURCE
ARIZONA	Phoenix Gazette	4/27	8	UPI
CALIFORNIA	San Jose Mercury News	4/26	6	AP
	Los Angeles Herald-Examiner	4/26	5	UPI
	San Francisco Chronicle	4/26	4	AP, UPI
	The Modesto Bee	4/26	9	AP
	Whittier Daily News	4/27	11 1/2	UPI
	Oakland Tribune	4/27	7	AP
	Daily News (Indio)	4/27	12	UP
	Los Angeles Times	4/28	6 1/2	AP
	San Jose Mercury	4/28	22 1/2	AP
	Independent Press Telegram (Long Beach)	4/29	9 3/4	AP
	San Jose Mercury	4/30	14"	AP
	News Call Bulletin (San Francisco)	4/30	25 / headl.	AP
	Los Angeles Times	4/30	8 1/4	AP
	The Daily News (Whittier)	4/30	10	AP
	Los Angeles Herald Examiner	4/30	22	AP
San Francisco Sunday Chronicle	5/3	3"	AP	
COLORADO	Pueblo, Colo., Star Journal	4/27	8	UPI
	Rocky Mt. News (Denver)	4/27	9	UPI
	Rocky Mt. News	4/28	7	AP
	Denver Post	4/28	4	UPI
	Denver Post	4/29	8	AP
	Rocky Mt. News	4/30	9	Up
	Denver Post	4/30	9 1/2	AP
	Rocky Mt. News	5/1	18, pic	UPI, AP
CONN.	Hartford Times			
FLORIDA	Panama City Herald	4/27	9	UPI
	Sun-Tattler (Hollywood)	4/30	6	AP
	Pensacola News	4/30	5	AP
	Pensacola Journal	5/1	4	AP

News Coverage - 2

State	Paper	Date	Approx Length (inches)	Source
INDIANA	Palladium-Item & Sun-Telegram (Richmond)	4/27	10 1/2	UPI
Illinois	Moline Daily Dispatch	4/30	10	AP
	Chicago Tribune	5/5	17 1/2	----
Indiana	Indianapolis Star-	4/30	12	AP
Iowa	Cedar Rapids Gazette	4/29	12	AP
La.	New Orleans States-Item	4/30	7 3/4	AP
Maryland	Balto Sunday Sun	4/26	5	AP
	Balto Morning Sun	4/29	11 1/2	AP
	Balto Evening Sun	4/29	10	AP
	The News American (Bal to)	4/29	10	AP
	Balto Evening Sun	X 4/30	12	AP
	Balto Morning Sun	5/1	5	AP
	Balto Sun	5/5	14	---
Mass.	Boston Sunday Herald	4/26	2 1/2	---
	Boston Traveler	4/27	8, pic	UPI
Minn.	Minneapolis Tribune	4/26	4 1/2	UPI
Miss.	The Delta Democrat-Times	4/27	10	UPI
Montana	Great Falls Tribune	5/1	3, pic	---
Nebraska	Omaha World Herald	4/29	6	AP

- News coverage - 3

State	Paper	Date	Approx length (inches)	Source
New Jersey	The Record (Bergen Co.)	4/27	10	UPI
	Asbury Park Even. Press	4/29	7	AP
	Asbury Park Even. Press	4/30	4 1/2	AP
	Long Branch Daily Record	4/30	9	AP
	Long Branch Daily Record	5/1	4 1/2	AP
New Mexico	Las Cruces Sun-News	4/26	11	AP
	" " "	4/27	7	AP
	Albuquerque Journal	4/27	16 1/2, pic	UPI
	Albuquerque Journal	4/29	13	AP
	Raton Daily Range	?	9, pic	AP
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New York	The Evening Press (Binghamton)	4/27	9	UPI
	Syracuse Herald Journal	4/27	10	UPI
	N.Y. Times (Western ed.)	4/28	3 1/2	UPI
	The Evening Press	4/29	5	AP
	Newsday (L.I.)	4/29	1 1/2	---
Ohio	Cleveland Press	4/27	4, pic	---
	New Phila Daily Times	4/27	pic & capt	UPI
	The Lorain Journal	4/27	5	UPI
	The Telegraph (Painesville)	4/27	6 1/2	UPI
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	El Paso Herald-Post	4/27	14, pic	UPI
	El Paso Times	4/27	11	AP
	San Antonio Light	4/28 4/29	9	AP
	Dallas Times Herald	4/29	14	AP
	El Paso Times	4/30	24	AP
	" " "	5/2	8 1/2	AP
Virginia	Hope Well News	4/27	10 1/2	UPI
	Ledger-Star (Norfolk)	4/29	8	AP
	The Daily Progress (Charlottesville)	4/29	10	AP
	Richmond News Leader	4/29	11 1/2	AP
	The Progress-Index (Richmond?)	4/29	5	AP
	The Progress-Index	4/30	8	AP
	Richmond News Leader	4/30	11 1/2	AP
	Lynchburg News	4/30	14	AP
	Richmond Times Dispatch	5/1	6 3/4	AP
Washington	Spokane Daily Chronicle	4/30	13	AP
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	Wheeling News-Register	3/27	11, pic	UPI
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San Francisco, Calif.

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27 April 1964

News Call Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO'S EVENING NEWSPAPER

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Two investigators were at the scene Sunday from Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque.

Maj. William Connor and Sgt. David Moody used a Geiger counter to check the area, where the only evidence of an unusual visitor was a burned bush and four small depressions in the ground.

Zamora said the machine had been supported on the ground by four girder-like legs. The bush supposedly was burned by exhaust from the saucer.



A policeman watches as Kirtland AFB investigators use a Geiger counter on a

bush that appears to have been burned by the exhaust of the mystery "saucer."

—United Press International Photo.

Seen by 'Reliable' Witness

Saucer at a Missile Range

SOCORRO (N. M.)—(UPI)—It's a good place for a flying saucer.

Right on the edge of White Sands missile range on the New Mexico desert, just 30 miles northwest of the site of the first atomic blast.

Policeman Lonnie Zamora says he saw it, and police and military men believe him.

ZAMORA IS a "very reliable witness," Army Capt. Richard T. Holder, uprange commander of White Sands' Stallion range, said.

Holder, whose headquar-

ters is near this central New Mexico town, was called in by police after Zamora reported seeing the object Friday.

Deputy Sheriff James Luckie said he believes "it's something out of the ordinary, something very few have ever seen."

"I was scared," Zamora said.

He said his experience taught him one thing: If it happens again, he still will run away like he did Friday, but he will not tell a soul about what he saw.

ZAMORA SAID he spotted an egg-shaped object on

the desert about a mile south of Socorro. He said the machine rose and flew slowly away until it faded from sight.

He said he spotted what appeared to be a pair of white coveralls near the saucer, but could not tell if anything or anyone was in them.

The object, about the height of a car but larger, appeared to be made of a shiny, aluminum-like substance, Zamora said. It flew away after he got within about 100 yards, he said.

Flying Object Expert Checks Socorro Scene

Astronomer Takes Photos At UFO Site

(Compiled from Press Dispatches)

SOCORRO, April 29 — The Air Force's chief consultant on unidentified flying objects today checked out the scene

where a Socorro policeman said he saw a strange "object" last Friday.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Northwestern University astronomer, completed his investigation shortly before noon after taking numerous photographs and soil samples. Dr. Hynek returned to Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque and indicated he will comment on his findings later in the day.

Hynek and Patrolman Lonnie Zamora went over the place where Zamora said he saw a mysterious flying object Friday inch by inch.

To Analyze Soil

Dr. Hynek told Radio Station KSRC in Socorro that an analysis of the soil and stones at the spot where the craft was supposed to have landed will be made and the results of the analysis would be made public.

When asked if he thought the craft was from outer space Dr. Hynek said, "You know about as much about it as I do."

Dr. Hynek said he had no knowledge of any objects, such as have been reported sighted by numerous persons over New Mexico since Friday, being tracked on any radar sets in the area.

Witnesses to the craft seen by Zamora said it was marked with a red inverted V with a line, or several lines, horizontally through the V. Dr. Hynek said he had no knowledge of any such markings on Air Force craft or on instruments being tested at nearby White Sands Missile Range.

Zamora said that from a distance there appeared to be two figures in white coveralls outside the object. It flew off with a roar when he approached, he said.



Hynek

Six Reports

Since Zamora's sighting at least six reports have been made to authorities including one from a youth who said he fired several shots at something about 100 feet in the air near Moriarty.

T Sgt. David Moody of the aerial phenomena branch at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, is in New Mexico to assist Dr. Hynek.

Dr. Hynek said his investigation will determine whether he would visit Espanola, where State Police Capt. Martin Vigil found the ground still smouldering 20 hours after a reported sighting.

Authorities found scorched grass and four wedge-shaped indentations in the ground at the Socorro site and near Espanola.

Dr. Hynek hoped to finish his investigation today.

He said he has found most people honest and sincere in reporting flying objects. Many common things, however, are often responsible for such reports, he said.

"Meteors, flocks of birds, weather balloons, even the moon can lead to these reports," Dr. Hynek said. "In such cases the reports often come from entirely honest people who see something that puzzles them."

'Routine' Inquiry

Dr. Hynek said he had not been told by the government whether sending him to New Mexico indicates that the Air Force has eliminated the possibility that the report by Zamora was caused by a U.S. aircraft.

In Washington, the Air Force said yesterday that its investigation of the reported sighting was "routine." It said it will release the results of its investigation when it is completed.

Hynek said he had never found any evidence that beings from another planet had visited earth.

Mrs. Coral Lorenzon of Tucson, director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, said yesterday after spending the weekend in Socorro she was convinced the Socorro policeman saw what he said he saw.

NAME Albuquerque, NM*

SUBJECT Sublime

DATE 29 April 1964

She said she believed intelligent beings from another planet have made several landings in New Mexico in the past few days.

The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization was formed by Mrs. Lorenzon in 1952, she said, and it now has nearly 800 members around the world.

Meanwhile, at Las Cruces a State Policeman and four employes of the port of entry station on Interstate 10 south of the city reported sighting a luminous object last night moving in a jerky motion and changing directions.

State Policeman Paul Arteché of Anthony answered the call from the port of entry, and on his way to the station also sighted the object. He said it was moving northwest. The pilot of a private airplane made a similar report about the same time, between 10 and 10:30.

State Police Capt. Archie White said in Las Cruces that as far as he was concerned it might have been a satellite.

Reports From Hobbs

Hobbs Police received two reports, one from a group of children and another from two adults about 12 blocks from where the children said they saw a white round object hover over the city and then move off to the northeast. The two adults reported the same sighting at the same time.

The Federal Aviation Agency office said a silver twin-engine airplane was flying over the city about the same time but was flying to the southwest.

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APRIL 24

NAME

Los Angeles, Calif.

SUBJECT

Herald Examiner

✓ DATE

26 April 1964

A-16 Los Angeles Herald-Examiner CCC Sunday, April 26, 1964

It Was Round, Snorted Fire--But What Was It?

SOCOORRO, N.M., April 25 (UPI) — It was round, stood on girder-like legs and scorched grass and bushes, but Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora does not know what it was.

Zamora saw it and state policemen and Air Force officials today saw what it left.

Zamora said the mysterious object was round and about as tall as a car. It was shiny and stood on four girder-like legs.

But when he moved closer to the object at dusk, all he found was four indentations in the ground and scorched grass and bushes.

Zamora told Sgt. Sam Chavez of the New Mexico State Police. They took six other men to the spot and found four indentations 14 inches long and six inches wide.

White Sands Missile Range officials confirmed the markings and the burned grass. They reported the incident to the officer in charge of unidentified flying objects at Holloman Air Force Base near Alamogordo, N.M.

Holloman officials said they would investigate.

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Dear Don. I thought you might like to have these - especially the letter from my daughter mentioning the inverted "v" - Her husband Larry (Farmsworth) is a wild life ranger in A.M. (Forest ranger?) I know you have most of the other info.

A. P. Chapdelaine

CHAPDELAIN, ANDRE P.

28 April '64

Hi:

As usual, no time to write. Will do so soon as possible. Chickens + pigs giving me trouble + taking up 90% of my time. My house is a wreck. (+ so am I).

Here's a clipping from radio station KOBE in town - straight off the wire, plus a clipping from the paper. Caballo (pron CAH-BY-O) (means "horse" in Span) Reservoir is the northern boundary of Larry's district + he spends a good part of his time patrolling there. ^(UFO) They were probably getting water.

Latest report is by an unidentified man (he's not giving his name as he's afraid to be laughed at) who saw a large red ball landing outside of Las Vegas, N.M. All reports, they say, have similarity.

Radio says the one Zamora saw did not blast off such as a jet does as ground was not disturbed. The intense heat, however, melted a glass bottle and split rocks open.

Zamora told a fellow-policeman of a marking on the craft which the Air Force told him to keep quiet about. He said it was an inverted "V" with lines above, below, + thru it. (A) This is my idea, only of what it might be like.

Jerry at radio station KOBE is saving ^{for me} all the clippings on UFO from the teletype. Hope she saves me the one I've just told you of. We know her well. Her hubby is one of Larry's RCO's.

Love,
None

over

PS

Radio Station KOBE (I have it tuned in all the time) started out its 8 AM program this morning - "Welcome flying saucer watchers".

PPSS: Laurie entered in a kids fishing derby in T or C Sat morn. There's a "kids only" fish pond they put 300 trout in + she caught a 14" rainbow trout.

PPSSS: Thanks very much for paying for phone call. We are scraping up money + borrowing rest from bank to buy water softener. Costing \$105.01 plus parts to install, ^{put} an insulated box (we'll make it) to put it in outside, + salt. Cheaper in the end than paying Culligan to put in a ^{rental} unit + maintain it. Water is so hard + alkali, it's eating our skin + making our hair look + feel like it's been washed in mud + can't get clothes clean. Will bring it w/us whenever we move + re-install it. With the farms irrigating, the water level is dropping + water getting worse daily. Most homes, even in town, have softeners. Got to! So there goes our cooler we hoped to get to relieve us from this 95° to 100° summer heat. Water has to come first.

PHONE CONVERSATION

10" w, 68" deep
15' (A) apart

Lonnie

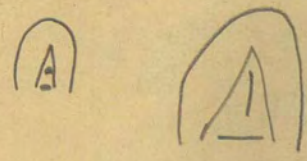
Zamora in KSRC interview taped by Roy Turner

"I wd say the white objects turned & saw me"
Walter Schae, Mgr. "there were two." L.Z.

Socorro Sher' Dep 505-835-1441 or 0941

Zamora - 505-835-1134

Lettering -



Figures

(small?)

4 1/2'

bush 4' hi.

referred to the "one farther from me."

Q - why do you think you couldn't see them (when you got closer)?

A - "they must have gone inside"

Frankel 8-4-64:

iron, alpha iron, zinc ~~no such alloy~~ → galvanized pail suggested

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DATE	TIME	PLACE	OBSERVER	SHAPE	COLOR	SIZE	MARKINGS	PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	LMs	REMARKS
APR. 24	1000 EDT	NEWARK VALLEY, NEW YORK	GARY WILCOX	EGG		14' x 20'			2	✓
24	1750 MST	SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO	LONNIE ZANORA	EGG	WHITE	16'-18'	RED (A)	5 L.G. PRINTS; BURNED BRUSH	2	✓
26	1230 0030 MST	LA MADERA, NEW MEXICO	ORLANDO GALLEGOS	EGG	METAL	14' x 30'		4 L.G. PRINTS; BURNED BRUSH, etc.		✓
29	2130 M T	CANYON FERRY, MONTANA	CHILDREN OF G.D. DAVIS	EGG	GLOWING WHITE	16'-18'		4 L.G. PRINTS SCORCHED GROUND		✓
MAY 5 th	0830 C T	COMSTOCK, MINNESOTA	ALFORD ERNST	CHILD'S TOP	BRIGHT			3 HOLES; SCORCHED GROUND		✓
APR. 30		Nr. BAKER, CALIFORNIA	Mr. & Mrs. GUS BIGGS, MRS. LORENE AYRES	Dome- shaped	Brownish			"large depression in the ground"		One AP wire Story only

May 10 N.H.

May 15 Okla.

May 18 Hubbard, Ore -

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Grass Valley, Calif. - The Union - 18 April 1964 - WIDELY SEPARATED RESIDENTS
REPORT FIERY SKY OBJECT

At least two western Nevada county residents, in widely separated areas, reported a flaming object in the northern sky about 11 pm last night.

Nevada county sheriff's office received a call from a Highway 20 resident, east of Nevada City, who sighted what appeared to be an airplane on fire dive to earth possibly in the Blue Tent diggings. Shortly thereafter a Dog Bar Road resident south of Grass Valley, reported a blue flaming object believed to have been a meteorite plunge down in the north sky.

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Tucumcari, N.M. - News - 29 April 1964 - FLYING SAUCER SEARCH IS LIKE GUPPY WATCHING

The chief AF consultant on unidentified flying objects has discovered that searching New Mexico skies for UFOs is remarkably like peering at guppies through the glass of a fish bowl.

The few multiply quickly.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the expert, came to New Mexico originally to investigate an incident reported Friday by Policeman Lonnie Zamora in Socorro. Now he has his choice of nine additional sites to visit, if he so chooses.

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The list of "legitimate" sightings mushroomed to two Tuesday with 3 more reports. They included one from a 10 year old Albuquerque girl who was treated by a doctor for "infra-red" burns on her face. Another came from an Albuquerque couple who told of 2 objects whistling past their truck. And still another was reported by a state policeman.

The girl, Sharon Stull, told police a "queer looking thing" burned her. She was treated about mid-day for burns about the eyes and nose.

Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Green said they saw a pair of things zoom across US 85 in front of their truck late in the afternoon. Mrs. Green said she was so frightened she ducked beneath the dashboard.

State Policeman Raul Arteche of the Mesilla Park Barracks said he and four other state employees watched an object move westward over the Port of Entry near Anthony in the early evening hours. He said the object answered the description of what Zamora reported seeing Friday.

The Socorro patrolman's report touched off a rash of sightings - some believable some not. Descriptions of the object -- or objects -- have ranged from an "upside down bathtub" to "a ball of fire."

Whatever it is, it was either looked at, listened to or shot at in 8 different locations.

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Hobbs, N.M. - News Sun - 29 April 1964 - 'FLYING OBJECT' REPORTED HERE/ Two Groups Tell Police Of Incident.

An unidentified flying object was reported to police here by 2 separate groups of persons late yesterday afternoon. A group of youngsters said they saw a "white round object" hover above 519 Byers East, and then fly away to the northeast.

Joe and Kenneth Tidus of 519 East Byers told police that they saw the object at 6:34pm. Moments later, a patrolman said a group of persons in the 1700 block of East Snyder - more than 12 blocks away - told him they had sighted a similar object.

Police did not identify those who reported seeing "a bright sun-reflecting object" from their vantage points in the 1700 block of East Snyder.

Their description of the object corresponded with that given by 5 youngsters who reported seeing the object above 519 E. Byers.

Hobbs, N.M. News Sun 29 Apr 1964 (cont'd)

The reports said an object hovered near the ground and then flew away to the northeast.

Police notified the FAA tower at Hobbs- Lea County Airport. FAA officials said a silver twin-engine aircraft had flown over the city just prior to landing at the airport at "about the same time as the report".

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Boise, Idaho - Idaho Statesman - 1 May 1964 - OBJECT WITH GREEN GLOW SAT ON PARMA FARM, FLIER SAYS.

A pulsating, irradiant, unidentified object sat down on a Parma farm yard early one morning this week, the nation's discoverer of "flying saucers" said Thursday night.

Kenneth Arnold, a long time Boise pilot, said the object was reported to him by a "very responsible" Parma farm couple who didn't want their names used for fear of "bad publicity".

Arnold said the object had a pulsating green glow and sat down on the couple's farm. He said it scared animals in the barnyard and started dogs to barking.

He said the couple told him the weird light from the object awoke them at 3:30 a.m. Arnold said the couple came to him because they knew he would "sympathize with us over this peculiar thing."

"I wouldn't be surprised if there aren't more of them seen in the Boise area now," Arnold said. "These things come in batches, but usually people are afraid to report them because of the sensational news treatment given to them."

Arnold said he reported the incident to the Idaho ~~Ext~~ Air National Guard.

In 1947 Arnold was flying a search mission over an area near Mt. Rainier, in Washington he spotted unidentified flying objects that he described the next day as resembling "saucers skipping over water."

"There's no logical explanation for these things," he said. "Investigators discover what they want to discover."

"I'd be the last one in the world to sell anybody on the idea there are flying saucers -- but what if there are?"

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Boise, Idaho -Statesman - 2 May 1964 -

LAS VEGAS, Nev (AP) - Three Californians are still rubbing their eyes after seeing what they described as a hunchbacked flying saucer perched on a hill near US Hwy 91 about 10 miles west of Baker, Calif.

OBJECT VANISHED. The dome-shaped object vanished when they inexplicably looked away from it at the same moment, according to Mr. and Mrs. Gus Biggs and Mrs. Lorene Ayres of Fontana.

The trio was en route to Las Vegas Thursday when they saw the smooth, brownish apparition.

"At first we thought it was a water tower," said Mrs. Biggs, "but as we got closer, we knew it was something we'd never seen before."

The only evidence remaining on the hilltop was a large depression in the ground, Mrs. Biggs said.

Edwards AFB, which will handle any investigation of the phenomenon, had no immediate comment.

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Landing!
Apr 29-30
Period