

Breakdown and parallels

The "pulsations", "satellites" and the typical "orange glow" of the Hochries flap reports remind us of the Traunstein, Austria manoeuvres on October 28/29 and November 17, 1973. Supersonic speed, hours of hovering and right angle turns are also patterns characteristic of 1973/1974 activity in Central Europe — and not only Central Europe of course. To publish data on the Hochries flap first, the translator has postponed compilation of an article on his own investigations at Traunstein in September and November, 1974. Activity there has developed at the same rate as in Bavaria and the thirteen new reports from Walviertel Highland show a highly similar spectrum of patterns.

The investigators are sorry that bad weather conditions and excessive snowfalls prevent a close examination of the possible landing spot at Weitlahnerkopf in 1973 and early 1974. As we have seen, nothing was found near Hochries hut, the second touch-down area.

Searching for additional cases with "egg-shaped objects in vertical position" we found a remarkable sighting on New Year's Day, 1970 at Mill Bay on Vancouver Island, Canada.* Three witnesses noticed

* For further details, see *Canadian UFO Report*, Summer, 1970.

a yellow-orange glow in the sky which turned out to be an egg-shaped object. It seemed to have a transparent part on the top, and one witness thought he saw a set of lights inside.

Up to December 1, 1974, nine different sightings with ten definite objects, two lights and numerous "satellites" have been reported by at least 37 persons in the Hochries area (sketchy 1973 reports have been excluded from this breakdown), and 18 have been interviewed at length by seven field investigation teams during six field trips organised by MUFON C.E.S.

Geological maps do not indicate major tectonic faults running through the flap area, but a remarkable Karst morphology (dolinas, polges and disappearing wells) is present north-east of Hochries hut, especially around Riesen hut and stretching 2 km. further to the Laubenstein Basin at Mt. Zellerhorn, where the famous Laubenstein caverns are located.

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World round-up

*of news and comment
about recent sightings*

United States of America

Police report UFOs

The *News and Observer* of Raleigh, North Carolina, carried a report in its issue of April 6, 1975, under the signature of staff writer Larry Bliss,— "The mystery returned Saturday to Eastern North Carolina's outbreak of UFO reports.

"Law enforcement officers said they saw unidentified flying objects for the third night in a row and rejected suggestions that what they were really sighting was a jet plane on a training flight.

"White Lake police chief Garry Moore even reported that an object hovered over his car about 8.45 p.m. Friday, shining a light 'so bright I could hardly look at it.'

"None of the lawmen interviewed Saturday agreed with the suggestion of Federal Aviation Administration officials that the Wednesday and Thursday night sightings involved a jet plane.

"A *News and Observer* photographer got pictures of what he said was apparently a jet aircraft with its vertical stabilizer brightly illuminated. Staffer Steven Murray took two photos at state road 1726 and

U.S. 301 two miles south of Parkton at 10.25 p.m. Friday.

"But that was more than an hour before a Piedmont Airlines pilot said he made test flights over the area.

"Moore said that the object hovered 200 feet over his car Friday and shined a light on his patrol car on N.C. 53 near White Lake.

"He described the UFO as V-shaped with 'several colours of light.' Moore and the other sighters said the object or objects made no noise.

"A White Lake police officer, Sgt. J. C. Baxley, also reported seeing the object, this time at a distance. His description was similar to Moore's — a V-shaped thing with lights around it.

"He observed the UFO between 8.45 and 10.40 p.m., saying that it hovered in the area of Moore's car for 45 minutes. Baxley said it moved off slowly west after standing still.

"Bladen County Deputy Sheriff Phillip Little said he saw a 'big glow four or five times brighter than a star' through binoculars from a location near Elizabethtown.

"Little, looking northwest from the city, said that from 9 to 10 p.m. he saw a light that varied in brightness slowly moving to the northwest. He

guessed that it might have been a balloon.

"Another sighting occurred on a rural paved road off N. C. 130, five miles northwest of Rowland about 9.15 p.m. Friday. Police dispatcher Ron Thompson said he signaled with his headlights an object that had two searchlights and was hovering 100 yards away or less over an open field."

Credit: Raymond Urban of Carrboro, N. C.

North Carolina sightings continue

Again from the *Raleigh News and Observer* (of April 8, 1975) we learn that,— "Five members of a Robeson County family reported they saw five pink-and-red objects flying in a circular formation land in a field in a rural area near here Sunday night.

"Ron Thompson, a dispatcher for the Robeson County Sheriff's Office, said Monday he collected charred soil samples from five spots in the field where he believes the objects landed.

"Dozens of sightings of unidentified flying objects have been reported in a multi-county area of Eastern North Carolina for the past week. Most of the sightings have been

reported by law enforcement officers. "Ray Strickland, a security guard at Pembroke State University here, said he and four members of his family were returning from a visit in Pembroke when they saw the objects streak out of the sky and swoop into the field beside Philadelphia Road, a mile north of here.

"Strickland said the objects he saw 'were not airplanes. They were nothing like planes.' Federal Aviation Administration officials suggested Friday that the sightings had been prompted by airline pilots training in the area. " 'Out of the sky we saw five big lights, pink and reddish in colour,' Strickland said. 'They were in a circle

and a big flame was coming from each of them.'

"He said he lost sight of the objects when they flew behind a barn next to the field. He said by the time he ran into the field to search for the objects, they were gone.

"Thompson said that he returned to the field with Strickland to investigate the report and that he found five burned places in the soil measuring 25 by six feet. He said the arrangement of the burned spots exactly duplicated a diagram Strickland sketched of the formation of the objects as he saw them in flight.

"Thompson said he took photographs of the burned places and took

soil samples from the scorched ground which he said he would have analyzed.

"At least three other sightings of unidentified flying objects were reported Sunday night, Thompson said. He said reports of sightings were received from Lumberton, from west of St. Pauls and from Scotland County near Wagram.

"All of the objects have been described as triangular in shape except for the one in Lumberton. It was reported hovering 250 feet from the earth and was cigar-shaped with a dome on top and of a bright, luminous colour."

Credit: Raymond Urban

MAIL BAG

Holes at Poles?

Dear Sir,—I feel sure that many of your readers must by now have read "Secret of the Ages" by B. Le Poer Trench, and probably, like me, been very puzzled by photographs published in the book. Some of these purport to show a hole in the earth at the North Pole.

I wrote to the Royal Geographical Society concerning these satellite photographs and thought that some of your readers might like to share in this reply.

They submitted my letter and the photostat copy of the pictures from the book to the Scott Polar Research Institute. Dr. Swithinbank, of that institute, tells me that the supposed photograph of the hole at the pole is "not a single satellite photograph, but a composite picture made up from the weather satellite ESSA7 which orbits at an inclination of about 79° to the Equator. Hence it does not cover the North Pole itself, and all such mosaics have a gap at high altitudes."

However, apart from statements about holes at the poles, the book does suggest some interesting ideas.

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Power of the Mind?

Dear Sir,—On reading your editorial, "More Beliefs" in FSR, Vol.20, No.6, I propose that you consider a possible alternative to the theory that entities are meddling in human affairs. It is that *mankind* is playing paranormal games with himself, and it would take a team of psychiatrists to explain why.

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

The problem has its counterpart in spiritualistic phenomena. Are the entities who communicate through mediums and victims of obsession really what they claim to be (demons, departed souls, etc.) or are the minds of living human beings unconsciously engineering a pretense?

I know that this idea is "way out," but how much better can we do in formulating the least implausible hypothesis? The good-or-evil entity idea is also accepted as a last resort, but at least I try to maintain a foot on *terra firma* by appealing to anthropogenesis and psychiatry. I suspect that the two ideas can be merged by a profound thinker who is able to ask the right questions. B. E. Schwarz and Jule Eisenbud, I think, are on the right tracks. Schwarz's various contributions and Eisenbud's article, "The Mind-Matter Interface" (Journal, American Society for Psychical Research, April 1975) both imply that the observer could play a part in shaping reality. (To his credit, too, Eisenbud discusses UFOs in the A.S.P.R.'s article, a "first" in that scholarly Journal.)

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UFOs seen from British Airways Trident

Dear Sir,—I should be interested to hear, via your "Mail Bag" column, from anyone who might have witnessed a number of UFOs flying in formation a few miles off the coast of Italy at approximately 1,000 or so feet on Saturday, March 15.

A colleague of mine, who works for British Airways regional division,

was flying back from a holiday in Sicily on a *Trident* flight No. BE 343 at 35,000 ft. It was just after take-off, approximately 19.30–20.00 hrs., en-route for London. Suddenly he saw below to starboard a formation of six brightly shining discs. They apparently stayed with the aircraft for a while (the same relative position) and then manoeuvred into a different formation, only this time there were eight of them.

The discs were also observed by the flight crew, who brought them to the attention of the passengers.

The aircraft banked to starboard, so that they could be observed from a better vantage point. The UFOs then took up their previous formation, and shot off at great speed, heading due South.

The captain commented that although he couldn't ascertain what they were, they weren't ships, as they appeared to be a good 1,000 ft. above the sea.

My colleague, although not a pilot for British Airways, does do a lot of private flying, and so is very observant with regard to aerial phenomena.

Yours faithfully,
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FROM THE CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES

Summary of recent reports, April 21, 1975

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION has been prepared for exclusive publication in *Flying Saucer Review*. It should be noted that the names of all witnesses are on file at the Center for UFO Studies.*

1. February 20, 1975, at 9.00 p.m. Andover, Massachusetts, USA; Type of report: CEI

Two witnesses saw light in distance which appeared to be a train about to crash. Object was descending, and at tree top level it stopped and went straight up, and again stopped at an angle of approx. 40 degrees, both witnesses and object moved to where students (witnesses) were 200-250 ft. away from object [?ED]. The object then stopped directly over students. It was estimated to be 10-12 ft. in diameter, with a dull grey surface, and about 75 ft. above the ground. The object remained in this position for about 30-60 sec, emitting a soft hum and exhibiting a rocking motion. The object slowly moved away and disappeared. It appeared 10 minutes later and was viewed by numerous other witnesses for the next 1½ hours. Several subsequent sightings were reported for several nights.

Original Source: Police, to Ray Fowler
Investigator: J. Giambone, MUFON

2. From April 3, 1975 and subsequently. Robeson County, North Carolina, USA; Type: mostly CEI

Numerous sightings have been reported from Robeson County, and the surrounding area, from April 3 to the present. Most witnesses have been police [See World Round-Up]. The Center has had three investigators there, F. Harrison, MUFON, Lee Spiegel, MUFON and Center, and Ted Phillips, to investigate a landing case. Many of these cases are CEI, with the most common report being a V shaped object, with blue and red lights. The Federal Aviation Administration is co-operating in the investigation. A full report on the landing case with physical traces will follow.

†(I hope this will be a Technical Report from the Center, -J. Allen Hynek.)

3. March 5, 1975, at 9.30 p.m. Enfield, Connecticut, USA; Type: CEI

Witnesses in car, saw red light near ground moving slowly. Drove closer, saw a white oval object high in sky. Stopped car, saw oval object in field 50 yards away. Object was flat saucer in shape, and emitted blue green and red lights. Similar object was sighted in same area by another witness and reported to UFO CENTRAL 24.2.75. Further investigation pending.

Speed: 5-10 mph. Trajectory: hovered
Weather: clear. Duration: 35 minutes
Original source: Enfield police files
Investigator: Center report form, E Jahn, NICAP

4. January 16, 1975, at 7.30 p.m. China Spring, Texas, USA. Type: CEI

Young woman, driving, spotted unusual cluster of lights, low in sky, hovering over field. Arrived at friend's house, who was also observing object. Object ("smaller than airplane") passed over car (40 ft. above). Witness described object as having rotating white lights. Object shot quickly into sky. Check with nearby airport showed only 4-engined military plane in area at that time.

Weather: clear. Duration: 5 minutes
Source: UFO Central

5. March 2, 1975, Phillips, Wisconsin, USA; Type: CEI

Police officer sighted disc-shaped object with hump on top

* The Institute founded by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, for 20 years civilian scientific consultant to the US Air Force's study, Project Blue Book. Address of the Center for UFO Studies: PO Box 11, Northfield, Illinois 60093, USA.

and bottom. Bright white and blue lights seemed to be shining on ground (1,000 ft. away). Red or orange lights on bottom edge, approximately 30 feet in diameter. He put spotlight on object, it rapidly ascended. Before this sighting and others, his car radio "went wild...the noises were short weird responses,"

Duration: 5 minutes
Source: UFO Central
Investigators: L. Spiegel, MUFON; D. Flickinger, UFO Center.

6. April 1, 1975, at 9.00 p.m. Two Harbors, Minnesota, USA; Type: CEI

There have been numerous sightings during late March and April in Upper Michigan, Northern Wisconsin, and Minnesota. This is one such report. Many are under active investigation.

"At first I thought it was a plane in trouble as it was low and looked as though it were going to crash into our house. It swerved...The front formation of lights were red, and then 2 formations of white. It made a low "whooshing" noise easily heard outside...there was another but different type of light two fields away, this one was higher in the air and was a blue colour...As we watched it...it started shooting lights out of the top of it and these were disappearing so fast it was split seconds to their disappearance."

The police were called and observed these lights.

Possible traces are involved: photographs have been taken of marks - broken snow crust, "as if something poled into ground at an angle."

The distance, at closest point to observer was 100-150 ft. over house. The UFO's trajectory was erratic, and it changed direction suddenly.

Witnesses: Three Duration: 30 minutes
Weather: clear
Original source- Telephone call to Center
Investigator: Form filled out.

7. February 4, 1975, at about 8.00 p.m. Mount Olive, N. Carolina, USA; Type: CEI

Two witnesses saw light in the sky which would dim, go completely out, and come back on in a matter of moments. The object suddenly started moving erratically and then descending, coming back towards them, whereupon they saw a second light appear where the first had been. The descended light was seen hovering about 200 ft. away, moving around the immediate area, and barely above tree top level for approximately one minute. The object was so brilliant that it could be looked at only briefly. They were able to observe four lights on the right side, and the object appeared to be rotating. It appeared to be about a car's length across, some 16-20 feet. No sound was heard at any time. The object ascended and stayed over the Mount Olive area approximately two hours. It was observed by at least six other witnesses in different locations.

Weather: clear, cool, calm
Investigator: F. Harrison, MUFON

8. February 6, 1975, at 12.30 a.m., Fort Pierce, Florida; Type: CEI

Two witnesses were driving down highway, and "saw an object lit by the full moon, spinning and dropping very fast...as it was spinning and falling it came to the tree tops and moved east towards the ocean. We lost it momentarily, but all of a sudden it came towards us from the south following the road. I told my brother to duck, and in a flash it was over the car and gone."

Weather: clear Duration: 3-5 minutes
Original source: Letter to Center
Investigator: Form filled out

9. February 26, 1975, at about 1.00 a.m., Durham-Raleigh, N. Carolina, USA; Type: NL

Family and neighbours observed "fuzzy and flashing light at a point about 25-30 degrees in elevation 'floating' over the trees to the SW, some 75-100 yards away. One part of the "circular-like 'blurry something' was 'kind of white looking.

and...like the moon — clear white on the left side but emitting rays or beams of light from the right side...No sound was heard." It appeared to be moving up and down.

The witness called the police and a television station. The TV station took a film of the light but it was apparently "no good." The light was also sighted by the police officer, who reported seeing eight such lights. One of the family of witnesses reported the light appeared to be triangular shaped, with a strobe-like light which sent out red, blue, and green colours as rays as a blend of the colours. Reports lasted for about 5 hours.

A further report is pending.

Original source: UFO Centre

Investigator: B. Hangan, UFO Center

10. March 3, 1975, at 8.45 p.m., Wausau, Wisconsin; Type NL

Two police officers received report and officer left desk to scan skies. "...A very bright object was observed bobbing somewhat on the horizon." Observation information was passed on to State Patrol Trooper who "Observed a UFO for a period of at least five minutes and described it as multi-coloured and going up and down in the air a number of times prior to his losing sight of it."

The object, stated to be "as big as a fist, when arm out-stretched," was described as moving in a straight line, and in a zig-zag."

Weather: clear

Original source: UFO Center

Investigator: Center Report form filled out

11. January 9, 1975, at 7.15 p.m., Somerville, New Jersey, USA; Type: CEI

Two fifteen-year-old girls sighted object, silent, moving slightly higher than tree level, extremely fast. "There was this big white...the only way to describe it is 'thing.' The white thing was brightly illuminated, and the object flew into it. As the object flew into it, the thing disappeared. After the object had flown completely through the thing, in front of the thing was a light projection, like that of a flashlight. The object had two little blue lights, and sort of a red band."

The girls went to find another witness, which they did, but at first could not sight the object. Then they saw it, about one block away, hovering over a house. It suddenly disappeared "into thin air."

The object was said to have been the size of a "motor-cycle."

Weather: Partly clouded

Duration: 4 minutes, then 1½ minutes

Original source: UFO Central

Investigator: Wm. Boyce, MUFON, for Center

12. January 23, 1975, at 9.00 p.m., Indianapolis, Indiana, USA; Type CEII

Object, with pulsating white lights (5), was sighted about two blocks away. Moved slowly, hovered over witness at about 200 — 400 ft. Moved behind trees, about 50 yards away and disappeared. Electric lights went out in witness's home; police reported power failure in area at approximately the same time.

The object is said to have moved in a straight line after hovering. It was estimated as being of 20 ft. diameter.

Witnesses: four in all

Weather: Partly clouded, 35°F. Duration: 7 minutes

Original source: UFO Central

Investigator: Wm. Stevens, Center Investigator

13. March 12, 1975, at 7.00 p.m. S.W. of Toppenish, Washington, USA; Type: NL

Brilliant white object was sighted, which turned a yellowish colour, then pulsated or blinked, returning to white colour. As the witness's vehicle came close to the object, it began to glow brightly and then dimmed. It moved slowly, then "went out." While object was in sight, horses crowded up to side of corral, dog went into shed and would not come out. Cattle, which are usually doing considerable bawling at that time, did not make a sound until the object had left. One witness attempted to take several pictures of the light which showed only a spot of light. Object was hovering over or near the site of a large pumping station.

[The object was stated to have been the apparent size of a "wall clock." Its speed, distance and the duration of

the observation were not recorded or estimated. A further investigation is pending.

Weather: Clear, 40°F. Witnesses: Three

Original source: Wm. Vogel

Investigator: Wm. Vogel, Center investigator

14. January 5, 1975, at 8.30 p.m., Mount Vernon, Ohio, USA; Type: CEI

Two witnesses, driving, observed an object close to the ground, appearing to be about to land or take off. They observed it momentarily, then drove to where they could turn their car around. Object was paced at about 40 mph, then hovered. It appeared to be 200 feet away, 200 feet high, and was seen for about 5 minutes. Appeared to have three red lights. Then moving in a tight circle, the other side of the object appeared to have two white lights.

The object moved off, hovered. Witnesses drove to a nearby relative's home to get the relative to look at the object. When they returned a few minutes later, it had disappeared.

The size of the object was stated to have been about "the back end of a Volkswagen."

Weather: Fair, wind S.W.

Original Source: UFO Central

Investigator: J. Pappenhagen, for W. Rice, Center

Investigator

15. January 29, 1975, at 6.00 p.m., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. Type: NL

In the witness's words: "I noticed what looked like a gigantic star with a red beam of light in its centre. It stayed in one place, and was lower than the flying level of an airplane. "... We started walking towards home and were going to get a little telescope we have, then go back to look at it...we looked back at it again...we saw two of them this time directly in line with each other...as I pointed to it, this thing came down at us, in a floating manner, like that of an airplane when it is going to land, only it seemed to flow or float down, and as it got real low it suddenly soared backwards and back up into the air real fast and disappeared."

(Note: two other witnesses — names unknown to the witness who reported — viewed the object.)

Both witnesses reported pains in the side for 2 hours after the observation, but this could have been due to some other cause.

Weather: clear Duration: 30—45 minutes

Original source: Phone call to Center Office

Investigator: Center report form filled out

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