PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

25 Apr 64

2. LOCATION

Socorro, New Mexico

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local night

GMT

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes

☒ No

6. SOURCE

civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

not reprtd

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

one

9. COURSE

back and forth

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Witness reported a light going back and forth over a mountah of Socorro while he was driving North.

11. COMMENTS

Clouds in area. Navigation beacon at location. Probable reflection from rotating beacon o n clouds.

12. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☒ Other Ground light
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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3. Attached is a listing of sightings reported to the Air Force and might be attributed to the Socorro, New Mexico sighting.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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Listing

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DATE: 28 APR 64

SOCORRO N M
24 Apr 1964

Girl Says She Was Burned While Watching UFO Here

By JERRY SMOTHERS

Concern over unidentified flying objects continued at a high pitch here today.

Latest incidents include:

—A report from a 10-year-old girl that she was burned while watching a strange egg-shaped thing in the sky yesterday afternoon.

—A report from a truck driver and his wife that they saw two mysterious objects in the sky between here and Socorro.

The rash of incidents started Friday when a policeman saw a UFO take off south of Socorro. UFO experts from different parts of the country are in New Mexico to investigate.

Suffering eye, nose and face burns yesterday afternoon was Sharon Stull, one of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Stull of 1409 Wilmoore SE.

On Lowell School Ground

She said she gazed at a UFO for five or 10 minutes shortly before 12:30 p.m. on the Lowell School ground at 1809 Ross SE after returning there from lunch at home.

After 1 p.m., while in class, she noticed burning sensations about the eyes and face. She and her mother believe her burns were inflicted by the thing in the sky.

Sharon said she was not facing the sun while watching the thing, slightly smaller than an airplane and having no windows, speed across the sky and disappear in the distance. Her mother said the child has never had a sunburn and couldn't have gotten one in the few minutes she was outside.

Her sister, Robin, 8, says she, too, saw the thing, but paid little attention to it and didn't continue to watch it. Sharon said two other children also glanced at it briefly.

Sharon was treated by a doctor at Bataan Hospital last night and was kept in bed at home today with her blinds drawn to protect her inflamed eyes and eyelids.

Complains of Pains

Part of her face and nose appeared to be puffy and red. She continued to complain of burn pains.

Police interviewed her at length about the incident and had her draw the silvery object.



Sharon Stull in Bed Today

Sharon's doctor said his diagnosis is conjunctivitis (membrane inflammation) of both eyes and first - degree sunburn under the eyes and on the nose, adding:

"The sun exposure she had yesterday would usually be considered insufficient to cause the burns and inflammation. It appears to be the type of burns and inflammation caused by longer exposure to the sun."

He said he believes there is no permanent eye damage.

Mrs. Stull was extremely concerned and frightened over the incident today. She also kept Robin home from school.

"I'm just scared to death," Mrs. Stull said.

Truck driver Napoleon Green, 37, and his wife, 35, of 1805 Walter SE, said they sighted two UFO's traveling at about the speed of jet planes at 5:30 p.m. yesterday as they were driving toward Albuquerque on U. S. 85, 17 miles north of Socorro.

Shine Brightly

"I wasn't going to report it because I didn't want to believe my eyes," Mr. Green said today. He said his wife dived beneath the truck's dashboard after seeing the egg-shaped things, about half the size of jet planes and shining brightly in the setting sun.

Green said he saw them possibly two minutes before they disappeared over the eastern horizon.

Federal Aviation Agency officials said they have seen nothing unusual in the sky or on their radar screens. Airplanes appear only as small dots on the screens and it is unlikely a UFO could be distinguished from an airplane on radar.

One official said it would be possible in some areas to track a UFO to see where it goes, if they received a report from a responsible agency immediately after a sighting. Radar sightings have to be in a direct line and can be blocked by mountains, making low - altitude radar tracking difficult sometimes, he advised.

The Weather Bureau, FAA and Kirtland AF Base said there were no balloons or other strange - appearing objects in the sky here, to their knowledge, at the time Sharon saw what she did.

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LA MADERA, NEW MEXICO

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Gallegos' report came on the heels of a similar report from a Socorro policeman, Lonnie Zamora, who said he spotted an object near Socorro Friday night. Zamora, in clearing up false reports Sunday, said the object rose about 20 feet off the ground and slowly flew away.

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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.

IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW (AP) — Ghana's minister of Agriculture, Krobo Edusei, has arrived in Moscow and will ask, the Tass agency reported, for Soviet experts to help Ghana develop deep-sea fishing.

FILMS FOR W. AFRICA

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Ten Mexican movies have been purchased for a theater chain in West Africa. A spokesman said it will be the first showing of such films in Spanish in Nigeria, Liberia, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Gambia.

Information Only
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New Documentary Film

A new 80-minute documentary film on UFOs, entitled "Phenomena-Seven Point Seven," was nearing release date as this issue was closed.

The moving picture was prepared by Empire Film Studios, Hollywood, where a company official explained the title: "Seven Point Seven means the 7.7% of an estimated 8000 sightings classified as UFOs by the Air Force." (This figure is close to the latest AF admission of 663 unknowns out of 8908 cases, which works out as 7.44%.)

One of the main sequences shows the now widely-known Socorro case. Last April 24, Officer Lonnie Zamora, on highway patrol, sighted an oval-shaped craft near Socorro, N.M. When he left his police car for a closer look, the strange machine blasted flame from underneath, rose to a low altitude, then raced out of sight.

Landing-gear marks and scorched terrain were checked by AF Chief UFO Consultant Dr. J. Allen Hynek and other AF investigators. Later, Hynek stated he did not doubt Zamora's report, and that he had no explanation.

Major Maston M. Jacks, AFHQ spokesman, recently gave Zamora a "top believability rating" in a statement to Roger Treat, for a feature article in the Baltimore News American. Even more surprising, in May Jacks' letter to NICAP member Robert Barrow, Syracuse, described the UFO as a "vehicle"—though he still claimed no evidence that it was from outer space.

However, this official admission that the UFO was some kind of unknown machine, is a long—and puzzling—jump from the usual "explain away" answers of mirages, delusions, etc.

For this reason, the new film may have a strong impact. The original Socorro report had wide publicity, but to date the AF has never issued a press release admitting the UFO was a strange vehicle, nature unknown. If it had, this probably would have been a front-page story, focussing serious attention on UFOs.

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Documentary Film - Cont. from p. 4 col. 2

Empire Film Studies says the documentary is designed to show that neither hysteria nor panic were caused by Officer Zamora's report. First showing will be at Socorro, then the film will appear nationally.

NICAP will review and report on "Phenomena—Seven Point Seven" as soon as possible.

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Astronomer Hunts Clue To 'Saucer'

SOCORRO, N. M., April 29 (AP).—An astronomer from the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University was here today to examine the secluded hill where a Socorro policeman reported seeing a mysterious, egg-shaped flying object.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the special Unidentified Flying Object consultant to the Air Force, was sent to New Mexico after a rash of reports of sightings in the state.

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

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Zamora said the object he saw was a brilliant white. He said there was a red marking on it like an upside down V with three lines across the top, through the middle and at the bottom. He also said that from a distance there appeared to be two figures in white coveralls outside the object. It flew off with a roar when he approached, he said.

Since Mr. 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.

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

SCORCHED GRASS

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

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

Dr. Hynek said he hoped to finish his investigation here today.

He said he has found most people honest and sincere in reporting flying objects.

Many common things, however, are often responsible for such reports, he said.

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

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A 20-year-old Edgewood youth says he fired six shots at one of New Mexico's unidentified flying objects.

State Policeman Tommy Richardson of Moriarty reported he received a telephone call from Don Adams of Edgewood about 1:30 a.m. today.

The report said Adams told of seeing the object about 100 feet off the ground. He said it appeared to be a fluorescent or glowing green-colored object about 25 feet long.

He 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, without effect. The officer said he did not determine if Adams was using a rifle or a pistol.

Adam's account was another of several such reports that have kept New Mexico and military authorities busy since Friday.

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

The reports came from points following a line from near caballo Reservoir south of Truth or Consequences, north to an area near Espanola.

Similar Reports

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

Spokesmen at all New Mexico military bases say they have no such aircraft fitting the descriptions.

Reports from Monday night included:

A man who refused to identify himself because he said he would be laughed at, said he saw a ball of red flame land near Las Vegas. He made no estimate of the size of the ball. He said he was going from Lake McAllister to Las Vegas when he saw the object.

New information has been revealed about other sightings.

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

Three sightings occurred Sunday night. An unidentified 18-year-old girl told Socorro police she saw a fire with something in it in the same vicinity where Zamora had been.

Orlando Gallegos, 35, of Santa Fe, said he saw a craft as long as a telephone pole and about 14 feet in circumfrence near his father's home north of La Madera.

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

Saturday night two unidentified motorists said an object similar to the egg-shaped, silver craft described by Zamora swooped down out of the sky toward their car in the Espanola area.

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'Infra-Red' Burns Suffered by Girl Who 'Saw' Object

A 10-year-old girl was treated for "infra-red burns" on her face after she said she watched an "egg-shaped" object hovering near Lowell Elementary School Tuesday noon for about 10 minutes.

Young Sharon Stull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Stull, 1409 Milmoore SE, told her parents and Police Lt. C. K. Jolly, the "queer looking thing" bounced up and down about three times in the sky and then left.

Jolly said the girl's younger sister, Robin, 8, also saw the object but refused to look at it and ran off to play. The girl was treated by a physician for burns about the eyes and nose who, according to Jolly, said he believes Sharon "saw something and it burned her."

Sharon said it was not the sun she was looking at. She told Jolly the object was to the northeast and the sun was behind her. Her parents said Sharon is very truthful.

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Sands 'Saucer' Landing Probed

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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.

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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.

Another Flying Saucer

This One Egg-Shaped and Shiny, Says Policeman

By CHARLES RICHARDS
United Press International

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Edgewood Man Says He Shot At and Hit Flying Object

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By United Press International

A rash of unidentified flying object sightings had New Mexico State Police, local law enforcement agencies and military installations in a dither today.

No less than six "authentic" spottings have been reported since Friday when Socorro Policeman Lonnie Zamora sighted an egg-shaped object which roared off the ground, leaving deep impressions and burned patches.

Fired 12 Shots

Don Adams of Edgewood told State Police he fired 12 .22-calibre pistol shots at an "oblong thing" early today. He told of hitting the UFO six times and hearing the bullets bounce from it.

As he paused to reload, the man said, the object moved silently northward. He was unable to determine whether shots 7 to 12 struck the thing. He described it as being a light green color, about 25 or 30 feet long, and silent. He said it hovered about 100 feet directly over his head.

Edgewood is about 30 miles east of Albuquerque.

A few hours earlier, a motorist in the Las Vegas area reported seeing a ball of fire which apparently landed near a radio station. Employes of the station said the man asked that his name be withheld because he was afraid of being laughed at.

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State Police Capt. Martin Vigil, who checked out the incident, said "There was definitely something there."

Other reports came from an Albuquerque motorist who saw a "silver looking" object near Truth or Consequences, two men driving in the La Madera area and a Socorro teen-ager.

In both the Socorro and La Madera reports, burned land was found at the sites. Also discovered were "paw prints, like a mountain lion's," as well as "landing gear marks."

Photos Mailed

The associate director of Interplanetary Intelligence of Unidentified Flying Objects said from his Oklahoma City office that pictures of an UFO sighted in 1956 by a shipboard radio officer were being mailed to Zamora.

The photos were taken by T. Fogl aboard the USS Ramsey off the California coast. The IIUFO officer, Hayden Hews, said the object was "almost ientical" in size, coloring, marking, characteristics and landing gears to the thing reported by Zamora.

"Either it was an awful good coincidence or it is the same object," Hews said.

Zamora, when contacted at his home early today, said he had not yet received the photographs.

Meanwhile, military officials at Kirtland and Holloman Air Force bases and White Sands Missile Range continued efforts to investigate the sightings . . . with no end in sight.

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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More UFO Sightings Are Reported Over Wide Area

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

State officers and the military are investigating more unidentified flying object reports.

The reports came from Socorro and the Espanola area.

State Police Capt. Martin Vigil said investigators from Kirtland Air Force Base at Albuquerque were to arrive in Espanola today after noting the similarity in the different reports.

All of the reported sightings are similar in that they describe oval or egg-shaped objects, flames surrouding the craft when on the ground, scorched earth and wedge shaped depressions that officers say appear to have been left by some type of landing gear.

The latest report came from a Santa Fe resident, Orlando Gallegos, 35, who told of seeing an object early Sunday morning at his father's home north of La Madera, sitting in a gravel area.

State Police received a report from two men traveling in the same area Saturday night that a flying object, which they said definitely was not an airplane, had swooped down toward their car, then veered off.

At Socorro, where the first such report came Friday evening from a city officer, a motorist, George Mitropolis of Albuquerque, told of seeing Sunday night "a luminous flying thing, like an upside down bathtub, without lights except for a glow like exhaust underneath it, come up over the crest of the mountains and then go back down."

An unidentified girl, about 18, told Socorro officer Bill Pyland that she saw a fire in the hills southwest of Socorro Sunday night, where city officer Lonnie Zamora first reported seeing an "egg-shaped object" fly away from a draw. She said she went to within 300 feet to 500 feet from the fire when she thought she saw something in the flames. She then left to report it.

About the report from Gallegos, State Police Capt. Martin Vigil said, after visiting the site, "There was definitely something there.

"The ground was still smoldering 20 hours after the sighting."

Gallegos said he had gone out to chase away some horses when he saw the object. He said he was about 200 feet away when he first saw it.

Gallegos said there was no noise and as he watched, the flaming jets were turned off. He said he didn't see anyone or anything moving around the craft.

He said he returned to the house and told his family but no one else ventured outside. Gallegos said he returned twice more to look at the object. He described it as being of bright metal, without windows, as long as a telephone pole and about 14 feet in circumference. It was egg-shaped, he said, and resembled a large butane gas tank.

Capt. Vigil said the ground was smoldering later Sunday and he found what looked like paw prints along with the depressions that indicate some type of landing gear.

The captain said he contacted Kirtland AFB and an unidentified officer there told him a team of military investigators was on its way.

State Patrolman Marvin Romero told of the Saturday night sighting by two motorists in the Espanola area.

Romero said the men told him they were driving from Abiquiu to Espanola when the flying object came straight toward their car. They said it veered away and all they could see was a jet stream of blue flame.

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NEWSDIAL

Tuesday, April 28, 1964

Good Morning!

Here's a Newsdial special that is well worth stopping and taking a look at. It's a 1963 Rambler 440-H Hardtop. This one is very clean. The price is just $1795!.

Voeters will go to the polls for primary balloting in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania today, but any presidential preferances in either state will have to com through write in votes.

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Two jurors have been tentatively seated in Chicago for the trial of Teamsters President James Hoffa and seven associates charged with misusing 20 million dollars in union funds.

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The nations cigarette makers have agreed to a new advertising code that would prohibit pitching toward the youth of America.

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Two northern Republican senators have called for revisions in the civil rights bill.

* NEW MEXICO NEWS *

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* WEATHER *

The forecast says it should be fair through tonight. A little warmer today and tonight. The predicted high for today is 86 and the low tonight should be near 48.



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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.)

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Air Force UFO Expert to Check 'Saucer' Reports

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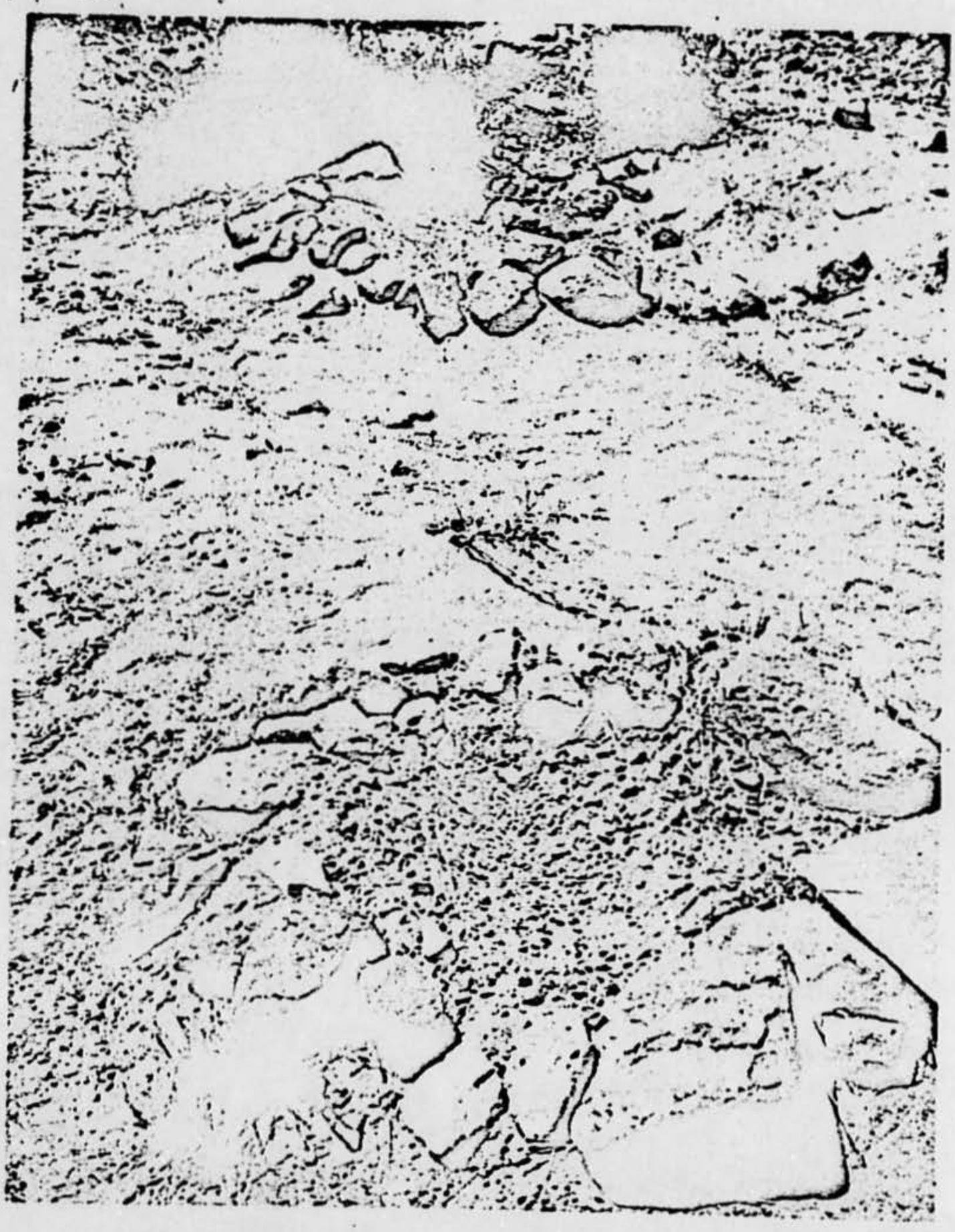
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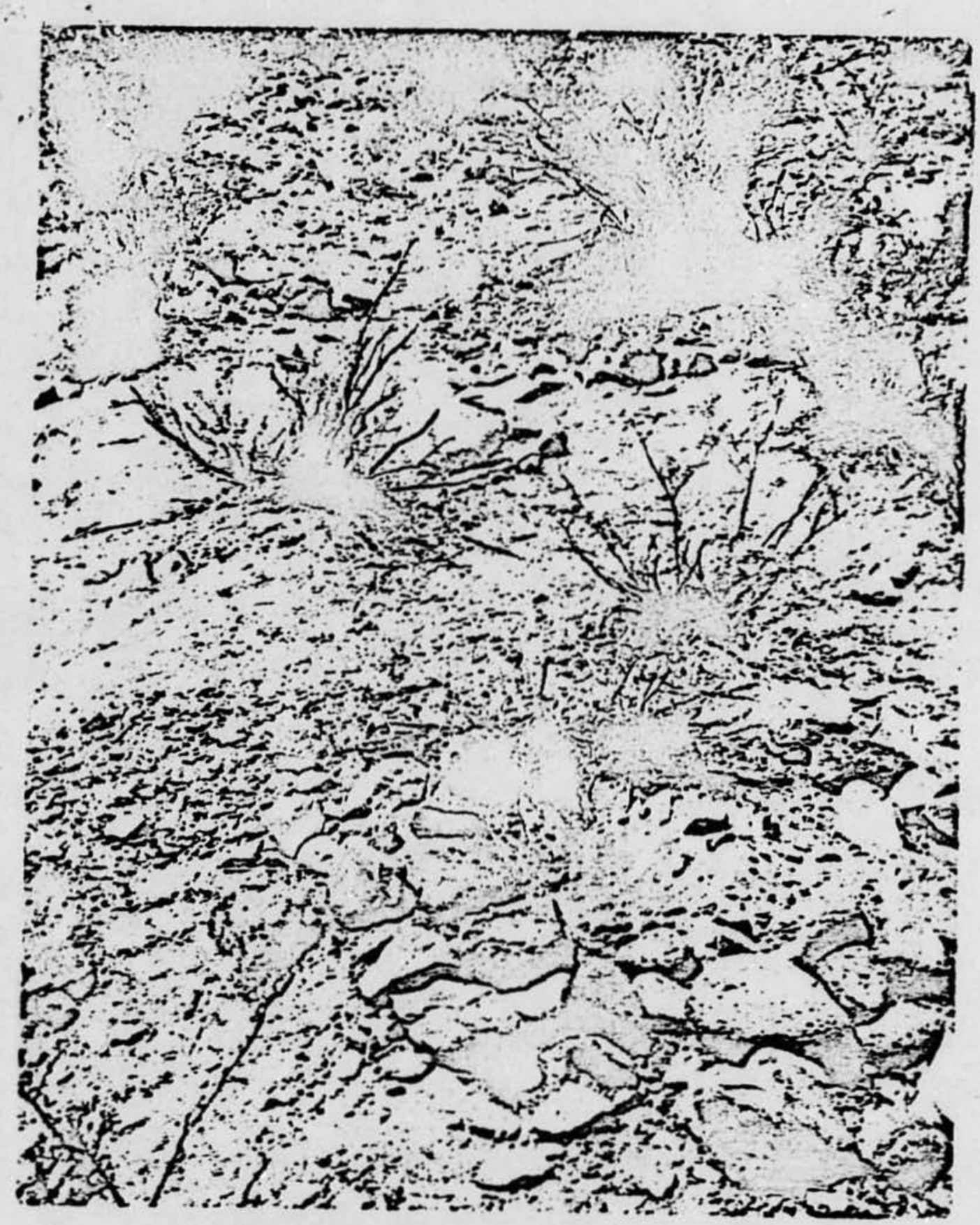
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New Sights Of Saucers

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Strange Objects Seen by Several Persons in New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (UPI) —In New Mexico, first test site of the atomic bomb and now a space-age military bastion, citizens in the last two weeks say they have seen, shot at and run from "flying saucers" in shapes from bananas to bathtubs.

The unidentified Flying Object craze 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.

The scientist, Dr. Lincoln Lapaz, Institute of Meteoritics director at 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."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of the astronomy department at Northwestern University and the Air Force's top consultant on unidentified flying objects, came to the state to investigate but soon left, saying he believes radar would have picked up anything that human eyes saw.

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

Lapaz said he believes Zamora saw a vertical short-takeoff and landing aircraft. He said the craft behaves much like the object Zamora said he saw.

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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Film On UFOs To Include Socorro Officer

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

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

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

A studio official said the film may be ready for showing in five weeks. The first public showing is scheduled in Socorro. The film will run about 80 minutes.

The documentary will be entitled, "Phenomena — Seven Point Seven." This, said the official, is 7.7 per cent of an estimated 8,000 sightings classified by the Air Force as UFOs.

The official said thedocumentry is designed to show that neither hysteria nor panic were caused by the alleged landing here. 12 FEB 65

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Man Reports Firing Shots, Hitting UFO

Other Sightings Are Reported Around State

By United Press International

A rash of unidentified flying object sightings had New Mexico State Police, local law enforcement agencies and military installations in a dither today.

No less than six "authentic" spottings have been reported since Friday when Socorro Policeman Lonnie Zamora sighted an egg-shaped object which roared off the ground, leaving deep impressions and burned patches.

In addition, telephone lines across the state hummed with activity as publicity-hunters and well-meaning persons got in the act.

Fired 12 Shots

An Edgewood man told State Police he fired 12 .22-calibre pistol shots at an "oblong thing" early today. He told of hitting the UFO six times and hearing the bullets bounce from it.

As he paused to reload, the man said, the object moved silently northward. He was unable to determine whether shots 7 to 12 struck the thing. He described it as being a light green color, about 25 or 30 feet long, and silent. He said it hovered about 100 feet directly over his head.

Investigating state policemen said the man was completely "sober." Edgewood is about 30 miles east of Albuquerque.

A few hours earlier, a motorist in the Las Vegas area reported seeing a ball of fire which apparently landed near a radio station. Employes of the station said the man asked that his name be withheld because he was afraid of being laughed at.

Police also received similar reports Sunday from a Santa Fe man . . . Orlando Gallegos . . . who told of seeing an egg-shaped metal object near La Madera, about 50 miles north of Santa Fe. He told of seeing flames spurt from numerous jets around the bottom of the object as it took off.

State Police Capt. Martin Vigil, who checked out the incident, said "There was definitely something there."

Other reports came from an Albuquerque motorist who saw a "silver looking" object near Truth or Consequences, two men driving in the La Madera area and a Socorro teen-ager.

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 pm, 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 US 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 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 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 1½ 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.

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

Mystery Object Is Told Ground at La Madera Is Burned

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LA MADERA, April 27 (AP)— A Santa Fe resident reported today he sighted an unidentified flying object Sunday near La Madera, northwest of Espanola.

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a total of $6,520.50.

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Three other firms also entered quotations.

The firm, if awarded the job, will supply the county with 160,000 envelopes for a total price of $974.40.

Six bidders entered prices for 5,000 purchase registration forms. The apparent low bid came from Case Thompson of Albuquerque. The firm asked $21.78 per thousand forms or a total price of $108.90.

County Data

The county's new data-machine department supervisor will be Jerry Parks of Arlington, Tex., a former county employe.

Announcement was made today by County Manager John Nunn, who will oversee the department and its coordination with the other county offices.

Mr. Nunn said the supervisor will begin duties May 18. He said starting salary will be $800 a month, and the supervisor will probably have a staff of two machine operators and three key punchers.

He said one of the first problems will involve working out arrangements with the county clerk and the county assessor, both of

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'Saucer' Scares E.P. Woman

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"come and look." She said they both saw the flying object in the air.

"It looked like a dish plate upside down and spun away just like a plate would spin if you flung it into the air," Mrs. Reyes said. "It carried a light on the bottom, a bright light.'

"I'M REALLY SURPRISED. I never expected to see anything like that around here. My husband and I had talked about the thing the people saw in New Mexico, but I didn't think I would ever see anything like that here.

"I'm still shaking," she added.

Several small planes were in the air at the time of Mrs. Reyes' report, but she insisted the object she saw was not an airplane.

N.M. Sky Objects Puzzle to Expert

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Hynek said Zamora is a "level headed police officer." Hynek said he believes Zamora saw something, but does not know what it is.

The latest reports came from deep southern New Mexico last night when many reported seeing a bright object making low passes.

JIM NAVARRO, an employe at the port of entry at Anthony, New Mexico - Texas, said he saw the object the past two nights.

"It was the same type illumination as a star, but it was too close, too bright and too big," Navarro said.

He said it seemed to remain still for a long time, then took off at a high rate of speed. Navarro said when it took off, it appeared to change "to all kinds of colors."

A state policeman said he heard reports from the Air Force that a plane had been dispatched in the area.

REPORTS from Deming and Hatch said many had seen the same object.

The Air Force said low-flying jets have been taking pictures day and night from Albuquerque west to Kingman, Ariz. and from Deming west to Casa Grande, Ariz.

The planes use bright Strobe units that flash off and on, lighting a large area for picture taking.

Santa Fean Reports

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ring of blue flame erupting from many jets around the bottom of the craft. The jets were noiseless and were turned off while he watched. He saw no persons around the craft which he described as a windowless bright metal, egg-shaped object and as long as a telephone pole, and probably 14 feet in circumference.

No one ventured out of the Gallegos home again during the night. The object was gone in the morning, but the ground was still smoldering.

A team of investigators at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, was to visit the scene.

Whether it was the same UFO or another one is unknown, but Undersheriff James Luckie said a tourist told him in a cafe here Sunday night that a low-flying, bright object had nearly crowded him off U.S. 85 two miles south of Socorro between 7:30 and 8 p.m. The unidentified tourist was traveling north of 85 and the object going south.

Source: American UFO Committee Review, Vol 1 No 2, [illegible]



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

USA UNDERGOES UFO AVALANCHE!

Beginning in late April the United States has literally been besieged with sightings of unidentified flying objects. Even in August, as this is being written, the "flap" shows no signs of letting up. Sighting reports keep pouring in from all over the nation. However, a very large percentage of reports are coming from the Western U.S., the Ohio Valley, and the Pennsylvania-New Jersey region.

From its nationwide press clipping service AMUFO has received hundreds of newspaper clippings dealing with UFO sightings. This enables us to confirm the major sightings and report directly to members.

The flap started, as most know, when Socorro, N.M., policeman Lonnie Zamora (note incorrect spelling in above clipping) spotted an egg-shaped metallic object about a mile north of the town. Two girder-like legs were visible on the side of the object Zamora faced (continued on page 3).

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Right next to the object were two figures, rather small in size. One of the figures turned and apparently saw him. We will not rehash the matter, so suffice to say that the saucer subsequently let out a roar and with a burst of flame took off. Two days later the incident made newspaper headlines all over the world. Shortly after the Zamora sighting, more landing reports came in from all over the state of New Mexico and other parts of the west. It is needless to elucidate all of them here, since many members will have already read of them. However, full coverage to all '64 sightings will be given in AMUFO's forthcoming full-length book (see page for details).

Reported here are all UFO sightings AMUFO has received during the period of June 1st onward.

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City Policeman Zamora Reports Sighting Egg-Shaped Object and Views Take-Off; Tourist Sees Craft Just Before Landing

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City Policeman Lonnie Zar a highly reliable source, sa four-legged, egg-shaped ob and two persons in a gull; mile south of the courth shortly before 6 p.m. Friday saw the object rise straight and take off, and disappear yond Six-Mile Canyon to west. Some of the evidenc the landing and take-off rem ed in the gully. There were shallow holes where the ob apparently landed on its there were burned greasev and seared clumps of green g there were two round, very s depressions. No footprints v found.

Zamora said he saw lette on the side of the UFO, and sketched the lettering on a p sack after the object had ta off. He did not believe the le ing was in English and he obs ed no numerals as there are known aircraft. Zamora said was not at liberty to fur describe the lettering.

Santa Fean Reports Seeing UFO Landed North of Espanola

An unidentified flying object was reported to have landed and taken off near La Madera, north of Espanola, two days following the stop of a UFO in Socorro.

The evidence that Orlando Gallegos of Santa Fe reported was similar to that found in Socorro. He and his family went to visit his father, just north of La Madera, arriving about 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

Gallegos later told State Police he saw the object sitting on the ground in a gravel area when he went outside to chase away horses. He did not approach closer than 200 feet. He noticed a

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At least one other person — an unidentified tourist traveling north on U. S. 85 — saw the UFO just before it landed in the gully. Opal Grinder, manager of Whiting Brothers' Service Station on 85 north, said the man stopped at the station and remarked that aircraft flew low around here.

Grinder replied there were many helicopters in this vicinity.

The tourist said it was a "funny-looking helicopter, if that's what it was." The man said further the object had flown over his car. It actually was headed straight for the gully where it landed moments later. The tourist also commented that he had seen a police car heading up the hill. This was Zamora's car.

Grinder did not know of the object at the time, and did not attach importance to the traveler's remarks.

A Tucson, Ariz., couple was here Sunday to interview Zamora for a scientific article on the object. The woman said a minister and 26 other persons in New Guinea had seen a similar object hovering for two hours at an estimated altitude of 400 feet. It was reported the observers had seen a man on the "deck" of the object.

Maj. William Conner of Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, was also here Sunday afternoon to interview Zamora. The major said he was not at liberty to comment. He and an Air Force sergeant visited the UFO scene. Use of a Geiger counter at the scene was reported to have brought negative results.

Capt. Richard T. Holder of Socorro, U.S. Army up-range commander with headquarters at Stallion Range Center on White Sands Missile Range, said Saturday:

"I was contacted on the evening of April 24 by local authorities and asked to provide assistance in identifying a reported UFO. After beng appraised of the situation, I attempted to determine whether White Sands Missile Range or Holloman Air Force Base had anything that might produce the conditions described. Neither White Sands Missile Range nor Holloman had an object that would compare to the object described. There was no known firing mission in progress at the time of the occurence that would produce the conditions reported."

Zamora doesn't know what the object was, but for those who desire to speculate, there are three possibilities:

First, it may have been a top secret U.S. aircraft in an advanced stage of development.

Second, it may have been an advanced type of aircraft or space ship of another power.

Third, it may have been a space scout ship from another planet.

Whatever the object was, it probably was the first reported concrete instance of a UFO in New Mexico.

Policeman Zamora shifted from a routine task to a frightening, out-of-this-world experience in a few minutes Friday night.

He was patroling Park Street where he had begun pursuit of a fast-traveling car several blocks ahead of him. Zamora was almost on the old road when he heard what he described as a blast or a roar. His first though was that an aluminum building used to store explosives had blown up. He forgot about the speeding car and headed up a very rocky, dirt road towards the building. On the third try, driving very slowly, he managed to get up the road which leads to the top of the mesa overlooking the gully where the UFO had landed.

The policeman said he first saw the object at an estimated distance of 150 yards, and he thought it was an overturned car. He was looking out of his car window as he drove towards the top of the mesa. Zamora said one of two persons at the UFO, whose back was to him, turned his head and looked straight at him. The two persons standing by the object appeared to be dressed in white coveralls, and at the distance Zamora saw them they appeared to be "child-like," that is, small. He did not notice what sort of headgear, if any, the two persons, presumably men, wore.

Zamora continued driving up the hill to get a closer look at the object and the persons. When he stopped his car on the top of the mesa and directly opposite the place in the gully where the UFO had landed, he saw it again, but the persons were not outside the object on which the sun gleamed brightly. He got out of his car and started towards the UFO. Then he again heard the roar or blast that had brought him to the scene and saw flames. Dust was flying around the object.

The policeman believed the object was about to explode. He was about 50 feet from the UFO, and for protection he dropped to the ground and covered his face with an arm.

No explosion occurred, and Zamora also realized the object was not heading in his direction. He raised his head slightly. He saw the UFO, which seemed to be headed south on landing, rise straight up for an estimated 20 feet, which brought it about on a level with the police car on the mesa top. The object appeared to maintain this altitude beyond the explosives building and due west in a straight line for about two miles to the perlite mill. On the other side of the mill the UFO gained altitude very rapidly, passed over Six-Mile Canyon, became a speck in the sky, and disappeared.

Zamora said there was a sharp whining sound at the end of the roar preceding the object's take-off. As the object got into the air, the noise quieted. The object did not leave a jet trail. Reports of other supposed UFO's have mentioned that they fly with little or no noise.

Zamora radioed the sheriff's office immediately after the object had taken off. State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez, State Policeman Ted Jordan, and Undersheriff James Luckie responded. Chavez and Luckie said the burned clumps of green grass and the greasewood were still hot when they arrived. The military later took samples of the burned earth for analysis.

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An inspection of the scene Saturday morning showed the object had landed astride a narrow, rock-strewn dry wash in the gully. Officers earlier had circled with stones the four places where the legs of the object had touched earth. The holes were shallow, about a foot long by six inches wide. They did not appear to have been made by an object striking the earth with great force, but by an object of considerable weight settling to earth at slow speed and not moving after touching the ground.

The two legs of the object that Zamora saw probably were about 2½ feet long.

It was about 12 feet from one landing hole to the other on the west side and 15 feet between the two on the east side. The width probably was nine or more feet.

The clumps of green grass and two greasewood bushes seemed to have been seared all at once by an extremely hot flame. There were also broken branches on one greasewood.

The two round depressions were four and five inches in diameter, respectively.

The cause of the landing of the object, like its identity and its source, remain unanswered. Was the landing in the secluded, little-frequented gully for a test or caused by momentary mechanical difculty?

After Capt. Holder was appraised of the UFO occurrence, he made a report of it to the proper agencies at WSMR. Investigation of the incident will be conducted by designted government agences.

By Sunday afternoon hundreds of curious persons had trampled the scene and there was virtually no evidence left of the landing marks.

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WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N. M., MAY 13 (AP)-A SECOND ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TODAY TO FIRE A LITTLE JOE II ROCKET IN A TEST OF THE APOLLO MOONFLIGHT ESCAPE SYSTEM.

THE SHOT WAS POSTPONED YESTERDAY BECAUSE OF GUSTY WINDS AND A DESERT SANDSTORM.

THE LITTLE JOE IS EXPECTED TO HURL THE SIMULATED APOLLO SPACECRAFT TO 22,000 FEET AT 6 A.M. (MST).

A DESTRUCT SIGNAL WILL DESTROY THE MISSILE AND FIRE THE ESCAPE SYSTEM. IT WILL SEPARATE THE COMMAND MODULE AND PROPEL IT A SAFE DISTANCE WHERE FOUR PARACHUTES WILL BE DEPLOYED TO LOWER THE CRAFT TO EARTH.

THE COMMAND MODULE IS THE NERVE CENTER FOR THE APOLLO AND WILL CARRY THE ASTRONAUT-PILOTS.

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FIRST LEAD LITTLE JOE (270) 1960

BY HAROLD R. WILLIAMS

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M., MAY 13 (AP)-THE FIERY EXPLOSION OF A LITTLE JOE II ROCKET SHATTERED THE EARLY MORNING CALM TODAY IN A TEST OF THE APOLLO MOON SPACECRAFT LAUNCH ESCAPE SYSTEM.

EARLY INDICATIONS FROM NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WERE THAT THE TEST, THE FIRST OF FIVE OF THE APOLLO ESCAPE SYSTEM, WAS SUCCESSFUL. IT HAD BEEN DELAYED 24 HOURS BECAUSE OF WINDS A DUST STORM YESTERDAY.

LITTLE JOE II BLASTED INTO THE SKY ABOUT 6 A.M. (MST) FROM A CLOUD OF DUST CAUSED BY THE ROCKET'S SEVEN SOLID FUEL ENGINES, GENERATING MORE THAN 300,000 POUNDS OF THRUST.

CLIMBING TO 22,000 FEET ALTITUDE IN ABOUT 30 SECONDS, THE 88-FOOT TALL VEHICLE STACKED WITH BOILERPLATE MODELS OF THE APOLLO COMMAND AND SERVICE MODULES, REACHED A MAXIMUM AERODYNAMIC STRESS PERIOD AT THE TIME OF THE EXPLOSION THAT WAS SET OFF BY GROUND SIGNAL.

AT THE SAME INSTANT, EXPLOSIVE BOLTS SEPARATED THE COMMAND MODULE FROM THE DISINTEGRATING ROCKET AND THE 155,000-POUND THRUST ESCAPE ROCKET FIRED, CARRYING THE COMMAND MODULE ANOTHER 4,000 FEET HIGHER.

SAFELY AWAY FROM THE EXPLOSION, THE COMMAND MODULE, WHICH WILL CARRY ASTRONAUTS TO THE MOON, SEPARATED FROM THE ESCAPE TOWER.

ABOUT 7 1/2 MINUTES AFTER THE FIRING, THE COMMAND MODULE, SUSPENDED BY PARACHUTES, FLOATED TO THE DESERT FLOOR ABOUT FIVE MILES FROM THE LAUNCH SITE.

A NASA SPOKESMAN SAID THE ONLY APPARENT TROUBLE WAS THAT ONE OF THE THREE 88-FOOT DIAMETER RING PARACHUTES ATTACHED TO THE COMMAND MODULE BROKE AWAY FROM THE CAPSULE SOON AFTER THEY OPENED AT 7,500 FEET ALTITUDE. EARLIER, NASA OFFICIALS HAD SAID TWO PARACHUTES COULD BRING THE CAPSULE DOWN SAFELY.

WATCHING TODAY'S TEST FROM A BLOCKHOUSE NEAR THE LAUNCH SITE WERE ASTRONAUTS LT. CMDR. CHARLES CONRAD, LT. CMDR. JAMES A. LOVELL, MAJ. GORDON COOPER, CMDR. ALAN SHEPARD JR., AND DONALD SLAYTON.

(NO PICKUP)

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UFO Sighting, Socorro, New Mexico, 24 Apr 64 28 May 64

Hq USAF SAFOI FB (Mrs Gaiser)
Wash D C. 20330

1. The following is a resume on the unidentified flying object sighted by Mr Lonnie Zamora, of Socorro, New Mexico on 24 Apr 64, results of the investigation so far, conclusions reached by FTD and courses of action in continuing the investigation.

a. Background Information:

(1) At approximately 1745, 24 Apr 64 an unidentified flying object was observed by Mr Lonnie Zamora in Socorro, New Mexico. The sighting was reported to Sgt Chavez of the New Mexico State Police. The object sighted by Mr Zamora had left markings in the ground as well as several burned spots in the area. The area was secured by Sgt Chavez and the commanding officer, Capt Holder, of the Stallion Site at White Sands notified. Capt Holder conducted an initial investigation of the sighting and obtained samples of the charred areas and dirt surrounding the markings left by the UFO.

(2) News media and persons connected with various UFO organizations such as APRO and NICAP received word of the sighting and sent investigators to the scene. Newspaper accounts of the sighting had become much distorted with reports of little men running around and a rocket ship blasting off into space. The account of the sighting carried in the El Defensor & Chieftain, dated Tuesday, 28 April 1964 and the account by UPI representative Charles Richard, carried inthe Albuquerque Journal, 27 April 1964, are essentially correct. As a result of wide news coverage and public interest in the sighting, Captain Hector Quintanilla, Project Officer, directed TSgt David Moody to assist in the investigation for the Air Force. Sgt Moody contacted Major Conner, the Officer at Kirtland AFB responsible for unidentified flying object investigations, and accompanied him to Socorro. Information obtained during this investigation revealed that the sighting was legitimate and there was no indication that a hoax was being perpetrated. The results of Capt Holder's investigation were received, interviews with Sgt Chavez and Lonnie Zamora were conducted. A geiger counter was used to determine if radiation was present in the area of the

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Jet Propulsion Labs. NASA's supervises all landers.

* Manned Mars Excursion Module. (MEM)
Aeronertronics Division, Philco, Newport Beach, Calif

Lunar Excursion Module. (LEM)
Grumman A/C, Long Island, New York (Prime Contractor)

* Lunar Excursion Module (Ascent Rocket)
ANS — Bell Aerosystem Co, Buffalo, New York

Lunar Modular Base, 4 legs
ANS — Douglas Missile & Space Systems

* Re-Entry & Landing Studies
ANS — Goodyear Aerospace Corp, Akron, Ohio

Lunar Surveyor Vehicle
ANS — Hughes Aircraft Co

* Advanced Lunar Transport Systems
Long-Tempco-Vought, Greenville, Texas

* Manned Planetary Systems/Lunar Ferry
Lockheed Aircraft Co, Burbank, Calif

* Manned Mars Landing Study
North American Aviation Inc, Downey, Calif

Companies having capability in Spacecraft Landing but no specific System is listed.

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Request for Lunar Module Information 20 May 64

Douglas Missile and Space Systems
Santa Monica, California

1. Request any information relative to the present status of lunar module projects conducted by your corporation. Information should be forwarded to Captain Hector Quintanilla, FTD (TDEW/UFO), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433.

2. We have a particular interest in your Lunar modular base with four legs.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

M/R: Mr Ralph Payne from Douglas a/c contacted this office on 30 Jun 64. Gave us a booklet and said that he would get in toucher with either Capt Quintanilla or Tsgt Moody in the latter part of the week.

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Request for Lunar Module Information 20 May 64

Hughes Aircraft Co
Burbank, California

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FOR THE COMMANDER

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Hughes Aircraft Co
Los Angeles, California

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SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION

EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA

15 June 1964

Commander
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Attention: Captain Hector Quintanilla
FTD (TDEW/UFO)

We are in receipt of Colonel Jonckheere's letter of 26 May 1964 requesting information on Lunar Module Projects.

We have referred your request for information to the Project Office of Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology. I trust you will be hearing from them shortly.

Very truly yours,

D. H. Sandler
Advanced Program Development

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Commander
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Attn: Capt. Hector Quintanilla
FTD (TDEW/UFO)

receiving reply 27 May 64

FROM:

THE CLEVELAND PNEUMATIC TOOL COMPANY

DIVISION OF CLEVELAND PNEUMATIC INDUSTRIES, INC.

3781 EAST 77TH STREET CLEVELAND 5, OHIO

To Headquarters
Foreign Technology Division
Air Force Systems Command
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Attn: Captain Hector Quintanilla, TDEW

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Cleveland Pneumatic Aviation of Pneumodynamics
Cleveland, Ohio

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2. It is our understanding that your corporation has some capability in spacecraft landing but no specific system is being developed. We would appreciate any information which you may have at your disposal. This information may be sent to Captain Hector Quintanilla, FTD (TDEW), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 45433.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
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H/R. Received phone call 22 May 64. Will get this first part of week of 24th.

Received reply 27 May 64

Cleveland Pneumatic Tool Company
3781 East 77th St
Cleveland 5, Ohio

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UFO sighting. The data was collected and no positive conclusion reached. On Tuesday, 28 April 1964, Capt Quintanilla directed Doctor J Allen Hynek to Socorro to obtain additional data. Composite results of the investigation by Capt Holder, Sgt Moody, Dr Hynek and Major Conner indicated that the attached narrative depicts the true circumstances of the sighting.

b. Specific Findings from Efforts to Date:

(1) On the evening of 24 April 1964 Sgt Chavez of the New Mexico State Police accompanied by Agent Burns of the FBI and Capt Richard Holder conducted a search of the area surrounding the sighting. There were no automobile tire markings or markings of any sort in the area other than those located at the site of the alleged landing and so noted in Capt Holder's report.

(2) Radioactivity: Major Conner and Sgt Moody checked the area for radiation. There was no radioactivity in the area of the sighting.

(3) Helo Activity: A check was made to determine if any helicopter activity was in the area at the approximate time of the sighting. This check was conducted at White Sands by Capt Holder who talked with the pilots and operational personnel. All helicopters at White Sands were in the hangars at the time of the sighting. Sgt Moody checked all AFS helicopters at Kirtland AFB and the landing gear did not coincide with the marks on the ground. Helo activity was checked within a radius of 300 miles including Biggs AFB at El Paso with negative results. All military helos including those associated with Project Cloud Gap have been eliminated as a possible cause of the sighting. However, civilian helicopter activity was not completely determined.

(4) Radar Surveillance of the Area: Capt Holder contacted radar sites at White Sands and Alamogordo. He was informed that there was no unidentified activity in the area during the time of the sighting.

(5) Soil Samples: The soil samples obtained at the sighting were given to Dr J Allen Hynek by Capt Holder. They were turned over to Captain Quintanilla who in turn submitted them to ASD for analysis. Laboratory analysis of the soil was completed on 19 May 64. It included spectrographic analysis which revealed that there was no foreign material in the soil samples. Also, no chemicals were detected in the charred or burned soil which would indicate a type of propellant. There was no significant difference in elemental composition between the different samples.

THE **CLEVELAND PNEUMATIC TOOL COMPANY**

3781 EAST 77TH STREET
CLEVELAND 5, OHIO
DIAMOND 1-1700

May 26, 1964

Reference: SD-2-1733

Headquarters
Foreign Technology Division
Air Force Systems Command
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

ATTENTION: Captain Hector Quintanilla/TDEW

SUBJECT: Lunar Module Spacecraft Landing Gear

Gentlemen:

This is to confirm our recent telephone conversation with regard to your letter of May 20, 1964 in which you ask for information relative to our experience in the lunar field. We believe a review of the enclosed booklets will indicate to you that we do have considerable background in this field.

We have submitted proposals to the Martin Company, Baltimore, Maryland, and also Grumman in Bethpage, Long Island. These were classified proposals, details of which are possibly available to you at Wright Field.

Our Instrumentation and Control Division in Grand Rapids received a contract (AF33(616)-6572) several years ago covering a study of "Vehicle Departure and Alightment Concepts". Again, may we suggest that the complete file on this subject is available to you at Wright Field. For your convenient reference, we attach copies of reports 1, 3, 4, 5, 14, and 15 covering this particular study. These are probably the most graphic reports submitted against the contract, and will serve to show you the numerous areas of study.

Our National Water Lift Division in Kalamazoo, Michigan, produced the landing gear assembly for the "surveyor" project. A copy of a single page brochure on this topic is enclosed.

We do not feel free to pass on further information on this program because of the restrictions imposed by the prime contractor, Hughes Aircraft Company. Additional information on this project may be in your files or available to you by contacting the Hughes Company.

If it would be of any assistance to you in your present project, we would be pleased to have one of our preliminary design engineers visit you for general technical discussions on "lunar landing gear". If you would prefer to visit us, we would be certainly glad to have you spend a day or two with us. These suggestions, of course, do not place you or the Government under any obligation to us whatsoever.

Very truly yours,

THE CLEVELAND PNEUMATIC TOOL COMPANY

W. A. Lavery
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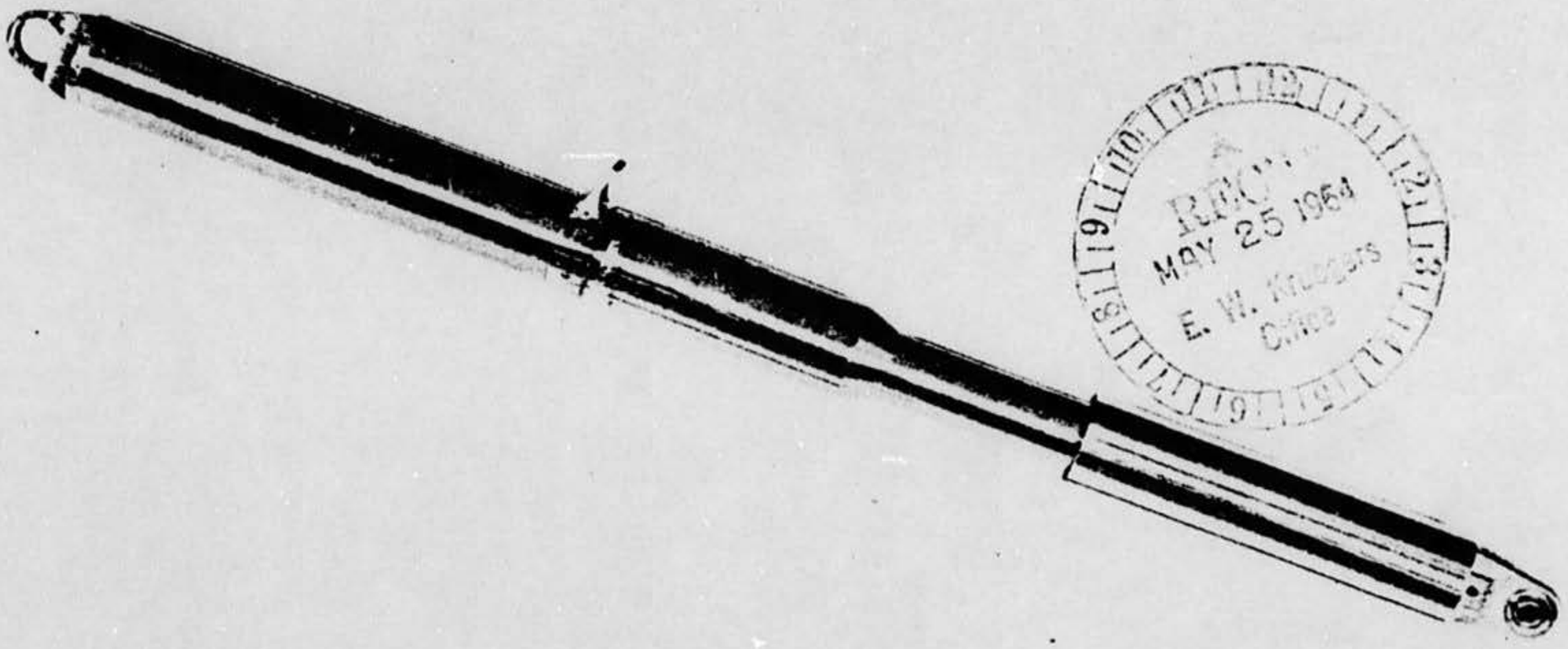
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The design parameters are very severe. Temperatures range from + 275° F to - 300° F, pressures inside the unit go up to 15,000 psi, and pressures outside the unit drop to 10^{-14} torr. The required damping profile is both a function of unit velocity and unit stroke position.

The unit contains a gas charge at 1500 psi and will retain such a charge for 12 months. External moving parts are encapsulated by flexible metal bellows. The unit uses a special grade of titanium (13 Cr 11V 3 Al) heat treated to 185,000 psi minimum. A very detailed and comprehensive reliability program controls this project.

By the nature of its' end usage, the production of the shock absorber will be small. However, the engineering, product know-how, and special experience requirement are very large. This unit typifies NWL Company's capacity for small production runs on sophisticated hardware.



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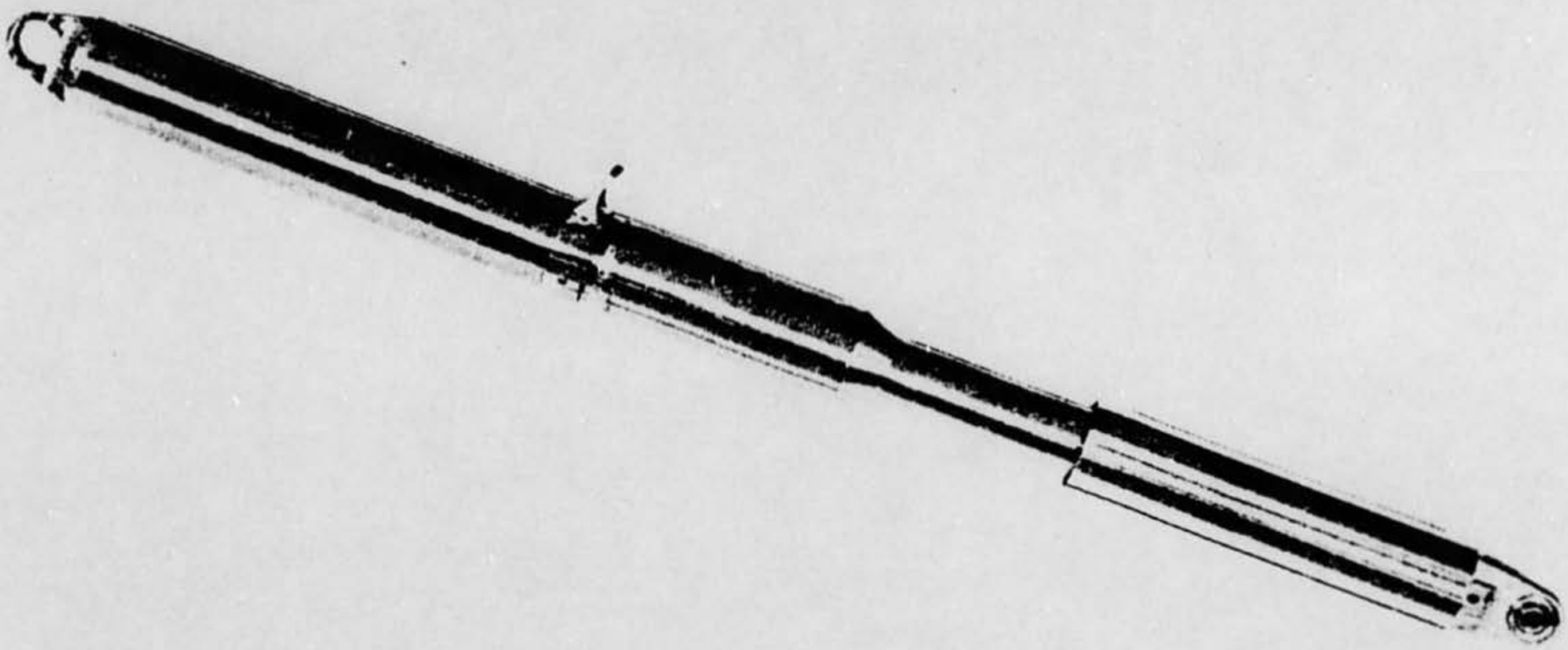
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Request for Lunar Module Information

19 May 64

Goodyear Aerospace Corp
Akron, Ohio

1. Request any information relative to the present status of lunar module projects conducted by your corporation. Information should be forwarded to Captain Hector Quintanilla, FTD (TDEW/UFO), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433.

2. We have a particular interest in re-entry and landing studies.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

M/R: Mr Fred Ruble called Capt Quintanilla on 28 May 64 regarding the above letter. He is the Goodyear representative regarding this particular field and has been in contact with FTD in the past. His phone is 794-2366 or 794-2666at Akron. Information on these programs are generally classified. Should Capt Q desire an interview or contact Mr Ruble he may do so. Their representative suggested that we read Space Astroamutics, May 1964 regardigg the M-1 MII and M-2 vehicles associated with this type program.

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Request for Lunar Module Information 20 May 64

Menasco Mfg Co
Fort Worth, Texas

1. Our office is interested in lunar module type spacecraft having landing gear experience. Normally these projects are supervised by NASA.

2. It is our understanding that your corporation has some capability on the spacecraft landing but no specific system is being developed. We would appreciate any information which you may have at your disposal. This information may be sent to Captain Hector Quintanilla, FTD (TDEW/UFO, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
COLONEL, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

M/R: Capt Quintanilla spoke with V C Serianni, representative of the Menasco Manufacturing Company, on 28 May 64. Menasco has the capability of producing a Lunar Landing Module, however, they have not built any models for any of the contractors. Menasco has done much research in this area and have a Laboratory model with girder-like pods for a Landing mechanism.

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MENASCO MANUFACTURING COMPANY
TEXAS DIVISION
TELEPHONE BU 3-4471
BOX 7307, SYLVANIA STATION
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

May 25, 1964
Letter No. TS 5516

Headquarters
Foreign Technology Division
Air Force Systems Command
United States Air Force
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Attention: Eric T. deJonckheere, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

Subject: Request for Lunar Module Information

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter of May 20, 1964, we have referred your inquiry to our Dayton, Ohio representative, Mr. Vince Serianni, who will contact Captain Hector Quintanilla in regard to our capability and interest in programs of this type.

Thank you for your inquiry, and we trust that we may be of service to you in the future.

Very truly yours,

MENASCO MANUFACTURING CO.

R. J. Schmidt
Divisional Sales Manager

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Request for Lunar Module Information 19 May 64

Bell Aerosystem Co
Buffalo, New York

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2. We have a particular interest in the Lunar Excursion Module (Ascent Rocket).

FOR THE COMMANDER

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Headquarters
Foreign Technology Division
Air Force Systems Command
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio 45433

VIA AIR MAIL

Attention: Captain Hector Quintanilla
FTD (TDEW/UFO)

(6) VTOL and Lunar Modules:

(a) Personnel working on the development of VTOL type aircraft and lunar modules were consulted. VTOL type a/c were not eliminated as a possible cause due to the absence of a blast effect in the area. There are several types of ducted blast devices which would divert the force of the blast outward. However, they were not aware of an operational craft of this nature.

(b) Lunar Module configurations conform not only to the description of the object but also have girder like legs or pods which would produce markings such as those found at Socorro. One known experimental model, constructed by Bell Aircraft Corporation, is located at Edwards AFB.

(7) Additional Witness: The El Defensor and Chieftan of Tuesday 28 Apr 64 carried an article indicating that an unidentified tourist traveling North on U S 85 saw the UFO just before it landed. He also observed the police car heading up the hill toward the spot where the UFO landed. If this is true, the UFO not only disappeared in the direction of White Sand's but also came from that same direction. A telephone call to Mr Opal Grinder of Whiting Brothers Service Station indicated that he was the source for reporting that an unidentified tourist had observed the unidentified flying object. He verified that the information in the news article was correct.

c. General Conclusions to Date:

(1) Evaluation of the data contained in the various investigative reports confirms that a sighting definitely did occur. The description of the object and flight characteristics are coincident with that expected of a helicopter, VTOL or Lunar Module configuration. Current investigative efforts are being made to establish or identify the specific vehicle which caused the sighting. The following statement by Captain Hector Quintanilla represents a statement which may be released to the press:

"Conclusion: The investigators at Wright-Patterson have not been able to identify or determine what type of vehicle or object Mr Lonnie Zamora observed on 24 April at Socorro, New Mexico. The object or vehicle displayed flight characteristics well within the State-of-the-Art and the sighting cannot be attributed to atmospheric or astronomical phenomena. In this respect, I can categorically state that the vehicle or object observed by Mr Lonnie Zamora was not an inter-planetary space vehicle visiting the planet Earth. This case is still open and the investigation is still in progress."

BELL AEROSYSTEMS COMPANY
BUFFALO 5, NEW YORK PHONE: NIAGARA FALLS 297-1000 AREA CODE 716

4 September 1964

Subject: NAS 9-1100
Request for Lunar Module Information

To: Headquarters
Foreign Technology Division
Air Force Systems Command
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

Attention: Captain Hector Quintanilla
FTD (TDEW/UFO)

1. We have received your request for LEM information. Thank you for your interest in Bell's participation in this program. Bell's participation involves the production of both the LEM Ascent Engine and positive expulsion tanks for the LEM reaction control system. These tanks are patterned after similar tanks we are making for the Apollo Command Module reaction control system.

2. We are unable to honor your request for LEM information at this time. Because of the terms of our subcontracts with Grumman Aircraft, approval must be obtained from Grumman prior to releasing information concerning the subcontracts. A request has been sent to Grumman requesting approval to supply you with information. To date we have not received this approval.

3. If you wish to contact Grumman directly to explain your requirements for information, we suggest that you contact the following:

Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation
Bethpage, Long Island, New York

Attention: Mr. E. F. Hintz
Subcontract Administrator
Plant No. 25

A. E. Mirti
Project Director
LEM Ascent Engine

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cc: Col. E. T. de Jonckheere, USAF
Mr. E. F. Hintz, GAEC
Mr. J. Conover, GAEC Res. Rep. at BAC

BELL AEROSYSTEMS COMPANY
BUFFALO 5 NEW YORK

4 September 1964

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Grumman Aircraft
Long Island, New York

1. Request any information relative to the present status of lunar module projects conducted by your corporation. Information should be forwarded to Captain Hector Quintanilla, FTD (TDEW/UFO), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433.

2. We have a particular interest in the Lunar Excursion Module (LEM).

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
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Long - Tempco - Vought Corporation
Greenville, Texas

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2. We have a particular interest in the Advanced Lunar Transport Systems.

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Aeroenertronics Division
Philco Corporation
Newport Beach, California

1. Request any unclassified information relative to the present status of lunar module projects conducted by your corporation. Information should be forwarded to Captain Hector Quintanilla, FTD (TDEW/UFO), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433.

2. We have a particular interest in the Manned Mars Excursion Module (MEM).

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Lockheed Aircrift Co
Burbank, California

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2. We have a particular interest in the Manned Planetary Systems/Lunar Ferry.

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North American Aviation Inc
Downey, California

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2. We have a particular interest in the Manned Mars Landing Study.

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Request for Lunar Module Information 20 May 64

McDonnel Aircraft
Project Gemini
Lambert Field
St Louis, Missouri

1. Our office is interested in lunar module type spacecraft having landing gear experience. Normally these projects are supervised by NASA.

2. It is our understanding that your corporation has some capability on the spacecraft landing but no specific system is being developed. We would appreciate any information which you may have at your disposal. This information may be sent to Captain Hector Quintanilla, FTD (TDEW/UFO), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433.

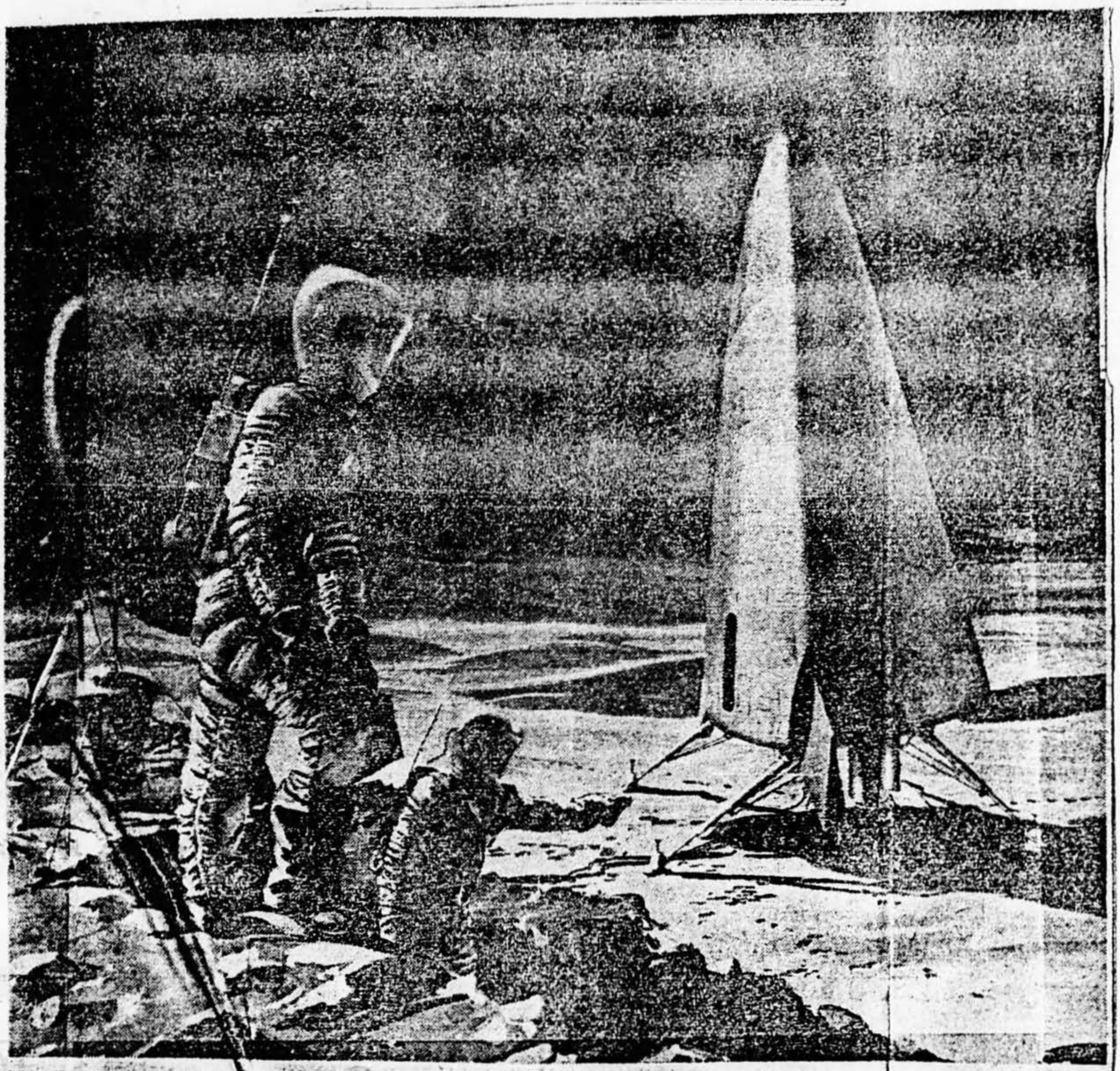
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LANDING ON MARS— Leaving scientific equipment behind, explorers in this artist's drawing launch their craft to return to an orbiting mother ship which is stationed above Mars' atmosphere. The journey by a U.S. space team could be made by 1975, according to Dr. Franklin P. Nixon, Mars Excursion Module program director at Newport's Aeronutronic Division of the Philco Corp.

U.S. Space Team Could Blast Off for Mars in 1975, Scientist Says

BY MILT BROUHARD
Times Staff Writer

ANAHEIM—A three-man U.S. space team could be successfully landed on Mars to conduct surface explorations in 1983, according to one man connected with the program.

The target date could be advanced several years — perhaps as early as 1975—if federal government officials would give the program the go-ahead at this time, he contends.

"It would take about nine years to test and assemble the hardware and about six years to train the astronauts who would make the landing," says Dr. Franklin P. Dixon, Mars Excursion Module program director at Newport's Aeronutronic Division of the Philco Corp.

Moon Probe First

He said that current NASA projects linked with a — hopefully — successful astronaut moon landing will provide most of the necessary information and equipment needed to land men on Mars and return them safely.

Dr. Dixon revealed this information and designs for the space vehicle to be used at Tuesday evening's meeting of the Orange County Chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics at Disneyland Hotel here.

His discliosure was based on the final work Aeronutronic submitted to NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston. The report requested by NASA was conducted to check the practicality of such a space attempt.

haven't the financial capability to attempt a similar project unless they completely trample the material needs of their exploding population," he said.

The landing team would be composed of the pilot, an astronaut, who would be trained to act as a scientific assistant once the 40-day exploration on Mars actually got underway; a scientific person trained in geology, physiology and meteorology, and a third member who would be oriented to biology and bio-physics.

Modified Boosters

Beween five and ten current or modified Saturn-C boosters would launch the attempt by lifting all equipment needed for an initial earth-orbiting way station.

Once the way station was in operation, a nuclear-powered spacecraft would be launched from it towards Mars. This mothership would have a four to six-

for the 390-440 days it is expected to make the round trip.

The mother-ship would establish a Martian orbit and send out the actual landing craft towards a pre-designated landing area. This flight would last about one hour.

Craft Described

The explorer's small draft would be able to change direction once inside Mars' atmosphere to make corrections from the prime launch pattern. It would be a tail-first landing with the craft in position for blast-off when the return to the orbiting mother-ship is to be made.

Most of the equipment in the landing craft would be expendable once it has served its scientific purposes, Dr. Dixon said.

Ideally, the men would be landed in the springtime near Mars' north polar ice cap so they could investigate "dark areas" which he said may be some form of life lapping up the water created by the melting thin ice cap.

He said the only additional work needed beyond current space studies would be the final development of a current nuclear engine to propel the landing vehicle's mother ship from an earth orbiting space station and better knowledge of Mars' atmospheric conditions.

Need Government Backing

"The major hurdle is actually to have the government want to make the venture," Dr. Dixon said. He hopes that the possibilities of greater scientific knowledge and the political advantage of outstripping Russian space efforts will provide the leverage to get approval for the program.

"The Russians at this time

d. Continuing Investigative Efforts at Present Include:

(1) The FTD Liaison Officer, Major Mitchell at White Sands, has been requested to determine if a vehicle from a classified project at White Sands could have contributed to the sighting.

(2) A letter has been sent to the FAA requesting any information relative to identification of a firm using the marking observed by Lonnie Zamora.

(3) NASA has been queried regarding the status of the Lunar Module Programs. As of this date no reply has been received.

(4) Letters concerning status of the Lunar Module programs have been written to 15 industrial organizations.

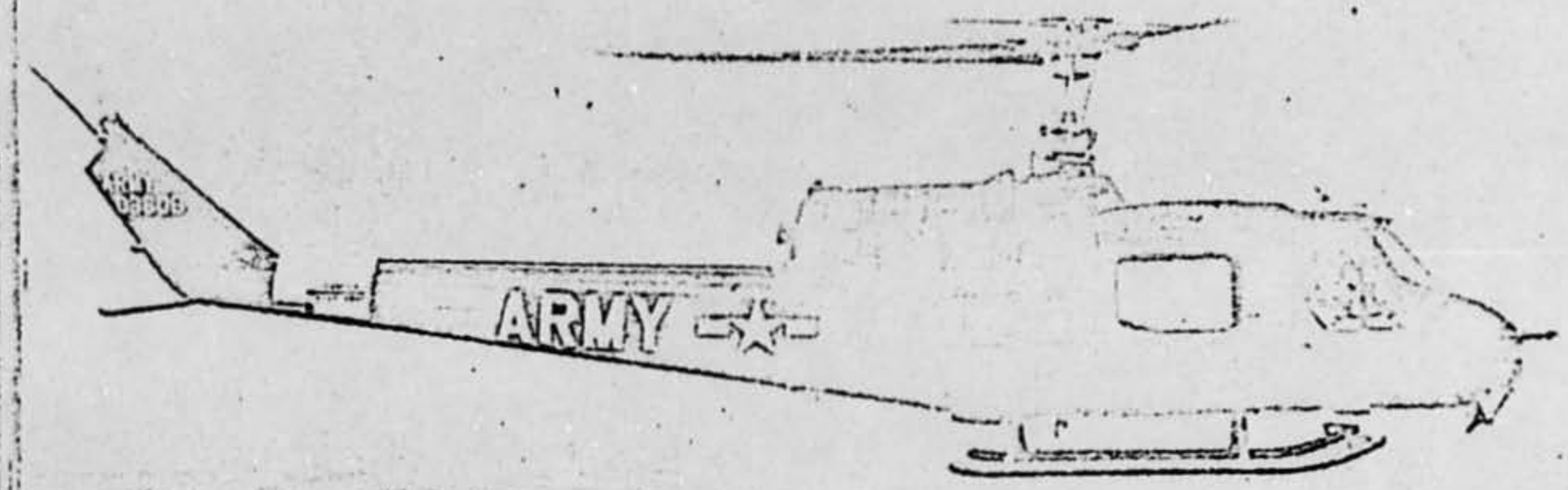
(5) Contact with research and development personnel associated with VTOL and Lunar Module Programs is being maintained.

(6) Efforts to locate the unidentified tourist have not been successful, however, this is still a possibility.

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UH-1B

PURPOSE — Utility Tactical Hel.
COMMON NAME — Iroquois

AIRFRAME
- Manufacturer — Bell
- Personnel — Pilot-8 troops, or Pilot and attendant and 3 litters
- External Cargo — 4,000 lbs

ENGINE
- Manufacturer — Lycoming
- Model Designation — T-53-L-11
- Take-Off Horsepower — 1,100
- Description — Gas turbine, free shaft

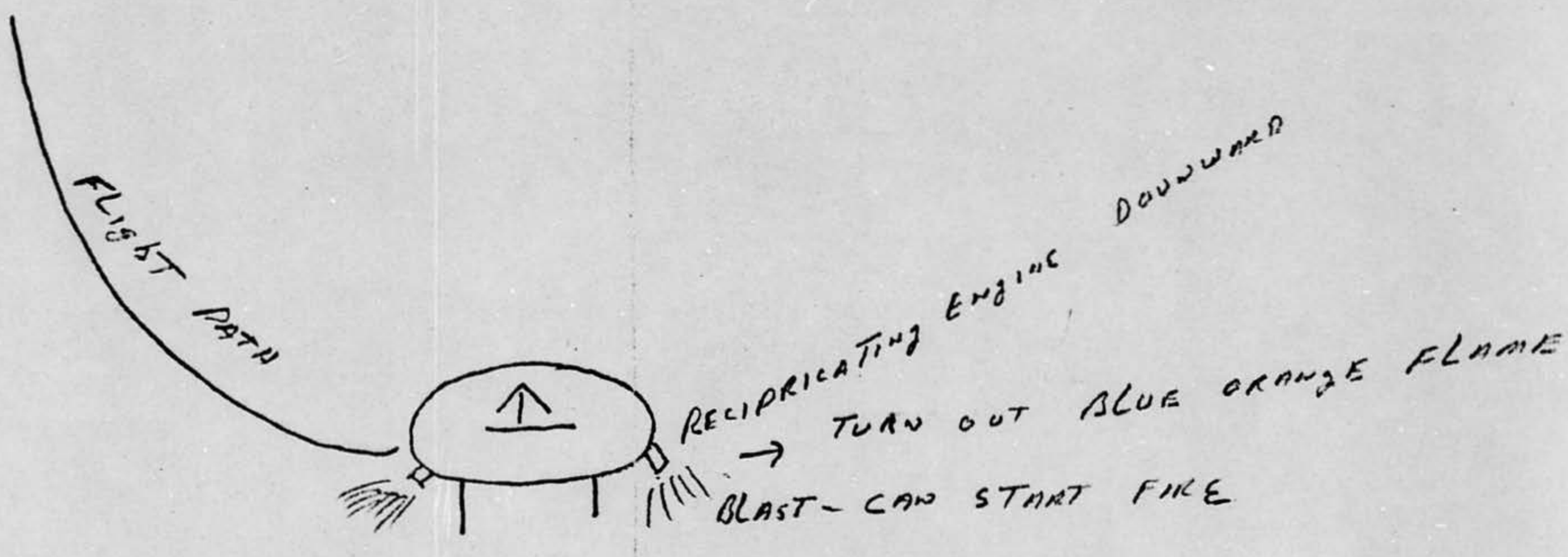
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2-Blade, 44' diameter Bell Metal Interchangeable (Main); 2-Blade, 8'5" diameter Bell Metal Interchangeable (Tail).

PERFORMANCE
- Range — 235 nautical miles
- Hovering Ceiling — 16,800 feet
- Max. Operating Wt. — 8,500 lbs
- Max. Cruising Speed — 113 knots

REMARKS

The UH-1Bs are being used extensively in combat in Vietnam. Armed with rockets and machine guns, UH-1Bs provide close fire support for Allied field troops. These ships also fly armed tactical escort missions for other heavier, less maneuverable troop-carrying aircraft.



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May 29, 1968

Dr. J. Allen Hynek
Department of Astronomy
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois 60201

Dear Dr. Hynek:

Your letter of 30 April, requesting information about individuals referred to in the letter who might have witnessed the sighting of unidentified flying objects on April 24, 1964, was forwarded to my attention.

After considerable searching of the newspaper files during the period in question, I have come up with some helpful information.

The Telegraph-Herald carried a page one story on April 29, 1964 covering the details of the sighting. Two persons from Dubuque were listed in the story as having seen the object in question. The story lists:

Paul Kies, 650 Sunset Ridge, Dubuque, Iowa
and
Larry Kratzer, 1504 Henion, Dubuque, Iowa (now of 751 Kane Street)

I hope this information will be of value to you in your search for a solution to puzzling phenomenon of unidentified flying objects and trust that the information will be used with discretion.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Dempsey
Director of Public Relations

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30 April 1968

Editor
Telegraph Heŧald News
Dubuque, Iowa

Dear Sir:

In my capacity as Scientific Consultant to the Air Forces' Project Blue Book I am trying to get more details on the April 24, 1964 sighting at Socorro, New Mexico, made by Lt. Zamora.

I would very much appreciate your help in obtaining the name and address of the individual referred to in the enclosed copy of Mr. Bieberman's letter who might also have witnessed this sighting.

I wish to assure you that my interest in this matter is entirely professional and under no circumstances do I use this material for publicity purposes or for any other reason that to try to solve this puzzling phenomenon of unidentified flying objects.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek
Director

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26 April 1968

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Chairman
Astronomy Department
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Dr. Hynek

I may have a lead on the person you are looking for. Within a week or two after Zamora's sighting on April 24, 1964, my mother sent me a clipping from Dubuque who saw the saucer in Socorro. The clipping was from the Telegraph Herald, Dubuque's newspaper, and included a picture of the individual. As I recall, the man was driving into Socorro at the time. Unfortunately, I no longer have the clipping. However, I am sure that the name and address of the individual could be obtained from the Telegraph Herald in Dubuque.

Very truly yours,

(signed)

Robert A. Bieberman
601 Fitch Avenue
Socorro, New Mexico 87801

April 26, 1968

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Astronomy Department
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

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The Albuquerque Tribune

Four Years Old

$100 Reward Offered In Saucer Mystery

SOCORRO (AP) — The mystery of a reported unidentified flying object four years ago south of Socorro on an isolated hill remains unsolved.

And to help find clues to help solve the problem, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University, in $100 reward to help locate a motorist who reported seeing the object.

On April 24, 1964, Socorro Policeman Lonnie Zamora saw what he described as a four-legged, egg-shaped object with at least two persons aboard.

At least one other person, an unidentified tourist traveling north on old U.S. 85, was quoted as saying he saw the UFO just before it landed in the area. Opal Grinder, who was manager of a Socorro service station at that time, reported the tourist, a man, remarked that aircraft flew low in the Socorro area.

Grinder said there were several helicopters in the area. He quoted the tourist as replying that it was a "funny-looking helicopter if that is what it was." Grinder quoted the man as saying the object flew directly over his car.

Grinder, unaware of Zamora's sighting, said he attached no importance to the report then.

Dr. Hynek told the Las Cruces Sun-News that in an effort to establish the Socorro sighting, he authorized the $100 reward, which will go to persons knowing the whereabouts of the motorist. Dr. Hynek, who is a consultant to the Air Force on UFO sightings, said persons who would know the motorist should contact Dr. Hynek at Northwestern University.

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