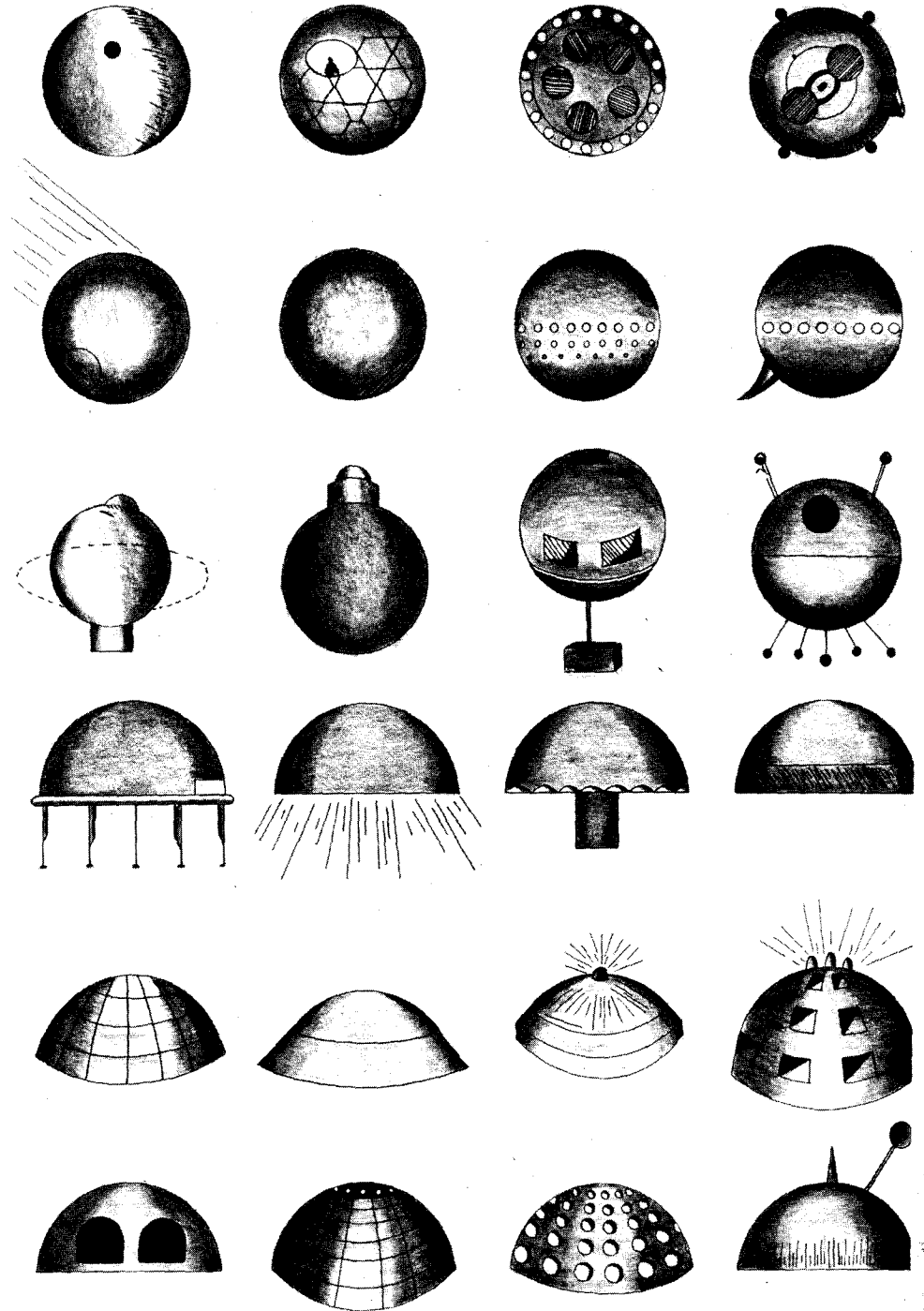
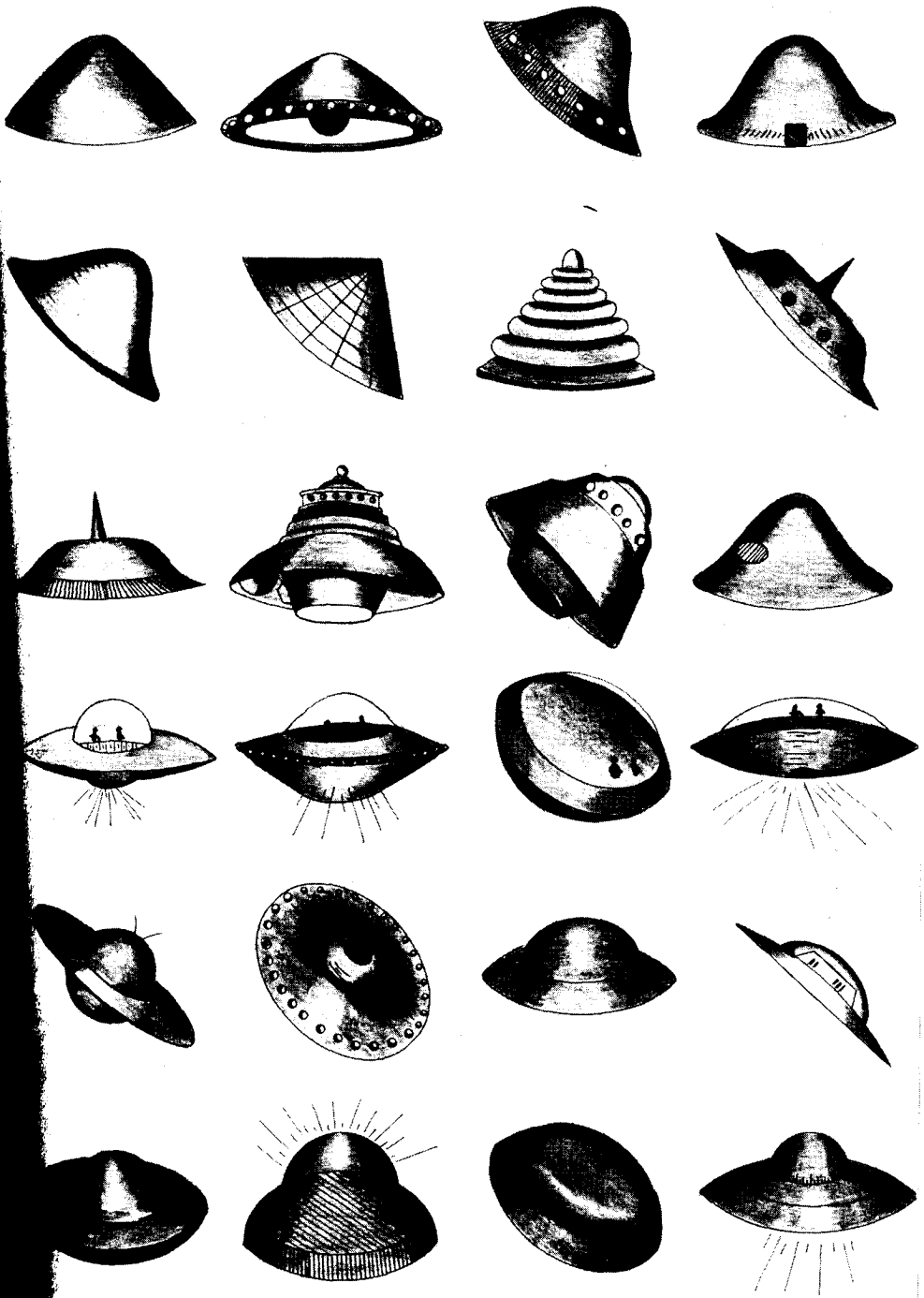


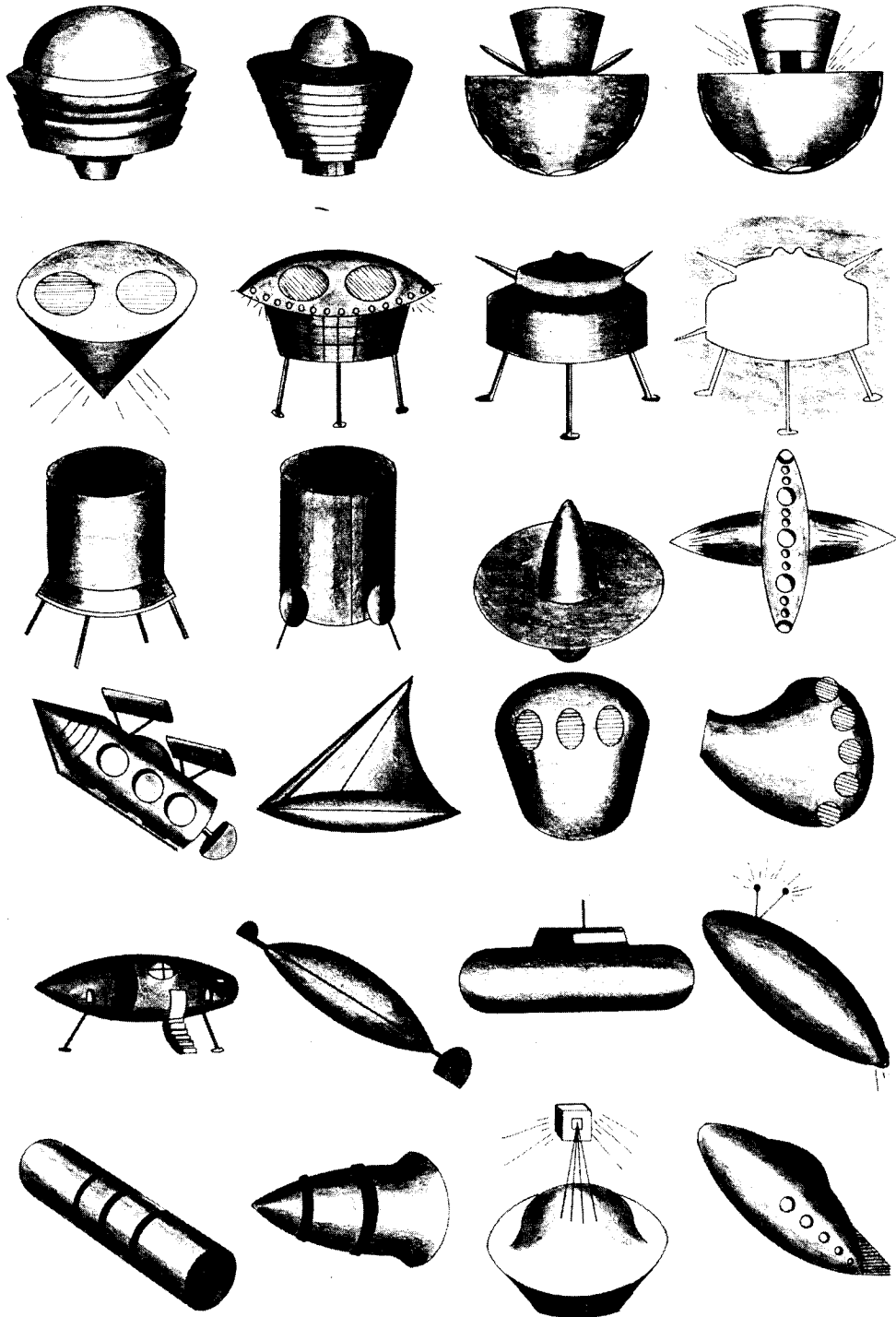
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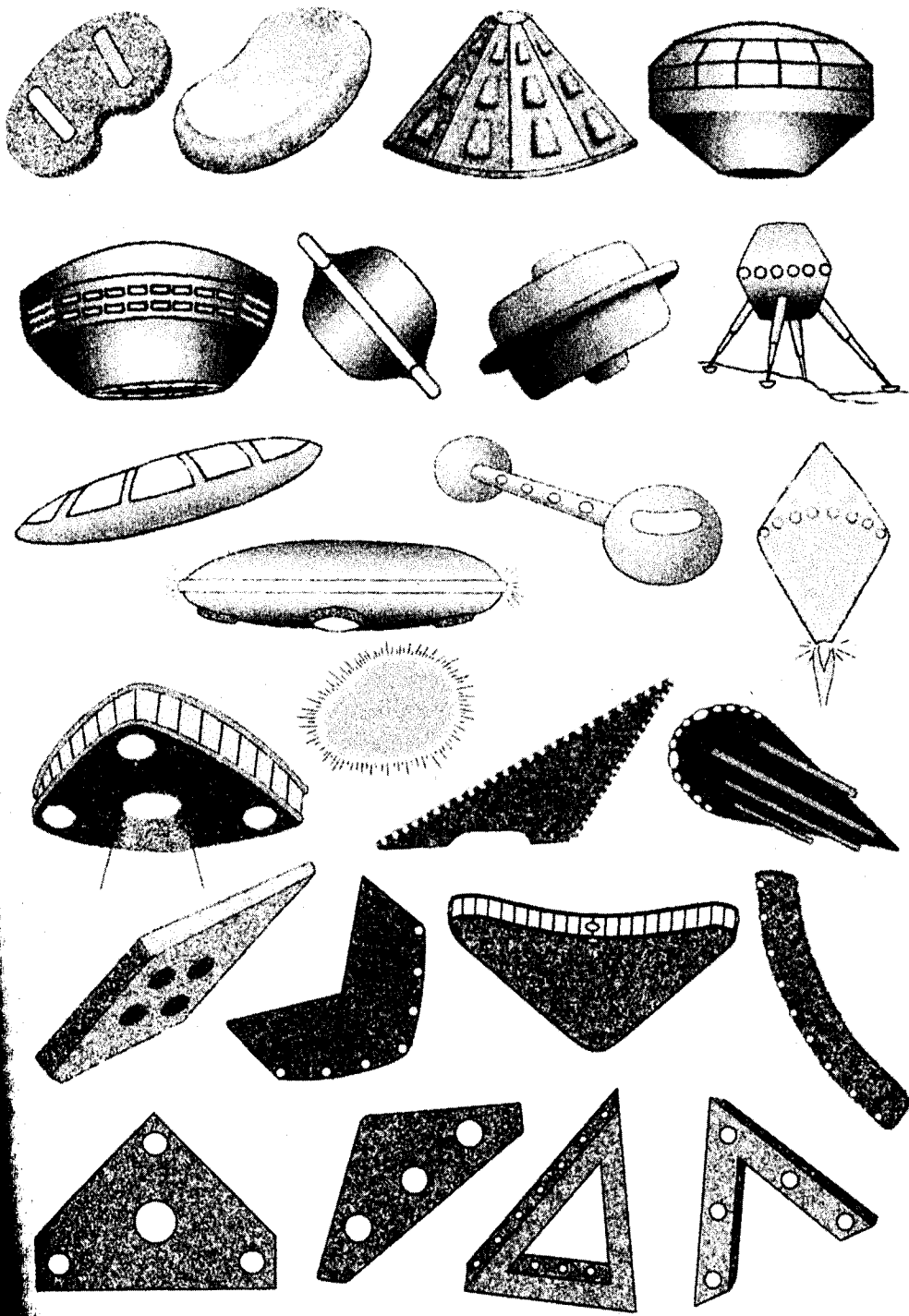
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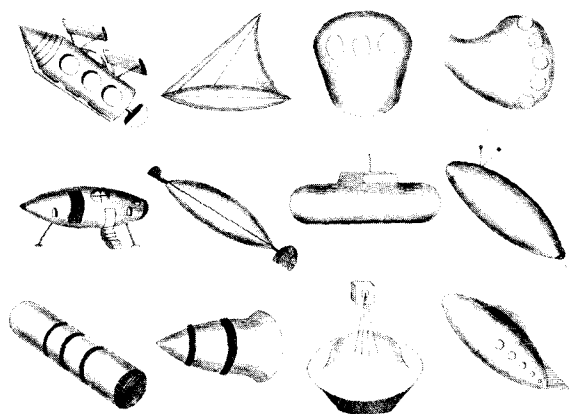
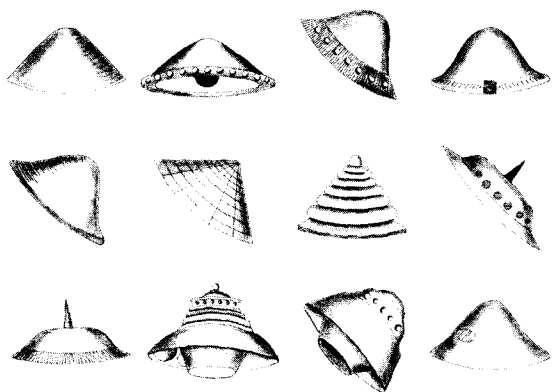


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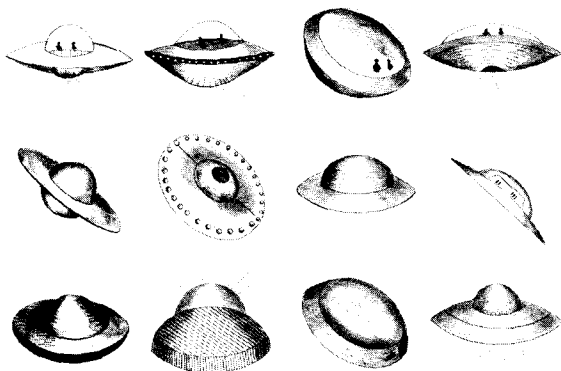


Commonly reported UFO shapes. (Courtesy ICUFON/NICAP)

UFO SHAPE	BOTTOM VIEW	BOTTOM ANGLE	SIDE VIEW
1. FLAT DISC A. 10-54 Cox 7-7-52 Newhouse B. 7-9-47 Johnson 7-14-52 Nash		A B oval	A B "lens-shaped" "coin-like"
2. DOMED DISC A. 9-21-58 Fitzgerald 4-14-62 Gasslein B. 5-11-50 Trant 8-7-52 Janzen		A B "hat-shaped"	A B "World War I helmet"
3. SATURN DISC (Double dome) A. 10-4-54 Salandín 1-16-58 Trindaie 10-2-61 Harris B. 8-20-56 Moore	A B elliptical or "winged oval"	A B "diamond-shaped"	A B "Saturn-shaped"
4. HEMISPHERICAL DISC 9-24-59 Redmond 1-21-61 Pulliam 2-7-61 Nalley		 "parachute"	A B "mushroom" "half moon"
5. FLATTENED SPHERE 10-1-48 Gorman 4-27-50 Adickes 10-1-51 C.A.A.			A B sometimes with peak
6. SPHERICAL (Circular from all angles) 3-45 Delarof 1-20-52 Haller 10-12-61 Edwards	A metallic-appearing ball	B ball of glowing light	
7. ELLIPTICAL 12-20-58 Arboreen 11-2-57 Lovelland 8-13-60 Carson	 "football" "egg-shaped"		
8. TRIANGULAR 5-7-56 G.O.C. 5-27-60 Majorca			 "tear-drop"
9. CYLINDRICAL (Rocket-like) 8-1-46 Puckett 7-2-48 Chiles	 "cigar-shaped"		10. LIGHT SOURCE ONLY "star-like" or "planet-like"



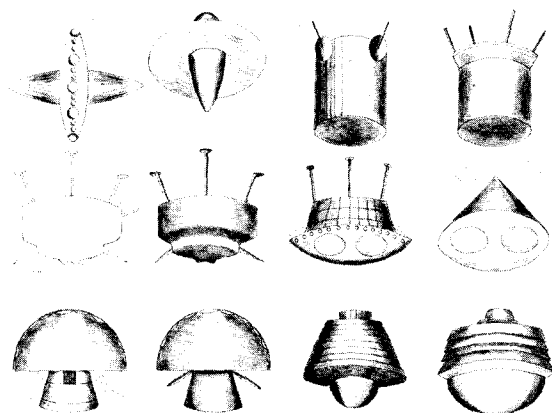
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Several useful references are available to the interested reader on the subject of UFO shapes (Haines, "UFO drawings by witnesses and non-witnesses: is there something in common?", *UFO Phenomena*, Vol. 2, no. 1, 1977; Hall, *The UFO Evidence*, 1964; Shepard, "Some psychologically oriented techniques for the scientific investigation of unidentified aerial phenomena," in *Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects*, U. S. House of Representatives, July 29, 1968; and "Photographs of alleged UFOs," Takanashi, *Worldwide UFO Photos*, 1977). There are also thousands of drawings of UFOs in the files of the U. S. Air Force; these files are now publicly available through the Library of Congress. In addition, private UFO study groups in many nations collect eyewitness drawings and photographs. This storehouse of "data" provides the basis for the above summary of UFO shapes and for further research which investigators may pursue.

(See also: FALLING LEAF PHENOMENON; FORMATIONS, UFO; ORTHOTENY; PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF UFOs; RELIABILITY OF UFO WITNESSES)

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