

BURNS FOLLOW UFO INCIDENT



Shown above is the right profile of Betty Cash, displaying area of hair loss. See story at right.

UNIDENTIFIED LIGHT IN ARIZONA CANYON

On June 27, 1981, a party of 14 people observed an unidentified light which moved about the Cow Canyon area of Lake Powell in northern Arizona for about 1½ hours.

Mr. K. B. and 13 other persons were on an outing in Mr. B.'s houseboat on Lake Powell when they sighted a bright light resembling a strobe light which flashed at a rate of 2 flashes per second as it came down the south side of the canyon. The light was clearly seen against the canyon wall.

APRO was notified by a local ranger at Page, Arizona, on July 24, after which Mr. B. was interviewed. At the point where the light appeared the Lake is between 20 and 40 feet deep, and the canyon is about 150 feet wide and 175 feet from the water to the top of the canyon.

The object circled the camping party, then proceeded to the north side of the canyon where it was

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(Editor's note: Although our first information on this case came to hand on February 2nd, 1981, via a call from Robert Gribble of Seattle, Washington, we have not presented it via the Bulletin because of the involvement of so many individuals, their interpretations, opinions, etc. At long last, the salient information has sifted through to such an extent that we feel a full report (at least to this date) is in order. We would like to thank APRO member John Schuessler and VISIT (Vehicle Internal Systems Investigation Team) of which John is also a member, for their excellent work in this investigation and their cooperation.)

The facts as we have been able to determine them:

On December 29, 1980 Betty Cash, 52, her friend Vicky Landrum, 56, and Vicky's 7-year-old grandson Colby had been driving around an area north of Houston, Texas, trying to find a Bingo game to attend. They stopped at a truck stop restaurant in New Caney, then proceeded back toward Dayton, Texas, where Ms. Cash lives. At about 9 p.m. they encountered the "object" on the Huffman-New Caney Road near Inland Road. It was high in the sky when first observed, appearing fire-like. As they watched, it rapidly descended to the treetop level above the road in front of them (south), approximately 100 feet away. (At a later on-the-spot re-enactment, Mr. Schuessler paced off the distance between where the car had been stopped and where the witnesses said the object hovered, and found it to be 133 feet. Ms. Cash and Mrs. Landrum indicated that, at that distance, it appeared to be the size of a city water tank.)

Because the object was shooting flames downward, they were afraid to drive under it, so they stopped the car, Mrs. Cash turned off the ignition and they got out, but stood behind the opened doors to observe it. Mrs. Cash, who was driving, watched from her side and Vicky Colby from the passengers' side.

In his report on the on-site investigation, Mr. Schuessler describes the area as near a lake, with businesses, trailers, cabins, etc., throughout the general area. Near the area of the incident itself is an occupied house trailer, but inquiries by Mr. Schuessler and fellow investigator Alan Holt, revealed that the people living there had gone to bed by 8 p.m., about an hour before the Cash-Landrum incident, and saw nothing.

Ms. Cash stood in the doorway of her car (a 1980 Dodge Cutlass Supreme) until the object started to

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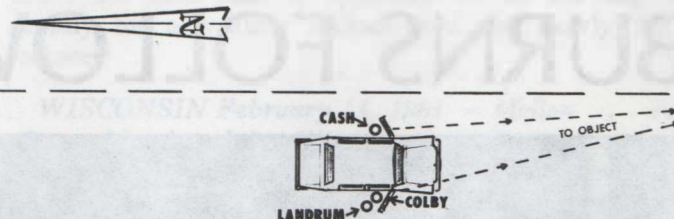
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rise and pull away to the right (west). Vicky stood with her right hand side toward the object and four fingers of her left hand resting on the car top, holding Colby close to her as she watched. The boy was terrified and screamed for her to get back to the car, which she did, and the boy hid on the floor. Mrs. Landrum estimates she was outside the car for two to three minutes, but that Mrs. Cash stayed outside at least twice that length of time.

All three were very frightened and Mrs. Landrum, who is quite religious, thought that it was "the end of the world," and was saying so as she watched the object. After she got back into the car, she prayed as she watched, and Colby continued to scream.

The descriptions given by the two women are very similar: tree-lined, black-top road, object ahead (south of them), surrounded by a glow and shooting red and orange-colored fire toward the ground. Betty described the object as just an extremely bright light with no distinct shape, Vicky said it was oblong with a rounded top and a point on the bottom, while Colby said it was totally diamond-shaped.

The evening had been cool (about 40°), Ms. Cash was wearing a leather jacket and the car heater had been in use on low setting. Ms. Cash stopped the car



initially because it was so low over the road she was afraid to go under it, but it was also shooting flames downward and each time it did so, a swoosh-swoosh "like a flame thrower" sound could be heard. They had heard a beep-beep sound before they stopped and it continued until the object left. Over the "swoosh-swoosh" and "beep-beep", another sound was heard—a great "roar" which continued even as the object flew away.

After the object left, the car was so hot that Ms. Cash had to use her jacket as a "hot pad" to close the door, and turned on the airconditioner to cool off the interior. Nevertheless, she followed the course of the object to Road FM2100. It was high and still very bright. At about this time helicopters were very much in evidence. They were lit up by the light of the object and were identified as such by their rotors and blinking lights; the women could not see any insignia but did count between 20 and 25 of the craft. However, they do admit that they could have counted some twice as they (the 'copters) were moving about the area, but they think there were at least 12.

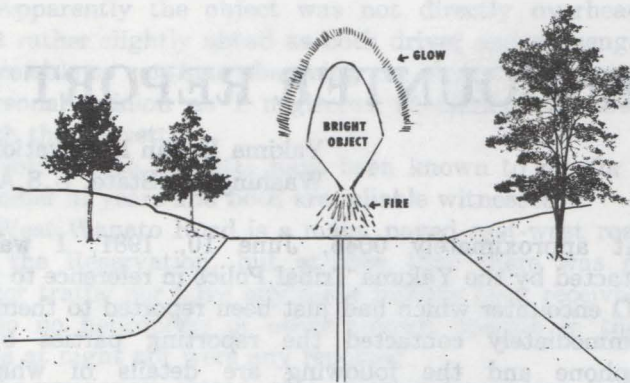
After stopping to watch three times, the trio continued their journey. Ms. Cash left Vicki and Colby off at home, then went to her own home where a friend who was staying with her was waiting. It was 9:50 p.m. When she entered her home she sat down in a chair. Her neck was hurting and she said her head felt as though it would burst. Soon after, she developed nodules on her head and scalp which burst and flowed clear fluid. The next day she was too ill to get out of bed and 4 days later she was admitted to Parkway General Hospital in Houston as a burn victim.

Between the time of the incident and her admittance to the hospital, Betty Cash's eyes had swelled shut, she was nearly blind, and she was suffering from nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. At the hospital, a nurse applied salve to her eyes and they improved, but it was nearly a week before her eyes were open to the extent that she could recognize people. Hospital personnel also applied burn cream to her face to prevent scarring and she said that large patches of tissue peeled from her face during the ordeal. All medical personnel who attended her said that she was a very good patient, and not a complainer. This same

opinion was voiced by her cardiologist, Dr. V.B. Shenoy who said that she only came in to see him when it was mandatory. She had undergone an artery by-pass surgical procedure just two and a half years before the December 1980 encounter.

Dr. Shenoy had called in specialists of various expertise and conducted a battery of tests to determine the cause of Ms. Cash's injuries, but no answers were forthcoming. A little over a week after she left the hospital, she returned, still suffering from nausea, swelling and headaches. The vomiting she had initially experienced was gone, but her appetite had not returned and she had patches of baldness where her hair had fallen out.

These are the important points concerning the initial encounter and Ms. Cash's physical problems, but this report is far from being complete. The following is a brief description of Vicky Landrum's and her grandson's unusual symptoms following their experience:



Colby's face was "sunburned" and he had problems with his eyes which still persist, but not to extreme. Both he and his grandmother "felt strange" when they arrived home that night and during the next several days (at least 3) and they both had stomach aches. Vicky said she used three bottles of baby oil on their skin during that time.

In addition to the symptoms described above, the hair on the right side of Vicky's head fell out, but is now growing back. She said her scalp had felt as though it was "asleep". The fingernails on her left hand were affected and developed a line-like indentation across each from side to side. As of February 28, 1981, they had partially grown out. Note that her left hand was the one which she rested on top of the car as she watched.

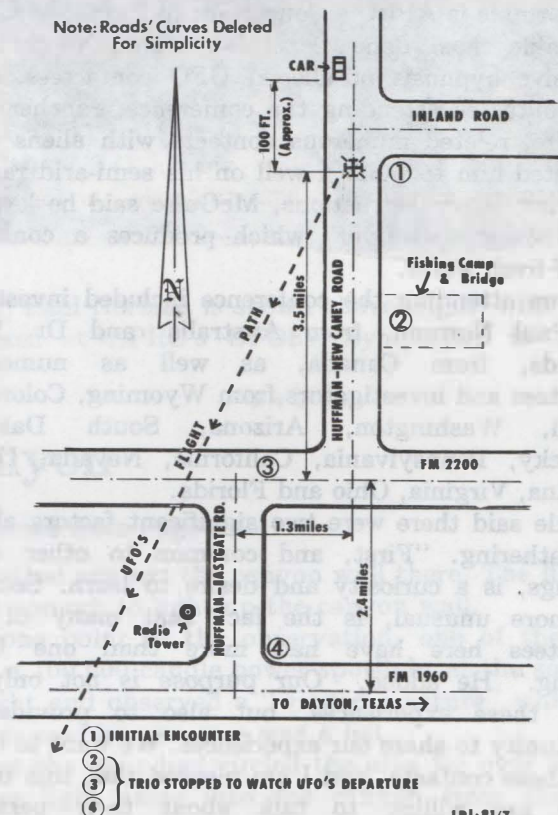
Colby had nightmares for two or three weeks after the incident and he wet the bed because he was afraid to get up out of bed at night. He began sleeping in his own bed again at about the second week in February. As of Mr. Schuessler's February up-date, Vicky's eyes were still very inflamed and the right one drained constantly. Prior to the incident, Vicky wore reading glasses only, but now has glasses which she must wear all of the time.

Where the helicopters are concerned, we have two different recountings: Ms. Cash did not notice the helicopters until after the object began to rise and leave the area. However, Colby says he saw the helicopters all during the sighting from the time Mrs. Cash stopped the car and they got out to watch, and during its departure and their subsequent stops to watch as the helicopters appeared to chase or escort the object.

Ms. Landrum now feels the whole incident was not "unnatural", and that the U.S. government was either escorting or transporting something dangerous through the area. Colby said he thought the helicopters were trying to identify the object. Mrs. Landrum's son mentioned a similar incident near the lake six months prior to the December 29 incident, when a fiery object landed and burned "a large area of grass."

Due to her injuries, Betty Cash has been unable to work since the incident. She had, until that time, operated a truck stop, but because of the effect on her appearance (blistering, peeling, loss of hair) has not been able to meet the public. By the end of February her medical expenses had cost her in excess of \$10,000. Since then, she has been staying with her mother in Alabama and making frequent trips back to Houston.

In a telephone conversation with Dr. Richard Niemtzw, a member of VISIT and APRO Consultant in Medicine, Mr. Schuessler learned that the lines in Mrs. Landrum's fingernails are common in chemotherapy patients, indicating that the therapy is effective. The fingernail line is an area of nonviable



(non-living) tissue where something stopped the growth. The nail line corresponds to the loss of hair and diarrhea as a symptom and could mean that the whole body was exposed to something.

This report does not write finis to the Cash-Landrum case by any means. We have examined the pertinent information and except for naming Doctors, types of tests and information of that nature, we have given it the thorough perusal it deserves. All tests conducted by medical experts failed to yield a clue to the means behind the injuries suffered by the two women and the boy.

Any further information forthcoming which adds to the case will be published in a forthcoming issue of the *Bulletin*.

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CONTACTEE CONFERENCE HELD

About 75 persons from the United States and several other countries participated in a conference of UFO contactees and investigators in Laramie, Wyoming, the weekend of May 23rd and 24th. The conference, held at the University of Wyoming campus, was sponsored by the Laramie-based Paranormal Research Organization for UFO Studies (PRO UFOs) and coordinated by Dr. Leo Sprinkle, Director of Counseling and Testing at the university. (Dr. Sprinkle is APRO's Consultant in Psychology.)

Sprinkle has done extensive research through regressive hypnosis of alleged UFO contactees. One such contactee attending the conference, rancher Pat McGuire, related numerous contacts with aliens who instructed him to build a well on his semi-arid ranch. Following these instructions, McGuire said he located an "Underground river" which produces a constant flow of fresh water.

Others attending the conference included investigators Paul Norman, from Australia, and Dr. Max Edwards, from Canada, as well as numerous contactees and investigators from Wyoming, Colorado, Hawaii, Washington, Arizona, South Dakota, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, California, Nevada, Utah, Montana, Virginia, Ohio and Florida.

Sprinkle said there were two significant factors about the gathering. "First, and common to other such meetings, is a curiosity and desire to learn. Second, and more unusual, is the fact that many of the contactees here have had more than one UFO sighting." He added, "Our purpose is not only to record these experiences, but also to provide an opportunity to share our experiences. We want to learn from these contacts, and I am pleased that this many people are willing to talk about their personal

experiences."

The conference activities included videotape presentations on UFO research, contactee and abductee experiences, and presentations by UFO investigators. A telepathic experiment was also scheduled which consisted of a group of contactees, investigators and other interested parties concentrating on thoughts which might be communicated to alien beings in hope of making some sort of physical contact.

Simultaneously, Kveta Koutna, a psychic in Czechoslovakia, would attempt to gain mental energy from the Laramie group to help project her thoughts into space. Sprinkle said Koutna has had success in the past with transmitting thoughts to persons around the world, and the effect often seems to linger, as if the other persons might be able to communicate with her.

The conference concluded with group discussions, evaluation of the conference, and plans for future proceedings.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

Yakima Indian Reservation
Washington, State, U.S.A.

At approximately 0046, June 10, 1981, I was contacted by the Yakima Tribal Police in reference to a UFO encounter which had just been reported to them. I immediately contacted the reporting parties by telephone and the following are details of what occurred:

At about 0015, June 10, 1981, Wapt Bassett and his wife Rose, both Yakima Indians, were proceeding west on West Wapato Road enroute to their residence. They were between crossroads of Lateral A and Lateral B. Suddenly the immediate area around their vehicle lit up and continued so as they drove west. They, of course, looked out of the vehicle to see what was causing this cone of light they were driving in. Overhead at approximately the height of a three-story building was this fairly large object which was keeping pace with them and from which the light was coming.

Both persons described the object as shaped like a "badge." Due to the light coming from the object and it being night, they could not determine a color of the object. The object made no discernible noise or sound. The periphery of the object was marked by small, multi-colored lights which kept flashing. Unknown whether in sequence. There were also two, bright, pale-yellow lights, one on each side of the object and a third directly in the middle. The two outside lights appeared to be shining in towards the beam of the middle light. The middle light was the one which was aimed down at the Bassett's auto and from which the

beam was coming.

The Bassetts detected no personal discomfort nor did their vehicle malfunction.

The object remained over their auto until they had almost reached Lateral C—a distance of a little over a mile. At this point, the object ascended straight up at a fairly rapid speed and disappeared in a cloud-like mist of its own making. The Bassetts turned off of West Wapato Road on Lateral C and proceeded to their residence where they immediately contacted the Tribal Police Dispatcher.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The description of this object is very similar to that of other objects sighted in another portion of the Reservation several weeks ago. A written report was submitted or made on these sightings.

My conversation was largely with Mr. Bassett. Neither of the Bassetts seemed the least bit frightened and were both fascinated by the encounter. Mrs. Bassett said although she knew of UFOs, she had never seen one before.

Apparently the object was not directly overhead, but rather slightly ahead as both driver and passenger were able to continue observing the object. This is my personal opinion as I neglected to clarify the point with the Bassetts.

Both of the Bassetts have been known to me for a number of years and both are reliable witnesses.

West Wapato Road is a main, paved east-west road on the Reservation, but at that time there was no other traffic nor have any other reports been received. Also no helicopters or other aircraft operate in that area at night nor were any reported.

As previously stated, this object's description fairly matches that of other sightings on the Reservation during the past month and one half, except the other objects did not disappear in self-made clouds, but moved off over the horizon.

No further investigation appears called for at this time.

PILOT'S DISAPPEARANCE SUBJECT OF DOCUMENTARY

March 25, 1981 — Victoria, Australia Sidney film producer Brian Morris plans to make a two-hour television documentary centered on the disappearance of Melbourne pilot, Frederick Valentich, in 1978. To be called "Close Encounters of the Real Kind" it will be based on a book written by Sydney author Gary

Lester.

Valentich, who held an unrestricted license with 200 hours flying to his credit, disappeared without a trace after making a strange radio call reporting his position to the Melbourne Flight Service. A four-day search of 5000 square miles of ocean failed to find any trace of the blue and white Cessna 182.

The story will begin from the time the pilot got up in the morning and follow as closely as possible the sequence of events leading to the disappearance. During the filming, a plane of the exact specifications of the one that disappeared will be taken to a height of 45,000 feet and dropped to ascertain which pieces of the plane, if any, should float. Since the disappearance, authorities have remained mystified by the lack of evidence or wreckage.

Links have been made between the disappearance and reported sightings of green lights in the sky by 15 people in areas along Bass Strait. Victorian UFO Research Society President, Mr. Paul Norman, has been assisting the production team by locating these 15 witnesses and interviewing them.

The rest of the film, shot on location in England, America and New Zealand, will show how the Valentich disappearance compares with others showing similar disappearance patterns. Mr. Norman said there had been 20 aircraft world-wide that have had alleged "close encounters" with UFOs.



(Mr. Paul Norman is shown above, right, with Mrs. Lorenzen at APRO's UFOhio Symposium in June, 1981.)

Canyon

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silhouetted against the canyon wall there. The light was bright enough to light up the canyon wall.

At one point in the observation, one of the party shone a 100,000 candle power spotlight at the source of the light and observed a "winged creature" which Mr. B. later said he was sure was a bat.

After the light had circled the area for over an hour another light came into the canyon from the same

direction as the first, they both flashed, then headed back up the canyon and out of sight in the direction from which they had come.

The brightness of the light, lack of sound and length of time of the observation rules out the mundane explanations such as meteors, backpackers, ground vehicles (no trails to accomodate such) and helicopters or other aircraft.

Mr. B. said that the light seen that night was similar to another sighting he had five years previously; however, the June 1981 sighting was of an object much brighter than the earlier one.

The closest the object came to the group of viewers was approximately 30 feet. Mr. B. is a judge in a large town in Utah and wishes to remain anonymous. Both he and the ranger stressed the factor that no drugs or alcohol had been in use by the witnesses.

EARLY 20'S REPORT FROM ENGLAND

August, 1925 — Birmingham Mr. A. Hyde and a friend were walking over Sedgley Beacon about 4 o'clock (no exact date) in the afternoon when they spotted a spherical-shaped object passing from right to left above an opening of blue sky in the clouds. The object completed a circular path then an identical object crossed over at the far end of the opening. The two objects circled noiselessly in a clockwise direction at an altitude estimated at 15,000 feet.

A few minutes later the cloud gap widened, exposing a third identical object hovering absolutely motionless. Considering the visual size of the objects in relation to the distance, they were estimated to be about 36 feet across by 18 feet deep. The clouds then closed in and the objects were lost from view.

THANK YOU — CUP!

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen are grateful for the help received from various individuals of the Cleveland UFOlogy Project, headed by Mr. Earl Neff, during their visit there for the APRO UFOhio Symposium.

Dreama Holt assisted by coordinating telephone messages and alerting local ufologists to the particulars about the Symposium.

On hand to meet speakers upon arrival at the Airport was cheerful, informative Bill Bretz.

Steve Toth and Edie Schneider kept things going at the Registration Table until they were relieved by Joe and Doris Graziano of Maryland.

The taped record of the Symposium was made by Frank Reiger, so those of you who purchase the trans-



Shown above are Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen and Earl Neff, director of the Cleveland UFOlogy Project [CUP] at the APRO UFOhio Symposium.

cripts when they are ready, can thank Frank as the APRO Staff does, for his invaluable aid.

As we here at Headquarters feel that the end result of such a gathering which is most memorable is the presentation of each speaker, we will let the papers speak for themselves. Please note that the Symposium papers (7 of them) are offered at a minimal price each on the inside of your Bulletin cover. The other two papers will be available shortly.

UFO WREAKS HAVOC IN SENEGAL

September 9, 1980, Baridiame—A flying object blew down about 50 houses, uprooted trees and injured several people as it moved through this small village around 6:40 p.m. The phenomenon attacked only some houses, the majority of which were situated along a north-south axis.

All of the witnesses described a long object with a head like a crown, blue in color, moving rapidly and emitting intense heat and deafening noise. Its passage across the village lasted about 2 minutes.

Two kilometers to the north, the village of Keur Amadou Moctar underwent the same effects and under the same conditions as Baridiame. Twenty four houses were lost and two people were seriously injured.

Subsequent investigation by a scientific team which went to the site revealed that the testimonies of the

witnesses are in absolute agreement. According to the leader of the team, Pr. Djibril Fall, what blew down the trees and houses was definitely a whirlwind, however, a whirlwind of such violence that it is out of the ordinary. The team also concluded that the villagers did indeed see a flying object, resembling a kite from afar which afterwards appeared as a disc.

PRESS REPORTS

By Joe and Doris Graziano

OREGON March 25, 1981 — Gresham . . . Terry Kohlstrand, his fiancée Cindi Barrett and her 3 children had just arrived at her home about 9:30 p.m. when they saw two glowing lights rapidly coming out of the west. The two lights stopped in mid-flight and hovered over the house.

They were described as solid orange lights about 3 or 4 times the size of the largest star in the sky. After about 5 minutes one just disappeared "like a light being turned out." The other stayed about 2 more minutes, moved back and forth slightly, then disappeared the same way. No sound was heard by any of the witnesses.

A spokesman for the National Weather Bureau said there are no weather balloons in the air after about 4 p.m. The FAA and Portland International Airport knew of no special equipment or helicopters that could have been in the area.

VERMONT April 15, 1981 — Windsor . . . Around 7:30 p.m., Linda Kingsbury and Lucy Slothower were driving back to the radio station where they work when they noticed two bright lights far off in the distance. One of the lights was very white, bright and luminous, while the other was smaller and dimmer.

As the lights came closer, a triangular-shaped object became evident with more lights on the underside of the apparently metallic craft. It moved slowly above the witnesses with a heavy humming sound. Red lights on the sides of the object became visible as well as yellow and bluish lights filling in underneath.

Another witness, Jane Libby, was returning from a store around 7:30 p.m. when her 14-year-old son, Andrew, pointed to a lit object in the sky. They described the object as very large with a bright light, and 6 or 8 red lights on the side.

Phillip Camp and his family watched what was "obviously a large mother ship refueling other aircraft" from a hilltop in their back yard at about the same time as the other sightings. Camp said it was obviously a refueling operation between an aircraft tanker and 4 jets. However, the region's 4 strategic airbases all denied sending aircraft this way at the time in question. "Besides," commented one airbase spokesman, "refuelers usually fly so high you can't even see them."

FLORIDA April 19, 1981 — Miami . . . A sudden flash of light startled pilots and observers from the Florida Keys to Panama City early this morning. According to the Coast Guard, the flash was the result of a spectacular meteor shower, but several of the witnesses dispute this explanation.

Richard Houghton, a veteran airline pilot with 30 years flying experience, was looking up from his swimming pool and saw a "large, bluish-green reentry-type vehicle, but gigantic, and as it neared the lower eastern horizon it burst into flames." Houghton went on to say that he has seen many meteors, from 37,000 feet to sea level, but never anything this big. His son, Hunter, described it as a "giant bright orange and yellow flame. It shone like a welding arc."

An Eastern Airlines pilot flying over Miami Beach said the light streaked west to east. Another pilot flying in the same area said an object appeared to have just missed the tail of his aircraft, and the brightness lit up his cockpit.

Miami resident Sam Stone was outside when he saw an extremely bright blue or white object traveling very fast straight down. The tip of it seemed to streak back into orange flame-like color behind it, and the object made no sound as it fell to treetop level and vanished.

A spokesman for NASA at Kennedy Space Center said he was unaware of any man-made space debris having reentered the atmosphere.



Doris and Joe Graziano, who write the "Press Reports" column for the Bulletin, are shown above with Mrs. Lorenzen at the UFO Ohio Symposium.

PENNSYLVANIA February 5, 1981 — Duncannon A group of people including Jimmy, Dan and Pauline Harp, Terry Myers, Beverly and Butch Barrick, and Joe Sheaffer were gathered at the Barrick residence

when they heard a loud rumbling noise shortly after 7 p.m. Dan and Butch went to the kitchen door and watched as a large object flew slowly over the house.

The object was described as boomerang-shaped with at least 5 lights on the back and several more on the front. Dan said, "It was 3 or 4 times as big as any jet plane I've ever seen, and it was pretty high."

The rest of the group was called outside and they watched the object for an estimated 15 or 20 minutes until it disappeared beyond Cove Mountain. Jimmy described it as "egg-shaped with at least 3 lights on the back." Several of the witnesses agreed that the most striking characteristic of the sighting was the incredible power of the object.

CALIFORNIA March [?], 1981 — Sonora . . . Jim Herburger was returning from a late dinner when he spotted a "huge, brilliant tubular object" through his windshield. He described the cigar-shaped object as 50 feet long, 15 feet thick and hanging still in the morning sky about 500 yards west of the road.

Overcome by curiosity, Herburger pulled off the road and got out of his car. Moments later, two saucer-shaped, bright white objects, appearing to be about 50 feet in diameter, came into view. He said he saw "individual square light openings like windows" on the saucers and "a series of square window lights on the tubular object."

After a few minutes one of the white objects, which had been in a stationary position, took off and flew southwest at a rapid rate of speed. As the object took off, Herburger heard a whirling noise "like a beehive." Meanwhile, the second saucer remained still in the sky while the tubular object moved slowly toward it and linked up with it. Once united, the two craft took off to the southwest, again giving off a whirling noise. Herburger watched the objects for about 20 minutes and said none were at an altitude higher than 500 feet.

Around 3 a.m. the same morning, Garland Henington saw an object sitting in the sky to the northwest of his house. He described the object as round, high in the sky, having red lights and being "pretty good sized," and "it wasn't moving an inch." He went in to tell his wife, but before he reached the door the object sped off.

GEORGIA January 22, 1981 — Jesup . . . Gene Lyons and Jerry and Bonnie Bowen spotted a triangular or horseshoe-shaped object descending from a northwesterly direction around 6 p.m. It was just above the treetops, coming down at an angle, when Bonnie first saw it. She said it had visible lights on it — "lights so strong the whole thing was illuminated and it was almost as bright as the sun, a very brilliant red."

Bowen described it as a "great big orange thing" that reminded him of sunsets. He also noted individual lights shining on the object and said it was "probably the size of a large airplane."

The group braced themselves for an explosion as the object disappeared behind the trees but there came only silence. They estimated it to have come down

anywhere from a quarter of a mile to three miles away and took off on a search for it but could find nothing.

About 5 miles from Lyons and the Bowens, Delmar Drawdy also noted the object's descent. He watched it for over a minute and described it as a "big ball of fire". He said that it appeared to be moving too rapidly for a weather balloon and too slowly for a meteor.

WISCONSIN February 14, 1981 — Mellen . . . Just after midnight, John Windt was walking about 500 feet from his parents' house when he noticed a purple glow in the sky. The light was frozen perfectly still in an area that was concentrated about 20 feet above a neighbor's silo.

Windt studied the light for about 10 minutes, then decided to return to the house and wake up his mother. His mother went to the large picture window in the family room and could see the light hovering about 300 yards from her house. As they watched it, the light changed from a purplish-red to a light grayish-blue.

Not having binoculars in the house, Windt got his father's rifle with a seven power sighting scope and he and his mother went outside to try for a closer look. Through the scope, Windt said he could see what looked like a flat bar with two dim lights in front and another in back, but he wasn't able to determine the size.

As they watched it, the object started moving toward them on a slow and straight course. The object passed over their garage, which is about 15 feet from the house, then disappeared. Mrs. Windt said that as it got closer she could hear the sound of a motor, but it sounded like no motor she had ever heard before.

March 15, 1981, Bethesda, MARYLAND— Martin Buxbaum was driving with his wife when they noticed an unusual object silhouetted against the dark evening sky. He pulled the car over and they got a good look at the object, which was estimated to be flying at an altitude of 1000 feet and a speed of 100 miles per hour.

The object was described as having the wingspan of a 747, a row of square windows in the front and two "cherry red" exhaust lights at the rear. It did not have port or starboard lights as required by planes flying at night and made no sound at all.

April 7, 1981, Sturbridge, MASSACHUSETTS— Two 15-year-old girls, Penny Ferraro and Michelle Perrault, were playing cards in the Ferraro home around 9:30 p.m. when they noticed a bright light over the lake. When they went outside to look, they saw a round object with lights on the top and middle moving upward at a sharp angle and at a high rate of speed.

The object was ringed with lights and had an extremely bright white dome. It had no wings, tail or flashing lights, and moved silently, passing over the house from behind the tallest pine tree on the other side of the lake in seconds. The girls called to the others in the house, but by the time they arrived the object was far overhead and climbing rapidly.