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What a UFO is not.

UFO FIRES



**SHOCKING
EYEWITNESS
ACCOUNTS!**

ON LOUISVILLE, KY. POLICE CHOPPER!

2 cops survive most amazing encounter of 1993!

**Police officers report dogfight
between UFO and helicopter**

By BARBARA HARRIS
Special News Service

LOUISVILLE — Two police officers — the second to their best friend as "old pals" — were involved in a dramatic dogfight with a UFO on the night of Friday night.

But he confirmed the UFO and that it fell into the air and then disappeared. Officer Joe Siskowski said he tried to in his mind as a minute to reach up to the object for 14 years, and I never stop to the closer I've come to something I made a decision.

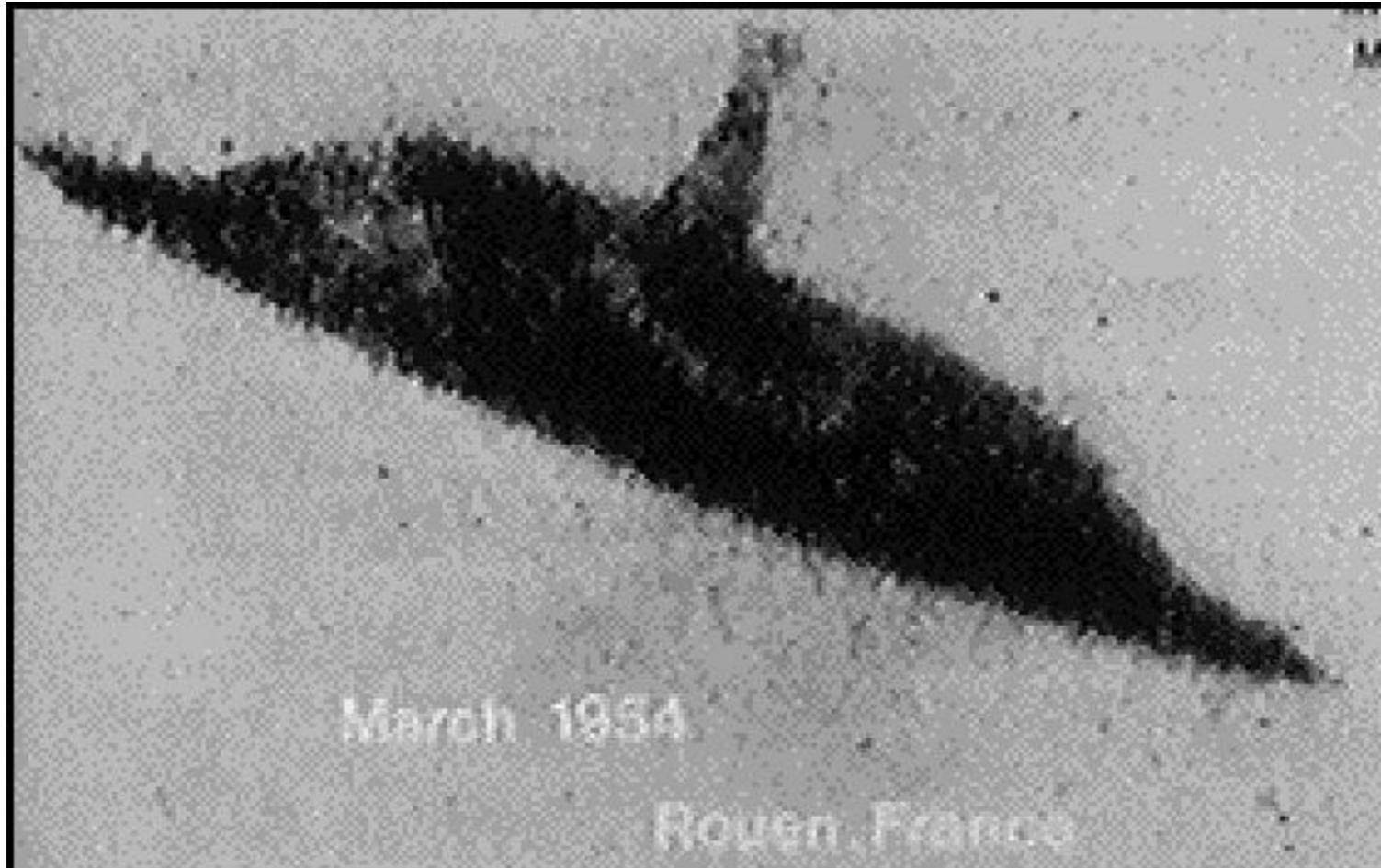
I am 35-year veteran, was



What a UFO ... is.



Salem, Massachusetts 1952, Coast Guard



March, 1957 Rouen, France, gun-sight camera



TRENT # 1

The modern era of UFOs begins in the 1940s.
It begins with "foo fighters" over Germany and
Japan in 1944.

Military pilots reported objects like these:



Date: September 25, 1947

From: Lt. General Nathan Twining

To: Commanding General of the Army Air Forces; Brig. General George Schulgen

Subject: Air Materiel Command Opinion Concerning "Flying Discs"

... It is the opinion that:

- a. The phenomenon reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious.
- b. There are objects probably approximating the shape of a disc. Of such appreciable size as to appear to be as large as man-made aircraft.
- c. The reported operating characteristics such as extreme rates of climb, maneuverability, and action which must be considered evasive when sighted by friendly aircraft and radar ..."

Congressman Lyndon B. Johnson inquired about the discs and was

told:

"The Army Air Force is conducting an investigation of the alleged

'flying discs.' Detailed statements of credible witnesses are being carefully reviewed."

Which they were.

The US Air Force responds with PROJECT SIGN in 1948. Three hypotheses are considered (Russian? American? Extraterrestrial?) and the first two are rejected.

That hypothesis is rejected at the top and knocked back down. But UFO reports don't stop and the USAF tries again - with PROJECT GRUDGE IN 1949.

Press releases will conform to the following policy:

""We have investigated and evaluated _____ and have found nothing of value which would change our previous estimates on this subject.""

Some become unhappy with the lack of a serious effort and forthrightness, e.g.

Chief of AF Intelligence General Charles Cabell who said to Pentagon officers:

"What do I have to do to stir up action? Anyone can see that we do not have a satisfactory answer to the saucer question....I want the answer to the saucers and I want a good answer."

- June 1952. Orders are issued to fire ... on a mirage? on a hallucination?
- "At a distance of 130 miles to the northeast of Washington DC, three different Army radar units detected an object at 18,000 feet. The object's signal was strong, it remained stationary on radar for 30 minutes and then began to move. By the time it reached the edge of our scopes it was traveling over 1000 mph.
- "Our report went all the way to the Pentagon and the order came back that if another one came in then we were to fire on it. After that first night, we loaded our 99mm anti-aircraft guns which was an unusual thing to do in a populated area. We also scrambled F-94 jet fighters from McGuire AFB."

July 1952. Washington D. C. Washington National Airport and Andrews AFB pick up unknown objects on radar. Ground observers see them. F-94s are scrambled and pilots see them too.

At a press conference, Major General John Samford, Chief of AF Intelligence, states:

"Credible people have seen incredible things."

and the Washington Post reported ...

July 28, 1952, headline of the Washington Post:

The Weather
 Today—Mostly sunny and hot; high 86.
 Tuesday—Scattered thundershowers,
 cooler in afternoon or night. Yester-
 day—High, 84 at 5 p. m.; low, 75 at
 8:40 a. m. (Details on Page 12)

The Washington Post

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'Saucer' Outran Jet, Pilot Reveals

U. S. Protests Soviet 'Hate' In Aviation Day Posters

Air Chase Pictures Held Admission of 3 Attacks; Envoys Show Big Red Show

By the Associated Press

The United States has protested to Russia against Soviet posters picturing Russian planes chasing American aircraft.

The posters, displayed in Moscow in connection with Aviation Day yesterday, referred to clashes in which the United States charges Communist fighter planes attacked American craft over neutral territory.

Twenty American aircraft, ac-

Conquest by Terror

Russians Rule Satellites By Torture and Murder

By Leland Stowe

The Washington Post today presents the first of 22 stories that give the most complete factual story yet written about Red tyranny in eastern Europe. The author is a Pulitzer Prize winner. He is one of only two newspapermen to win all three of the top prizes for foreign reporting. These chapters are from his book, "Conquest by Terror," just published by Random House.

You might be interested to know how these reports came to be written.

They are a direct result of my belief that the so-called "Iron Curtain" has many crevices in it; that we in the West have failed to tap many vital sources of news. We could and should know a great deal more about communism in the Red-ruled half of Europe.

I decided, in September 1950, to try and get a maximum of available facts. That's where the much neglected holes in the Iron Curtain came in.

Among these sources of information are:

—Fugitives in exile, some of whom I had known. Members of National Committees in Exile from satellite countries. Special-

Stevenson And Truman Head 'Big 4' Campaign

Barkley, Sparkman Also Will Enter Stumping Campaign For Party Victory

*CHICAGO, July 27 (AP)—*The Democratic high command decided today to throw a "big four" speaking team into the fall campaign.

It will be headed by President Truman and Gen. Adlai Stevenson, the presidential nominee.

Democratic National Chairman Frank E. McKinney told reporters that President Truman advised him last night, "I am at your disposal."

McKinney said the big fear will be President Truman, Stevenson, Vice President Alben

Eisenhower, Nixon Plan Campaign

Will Invade South; Spirit of Unity Growing in GOP, Senator Declares

*FRASER, Colo., July 27 (AP)—*Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sen. Richard M. Nixon (R-Calif.) met in a strategy conference today and planned a "fighting campaign" to win the November election as Republican candidates for President and Vice President.

Nixon said he and Eisenhower "agreed that this shall be just as intensive a campaign as we can make it. We expect to conduct a fighting campaign on issues and facts and to bring our

Investigation On in Secret After Chase Over Capital

Radar Spots Blips Like Aircraft for Nearly Six Hours; Only 1700 Feet Up

By Paul Sammon

Military secrecy veils an investigation of the mysterious, glowing aerial objects that showed up on radar screens in the Washington area Saturday night for the second consecutive week.

A jet pilot sent up by the Air Defense Command to investigate the objects reported he was unable to determine whether they

Associated Press Wirephoto

Project Blue Book

The USAF creates Project Blue Book with Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Northwestern University astronomer, as resource scientist.

The CIA gets involved and concludes a study:

- Flying saucers are not a threat to national security but reports of flying saucers are.
- Military personnel should be trained in proper observation of flying saucers.

Programs should be created to debunk flying saucers to the citizenry.

Fast forward to Hynek when he created CUFOs (The Center for UFO Studies) as an independent organization because he became disillusioned with the USAF:

"The public was, in fact, placed in the role of 'the enemy,' against whom 'counterespionage' tactics must be employed. From my personal experience, I frequently felt that those in charge did consider people who reported UFOs or who took a serious interest in them and wanted information about them, as enemies." (UFOs and Government: A Historical Inquiry, p. 243)

- Three legs of the stool of disinformation and deception:

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ILLUSION

- MISDIRECTION

- RIDICULE

- but the greatest of these is ridicule.

As military personnel were trained and the public "managed," sensor data was collected from a significant number of sightings.

Speaking of extraordinary speeds and maneuvers by UFOs, Dr. Hermann Oberth, von Braun's mentor in rocket technology, wrote, "The accuracy of such measurements has not been doubted. If there would be only 3 or 4 measurements, I would not rely on them but there is existing more than 50 such measurements the wireless sets (radar) of the American Air Force and Navy, which are used in all fighters, cannot be so inaccurate that the information obtained with them can be doubted completely." - from his lecture notes for a talk given in Germany, "UFOs and Government: A Historical Inquiry," pp. 274-5.

During the 1950s Project Blue Book debunked cases, often using impossible explanations. One particularly interesting case was the well-documented RB-47 event.

An RB-47 bomber was paced for hours by a UFO. Aircraft and ground radar as well as visual observation confirmed the event. The RB-47 received radar transmissions from the unknown on its own radar frequency. The Project Blue Book file on this case has never been found.

In the 1960s, NICAP was created, headed by former CIA director Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter who said in May 1960:

- UFOs are guided by intelligence.
- They are not Russian.
- We have not properly investigated them.
- Congress should investigate UFOs.

Congressional investigation was squashed by the USAF.

In the 1970s, numerous events compelled the USAF to commission a university to investigate. In 1969 the Colorado Project - the Condon Committee - concluded - despite its own "unknowns" and hundreds of pages of discussion - that the AF should stop investigating UFOs. The USAF closed Blue Book and stopped responding to public inquiries. Subsequent AF investigations have, c, leaked through FOIAs.

And Hynek founded CUFOs in protest.

Interesting cases did not go away.

- 24 Oct 1968 - Minot AFB - a thoroughly documented account of a remarkable incident - www.minoitb52ufo.com - earlier case but worth reading.
- Oct 1975 - Loring AFB - FOIA elicited 24 documents describing a B-52 bomber crew on the ground observing an object 300 feet away and five feet above the ground.
- Sept 1976 - Tehran Iran - a DIA FOIA response details a "dog fight" between fighters and a UFO. An Iranian General later goes public at a Washington press conference, confirming this event. The DIA report says the case is of the highest credibility.
- Nov 1986 - Alaska - the FAA release documents after FOIA about a radar and visual case.

2013: "UFOs and Government: A Historical Inquiry" is recommended for inclusion in university libraries because it stands out as an "EXCEPTION" to other work in the field.

Nearly 1000 citations in almost 600 pages illuminates the history of the government's response, with minimal speculation, no conclusions about aliens and origins, but ...

if you see the nose of a camel inside the tent, do you think there might be ... a camel?

