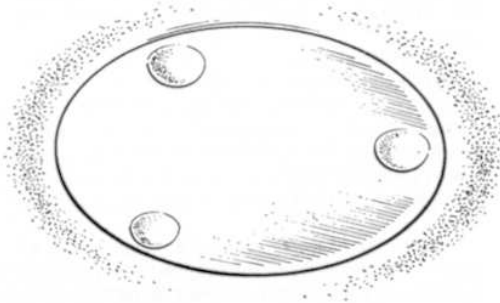


"There was absolutely no sound of any engine and its passing was completely silent. My son then handed me a pair of binoculars 7 x 50 magnification, for a better view and I could then see the object quite clearly.

"It had the shape of a large disc, which glowed with a bright golden light, and from the underside which was now quite clear,



I could see the outlines of three round globes, spaced triangularly which could have been landing gear.

"Whilst the disc was passing over, an aircraft flew below it, travelling towards London Airport at around 3,000 ft. By comparison for size, the disc, by reason of its greater height, was equally as large as the wingspan of the conventional aircraft.

"We were both able to watch this flying saucer (which I am convinced this is what it was) for approx. 4½ mins. To assist you further, I enclose a small sketch of my impressions of the flying disc."

—Credit: S. H. Willey, 39 Howards Lane, Putney, S.W.15.

#### Nottingham landing?

Can a large group of people, who must be spread out over a considerable distance, experience the same optical illusion? Or was the item reported in the *Daily Mirror* of July 6 an instance of a "damned fact" being hastily swept under the carpet by a rash "explanation"?

"There was, it seems, a mystery at Clifton, Nottingham, where 100 people claimed to have seen a flying saucer landing. The crowd of adults and children had gathered on high ground near Fairham Comprehensive School after a report swept the area about a flying saucer.

"They all claimed to have seen a disc-shaped, silvery saucer about 30ft. long landing.

"But police who went to investigate said that the saucer must have been an optical illusion."

—Credit: J Haughey of Colchester.

#### New Forest looping UFO

The following item appeared in the *Southern Evening Echo* of July 6, 1967. The story was given wide coverage in other newspapers—

"An unidentified flying object—looking like an 'orange ball in the sky'—was seen last night in the New Forest at Stoney Cross. This is the second night running that a similar object has been seen in that area.

"The 'orange ball' was first spotted at about 1.30 a.m. by a Mr. Gallagher, of Ashley-road, Parkstone, Dorset, who was driving with a friend. He telephoned the Police at Lyndhurst.

"Pc. David Holloway, of Shaggs Meadow, Lyndhurst, went to the scene and he

reported that the object was 'like an orange ball and was seen to loop the loop.' It travelled from Southampton towards Salisbury."

—Credit: Miss S. K. Puntis, of Bitterne, and Peter J. Kelly of Hythe.

#### SCOTLAND Glamis UFO?

From the *Dundee Courier* of July 17—

"What was thought to be a flying saucer in the vicinity of Glamis Castle was reported to the police at Forfar on Saturday.

"Shortly after 7.30 a.m. a Dundee baker's van-boy spotted an object a few yards past Glamis Castle on the road to Kirriemuir.

"Fifteen-year-old Methven Forbes, 32 Finavon Street, watched the grey, round object hover towards him from a wood then disappear towards the clouds. Another van-boy, Andrew Lawson (15), Finavon Street, also saw the object.

"After inquiries police said the object was, in all reasonable probability, a weather balloon which had been caught in a downdraught.

"They are grey and three to four feet in diameter," said a police spokesman. "There have been three in this area in the last few months, including one at Arbroath."

"Later Methven said, 'Nobody would believe me when I said I had seen it. I was sure it was a flying saucer. It didn't make a noise, but I got quite a fright when I saw it coming out of the wood and over the top of the van.'"

John Ogilvy of Inshewan, Forfar, who kindly sent us this account, added the following comment: "They don't say anything about the direction of the wind. Actually there was practically no wind that morning."

#### DENMARK

##### Boy reports saucer and occupants

The following account is condensed from a news item which appeared in *Report from Denmark*, Volume 1, No. 3. The item is itself a translation by Steen H. Jensen from *Holbaek Amts Venstreblad* of April 15, 1967—

Two young boys who saw a flying saucer at a low altitude over Sjælland Odde, and one of them later told how he had seen 'boxes' fall from the object. He also spoke of a gondola-type device containing eight 'persons'.

The observation took place some time ago, but the boys' parents would not release the news because they feared their sons would be subjected to teasing by their schoolfellows. However, as the boys stuck rigidly to their story, the parents became convinced that they were telling the truth. So that the case could be investigated, one of the mothers reported the story to Rude Skov Satellite tracking station, and she was recommended to consult the Scandinavian UFO Information publishers of the magazine *UFO-NYT*, in which the story first appeared.

The boys were playing in front of a big haystack, and, as it grew dark, were about to go home when one of them looked up to see a dark grey object in the sky. He shouted a warning that it was a water-spout, and ran home. His mother said there was not enough wind for a water-spout. Meanwhile, the other boy had slid

into a ditch for protection, and continued to watch the object.

He maintained that he saw it come very close to the ground, when three 'legs' were lowered. The object slowed down and appeared to be about to land, when suddenly the legs were pulled up again. It began to move away, and continued towards Kattegat (the sea between Denmark and Sweden) at low altitude. When it was over the shore, the young witness said it 'threw' out something that looked like 'boxes'. (A very heavy, strange lump of material was later found on the shore.)

The object changed course when out over the sea, and the boy saw a box, a sort of gondola, lowered on a rope or cable as thick as an arm. Judging from the movements, this was flexible. Next, eight persons came out through a hole in the bottom of the flying object and climbed down the rope or cable. They had things that looked like binoculars, or cameras.

The boy says he was not afraid because the occupants of the object looked friendly. They even waved to him—but not in the usual manner, for they held their palms vertical and made quick horizontal movements.

As the object disappeared the boy heard a sound which he said was like a battery tape recorder. There was no heat from the object.

The witness says the occupants were about the same size as himself; that one of them wore a blue suit, while the others had striped suits; that they all wore striped 'caps'. Apart from the person in blue, they all had 'containers' on their backs from which tubes led to their mouths. Also, according to the boy, they had lights—double-ended torches—on their shoulders.

While there is no guarantee as to the truth of this story, the *UFO-NYT* representative points out that there was no-one in the boy's family who had the slightest interest in the UFO phenomenon and who could have inspired the boy's imagination.

A piece of strange material found on the shore was later sent to a technological institute for examination. The report was to the effect that never before had the analytical chemists come across the constituent elements mixed in such a fashion. According to the account in *Report from Denmark* these included lime and inorganic coal.

—Credit NØRREBRO UFO KREDS, Copenhagen.

*This is an interesting account, but it would benefit from greater detail. The boys' ages are not mentioned, nor is the type of literature they read. Again, it would help if the name of the Technical Institute were given, and some detail from their report on the substance found on the beach.—EDITOR*

#### NORWAY

##### UFO near Atomic Plant

The following account is taken from a letter received from Bjoen Overlye of Fjellhamar, Oslo, during July 1967—

"I live in a suburb of Oslo, known as Fjellhamer. Nearby, at the other side of some wood-covered hills, there is another suburb called Lillestrom (10,000 inhabitants). At Lillestrom there is an army airfield and an army research laboratory (F.F.I.). There is also an atomic plant just outside Lillestrom (one of the two existing in Norway). Last autumn (1966), at the

beginning of September, (he was not sure of the date) a friend of mine was standing at the balcony outside his house watching the sky above Lillestrom. He suddenly became aware of two lights moving at constant speed just above the hills, one in front of the other. The first of these lights was red, the other whitish.

"Having watched the objects for about 20-30 seconds, my friend saw the red one become very intense, so intense that he could no longer see the white one clearly. Then both objects stopped momentarily, and then disappeared behind the hills at a tremendous speed, the red one still intense. He was able to give this information based on the sighting:

1. Time: about 2000 in the evening local time.
2. Direction: from south to north.
3. Distances from observer to objects: 3-4 miles.
4. Estimated speed: 1,000-1,200 m.p.h.
5. Both objects followed straight trajectory and disappeared, the following one having an angle of 60°-70° with the ground!

"The observer told me that the nature of the lights was totally new to him, and he at once ruled out the possibility of aircraft. The following day he again checked the possibility of aircraft, but was informed that none had been seen at that time.

"It might be possible that the objects were meteorites, but a duration of 10 seconds in such cases is most extraordinary. Weather balloons would not be visible at night. Ball lightning is impossible as an explanation because of the season of the year and the intensity of light.

"I hope this may add another piece of information to the puzzle. It fits the theory of Coral Lorenzen which predicts UFO intensity near important industry, and further it is interesting because of the relatively few UFO observations made in Norway."

#### GREECE

##### Pyrgos UFO

The following account appeared simultaneously in two Athens newspapers of July 7, 1967. They are *Vima* and *Apogevmatini*, and the story goes that—

"At 0110 today, a luminous object was seen over our town. [Pyrgos, in the north-west Peloponesus, Greece.] It appeared from the East—the ancient Olympic region—and took a northwesterly direction. It was extremely brilliant, and left a luminescent trail behind it. Its speed was astounding, and it made no noise at all. An hour earlier, people in Katacolon [a part to the west of Pyrgos] had observed a similar object noiselessly moving at a great speed from south to north. The objects were seen by many people, who said they were flying saucers."

—Credit to Mr. John Boumis of Athens, who furnished both the clippings and a welcome translation.

Mr. Boumis, who is a journalist, comments: "The nearby northern region (Cephalonia Island) was repeatedly visited by flying saucers in past years, according to reliable reports—one from a high school principal, and author. This region, it should be noted, is at least twice mentioned as important in some unusual way, in very old prophesies of eschatology by Greek Fathers of the Church."

#### SOUTH AFRICA

##### The Durban UFO again

From the Natal *Daily News* of July 5, 1967, we learn how—

"An Unidentified Flying Object . . . was seen over Durban last night and studied through binoculars by four different people, including a former United States Air Force major with considerable experience in tracking missiles.

"From the side the object appeared egg shaped and glowed with a bright orange light.

"At first I thought it was a missile," Mr. Lawrence Bennett, the former Air Force major said. "But my experience soon told me this was not so. I spotted it while walking back to my flat in Silverton Road, on the Bera. It was moving in a straight line, but suddenly stopped and hovered approximately over the Pinetown area. This sent me running for my binoculars.

"With these I was able to identify it as a UFO. It glowed so brightly that I was unable to discern its exact outline. After hovering for a while it suddenly started

moving again, but in a very erratic manner, forwards, backwards and sideways; all the time climbing and descending.

"It also seemed to flash on and off and disappeared for short periods at a time.

"My fiancée watched it with me and so did some neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McLaughlin."

—Credit: D. S. H. Montgomery (who, with Waveney Girvan and others, was a founder of *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW*, before moving to South Africa, where he now lives in Kloof, Natal).

#### INDONESIA

##### Disappearing UFO over Sumatra

No indication of the name of the newspaper from which this cutting was taken was furnished by the sender—

"People from Palembang, in South Sumatra, think they may have seen a 'flying coconut' from outer space.

"A sparkling black object circled rapidly over the area for about two hours on July 11, puffing out a trail of thick white smoke before it dispersed and vanished like a cloud.

"The reports added the unidentified object was round and looked about the size of a coconut."

—Credit: W. E. Moser, J.P., UFOIC, Sydney, Australia.

#### VIETNAM

##### Da Nang cylinder

The *New York Post* of June 15 carried the following account—

"The U.S. Air Force is investigating numerous reports that an unidentified flying object was sighted Sunday north-west of the big Da Nang military base.

"The Air Force has made no report of the incident or its findings, but informed sources say many U.S. military men reported seeing the object. They said it was cylindrical and silver coloured and was visible for several minutes.

"Two F102 Delta-Dagger jets were sent up but the pilots were unable to locate the object, these sources said. They said they knew of no photographs taken of the object."

—Credit: Louise Amsden, New York City.

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