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## NEW ABDUCTION CASES



### “Interrupted Journey” Scheduled

A letter to Mr. Lorenzen from Richard A. Colla, of Universal City Studios, Inc., informs us that the long-awaited two-hour movie special based on the famous Betty and Barney Hill abduction case will be aired on NBC television on the evening of October 20, 1975. The film is based on the book “Interrupted Journey” by John C. Fuller, and many additional hours of conversation between Betty Hill and the screenwriter, Miss Hesper Anderson. Stanton T. Friedman, who functioned as Technical Advisor on the film, says: “I was very impressed with the quality of the effort I saw being put into “The UFO Incident” (editor’s note: the film has been re-named) and the dedication to accuracy rather than sensationalism. The script, the special effects and, of course, the acting were all first rate.”

This presentation promises to be a highlight of the television season. We urge the membership to set aside two hours on October 20 and watch this history-making television show.

### Italian Photo Unexplained

The photo shown above was taken by Giuseppe Cardelli of Rome, Italy, on the 18th of January, 1974 at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Cardelli said that he was driving on the Mil-Bo expressway (Milan to Bologna) when he saw what he described as a “strange shining ball” in the sky. He stopped his car, got out and took the picture.

After the film was developed, Mr. Cardelli submitted a copy of it to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Houston, Texas and a letter from them on June 18, 1974 indicated that they had no solution to the mystery. We quote, in part: “We are at a loss to identify the object in the picture. Several members of the Public Affairs staff examined the photo and forwarded it to one of our photographic specialists... who commented that it was a very interesting picture but he had no idea what it was. He did mention that it was a strange shape, though.”

A consultant to whom NASA  
(See Photo – Page Four)

Since the complete details of the Betty and Barney Hill case came to light in the middle 1960s, Mrs. Lorenzen began to toy with the idea that there were quite likely many other experiences similar to that of the Hills in which the witnesses were abducted and released but, unlike the Hills, were not able to remember any of what transpired.

The details of the Hill case hinted at an in-depth study of the earth and its inhabitants and if such was the case, it would not make sense to let one incident comprise the whole of the research effort. It seemed more likely that a representative sampling of the human population of the earth would be undertaken, but there was no way to determine this other than to wait patiently for witnesses to come forth.

In the spring of this year, APRO received information concerning the alleged abduction of a young woman and four of her children from their home in the middle of the night and subsequent physical examinations carried out by strange-looking humanoids. This case is currently under investigation and when the complete details are available they will be presented in the *Bulletin*.

In August of this year, another case came to our attention which is also currently being probed. A young man wrote that in December 1967 he and a friend were in his car and playing “chase” with youths in another car when, at nearly midnight, they found themselves about an hour’s drive from their home and getting low on gas. The pair decided to take a short cut and head for home. However, the road they chose proved to be a dead end and, by the time they realized it, were not able to slow the car (they had been traveling at speeds of 80-90 miles per hour) to below 40 miles an hour before hitting the ditch. Neither of the boys was injured but the radiator was damaged and they were forced to set out on foot to find a telephone with which to call their parents to let them know they were all right and that they would need transportation home.

They spotted a yard light about 3/4 mile away and walked toward it. The night was clear and there was nearly a full moon so they had plenty of light. When  
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## Biochemist Joins Staff



## Herbert N. Nigg, Ph.D.

Dr. Herbert N. Nigg, currently Assistant Professor of Entomology at the Agricultural Research Educational Center, Institute of Food Agriculture Sciences at the University of Florida, is APRO's newest consulting staff member.

Dr. Nigg received his B. S. in Biological Sciences at Michigan State University in 1967 and his Ph.D. in Entomology, with a minor in Biochemistry, from the University of Illinois at Urbana in 1972. He was born in 1941, is a member of the Sigma Xi honor society, and professional societies to which he belongs are the American Chemical Society, Entomology Society of America, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Florida Horticultural society.

Dr. Nigg has been published in seven refereed journals and his present position is at the Florida Citrus Experiment Station at Lake Alfred, Florida, where his research deals with worker safety reentry standards. He has extensive experience in Analytical Chemistry, particularly of organic molecules, and will be valuable in analyzing soil samples from landing cases involving unusual burning and sterilization of the soil.

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## Lorenzens Feted in Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen, APRO's Director and Secretary-Treasurer, were honored at an open house at the home of APRO member Mrs. Stuart Davis on the 27th of June, while they vacationed at (See Lorenzens - Page Four)

## Readers' Forum

Now that NBC is going to show "The Interrupted Journey," more background on the Hill case would be really timely. The Fish Model analysis by Walter Webb has been your finest article to date.

I have appreciated the balance of articles the APRO Bulletin presents. Including both "explaining away" articles with "unexplained recent happenings" adds immensely to the credibility of the publication.

Sincerely,  
R. T. Day

Tempe, Arizona

(Thank you, Mr. Day; the article in this issue pertaining to more possible abduction cases was partially inspired by your letter - The Editor.)

## Correction:

The April, 1975 issue of the *Bulletin* contained an error in the front page article, "Landing in Wisconsin." The family involved in the Mellen, Wisconsin sighting was the Philip N. Baker family. In later parts of the article, reference is made to "Mr. Phillips", which was in error - Mr. Baker and Mr. "Phillips" are one and the same.

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## Follow-up

Member F. Jonsberg of Massachusetts has brought up a point regarding the Baker case of Mellen, Wisconsin, which (See Follow-up - Page Four)



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they reached the house with the yard light they were not able to wake anyone and the door was locked, so they headed back the other way toward another house about 1/2 mile beyond where they had left the car. As they walked along, one of the boys spotted an orangish glowing object to the north of them and pointed it out to the other. They watched it as they walked and at about the time that they arrived at the second house they could see fairly clearly that the object was saucer-shaped and they discussed the possibility that they were merely imagining it.

When they arrived at the second house, the dogs barked at them but they were unable to get anyone to come to the door, so they started walking toward a third house located in a field approximately 1/2 mile from house number two. Shortly after they left house number two (they had more or less forgotten about the object while trying to get an answer at the house), they noted that the object was still coming toward them so they started walking faster. At a point about halfway between house number two and house number three, the "saucer" appeared to be only a few hundred yards behind them and they started running. "We were both frightened nearly out of our minds and we were both at a dead run," the boy wrote.

And now we get to the strange part of this narrative: "But suddenly, and you must understand that at the time it seemed that we went from the dead run and fright to standing still and looking at the saucer at least two or three miles away, leaving all this with no transition time. And instead of fright there was a definite sadness that the saucer was leaving and looking back to the second house the lights were on and dogs, which had been quiet before we knocked at the door, were barking."

The point this young man (he was 17 at the time) is making is that he had the experience of running in terror but suddenly his emotions were completely changed, only the object was *leaving*.

When the pair got to the second house again, it was four a.m. The boy knows that when they turned off the main road onto the dead-end road, it was just midnight. The race down the graveled road which ended up with the car in the ditch was a matter of only minutes. If we add up the mileage involved in walking to get to a telephone, we find that it was 1 1/2 miles from the car to the first house and back to the car, 1/2 mile to house number 2, and 1/4 mile to the point where the two boys came running. That makes a total of 2 1/2 miles. Except for the time spent

trying to awaken someone at the two houses, the boys walked steadily. The boy says: "This would leave a two-hour gap in our lives which would account for our obvious turnaround in feelings toward the saucer. We didn't try to tell anyone about the saucer and in a way that in itself is strange because we didn't even consider it."

Obviously nothing can be said about this case until the full investigation is completed. Names, as well as location, will be kept confidential at this time and it is possible that we may not be able to publicly identify these witnesses for a long time. In these two cases the principals have insisted on complete anonymity, and they can hardly be blamed.

Case number three is quite recent and preliminary investigation has been carried out. Mr. X, thirtyish, read about the Perseid meteor shower of August 13 on the day before, and inasmuch as he worked "swing" shift and the peak of the shower was due at 1 a.m. on the 13th, decided it might be interesting to watch. When he terminated his shift at 11:30, he went home and watched television until approximately 12:30 a.m., whereupon he got into his car and drove out into the country (about a fifteen-minute drive inasmuch as he lives on the edge of a relatively small town). He drove his car off the dirt road and parked, then got out and sat on the left front fender and watched the sky.

Mr. X estimates that he watched between 8 and 10 rather spectacular meteors between 1 a.m. and 1:15 a.m. At 1:20, a large (about 50 feet in diameter) dull, metal disc "dropped" down out of the sky and hovered about a hundred feet away and at an altitude of about 15-20 feet. It had a slight glow to it and it wobbled much like a top wobbles as it slows down. When it became stationary, a buzzing sound began. To the right of the center of the disc was a rectangular lighted area with human-shaped forms moving about.

At first sight of the disc, Mr. X was very frightened and got down off the fender and into his car. The keys were still in the ignition and he turned it on but the car wouldn't start. "It was as if there was no battery," he said. Later he recalled that the courtesy light and the dome light had not come on when he opened the door.

Mr. X admits he was terrified, but what happened next is very strange. When the buzzing stopped he felt a calmness coming over him "like I was floating on a cloud." Then he watched as the disc began ascending back up into the sky and the fright returned. He turned on the ignition and the car started. Glancing at his wristwatch, he noted the time: it was 2:45 a.m. He immediately drove home as fast as he could, glad to see the lights of

the town again. When he walked into the kitchen, he noted the time on the wall clock: It was 3 a.m.

Mr. X is certain that he could not have watched the disc for more than a minute or two, yet the time from 1:20 a.m. when the disc arrived upon the scene until 2:45 a.m. when he watched it leave, are completely unaccounted for.

The next day Mr. X began experiencing some unusual physical symptoms and later in the week consulted a doctor. Neither the diagnosis nor the symptoms can be discussed at this time but the indications are that this man struggled violently for some time. He told his wife of seeing the disc but did not mention the time lapse.

This man has been personally interviewed and the obvious steps to determine what happened during that 1 hour and 25 minutes of "lost time" have yet to be carried out, but should be completed within a short period of time. When he accompanied the investigators to the site, he was visibly agitated. He says that he wants to know about that 1 hour and 25 minutes but has a curious ambivalence about it. He has agreed to undergo a polygraph examination and hypnotic aggression, as have the witnesses in the first two cases discussed here.

We already have some correlations of sorts: In all three cases the incidents took place in sparsely populated areas. In case number one, the woman lived at the edge of a small town with few houses in the vicinity. In case number two, the boys were in rather desolate farm country. In case number three, Mr. X lives in a small town with wide open country all around. It almost seems as though in case number one the home and its occupants would have had to have been reconnoitered ahead of time. In cases numbers two and three it seems that the incidents were happenstance. The boys in case number two just happened to take the wrong road and in number three Mr. X, on the spur of the moment, decided to watch for meteors. On the surface it appears that he was probably spotted when he drove to the area, and when it appeared that he was alone and there was no habitation about, the disc dropped down into the area.

Considering the fact that in both cases numbers one and three there is a memory of humanoids, it will be interesting to eventually learn what took place during the missing time. The strange aspect of number two is the "sadness" felt by the youths when the disc left. Our experience has been that most witnesses, after such close encounters, are left frightened and not at all inclined to be sad at the departure of the disc.

One of the reasons that these cases, although incomplete, are presented at this time is that activity seems to be building and in the months ahead we may possibly

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submitted the photo commented that the main body of the object might have been a reflection in a car window. This same consultant did state that he was particularly interested in the "wiggly clouds to the right" of the object.

The NASA letter concluded that: "As you can see, we really are perplexed as to the nature of this photo."

Mr. Cardelli specifically stated that he had dismounted from his car before taking the picture, so a car window reflection would be ruled out. The object appears to be giving off or reflecting more light than the brightest clouds in the photo and its shape is not the usual roundish contour of a disc or cigar-shaped object and appears to be hexagonal or possibly octagonal in shape.

The photo will be turned over to Dr. James A. Harder, APRO's Research Director, who will conduct a thorough investigation and examination of the photo.

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expect more such cases to come to light. We would like to stress to members and Field Investigators alike that no testimony, no matter how strange, should be ignored. The time-lapse factor should always be considered.

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was contained in the April, 1975 issue. He points out that the cats apparently were not disturbed while the object was on the ground, but the dog apparently reacted to the object when taken out for a walk the next morning. The only answer we can speculate on is that when the cats were being taken to the garage, the object was on the ground and at rest. However, the next morning when Jane Baker saw the object and her dog reacted, the object was hovering above some trees. Possibly something related to the propulsion device while hovering or in flight is what disturbs animals. If any of the members or consultants have any ideas about this apparent inconsistency, APRO Headquarters would like to hear about it.

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*Please send Address Changes!*

## Lorenzens

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Mrs. Lorenzen's home town of Barron, Wisconsin. Co-hostess for the open house was Mrs. Bernard Rockman, also an APRO member and a classmate of Mrs. Lorenzen's.



*Photo of UFO Model*

Mr. Norman Jensen, welding instructor at the Indianhead Technical Institute at Rice Lake, Wisconsin, fabricated the "flying saucer" pictured above, for a centerpiece on the snack table. The "UFO", when plugged into a wall outlet, makes a humming noise and a portion in the midsection lights up showing "control panels". On the ladder are seen several "occupants". The device is ingenious and has been enjoyed by many at APRO Headquarters where it is on display.

On the evening of the 28th of June, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen addressed a crowd of approximately 150 persons who gathered at the Rice Lake High School Auditorium to hear them. The lecture was sponsored by the Barron Business and Professional Women's Club, of which Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Rockman are members.

The Lorenzens and APRO are indebted to the Davises and Rockmans not only for making it possible for them to visit with so many old friends and classmates at the open house, but to inform so many citizens of Barron County about the functions and goals of APRO and the UFO field in general. The Barron News-Shield gave good publicity to both the open house and the lecture and did excellent follow-up coverage on both.

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## Rhode Island Sightings

*By Donald R. Todd  
APRO Field Investigator*

Early in the week of January 13, 1975, several announcements were made by Wallops Island, Virginia Research Station that they would be firing a rocket into the atmosphere to release a volume

of gas for study. There would be a firing Wednesday the 15th and Thursday the 16th. Both firings would be at the same time — 5:45 p.m.

On January 15, I observed the first flare of released gas at about 5:50 p.m. At first it appeared similar to a green Dover flare. It was uniform green to begin with and remained uniform green throughout its gradual expansion and final dissipation. It drifted slowly northeast, expanding as it moved into a fat, tapering "S" shaped cloud and eventually dissipated.

Beginning at 5:20 p.m. on Wednesday, a series of UFO reports began to come in to the local police, the Rhode Island State Police, Connecticut State Police and the local TV and radio stations. Everyone just assumed that the sightings were the Wallops Island business.

The first indication I had that something other than the Wallops Island firing was going on was when at 6:00 p.m., I received a call from the local South Kingstown Police to the effect that a Mr. and Mrs. T and daughter Nancy, aged 16, had reported a large, round, bluish-green sphere moving slowly in from the west at about 5:50 p.m.

From that point on as the information began to pile up, I became aware that because of a number of inconsistencies in time, movement, shape, direction, description, etc., that quite probably a simultaneous UFO overflight occurred over Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. After sifting all of the information, I came up with the following picture:

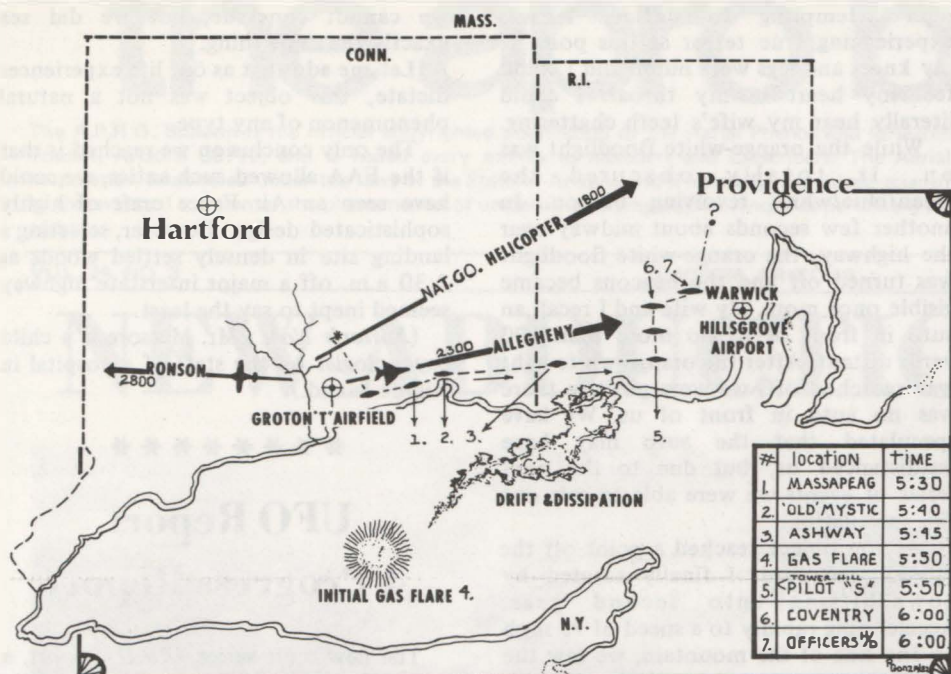
At 5:20 p.m. Wednesday the 15th, the Air Controller at "T" airfield in Groton, Connecticut, picked up the following from a Connecticut National Guard Helicopter visible just to the northeast of the airfield: "... to HS ... at one eight hundred feet ... heading 051 ... I have an unidentified at three o'clock high ... large, greenish light ... solid ... heading approximately due east ... mod ..." (Conversation broken off, or frequency changed to classified.)

At 5:22 p.m., an Allegheny Airline — New York to Providence — checked in with the same airfield. "T" this is Allegheny ... immediately northeast of you at three two hundred feet ... heading 066 ... I have an unidentified at four o'clock low ... large green disc ... heading east ... have also unidentified chopper at eight o'clock low ... what your visual ...?" "T" acknowledged and confirmed that they observed the two identified and the green unidentified.

When I talked to the Air Controller later, he also said that at 5:26 p.m. they had talked with a pilot of Ronson Airlines (private company), who in turn

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reported a green unidentified moving east at seven o'clock. Ronson was on a westerly heading, charted for Newburgh, New York.

At 5:30 p.m., Connecticut State Police at Montville received a call from a Mrs. B. She reported from her home in Massapeag that she had seen "a funny looking, fuzzy blue light stationary in the sky." While she watched it, it began moving slowly at first, then speeded up and moved in the direction of Rhode Island (east).

Between 5:15 and 5:30 p.m., several calls came in to the Groton, Connecticut City Police reporting consistently a circular green, greenish-blue or bluish disc, or a hard green to greenish-blue circular outline, and moving slowly or moderately slowly in an easterly direction.

At 5:40 p.m., a Mr. Gannon of Old Mystic, Connecticut (6 miles east of Groton and the airfield) reported that he witnessed a large, bluish, disc-shaped object moving east toward Rhode Island. It stopped and hovered for about two minutes then moved east again. He estimated it to be about commercial aircraft level and nearly as big around. He described it as a very intense blue, almost whitish in the center, then bluer away from the center and just fuzzy blue around the edges. He said he watched it move over into Rhode Island.

At this point, all of these "unidentified" reports are prior to the 5:45 firing from Wallops Island, and the "unidentified" was consistently reported as moving east, as opposed to my own and other observations of the gas cloud drifting northeast.

At 5:45 p.m., Mr. W. of Ashaway, Rhode Island reported that he observed south of him a turquoise circle of light moving east and passing just under a narrow band of cloud. He described the light as large, definitely circular and more nearly bluish.

At 5:50 p.m., the "T" family of Tower Hill, Rhode Island reported (see fourth paragraph of this report). Mrs. T and daughter reported that the sphere stopped and they watched it for all of five minutes when it changed direction and began moving slowly northward until it was lost to sight over the trees. They estimated that it may have been as high as 1000 feet.

At 5:50 p.m., Mr. S., a pilot, driving east on route 1, observed a blue-green disc moving northward at roughly 800-1000 feet. Arriving home within minutes, Mr. S. observed the Wallops Island gas cloud to the southwest, and upon my asking him if he could have confused the two sightings as one and the same thing, his response was: "Hell no! That damn disc was a solid, moving object, and that Wallops Island thing was nothing but cloud. You could see the cloud fading out, but that disc just kept going."

At just prior to 6:00 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. D of Coventry, Rhode Island reported that just to the east of them and moving north, they witnessed a very bright blue circular light moving "kind of slow." They described it as being "pretty high, and an enormous light compared to the lights of an aircraft."

Just after 6:00 p.m., Officers H and D of the South Kingstown Police were returning from the Adult Correctional Institute in Warwick, Rhode Island, traveling south on route 95. They observed to the southeast of them but

slightly southwest of the Hills Grove Airport, a large, bluish-white object stationary in the sky. The object was described as varying in intensity from whitish-blue to light blue, to real deep blue and four times the size of the nearly full moon which was visible east of their position. They stopped the cruiser and watched the object for six or seven minutes. They estimated the height as being considerably higher than an incoming flight that they observed simultaneously farther to the east. (This could possibly have been the Allegheny plane that checked in earlier with the Connecticut airfield.) The Officers said that the object seemed to move slightly in a tight circle and then abruptly moved northward at a fairly fast rate of speed.

The accompanying chart shows the path of both the "unidentified" and the general area of the Wallops Island gas cloud.

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## Possible California Landing

The following narration was forwarded to APRO by Mr. Ronald Messore.

My wife and I decided in September 1974 to move to California from Rhode Island so that I might pursue further graduate studies at Stanford.

After three months of unsuccessful attempts to gain employment in the San Francisco Bay Area, we reluctantly decided to leave California to return home to Rhode Island.

To join our families for the upcoming Thanksgiving holidays, we decided to leave California on November 23 and get a head start on the 3300-mile trip by driving all night. After bidding farewell to friends in So. San Francisco at approximately 11 p.m. (PCT), we left California with our two daughters, ages 6 and 4, sleeping comfortably in the back seat of our Porsche Audi.

We were really committed to pacing ourselves but certainly not out to "break any land speed records." We had passed through San Francisco over the Bay Bridge on U.S. Interstate 80 heading east. Averaging 40-45 mph, we drove as far as Sacramento before stopping for gas. I asked my wife to take over the driving for awhile to relieve me a bit. She did so for only twenty minutes when she stated she could go no further due to a "terribly tense and uneasy feeling." I felt this to be highly unusual as she is quite an experienced driver and accustomed to driving under all conditions. The time was approximately 2:00 a.m.

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We later agreed that this was a premonition of sorts for at approximately 2:30 a.m. (PCT), our truly incredible experience was about to begin.

We could best fix our position as 57 miles east of Sacramento on I-80 East in the vicinity of Baxter, California. We do recall passing through Gold Run, California, and remarking on the possible origin of the name. We were climbing at an incredibly quick rate as we headed into the Sierra Nevada mountain range. The 15-mile stretch of highway we were driving rises, drastically from 1200 feet above sea level to 7100 feet. At the time of the sighting, we were approximately between 4000-5000 feet above sea level and climbing.

The night was clear, cloudless, with stars shining brightly. We recall a partial moon. As later narrative will show, this had no bearing on our sighting whatsoever. The auto radio was not on, the windows were closed due to the chilly mountain air and all we could hear was the drone of the 4-cylinder straining to accomplish the difficult climb.

The highway is three or four lanes in each direction. The westbound lanes were not visible as they were separated from the easterly route by several hundred yards of treed landscape.

The sighting started by my observing a green and white revolving beacon of very high intensity light to my left approximately 1/8 to 1/4 mile ahead.

My very first reaction was to equate this with an aircraft locator beacon present at most metropolitan airports. Not familiar with mountainous regions at night, this is exactly what I thought I was viewing. I knew we were heading for a region known as Emigrant Pass with an altitude of 7,100 feet, so this seemed a rational deduction. This consoling thought lasted for a few brief seconds when I realized the beacon itself was moving and the green and white revolutions of light became interspersed with an equally brilliant blue light.

This beacon was truly at treetop level no more than thirty feet above the ground.

The beacon was drifting over the trees paralleling the road traveling west. Staring in disbelief, I saw a huge, round, orange-white floodlight switch on directly beneath this revolving beacon lighting the entire road. When the orange-white floodlight was turned on, the object started to change direction and pass over the road. It was so close to the ground at this point it seemed to block our path. My first reaction was to shut off my headlights and swerve to avoid the object by pulling to the shoulder of the road. Traveling at 40 mph, I slowed to 20-25

mph attempting to decide. I was experiencing true terror at this point — my knees and legs were numb and I could feel my heart in my throat. I could literally hear my wife's teeth chattering.

While the orange-white floodlight was on, it totally obscured the green/blue/white revolving beacon. In another few seconds about midway over the highway, the orange-white floodlight was turned off and the beacons became visible once more. My wife and I recall an auto in front of us no more than 100 yards distant. After the orange-white light was switched off, we were positive there was no auto in front of us. We have speculated that the auto may have outdistanced us, but due to the next series of events we were able to rule out this speculation.

As the object reached a point off the side of the road, I finally reacted by downshifting into second gear. Accelerating rapidly to a speed of 75 mph up the side of the mountain, we saw the object now on our right displaying such an array of green, blue and white lights as to "bedazzle the eyes." We could not follow the color fluctuations.

I was launched into further terror when I realized the object was descending from a treetop hovering position to a landing site directly below into what was apparently a densely treed area. At this point, the object was directly to our right by about fifty yards. When the craft landed, the original green and white revolving beacon was now blue and white only. The beacon was of such intensity that the rays of light reflected off the surrounding trees and gave a silhouette of the craft. I saw a dome-like structure with two pole-like projections directly above it topped by the revolving beacons. My wife, concentrating on the poles, stated she could see only one of two sets of lamps switched on giving off the blue and white beacon effect. The lights being so bright allowed her to witness the other lamp no more than 24 inches to the right of the lighted one in the "off" condition.

I yelled at my wife and in no uncertain terms told her to keep her eyes on the "s-o-b" and tell me if it moved. She stared out the back windows reluctantly for 3-5 minutes, as we accelerated out of the area. She reports "It just sat there defiantly in the woods." My wife and I drove feverishly, encountering a thick mountain fog and we felt pleased to be under its protective veil.

We were able to find a couple of rickety old motels off the highway whose hospitality was more threatening than the object itself. We drove on until 4 a.m., when we decided to stay in a motel in Reno, Nevada.

There, without sharing perceptions beforehand, we sat with pen and paper in hand and sketched exactly what we saw on envelopes. Our perception was unmistakably accurate. Whatever it was

we cannot conclude, but we did see exactly the same thing.

Let me add that as our life experiences dictate, this object was not a natural phenomenon of any type.

The only conclusion we reached is that if the FAA allowed such antics, we could have seen an Air Force craft of highly sophisticated design. However, selecting a landing site in densely settled woods at 2:30 a.m. off a major interstate highway seemed inept to say the least.

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## UFO Report 4 Progress Report

The new radio series, *U.F.O. Report*, a joint effort by APRO and APRO's Public Relations Director Hal Starr, has really taken off "into orbit." Darwin Lamm of Creative Radio Shows in Hollywood reports the response has been not only encouraging, but far better than he had expected, and he was convinced of the program's worth from the outset. Darwin reports that he has sold the program to several stations across the country who haven't even heard the audition tape yet. They are buying it on the strength of the subject matter alone, which gives added impetus to our original admonition to all members to "get out there and tell the radio stations of the program's availability." It almost sells itself.

Creative Radio Shows has doubled their order for pressings of the audition record, which includes an explanation of the series and several sample shows. There are now 2 thousand copies of this record going out to stations nationwide. Creative Radio Shows is also buying large, well-designed advertisements in several of the top trade magazines of the broadcasting industry, and the response has so far been very encouraging. Further, news stories of the program are also appearing in these "trade papers."

Darwin Lamm and Hal Starr have also concluded an agreement for a special one-hour radio documentary which is being offered to radio stations, and Mr. Lamm reports orders are coming in at a good rate. It is hoped that some stations who do not wish to commit themselves to 5 programs per week for 13 weeks will take on the single one-hour special. If so, it will probably only whet their appetite and that of their audience, resulting in an order for the full regular *UFO Report* series.

*U.F.O. Report* might very well become the catalyst needed to fully activate those of us who must act as messengers to "tell the story."