

Historical Sightings 1957 - Part 1

- Brazil, Ubatuba: Anonymous witnesses saw a disk dive down and explode, showering the area with flaming fragments. Some samples were gathered, sent to a Brazilian newsman, analyzed by friends of Dr. Fontes, of Rio, and were found to consist of surprisingly pure magnesium.
- Canada, Baskatong Lake: 180 km north of Ottawa Jacques Jacobson and three of his friends saw a bright, yellowish-white sphere hovering over a hilltop about 4 km away. From top and bottom issued light cones that illuminated the countryside and the clouds. Radio reception was blocked throughout the observation, except for a very powerful signal at one wavelength, modulated, but not in Morse code. The object rose slowly toward the south.
- Canada, Galt, Ontario: Jack Stephenson was walking about 7 km from Galt when he saw a flash in the sky. A circular object making a whirring sound came down and landed with a throw of flames. It took off again 30 min later, leaving the ground blackened and branches broken. The craft had a stationary dome, but the periphery was spinning.
- Denmark, Gesten: A shop owner saw a pyramid-shaped, luminous, transparent object fly fast across the road. As it was above 250 m away, he clearly saw two figures who looked like human beings, sitting one behind the other aboard the craft.
- England, Aston: Mrs. Cynthia Appleton, 27, mother of two, saw the figure of a man appear near her fireplace while a whistling sound was audible. He was tall and fair, wore a tight fitting plastic garment, and seemed to communicate with her through telepathy, indicating he was looking for titanium and was coming from a world of peace and harmony. Suddenly he disappeared. Mrs. Appleton had subsequent contacts with similar entities.
- Fiji Islands, Nabouwalu: Two couples going from Nabouwalu to Nawaca in a motor boat saw a white object come down from the sky, thought it was a plane in trouble and went closer. They found the object hovering 7 m above the water, and a figure on board the craft aimed at them a beam so bright they "felt weak." The figure disappeared suddenly, and the object took off vertically at high speed.
- Japan, Pacific Ocean: Japanese fishermen aboard the "Kitsukawara Maru" saw two metal disks come into the sky. This was followed by violent turbulence.
- Korea, Seoul: North of Seoul a barrel-shaped object, bluish-white and luminous, was seen close to the ground, reflected in a pool of water. It rose and vanished "like a light switched off."
- New Zealand, Balfour: William West and Wallace Liddell saw an object similar to a shooting star coming close to them appearing then as an oval, fluorescent craft, about

40 m in diameter, which almost touched the grass. They rushed to catch it, but it jumped away, turning into a bluish-white sphere with a dark red center. Each time they tried to reach it, the craft jumped farther away. It cleared a high fence and slowly vanished. The Invercargill Weather Bureau had no explanation.

- Scotland, Edinburgh: Fourteen people, including Mrs. Maty Home, reported to police that a disk-shaped object followed their truck, dived toward it, came within 20 m of them, then left toward the sea, leaving a double vapor trail.
- USA, California, El Cajon: Edmund Rucker was awakened by a roaring noise and saw a strange object land near his house. "Its windows were lighted, and I saw strange looking heads there." An opening became visible and four creatures emerged. They had large heads, dome-like foreheads, and bulging eyeballs. They delivered a message to the witness in English, stating that they had philanthropic and scientific purposes.
- USA, California, Playa del Rey: Richard Kehoe, an employee of the General Telephone Company of Santa Monica claimed that while driving along Vista del Mar, a beach area, at 5:40 am his engine stopped as did the engines of the two other cars. When the drivers got out to see what was wrong, they saw an egg-shaped spaceship wrapped "in a blue haze" on the beach. Kehoe claimed two "little men" came out, and asked questions of him and the two other drivers.
- USA, Connecticut, Georgetown: Ina Salter was driving on Route 53 in a desolate area when she encountered a cigar-shaped object about 5 m long showing several portholes, which was hovering close to the ground to the left of the road. The portholes, about 50 cm in diameter, were illuminated with a yellowish light, and there were shadows moving behind. As she passed the object, it took off straight up, hovered for a few seconds, then rose out of sight.
- USA, Connecticut, Old Saybrook: Mary Starr was awakened by a brilliant light and saw through her east window the fuselage of a craft that hovered in midair. Aboard were two men, each with his right hand raised, wearing yellowish jackets. A third man joined the first two, then all lights went off inside the craft while it glowed like brass. A spinning antenna-like device was noted. A few minutes later it flew off. More details from CSI newsletter, July 15, 1959: "...Mrs. Mary M. Starr, long a resident of Old Saybrook, and holder of two degrees from Yale University, has for some years spent all but two or three winter months in a... well-built two story house situated only a few hundred feet from Long Island Sound... at the beginning and end of the season, hers is the only occupied building in the vicinity... marshy ground surrounds her property on three sides. "On the night of 12/15-16/1957, she was awakened from a sound sleep sometime between 2 and 3 am by bright lights passing her bedroom window, which faces north. Looking out, she saw, just coming to a stop 10 feet from the house... a huge machine 20 or 30 feet long, dark grey or black, with brilliantly lighted square portholes... the object was now motionless, hovering five feet above the ground. It had no wings, fins, or other external structure. "Behind the lighted windows were two forms that passed each other, walking in opposite directions. Their arms were upraised

(apparently the right arm of each) and no hands were seen. They wore a kind of jacket, and she thought they were stewards, carrying trays, except that their heads were unusual. They were square or rectangular, of a reddish orange, with a brighter red bulb in each. The feet were out of view behind the portholes. Then a third man entered from the left, and Mrs. Starr leaned forward to try to see his face more clearly than the others. "As she did so, the portholes faded, and the entire object began to glow with scintillating brilliance. Immediately, there rose from the nearer end a kind of antenna, about 6 inches long. It oscillated and sparkled... "For almost 5 mins, the glow and the sparking continued; then the antenna lowered and the [object] began to move... to the right, back in the direction from which it had come. It made a very sharp right-angle turn. Mrs. Starr thought it would hit her blue spruce but it did not... it had turned a dull bluish grey again, and instead of portholes, small circular lights outlined the entire rim. It's shape now appeared to be oval, and as it dipped or 'undulated' to follow the contour of a shallow depression just beyond the garden, she saw that it was very shallow in depth. Over the marsh, it tilted steeply and shot up into the sky at the speed of a jet take off, but in complete silence, as throughout the entire affair. "Except for the [figures, she] had seen nothing inside the [object]. [The men] could not have been more than four feet high at the most [given the size of the object as determined by occlusion of nearby objects]."

- USA, Florida, Cecil Naval Air Station: A black, bell-shaped object bearing two bright, white lights at the top and measuring 15 m in diameter was chased by a civilian in a car until the engine stalled. The object was then hovering 3 m away. The underside of the machine resembled a disk with fins. When a jet aircraft took off from the airfield, the object went out of sight almost instantaneously. The car battery was found completely dead. There was no helicopter in the area, although the two witnesses compared the noise made by the object to that of a helicopter.
- USA, Illinois, Elmwood Park: Two policemen, Joseph Lukasek and Clifford Schau, and a third man named Daniel De Giovanni, while looking for the cause of a headlight failure, observed a fluorescent object 50 to 100 m away from them, coming down. The car headlights functioned properly again and they drove toward the object, but had to stop at a cemetery wall. They turned off all lights and watched the object for two min. It played "hide and seek" with them as they tried to reach its location. (M 240; 113). BUFORA VICAT claims "Three police officers in a patrol car chased an elongated reddish UFO. A spotlight was turned on the object as it hovered. The car's headlights and spotlight flickered. As the spotlight hit the object, it shot up about 200 feet and headed off towards the west." The first account represents the correct assignment of witnesses according to Hynek (*The Hynek UFO Report, p 172*). According to that account, the engine was not affected. Duration may have been longer than 2 mins. The car spotlight and headlights both dimmed to about the intensity of a match, which caused the witnesses to exit the car and use a flashlight under the hood, which was unaffected. They then noticed an iridescent orange circle, possibly a sphere, down the alley ahead of them. The object seemed to retreat and the lights regained normal

strength. Distance at that point is unknown, but must have been less than half a mile (the length remaining to the alley), since the witnesses were convinced it was over the alley. Whenever the car lights were turned off as they followed it, it would hover as if waiting. It was not the spotlight which provoked the departure, but turning on the high-beams after turning off the lights for an extended period. At that time, the object was descending and seemed to have taken on a cigar shape and had a halo of fog. On departure it resumed a circular shape and the fog was "sucked up." Speed of ascent was est. 50-60 mph. Object flew about at higher altitude and then flew off. When the object disappeared it was darkened from the bottom to the top. The object definitely passed in front of and obscured objects behind it. One witness believed the object was very close, while another disagreed. Hynek was not confident of the abilities of the witnesses, but indicated that the witnesses had nothing to gain from a hoax, and believed that the witnesses could not have had knowledge of the Levelland case at the time of their sighting, though it was in the newspaper which they saw after their shift was over. This case was reenacted by NBC for a UFO documentary sometime around 6/1/65.

- USA, Indiana, Covington: Mr. Moudy, a farmer, observed a silvery disk which hovered above his tractor; the engine failed when the object rose.
- USA, Indiana, New Castle: An object looking like "a big meat platter" was seen at close range by Mrs. Jasper Barlow and her two children, who were inside their car. It had a flickering light on the bottom. There was no ignition interference noted.
- USA, Iowa, Waterloo: Paul Rutledge saw an object 16 m long flying over his garage. The top part was bright, and there were two figures visible inside.
- USA, Louisiana, Chestnut: Mary Louise Tobin, a schoolteacher, was driving on State Highway 1 when she saw an object that she compared to the rising sun, in the vicinity of a smoking car. The driver, an elderly lady, came out with a child who seemed to have suffered burns. The unknown object went away: The disabled car did not catch on fire.
- USA, Louisiana, Provençal: Haskell Raper, Jr. , was driving home on a rainy night when he saw a large, lighted object on the road ahead, which he thought was a truck. Suddenly the object flashed a beam of light directly at the car, apparently exerting a strong pressure and slowing it to a stop 5 m away. The object was then described as oval, 5 m long, 3 m high, army green in color. It bore lettering beginning with the letters UN, followed by some numbers. A sort of heat wave filled the car, and the witness ran out in panic as the vehicle caught fire. The object rose with the sound of a diesel engine. Raper ran to the town, less than 2 km away; and reported the incident. The car, a 1956 Ford, was completely destroyed.
- USA, Maryland, Deerwood Nike Base: Report of a landing observed by missile men.
- USA, Minnesota, Baudette: A pilot saw a circular object flying against the wind. It was luminous, about 5.5 m diameter, and flew so low that it appeared to suck up the snow.
- USA, Mississippi, Meridian: Truck driver Malvin Stevens, 48, was driving to Memphis when, about 23 km northwest of Meridian, he saw an object which appeared to have

two propellers at either end and a third one on top. Getting out of his truck, he saw three little men about 1.3 m tall, in gray clothes, with "pasty white faces" that seemed friendly and willing to talk, but he was unable to understand their "chattering." "I stood there for what seemed like an eternity." They got back into the machine and it took off straight up. There was no ignition interference. An 8 year old girl from Honsel independently reported a round object crossing the sky toward the south.

- USA, Missouri, Lake City: A civilian driving his car home from work observed a hovering object, 16 m long. His car engine died as he neared the object's position, and it started again only after the object's departure. (Atic). Car engine died as an elongated object appeared hovering 50 feet above the ground. When the object left, everything returned to normal.”
- USA, Nebraska, Scotia: A man heard a noise similar to that of a helicopter and perceived a "burning" odor. He saw a balloon-like, elongated object that came to ground level, did not touch the ground, but rose again and disappeared. The witness was "paralyzed" during the observation. The object appeared to have generated thick smoke.
- USA, Nevada, Tonopah: Four disk-shaped objects on the ground were observed for 20 min from a distance of 15 m. When the witness tried to come closer, [it] took off with an unbearable humming sound.
- USA, New Jersey, Drakestown: George Chowanski, an auto mechanic was alerted by the barking of his dog, and heard a whirring sound similar to that of an electric shaver. A lighted object was observed by Chowanski and his wife as it came within 60 cm of the ground. Two figures came out of the bottom of the object, walked around a clearing, and one picked up something before returning to the craft, which then took off. Total duration: 2 min.
- USA, New Jersey, Everittstown: John Trasco saw a brilliant, egg-shaped object hovering in front of a barn, and was confronted with a being 1 m tall with a putty-colored face and frog-like eyes. He thought the dwarf said in broken English: "We are peaceful people; we only want your dog." The little man, who was dressed in a green suit with shiny buttons, a green tam-o-shanter-like cap, and gloves with a shiny object at the tip of each finger, fled when the witness denied his request.

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