

(List also as PG4/5 VA Flag)

1965: Hampton, VA

"CE1" (binocs assisted)

NASA Engineers Report High-Performance, V-Shaped UFO

from UFOE-2

On January 27, 1965, Major John Nayadley, a retired Air Force pilot and now a NASA research engineer, sighted a fast-moving object at Hampton, VA. At first he thought it was a typical shooting star (meteor) because of its speed, but when it came closer and persisted, he saw that it was a V-shaped object with blinking red-orange lights on the outer edges, zigzagging at a low level. The sighting was fully confirmed by another NASA engineer, A. G. Crimmins, Jr., who filed a report with NICAP. Crimmins also saw the object maneuvering close to the ground, but he interpreted the shape differently.

"It was zigzagging as if searching for a landing spot," Crimmins said in his report to NICAP. "I watched it through 20 x 50 binoculars and I could see the flashing lights. They appeared to be on the edge or rim of a rapidly rotating disc." After a brief touch-landing, the flying disc took off and climbed rapidly out of sight. The Air Force rushed out the explanation that the so-called UFO was a helicopter, but when an investigator from Langley AFB questioned Crimmins, who had already checked that possibility, Crimmins pointed out that "no helicopters were flying at that time."²⁸

I am going to attach the over all material on the VA flag here except for the Williamsburg E.M.

A 2nd element of all this is the potential shooting vidome which begins to worry local sheriff.

↑ Dick says that there's a NICAP file.

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The AF quickly explained the UFO as a helicopter. When an investigator from Langley AFB questioned Crimmins, he said that "no helicopters were flying at that time."

But AFHQ still uses this false answer, ridiculing an experienced AF pilot and a NASA engineer as too befuddled or excited to recognize an ordinary "whirly-bird."

Soon after this case broke, Maj. Hector Quintanella, UFO Project chief, came to Richmond to debunk the numerous recent Virginia sightings. Playing up frauds, delusions and fake photos, Quintanella combined ridicule, evasion or denial of documented facts and claimed not a single UFO report had ever been proved true.

← NICAP's UFO Investigator

March-April 1965.

(This also indicates a NICAP file on this).

} But I couldn't locate it. Dick could have kept this.

← This shows that the # of sightings in this concentrated mini-flag was a PR problem.

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Keyhole:

On January 25, two UFOs landed separately near Williamsburg, Virginia, stalling witnesses' cars. The reports were confirmed by state police. Two days later, an alien craft came down near Hampton, Virginia. Among the witnesses were two NASA research engineers—A. G. Crimmins and Maj. John Nayadley, a retired AF jet pilot.

"I watched it through binoculars," Crimmins stated. "It was zigzagging as if searching for a landing spot. I could see flashing lights on the edge or rim of a rapidly rotating disc."

The UFO made a touch landing, then climbed steeply out of sight. Without any checkup, AF Headquarters hurriedly explained it as a helicopter the NASA engineers failed to recognize in their excitement. Too late HQ learned that Langley AFB had ruled this out—no helicopters were flying in the area.

Under the strict CIA policy, the AF had to debunk sightings as quickly as possible. With all the pressure, as reports piled up, foul-ups were inevitable.

One harried spokesman denied the AF had any landing reports from Virginia. That very afternoon AF investigators were checking the Williamsburg cases, and the press quickly hit the denial. To offset the blunder, HQ rushed the UFO Project chief, Maj. Hector Quintanella, to Richmond for a debunking tour. Stressing delusions and hoaxes, Quintanella told reporters not a single UFO report was genuine. Since his witness ridicule included responsible Virginians, the tour turned into a flop.

from Aliens from Space.

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Larry Bryant gets in hot water pushing the Hampton case:

On January 28, 1965, the Newport News, Virginia, Daily Press gave a couple of columns to what may one day be regarded as a classic UFO case. Classic not only because (1) the sighting was made near Langley; (2) one of the observers was a retired AF pilot and another an aeronautical engineer; (3) the object landed on a restricted AF bombing range - but also because (4) the Air Force has apparently fallen down on its responsibility adequately to investigate the incident.

Detailed sighting report forms on this case are on file with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. (NICAP - the United States' foremost private UFO research organization, which is headquartered at 1536 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C.) A local Air Force investigator also interrogated one of the witnesses, Mr. A. G. Crimmins, Jr., an aeronautical engineer employed at NASA's Langley Research Center. The other observer is Mr. John R. Nayadley, a retired AF pilot who is now working for NASA at Langley. Each observation was made independently of the other; this fact tends to make the sighting all the more nearly ideal for scientific analysis. Nayadley chose to report his observation direct to the local newspaper instead of to Langley. The day after the sighting, January 28, the Daily Press ran an article describing Nayadley's observation of a soundless, flashing-light-rimmed object maneuvering near his home in Hampton. Upon contacting Nayadley for more details, I learned that one of his neighbors also claimed to have seen the phenomenon. The neighbor happened to be Crimmins, who subsequently told me that his view of the object allowed him to see it land momentarily on Plum Tree Island, an old AF bombing range.

After receiving a written report from each observer, I began to concentrate on the role of the Air Force in the case. Since Nayadley had told me that no AF investigator contacted him about his observation, I wrote to Virginia Senator Harry F. Boyd on January 29:

"In order that this case will not be glossed over by the Air Force, as was the October 19, 1959 Poquoson (Va.) near-landing incident (This now-famous case involved two teen-

agers who were hunting in a marsh about five miles from Langley. One of them allegedly fired his shotgun thrice at a small discoid that had come to a hover about 80 feet above him. Although at least one Virginia congressman expressed a formal interest in the case, the Air Force elected not to interview the observers because: (1) "We can't start an investigation on hearsay evidence - namely, that data contained in a Daily Press article two days later." - Major S. G. Scull, Intelligence Office, 4505th Air Refueling Wing, Langley Air Force Base, on October 30, 1959; (2) The two boys themselves did not report the incident to the "authorities"; (3) "Mr. Bryant's report (by telephone to Langley on October 23) contained insufficient evidence to allow any valid conclusions; and since the report was received approximately four days after the sighting, the urgency of the situation was considerably lessened . . . since no one else in the area reported this sighting, the matter was dropped from further consideration." - AF Maj. Gen. Thomas C. Musgrave, Jr., in a letter to Virginia Congressman Porter Hardy, Jr., on May 16, 1960.) I ask that you personally advise the Air Force authorities at the Pentagon to investigate Major Nayadley's sighting." Sen. Byrd replied: "Last week I communicated with the Secretary of the Air Force in regard to the numerous reports of unidentified flying objects. I will also take up this matter with my colleagues on the Senate Armed Services Committee."

Despite the senator's good intentions, nearly a month's time elapsed in which Nayadley remained uncontacted by the AF. Therefore, on the 20th of February, I wrote the following to the AF Secretary:

"If it is true that the U.S. Air Force is conducting a scientifically adequate investigation of aerial phenomena, then would you please tell me why your scientific personnel have failed to interrogate Maj. Nayadley?

"If a UFO landed some day in my backyard and I took close-up motion pictures of it before it flew away; and if I revealed my possession of the film to the general press but did not voluntarily file a formal report with your UFO project

personnel (Project Blue Book), would they therefore abstain from interrogating me or requesting a view of the film? The point is: What is the cut-off on when you will take the initiative to investigate a UFO case and when you will not?"

Even though I sent a copy of that letter to the Senate Armed Services Committee, it was two months later when I finally received a reply from the Air Force - and only then, I believe, because I sent a follow-up letter to Senator Byrd. Here is the official Air Force policy on the matter, as expounded by Lt. Col. John P. Spaulding, Chief of the Civil Branch, Community Relations Division, Office of Information:

"Unless a UFO report is officially reported to the Air Force, no investigation is made. The Air Force extends an open invitation to anyone who feels that he possesses any evidence of extraterrestrial vehicles operating within the earth's near space envelope to submit his evidence for analysis."

As any free-lance ufologist who has ever launched an AF inquiry campaign knows, the bureaucracy of AF public relations often succeeds in delaying or minimizing official replies to the extent that the individual either gives up in frustration or finds that the reading public has turned its interest elsewhere. Take the Crimmins sighting, for example. The following is a summary of my attempts to learn what solution the AF experts have tagged to this case:

(1) April 24, 1965 inquiry to Commanding Officer, Project Blue Book, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

(2) May 7, 1965 inquiry to AF P.I.O., Washington, D.C.

(3) May 13, 1965 follow-up to Project Blue Book.

(4) May 17, 1965 inquiry to Langley P.I.O. (which a Major Bayred O. Vermillion forwarded to USAF headquarters for reply).

(5) May 27, 1965 inquiry to Sen. Byrd.

Finally, on June 11, Lt. Col. Spaulding sent me this reply: "The object observed by Mr. A. G. Crimmins on 27 January 1965 has been evaluated as a Navy helicopter." My next question is one which the AF must leave unanswered, officially: Did Maj. Nayadley, too, merely observe the meanderings of a sound-

less helicopter?

To find out, I asked Sen. Byrd to secure for me a copy of the AF's investigative file on the case. The senator's response came in the form of a letter from Col. L. Conques, Chief of the AF's Congressional Inquiry Division: "All UFO investigation reports are kept in our files at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and are not available for distribution." He added: "... the object reported by Mr. Crimmins . . . was determined to be an H-3 Navy helicopter (#49921)." The trouble with this solution is that the Navy authorities seem to disagree, as witness the following letter to me from Lt. Commander J.S. Basset, P.I.O. for the Fourth and Fifth Naval Districts at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.:

"In answer to your inquiry of July 12, 1965, we have no record of any type of Navy flights in that area during this period."

Naturally, by this time I certainly wanted to clear up such a discrepancy, and I attempted to do so by my letter of August 2 to the P.I.O. at AF headquarters: "... I should like to know the crew members' names and the flight plan of the H-3 Navy helicopter to which the Air Force has attributed this sighting." Having received no response to this by August 28, I mailed a postcard follow-up to AF headquarters, September the 11th rolled around, and still there was no response; whereupon I was compelled to fulfill my civic duty again by contacting Sen. Byrd. The last sentence of this contact read: "I hope that you can offer me a solution to this bottleneck (of correspondence delay) in the free flow of UFO data to the public."

The next revolution in this, the UFO correspondence merry-go-round, began with a September 30 letter to me from Sen. Byrd, in which he quoted Air Force Col. Dwight W. Covell:

"The Office of Information . . . reports that they have a file of considerable size relating to differences of opinion between Mr. Bryant's version of the UFO sightings and the Air Force's statements of findings based on competent evidence. They advise that they have stopped responding to his letters because in their candid opinion no useful purpose is being served by

continuing the exchange as they are plainly only succeeding in exercising a mutual privilege to agree to disagree.

"As we previously reported to you . . . , the specific report cited in Mr. Bryant's letter was prepared by personnel at Langley AFB . . . This report indicates that the object was reported by Mr. A.G. Crimmins and was determined to be an H-3 Navy helicopter (#49921). Mr. Crimmins was satisfied with our findings and explanation.

"Information of the nature requested by Mr. Bryant in his letter of August 2 . . . (names of helicopter crew, flight plan, etc.) is not released to the public. We hope you will understand the necessity to adopt this policy in order to protect the aircrew members concerned from a flood of inquiries and letters from persistent citizens and UFO enthusiasts who do not accept the Air Force findings on UFO sightings.

Of course, such indulgence in argumentum ad hominem hardly improves upon the AF's public image in this field. But more importantly, here is evidence of actual misinformation being fed, wittingly or otherwise, to a highly influential member of Congress! It cannot be left unchallenged, as I pointed out to Sen. Byrd in my letter of October 2:

"First of all, in my telephone conversation today with Mr. Crimmins (area code 703, phone 851-3151), he told me that since filing his report with a lieutenant at LAFB, he has heard nothing further from that officer or any other Air Force employee on their evaluation of the sighting. He reiterated to me the opinion he made in his report: there is a 'wild possibility' that the object



Next to Chesapeake Bay in Virginia, Plum Tree Island was the site of a landed UFO one night during the Fall-Winter 1964-65 sighting crisis in that state. Photo shows that part of island located in town of Poquoson, which was host to a low-flying UFO eight years ago.

could have been a helicopter; but because of its departure speed he does not believe it was one. When I read to him the Air Force statement, 'Mr. Crimmins was satisfied with our findings and explanation,' he told me that he is far from being satisfied, inasmuch as he has not seen the Air Force report of evaluation on his case. Mr. Crimmins told me he is willing to swear out an affidavit documenting his position in this matter.

"Since the Senate Space Committee has been looking into the Air Force's handling of UFO-sighting data, I request that you advise their staff investigators of the conflicting statements in this case."

Because of the Air Force's mishandling of such cases as Ohio's 1958 Fitzgerald sighting and those at Poquoson and Plum Tree Island, Virginia, one cannot help seeing that a pattern of selectivity has evolved during the past 19 years of official ufology. To the veteran private ufologist, it seems that somewhere along the line the Air Force has reached a definite conclusion as to the origin and purpose of UFOs, and that the primary objective of Project Blue Book is to keep this conclusion secret. The secondary objective, then, would be to concentrate on the more dramatic UFO encounters of the future to determine just how much alteration, if any, the conclusion needs. In the meantime, rumor-mongers, opportunists, and "contactee" fanatics will continue to flourish as a result of this intellectual vacuum in official UFO research.

Furthermore, one can only conclude from this evidence of selectivity that there is more art - public-relations art - than science in the operation of Project Blue Book. Coupled with the incontrovertible evidence of the Federal Government's UFO news management programs (See "A Hard Look at UFO News Management", by Larry W. Bryant, in the Feb. 1964 issue of FATE Magazine.), the lack of science should be enough to persuade any discerning congressional committee to hold open hearings on the subject. The fact that extensive hearings have not been held convinces me that ufology remains the hottest off-the-record story on Capitol Hill.

Investigator's Opinion

UFO Spotter Held Silenced

By Dallas M. Kersey

Times-Dispatch News Bureau

WAYNESBORO, Feb. 3—An official of a national committee which investigates unidentified flying objects (UFO's) reports interviewed a local man Wednesday who said he had a bizarre encounter with a UFO and its passengers sometime ago but since has been told to keep his findings quiet.

Richard Hall, assistant director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) with headquarters at Washington, said after an hour interview with the local man that "it appears that this man has definitely been intimidated."

Hall came to Waynesboro after being told in a letter by another local resident that William Blackburn, who reported that he saw three beings debark from a UFO in Augusta county on January 19, has been told to remain silent about his experience.

Four days after Blackburn's reported experience he told the story of seeing three small, dark beings about 36 inches high debark from a UFO in the Brands Flat area of the county.

Additional Information

Hall said he was able to "elicit some additional information" on Blackburn's experience but that Blackburn had been "instructed explicitly not to say anything and it was suggested strongly that some federal authority had told him this."

Blackburn, Hall said, was told he could say only two things—"no comment" and that the silence order did not come from the General Electric Co. plant here where he is an industrial draftsman.

"It was not his personal decision not to talk," Hall said.

Hall, who has dealt frequently with federal authorities, said he intends to check further with

Blackburn's friends to see if unlighted flying craft—one about 20 yards across, the other about 80 yards. The smaller craft landed out of sight and three beings debarked and came within 12 yards of him, muttered unintelligible sounds, then turned and boarded the UFO. The episode lasted about two or three minutes, he said.

"My main concern and reason for being here is to investigate the report that Mr. Blackburn was told by someone not to say anything," Hall said.

Rattles With Air Force

NICAP, which is not a federal agency, has had a standing battle for several years with the air force over what NICAP contends is secrecy with which the government shrouds all UFO reports in an attempt to conceal the facts about UFO's.

In Blackburn's original story before the talk ban, he said he was at the archery range off U. S. Rt. 250 between Waynesboro and Staunton chopping wood for a group of archers.

He said he saw two noiseless, unlighted flying craft—one about 20 yards across, the other about 80 yards. The smaller craft landed out of sight and three beings debarked and came within 12 yards of him, muttered unintelligible sounds, then turned and boarded the UFO. The episode lasted about two or three minutes, he said.

"I am sure I didn't have an hallucination . . . I didn't use to believe in these things. This made me a believer," Blackburn said then.

Hall said he did find out that Blackburn "knew little or nothing" about UFO's before his reported sighting. "It's a very strange story and we are unable at this point to either discount it or confirm it."

"We are particularly concerned that persons are being intimidated," Hall emphasized.

Oklahomans Report Seeing Flying Objects

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (AP)—Police and newsroom telephones in Central Oklahoma jangled Sunday night with a rash of reports of strange objects in the sky.

The highway patrol said some of the sightings were confirmed by Tinker Air Force Base radar. A Tinker spokesman said, however, that he could neither confirm nor deny the radar confirmation. He referred future inquiries to U.S. Air Force Headquarters in Washington.

Highway patrol headquarters in Oklahoma City said the objects, flying very high, were seen in

diamond-shaped formations at Chickasha, Shawnee, Cushing and Chandler. A woman at Chandler, Mrs. Bill Tipton, said she saw a flashing object—red on the bottom and white on top—hover over the Chandler area for about 15 minutes, then move off in a westerly direction.

Officers in three different Shawnee police cars watched the diamond formation for about 30 minutes around 9 p.m., the patrol said. The objects were described as changing in colors from red to white to blue-green. The officers said they moved in a northerly direction, at times moving from side to side.

Cushing police also reported the objects changed color from red to blue to white.

Jim Cline, police dispatcher, said Patrolman C. V. Barnhill reported sighting a kite-shaped object with a red, revolving light on top.

It was the second consecutive day of reports of unidentified flying objects over Oklahoma. A Wynnewood policeman, Lewis Sikes, said he saw an object which emitted a red, blue and white light early Saturday morning over Wynnewood in southern Oklahoma. Tinker Air Force Base reported it located the object on radar at about 8,000 feet.

Police in three southwestern New Mexico cities received reports of unidentified flying objects which were said to change color from white to orange.

The reports were received from 8:20-9:00 p.m.

A report from Hobbs, N.M., near the Texas border described the object as round, white with an orange trail and moving to the west.

A police department dispatcher at Carlsbad, about 40 miles west of Hobbs, said she saw a similar object, also moving westerly.

And 25 miles northwest of Carlsbad, Artesia city police received four reports of a bright object with a red trail passing directly over the town and heading north-east.

SPACE RUMORS FLY

It's Closed Season On Little Green Men

STAUNTON, Va. (AP)—Augusta County Sheriff John E. Kent says he will crack down on flying saucer-believers who go out equipped with firearms to stalk "little green men."

Reports of unidentified flying objects have been frequent in the valley area. They reached a climax Tuesday night when three boys said they saw a small, green man in the Brands Flat area east of here.

Kent said he subsequently re-

ceived a complaint that some residents of the rural area armed themselves and went out to hunt down the creature supposedly landed by a UFO.

"This thing has gotten completely out of hand," the sheriff said. "It is now dangerous to county residents."

"Anyone carrying firearms in the county without good reason will be dealt with according to the law."

Besides, Kent added, suppose there really were creatures around who came from outer space—"Who's got a right to mow them down?"

Kent said he has never seen a UFO and doesn't believe in them—"Anyone can go out at night and see some sort of reflections in the sky." But he fears the human reaction to such reports.

One resident of the Brands Flat area said yesterday he knows "for a fact" that the supposed "little green man" reportedly seen by the three boys Tuesday night was a jokester.

The jokester was a neighbor who donned a mask and sat in a field, near U.S. Route 250, intending to play a practical joke on another boy.



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 Thursday, January 28, 1965

Case at
 the end of
 the VA flap:
 NASA tech
 from Langley.
 V-shaped object.

**Man Reports
 Seeing UFO
 At Hampton**

HAMPTON, Jan. 27 — P —
 An unidentified flying object
 was reported sighted here
 Wednesday at 5:55 p.m. by a
 retired air force pilot.

Maj. John Nayadley said
 that he was in the yard of
 his home in the Fox Hill sec-
 tion here, scanning the skies
 for the Echo I satellite,
 which was due to pass over
 the peninsula about 5:40 p.m.

"At about 5:55 p.m. I
 spotted something that
 looked at first like a shoot-
 ing star. Then it developed
 into a V-shape—something
 like a flock of geese. The ob-
 ject had blinking orange and
 red lights along the outer
 edges," Nayadley said. "It
 did not make a sound," he
 added.

The retired air force
 officer, who now works in
 the instruments research de-
 partment at Langley Re-
 search Center, NASA, said
 that he observed the UFO
 for approximately one min-
 ute.

"I've been reading about
 UFO's and did not put much
 stock in them until tonight,"
 Nayadley said.

"I remember back about
 10 years ago, when I was fly-
 ing, the air force instructed
 us to keep a close lookout
 for any strange flying ob-
 jects, but I never did see
 any."

"You know, there must be
 something because so many
 sightings have been report-
 lately."



Director: Major Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.) Assistant Director: Richard H. Hall

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Brief Chronology of Va.-Md.-D.C. UFO Wave, Dec. 1964-Jan. 1965
from H. Deneault's article in FATE, July, 1965

- Dec. 19 3:30 p.m. Radar at Patuxant, Md. Naval Air Station records 2 UFOs 30-40 mi. S moving at high speed. *
- Dec. 21 Ab. 5 p.m. Horace Burns reported cone-shaped UFO which landed in field off Rt. 250, Fishersville, Va. E-M effects.
- Jan. 5 Ab. 5 p.m. Wallops Is. tech. & others report UFO
- Jan. 11 4:20 p.m. At least 12 persons in downtown Wash. D.C. see UFO
- Jan. 12 6:30 p.m. Another Wallops Is. report of UFO
- Jan. 14 4:45 p.m. 2 Staunton, Va. girls report UFO over city
- Jan. 14 Ab. 6 p.m. Waynesboro, Va. woman & 5 children report UFO hover 5 min
- Jan. 14 Ab. 6 p.m. N. of Waynesboro, 7 students & bus driver report glowing light over N Dooms, Va.
- Jan. 14 6:20 p.m. Woman reports large cone-shaped object over Staunton
- Jan. 14 nr midnight Student in Norfolk report UFO
- Jan. 19 Ab. 6:15 p.m. Brands Flat "little men," reported by Blackburn
- Jan. 23 8:43 p.m. Driver reports E-M effects from nearby UFO, Lightfoot, Va.
- Jan. 23 8:55 p.m. Second driver reports similar incident, Lightfoot-Taono area
- Jan. 25 Night Marion, Va. residents report "burning tree" on nearby hill
- Jan. 25 20 min after above Reports of UFO like Xmas tree sparkler moving over tree-tops at Fredericksburg, Va.
- Jan. 26 Evening More reports of a UFO moving over Marion, Va. at 600 ft.
- Jan. 27 5:55 p.m. Another UFO reported over ~~WATERLOO~~ Hampton, Va. by NASA techs.

Re: The Virginia Flag
of Late '64/Early '65.

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Roanoke, Va. - Times 18 Jan 1965 - FLYING SAUCER REPORTS: TO BELIEVE OR NOT TO BELIEVE?
By Lee Butcher, Times Staff Writer, Shenandoah Valley Bureau.

STAUNTON - Speculation about unidentified flying objects (UFOs) continues to be the dominant topic of conversation in Augusta County in the wake of reports of sightings in this area.

All books about the UFOs or flying saucers have been checked out of the Staunton and Waynesboro public libraries and there is a long waiting list for them.

While there is some skepticism about the more reports, there are also those who believe the objects are named by visitors from outer space.

Reports of UFOs here have mushroomed since Horace Burns claimed to have seen a craft land at Fishersville Dec 21. Is it odd that no one spoke up before this time?

Not at all, according to Prof. Ernest Gehman at Eastern Kentucky College in Harrisonburg. Gehman organized a college club to investigate UFO sightings a few months ago.

"People are now on the lookout for UFOs," Gehman said. "They are less afraid of public ridicule because someone else has already taken the first step."

A 14-year old Staunton boy said he saw the object about 10 minutes before Burns said he landed. The boy's mother promptly told him to keep silent because people would think he was "nuts". She explained that her husband held a responsible position and thought publicity might place his job in jeopardy.

Gehman believes it is a "tragedy" that people that people are so reluctant to tell of "something which could be of tremendous significance for the whole human race."

"We investigate other phenomena and probe other areas of research," he said, "Why should there be such a stigma about unidentified flying objects?"

Prof. Gehman said he organized his club because many of his friends told him about sighting UFOs. They didn't want to make their reports public for fear of ridicule, he explained. His organization has made several investigations into UFO sightings, both in Augusta and Rockingham Counties, he said.

The report by Burns, however, is the most remarkable report to date, Gehman said. Burns, a Grottoes gunsmith, said he saw an object land at Fishersville, about 8 miles east of Staunton, on the evening of Dec 21.

He said the object resembled an upside down top. It swooped in front of his automobile, causing his engine to stall and then landed in the field near the Hedder Wilson Rehabilitation Center, he said.

Burns said there was a definite "force exertion" on the vehicle when the object passed, but reported feeling no heat. He said the object settled to the ground as gently as a bubble.

The man got out of his car and looked at the object in awe. He said it was as large as 2 houses, was of a dark color, "probably metallic", had no doors, windows or seams that he could see. Burns said he could see no appendages on the craft and noticed no obvious means of propulsion or control.

After about a minute and a half the object rose slowly several hundred feet and shot off at a "tremendous" rate of speed to the NE, Burns said. There was a band of blue lightning, resembling neon, around the base of the craft, he reported, but said there was no turbulence or noise.

Gehman took a geiger counter reading of the area about a week later and found it to be "highly radioactive". He has 2 witnesses - one an engineer from an steel industry - who will testify that the geiger counter indicated a concentration of radiation, Gehman said.

A team of AV investigators from Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio found no evidence of radioactivity at the site about 3 weeks after the alleged landing. They admitted however, that any radioactivity could have dissipated during the time lapse. They found a significant radioactivity reading on the left side of Burns' car, Gehman reported.

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Prof. Colman, who is a member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, (NICAP) said the investigators were "nonchalant" about the matter. "They were very leathery to get anything," Colman said. Burns reported, "They told me very little. Frankly, I gathered the impression they had nothing to tell me."

There is a long-standing feud between the AV and NICAP. Major Donald Keyhoe, USAF, Ret. founder of the organization, claims the AV is attempting to hide the facts about UFOs from the public. He says that since the early 1950's, the AV has followed a policy of "downgrading" flying saucer claims. Keyhoe said they have now switched their strategy and are attempting to "level suppression" of the facts.

In a published report, Keyhoe said an AV regulation (AVR-200-2) forbids AV personnel from talking publicly about UFOs, and instructs them to keep news from the press until the UFO has been "officially" identified as a familiar or known object.

For this reason, Keyhoe became founder and chairman of NICAP. People who will not report to the AV force often come to his organization, Keyhoe claims. He said that a team of scientists told him that a spacecraft of an unknown origin tracked a Gemini satellite for one full orbit around the earth in April 5, 1964. Keyhoe said he is not certain why the AV is keeping the facts from the public.

The report of a UFO causing an automobile engine to stall, such as Burns said the AV is not unprecedented. In November, 1967, James Stokes, an engineer at the AV Missile Development near Alamogordo, said a cigarette oval-shaped machine stopped over his automobile on 1900 to 2000 miles an hour. He said his engine stalled and his car radio failed as the object passed over him and flew out of sight. There were other witnesses to this incident.

Reports of "flying saucers" are nothing new. They have been flying for years. Some claim the earliest recorded UFO sighting is described in the Old Testament, Chapter I of Ezekiel.

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Air Force Denies Reports Of UFO Sightings In State

By VIRGINIA BIGGINS
Times-Herald Military Writer
Virginia residents are "seeing" flying saucers in various corners of the state this month, but the Air Force said yesterday it has never received the first word on these sightings.

A flurry of unidentified flying objects (UFO) stories have been hitting the state wire services for the past few days, which prompted a call to the Pentagon and its Project Bluebook officer for guidance on the sightings.

"These sightings are supposed to be reported to the Air Force," a spokesman said, "but we have nothing in our records as to the UFOs said to be seen in the Staunton-Waynesboro area of Virginia."

When asked if the Air Force believed in the UFOs, the spokesman said: "We have never had any evidence or discovery submitted to the Air Force that there are UFOs. Of all the reported sightings to our office, we have been able to find sound reason for the strange lights appearing in the air."

"Of the two percent we have not been able to identify, we still have no proof that they could have been any sort of life from space."

Regardless of the Air Force stand, there are many people throughout the country who declare that the flying saucer sightings are real and that perhaps the military is withholding information.

One woman called the Times-Herald yesterday and reported that her husband had spotted a flying saucer some time ago and felt that information was being withheld from the general public on the subject.

"I do not think the news should be oppressed this way," she asserted. "There would be a much better reaction if more detailed information was released by the military on the UFOs."

"I take the stand," she said, "that the public wouldn't be so frightened if more information was brought to us on the subject."

In the meantime three more sightings of UFOs in the Waynesboro-Staunton area were reported yesterday.

A Mrs. Marguerite Bolton of Waynesboro (in Augusta County) said that Thursday night she saw an orange-colored object "with silver-like prongs" in the sky as she drove home. She said that the driver of the cab in which she rode also saw the object.

Another Waynesboro family reported seeing an unusual object in the sky at about 6 p. m. Thursday.

It was reported that the family's youngest member came into the home and said: "Mama, do you want to see a flying saucer?"

The Lester Hoghead family (the parents and five children) went out into the yard and followed their eight-year-old son (Bruce) into a wooded area nearby and watched the UFO for about five minutes.

On Dec. 21, two other residents of the county also reported that they saw flying saucers in the area.

Kenneth Norton Jr., a 14-year-old high school student at Staunton High said that at about 4:40 p.m. on Thursday he saw a cigar-shaped object in the sky. That same day, Horace Burns of Grottoes said that he saw an object land beside US 250 between Waynesboro and Staunton.

Burns said that he did not re-

port the sighting at first, but he declared that the object looked "like an upside down ice-cream cone." He said that it landed in a meadow for a minute and then took off at high speed.

Norton withheld information of his UFO sighting (which occurred from his bedroom window) until he heard of Burns sighting.

An Air Force UFO investigation team was said to have checked the site where Burns said the object landed, but the geiger counter registered no unusual trace of radiation. A professor at Eastern Mennonite College checked the same site with a geiger counter on December 30 and reported high radiation count.

Confusing the issue even more was the announcement yesterday by the Air Force that it had not received any information of these sightings. So besides seeing flying saucers, residents must now apparently be "seeing" little men in Air Force blue who pass themselves off as investigating teams.

So be sure that when you sight your first flying saucer that you report at once to the local Air Base for guidance. Those little green men in the UFOs may be turning blue to muddle the minds of earthlings!

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UFO Spotted By Student

NORFOLK — An unidentified flying object was spotted in the Norfolk area around midnight Thursday.

James Myers, an Old Dominion College student who lives at Virginia Beach, said he saw the object as he was traveling east on Little Creek Road near Tausig Blvd.

"It sounds crazy and all that so I didn't think anything about it until I saw the story in the paper about the people seeing them in Waynesboro," he said. "Then I decided to report what I saw."

Myers referred to a story in The Virginian-Pilot Saturday which reported three UFO sightings in the Waynesboro-Staunton area.

Myers said the object was east-northeast of his location.

"It rose from the ground to the sky and disappeared at about 1,500 or 2,000 feet," he said.

He said because of a church steeple and other buildings on the skyline he did not spot it until it was higher than the steeple.

He said the UFO first looked diamond-shaped and then appeared to be round.

He said it was "silvery, bright and flowing."

"It didn't look anything like a shooting star or anything I've ever seen before," he said.

Two radar stations in the area reported nothing in their records to indicate the presence of the UFO at that time. A third station declined to comment.

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Waynesboro, Va. - The News Virginian - 22 Jan 1965 - STRANGE FLYING OBJECTS REPORTED BY MANY HERE

The Waynesboro area apparently has been visited again by strange flying objects. A number of reports came in yesterday citing objects seen from late afternoon to 10:30 p.m. First report came from 2 students at Stuart Hall school for girls at Staunton. The young ladies, who refused to name themselves, said they saw a cone-shaped object flying over Staunton late yesterday afternoon.

At about 6:30 pm Mr and Mrs. Charles M. McDaniel Jr. of Verona saw an object near there. Mr McDaniel said the object which had a very bright white light in front and a red blinking light in the rear, came toward Verona from the direction of the Shenandoah Valley Airport.

As it passed over his house at great altitude, he said, he heard noise resembling that of a jet engine.

Mr. McDaniel said he also saw the object which several area residents reported seeing last Thursday evening.

Samuel Witt of Fishersville, an employe of The News Virginian, reported this morning seeing an object at the same time and very similar to the one reported by Mr McDaniel.

LITTLE GREEN MEN. He said it had a red light at the rear and a very bright white light in front, and "in between the red and the white it was black, just like night." Mr. Witt also said the object produced jet-like noises.

Mr and Mrs. William Fauber, Jr. of Route 1, said they were called last night by neighbors and asked if they wanted to see "the little green men."

In the direction of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Mrs. Fauber said, they actually did see an object shaped like a pyramid, although "at times it would flatten, then get tall."

BURNING GAS. Mrs. Fauber said it "definitely" was not a star. She and her family viewed the object with a telescope and noted what appeared to be burning gases at its bottom.

She said it was seen just at the top of the mountains. It was shiny, Mrs. Fauber said, but the darkness prevented a clear discernment of the object's color.

The Faubers had the object brought to their attention by Mr and Mrs. Robt B. Filler, Jr. of Route 1. Mrs. Filler is a secretary at Fishersville Elementary School, where Mr. Fauber teaches.

CHANGE SHAPE Mrs. Filler said this morning her husband has been seeing "something" for some time, but has not reported it.

She said the object they watched through binoculars last night for about 3 hours would change from triangular to rectangular in shape and was bright enough through the field glasses "to make your eyes smart."

OBJECT HOVERS. Mrs. G.H. Shiffett, Jr. of Route 1, also reported an unidentified flying object (UFO) to the News-Virginian today. She said she and her little boy watched shapeless noiseless objects from 9 to 10:30 last night.

Mrs. Shifflett said the object would first appear as a large star, then would lower itself, showing a blinking red light and hover over Waynesboro.

The red light, she said, was the size of an airplane light. She said the UFO finally disappeared over the Blue Ridge mountains in the direction of Charlottesville.

Mrs. Shifflett said she too saw last Thursday's object, but did not report it.

RADIATION MEASURED. Several other area persons reported seeing flying objects last night.

Some 30 persons are now reported to have seen strange flying objects since the Dec 21 sighting by Gretchen gunsmith Horace Burns.

Reported shapes have varied greatly: shapeless, triangular, cone-like, rectangular, and one round one with four prongs, each with a red light at the end. Some hovered, some moved; some have been noisy, some silent.

A Harrisonburg college professor, Ernest Gehman, reported finding large quantities of radio activity at the near-Fishersville site where Mr. Burns said the object he saw landed.

A day later, 2 USAF officers reported finding no radio activity in the area.

Thank you for your inquiry about these sightings. Inquiries, sighting reports and correspondence with members, we are unable to

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Flying Objects Reported Still Buzzing Valley

Reports of strange flying objects continue to come in from the Waynesboro area.

The newest reports came in Thursday when two college girls in Staunton who refused to identify themselves, reported that they saw a cone-shaped object flying over Staunton late Thursday afternoon.

Another sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) was reported at Verona, near Staunton, about 6:30 Thursday afternoon. A Fishersville resident said he saw what appeared to be the same object that was spotted in Verona.

A man and wife near Waynesboro were called by their neighbors Thursday night and asked if they wanted to see "the little green men". In the direction of the Blue Ridge mountain the couple reported seeing an object shaped like a pyramid, although "at times it would flatten, then get tall".

The UFO was reported from several sources as being shiny and emitting various colors of light. Some persons said they viewed the object for as long as three hours through binoculars, watching it change from triangular to rectangular in shape.

When last seen the UFO disappeared over the mountains in the direction of Charlottesville.

It hasn't been determined whether the sightings were the same object or several UFO's.

Some 30 persons in the Waynesboro area have reported UFO sightings since a Grottoes gunsmith, Horace Burns, reported seeing a UFO land in a field near Fishersville before Christmas.

Last week seven high school students and a school bus driver reported sighting a shapeless white object in the sky north of Waynesboro. They said they saw the object—a shapeless glow of light—in the sky near Dooms in late afternoon.

This report coincided with a report from a rural Waynesboro couple who reported seeing what could have been the same object hovering above the ground.

A Fishersville pharmacy has put up a sign advertising that it is an information center for reports of unidentified flying objects. Residents have been congregating at the store to exchange information on UFO reports.

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Three other sightings of mysterious flying objects were reported across the state at Waynesboro and Staunton on Jan. 15. These reports came from a housewife, a farmer and a high school student.

After one reported saucer landing, Prof. Ernest Gehman of Eastern Mennonite College in Harrisonburg checked the site with a Geiger counter Dec. 20.

He reported a high radiation level.

Gunsmith Horace Burns of Brottoes reported in detail the sound one flying saucer made when he saw it land in Augusta County.

"It made a soft, whooshing sound," he said.

And at Staunton last Tuesday night, three boys said they saw — and chased — a small, green man near a rural road. He was described as three and a half feet tall.

The little green man probably none other than Donald Cash, whose in-the-flesh statistics are somewhat more sizable — 5-foot-8, 190 pounds.

Cash, 36, decided to lend substance to the UFO craze by donning blue — not green — overalls and a leather cap and pushing his hair straight up.

Now he's not so sure it was the right move. Some youngsters spotted him in a field, he said, and tried to run him down. He outran them.

"But it shook me up," he said. "I didn't know what they would do if they got their hands on me."

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UFO Reports Here Blamed On Mirages

Sightings of unidentified flying objects this weekend in the Tidewater area may just as well be chalked up to mirages as far as the Air Force is concerned. They will not even admit investigation unless they have positive identification of the object or objects sighted.

A call from The Times-Herald to the Langley Air Force Base this morning revealed that though locally based Air Force teams may have been dispersed to Williamsburg—where at least two UFOs were recently sighted—they have no authority to reveal their findings.

The regulation reads that unless the air base investigation team "has positively identified" the UFO, they are not supposed to make any statement. All queries must be placed with the Project Bluebook people at the Pentagon who are in charge of all flying saucer reports and subsequent investigations.

THOUGH area residents are not the type to run scared on UFOs—since this section is teeming with research activities in the aerospace field whereby weird shaped flying machines may take to the air any time of the day or night—it stands to reason that the objects sighted must be most unusual indeed. It must also be remembered that the area is also the site for military weather stations where large weather balloons and other atmospheric test equipment are sent into the air daily.

Thus UFOs in the Tidewater area deserve more than a passing remark or no remark at all from the Air Force.

Strange sightings have occurred for a number of weeks in this section of the country. Earlier this month, several UFO's were "seen" in the Augusta County area. Air Force personnel shot down queries on these sightings by saying that "We have had no reports of these UFO's." Yet news stories originating in Augusta County said that Air Force teams were on the site and investigating. Thus the subject was dropped.

OTHER REPORTS from the NASA's Wallops Station at about the same time were also squelched. Seems that a longtime employe of the research center as well as an aerospace engineer at the station sighted what was described as "an orange colored oblong" streaking towards the north. Air Force personnel were sent to the scene, but no public report on the sightings were revealed.

A tracking station in the Patuxent River (naval station) area picked up what was described as an "unknown object" on its equipment during the later part of December. Personnel who observed this object via the tracking equipment said it was traveling at about 480 m.p.h. Though the initial sighting received widespread publicity, it was dropped quickly from public domain.

Locally, some reports are that the recent flying saucer sightings in Williamsburg received only "a token investigation."

In the meantime, Project Bluebook people in Washington, D.C., say that only 2 per cent of UFO reports during the past five years have not been solved. They point out that is an outstanding average, and that even those which have not been satisfactorily explained have given no evidence that they are "objects from outer space."

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UFO's Back At Full Tilt

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TWO MEN from Richmond, traveling in separate cars, reported sighting a UFO near Williamsburg January 23. An Air Force spokesman later said he presumed it was a weather balloon.

Three other sightings of mysterious flying objects were reported across the state at Waynesboro and Staunton January 15. These reports came from a housewife, a farmer and a high school student.

After one reported saucer landing, Professor Ernest Gehman of Eastern Mennonite College in Harrisonburg checked the site with a

geiger counter December 20. He reported a high radiation level.

Gunsmith Horace Burns of Grottoes reported in detail the sound one flying saucer made when he saw it land in Augusta County.

"It made a soft, whooshing sound," he said.

And at Staunton last Tuesday night, three boys said they saw—and chased—a small, green man near a rural road. He was described as three and a half feet tall.

Now he's not so sure it was the right move. Some youngsters spotted him in a field, he said, and tried to run him down. He outran them.



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Three More See 'Objects' In Valley

STAUNTON (AP) — Three persons — one a woman in hysteria — reported seeing unidentified flying objects Thursday. It was the latest in a recent series of UFO reports in the Shenandoah Valley area.

The reports were made to radio station WTOG in Staunton.

The woman called from Verona, about five miles from Staunton, at 8:30 p.m. and said she had just seen a large cone-shaped object flying over the city.

Two Staunton girls, Jody Smith, 16, and Carol Billings, 13, called the station about 4:45 p.m. and said the UFO was flying slowly over the city at that moment. They said they were watching out of their dormitory window at Stuart Hall, a girls' school.

There have been at least six reported UFO sightings in the Waynesboro-Staunton area since Dec. 21.

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Richmond Area UFO Reports Being Checked

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Several air force officers from Langley Air Force Base were conducting investigations yesterday into the reported sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in the Williamsburg and Richmond areas.

The investigations are being conducted in "a very objective, intellectual way," and centered around a reported sighting near Williamsburg Saturday morning, and another report from the Richmond area sometime Sunday, according to a Langley spokesman.

The Langley officers, he said, are merely compiling reports, which will then be forwarded

to Washington for study by the air force's Project Blue Book. Project Blue Book is the air force's official UFO investigation program.

Meanwhile, a Richmond salesman reported seeing a "vivid orange" object shaped somewhat like a football hovering several minutes over the Richmond area yesterday.

"I thought it was probably a weather balloon," said R. C. Gillespie, who spotted the object while driving through the Bottoms Bridge area.

The time was 5:50 p.m., he said, and the object appeared to be stationary over the Richmond area.

He stopped his car to look at the object, and so did the occupants of several other cars, he said. The object, about the size of a football from his vantage point, remained stationary in the western sky for about four minutes, then took off "at a very, very rapid pace," said Gillespie, who added that it vanished from view in several seconds.

It did not rise, he said. "It took off in a level, southerly path. I wouldn't make any statement about what it was because I just don't know."

Nothing Unusual on Radar
A spokesman at the Byrd Field radar tower said "nothing unusual" was noted on the radar screens there.

A weather station spokesman said he knew nothing about the spotting.

The air force spokesman at Langley explained last night that all UFO sightings reported to the air force are routinely investigated by the air force base nearest the sightings.

The investigating teams go over the area where the sighting occurred, looking for anything that might be unusual, and talk to witnesses.

The Langley team also checked certain meteorological factors with the Byrd Field weather station yesterday.

Richmond police, meanwhile, received several reports last night about UFO sightings. They found nothing upon investigating the reports.

UFO Sightings Limited to Virginia

Only Three Are Officially Reported

Although there has been a rash of reported unidentified flying objects (UFO's) in Virginia, an air force spokesman said yesterday that only three sightings have been officially reported to the air force.

The spokesman also said that no UFO reports from anywhere except Virginia are being received. The three sightings that were officially reported were at Fishersville, Williamsburg and Bedford.

The air force, after an investigation of a Grottoes man's report that he had seen a UFO land in a field near Fishersville in Augusta county, has found no evidence of the alleged landing.

Project Blue Book, with headquarters in Washington, is the title of the air force's official UFO investigating program. It investigates all reports filed with the air force.

THE SPOKESMAN said yesterday that the official investigation report of the Fishersville sighting—which came on December 21 from Horace Burns, a gunsmith—includes the following observations:

It was felt that an object as large as the one

Burns reported (125 feet in diameter and 80 to 90 feet high) would have been seen by other people.

The air force team's report said it could find no other witnesses to the object that Burns reported he saw.

Also, the team said it found no radioactivity in the area of the landing that Burns reported, nor could it find any depressions in the ground or any other indications that a vehicle had landed in the field.

The team conducted its investigation on January 12—22 days after Burns said he saw a large object, resembling an upsidedown ice cream cone, descend in a field beside U. S. Rt. 250.

MEANWHILE, Ernest Gehman, professor of German at Eastern Mennonite College at Harrisonburg and sponsor of a UFO investigators' club there, visited the site on December 30, and said there was a very high radiation count where Burns said the object had landed.

One member of the air force team remarked at the time of the investigation that if there had

been radiation at the site, it could have worn off by January 12.

The Project Blue Book spokesman said, in a telephone interview yesterday, that the air force report on the Fishersville case "does not mean that the case is closed. . . . Our cases are never closed until the reported objects are sufficiently identified."

THE ONLY OTHER cases being investigated in Virginia by the air force are several reports from the Williamsburg area and several reports of a sighting around Bedford. ^{1/23}

The Williamsburg reports came last Saturday from two motorists, each of whom said he saw a flat, aluminum-colored cylindrical object about 75 feet off the ground, five miles east of Williamsburg.

The Bedford reports, which the air force received yesterday, stemmed from sightings on Monday, the spokesman said.

One couple reported seeing a cigar-shaped object and a round object; five minutes later, and 15 miles away, a man reported seeing a square object in the sky. ^{1/25}

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