
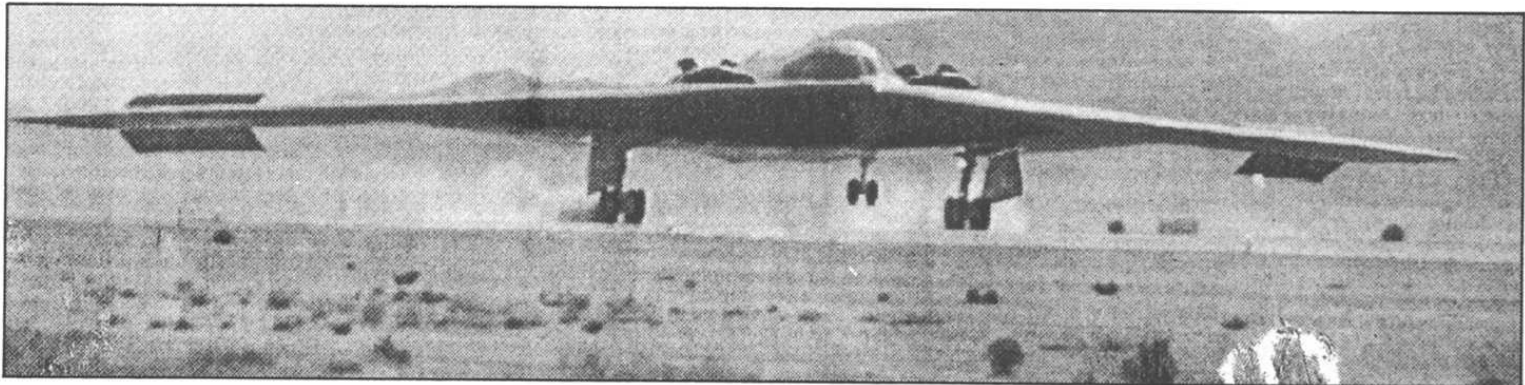


◀EAB-3◀PALMDALE, CALIF., July 17 — UP AND AWAY — THE 8-2 stealth bomber lifts up from the runway at Palmdale, Calif. early Monday morning on its first flight. The first flight of the radar-eluding bomber had been delayed for 18 months. ◀APLaserPhoto◀c:j20825stf/doug sheridan◀1989
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Its flight successfully completed, the most expensive aircraft ever built lands at the Edwards Air Force Base.

UFOs CONTINUE TO VISIT U.S. NUCLEAR ENERGY SITES

By George D. Fawcett

In the U.S.A. the name of George D. Fawcett is known to everybody in the UFO research sphere, since he is one of the veterans. For British and Overseas readers of FSR, we would add that he lives at 602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton, North Carolina 28092, and that he is MUFON's State Director for North Carolina. EDITOR

LOOKING back over the years up to the 40th anniversary of UFOs in modern times (June 24, 1987), it is interesting to note that UFOs (unidentified flying objects), have often been seen and recorded near various atomic energy locations in this country and overseas.

Captain Ruppelt

This link was first noticed by Captain Edward Ruppelt in 1952 and reported in a *Look Magazine* article (June 24, 1952) titled "Hunt For The Flying Saucer".

Captain Ruppelt, who directed the U.S. Air Force Project Blue Book at that time, when viewing a folder

of 63 mystifying UFO reports that had been plotted on a map of the United States, discovered that it showed "an ominous correlation" with the location of various atomic energy installations. *Look Magazine* learned that some high-ranking officers had taken note of this fact, and had then held a Pentagon conference to discuss these numerous strange concentrations that have continued to this day.¹

Such incidents at the Savannah River, Hanford, Los Alamos, Oak Ridge, McGuire, Cherokee and Indian Point nuclear and atomic plants are of continued vital interest and concern to scientific, military, civilian and

governmental observers everywhere.

These UFO encounters raise such serious questions as: *Are UFOs monitoring our atomic and nuclear energy sites and if so, why? Why has the AEC (Atomic Energy Commission) had representatives on most of all the major government UFO investigative projects? Why do guards at some AEC installations report their UFO encounters directly to AEC?*

The questions continue — What have AEC studies using air samplers, radioactive background counters, portable counters, magnetometers, oscilloscopes, cameras, radar and other devices revealed? That types of radiation increases have been discovered? What do they make of the increasing numbers of individuals who have suffered "radioactive" injuries of one sort or another alleged to have occurred during UFO incidents in many states in the USA and other countries worldwide?

In essence, what have been the major discoveries and perhaps hidden secrets of the AEC-UFO link since the late 1940s?

Let's examine some of the often reported events. On May 10, 1952, four employees of the Du Pont Company, employed at the Savannah River Plant, saw eight "disc-shaped" objects approach the Ellenton, South Carolina plant. The objects varied from a yellow to gold in colour, moved south to north at a "high rate" of speed. The eight UFOs approached the area at such a low altitude that they had to rise to pass over some tall tanks in the area. The noiseless UFOs weaved from left to right and moved from side to side as they departed at a 90 degree angle. "The Atomic Energy Commission in Washington was advised."²

Hanford Atomic Plant

On July 5, 1952, four Florida pilots reported a flying saucer hovering above the Hanford atomic works, a sensitive scientific installation at Richlands, Washington State, N.W. USA. Captain John Baldwin, Captain George Robertson and pilots D. Shanbel and Steven Summers stated that the UFO was round and flat. After hovering above the atomic plant, it gained speed, reversed its course and then disappeared quickly. Two yellow globes of fiery appearance were reported over the Hanford plant seven days later, confirmed by Air Force investigators.³

Los Alamos

Two years earlier, on April 17, 1950, more than fifteen persons at the secret atomic energy project at Los Alamos, New Mexico, reported they saw a UFO on the eastern horizon. One of the observers, a scientist from the University of California Personnel Division, watched one of three objects through a telescope and said that it looked flat, metallic, and was roughly circular and about nine feet in diameter. The UFO appeared to be about 2,000 feet high and moved "... faster than any known conventional aircraft". It was seen for about 20 minutes and put on quite a show. Dozens of excellent UFO sightings have been reported by countless eyewitnesses at Los Alamos over the years.⁴

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

June 21, 1952 brought an interesting case of a UFO that trespassed prohibited airspace at the AEC's Oak Ridge Laboratory in Tennessee at 10.58 p.m. The UFO was observed by Ground Observer Corps volunteers and also detected by radar. The UFO was pursued by an F-47 aircraft on combat patrol from a

10,000 to 27,000 foot altitude. During the aerial dog-fight, the UFO attempted to ram the F-47 on several occasions, before leaving the area. UFO encounters have become quite commonplace at this AEC site.⁵

In October, 1965 Philip Parker, on an aerial photography mission, was flying with pilot H.T. Mayhew near the Perth Church Road/Lake Norman crossing. Their plane was flying at about 1,000 feet as they circled the lake near the McGuire Nuclear Station, when they noticed three "bright objects" to their right. Pilot Mayhew gave his plane full throttle and they rose barely high enough to escape the UFOs, which were flying in formation 100 feet below them. Unnerved, as he was, Parker was able to take one photograph of the three circular UFOs above Lake Norman, which is bordered by the Catawba, Lincoln, Gaston, Mecklenburg and Iredell Counties in North Carolina.⁶

In past years several other photographs of UFOs flying above Lake Norman were taken by different photographers. One of the photographs of an early morning UFO was captured near the Sun on the film. In the photo, the UFO moved from the 4 to the 6 o'clock position from 90 to 20 degrees over a short period of time.

In the late summer of 1968, at 2 a.m., a married couple (names confidential on file) reported seeing a dome-topped UFO with "windows" and odd-coloured lights (yellow, blue and red fixed together) flying near their Lake Norman home. The UFO was about two to three car-lengths wide and made a soft humming sound. A "metal rod" came from the bottom edge of the UFO, as it moved down nearby power lines, almost touching the wires as it followed the power lines. The eyewitnesses ran the rest of the way home and were badly frightened by their experience.⁷

In July or August, 1974, at 9.30 p.m., businessman Robert P. Sartin, who lives near the Lake Norman Airport and Duke Power Plant's 150 ft. high Cowans Ford Dam, spotted a UFO. His attention to the UFO came when he heard children (fishing from a nearby pier) who were shouting about an object in the sky. Four other persons became eyewitnesses to the UFO, which was seen about four miles east of the Marshall Steam Plant near Terrell.

The UFO appeared to be about the size of a basketball court and had a thickness one-half its width. The object looked like "one saucer inverted on top of another and had a row of flashing windows through its middle".

It had red, white and yellow lighted windows and hovered in the area overhead for about 10 minutes, before it flew sideways, then moved up and away at an unbelievable speed as it disappeared in the sky.⁸

Saluda Dam

In March, 1975, at Lexington, South Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richardson were driving near the Lake Murray Hydroelectric Plant's Saluda Dam, when a brilliant "spotlight" came on and illuminated the interior of their car. They noticed that the UFO looked "like two pie pans" put together, and had a dome on top.

It flew about 40 to 50 feet above their car, and it had red and blue lights on its ends and its dome was "brilliant white". The bottom of the UFO was octagonal in shape or like a stop sign. The Lake Murray area has been the scene of many UFO encounters over the years.⁹



Loring Air Force Base, Maine

On October 27, 1975, a UFO was reported by Staff Sgt. Danny K. Lewis near the Loring Air Force Base, Maine. The UFO began to circle the nuclear weapons storage area to within 300 yards of the facility. Finally, it hovered 150 feet above the ground. The Base was placed on a major alert status. Radar tracked its manoeuvres in the area for over 40 minutes. The red-dish-orange UFO later moved to within five feet of the ground. Security personnel said the UFO was "like a stretched-out football in the air" as it hovered nearby. They described the object as about four car-lengths long. It shut off its lights and rapidly left the area from near ground level.¹⁰

Savannah Nuclear Plant

On November 22, 1975, Pilot Frank Auman Jr. and UFO investigator Arlan Keith Andrews were flying in a private plane near the Savannah, Georgia, Nuclear Plant. They saw a bright white UFO manoeuvring in the area for four or five minutes. It made a "slight wobble" and then a hard turn, before it flew away. Jacksonville Control Centre personnel at Jacksonville, Florida, confirmed three UFO sightings (either radar or visuals) by pilots at the site.¹¹

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McGuire Nuclear Station

On March, 1978, several persons described seeing two "milky white" UFOs flying side by side at tree-top level at the McGuire Nuclear Station near Triangle, North Carolina.¹²

April 24, 1980, at 9 p.m., brought another UFO report from the Lake Norman area. Pete Link and Jeff Schlatter, two Rutherford County carpenters, while working on a house roof, observed a bright yellow UFO that rose up vertically from Lake Norman, made a loop, and then disappeared while moving rapidly away.¹³

Lake Norman is a large lake, and is surrounded by Highway 16, Highway 73, Highway 150 and Highway 21. The lake is surrounded by many towns and cities, among them Mooresville, Lincolnton, Lowesville, Denver, Triangle, Iron Station, Stanley, Maiden, Huntersville, High Shoals, Troutman, Mount Holly, Terrell, Cornelius, Davidson and Sherrills Ford. These communities have been a "hotbed of UFO sightings" over the past four decades.

One of the more intriguing UFO sightings was reported at 7.30 a.m. on October 18, 1982. Gary Fortenberry and Jimmy Bumgarner, two employees at the

McGuire Nuclear Station on Lake Norman, were driving to work on Highway 73 at the Catawba River (Lincoln County) when they encountered an unknown.

They watched a dull silver oval UFO with "four legs" above a nearby fog bank. During the daylight encounter, they first mistook it for a water tank, but later in the day, when they returned home from work, the fog had lifted and no water tank was to be seen anywhere in the area. They did notice that high voltage lines from the power plants were in the general area of the earlier sightings. When first seen, the UFO was about 250 feet above the ground. The eyewitnesses had worked at McGuire for six years without experiencing anything unusual. Once, several months before, when UFOs visited the same location, the power had fluctuated before the UFOs left the area. Security guards, when questioned by me on the phone, told me that all reports of such UFO incidents were to be made directly to AEC headquarters.¹⁴

Frenzied Dogs

On October 13, 1983, at 12.30 a.m., Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ruppe of Gaffney, South Carolina, were disturbed from their sleep by a siren-like sound (like something taking off). They looked out of their house windows in time to see a glowing oval-shaped UFO about 20 feet above their neighbour's home.

The neighbourhood dogs were barking in a frenzy. The UFO, described as "about the size of a Winnebago travel-trailer" had two "beams of lights" on the bottom of the object.

It was orange-yellow in colour and made a high-pitched sound as it crossed the power lines and moved east in the direction of the Cherokee Nuclear Station. The UFO was seen for approximately five minutes, and was estimated to be about 20 feet long and 8 to 10 feet in height.¹⁵

Indian Point Nuclear Plant

On June 24, 1984, from 10.30 to 10.45 p.m., security guards at the Indian Point nuclear power plant near Peekskill, New York, reported seeing a UFO over the plant for approximately 15 minutes. It was at a height of roughly 30 stories above the exhaust funnel of one of the plant's three nuclear reactors.

UFO investigator Philip J. Imbrogno, for the Dr. J. Allen Hynek's Centre for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in Chicago, Illinois, interviewed six of the twelve security guards who saw the UFO.

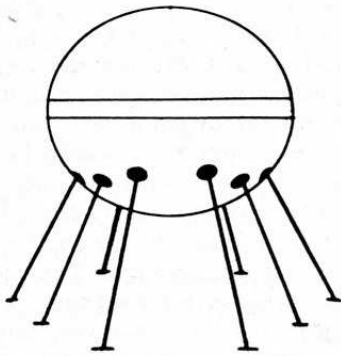
The UFO, according to the witnesses, was huge in size, diamond-shaped, and approximately 450 feet in length. It was first white, then changed to blue to red to green to amber in colour. Local police in Peekskill received numerous UFO sighting reports during the same evening. One of them, Sgt. Karl Hoffman, said the UFO he observed included a "dozen white lights" in V-formation that slowly moved towards the power plant at Indian Point.¹⁶

In the case of the UFO reported by security guards at the Indian Point Nuclear Plant at Peekskill, investigators uncovered some interesting information.

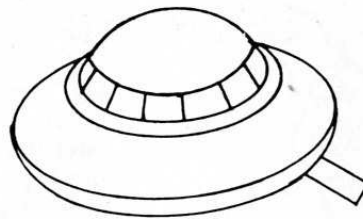
As the UFO approached the nuclear plant it flew to within 30 feet of Reactor Number Three. As it did so, the plant's security systems shut down, as did all of its alarm systems and communication systems.

Security guards were issued with shotguns, and were waiting for the final word to shoot at the UFO. A request was also made for an armed helicopter to

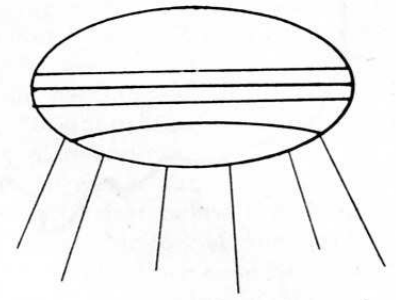
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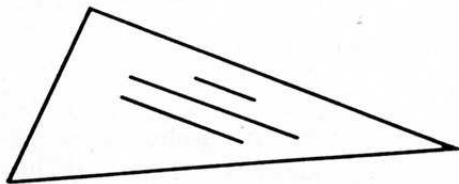
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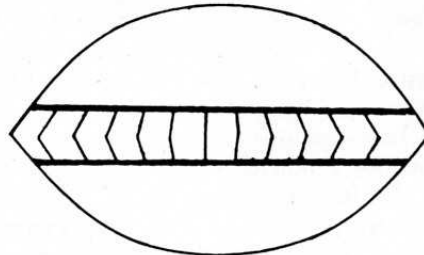
Late Summer, 1968
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Gaffney, S.C.



Aug. 18, 1989
McGuire Nuclear Plant
Lake Norman, N.C.



July or Aug., 1974
Terrell, N.C.

come and shoot down the UFO, but before the command for this had been given, the UFO moved away and left the area.

Carl Patrick of the plant's information office, when questioned by investigators about the UFO, had this to say, "I can neither confirm or deny that the guards fired upon it, but they did what was necessary to protect the plant."¹⁷

UFO sightings continued to be concentrated near various atomic energy locations in the late 1980s, as reported by reliable eyewitnesses.

General Twining's Words

We are reminded of a statement made by General Nathan F. Twining of the Army Air Forces (the original UFO study *Project Sign*) in 1947, forty years ago. *General Twining said, "all pertinent data would be made available to the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC)".*

Perhaps the answers to the many questions posed at the beginning of this article have been furnished to the Atomic Energy Commission. But up till now (1987) they have yet to see the light of day in the public sector.

Perhaps in the not too distant future, the truth behind the UFO-AEC link will be fully revealed to the public?

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RUSSIAN REPORTS

We are overwhelmed by an avalanche of material. The analysis, translation and preparation of this is an enormous task, and the entire next issue (September) may have to be devoted to Russia.

DELIBERATE DECEPTION: THE UFO FILMED AT BIG SUR, CALIFORNIA

A Critical Analysis of the Curious Events at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, in September 1964.

By Dr Robert Jacobs, PhD

"HOW A UFO DESTROYED AN AMERICAN ROCKET. FORMER U.S. AIR FORCE OFFICER'S REVELATION: "THE TRUTH IS TOO IMPORTANT TO HIDE ANY LONGER. UFO SPIED ON A SPACE MISSILE SHOT, AND I FILMED IT"*

* Under this title, in FSR 29/1 (1983), I published our first version, received via FSR Consultant Richard W. Heiden of Milwaukee, of the extraordinary story of former U.S. Air Force Officer Lt. Robert Jacobs, who is today Dr Robert Jacobs, PhD, Assistant Professor of Radio-Film-TV Studios in the University of Wisconsin.

Dr Jacobs has now produced a more detailed account of this affair. His article, which I reproduce in full below, has appeared in MUFON UFO JOURNAL No. 249 (January 1989), and for this I have received the written permission of Mr Dennis W. Stacey, MUFON JOURNAL Editor, and I hereby express my very warmest thanks to him for such interesting material. — EDITOR

THIS is an article about the filming and subsequent U.S. Government cover up of a UFO which interfered with a dummy Atomic warhead one Autumn day in 1964 high over the Pacific Ocean off Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. It is a first-hand account of an event. Before dealing with it and the subsequent revelations which have come from a variety of sources since 1964, consider this brief discussion about UFOs and The Press.

It is a sad and curious fact that much of the literature surrounding the UFO phenomena appears in the highly sensationalized "tabloids". Once relegated solely to pulp newsprint, this form of idiot-journalism has now moved into television with personalities like Geraldo Rivera, Morton Downey, Jr. and a growing number of other slime merchants. Owing to the prejudice toward this kind of journalism shared by intellectuals, academicians and the celebrities who frequently decry being victimized by the tabloids, such exposure has tended to desensitize the American Public to the potential seriousness of the UFO issue. Since tabloids seem to be written stylistically by and for the lunatic fringe, then UFOs are seen broadly as the purview of lunatics exclusively.

If one wanted deliberately to denigrate an issue, to relegate it to the trash heap of pop culture, one could not do so more completely than to insure that the issue falls into the hands of *The Star* or *The National Enquirer* or Geraldo Rivera! Perhaps a case could be made for the UFO evidence having been delivered over to garbage journalism by *design* as a method of discrediting it.

We know, for example, that at the beginning of his involvement with the subject, the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek, later Chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University, was employed by the United States Air Force with Project Blue Book to "debunk" all "flying saucer" sightings. His famous "Swamp Gas" conclusion has lived in the popular mythos long after the good Doctor's formal recantation of it. And, in spite of some of the general popularizing of the subject in films like *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and *E.T.*, Johnny Carson, David Letterman and other television talk show heroes, still get comic mileage out of poking fun at UFO investigators, "swamp gas" and the frequent loonies who claim to be incarnate space ships or to own condos on Venus. If the tabloids were not paid off to run as many misleading, bizarre stories on UFOs and UFO Fringies as possible, always making these tales appear to be from

or about some dimwit in the hinterlands, then they may as well have been.

Deliberate deception, Machiavellian conspiracy, coincidence or just the luck of the draw . . . whatever the reason, the resultant tabloid "sleaze factor" is a handicap for any scholar wishing to engage in research into what is, in fact, a fascinating and deliciously intricate field worthy of serious study.

I am a scholar, a card-carrying Ph.D., and a university professor in a department of Journalism and Broadcasting. Some years ago I was an officer in the United States Air Force, the first officer in the photography career field, by the way, to be awarded the Air Force Guided Missile Insignia; the "Missile Badge".

Those are facts. Another fact is that I have been a participant in an *official United States Government-ordered UFO cover up*. I've been ridiculed by some of my colleagues in academia because in 1982 I wrote an article about this cover up and it appeared in *The National Enquirer*. It was not my intention to become a tabloid writer then or now. *The Enquirer* turned out to be the *only* publication I could find which was interested in printing the article at all. Both academic and mainstream journals and periodicals turned it down cold over the period of nearly a year during which I submitted and resubmitted it. I was told by editor after editor that UFO stories weren't "publishable". I thought the story was important then. That's why I let a tabloid publish it. I still think it's important. That's why I responded to the invitation to write it for this journal.

So much for preamble about the press.

Big Sur Background

Six years then, after it first broke, here is my report on what we photographed at Big Sur along with some of what has happened since 1982 in plain, unheroic, non-sensational, unexpurgated and non-tabloidized English.

I earned the "Missile Badge" for making a "significant contribution to America's Missile and Space Program", so the citation read, while I was Officer-in-Charge of Photo-optical Instrumentation in the 1369th Photographic Squadron at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California from May, 1963 to May, 1966. My work in establishing a long range tracking site at Big Sur, California, in large part is what convinced the Air Force to give me that cherished award. The cir-