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SKETCHES: SHAPE FORMATION PATH by				Relative	Absolute	Reference Points	Var.	Other
1 No.	2 Type		Size					
3 Color/Surface			Speed					
5 Structural Details	4 Unusual Shape		Dist.					
6 Color Change	7 Shape Change		Alt.					
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9 Flashed	10 Pulsated	11 Rotated	42 Noise	43 Odor	
12 Beam(s) of Light			44 Assoc. w/ Water	45 w/ Power lines	
13 Flame	14 Vapor Trail	15 Smoke	46 w/ Govt. Installation		
16 Other Emission			47 Reaction to Light	48 Other intell. reaction	
17 Formation, Geom.	18 Loose	19 Both	49 Animal Reactions	(50) E-M Effect	
20 Satellite Obj.	21 Sep./Merging	22 Leader	51 Physiological Effects	52 Psychological Effects	
23 Near-Collision (a/c)		24 Collision	53 Traces on environment		
25 Near-Landing	26 Landing	27 Occupants	54 Physical evidence		
28 Pace Vehicle	29 Buzz/Hover, Vehicle		55 Photographs	56 Movie	
30 Buzz/Hover, Area	31 House	32 Person	(57) Govt./military involvement		
33 Flight path, general			58 Other orgs. involved		
34 Motion of object	35 Motion, part of object		59 AF Explanation		
36 Attitude	37 Vert. ascent	38 Descent	60 Other Explanation		
39 Manoeuvres	40 Hover-accelerate		61 Secrecy or cover-up		
41 First Noticed	42-a Departure/Disappearance				

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IN MICHIGAN

UFOs Reportedly Picked Up by Radar

Unidentified objects flashed across the Minnesota sky again overnight, and a radar base on the Keweenaw Peninsula in Michigan reportedly made radar contact with objects flying over Lake Superior.

However, reports that seven objects were spotted over Duluth and outdistanced jet interceptors giving chase could not be confirmed by the Duluth Air Force Base.

The Coast Guard at Duluth found nothing when it investigated a report that a flying object had splashed down in Lake Superior.

Meanwhile, the Ramsey County sheriff's office said it received a half dozen calls between 11:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. from residents reporting unusual objects in the northeast sky.

Mrs. Elliott Chaska, 4512 Brookside, Edina, said she observed a red object in the sky about 1:30 a.m., traveling from north to southwest. She said it suddenly veered to the west and disappeared.

Two Rochester youths, Douglas Bond and Joseph Blouin, both 13, said they saw an "orange triangular shape" in the sky, moving from southeast to northwest. They said it was too big and too fast for a jet plane.

James Tompkins, an IBM employe in Rochester, said he saw an orange-red object traveling the same direction about the same time.

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Stillwater Evening Gazette - Aug. 5, 1965

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Flint Journal
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Planetarium Chief Jests About UFOs

By S. GORDON GAPPER

Flint's No. 1 skywatcher, Maurice G. Moore, director of Longway Planetarium, was still laughing today over Journal wire service stories Tuesday, Wednesday and today about sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFO) in Michigan, Oklahoma and neighboring states.

"I've never seen one of these things, and I'd like to," said Moore. "We do get calls, but the UFOs usually turn out to be the blinking red lights on radio transmission towers."

Of a report today from Houghton that Air Force men had radar contact with UFOs, Moore said:

"Isn't that fantastic? I hope the things slow down enough so we can catch up with them and identify them."

AS FOR THE refusal of the radar men to identify themselves, Moore added: "I don't blame them."

He had no explanation for the radar jamming but pointed out that an Air Force study has turned up natural explanations for between 90 and 100 per cent of past sightings of UFOs.

Moore thinks the sightings in general are part of a midsummer madness which seems to hit every year. He explained:

"People are outdoors more in the summer. They see the night sky more than at any other time.

"ANYTHING MOVING in the sky subconsciously calls their attention to motion in the sky they are not aware of at other times. And the movement they see is often an optical illusion.

"Imagination can do wonderful things, as University of Chicago psychologists have proved in tests on this very subject."

The sightings could result from a number of things, Moore believes. Among them:

- The annual Perseid meteor shower, although "I don't know how anyone could mistake a meteor for a UFO" From Aug. 9 to 13, the increase in the number of meteors (falling stars or shooting stars) will reach its maximum. The earth has already entered the broad band of dust and rocks which make up the "shower."
- The planet Venus. "Venus is bright enough now to have rings or for people to think they see rings. The atmosphere, particularly when it is hazy, can easily produce rings and colored light around any bright object."
- The satellite Echo I, which has been a visible night object recently.
- High-flying jet aircraft. "When it is twilight down here, or even night, it can be daylight up there and you can easily pick up high-flying jets."

Moore, laughing, relayed one request to the public:

"If one of these things lands in your yard, bring it to the planetarium. We're always looking for something good to display."

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They were the 79-18 passage of a compromise version of the Negro voting-rights bills and the 57-39 defeat of a proposed constitutional amendment to allow apportionment of one branch of a state's legislature on factors other than population.

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Flying Over Lake Superior at 9,000 Miles An Hour!

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"I'd be the first to know," he said. "I asked them and they said they had no radar contact at all with UFOS. They would have no reason not to tell me if there had been contact."

There were fewer reports of unidentified flying objects winking and blinking over Oklahoma last night than on the four previous nights, although reports of sightings persisted.

About 25 persons attending a church meeting at Cushing, Okla., said they saw several mysterious objects in the sky.

The church-goers said several UFOs hung motionless in the sky, then sped rapidly southward, stopped and remained motionless for some time, moved westward at a high rate of speed after being joined by two other objects, turned and traveled eastward for awhile, stopped, continued eastward and then disappeared.

An Oklahoma highway patrol trooper at Hobart said he saw a high-flying UFO traveling north from Granite. He said it was white and emitted a red glow.

'It's Just the Weather'

DALLAS. — Dale Milford, professional meteorologist, went up in a plane and proved to his own satisfaction today that atmospheric inversion — warm air caught between layers of relatively cooler air — causes reflections that observers report as flying saucers.

The FAA flight control center picked up an echo on radar while Milford was up. It used radio to steer Milford toward the echo.

"As we approached it (an inversion) we were able to get a good reflection from a bright star," Milford said. "The star would have the appearance of a bright light changing colors and direction. As we penetrated the inversion, keeping an eye constantly on the light, we could tell it was a reflection through the inversion."

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UFO Tale Is Refuted By U.P. Radar Chief

HOUGHTON (UPI)—Maj. Roger Gottschall, commander of the United States Air Force radar base in the Keweenaw Peninsula, denied Thursday reports that the base had made contact with UFOs.

Gottschall said he checked the reports with radar base personnel after hearing the UFO reports from newsmen.

"I found no one among them," he added, "who had any radar contact at all with UFOs. They would have no reason not to tell me if there had been contact."

Earlier reports from Houghton had quoted unidentified personnel at the radar base as having reported "solid radar contact" with 7 to 10 unidentified flying objects hovering in a "V" formation over Lake Superior Wednesday.

The objects were moving out of the southwest, about 5,200 to 17,200 feet high, and were heading north-northeast at about 9,000 miles per hour, the men were quoted as having said.

One of the unidentified informants was also quoted as having said three other radar stations, in South Dakota. Minnesota and Luther Air Station in Canada also reported spotting the objects and that the Luther station reported electronic jamming of its radar. These reports also could not be verified.

Meanwhile, reports out of Oklahoma City were that the latest rash there of strange objects in the sky was fading away, or that people were getting tired of looking for them.

San Antonio, Tex., residents swamped police and radio stations with calls about a blinding white light surrounded by red and green lights flashing in the dark sky, but the Air Force explained an airplane flying above the city was testing a giant strobe light attached to the bottom of the plane and that the red and green flashing lights were the plane's wing lights.

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Flying Saucer Scare Sweeps Nation Again

CHICAGO AMERICAN

8/5/65

BY GARY CUMMINGS

WHAT'S BRIGHT RED and moves across the sky?

The village quipster would say "an unidentified flying grape" or "superapple."

But to an increasing number of Chicagoans, it's not funny. Such objects are being sighted nightly by residents across the country.

Mrs. George Roth, 28 E. 13th pl., Lombard, saw one last night and said:

"I thought people who saw those things were all crackpots. When it happened to me, I thought I was out of my mind. I said to myself, 'I can't be one of those nuts.'"

SO SHE CALLED neighbors, because "if I'm going to be nuts, they're going to be nuts with me."

The half-dozen neighbors who looked into the southeastern sky saw the same objects, she said.

"There were two red things, pulsating, and flying toward the lake. They seemed to follow one another. They made a funny noise, sort of a whirring, pulsing noise. They scared the hell out of me."

Mrs. Roth discounted official air force theories that the rash of recently sighted objects are stars or planes. "We live on the traffic pattern for O'Hare International airport. I know what airplanes and helicopters look and sound like. I swear it wasn't an aircraft."

In another UFO incident, personnel at the air force's radar base near Houghton, Mich., reportedly made "solid radar contact" with "7 to 10 unidentified flying objects" moving 9,000 miles an hour over Lake Superor.

However, in a telephone interview, the base commander, Maj. Roger Gottschall, head of the 665th radar squadron, said:

"It must be the dog days, or just a plain hoax. I'm the base commander, and I would certainly know of any such radar contact. There was none. I personally checked."

ANOTHER SIGHTING was made by Joseph Zececiko, 14, of 1932 Wilson av., and Robert Jones, 15, of 3892 Montrose av., while they were fishing from the rocks near the Waveland golf course.

"We saw it. So did a lot of other people," said Jones. "It was a big red thing, sitting in the air about 500 feet above the water. We got scared, and got out of there right away, and went home."

Zececiko added, "It was a weird thing. We didn't stay there long. We got on a bus and went right home."

Reinhard Schwarz, 14, and his brother Dieter, 19, of 834 Waveland av. sighted similar objects. Said Reinhard: "We saw what appeared to be stars. One was in the east, one was direc.ly overhead, and one was coming in from the south."

DIETER ADDED, "They appeared to be the size of a star, fairly bright, and then they got dimmer. We saw them thru binoculars and a telescope for several seconds before they disappeared."

An ambitious attempt, not only to identify the objects, but to coax outer space visitors to land, will be made next week.

Norman Jack Maynard, president of the Great Lakes Identified Flying Objects association, said a meeting will be held in the Dead river area of Illinois Beach State park, north of Waukegan, to lure the spacemen.

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Aug. 7, 1965

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Don't Look Now, But They're Watching Us

By CHARLES NICODEMUS

Washington, Aug. 7 (CDN)—Until now, I've been a bit skeptical, to say the least, about flying saucers and people who say they've seen them.

Now, I'm not quite so sure.

I was standing in our bureau's wire room reading the teletype, when I ran across this story out of Houghton, Mich., saying three Air Force radar stations had picked up blips from 7 UFO's (Unidentified Flying Objects) high-tailing it at 9,000 miles an hour, in V formation, out over Lake Superior. S/4

Seven other objects were spotted over nearby Duluth, Minn., but when Air Force jets gave chase, the story said, the UFO's easily whisked away.

I mentioned this story to our secretary, at which point Jim McCartney—who had been at his desk in the next room—stuck his head in the wire room door and said casually:

"You know what? I saw a flying saucer last week."

McCartney is a trained, award-winning reporter and has given many UFO stories the arms-length treatment during his 13 years at the paper, so I said:

"Oh?"

"Yes," he said, "it was while I was on vacation last week at East Lansing, Mich. 7/1-5

"Four or five of us were standing out in the back yard, around dusk, and this thing goes past us in the sky.

"It was sort of shaped like a big dirigible — like a bloated cigar.

"It looked bigger than you'd expect a jet to look at that altitude. It seemed to be going faster than you'd expect a jet to go. And it made absolutely no noise whatsoever.

Phones Pentagon

"All of us saw it and watched it. It gave you a really queer feeling. No, none of us bothered to report it."

Just about this time another story came over the wire from Michigan, quoting the Air Force radar station commander as saying that as far as he knew, none of his personnel had sighted any UFO's, no matter what any wire service story said.

I then phoned the Air Force at the Pentagon—they're the official flying saucer experts—and asked them about it.

They said the Air Defense Command denied that it had had any planes in the air anywhere chasing any formation of UFOS.

I told this to McCartney and he said:

"You know, when I saw this thing, I just assumed that it must be a jet that was reflecting the setting sun in a funny way.

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Flying Saucer Scare Sweeps Nation Again

BY GARY CUMMINGS

WHAT'S BRIGHT RED and moves across the sky?

The village quipster would say "an unidentified flying grape" or "superapple."

But to an increasing number of Chicagoans, it's not funny.

Such objects are being sighted nightly by residents across the country.

Mrs. George Roth, 28 E. 13th pl., Lombard, saw one last night and said:

"I thought people who saw those things were all crackpots. When it happened to me, I thought I was out of my mind. I said to myself, 'I can't be one of those nuts.'"

SO SHE CALLED neighbors, because "if I'm going to be nuts, they're going to be nuts with me."

The half-dozen neighbors who looked into the southeastern sky saw the same objects, she said.

"There were two red things, pulsating, and flying toward the lake. They seemed to follow one another. They made a funny noise, sort of a whirring, pulsing noise. They scared the hell out of me."

Mrs. Roth discounted official air force theories that the rash of recently sighted objects are stars or planes. "We live on the traffic pattern for O'Hare International airport. I know what airplanes and helicopters look and sound like. I swear it wasn't an aircraft."

In another UFO incident, personnel at the air force's radar base near Houghton, Mich., reportedly made "solid radar contact" with "7 to 10 unidentified flying objects" moving 9,000 miles an hour over Lake Superor.

However, in a telephone interview, the base commander, Maj. Roger Gottschall, head of the 665th radar squadron, said:

"It must be the dog days, or just a plain hoax. I'm the base commander, and I would certainly know of any such radar contact. There was none. I personally checked."

ANOTHER SIGHTING was made by Joseph Zececiko, 14, of 1932 Wilson av., and Robert Jones, 15, of 3892 Montrose av., while they were fishing from the rocks near the Waveland golf course.

"We saw it. So did a lot of other people," said Jones. "It was a big red thing, sitting in the air about 500 feet above the water. We got scared, and got out of there right away, and went home."

Zececiko added, "It was a weird thing. We didn't stay there long. We got on a bus and went right home."

Reinhard Schwarz, 14, and his brother Dieter, 19, of 834 Waveland av. sighted similar objects. Said Reinhard: "We saw what appeared to be stars. One was in the east, one was directly overhead, and one was coming in from the south."

DIETER ADDED, "They appeared to be the size of a star, fairly bright, and then they got dimmer. We saw them thru binoculars and a telescope for several seconds before they disappeared."

Mrs. Alice Colella, 10122 Torrence av., was taking out the garbage when she saw "an object as big as a light bulb in the northwestern sky. It was very bright."

She watched for several seconds and then saw two bright lights circling each other. "Then they vanished," she said.

An ambitious attempt, not only to identify the objects, but to coax outer space visitors to land, will be made next week.

Norman Jack Maynard, president of the Great Lakes Identified Flying Objects association, said a meeting will be held in the Dead river area of Illinois Beach State park, north of Waukegan, to lure the spacemen.

Saucer Sights

By Charles Nicodemus

WASHINGTON

Dear Boss:

Until now, I've been a bit skeptical, to say the least, about flying saucers and people who say they've seen them.

Now, I'm not quite so sure.

I was standing in our bureau's wire room reading the teletype, when I ran across this story out of Houghton, Mich., saying three Air Force radar stations had picked up blips from seven UFOs (unidentified flying objects) high-tailing it at 9000 miles an hour, in V formation, out over Lake Superior.

Seven other objects were spotted over nearby Duluth, Minn., but when Air Force jets gave chase, the story said, the UFOs easily whisked away.

I mentioned this story to my secretary, at which point Jim McCartney—who had been at his desk in the next room—stuck his head in the wire room door and said casually:

"You know what? I saw a flying saucer last week."

Mr. McCartney is a trained, award-winning reporter and has given many UFO stories the arms-length treatment during his 13 years at the paper, so I said:

"Oh?"

"Yes," he said, "it was while I was on vacation last week at East Lansing, Mich.

"Four or five of us were standing out in the back yard, around dusk, and this thing goes past up in the sky.

"It was sort of shaped like a big dirigible—like a bloated cigar.

"It looked bigger than you'd expect a jet to look at that altitude. It seemed to be going faster than you'd expect a jet to go. And it made absolutely no noise whatsoever.

"All of us saw it and watched. It gave you a really queer feeling. No, none of us bothered to report it."

Just about this time another story came over the wire from Michigan, quoting the Air Force radar station commander as saying that as far as he knew, none of his personnel had sighted any UFOs, no matter what any wire service story said.

I then phoned the Air Force at the Pentagon—they're the official flying saucer experts—and asked them about it.

They said the Air Defense Command denied that it had had any planes in the air anywhere chasing any formation of UFOs.

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Query re: AF chasing UFOs

Remus, Mich.
Nov. 27, 1967

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NICAP
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Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sirs:

Please find enclosed a $5.00 - money order which I hope you'll accept to enroll me as a member of the NICAP organization. I have always been very interested in science, astronomy, etc.; and since there have been so many new sightings of UFO's in the last two years. various locations in & around Michigan, I have become even more interested in UFO sightings. No doubt there are, and have been many mis-judgements, false-reports, etc., concerning UFO activity, but there are too many actual pictures as "live"

2) proof that there are in truth various types of UFOs existing; much less (or besides) several qualified, government-trained military men, pilots, Michigan-sheriffs and their deputies reporting UFOs having "chased" them, or stopped suddenly in front of their cars, etc. I believe it was last year, or early this last spring, that a pilot from one of our airports or air-bases in the Upper Peninsula (of Michigan) tracked 9 UFOs for several miles, but couldn't catch up to them, before they suddenly disappeared.) It came on, on one of our T-V news-reports, and then must have been quickly "hushed up" by the government, or state officials, because that's all we ever heard about that particular incident.

I have several UFO books compiled and put out by

3)
reputable authors, & which
are not science-fictions.
God made our earth and the
people in it, and we have
no reason not to believe
that he could have made
other planets, galaxies, etc.,
from which possibly live
beings which, or rather whom
have been in existance
much longer than our
planet, & us, and who could
be far superior to us, as per
intelligence, minerals-knowledge
(to make the supposedly "shiny, metallic
looking" 70s), and creatures
or beings who have been so
intelligent that they have developed
"flying machines" which do go
faster than the speed of sound.
Just this early summer, 2 boys
of highschool-age had stayed

4) home from school, this certain day, or their mother was ill. (Come to think of it, it must have been real early in the spring, as there was still snow on the ground.) Anyway, they had been photographing ~~pictures~~ "snow scenes", and were standing in the backyard of their home, so took pictures of these UFOs, for about 10 minutes. This was within shouting distance of Selfridge air-force Base. (This is told about in one of these articles I'm sending you). (These articles came out in the "Detroit Free Press" newspaper, during this year of 1967.)

Anyway, the picture that followed the 2 boys pictures of the 2 UFOs was a picture, or a "transposed picture" in which, no doubt, the newspaper

5) was told to try and make the 2 UFO's "picture" look like a "mushroom in the snow". (I wonder how stupid the newspapers feel that people are.)

However, as you can tell, I would like to become a member of your N.I.C.A.P.

Sincerely Yours,
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49610

P.S. Being that we are sort of located in the Central part of Michigan, and not too far (about 175 miles) from Upper Michigan, and also not too far from Hillsdale where various UFO sightings have been told about, we are interested in the UFO "reports", etc.