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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT  
SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO, 24 APRIL 1964

On April 24, 1964, a Socorro, New Mexico policeman, Mr. Lonnie Zamora, reported sighting an object about a mile south of the town at approximately 5:45 p.m., in an unpopulated area full of hills and gullies and covered with sagebrush. Following is a summary of his report to Air Force investigators:

Mr. Zamora reported that while chasing a speeding car north on U.S. 85, he heard a roar and saw flames in an area where a dynamite shack was known to be located. He abandoned chase of the auto and proceeded to where he believed an explosion had occurred. After traveling a little-used road and experiencing considerable difficulty in trying to drive his car up a gravel-covered hill, he said he then observed what he thought was an overturned car standing on end. At this point he was about 800 ft. distant from the object and his car was at the crest of a hill with the object ahead of him in a gully. He reported that during this first glance he saw one or two figures in coveralls whom he assumed to be occupants of the object. This is the only time he saw these figures; he did not see them again. After radioing to Police Headquarters at Socorro that he was proceeding to investigate what he believed to be an auto accident, he drove to a point about 150 ft. from the gully where the object rested and stopped the car to proceed on foot. He said the object was white, egg or oval-shaped and apparently supported on girderlike legs. He said he heard a roar and saw smoke and flame coming from the bottom of the object. At this point, Mr. Zamora believed that the object was about to explode and he became frightened, turned, and ran back to shield himself behind the police car, bumping his leg and losing his glasses on the way. He said that he crouched down, shielding his eyes with his arm while the noise continued for another 10 seconds. At this time the noise stopped and he glanced up. He reported that the object had risen to a point about 15-20 ft. above the ground and the flame and smoke had ceased. At this point, he reported, he noted a design on the object which he described as markings in red about 1 to 1 1/2 ft. in height, shaped like a crescent with a vertical arrow and horizontal line underneath. He stated that the object remained stationary for several seconds and then flew off in a southerly direction following the contour of the gully.

Within moments afterward, Sgt. Chavez of the New Mexico State Police arrived on the scene in response to Mr. Zamora's earlier radio call. He observed no object, but he reported that there were some slight depressions in the ground and apparently burned brush in the area where Mr. Zamora had reported seeing the object. The brush was cold to the touch. Sgt. Chavez reported the incident to local military authorities who conducted the initial investigation.

The Air Force sent investigators from their project office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The investigation disclosed the following facts:

No other witnesses to the object reported by Mr. Zamora could be located.

There were no unidentified helicopters or aircraft in the area.

Observers at radar installations had observed no unusual or unidentified blips.

There was no unusual meteorological activity; no thunderstorms. The weather was windy but clear.

There was no evidence of markings of any sort in the area other than the shallow depressions at the location where Mr. Zamora reported sighting the object.

Laboratory analysis of soil samples disclosed no foreign material or radiation above normal for the surrounding area.

Laboratory analysis of the burned brush showed no chemicals which would indicate a type of propellant.

There was no evidence presented that the object was extraterrestrial in origin or represented a threat to the security of the United States.

The Air Force is continuing its investigation and the case is still open.

For several days following this report, other sightings were reported in the New Mexico area. In each case the sighting was determined to be a known object or natural phenomena. Two of the reports were determined to be hoaxes.

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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."

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Hynek said that a report that the Air Force had asked Zamora not to discuss the markings was false.

"No one in the Air Force even suggested that nothing should be said about the markings," he said.

Hynek said an appointment Thursday in Boston would keep him from visiting the site near La Madera northwest of Espanola where a Santa Fe resident reported seeing a similar craft and where the scorched ground and other remains were similar to the Socorro sighting.

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# U.S. Report 'Flying Saucer' Probe

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP)

—The Air Force said today initial investigations have failed to explain an unidentified flying object reported at Socorro, N.M. last weekend.

"Nothing out of the ordinary was observed on aircraft tracking screens in the area at the time the object was reported," it said.

The statement quoted Air Force investigators as saying, "It is unfortunate that only one witness reported the object and that no photographs were obtained."

### SPECIALIST

The Air Force sent one of its leading civilian consultants, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a Northwestern University astronomer, to New Mexico to look into the report, which spoke of an object with red markings on a silvery side.

Hynek, heading home from Albuquerque last night said he was "more puzzled now than when I arrived." He spoke of the lack of radar contact with the reported object, and the absence of surface disturbance to indicate a thrust sufficient to lift it from the site where it was reported on the ground.

### SAMPLE SOIL

Samplings of soil and brush where the object was said to have landed last weekend will be subjected to laboratory study, the Air Force said.

The report underscored

# Some See Flying Bananas

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an earlier statement that Air Force investigations of more than 8128 sightings in

the last 16 years have failed to turn up any evidence that UFO's represent a threat to U.S. security, or are "alien interplanetary space vehicles."

The latest report on "Project Bluebook," the congressionally ordered Air Force study of unidentified flying objects, extends through 1963.

It shows that over that 16-year span, 7.7 per cent of the 8128 reported cases have remained unidentified.

The Air Force is not conceding that there is anything sinister about these unexplained sightings. It just says, in effect, they can't be correlated with any known objects or phenomena.

It was stressed that a "great majority of the unidentified cases occurred during the first five years of the project," before analysis techniques were sharpened.

Last year there were 382

## Flying Object In Montana

HELENA, Mont., April 30 (AP)—The sheriff's office said today it is investigating marks left on the ground by what was described as an unidentified flying object.

Newsmen and sheriff's deputies investigated the area east of Helena where the object was sighted—along the shoreline of Canyon Ferry Lake on the Missouri River.

They found four holes about 13 feet apart, 6 to 8 inches deep and 8 to 10 inches across. A circular spot was seared into the top of underbrush.

UFO reports and only 15 are still listed as "unidentified."

These included "two objects described as an ear of corn and a banana (which performed a series of maneuvers near Vandalia, Ohio" last Sept. 15.

Others involved "an unusual observation of four pink wheels" moving west over New Jersey, an object that exploded into a ball of fire near St. Galen, Switzerland, a recurring series of flashes near Warrenville, Ill., and the like.

Air Force sleuths decided that one woman who turned in a UFO report actually had seen spots before her eyes.

Then there was the Atlas-Centaur rocket launched from Cape Kennedy last Nov. 27 to place a satellite in orbit.

"This vehicle was reported over Monrovia, Liberia, and from Kenema, Sierra Leone, Africa, where its unusual appearance caused havoc in the town with many people sleeping in the mosque or dancing 'til dawn," the report said. One incident at Fritch, Tex., last August was not strictly a UFO, but it was investigated anyway.

It concerned a heart-shaped mark found on the ground — dark purple, phosphorescent under the sun and smelling of acid. Two rains didn't wash it away.

Air Force analysis showed the material to be eggs of a kind of grass fly.

There was only one attempted hoax last year, the report said — the story of a metallic globe landing in a street in Bahia, Brazil, with a man inside "looking up through a window."

Investigation revealed that "the story was fabricated in Rio," the Air Force said.

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# AF 'Gag' on Report Of Saucer Charged

DENVER POST 5-3-64  
SOCORRO, N.M. — A Colo-

rado man who said he was a member of the Flying Saucer Research Organization and the American UFO Committee wrote state police here Friday asking for information on a mysterious flying object reportedly seen by a Socorro policeman.

John Rosenburg of Longmont, Colo., left no doubt he suspected the Air Force of trying to cover up such reports. The letter was to State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez.

"If you have already been censored, please inform me of this," Rosenburg's letter said. "You won't be the first to receive this type of treatment.

"Also, I would appreciate it if you would relay to me, by name and rank, who applied the censorship and their reasons for doing so.

"Before closing," the letter continued, "a word of advice from someone who knows the possibilities as to what will

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happen to Lonnie Zamora (the policeman) if he is allowed to be alone with the Air Force (investigative) team.

"If he actually saw what he said he saw, he will be forced to withdraw his statement or he will find himself without a job," Rosenburg said.

Rosenburg's letter was one of two sent to Chavez asking about the incident. The other was from Coral Lorenzen of Tucson, Ariz., a representative of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization.

## Object Believed Secret Aircraft

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — (AP)— A University of New Mexico meteor expert says the strange craft a Socorro policeman said he saw April 23 probably was a vertical takeoff aircraft operated by the Air Force.

Officer Lonnie Zamora touched off a flurry of flying saucer reports after describing a silvery, egg-shaped object he

said he saw on the desert southwest of Socorro.

Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, said the Air Force experimented with vertical takeoff planes several years ago and what Zamora saw probably was a new secret model.

Kirtland Air Force Base authorities, in reply to LaPaz' theory, said they knew of no such planes in the state.



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# Army Probes N. M. Cop's Tale Of Flying Saucer in Desert

SOCORRO, N M (UPI) — A team of Army officers today was questioning a Socorro policeman who said he saw a flying saucer near the edge of the White Sands missile range. They're inclined to believe him.

"He's a very reliable witness," said Capt Richard R. Holder of Policeman Lonnie Zamora. Zamora's superiors said he was a conscientious and sober officer not given to hallucinations.

ZAMORA SAID he spotted an egg-shaped object on the desert near here Friday. He didn't see any signs of life, but he saw what appeared to

be a pair of white coveralls near the shiny, aluminum-like object. He said it rose and flew off slowly after he got within 100 yards of it.

"I was scared," Zamora said.

Army investigators found a burned bush and small depressions in the ground at the spot where Zamora reported the strange machine. Zamora said the object, about the height of a car, stood on four girder-like legs before flying away.

Military officials at White Sands and nearby Holloman Air Force Base said they had no such machine as Zamora described.

PHILA  
APRIL 23 1964, Daily News

Impossible!

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# A Flying Saucer

## Seen On Desert

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*Because of the red lettering, this could NOT be from outer space.  
Only 20 ft. off the ground, and smoke.*

**'Very Reliable Witness'** *4/26/64 (Pittsburgh, Pa. Press)*

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He said he first saw the object from about 200 yards away and thought it was an

overturned automobile. He said it was smoking.

Driving to within 100 feet of the object, the policeman said he saw what looked like red lettering on the side of the object.

He said it then rose from

the ground and sailed off in a westerly direction, never getting more than 20 feet off the ground and narrowly missing a dynamite shack.

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Sheridan, Wyoming  
June 10, 1964*

## Egg-Shaped Air 'Mystery' Leaves Mark

Montreal "Gazette"  
"April 27/64" "██████████"

SOCORRO, N.M. — U.S. military and civilian authorities are investigating the report of a Socorro policeman who said he saw an egg-shaped object take off when he approached it.

Policeman Lonnie Zamora said he was chasing a car on a highway late Saturday when he heard what he thought was an explosion. He said he drove within 150 yards of what appeared to be an overturned car in a small valley.

"I saw two figures in what appeared to be white coveralls like mechanics wear," Zamora said.

Zamora said he then walked within 200 feet of the object when he heard a roar and saw a "brilliant white metal object (about the size of a car) rise and hover about 20 feet off the ground. It then flew off to the west, rising gradually."

Army Capt. R. T. Holder of White Sands missile range, investigated, and said there were four spaced wedge-shaped impressions (in the ground), nine to 15 feet apart, at four corners of a square in a scorched area. They were about four inches deep.

State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez said only that "something definitely landed here."

Jim Harvey, Kirtland Air Force Base information officer, said in Albuquerque "that I know of no testing that could have caused it."

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Return of the U.F.O.

WE ARE HEARING once more about unidentified flying objects, or whatever it is that makes people see them. This time the U. F. O. sightings are being reported from New Mexico, and the reports have been unusually detailed and circumstantial—so much so that Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Northwestern university astronomer, has gone down to take a look himself.

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Six sightings have been reported since last Friday, when Policeman Lonnie Zamora of Socorro, N. M., gave the first detailed description of the whatsit. He said it was egg-shaped, a brilliant white, and had red markings "like an upside-down V with lines across the top, thru the middle and at the bottom." Zamora said the thing was resting on a secluded hill, and outside it were what looked like two figures in white coveralls. The U. F. O. flew off with a roar when he approached.

CHICAGO'S AMERICAN

Authorities found scorched grass and four wedge-shaped indentations at the site; later the same traces were found at the location of another reported sighting near Espanola.

Zamora, by the way, was told by the air force not to discuss the markings on the object, which indicates that there's an important clew here. That upside-down V with the bars across it sounds to us more like a capital A, which clearly means the thing is from Arcturus. Take it from here, Dr. Hynek!

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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. 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.

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 visit Espanola, where state police Capt. Martin Vigil said he found the ground still smoldering 20 hours after a reported sighting. Authorities found scorched (See Flying Object, Page 16)

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## Flying Object

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Dr. Hynek said many common things are often responsible for such reports.

"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."

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

In Washington, the Air Force said that its investigation of the reported sighting was routine.

*Low altitude - 5000 ft. (approx) 1964*

## UFO Search Being Planned In Southwest

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### 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.

Today's headlines mean more

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## Flying Saucer Report Is Probed

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Other reports have followed.

### Scorched Area

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 one of the clearest, no that's not the right word; just say it is one of the soundest, best substantiated reports as far as it goes.

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## Tucsonan Probes N.M. UFO Report

TUCSON (AP) — A Tucson woman who does research in unidentified flying objects believes intelligent beings from another planet have made several landings in New Mexico in the past few days.

Mrs. Coral Lorenzon, director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, just returned from investigating the reported landing of an unidentified object in Socorro, N.M., last Friday.

"We are convinced the Socorro policeman saw what he said he saw," said Mrs. Lorenzon, who has investigated many such incidents.

City officer Lornie Zamora said he saw an egg-shaped object about the size of a large automobile land with a roar and a burst of blue flame. Then the object flew off.

Mrs. Lorenzon said another object was reported at Espanola, N.M., at 1 a.m. Sunday. She said an employe of an oil company saw the landing and takeoff which was similar to the one described at Socorro.

"I talked with the state police," Mrs. Lorenzon said. "They said the ground was still smoking 20 hours later."

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He said he first saw the object from about 200 yards away and thought it was an overturned automobile. He said it was smoking.

HE SAID it then rose from the ground and sailed off in a westerly direction, never getting more than 20 feet off the ground and narrowly missing a dynamite shack.

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## UFO Sighting Re-Enacted; No Help to Scientist

SOCORRO (AP) — An Air Force consultant on unidentified flying objects had Policeman Lonnie Zamora re-enact in detail Wednesday the sighting of a UFO in Socorro last Friday.

The consultant, Dr J Allen Hynek, said after the re-enactment that he could draw no conclusions on what Zamora saw and was "more puzzled than I was when I arrived here."

Dr. Hynek returned to Albuquerque Wednesday afternoon and departed for the East by plane

Zamora reported seeing an egg-shaped object fly away from a draw last Friday evening. Other reports have followed.

After the re-enactment, however, Dr. Hynek said he was puzzled that there was no evidence at the Socorro

site of ignition of a thrust unit powerful enough to lift a vehicle the size Zamora reported.

Dr Hynek said he was also puzzled by lack of radar contacts with objects that have been reported.

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Zamora's reliability as a

U. S. Government aircraft flying at low levels along US-66 and US-70-80 taking photographs with powerful electronic flash equipment during the last week, may be part of the answer to the rash of "flying saucers" seen in New Mexico.

The jet airplanes were taking the photos during both day and night times from Albuquerque west to Kingman, Ariz., and from Deming west to Casa Grande, Ariz., up until Sunday, according to a Kirtland AF Base spokesman.

witness was supported by Dr Lincoln LaPaz of the University of New Mexico who has

### Is This the Answer?

Saturday night one of the Kirtland - based jets flew over Albuquerque with two bright "strobe" (electronic flash) units flashing on and off every second and lighting up a large area below it each time with a white, almost bluish light.

The "saucer" sightings began Friday when a Socorro policeman said he saw an egg-shaped object a short distance from the town. Since then several reports have been forwarded to police and military authorities.

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. "But I do want to say that I have had contacts with Mr Zamora 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"

Dr. Hynek said that a report that the Air Force had

asked Zamora not to discuss the markings was false.

"No one in the Air Force even suggested that nothing should be said about the markings," he said.

Dr. Hynek also was asking universities in the state if they knew of any geophysical group work in the state.

"These people often have some strange type of vehicles and aircraft they use in these rugged areas when taking radioactive samples," he said.

A 10-year-old Albuquerque girl was treated Tuesday night for what her mother told police were "infra-red" burns received when she looked up at a "flying saucer."

Hynek said he went to the girl's home Wednesday. He said she appeared to be suffering from sunburn or a skin infection.

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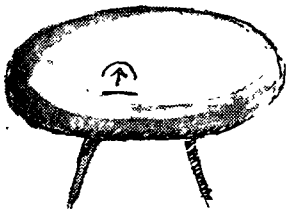
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TIME/PLACE OF SIGHTING: April 24, 1964, at about 5:45 p.m. local time/Socorro, New Mexico.  
 DURATION: Not exactly determined, but at least 80 to 100 seconds.  
 NUMBER OF OBSERVERS: One.  
 TYPE OF OBSERVER: Squad-car police officer.  
 NUMBER OF OBJECTS: One.  
 OBSERVER RELIABILITY: Good.  
 SHAPE: Roughly egg-shaped, standing on two girder-like legs.  
 DIMENSIONS: About the size of a sedan automobile.  
 COLOR: Whitish, like aluminum.  
 SOUND: Loud roar (not a blast) that changed pitch from high to low frequency.  
 ALTITUDE: Ground-level, then rose 15 to 20 feet in air and took off.  
 SPEED: Very fast.



TACTICS: Settled to ground apparently with retro-rocket of some kind; observer noted a bluish orange flame that was shaped like an inverted funnel coming from bottom of the UFO. After it landed in a moss-covered arroyo observer saw two persons standing beside it, dressed in white coveralls; they seemed startled when he appeared at the scene, got back in the object and took off; observer describe-

them as "normal in shape—but possibly they were small adults or large kids."

COMMENT: The UFO had no apparent windows or doors, its surface was entirely smooth. A strange red insignia about 2 1/4 inches high by 2 inches wide was centered on the object. A check with radar operators on duty at the White Sands Missile Range and Holloman Air Force Base, both nearby, disclosed no radar detection of unidentified aircraft in the area. But the UFO was flying low—no higher than 20 feet of altitude during its sighting—and could have thus been missed by radar because of ground-clutter. Also there was no record of unconventional research aircraft being tested in flight at the time in that area. The UFO left impressions in the ground where it was sighted and smoke appeared to be coming from a bush. Yet when a State Police sergeant later broke off a branch from the bush, it was cool to the touch. More than a month later, in an official communique to the Pentagon, the Air Force reported: "Information obtained during this investigation revealed that the sighting was legitimate and there was no indication that a hoax was being perpetrated."

Probably the most tantalizing and mysterious sighting that was recorded during the first half of the 1960s was the one reported at Socorro, N. M., on April 24, 1964. The lone observer was a reliable police officer, a Sergeant in the Socorro Police Department, named Lonnie Zamora.

Dr. Allen Hynek in his report to Project Bluebook, after investigating the case, wrote that he considered "this one of the major UFO sightings in the history of the Air Force's consideration of this subject."

About the observer, Dr. Hynek wrote that: "Zamora, although not overly articulate, is basically sincere, honest, and reliable. He would not be capable of contriving a complex hoax, nor would his temperament indicate that he would have the slightest interest in such. He was simply a cop on duty, relinquished one discharge of that duty (chasing a speeding car) for another which he thought was of more immediate importance (investigating the possible explosion of a dynamite shack). His fright was genuine, and his feeling that he had seen something truly unusual is attested by the fact that he asked whether he should speak to the priest first before saying anything about it.

"Any question of hallucination seems clearly out. He is a non-drinking man, and is a solid, well-built, physically healthy individual. He is a cop who looks as though he could be pretty gruff with his customers, and in fact, his complaint about the UFO sighting was that it did not allow him time to give out his full quota

of tickets for the day."

Now in his own words, listen to Police Officer Zamora's description of the strange UFO he sighted:

"About 5:45 p.m., 4-24-64, while in Socorro 2 Police Car ('64 white Pontiac), I started to chase a car due south from west side of the Court House. Car was apparently speeding and was about three blocks in front of my police car. At a point on Old Rodeo Street (extension of Park Street south) near the George Morillo residence (about a half-mile south of Spring Street) the chased car was going straight ahead toward the rodeo grounds. Car chased was a new black Chevrolet. Chased car was still about three blocks ahead and I was alone.

"At this time, I heard a roar and saw a flame in the sky to the southwest, some distance away—possibly a half-mile or a mile. Came to my mind that a dynamite shack in that area had blown up. Decided to leave chased car go.

"Flame was bluish and sort of orange, too. Could not tell size of the flame. Sort of a motionless flame, slowly descending. I was still driving the car and couldn't 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 the top than at the bottom. Flame was possibly three degrees in width—not wide.

"Flame was about twice as wide at bottom as at top and about four times as high as top was wide. I did not notice any object at top, did not notice if top of flame was level. Sun was to the west and did not help my vision. Had on green sunglasses over my prescription glasses. Could not see bottom of the flame because it was behind a 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 I heard was a roar, not a blast, not like a jet. It changed from high frequency to low frequency and then stopped. The roar lasted possibly 10 seconds—was going towards it at that time on the rough gravel road. Saw flame for about as long as I heard the sound. Flame was same color, as best as I recall. The sound was distinctly from high to low until it disappeared. My car windows were both down. No other spectators noted—no traffic except the car in front—and the car in front might have heard it, but possibly did not see it because car in front was too close to a hill in front to see the flame.

"After the roar and flame, I 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 the first time, then the wheels started skidding. The roar was still going on. Had to back down and try again before making the hill. Hill about 60 feet long, fairly steep and with loose gravel and rock.

While beginning third time (to climb the hill), the noise and flame were not noted.

"After I got to the top, I traveled slowly on the gravel road westward. Noted nothing for awhile . . . for possibly 15 or 20 seconds, went slowly, looking around for the (dynamite-storage) shack—did not recall exactly where the dynamite shack was.

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

"At this time, I started moving my car towards them quickly, with the idea to help. I had stopped about only a couple seconds. The object was like aluminum—it was whitish against the moss background, but not chrome. Seemed like it was oblong in shape and I, at first glance, took it to be an overturned white car. The 'car' appeared turned up, like it was standing on the radiator or trunk.

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

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

"Hardly turned around from my car when I heard a roar, a very loud roar. It was not like a jet, not exactly a blast. It started at low frequency quickly, then it rose in frequency to a higher tone and rose in loudness—from loud to very loud. At the same time as I heard the roar, I saw the flame. The flame was under the object. The object was starting to go straight up—slowly up. Flame was light blue and at the bottom it was sort of an orange color. From this angle, I saw what might be the side of the object (not end, as first noted). From the flame and roar, I thought that it might blow up. The flame might have come from the underside of the object at its middle, possibly a four-foot area there—this is a very rough guess. There was no smoke, only dust in the immediate area.

"The object was smooth—no windows or doors (visible). As roar started, it was still on or near the ground. I noted red lettering of some type, like an insignia, about 2¼ inches high and about 2 inches wide. Insignia was in the middle of the object.

"Noted object to rise to about level of my car, about 20 to 25 feet, I guess—and it appeared about directly over the place where it rose from.

Police Officer Zamora had started to run in great fear. He stumbled, bumped himself and lost his glasses. He jumped over the hill, intending to run down the other side. Just then the roaring sound ceased and he heard a sharp-toned whine, which started at a high pitch and fell to a lower pitch. As he describes it: "At the end of this roar was this whine and the whine lasted maybe a second. Then there was complete silence about the object. That's when I lifted up my head and saw the object going away from me. It appeared to go in a straight line and at the same height—possibly 10 to 15 feet from the ground, and it cleared the dynamite shack by about three feet. The shack is about eight feet high. The object was traveling very fast. It seemed to rise up and take off immediately across country. The object seemed to lift up slowly and to get small in the distance very fast. It disappeared as it went over Mile Canyon Mountain. It had no flame whatsoever as it was traveling over the ground—and no smoke or noise.

"Noted no odors. Noted no sounds other than (those) described. At that time I heard Sergeant Chavez (of the New Mexico State Police) calling me on the radio for my location. And I returned to my car and told him he was looking at me. Then Sergeant Chavez came up and asked me what the trouble was because I was sweating and he told me that I was white, very pale. I asked the Sergeant to see what I saw and that was the burning brush (in the area where the object had been). The brush was burning in several places. Then Sergeant Chavez and I went to the spot and Sergeant Chavez pointed out the tracks."

The UFO had left strong physical impressions in the ground where it had rested. Police Officer Zamora had an explanation for this: "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—(when) I saw the two persons.

"I didn't pay much 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.

"As my (radio) mike fell, when I got out of the car, I heard about two or three loud thumps, like someone possibly opening or shutting a door hard. These thumps were possibly

a second or less apart. This was just before the roar. The persons were not seen by me when I got up to the scene area."

Officer Zamora is suggesting that the "thumps" were caused by the "two persons" entering a vehicle and slamming the hatches closed after them—although no doors or windows were observed. The case is not closed in the Project Bluebook files, but neither is it explained. After an intensive survey of all aircraft, research and conventional, that operate out of Holloman Air Force Base and the White Sands Missile Range, both nearby to the Socorro UFO sighting, nothing was turned up that even remotely resembled the vehicle described by Zamora. The sighting must be categorized as a highly mysterious "good unknown."

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# Latest UFO Puzzles Air Force

From AP Dispatches

The air force said yesterday initial investigations have failed to explain an unidentified flying object (UFO) reported at Socorro, N M, last week end

"Nothing out of the ordinary was observed on aircraft tracking screens in the area at the time the object was reported," it said

The statement quoted air force investigators as saying, "it is unfortunate that only one witness reported the object, and that no photographs were obtained"

The air force sent one of its leading civilian consultants, Dr J Allen Hynek, a Northwestern University astronomer, to New Mexico to look into the report, which spoke of an object with red markings on a silvery side

Hynek, heading home from Albuquerque Wednesday night said he was "more puzzled now than when I arrived" He spoke of the lack of radar contact with the reported object, and the absence of surface disturbance to indicate a thrust sufficient to lift it from the site where it was reported on the ground

Youngsters who believe they saw a four-legged flying object stirred up police yesterday and even the air force sent in a team to investigate at Canyon Ferry, Mont

Skeptical newsmen, viewed the area and still were skeptical after seeing marks supposedly left by a space ship's landing legs, four shallow holes that formed an imperfect rectangle The holes framed a patch of scorched grass and a cactus that appeared to have been singed

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# Explanation Advanced on UFO Report

ALBUQUERQUE, N M (AP)—A University of New Mexico meteoritics expert says the strange craft a Socorro policeman said he saw April 23 probably was a vertical short-takeoff and landing aircraft operated by the Air Force

Officer Lonnie Zamora touched off a flurry of unidentified flying object reports after describing a silvery, egg-shaped object he said he saw on the desert southwest of Socorro

Dr Lincoln LaPaz said the Air Force experimented with the vertical takeoff planes several years ago and what Zamora saw probably was a new secret model

At White Sands Missile Range, meanwhile, Gene Kanoff, chief of administration for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration there, 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 He said it was unlikely that the module would be tested at White Sands The northern tip of the missile range is only a few miles from the point of Zamora's sighting

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# A Mystery Object 'On Stilts'

SOCORRO, (N M) — A policeman here reports seeing a strange round object poised on stilt-like legs

But when Lonnie Zamorra moved closer to the object yesterday, all he found was four indentations in the ground, and scorched grass

White Sands Missile Range officials confirmed the markings and the burned grass

Zamorra said the object was shiny and about as big as a car An investigation is planned



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## Flying-Object Report Revives Debate

By Neal Stanford  
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On April 24 this year, about 5:45 p.m., a Socorro, N.M., policeman, Lonnie Zamora, reported sighting an unidentified flying object (UFO) in a hilly sagebrush area about a mile south of the town.

This widely reported "sighting" has revived that heated debate as to whether there are sure things as UFO's.

The Air Force still doubts their existence or importance. A private fact-finding organization, National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), charges the Air Force with censorship of facts.

This is what Mr. Zamora reported to the Air Force: He was chasing a speeding car north on U.S. 85 when he heard a roar and saw flames back in the hills (where a dynamite shack was known to be located). After a difficult drive (he gave up chasing the speeding car) he said he saw what was an overturned car standing on end.

### Figures Reported

He was about 800 feet away and momentarily saw one or two figures in coveralls. That was the last of them.

He radioed police at Socorro and proceeded to investigate. He then drove to about 150 feet from the gully where the object rested, got out, and proceeded on foot. This is what he says he saw: a white, egg-shaped object supported on girderlike legs. He then says he heard a roar and saw smoke and flame coming from the bottom of the object.

At this point he became

frightened and ran to hide behind the police car. In the scramble he lost his glasses. The noise, he continues in his report, went on another 10 seconds. He looked up and saw the object about 15 or 20 feet above the ground.

### Action Described

He saw markings in red on the object, a crescent with a vertical arrow and horizontal line underneath. The object stayed stationary for some seconds then flew off in a southerly direction.

A few moments later Sergeant Chavez of the New Mexico state police arrived in response to the radio call. He saw no object but reported some slight depressions in the ground and apparently burned brush in the area where Mr. Zamora had reported the object. The brush was cold to the touch.

The Air Force sent investigators from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. They reported the following as facts:

No other witnesses to the object could be located. There were no unidentified helicopters or aircraft in the area.

### Radar Report Negative

No radar installations had observed an unusual or unidentified blimp.

There was no unusual meteorological activity, no thunderstorms.

There was no evidence of markings of any sort in the area other than the shallow depressions at the location.

Laboratory analysis of soil samples disclosed no foreign material or radiation above normal.

Laboratory analysis of the burned brush showed no chemicals indicating a type of propellant.

There was no evidence the object was extraterrestrial in origin or represented a threat to the security of the United States.

### Probe Continued

The Air Force is continuing to investigate the case.

For several days after the report, other people reported UFO's in the New Mexico area. In each case the sighting was

determined to be a known object or natural phenomena. Two of the reports were hoaxes.

However, the NICAP people aren't at all satisfied. They contend the Air Force has not solved at least 11 percent of some 8,000 cases, though the Air Force puts the unsolved figure at not over 2 percent.

NICAP has just put out a 184-page document, "UFO Evidence," containing what they call "verified UFO sightings."

They make some of the most exciting reading one can find, whether you believe them or not.

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# The Return Of The Spacemen

8/ One of the strange things about that flying saucer the policeman saw the other day at the government's White Sands Proving Grounds hasn't, to our knowledge, been brought out. An uncannily similar report came from White Sands seven years ago.

In 1957, two military police units patrolling the site of the first Atomic Bomb test reported—independently of each other — having seen an egg-shaped object hover over the desert and then dash out of sight. Their description was astonishingly like Policeman Lonnie Zamora's.

The policeman, it will be recalled, said he saw an egg-shaped object 30 miles northwest of the site of the first atomic blast. The object, he said, actually landed and left "footprints" in the sand before flying slowly away.

Two differences are worth noting: 1) In 1957, the object dashed away, but in 1964 the object disappeared slowly, and 2) in 1957 the object hovered above ground, but in 1964 it landed. The men from outer space are getting bolder. As they get bolder still, they are bound to become more interesting.

Some will say that it is all in the mind. Others, like Policeman Zamora, will run and hide. We say let them come, and the more the merrier. We just finished boning up on the state of the world. Men of space, welcome back.

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## UFO Faithful Hits Back

# Why Can't Flying Saucer Elude Radar?

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—Flying saucers, be they supernatural or super hoaxes, have been catapulted back into the news by recent reports of sightings in New Mexico. As the controversy over the nature of the objects flares anew, Dennis Fawcett of The Register staff, talked with an acquaintance who heads a group of state saucer devotees. His story follows.

Assuming that "flying saucers" actually exist and assuming it was a saucer that created the recent stir in New Mexico, would it be possible for such an object to slip through a network of radar screens?

Of course, says an ardent believer in the authenticity of the unidentified flying objects "As a matter of fact it would be a fairly easy matter, since even such down-to-earth craft as airplanes are capable of neutralizing radar."

George W. Earley, president of the Connecticut Affiliate of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) thus dismissed in an interview Friday night at his home in Bloomfield the suggestion that recent New Mexico sightings might be bogus because the unidentified flying objects had not been picked up by radar.

"You wouldn't have to postulate a very advanced civilization to account for the New Mexico's UFO's not being detected by radar," he declared "As a matter of fact, the Air Force has electronic counter measure equipment on its planes to knock out Russian radar."

Earley was discussing statements made Thursday night at Choate School by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, special unidentified flying objects consultant to the Air Force. Dr. Hynek recently re-

turned from Socorro, N. M., where he was sent to investigate the sighting made last Friday by Socorro Patrolman Lonnie Zamora of a mysterious egg-shaped object.

Dr. Hynek told Choate students the Air Force had not yet decided what the object was. "One thing that bothers me," he observed, "is that it wasn't picked up by radar, and that area is infested with radar."

Aside from his contention that Dr. Hynek's "radar" point carries no weight, Earley thought the Air Force consultant showed for the most part "an encouraging open-mindedness."

### 'Intelligent' Control

NICAP is a private, non-profit group which has evaluated "flying saucer" evidence for five years and come to the belief that "the verified unidentified flying objects are under intelligent control and superior to any U.S. or Soviet spacecraft or missiles." In a previous interview Wednesday night Earley detailed the actions his organization is taking in response to the rash of New Mexico sightings which began with Officer Zamora's report.

"NICAP has a man in New Mexico now, geiger counter in hand, notebook in pocket, investigating the sightings," Earley said "He has talked with Zamora, and Zamora has confirmed the report he gave the Air Force. He denies seeing any living bodies, although he reports seeing something like white coveralls outside the object. The indentations in the ground made by the object were roughly trapezoidal in shape and rectangular in pattern, but we haven't as yet got the dimensions.

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## Why Can't A Flying Saucer Penetrate Radar Net?

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"It's interesting to note that as far as I know the Southwest is the only area which has ever reported egg-shaped objects. There might be something to that; then again it may just be that people living there are accustomed to comparing unfamiliar objects to eggs."

### Special Significance

Since the Air Force has technically trained people at every airbase whose job includes the investigation of aerial phenomena, the fact that Dr. Hynek was sent to examine the Socorro site seems to impart a special significance to the incident.

"Hynek is one of the Air Force's chief consultants on unidentified flying objects," Earley said "He's sent on investigations whenever there's any physical evidence. A number of sightings have occurred in New Mexico since Zamora's, including one made by four state troopers, and another civilian group, besides

NICAP, is also conducting an investigation: the Aerial Phenomena Searchers."

In the past NICAP has been critical of the Air Force for not cooperating with its efforts. The Air Force not only denies NICAP's interplanetary explanation of the "saucers" but refuses to debate the subject.

### Pleased With Response

Regarding Zamora's sighting, however, Earley said, "I've been very pleased with the Air Force's open-mindedness. It's a refreshing contrast to the usual policy. As a rule it has gone as far as insulting airline pilots who have reported sightings, by implying the pilots were drunk. In this case, though, it has at least stated Zamora is a reliable man who has seen something strange.

"But NICAP would still like to know why the Air Force considers the subject undebatable."

In connection with its opposition to the Air Force's stand, NICAP intends to submit to Congress in May a fully document-

ed report, 230,000 words in length, on unidentified flying objects. The purpose of the report is the promotion of, an open congressional committee for the investigation of the mystery "These New Mexico incidents," Earley conceded, "have come at a propitious time."

### Only Verified Sightings

Admittedly, some sightings are obvious hoaxes, but NICAP is interested only in verified sightings. "We largely try to ignore those who claim to have established contact with men from outer space," Earley said. "They are basically dreamers — bewildered, confused, worried men who are looking for a Messiah. The philosophy peddled by most of them invariably strikes a religious note — Peace on Earth, and that sort of thing — which is fine, I'm all for it, but it doesn't have much to do with unidentified flying objects."

As for Zamora, the man who's sighting seems to have given the "flying saucer" issue a new lease on life, what must his attitude be towards his sudden notoriety? Said Earley, "I imagine he's probably just beginning to have the unwelcome feeling that comes when you have seen something puzzling which many people automatically and unfairly regard as a hoax."

The un-reproed clip is an extra on my Choate talk which is what sparked their invitation to Hynek. I drew about 350 to his about 250 and I don't think he converted many from our point of view.

In fairness to me, let me say that the reporter flubbed a couple. After our first chat I discovered from talking to Dick Hall that egg shaped ???s had been seen in many other areas and I passed this on to Dennis - don't know why he didn't note that. And in the quote "I've been very pleased with the Air Force's open-mindedness....", kindly read that as Army instead of Air Force. I was trying to point out the contrast between the Army's reaction and the usual AF reaction and Dennis missed it. Damn, Damn, Damn!!!

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

In Washington, the Air Force said that its investigation of the reported sighting was routine.

## Probe Flying Object in New Mexico Sky

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### Mysterious Object Pays Visit to Socorro Area

SOCORRO (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 Saturday 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 Friday, 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 unidentified flying objects officer at Holloman Air Force

Base near Alamogordo.

Holloman officials said they would investigate the incident.

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Scientist Puzzled

Did Those UFOs Get Past Radar?

SOCORRO, N.M., April 29 (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 Wednesday 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.

Dr. Hynek would not offer an opinion on just what Zamora did see.

He said he had investigated many such sightings but "this is one of the clearest, no 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. "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."

The (Tucson) Arizona Daily Star of April 30, 1964



SCENE OF MYSTERY: Lonnie Zamora, left, Socorro policeman, shows Air Force investigators where he saw a mysterious flying object — at rest and in flight. — Friday evening. In center, holding Geiger counter, is Maj. William Conner, officer assigned to unidentified flying object investigations at Kirtland Air Force Base, and at right

is Sgt. David Moody of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, who maintains voluminous files of reported unidentified flying objects. Small bush in foreground, according to Zamora, was defoliated and partially blackened by exhaust fumes from the strange object. (Journal photo by Ray Cary)

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Pentagon Interested

# Socorro Officer Saw Two Men Step Out of Big UFO

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An FBI agent visited the spot this morning.

## THE IDAHO SUNDAY STATESMAN

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## Four Scorched Prints Studied In Mystery of Flying Objects

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Army Capt. R. T. Holder, White Sands missile range commander, lives in Socorro and went to the site as representative of the range and Holloman Air Force Base, both in the area.

"I reported to my superiors that neither White Sands nor Holloman had an object, or mission at the time of the reported occurrence, that compares with or that could produce the situation reported," Holder said.

Holder said there "were four spaced (nine to 15 feet apart) wedge-shaped impressions as four corners of an irregular shape but similar to a square in the scorched area. They were about four inches deep."

State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez said only that "something definitely landed here."

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**Air Force Consultant Wonders:**

# Why Didn't Radar Pick Up 'Saucer' Patrolman Sighted In New Mexico?

By ROBERT WILSON  
Register Staff Reporter

WALLINGFORD — "One thing bothers me about that Unidentified Flying Object in New Mexico — it wasn't picked up by radar, and that area is infested with radar," Dr. J. Allen Hynek, special UFO consultant to the Air Force, told Choate students here Thursday night.

He was referring to the UFO that a Socorro, N.M., patrolman saw a week ago today near a secluded hill. An astronomer with Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University, Dr. Hynek investigated the New Mexico sighting at the request of the Air Force, then flew here Thursday to speak to Choate students on "Air Force Views on Unidentified Flying Objects."

"We haven't decided what the sighting was in Socorro. It is still under investigation. I would like to see the Air Force begin a full scale investigation of the

sighting, but they haven't allocated the funds so far," Dr. Hynek said.

Dr. Hynek took samples of the soil where the object is supposed to have landed, and he used a stop watch and timed the patrolman as he re-enacted his actions of last Friday night.

Dr. Hynek described Patrolman Lonnie Zamora's experience this way:

"The patrolman was in a squad car and chasing a speeder down a highway. The patrolman was gaining on the speeder when he looked to the right and saw a descending bright light. The light went down behind a hill and there was a loud explosion.

"The patrolman knew there was a dynamite shack behind the hill, so he stopped chasing the speeder, turned off on a gravel road and drove to the shack. He saw an object about 185 feet away. It looked like an overturned car.

"The patrolman thought some-

one may have been locked inside the object and injured. He called headquarters for assistance. The object began to make noise, started to roar. The roar increased, he started to run, crashed into the fender of the squad car and lost his his glases.

"He ran for another 100 feet, then crouched down and covered his face. He glanced up, saw the object rise. It made a great deal of noise as it rose, missed the dynamite shack by a few feet and sped away at about 200 miles per hour.

"A sergeant from headquarters arrived and he said: 'Lonnie, you look like you've seen the devil.' The patrolman replied: 'Maybe I have.'"

The patrolman told Dr. Hynek that there was an insignia on the object; it appeared to be an upside down V with three lines

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## RADAR CITED ON 'SAUCER'

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across the top. Dr. Hynek said a theory that the insignia might have been a rancher's brand on a private plane has not been proven.

The object made four indentations in the ground and grass and brush near the indentations was burnt. Dr. Hynek said curiosity seekers trampled the ground in the area, but he was able to deduce that object was light in weight. The soil samples he took have not been processed yet.

None of the radar or missile-tracking equipment in the Socorro area picked up the object.

Prior to the Socorro sighting, an UFO object was reported 200 miles to the north of Socorro. Allegedly, the ground was warm 20 hours after this landing.

Dr. Hynek told the Choate students that UFO do exist, but only as reports. No evidence has been uncovered to indicate any interplanetary "visitations" he said.

George Early of Bloomfield, president of the Connecticut branch of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, (NICAP) who listened to Dr. Hynek's speech Thursday night, took mild exception to some of Dr. Hynek's remarks.

Early said the Air Force has paid little attention to the scientists who believe that some UFO do represent interplanetary activity. Also, Early charged that Air Force officers in the Pentagon have "censored" some of the UFO reports.

Hynek said that as far as he knows the Air Force reports on UFO are open to the public. He said the Air Force is committed to investigating all UFO reports to make sure there is no indication of "hostile intent." He said planes, weather balloons, low-flying clouds, unusual lighting conditions, and lightning have been sources of UFO reports.

Early said NICAP is presently printing a 230,000-word report on NICAP'S conclusions on some UFO sightings. He said the NICAP will also take to task high-level Pentagon officials for alleged censorship of the sightings.

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\* Polite might have been a better word - I think Doc got the point that I did not buy his spiel to any great extent.



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**Look What's Back**Levittown Times, May 6, 1964**Flying Saucers Dot New Mexico Sky**

By Don Myers

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (UPI)

— In New Mexico, the unidentified flying object craze is a periodic epidemic. The latest flurry of flying saucer reports started April 24 when a Rio Grande Valley policeman said he saw a bathtub-shaped object standing in the desert on four girder-like legs at dusk.

Since then, reports of strange objects have gained speed through-out New Mexico, Wyoming and into Montana in the high Rockies.

The Air Force sent its top flying saucer chaser to New Mexico and there have been many scientific and military explanations for the sightings.

One scientist said a "Super-Pogo" military craft may be causing the scare. The Air Force believes low-flying jets taking pictures with bright strobe lights could be the answer.

The scientist, Dr. Lincoln Lapaz of the University of New Mexico, said there is no danger of outer-space invasion because

"anyone living outside this troubled globe would be displaying absolute nonsense to come here."

Policeman Lonnie Zamora started it all when he saw the shiny, bathtub-shaped object in a field at Socorro, about 50 miles from where the first atomic bomb was exploded at White Sands.

When he approached it, he said, it flew away.

Air Force officials have confirmed that grass and bushes around the arca were burned and that there were four indentations in the ground. Scientists have taken soil samples to be analyzed.

Lapaz said he believes Zamora saw a modern VSTOL, a vertical short takeoff and landing aircraft. The craft behaves much like the object Zamora described.

Low-flying jets have been taking pictures with powerful flashing lights day and night during the current unidentified flying object epidemic. The jets have been operating from Al-

buquerque to Kingman, Ariz., and from Deming, N. M., to Casa Grande, Ariz.

The Air Force's annual report on flying saucers this week showed more than 8,000 sightings over the past 16 years. All but 7.7 per cent have been explained on the basis of natural phenomena.

The Air Force said most of the cases reported have been from witnesses who honestly misidentified a natural object or phenomena or misinterpreted an experience.

But New Mexicans still insist they have seen flying saucers.

Don Adams of Edgewood, N. M., claims he shot 12 times at a strange object "to either bring it down or take a chunk out of it." He said he heard six bullets rattle off the object.

The mother of a 10-year-old Albuquerque girl told police her daughter received "infra-red" burns from looking up at a flying saucer. A doctor told police he treated the girl for sunburn.

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"I was scared," said Zamora.

Army Capt. R. T. Holder, White Sands Missile Range commander of the uprange Station Range, lives in Socorro and went to the site as representative of the range and Holloman Air Force Base, both in the area.

"I reported to my superiors that neither White Sands nor Holloman had an object, or mission at the time of the reported occurrence, that compares with or that could produce the situation reported," Holder said Saturday night.

Holder said he found four wedge-shaped impressions, not square but similar to a square, in a scorched area. They were about four inches deep, he said.

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## Investigate Report Of UFO

Socorro, N.M. (AP) — A report by a Socorro policeman that he saw an egg-shaped flying object land near here has the FBI and military authorities interested.

Officer Lonnie Zamora said he not only saw the object but also saw two occupants who alighted after it landed about one mile southwest of Socorro in a draw Friday.

State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez said he received a call from the Pentagon and the caller indicated the site would be inspected by someone from Washington.

As Zamora tells his experience:

While in his patrol car about 5:50 p.m. Friday he heard what he thought was an explosion in the area where a dynamite shack is located. He drove to within 150 yards of the draw where he spotted what appeared to be an overturned car. Moving closer he saw two figures in white moving about outside the vehicle.

One looked directly at him. As Zamora moved closer he lost sight of the object behind a hill.

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Zamora said he called Sgt. Chavez on his car radio. Chavez joined him and both approached the site of the apparent landing. They found scorched ground and burned weeds.

They also found four 4-5-inch depressions in the ground which apparently had supported a heavy object.

Zamora said men who identified themselves as from Army intelligence at White Sands Missile Range took samples of the soil.

"Something definitely landed there," Chavez said.

Zamora was described as a man not given to imagining things.

An FBI agent visited the spot Saturday.

# 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.

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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."

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 Arteche 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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Alamogordo Daily News

## Imaginations Flare in NM

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GALLUP, N.M. (AP) — The unidentified flying object mystery apparently has intensified the imagination of many New Mexicans.

Gallup police checked out two reports last night.

One, from a couple driving through a remote area, turned out to be a campfire.

The other report came from a neighborhood of residents who gathered on a hill watching three mysterious, stationary lights in the distance that they had not seen before.

Police said the excitement was caused by three new floodlights at the Gallup high school parking lot.

# Air Force Expert Investigates New Mexico's Flying Saucers

Socorro, N.M. (AP) — Dr. J. Allen Hynek, special unidentified flying object consultant for the Air Force, arrived in Socorro Tuesday night and began his investigation of a Socorro policeman's report that he saw a mysterious flying object last Friday.

Dr. Hynek said he hoped to talk to the policeman, Lonnie Zamora, Tuesday night and then visit the site Wednesday where Zamora says he saw the object.

Dr. Hynek, of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University, said he would decide whether to visit Espanola, where another object was reportedly spotted over the weekend, after his investigation of the Socorro incident.

He said he had not been advised by the Air Force if his presence here indicates that the government has eliminated the

possibility of U.S. aircraft having caused the reports.

Capt. Hector Quintanilla, chief of the Aerial Phenomena Branch at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, said T-Sgt. David

Several reports of "flying saucers" were telephoned to The Times Editorial Department Tuesday night but investigation was fruitless. What callers apparently saw was a cloud formation partially obscuring or totally blocking a bright star in the heavens, which appeared to make the star blink.

Moody of the office already was in New Mexico and would assist Dr. Hynek in the investigation.

The most recent report of the objects came early Tuesday morning from State Policeman Tommy Richardson of the U.S. 66 com-

munity of Moriarty 40 miles east of Albuquerque.

He said he had a call from Don Adams of Edgewood, near Moriarty, who told of seeing an object about 100 feet off the ground. He said it appeared to be a florecent or green-colored glowing object.

Adams told the officer he drove his car under the object and his car stalled. The youth reported he then got out and fired six shots at the object, reloaded and fired again. Richardson said he didn't determine if Adams used a rifle or a pistol.

The report was another in a series which have kept New Mexico and military authorities busy since Zamora's original report Friday. The reports, until Tuesday, had come from points following a line from south of Truth or Consequences to an area near Espanola.

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## Enigma in New Mexico

# The UFO Is Gone, But It Left Its Mark

SOCORRO, N.M., April 26 — (UPI) — A White Sands Missile Range commander Sunday termed "fantastic" reports by a Socorro patrolman of an unidentified flying object.

However, Army Capt. Richard T. Holder said Lonnie Zamora, the policeman, was a "very reliable witness." Capt. Holder is up-range commander of the White Sands Range Center.

The captain was contacted by Socorro authorities and asked to provide assistance in identifying an object reported as an unidentified flying object (UFO). His headquarters are situated at the northern extreme of the range, 28 miles from Socorro.

Capt. Holder said he was appraised of the situation by the local authorities.

Zamora related the story to Sgt. Sam Chavez of the New Mexico State Police in Socorro shortly after the happening at dusk Friday. Chavez said he did so with considerable reluctance.

**Zamora told of seeing a spherical object, about the height of a car, which appeared to be made of a shiny aluminum-like substance. It stood on steel stilts, he said, and two persons were nearby.**

But Zamora found only four impressions in the ground and some scorched grass and bushes when he made a closer inspection.

Chavez and eight other men, when later shown the site about one mile south of Socorro and west of U.S. 85, found the markings described by the policeman. None, however, saw the object.

The indentations were somewhat irregularly spaced, measuring 9, 13, 14 and 15 inches between markings. Each of the imprints was reported to be 14 inches long and 6 inches wide. They were from 4 to 5 inches deep and diagonal measurement was 19 feet.

**A public information officer at White Sands would only confirm evidence of indentures as well as indications of a scorched area.**

Holloman officials declined to comment.

Capt. Holder said designated Government agencies would continue the probe. He said he was unable to identify the agencies.

Lt. Col. C. D. Mitchell, duty officer Sunday at the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) Combat Operations Center in Colorado Springs reported no unusual object was tracked by NORAD at the time of the New Mexico reports.

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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.

COMMENTS BY DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK  
(Dearborn Observatory, Northwestern University)  
Chief Scientific Consultant to USAF On UFOs

Who investigated the case at the site

*Worcester Evening Gazette Dec 29 1964*

**UFO Search  
Being Planned  
In Southwest**

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# ...rest of the U.S. news

**I**T is flying saucer time again. Suddenly unidentified flying objects are turning up all over America. All kinds of people see them—policemen, vicars, schoolgirls, farmers.

Are the Martians about to arrive in time for the World's Fair? The United States Air Force thinks not. After sending a team to New Mexico this week, where a policeman saw two "creatures in white overalls enter a silver object and disappear," and to Montana, where a schoolgirl "saw a glowing space ship"—and failing to find even a discarded ray gun, they issued a report covering 16 years on flying saucers.

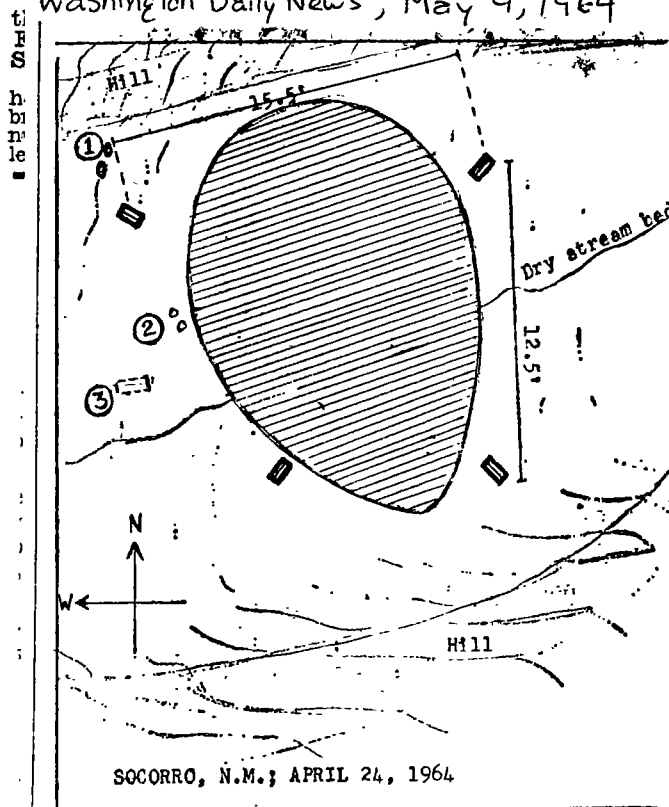
"We have investigated more than 8,000 reported sightings since 1947," they said, "and we have yet to turn up any evidence that UFO's are alien interplanetary space vehicles under some form of intelligent control."

Nevertheless, the Air Force admits that while it has been able to explain away 92 per cent of the 8,128 cases that it investigated the rest are still mysteries.

**DROPPED** — after a few weeks—the TV show "Made in America", which only features millionaires. Apparently the public's indifference has taught television a cardinal lesson—that while millionaires may be rich this doesn't guarantee that they won't dull.

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Washington Daily News; May 9, 1964



**UFO REPORT** — The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, a local private group whose agent interviewed Officer Lonnie Zamora after the policeman reported a "flying saucer" landing at Socorro, N. M., on April 24, submits this sketch, based on the interview. Mr. Zamora, who saw the silver object on the ground astride a dry stream bed, gave the above dimensions. At (1) he saw two figures in "white coveralls." They vanished, apparently inside the craft, which took off with a roar and climbed out of sight. Rectangles mark indentations in ground where the UFO's "legs" apparently rested. At (2) circular indentations were found, according to the investigators. A fifth partial wedge-shaped marking was seen at (3). Mr. Zamora said the craft was rested on 4½-foot legs, the same height as the figures in white overalls. Several days later unidentified flying objects were reported over Newark Valley, N. Y., and Comstock, Minn., according to NICAP.

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IN NEW MEXICO: 'A ROARING NOISE . . .'

# Local Group Probes UFO Landing

The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena announced here yesterday that one of its investigators is probing the reported landing of an unidentified flying object near Socorro, N. M., last week.

The investigator is Ray Stanford of Phoenix, Ariz. Also checking the report is Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Air Force civilian consultant on UFOs.

Socorro Policeman Lonnie Zamora first reported the sighting on Friday, April 24.

On April 28, NICAP interviewed Officer Zamora by telephone. He said he was attracted by a roaring noise, investigated and saw the silvery egg-shaped object on the ground from a distance of about 150 yards. Nearby was something that looked like "a pair of white coveralls." On the side of the UFO was some "red lettering" which he said "made no sense".

## Chapter Votes

The local chapter of the American Society of Appraisers will hold its annual election of officers May 5 at the Lafayette Hotel.

He made a drawing of the lettering, which was turned over to Capt. Richard Holder, Army officer at White Sands Missile Range.

Capt. Holder reported that Officer Zamora was a "very reliable witness."

On April 27 NICAP phoned Mrs. Coral Lorenzen in Tucson, Arizona, director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, who was at the landing site April 26. She said she was convinced, after examining the site and interviewing Mr. Zamora, that an alien vehicle had landed there. She obtained soil samples for analysis.

NICAP called the manager of radio station KSRC, Socorro, who said he was convinced something landed there. He added one detail: when the UFO took off with a roar, it emitted colored flames. (Indentations and scorch marks were subsequently found where the object was resting.)

Meanwhile, the Air Force, in a recent report said UFO sightings fell off around the nation in 1963.

The report said there were 382

portunity to say: "This is quite

sightings in 1963 compared to 469 in 1962 and 1004 in the record year of 1957. The Air Force said it had investigated more than 8000 sightings over the past 16 years and all but 7.7 per cent of them have been explained on the basis of natural phenomena—astronomical occurrences, planes, balloons, and, now, artificial earth satellites.

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Sunday Chronicle

## Expert Says 'Saucer' Was Secret Plane

Albuquerque, N. M.

A university of New Mexico meteoritics expert said yesterday the strange craft a Socorro policeman said he saw April 23 probably was a vertical short-takeoff and landing aircraft operated by the Air Force.

Officer Lonnie Zamora touched off a flurry of unidentified flying object reports after describing a silvery, egg-shaped object he said he saw on the desert southwest of Socorro.

Dr. Lincoln LaPaz said the Air Force experimented with the vertical takeoff planes several years ago and what Zamora saw probably was a new secret model.

Associated Press

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EDITORIAL PAGE SO THE PEOPLE MAY KNOW

# THE DENVER POST

## The Flying Saucers Are Real Welcome

**W**E ARE delighted to see that flying saucers are back. For a while there we feared the little space people had given up on us.

After all, back when they were most numerous — or when people's imaginations were most aroused — we earth people must have seemed a rather unattractive lot to sensible space people. Threats of atomic holocaust filled the air — easily picked up by anyone with antennae suitable to receiving brain waves. And the atmosphere was full of debris from nuclear test blasts.

Moreover, the most popular books were saying there would be no one left on earth to propagate the race — except a dubious character named "Mr. Adam" by the author who dreamed him up. We can easily see how fastidious space people might have been telling their daughters, "You wouldn't want to marry him, would you?" and so they just up and washed their hands of the whole silly lot of us.

But now that atomic testing has stopped and war tensions have relaxed, they're back — and, as the movie promoters used to say, better than ever.

Consider that egg-shaped whatzit spotted on the desert a mile south of Socorro, N.M., by Policeman Lonnie Zamora, at dusk last Friday. As far as our files show, this is the first such critter to leave on the ground visible marks of its presence — four irregularly spaced dents, each 14 inches long, six inches wide and 4 to 5 inches deep, and some scorched bushes.

Moreover, Patrolman Zamora must have set a record for close approach to a flying saucer. He says he first saw the thing sitting out in the sagebrush some 200 yards away, smoking, and thought it was an overturned car. Hence he then drove up to within 100 feet of the object, before he saw enough to make him stop.

What he saw, he says, was a shiny, egg-shaped object about the height of an auto but larger, supported by four girder-like legs, with what looked like red lettering on its side. Nearby, he says, were a couple of things that looked like white coveralls — but he couldn't say whether anyone, or anything, was in them.

**W**HILE he was watching, the craft took off narrowly missing a nearby dynamite shack, and sailed at low altitude into the setting sun.

This is the kind of detail which makes Grade AAA-1 flying saucer stories. A team of Air Force officers from Kirtland Air Force Base at Albuquerque, helped out by duly checking the scene for radioactivity with a Geiger counter Sunday, and verifying the existence of a burned bush and four indentations in the ground.

We just hope no one turns up with any dull, offsetting facts on the matter for a day or so. Dull facts we have a plethora of around here. This is a story with a nice, unearthly shimmer. It probably won't last long, but we intend to enjoy it while it does.

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## The Open Forum

"There Is No Hope for the Satisfied Man"

FREDERICK G. BONFELS

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1964

## Scientist Puzzled

# Did Those UFOs Get Past Radar?

SOCORRO, N.M., April 29 (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 Wednesday 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.

Dr. Hynek would not offer an opinion on just what Zamora did see.

He said he had investigated many such sightings but "this is one of the clearest, so 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. "But I do want to say that I have had contact 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."

# NM Saucer Prober Said Mystified

Albuquerque, N.M. (AP)—After investigating reports of unidentified objects in New Mexico, an Air Force special consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, could offer no explanation.

"I am more puzzled now than I was when I arrived here," Dr. Hynek, an astronomer at Northwestern University, said before boarding a plane to leave the state.

After Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora reported he saw an egg-shaped object fly away from a draw last Friday, UFO reports have followed with increasing frequency.

"There are two primary things that puzzle me — the lack of radar contact with these objects and the lack of extensive disturbance around the area where the object is supposed to have landed in Socorro."

Dr. Hynek said he found no evidence at the site of ignition of a thrust unit powerful enough to lift a vehicle the size Zamora reported.

"It's been bothering me that Mr. Zamora didn't see a great cloud of dust like this would have kicked up," he said.

He added, however, that Zamora was frightened at the time of the incident and was unable to report his experience in detail.

Zamora re-enacted his experience for Dr. Hynek Wednesday from the time he first saw the object to the arrival of State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez, second man on the scene, minutes later.

Dr. Hynek said the Socorro incident was unique among those he has investigated. He said he found no inconsistencies in the reports and had no conclusions of just what might have happened.

"I was hoping to find when I arrived here that Mr. Zamora had seen some sort of geophysical experiment," Dr. Hynek said, "but that explanation was ruled out by the speed at which this thing is supposed to have taken off, which is certainly better than 100 miles per hour."

He described Zamora's account of the sighting by saying, "Mr. Zamora's story is simply told; certainly told without any intent to perpetrate a hoax."

He said he had taken soil samples from the area where grass had been charred and where there were four wedge-shaped impressions that officers said had the appearance of indentations left by some type of landing gear.

Dr. Hynek said he was bothered by the fact that no radar units in New Mexico have reported contact with unidentified objects. He said he is informed that New Mexico is infested with radars, many of which can make contact with objects flying at low altitudes.

He said he would not visit the scene of a second reported sighting near Espanola where a Santa Fe resident, Orlando Gallegos, reported seeing a similar craft and where the scorched ground and other remains were similar to the Socorro sighting.

Dr. Hynek was interested in the Espanola sighting, but he said he would not have time to visit the scene, especially since it was another case of sighting by only one person.

One possible explanation for some of the other reported sightings came from Albuquerque where it was reported U.S. government aircraft had been flying at low levels along U.S. 66 and U.S. 70-80 taking photographs with powerful electronic flash equipment.

The planes were taking day and night photographs from Albuquerque west to Bigman, Ariz., and from Deming west to Casa Grande, Ariz., until Sunday, a Kirtland Air Force Base spokesman said.

# Flying Objects Reported Seen in New Mexico

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.

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Zamora told the State Police. They took six other men to the spot and found four indentations 14 inches long and 6 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 the incident.

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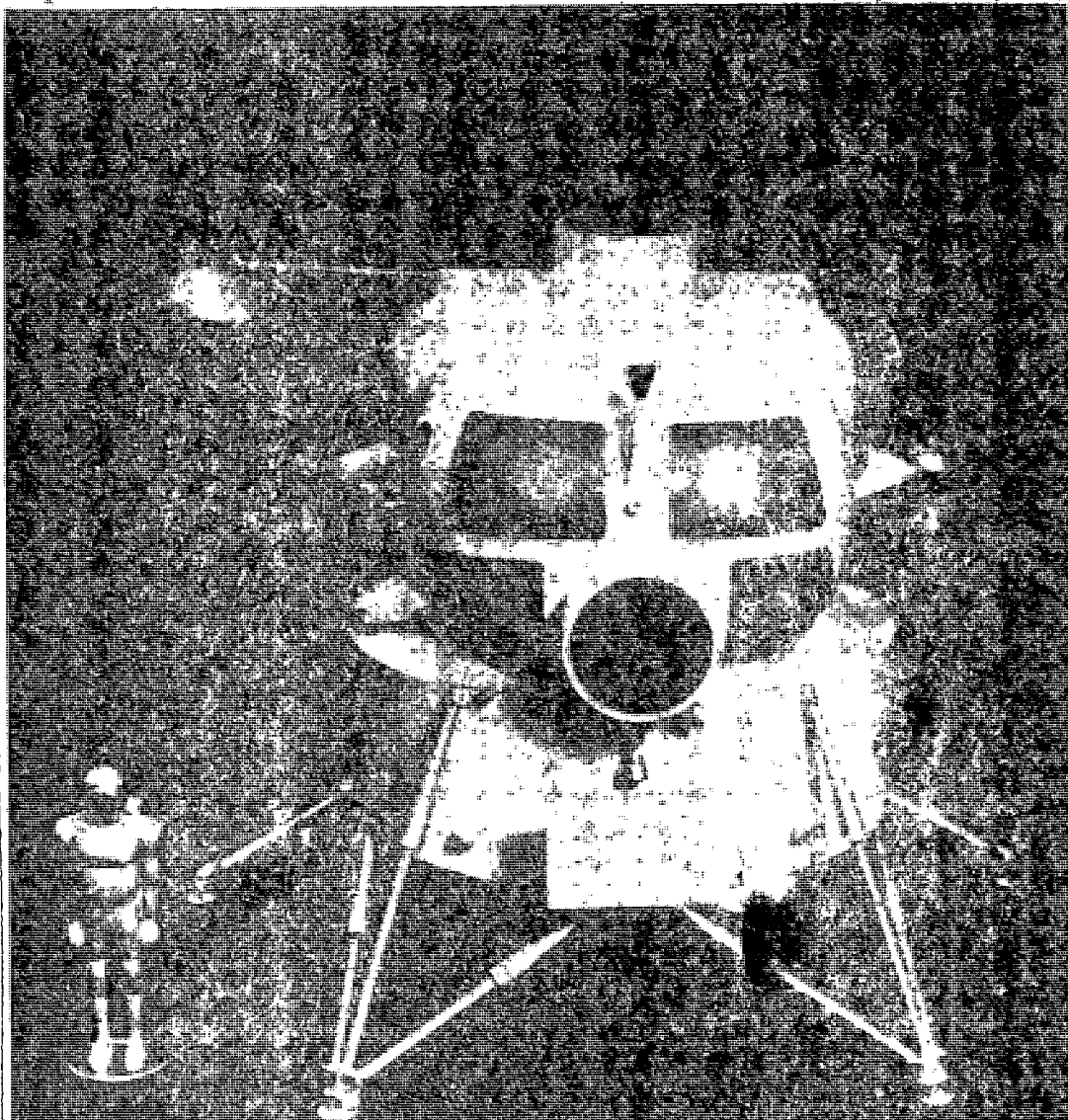
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## U.F.O.? NO



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## Flying Object Is Reported

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"I saw two figures in what appeared to be white cover-alls like mechanics wear," Zamora said.

Zamora said he then walked within 200 feet of the object when he heard a roar and saw a "brilliant white metal object

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Army Capt. R. T. Holder, White Sands missile range commander, investigated.

"I reported to my superiors that neither White Sands nor Holloman had an object, or mission at the time of the reported occurrence, that compared with or that could produce the situation reported," Holder said tonight.

Holder said there "were four spaced wedge-shaped impressions, 9 to 15 feet apart, as four corners of a square in a scorched area. They were about 4 inches deep."

State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez said only that "something definitely landed here."

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# Satellites, Flies' Eggs Start Saucer Stories

WASHINGTON—(AP)—

The Air Force has investigated more than 8,000 reported unidentified flying objects in 16 years "and has yet to discover any evidence that UFO represent a threat" to U. S. security.

It also said probes of such sightings since 1947 have failed to turn up any evidence that UFO are "alien interplanetary space vehicles under some form of intelligent control."

This report was furnished as the Air Force looked into a new epidemic of strange sightings in the skies over New Mexico.

**ONE OF THE** Air Force's leading civilian consultants on UFO went to Socorro, N. M., to investigate the latest reports.

He is Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University.

The latest report on "Project Bluebook," the congressionally ordered Air Force study of unidentified flying objects, extends through 1963.

It shows that over that 16-year span, 7.7 percent of the 8,128 reported cases have remained unidentified.

The Air Force is not conceding there is anything sinister about these unexplained sightings. It just says, in effect, they can't be correlated with any known objects or phenomena.

**IT WAS** stressed that a "great majority of the unidentified cases occurred during the first five years of the project," before analysis techniques were sharpened.

## April Blows Off With a Roar

April is going out like a lion, with winds up to 40 mph.

So it was moving day again for the sands of Ocean Beach, and the prospects of Great Highway being reopened were dim.

Small craft warnings were hoisted at dawn for San Francisco and Suisun Bays for west to northwest winds 23-40 mph.

with many people sleeping in the mosque or dancing 'til dawn," the report said.

**ONE INCIDENT** at Fritch, Tex., last August was not strictly a UFO, but it was investigated anyway.

It concerned a heart-shaped mark found on the ground—dark purple, phosphorescent under the sun and smelling of acid. Two rains didn't wash it away.

Air Force analysis showed the material to be eggs of a grass fly.

There was only one attempted hoax last year, the report said—The story of a metallic globe landing in a street in Bahia, Brazil, with a man inside "looking up through a window."

**INVESTIGATION** revealed "the story was fabricated in Rio the Air Force said.

"The majority of the cases reported to the Air Force have been from witnesses who honestly misidentified a natural object

or phenomena or misinterpreted an experience," the report said.

With the increase in the number of satellites spinning around in orbit, there has been a corresponding increase in cases of their being reported as UFOs.

The percentage of satellite sightings mistaken for UFOs has shot up from 3 percent in 1960 to 21 percent last year.

The Echo alone contributed nine out of 10 UFO reports later evaluated as satellites.

**STARS AND** planets, aircraft and balloons also account for sizable numbers of UFO reports.

Balloons seem to present a particular problem. Several thousand are released each day from local weather stations, research activities, military and civilian aircraft.

"The larger balloons when airborne at night carry running lights, which contribute to an unusual appearance when observed," the report said. It added:

The Air Force said it "does not deny the possibility that some form of life may exist on other planets in the universe."

However, it said, "there has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that proves or even tends to prove this contention."

Last year there were 382 UFO reports and only 15 still are listed as "unidentified."

These include "two objects described as an ear of corn and a banana (which) performed a series of maneuvers near Vandalia, Ohio" last Sept. 15.

**OTHERS** involve "an unusual observation of four pink wheels" moving west over New Jersey; an object that exploded into a ball of fire near St. Gallen, Switzerland, a recurring series of flashes near Warrenville, Ill., and the like.

Air Force sleuths decided one woman who turned in a UFO report actually had seen spots before her eyes.

Then there was the Atlas-Centaur rocket launched from Cape Kennedy last Nov. 27 to place a satellite in orbit.

"This vehicle was reported over Monrovia, Liberia, and from Kenema, Sierra Leone, Africa, where its unusual appearance caused havoc in the town

## FORECAST

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Hynek said an appointment Thursday in Boston would keep him from visiting the site near La Madera northwest of Espanola where a Santa Fe resident reported seeing a similar craft and where the scorched ground and other remains were similar to the Socorro sighting.

## Sightings At Cruces Held To Be Venus

Special to EL PASO TIMES

Las Cruces, N.M. — State police and sheriff's officers were swamped with calls Wednesday night from persons reporting unidentified flying objects in the sky.

Officers said after investigation of the reports Wednesday night that apparently most of the callers had seen a bright star in the sky, probably Venus.

Police said reports received Tuesday night were of a different description. They were unable to identify the object or objects reported in the sky Tuesday night by reliable witnesses.

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They included a Deming police unit, a sheriff's deputy at the ra-

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A resident of the Casa Solana housing development, just across the highway from the cemetery, said he noticed a bunch of balloons floating over the subdivision about the same time the police received the call.

dar site west of Las Cruces, four employees at the New Mexico Port of Entry station on I-10 near Anthony, two truck drivers and State Policeman Raul Arteche.

Witnesses at the port of entry said the object hovered overhead for about 10 minutes, was at a high altitude, zig-zagged rapidly made no noise, and disappeared to the northwest.

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The truck drivers also saw the object near the POE. Arteche saw it moving west at a very high altitude.

High over the Floridas, it was described as a dull, red and glowing ball.

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Latest UFO Puzzles Air Force

From AP Dispatches  
The air force said yesterday initial investigations have failed to explain an unidentified flying object (UFO) reported at Socorro, N. M., last week end.

"Nothing out of the ordinary was observed on aircraft tracking screens in the area at the time the object was reported," it said.

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## Policeman Says He Saw 'Flying Object' Land

SOCORRO (AP)—A report by a Socorro policeman that he saw an egg-shaped flying object land near here has the FBI and military authorities interested.

Officer Lonnie Zamora said he not only saw the object but also saw two occupants who alighted after it landed about one mile southwest of Socorro in a draw Friday.

### From Pentagon

State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez said he received a call from the Pentagon and the caller indicated the site would be inspected by someone from Washington.

As Officer Zamora tells his experience:

While in his patrol car about 5:50 p.m. he heard what he thought was an explosion in the area where a dynamite shack is located. He drove to within 150 yards of the draw where he spotted what appeared to be an overturned car. Moving closer he saw two figures in white

moving about outside the vehicle.

One looked directly at him. As Zamora moved closer he lost sight of the object behind a hill. Hears Roar



He continued driving to the draw and parked. He walked to within 200 feet of the object and again heard a roar. Taking cover behind his car Zamora saw the object, a brilliant white metal, rise and hover about 20 feet off the ground. It then flew off to the east, rising gradually.

"I was scared," said Zamora, when he heard the deep roar. "I thought it was going to blow up."

Zamora said he called Sgt. Chavez on his car radio. Chavez joined him and both approached the site of the apparent landing. They found scorched ground and burned weeds.

They also found four 4-5-inch depressions in the ground which apparently had supported a heavy object.

Chavez said the impressions were irregularly spaced with the distance between them varying from about nine feet to 15 feet.

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## Policeman

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He estimated the length of the object at about 15 feet from the position of what apparently were landing gear legs.

### Take Samples

Zamora said men who identified themselves as from Army intelligence at White Sands Missile Range took samples of the soil.

"Something definitely landed there," Chavez said.

Zamora was described as a man not given to imagining things.

Besides the landing gear marks, Zamora said he found what appeared to be two round prints like heel marks. Another man who visited the site described the marks as looking like mountain lion pad marks.

An FBI agent visited the spot Saturday.



*Hynek quotes*

# SAUCER REPORT CONFOUNDS MAN

## Astronomer, 'Puzzled' At Recent N.M. Case

A noted astronomer, just back from investigating a flying saucer report in New Mexico, said last night that it had him "puzzled."

He told an audience of about 500 science students gathered in the Lord Baltimore Hotel he was "still unable to crack it open."

The astronomer is Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of the Department of Astronomy of Northwestern University, who has been investigating "unidentified flying objects" for the Air Force since about 1950.

He was asked by a student to comment on his investigation of a "flying saucer" reported by a Socorro (N.M.) policeman on April 24.

"At the moment, I'm still puzzled," he said.

### Began Probes In 1950

Dr. Hynek, who is also director of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University, said he began investigating UFO reports about 1950 when he was at Ohio State University.

He said officers at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base first asked him to determine if objects reported seen might be natural phenomena, like meteoroids.

He said he has investigated about "two or three" cases a year. He said the "great majority have literally turned out to be surprisingly simple things—like weather balloons."

At Socorro, he said, the report "does puzzle me."

"The man who made the report seems solid to me," Dr. Hynek said. "If he'd only had a witness, or a movie camera."

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### Not On Radar

"Also," he added, "the object was not picked up by any radar—New Mexico is infested with radars."

He said that radar in the area could sight cars on the ground, so that if the object was flying low it should, have still been sighted.

"It's one of the best stories I've come across," he said. "I feel helpless, I can't call the man a liar."

He added that he had "no idea" of what it might have been.

Dr. Hynek said he thought there flying saucers were "possible" but were "very, very improbable."

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## People In The News

# Flying Saucers Possible But Expert Says They Are Highly Improbable

By Ernest Imhoff

Dr. J. Allen Hynek puffed on a thin cigar in a small downtown hotel room and said, "I have no evidence of visitations from outer space."

"Flying saucers are possible, sure. However they are highly improbable. The distances involved between the earth and the stars are tremendous."

Raising the question of who can prove they don't exist, however, Dr. Hynek tossed out the intriguing thought, "Flying saucers will never be solved."

### Stories Will Continue

So stories like the reported sighting of an egg-shaped vehicle in New Mexico April 24 will continue. And Dr. Hynek, a world-famous astronomer, will probably continue to track them down.

He has been the Air Force man on flying saucers for fifteen years now.

Dr. Hynek, head of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University, talked about the postwar phenomenon in an interview yesterday. He was here to address the Second Maryland Junior Science and Humanities Symposium.

"Nobody in the world would like to believe in flying saucers more than I, as an astronomer," the 54-year-old scientist said. But so far he hasn't had cause to, he added.

"I am puzzled by the New Mexico policeman who reported the sighting there. You have to be somewhat of a psychologist in this business, and usually you can explain it by something in the witness' character or by some natural mistake."



J. ALLEN HYNEK

"The most common cause of flying saucers," he continued, "is the misinterpretation of common objects seen in unusual circumstances—a weather balloon, a meteor or whatever."

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### Sighting Each Day

"But I still think there is a perfectly logical explanation to the case; either a new device being tested, a helicopter, a new plane, or something else that might have attracted him and then frightened him."

"Just because we're puzzled doesn't mean we're being visited from outer space," he cautioned,

taking another puff on his cigar, "it's a pity there was only one witness and no photographs were taken."

Dr. Hynek, former head of the United States optical satellite tracking system, said at least one reported sighting still comes in every day to the Air Force.

"I have estimated that one of 70,000 people report a flying saucer. They aren't the lunatic fringe, however; many are business men, pilots or people like that."

Dr. Hynek said he can usually explain a case in three or four hours. "There may be obvious inconsistencies, or a blithe contradiction of nature in which Newton's law is completely disregarded."

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Here on earth Dr. Hynek is the father of five children, ranging in age from nine months old to a teenage son, a junior at M.I.T.

He reported just receiving a birthday card from a daughter. The teaser line on the box card was, "The world should celebrate your birthday." Inside was the other line, "Our world does."

In concluding, Dr. Hynek smiled, "You know amore important story than flying saucers is exploring the moon—that's the real world."

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Dr. Hynek returned to Albuquerque Wednesday afternoon and departed for the East by plane.

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Saturday night one of the Kirtland - based jets flew over Albuquerque with two bright "strobe" (electronic flash) units flashing on and off every second and lighting up a large area below it each time with a white, almost bluish light.

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Dr. Hynek also was asking universities in the state if they knew of any geophysical group work in the state.

"These people often have some strange type of vehicles and aircraft they use in these rugged areas when taking radioactive samples," he said.

A 10-year-old Albuquerque girl was treated Tuesday night for what her mother told police were "infra-red" burns received when she looked up at a "flying saucer."

Hynek said he went to the girl's home Wednesday. He said she appeared to be suffering from sunburn or a skin infection.

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Won't Tell Soul Next Time

# UFO Witness Sighs At Reports of What He Supposedly Said

By CHARLES RICHARDS

SOCORRO (UPI) — A policeman who gained sudden national attention Friday after he saw an egg-shaped flying object near Socorro said Sunday his experience had taught him something.

Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora said he would turn around and run, just like he did Friday evening, but next time he'd never mention it to a soul.

"There have been so many phone calls," he sighed. And most of Sunday he spent shaking his head over some of the reports of what he supposedly said about the incident.

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

### Denies Seeing Creatures

Zamora denied he had seen any little creatures around the object and said the unusual machine rose off the ground and flew slowly away in a southwesterly direction until it faded out of sight. It never got more than about 20 feet off the ground while he was watching it, Zamora said, contrary to reports the object had zoomed up and away from him at a high rate of speed.

Two investigating officers from Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque said reports a man from the Pentagon would come to Socorro also were false.

### Termed 'Fantastic'

Capt. Richard T. Holder, a White Sands Missile Range commander, termed the incident "fantastic" but referred to Zamora as a reliable witness. "Neither White Sands nor Holloman Air Force Base has anything which would

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produce the situation described in the report," Holder said.

Zamora said the craft cleared a dynamite shack by only a couple of feet as it departed. He lost sight of it within a matter of minutes, he claimed.

He noticed the object after he investigated a cloud of smoke about a mile south of Socorro. He was aware of the dynamite shack in the vicinity and thought at first it exploded, he said.

The craft was in a draw not visible from main roads. He first saw it from about 200 yards and thought it was an overturned car. He said he saw what appeared to be a pair of white coveralls, but whether anything was in them he did not know.

### Within 100 Feet

He eventually got within about 100 feet, and it was then Zamora said he noticed it was something out of the ordinary.

"It had red lettering of some kind on the sides," Zamora said. He said the object was on the ground, supported by four girder-like legs.

At the site, four five to six inch depressions were found as well as a couple of round tracks about four inches in diameter which officers theorized might have been made by occupants of the craft. They even went so far as to estimate by the depression that the tracks were made by a being of approximately 120-160 pounds.

On the spot where the object supposedly sat was a once-green bush, most of it burned bare by exhaust heat. Zamora said it was still smoking several minutes after the craft's departure.

Leslie J. Lorenzen, a member of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, drove to Socorro from Tucson to take samples of the soil and indicated the story was credible to him.

"Reliable people are seeing incredible things," Lorenzen said. "Similar things have happened all over the world and certain details correlate."

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## No Explanation Made For Strange Sightings

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—After investigating reports of unidentified flying objects in New Mexico, an Air Force special consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, could offer no explanation

"I am more puzzled now than I was when I arrived here," Dr. Hynek, an astronomer at Northwestern University, said Wednesday night before boarding a plane to leave the state.

After Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora reported he saw an egg-shaped object fly away from a draw last Friday, UFO reports have followed with increasing frequency.

In Santa Fe Wednesday night, a bunch of colored balloons apparently was the cause of a report of an unidentified flying object over U.S. 285 on the northern edge of the city

### No Radar Contact

"There are two primary things that puzzle me—the lack of radar contact with these objects and the lack of extensive disturbance around the area where the object is supposed to have landed in Socorro."

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"It's been bothering me that Mr. Zamora didn't see a great cloud of dust like this would have kicked up," he said.

He added, however, that Zamora was frightened at the time of the incident and was unable to report his experience in detail.

### Incident Unique

Zamora re-enacted his experience for Dr. Hynek Wednesday from the time he first saw the object to the arrival of State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez, second man on the scene, minutes later.

Dr. Hynek said the Socorro incident was unique among those he has investigated. He said he found no inconsistencies in the reports and had no conclusions of just what might have happened

"I was hoping to find when I arrived here that Mr. Zamora had seen some sort of geophysical experiment," Dr. Hynek said, "but that explanation was ruled out by the speed at which

## Consultant More Puzzled Than Ever

this thing is supposed to have taken off, which is certainly better than 100 miles per hour"

### Certainly No Hoax

He described Zamora's account of the sighting by saying, "Mr. Zamora's story is simply told, certainly told without any intent to perpetrate a hoax"

He said he had taken soil samples from the area where grass had been charred and where there were four wedge-shaped impressions that officers said had the appearance of indentations left by some type of landing gear

Dr. Hynek said he was bothered by the fact that no radar units in New Mexico have reported contact with unidentified objects He said he is informed that New Mexico is infested with radars, many of which can make contact with objects flying at low altitudes

He said he would not visit the scene of a second reported sighting near Espanola where a Santa Fe resident, Orlando Gallegos, reported seeing a similar craft and where the scorched ground and other remains were similar to the Socorro sighting

### Flash Photographs

Dr. Hynek was interested in the Espanola sighting, but he said he would not have time to visit the scene, especially since it was another case of a sighting by only one person

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## Air Force Investigating

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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. 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.

### At Least 6 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, a Wright-Patterson spokesman said.

Dr. Hynek said his investigation in Socorro would determine whether he would visit Espanola, where State Police Capt. Martin Vigil said he found the ground still smoldering 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 many common things are often responsible for such reports.

"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."

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

In Washington, the Air Force said that its investigation of the reported sighting was routine.

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IN NEW MEXICO

Tourist Trade Includes Some From Mars?

By JOHN RIDDICK

Intelligent beings from another planet have made several landings in New Mexico in the past few days, believes a Tucson woman concerned with unidentified flying objects (UFO).

Mrs. Coral Lorenzen, director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, has just returned from investigating the reported UFO landing in Socorro, N. M., last Friday.

"WE'RE CONVINCED the Socorro policeman saw what he said he saw," said Mrs. Lorenzen who has investigated many such events.

Socorro Policeman Lonnie Zamora said he saw an egg-shaped UFO about the size of a large automobile land with a roar and a burst of blue flame.

The officer told Mrs. Lorenzen he later saw the UFO again shooting blue flame, rise about

20 feet in the air and fly off to the west with a whining noise.

"I talked with this man and he was obviously very frightened," said Mrs. Lorenzen. "That's pretty hard to fake.

"Another officer, Sgt. Samuel Chavez of the New Mexico Highway Patrol, arrived just after the UFO left," she continued. "He saw the ground still smoking and there was no smell of gasoline or anything like that."

Mrs. Lorenzen and her husband, Leslie, a Tucson engineer who designs space probes, visited the landing site.

"SOMETHING VERY heavy landed there," said Mrs. Lorenzen. "The grass was all scorched off and a couple of mesquite bushes were charred right down to the ground. There were four deep indentations and some strange tracks as if someone had taken a scoop and dug out dirt in four spots."

Mrs. Lorenzen also talked with military personnel from the White Sands Missile Range near Socorro who are investigating the incident. They can't explain the UFO, she said.

Another UFO was reported at Espanola, N. M., at 1 a.m. on Sunday morning.

"Orlando Gallegos, a Standard Oil employe in Santa Fe, saw a much larger object," said Mrs. Lorenzen. "The scorched area and the landing indentations are about the same.

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Mrs. Lorenzen said other UFO sightings have been reported in New Mexico in the past few days and she is investigating these too.

The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, formed by Mrs. Lorenzen in 1952, has nearly 800 members around the world.

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"For example, there were two in October in Argentina and Brazil. Some years there are a lot more. There were 75 in 1957 when the last UFO landing was reported at White Sands also."

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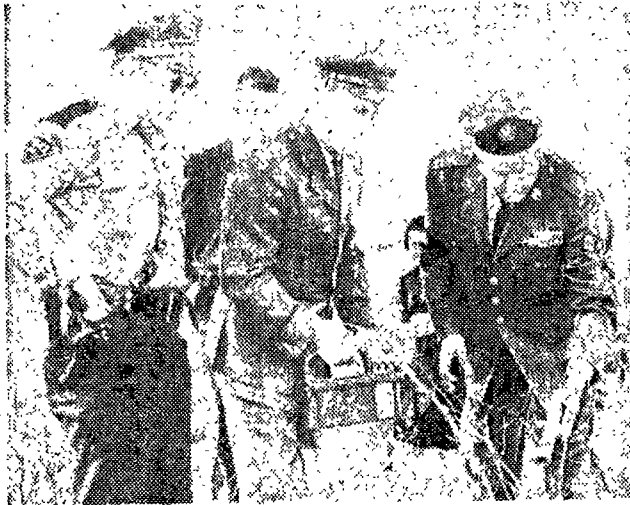
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## This Busy World

By DON E. BEATTIE



THEY SEARCHED, and used a geiger counter on the spot where Patrolman, Lonnie Zamora (left) saw a "flying saucer."

### He Saw It and It Flew

He saw it. And they believe him.

It left marks on the ground. And a bush nearby was burned, apparently from its exhaust.

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Marks from the legs were found and Army authorities used a geiger-counter to inspect the burned bush on the spot.

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

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

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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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# 'Saucers' Bug Scientists Again

By TIMOTHY LELAND

in a flash.

The latest report of an eye-witnessed visit from outer space is a real "doozer" that's going to be mighty hard to explain away, an authority on flying phenomena declared Wednesday.

Walter N. Webb, an astronomer and special adviser to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, said the recent incident "looks like one of the most authentic cases of saucer sightings reported in a long time."

What happened, according to Webb, was this: <sup>Apr. 24</sup>

It seems that Lonnie Zamora, a cop in the Socorro, N.M. police department, was driving around in his cruiser at dusk last Friday when he spied a speeding car and gave chase.

A few miles out of town, off to his left, he heard a "loud explosion" and turned onto a dirt road to investigate it, thinking it was a car accident. From a distance as he came over a rise, he saw what he thought was an overturned car in a small gully.

Coming closer, however, he recognized it as a "silvery, metallic egg-shaped object standing on four girder-like legs."

What's more, there were two figures standing beside it.

Patrolman Zamora pushed on, losing sight of the location for a moment during a dip in the road. When it came into view again the figures were gone—but the "spaceship" was still there.

Not for long, however.

As Zamora watched, the thing "spouted flame" and took off—straight up. It disappeared

Immediately after the craft had disappeared officials of the White Sands Missile Range,

Air Force and FBI were called into the act.

Their findings—four indentations in the ground 14 inches

long and six inches wide, and scorched bushes all around the area confirm Zamora's observations.

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NEXT TIME HE'LL RUN

# Policeman Sees Desert 'Saucer'

SOCORRO, N.M.—(UPI)—It's a good place for a flying saucer. Right on the edge of White Sands missile range on the wide open New Mexico desert, just 30 miles northwest of the site of the world's first atomic blast.

Socorro Policeman Lonnie Zamora says he saw it, and police and military men seem inclined to believe him.

Zamora is a "very reliable witness," Army Capt. Richard T. Holder, uprange commander of White Sands' stallion range, said. Holder, whose headquarters is near this central New Mexico town, was called in by local 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 will still 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 denied seeing any signs of life around the object and 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 ~~aluminum~~ aluminum-like substance, Zamora said. It flew away after he got within about 100 yards, he said.

Two investigating officers were at the scene yesterday 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 burned by exhaust from the saucer.

He said he first saw the object from about 200 yards away and thought it was an overturned automobile. He said it was smoking.

Driving to within 100 feet of the object, the policeman said he saw what looked like red lettering on the side of the object.

He said it then rose from the ground and sailed off in a westerly direction, never getting more than 20 feet off the ground and narrowly missing a dynamite shack.

Holder said he checked with both White Sands and nearby Holloman Air Force Base. Neither base, he said, is using any object comparable to Zamora's machine.

Government agencies will continue the investigation, Holder said.

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LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 26, 1964

# Policeman Says He Saw 'Flying Object' Land

SOCORRO (AP)—A report by a Socorro policeman that he saw an egg-shaped flying object land near here has the FBI and military authorities interested.

Officer Lonnie Zamora said he not only saw the object but also saw two occupants who alighted after it landed about one mile southwest of Socorro in a draw Friday.

### From Pentagon

State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez said he received a call from the Pentagon and the caller indicated the site would be inspected by someone from Washington.

As Officer Zamora tells his experience:

While in his patrol car about 5:50 p.m. he heard what he thought was an explosion in the area where a dynamite shack is located. He drove to within 150 yards of the draw where he spotted what appeared to be an overturned car. Moving closer he saw two figures in white

moving about outside the vehicle.

One looked directly at him. As Zamora moved closer he lost sight of the object behind a hill. Hears Roar

He continued driving to the draw and parked. He walked to within 200 feet of the object and again heard a roar. Taking cover behind his car Zamora saw the object, a brilliant white metal, rise and hover about 20 feet off the ground. It then flew off to the east, rising gradually.

"I was scared," said Zamora, when he heard the deep roar. "I thought it was going to blow up."

Zamora said he called Sgt. Chavez on his car radio. Chavez joined him and both approached the site of the apparent landing. They found scorched ground and burned weeds.

They also found four 4-5-inch depressions in the ground which apparently had supported a heavy object.

Chavez said the impressions were irregularly spaced with the distance between them varying from about nine feet to 15 feet.

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He estimated the length of the object at about 15 feet from the position of what apparently were landing gear legs.

### Take Samples

Zamora said men who identified themselves as from Army intelligence at White Sands Missile Range took samples of the soil.

"Something definitely landed there," Chavez said.

Zamora was described as a man not given to imagining things.

Besides the landing gear marks, Zamora said he found what appeared to be two round prints like heel marks. Another man who visited the site described the marks as looking like mountain lion pad marks.

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## New Sights Of Saucers

Strange Objects Seen  
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The unidentified Flying Object (UFO) is a periodic epidemic in the state. The latest flurry of reports started April 24 when a Rio Grande Valley policeman said he saw a bathtub-shaped object standing on four girder-like legs at dusk.

When it flew away, Socorro, N.M., policeman Lonnie Zamora said he ran from it.

Since then, reports of strange objects have gained speed throughout New Mexico, Wyoming and into Montana in the high Rockies.

### Some Explanations

The Air Force sent its top flying saucer chaser to New Mexico and there have been many scientific and military explanations for the sightings, but citizens keep looking.

One scientist said a "Super-Pogo" military craft may be causing the scare. The Air Force said low-flying jets taking pictures with bright strobe lights might be the answer.

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### Plenty of Radar

"It is my understanding that New Mexico has more than its share of radar installations," Dr. Hynek said. "It seems strange to me that radar did not pick up anything."

White Sands Missile Range, Holloman Air Force Base and Kirtland Air Force Base are among the many military installations in New Mexico with elaborate radar gear.

Zamora started it all when he said he saw the shiny, bathtub-shaped object in a field at Socorro, about 50 miles from where the first atomic bomb was exploded at White Sands.

When he approached it, he said it flew away. Air Force officials confirmed that grass and bushes around the area were burned and that there were four indentations in the ground. Dr. Hynek took soil samples to be analyzed.

### Peculiar Aircraft

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Lapaz said he saw a picture of the craft in the March issue of the U.S. Naval Institute proceedings.

He said the picture is several years old and that some military agency probably is secretly testing a "Super-Pogo" type craft with different markings.

"The newer models probably are highly classified," Lapaz said.

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**LOCAL FORECAST:** Occasional showers, possible thunderstorms today and tonight. Windy and slightly cooler.

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# 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.

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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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IN NEW MEXICO: 'A ROARING NOISE . . .

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## Local Group Probes UFO Landing

The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena announced here yesterday that one of its investigators is probing the reported landing of an unidentified flying object near Socorro, N. M., last week.

The investigator is Ray Stanford of Phoenix, Ariz. Also checking the report is Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Air Force civilian consultant on UFOs.

Socorro Policeman Lonnie Zamora first reported the sighting on Friday, April 24.

On April 28, NICAP interviewed Officer Zamora by telephone. He said he was attracted by a roaring noise, investigated and saw the silvery egg-shaped object on the ground from a distance of about 150 yards. Nearby was something that looked like "a pair of white coveralls." On the side of the UFO was some "red lettering" which he said "made no sense".

He made a drawing of the lettering, which was turned over to Capt. Richard Holder, Army officer at White Sands Missile Range.

Capt. Holder reported that Officer Zamora was a "very reliable witness."

On April 27 NICAP phoned Mrs. Coral Lorenzen in Tucson, Arizona, director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, who was at the landing site April 26. She said she was convinced, after examining the site and interviewing Mr Zamora, that an alien vehicle had landed there. She obtained soil samples for analysis.

NICAP called the manager of radio station KSRC Socorro, who said he was convinced something landed there. He added one detail: when the UFO took off with a roar, it emitted colored flames (Indentations and scorch marks were subsequently found where the object was resting.)

Meanwhile, the Air Force, in a recent report said UFO sightings fell off around the nation in 1963.

The report said there were 382

sightings in 1963 compared to 469 in 1962 and 1004 in the record year of 1957. The Air Force said it had investigated more than 8000 sightings over the past 16 years and all but 7.7 per cent of them have been explained on the basis of natural phenomena—astronomical occurrences, planes, balloons, and, now, artificial earth satellites.

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—Associated Press Wirephoto

## Radar Angle Baffling

# 'Flying Egg' Puzzle—Can't Crack It

By Associated Press

SOCORRO, N.M., April 29—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 am going to check to

see if there have been radar contacts that might tie into these reports."

Dr. Hynek visited Wednesday 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 one of the clearest, no 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 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."

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."

Dr. Hynek also was interested in the wedge-shaped impressions.

**"FROM THE** observations by Zamora and other authorities the impressions apparently were fresh," he said. "I just wish we had a picture of them. But with all the people tramping around there, there isn't anything to see now."

**HE SAID THE** lack of radar contact reports bothered him.

"So often he have such a contact and then can trace the object to some natural phenomena or aircraft," he said.

# Were Those Jets Chasing Strange Flying Objects Seen Over Valley

1964, April 29

## Air Force Not Likely To Comment

Although there was no official announcement, and none is expected, jet aircraft are believed to have chased Unidentified Flying Objects reported again Wednesday night and which have spooked this area during the past few days.

### Similar Lights *Apr. 29*

State Police received calls about 10 p.m. about strange lights in the Hatch area and also at the state line port of entry, where similar lights were seen the night before.

Shortly afterward at least two jet planes swept low across the valley, flying south to north. The aircraft made two more passes, an observer reported.

### Jet 'Scramble'?

Speculation is that the UFO's may have appeared on radar screens and the jets "scrambled" at Biggs Air Force Base or another field.

The talk and rumors continue. Men from outer space? Russian secret weapon? Super secret U. S. flying saucers?

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—After investigating reports of unidentified flying objects in New Mexico, an Air Force special consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, could offer no explanation.

"I am more puzzled now than I was when I arrived here," Dr. Hynek, an astronomer at Northwestern University, said Wednesday night before boarding a plane to leave the state.

### Egg-Shape

After Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora reported he saw an egg-shaped object fly away from a draw last Friday, UFO reports have followed with increasing frequency.

In Santa Fe Wednesday night, a bunch of colored balloons apparently was the cause of a report of an unidentified flying object over U.S. 285 on the northern edge of the city.

"There are two primary things that puzzle me—the lack of radar contact with these objects and the lack of extensive disturbance around the area where the object is supposed to have landed in Socorro."

Dr. Hynek said he found no evidence at the site of ignition of a thrust unit powerful enough

to lift a vehicle the size Zamora reported.

"It's been bothering me that Mr. Zamora didn't see a great cloud of dust like this would have kicked up," he said.

He added, however, that Zamora was frightened at the time of the incident and was unable to report his experience in detail.

### Second Man

Zamora re-enacted his experience for Dr. Hynek Wednesday from the first time he saw the object to the arrival of State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez, second man on the scene, minutes later.

Dr. Hynek said the Socorro incident was unique among those he has investigated. He said he found no inconsistencies in the reports and had no conclusions of just what might have happened.

"I was hoping to find when I arrived here that Mr. Zamora had seen some sort of geophysical experiment," Dr. Hynek said, "but that explanation was ruled out by the speed at which this thing is supposed to have taken off, which is certainly better than 100 miles per hour."

He described Zamora's account of the sighting by saying, "Mr. Zamora's story is simply told; certainly told without any intent to perpetrate a hoax."

He said he had taken soil samples from the area where grass had been chattered and where there were four egg-shaped impressions that officers said had the appearance of indentations left by some type of landing gear.

### Make Contact

Dr. Hynek said he was bothered by the fact that no radar units in New Mexico have reported contact with unidentified objects. He said he is informed that New Mexico is infested with radars, many of which can make contact with objects flying at low altitudes.

He said he would not visit the scene of a second reported sighting near Espanola where a Santa Fe resident, Orlando Gallegos, reported seeing a similar craft and where the scorched ground and other remains were similar to the Socorro sighting.

### No Visit

Dr. Hynek was interested in the Espanola sighting, but he said he would not have time to visit the scene, especially since it was another case of a sighting by only one person.

One possible explanation for some of the other reported sightings came from Albuquerque where it was reported U.S. government aircraft had been flying at low levels along U.S. 66 and U.S. 70-80 taking photographs with powerful electronic flash equipment.

The planes were taking day and night photographs from Albuquerque west to Kingman, Ariz., and from Deming west to Casa Grande, Ariz., until Sunday, a Kirtland Air Force Base spokesman said.

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GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WILL CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION, HOLDER SAID.

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# Military, FBI Probe Report Of Strange Flying Object

SOCORRO, NM — P — Military authorities federal bureau of investigation last night were investigating a Socorro policeman's report of seeing an unidentified egg shaped flying object

City Officer Lonnie Zamora said he was chasing a car on Highway 85 late Friday afternoon near this central New Mexico town when he heard what he thought was an explosion.

He said he drove to within 150 yards of a draw about one mile southwest of town when he saw what appeared to be an overturned car in the draw. He said his first impression was that he had seen "an overturned car and two youths"

## Two Figures In White

"I saw two figures in what appeared to be white coveralls like mechanics wear," Zamora said. "I lost sight of them behind a hill and drove closer and parked again"

Zamora said he then walked to within 200 feet of the object where he again heard a roar. He said he saw a "brilliant white metal object (about the size of a car) rise and hover about 20 feet off the ground. It then flew off to the west, rising gradually

"I was scared," said Zamora

Army Captain R T Holder, White Sands Missile Range commander of the uprange Stallion Range who lives in Socorro, went to the site as representative of the range

and Holloman Air Force Base, both in the area

He said. "I reported to my superiors that neither White Sands nor Holloman had an object, or mission at the time of the reported occurrence, that compares with or that could produce the situation reported"

Holder said there "were four (spaced nine to 15 feet apart) wedge shaped impressions as four corners, not a square but similar to a square, in the scorched area. They were about four inches deep"

State Police Sergeant Sam Chavez said only "Something definitely landed here"

The FBI sent a man to the scene but referred all inquiries to Captain Holder

Jim Harvey, Kirtland Air Force Base information officer in Albuquerque, said there was no testing at Kirtland "that I know of that could have caused it"

## Special Aircraft Cited

Harvey said the air force does have vertical takeoff aircraft but it was his understanding that they use concrete landing pads

Lieutenant C L Rape at the Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, said Cannon has no aircraft which fit Zamora's description

Major D C Meek, Holloman AFB's officer in charge of unidentified flying object reports, said he had no information on the report.

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# Air Force Probes Policeman's Story Of 'Saucer' at Sands



**SOCORRO POLICEMAN** Lonnie Zamora tells how he spotted an egg-shaped flying object near Socorro, N.M. Zamora said the unusual machine rose off the ground and flew slowly away as he watched. With Zamora is Sgt. David Moddy, assistant to UFO (unidentified flying objects) investigator Maj. William Connor of Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. Zamora is described as a "reliable witness." (UPI Telephoto.)

**SANTA FE, April 27.**—State Police today reported another "saucer" sighting by a New Mexico resident, this one near La Madera, about 50 miles north of Santa Fe. State policeman Albert Vega, stationed at Ojo Caliente, reported that a Mr. Gallegos of La Medera reportedly saw the object at 1:30 a.m. near his home at La Madera and reported four indentations in the ground and a burned off area. Gallegos said smoke was still in the area at sunrise.

**SOCORRO, N.M., April 27.**—It's a good place for a flying saucer. Right on the edge of White Sands Missile Range on the wide open New Mexico desert, just 30 miles northwest of the site of the world's first atomic blast.

Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora says he saw it, and police and military men seem inclined to believe him.

Zamora is a "very reliable witness," Army Capt. Richard T. Holder, uprange commander of White Sands' Stallion Range, said. Holder, whose headquarters is near this central New Mexico town, was called in by local po-

lice 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

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# Sands 'Saucer' Landing Probed

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one thing: If it happens again, he will still 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 denied seeing any signs of life around the object and 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.

**TWO INVESTIGATING** officers were at the scene yesterday 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.

He said he first saw the object from about 200 yards away and thought it was an overturned automobile. He said it was smoking.

Zamora said he also saw what looked like white coveralls but could not tell if anyone—or anything—was in them.

**DRIVING** to within 100 feet of the object, the policeman said he saw what looked like red lettering on the side of the object.

He said it then rose from the ground and sailed off in a westerly direction, never getting more than 20 feet off the ground and narrowly missing a dynamite shack.

Holder said he checked with both White Sands and nearby Holloman Air Force Base. Neither base, he said, is using any object comparable to Zamora's machine.

Government agencies will continue the investigation, Holder said.

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At Tucson, Ariz., the director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization said she believes intelligent beings from another planet made several landings in New Mexico in the past few days.

"We are convinced the Socorro policeman saw what he said he saw," Coral Lorenzon, the director, said after her return from investigating the Socorro report.

The organization was formed by Mrs. Lorenzon in 1952 and she says it now has nearly 800 members around the world. She says there are some 6-12 such incidences a year and she believes they are made by beings from another planet.

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

State Policeman Raul Arteche 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 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

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State Police Capt. Archie White said in Las Cruces that as far as he was concerned it might have been a satellite. He said there was a scattered cloud cover in the area and under these conditions satellites often appear to be moving in a jerky motion and changing direction.

#### Hobbs

While the reports have been made on a line between Las Cruces and Espanola, there was one strayed report today. 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 in Hobbs 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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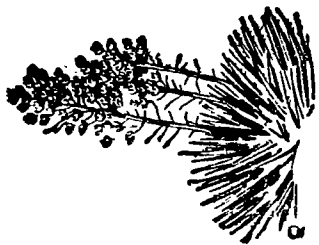
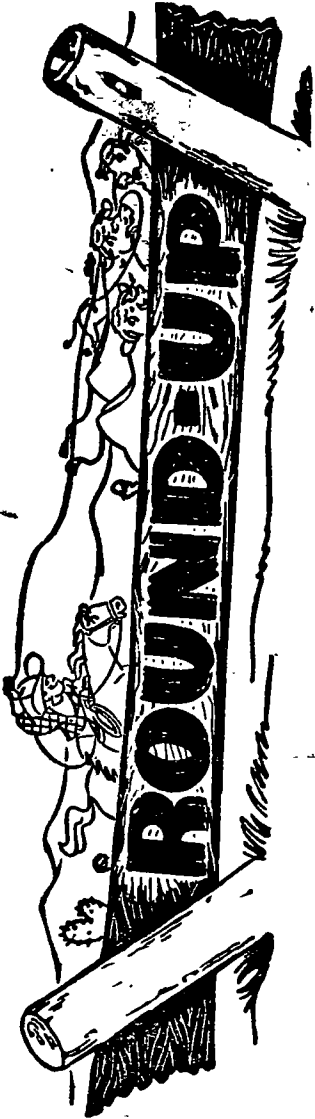
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# Air Force Consultant Checks UFO In Socorro

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## Dr. Hynek Feels Zamora's Account Solid, Not a Hoax

Socorro held the spotlight this week in the investigation of the report of City Policeman Lonnie Zamora that he saw an unidentified flying object last Friday in a gully a mile southwest of the courthouse.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, special consultant to the Air Force on unidentified flying objects, was here Wednesday at the request of the Air Force. He visited the site with Zamora, talked to him at length there, and interviewed others. He found the site so trampled by the curious that little of scientific value could be obtained.

The scientist said he had not seen a similar sight previously in his investigations.

No radar picked up an object so far as is known, and it should have been picked up if it came in from outer space or was cruising around this area, Hynek said. "This is the outstanding discrepancy in what otherwise is a very solid tale," (Zamora's account). I found nothing that tends to discredit Zamora. This discrepancy concerns me."

Maj. William Conner of Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, said here Wednesday there were no identified radar targets in this area between April 24 and 28. He came here with Hynek.

"It's a real pity, but no one's fault, that other witnesses did not see the object land or take off," Dr. Hynek continued. "A movie of this would have been priceless. I feel in my own mind that hoax is ruled out but I should like very much to find a natural explanation, and I ask readers to let me know if any geophysical prospecting or experimentation had been going on in this area." (Dr. Hynek may be addressed at Dearborn Observa-

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tory, Evanston, Ill.)

Hynek, chairman of the Department of Astronomy of Northwestern University, said that "as an astronomer, I am only too well aware of the huge distances in space that to me would make it most unlikely that this was a visitation from elsewhere."

He also said that to the best of his knowledge the reported object does not represent any secret Air Force device.

He declared the impressions made by the object are "the only tangible thing," and that is the chief interest in analysis of materials at the site. Dr. Hynek took samples at the site. The military had taken samples earlier. The main thing is to determine if there are foreign particles in the samples.

The red marking on the UFO, as described by Zamora, was an inverted "B" with a bar across it, Hynek reported. He declared no Air Force official had suggested the markings be kept secret and there was nothing classified about it.

The State Police here, sheriff's department, and city police made no attempt to keep any reports on the UFO secret.

After visiting the site, Hynek remarked that he was impressed with what a tourist attraction it had become. He added it was unfortunate the area was not roped off.

Since the reported landing and take-off of the UFO here, many other unidentified flying objects, or "flying saucers," have been reported.

Dr. Hynek said he was always impressed in cases like this with other reports that spring up, many of which come from what "we can call 'repeaters' who seem to have the singular ability to see flying saucers almost on schedule. This might be called a gross violation of the laws of chance."

All flying saucers exist sa reports, Hynek said. He gave this definition of the aerial phenomenon:

"A flying saucer is any aerial

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citing or phenomenon which remains unexplained long enough for someone to report it."

He said he had come at the Air Force's request to get as many facts firsthand as possible "before the incident becomes legend."

The impressions which Hynek called "the only tangible thing" were those apparently made by the four legs of the object as it landed.

Zamora described the object as egg-shaped, and on his first view of it he thought it was an overturned car. He happened on the incident because he believed at first an explosives storage building near the gully had blown up. The noise, however, apparently came from the UFO on landing and later on take-off.

The policeman was an estimated 450 feet away when he first saw the object. Standing beside the UFO, with their backs to him were what appeared to be two small persons in white coveralls. He did not see them when he was 50 feet from the object as it took off and disappeared over Six-Mile Canyon to the west.

Robert White of Socorro, cattle inspector, who arrived at the site less than half an hour after other police officers got there, was interviewed Wednesday by Hynek. White told a reporter that the tracks were fresh and they had to be made by an object. He said further the two shallow round impressions, left in addition to the four larger ones, were made by a different object than those on which the UFO landed. These two reminded White of a shoe heel. There were no prints within the circles, however. White added these were not any known animal tracks.

White was coming into Socorro from the north when he heard State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez asking State Policeman Ted Jordan by radio to come to the scene. The inspector asked Chavez what the incident was, and the latter then asked White to come there.

Green snakeweed and green greasewood, and clumps of dry grass had been seared by a flame of some kind at the site. Green greasewood does not burn easily.

The incident drew another investigator to Socorro Wednesday. He was Ray Stanford of Phoenix, Ariz., a member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, with headquarters in Washington. He also visited the site and talked with several persons. Stanford said he was not an official investigator for the committee.



**DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK**  
Special consultant to the Air Force on unidentified flying objects

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# Why Didn't Radar Pick Up 'Saucer' Patrolman Sighted In New Mexico?

By ROBERT WILSON  
Register Staff Reporter

WALLINGFORD — "One thing bothers me about that Unidentified Flying Object in New Mexico — it wasn't picked up by radar, and that area is infested with radar," Dr. J. Allen Hynek, special UFO consultant to the Air Force, told Choate students here Thursday night.

He was referring to the UFO that a Socorro, N.M., patrolman saw a week ago today near a secluded hill. An astronomer with Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University, Dr. Hynek investigated the New Mexico sighting at the request of the Air Force, then flew here Thursday to speak to Choate students on "Air Force Views on Unidentified Flying Objects."

"We haven't decided what the sighting was in Socorro. It is still under investigation. I would like to see the Air Force begin a full scale investigation of the

sighting, but they haven't allocated the funds so far," Dr. Hynek said.

Dr. Hynek took samples of the soil where the object is supposed to have landed, and he used a stop watch and timed the patrolman as he re-enacted his actions of last Friday night.

Dr. Hynek described Patrolman Lonnie Zamora's experience this way:

"The patrolman was in a squad car and chasing a speeder down a highway. The patrolman was gaming on the speeder when he looked to the right and saw a descending bright light. The light went down behind a hill and there was a loud explosion.

"The patrolman knew there was a dynamite shack behind the hill, so he stopped chasing the speeder, turned off on a gravel road and drove to the shack. He saw an object about 185 feet away. It looked like an overturned car.

"The patrolman thought some-

one may have been locked inside the object and injured. He called headquarters for assistance. The object began to make noise, started to roar. The roar increased, he started to run, crashed into the fender of the squad car and lost his his glasses.

"He ran for another 100 feet, then crouched down and covered his face. He glanced up, saw the object rise. It made a great deal of noise as it rose, missed the dynamite shack by a few feet and sped away at about 200 miles per hour.

"A sergeant from headquarters arrived and he said: 'Lonnie, you look like you've seen the devil.' The patrolman replied: 'Maybe I have.'"

The patrolman told Dr. Hynek that there was an insignia on the object; it appeared to be an upside down V with three lines

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## RADAR CITED ON 'SAUCER'

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across the top. Dr. Hynek said a theory that the insignia might have been a rancher's brand on a private plane has not been proven.

The object made four indentations in the ground and grass and brush near the indentations was burnt. Dr. Hynek said curiosity seekers trampled the ground in the area, but he was able to deduce that object was light in weight. The soil samples he took have not been processed yet.

None of the radar or missile-tracking equipment in the Socorro area picked up the object.

Prior to the Socorro sighting, an UFO object was reported 200 miles to the north of Socorro. Allegedly, the ground was warm 20 hours after this landing.

Dr Hynek told the Choate students that UFO do exist, but only as reports. No evidence has been uncovered to indicate any interplanetary "visitations" he said.

George Early of Bloomfield, president of the Connecticut branch of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, (NICAP) who listened to Dr. Hynek's speech Thursday night, took mild exception to some of Dr. Hynek's remarks.

Earley said the Air Force has paid little attention to the scientists who believe that some UFO do represent interplanetary activity. Also, Earley charged that Air Force officers in the Pentagon have "censored" some of the UFO reports.

Hynek said that as far as he knows the Air Force reports on UFO are open to the public. He said the Air Force is committed to investigating all UFO reports to make sure there is no indication of "hostile intent." He said planes, weather balloons, low-flying clouds, unusual lighting conditions, and lightning have been sources of UFO reports.

Earley said NICAP is presently printing a 230,000-word report on NICAP'S conclusions on some UFO sightings. He said the NICAP will also take to task high-level Pentagon officials for alleged censorship of the sightings.

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\* I think "polite exception" would have been a more accurate way of putting it!

Bob

## UFO Faithful Hits Back

# Why Can't Flying Saucer Elude Radar?

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—Flying saucers, be they supernatural or super hoaxes, have been catapulted back into the news by recent reports of sightings in New Mexico. As the controversy over the nature of the objects flares anew, Dennis Fawcett of The Register staff, talked with an acquaintance who heads a group of state saucer devotees. His story follows.

Assuming that "flying saucers" actually exist and assuming it was a saucer that created the recent stir in New Mexico, would it be possible for such an object to slip through a network of radar screens?

Of course, says an ardent believer in the authenticity of the unidentified flying objects. As a matter of fact it would be a fairly easy matter, since even such down-to-earth craft as airplanes are capable of neutralizing radar.

George W. Earley, president of the Connecticut Affiliate of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) thus dismissed in an interview Friday night at his home in Bloomfield the suggestion that recent New Mexico sightings might be bogus because the unidentified flying objects had not been picked up by radar.

"You wouldn't have to postulate a very advanced civilization to account for the New Mexico's UFO's not being detected by radar," he declared. "As a matter of fact, the Air Force has electronic counter measure equipment on its planes to knock out Russian radar."

Earley was discussing statements made Thursday night at Choate School by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, special unidentified flying objects consultant to the Air Force. Dr. Hynek recently re-

turned from Socorro, N. M., where he was sent to investigate the sighting made last Friday by Socorro Patrolman Lonnie Zamora of a mysterious egg-shaped object.

Dr. Hynek told Choate students the Air Force had not yet decided what the object was. "One thing that bothers me," he observed, "is that it wasn't picked up by radar, and that area is infested with radar."

Aside from his contention that Dr. Hynek's "radar" point carries no weight, Earley thought the Air Force consultant showed for the most part "an encouraging open-mindedness."

### 'Intelligent' Control

NICAP is a private, non-profit group which has evaluated "flying saucer" evidence for five years and come to the belief that "the verified unidentified flying objects are under intelligent control and superior to any U.S. or Soviet spacecraft or missiles." In a previous interview Wednesday night Earley detailed the actions his organization is taking in response to the rash of New Mexico sightings which began with Officer Zamora's report.

"NICAP has a man in New Mexico now, geiger counter in hand, notebook in pocket, investigating the sightings," Earley said. "He has talked with Zamora, and Zamora has confirmed the report he gave the Air Force. He denies seeing any living bodies, although he reports seeing something like white coveralls outside the object. The indentations in the ground made by the object were roughly trapezoidal in shape and rectangular in pattern, but we haven't as yet got the dimensions.

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"It's interesting to note that as far as I know the Southwest is the only area which has ever reported egg-shaped objects. There might be something to that; then again it may just be that people living there are accustomed to comparing unfamiliar objects to eggs."

### Special Significance

Since the Air Force has technically trained people at every airbase whose job includes the investigation of aerial phenomena, the fact that Dr. Hynek was sent to examine the Socorro site seems to impart a special significance to the incident.

"Hynek is one of the Air Force's chief consultants on unidentified flying objects," Earley said. "He's sent on investigations whenever there's any physical evidence. A number of sightings have occurred in New Mexico since Zamora's, including one made by four state troopers, and another civilian group, besides

NICAP, is also conducting an investigation: the Aerial Phenomena Searchers."

In the past NICAP has been critical of the Air Force for not cooperating with its efforts. The Air Force not only denies NICAP's interplanetary explanation of the "saucers" but refuses to debate the subject.

### Pleased With Response

Regarding Zamora's sighting, however, Earley said, "I've been very pleased with the Air Force's open-mindedness. It's a refreshing contrast to the usual policy. As a rule it has gone as far as insulting airline pilots who have reported sightings, by implying the pilots were drunk. In this case, though, it has at least stated Zamora is a reliable man who has seen something strange.

"But NICAP would still like to know why the Air Force considers the subject undebatable."

In connection with its opposition to the Air Force's stand, NICAP intends to submit to Congress in May, a fully document-

ed report, 230,000 words in length, on unidentified flying objects. The purpose of the report is the promotion of an open congressional committee for the investigation of the mystery. "These New Mexico incidents," Earley conceded, "have come at a propitious time."

### Only Verified Sightings

Admittedly, some sightings are obvious hoaxes, but NICAP is interested only in verified sightings. "We largely try to ignore those who claim to have established contact with men from outer space," Earley said. "They are basically dreamers — bewildered, confused, worried men who are looking for a Messiah. The philosophy peddled by most of them invariably strikes a religious note — Peace on Earth, and that sort of thing — which is fine, I'm all for it, but it doesn't have much to do with unidentified flying objects."

As for Zamora, the man who's sighting seems to have given the "flying saucer" issue a new lease on life, what must his attitude be towards his sudden notoriety? Said Earley, "I imagine he's probably just beginning to have the unwelcome feeling that comes when you have seen something puzzling which many people automatically and unfairly regard a hoax."