

A-12 and was definitely monitored at Homestead. (Jack Roth, as told by Bill Schroeder, *Unknown Down*, 2016; Billy Cox, [“Being There,”](#) Life in Jonestown, April 30, 2023)

- 1967, Spring — Psychologist [David R. Saunders](#), a principal investigator for the Colorado project, launches UFOCAT, a computerized database of UFO cases, after researcher [Jacques Vallée](#) gives the project 3,000 cases from his own collection. Saunders codes the cases with such parameters as source, date, time, location, state and county, country, witness names, age, gender, special features, duration, and other elements. (Center for UFO Studies, [“UFOCAT”](#); Clark III 1157; Clark IV 1318)
- 1967, Spring — The United Aerial Phenomena Agency begins publishing *Flying Saucer Digest*, edited by Allan J. Manak in Cleveland, Ohio. [Rick Hilberg](#) takes over as chief editor in 2003. It continues until at least fall 2017. ([Flying Saucer Digest](#) 1, no. 1 (Spring 1967))
- 1967, Spring — Night. Centenary College Instructor John O. Williams has taken his astronomy class to an open field on the Shreveport, Louisiana, campus to observe the sky. They see a bright orange light precisely due west of them at an elevation of about 30° approaching at a modest angular rate of 1° per second. It remains silent even as it passes above them. A second light, much fainter and blue in color, is following it. The second light turns away and moves south into the distance. The orange light continues eastward, then performs a tight 180° turn and returns to their zenith. It accelerates west and disappears from view. After about 20 minutes it disappears, followed by a thread of rippling blue light. The thread breaks into 7–8 individual blue lights, which exit in several directions. (John O. Williams, [“Louisiana Lights in 1967,”](#) *IUR* 22, no. 4 (Winter 1997–1998): 10–11)
- 1967, April — [Brinsley Le Poer Trench](#) founds Contact (UK) in London, England, to promote contact between ufologists internationally. Geared toward young people, the group is intended to foster interest in astronomy and encourage people to make contact with aliens. It launches a newsletter first called *International Sky Scouts Newsletter*, then retitled *Awareness*, which continues through 2012. ([International Sky Scouts Newsletter](#), no. 1 (April 1967); Story, p. 89; David Clarke and Andy Roberts, *Flying Saucers: A Social History of UFOlogy*, Alternative Albion, 2007, pp. 167–170; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 175–176)
- 1967, April 4 — The Federal Aviation Agency issues N 7230.29, requiring air traffic controllers to forward UFO reports to the Colorado project. (US Federal Aviation Agency, [“Reporting of Unidentified Flying Objects,”](#) FAA Notice N 7230.29, April 4, 1967)
- 1967, April 4 — Carlo Cammarata watches a metallic object about 100 feet in diameter hovering some 20 feet above the terrace of his house in San Cataldo, Caltanissetta, Sicily, Italy. He also sees three humanoids wearing silvery suits and green belts with lights on them. They seem interested in the birds Cammarata is keeping caged on the terrace, touching them occasionally. They ascend into the object on a luminous beam and speed away. (Pinotti 157)
- 1967, April 5 — 7:45 p.m. Justice of the Peace John H. Demler is driving north on State Highway 72 just south of Lickdale, Pennsylvania, when his car’s engine sputters and stops and the lights go out. He sees an object approaching about 20 feet above the road. It is about 30 feet across and looks like “it had lights in back of a painted black glass.” It flies over the car as Demler lowers his window and he notices a smell of sulfur and oil. It emit a sound like an electric motor, which grows louder as it leaves the area. The UFO shoots off sparks similar to that of “grinding on an emory wheel.” The UFO comes to a stop alongside the car, tilts, starts off slowly, then puts on such a terrific burst of speed that Demler and his automobile seem to be pulled to it. The car settles down so fast that he is moved all the way across the front seat. When he looks up again, the object has “turned to a bluish tinge” and is far in the distance. The next day, the skin on his hands and feet begin to peel and Demler is a nervous wreck. His coworkers confirm he is in a state of physical or psychological shock for many hours. ([“County Man’s Auto Stalls South of Lickdale as UFO Nears and Hums Overhead,”](#) *Lebanon (Pa.) Daily News*, April 8, 1967, p. 1; [“Startling Cases Investigated,”](#) *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 1 (May/June 1967): 6; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., [Strange Effects from UFOs](#), NICAP, 1969, p. 1; UFOEv II 208)
- 1967, April 6 — The *Arizona Daily Wildcat* publishes an interview with [James E. McDonald](#), who says he has found “almost no correlation between so-called ‘evaluations or explanations’ that are made by Blue Book and the facts of the case.” He adds that the good cases have been “swept under the rug in a most disturbing way by Project Blue Book investigators and their consultants” and that “nobody there with any strong scientific competence is looking into the problem.” (“The UFO Phenomenon: A New Frontier Awaiting Serious Scientific Exploration,” *Arizona Daily Wildcat* 58, no. 110 (April 6, 1967): 4–8, reprinted in Valerie Vaughan, ed., *UFOs and Science: The Collected Writings of Dr. James E. McDonald*, Fund for UFO Research, 1995, pp. 38–43)
- 1967, April 6 — 12:45 p.m. Robert Apfal, a teacher at Crestview Elementary School in Opa-locka, Florida, is in the schoolyard with six students, facing northeast. They spot a metallic, slightly reflective, disc-shaped object hovering about 60 feet above the ground over a telephone pole about one mile away. The object disappears as they watch. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 112)

- 1967, April 6** — 9:45 p.m. A Pacific Western Airlines pilot and crew see a dull orange-red object that flies erratically as it paces the aircraft, then speeds away. Confirmed by radar at Edmonton, Alberta, International Airport. (Condon, [pp. 130–131](#))
- 1967, April 7** — 10:00 a.m. Some 200 children at morning recess at Crestview Elementary School in Opa-locka, Florida, see an oval-shaped object hovering above some trees to the north of the school. It seems to move toward the school and then drop below a pine tree. Some of the kids notice an antenna-like structure, while others think there are two objects. The UFO is also seen by teachers Virginia Martin, Marian Waters, and Robert Apfal, who has his students sketch what they had seen. The drawings depict a turreted structure in the treetops. The Air Force claims a helicopter is in the area practicing takeoffs and landings. (NICAP, [“Teachers, 200 Children See UFO in Broad Daylight”](#); [“10 Chaotic Minutes, and the Kids Screamed,”](#) *Miami Herald*, April 8, 1967, p. 1-B; [“AF Says ‘It’ Was Copter; People Who Saw It Say No,”](#) *Miami Herald*, April 11, 1967, p. 1-B; Bill Barry, [“Funny Things Happening: In The Air,”](#) *Miami News*, April 11, 1967, p. 3-A; [“The North Dade Affair,”](#) *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1967, p. 10; [“More on the North Dade Incident,”](#) *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, pp. 8–9; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 112)
- 1967, April 8** — Four college students on a double date in Banner Elk, North Carolina, notice a greenish fluorescent glow on the ground 180 feet away. Their car engine fails and the radio is flooded with static. An object passes near the car and disappears into the distance. The witnesses panic then push the car to a main road where they are able to restart it. They find three round imprints, about 6 inches in diameter and 2 inches deep, in the shape of an equilateral triangle. (Fred Merritt, [“A Preliminary Classification of Some Reports of UFOs,”](#) *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 10)
- 1967, April 10–11** — A bright white object circles one Minuteman launch site near Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, Montana, for prolonged periods. It eventually ascends to an altitude higher than the capabilities of Air Force interceptors. The local radio station is told to keep quiet about it. (Raymond Fowler, *Casebook of a UFO Investigator*, Prentice-Hall, 1981, [p. 187](#))
- 1967, April 11** — 9:30 p.m. While driving near Woodville, Idaho, a woman sees an amber-colored object shaped like a disc with a tall dome. It is at a height of two telephone poles and as large as a car. The object looks like plastic and has vertical risers evenly spaced around a “conning tower.” A bright curved surface is hanging from a brim that extends from rim to rim of what looks like a top hat. The object hovers, moved slowly against the wind, passes directly overhead, and hovers over some lava beds where it emits two sparkly fireballs, then two more a few minutes later. Finally it goes dark and disappears. ([“Objects Aim Light Beams, Drop ‘Fireballs,’”](#) *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 1 (May/June 1967): 1)
- 1967, April 11** — 10:20 p.m. Elis W. Grahn is walking along the shore of Pohjalahti near Kokkola, Finland, when above the trees to the right, he sees a perfectly round object. It is roughly 2–3 times the size of the moon, hanging motionless in the air. The object has sharply defined edges and a rim that is warm green in color. Inside the rim, the color is a red with a light color of violet. He points the object out to two 17-year old boys who are passing by. The object rotates around its axis and changes color to a faint greenish-white with no red, and loses its sharply defined contours. Grahn watches the object for another 35–40 minutes through field glasses and notices he can see stars through the edges of the object. He also sees straight lines over an opaque area in the center. At 11:05 p.m., the object starts to disappear very slowly. (Elis W. Grahn, [“Strange Object over Finland,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 13, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1967): 7–8)
- 1967, April 12** — 8:59 p.m. In Phoenix, Arizona, a bell-shaped object approaches a car from the left side, glowing red-orange with yellow-orange pulsations. It hovers over a streetlight, then makes a pass at the car. At that point, the car engine stops. The UFO banks eastward, then westward, and flies away. The three witnesses continue their trip and see the same object eight more times, plus another whitish object. The car engine continues to operate normally throughout the remaining sightings. (Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 34; Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, p. 142)
- 1967, April 12** — 10:35 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Granbacka are driving between Lappajärvi and Evijärvi, Finland, when a round, red object with a green rim appears in the northeast. It appears about the size of the Moon. They stop the car and get out to watch, and the object turns into a whitish, glowing cloud. It stays in this position for a long time, even after they reach home. (*Keskipohjanmaa*, April 12, 1967; Elis W. Grahn, [“Strange Object over Finland,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 13, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1967): 8)
- 1967, Mid-April** — Dusk. Gary Statenberg is working with a tractor on [Jamie Ediger](#)’s farm near Dayton, Oregon, when he sees an object moving toward him down the river basin at about 500 feet altitude. It stops, descends to 100 feet, and hovers about 600–700 feet away. He shuts off the tractor but can hear no sound coming from the object, which has red flashing lights around its base. There is a small dome with portholes on the top. Suddenly it takes

- off to the north, the lights changing to green as it does so. Statenberg returns home badly shaken. ([Letter from William K. Hartmann to Robert Low](#), June 14, 1967, in the Robert Low papers, American Philosophical Society)
- 1967**, April 16 — Businessman Guillermo Roldan and his daughter Chichita see a glowing, egg-shaped object fly across the sky above Boraure, Venezuela, at great speed. It stops abruptly then descends and lands. Roldan rushes toward the spot, but the object takes off at high speed. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 60)
- 1967**, April 17 — 2:20 a.m. SP4 Robert M. Harkinson of the US Army's 524th Military Intelligence Detachment is stationed in Saigon [now Ho Chi Minh City], Vietnam, when he sees five bright-white, oval-shaped objects traveling in close formation at high speed across the sky. They flash by in about 5 seconds and disappear behind a cloud. He estimates their speed to be about five times that of any jet aircraft. About 5 minutes later, he sees several jets flying on the same course as the objects. (John J. Stahl Jr., "[Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," case report, April 17, 1967)
- 1967**, April 17 — 9:00 p.m. School principal John L. Metz and three teachers in separate cars are driving home in Jefferson City, Missouri, and see a 350–400 foot, bluish-white, WWI-helmet-shaped object come over the Missouri River bluff and move directly above their cars, bathing them in intense light. Metz observes it through 8x binoculars. The object hovers above power lines for about 10 minutes then heads toward the airport. Two smaller objects emerge from its base; they are disc- or helmet-shaped and the size of a DC-3. Metz drives to the airport on Highway 94 and finds two more witnesses. Jefferson City Memorial Airport employees watch a flat, circular, star-like orange light flashing an intermittent red-blue through a 30x 40mm telescope around 9:40–10:08 p.m. The Ozark Airliner Flight 319 crew sees two large round objects moving in various directions below their airplane during its final landing approach. ([Sparks](#), p. 324; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 110–111](#))
- 1967**, April 21 — 1:30 a.m. Two couples see an unexplained light near Ephrata, Washington, and chase it in their car. They came upon a UFO sitting on the road and have to slam on the brakes to avoid hitting it. The object takes off, moves behind the car, and follows it for 5 minutes, then disappears as traffic becomes heavier. The witnesses are badly shaken by the experience. (NICAP, "[The 1967 UFO Chronology](#)")
- 1967**, April 21 — [Robert J. Low](#) issues a position paper that outlines, after months of discussions and briefings, a framework for the Colorado project's goals and procedures. It includes acquiring data on new cases, contracted reviews on such special topics as radar and mirages, a special section on photo cases, and a statistical treatment of bulk data. He divides the research question into three tiers: "Are there really sightings that are unexplained?" "Are any of these external stimuli solid objects?" and "Are any of these objects extraterrestrial spaceships?" He asks the group to discuss criteria for answering those questions. (Swords 317–318)
- 1967**, April 21 — Coup d'état in Greece. Although there are persistent rumors about an active support of the coup by the US government, there is no evidence to support such claims. The timing of the coup apparently catches the CIA by surprise. (Wikipedia, "[Greek military junta of 1967](#)")
- 1967**, April 21 — 8:55 p.m. [Clifton N. Crowder](#), manager of the Mobil Chemical Company warehouse in South Hill, Virginia, leaves the warehouse and starts home. About 50–75 yards down a narrow asphalt highway his headlights fall on an object 400 feet away on the road ahead. It is pewter-colored, shaped like a storage tank, about 12 feet in diameter, and 15–16 feet high. It is standing on legs about 3–3.5 feet long. He switches to his bright lights and the object belches a white burst of flame from the bottom and ascends rapidly. Meanwhile, the road is on fire. After it dies out, Crowder drives to South Hill and contacts police. They return and find a kidney-shaped black spot on the road, about 3 feet wide at the widest point. William T. Powers, assistant to [J. Allen Hynek](#) of Northwestern University, arrives on the scene to examine the spot. Using kerosene, gasoline, and a blowtorch, he attempts to simulate the black spot, but has no luck. Where each leg of the machine rested he finds two spike holes, similar to those made by football cleats. They are about 6 inches apart, 7/8 inch in diameter, and about one inch deep. The four feet are about 11.5–12 feet apart and the diagonals are 16 feet 1 inch and 16 feet 6 inches, respectively. Powers concludes that the center of gravity is above the firepoint and notes that the intersections of the diagonals deviate 2 degrees from 90°. ([Sparks](#), p. 324; Project Blue Book, [\[case file\]](#); "[UFO Blocks Road, Sets It on Fire](#)," *Fort Worth (Tex.) Star-Telegram*, April 22, 1967, p. 1; "[O Marks Spot: But by What?](#)," *Roanoke (Va.) Times*, April 23, 1967, p. 15; "[Flares Stir Flurry of UFO Reports](#)," *Roanoke (Va.) Times*, April 24, 1967, p. 9; "[UFO Scorches Highway](#)," *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 12 (Mar./Apr. 1967): 1, 5; "[South Hill, Va. Landing](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, p. 11; Frank Edwards, *Flying Saucers—Here and Now!*, Lyle Stuart, 1967, [pp. 237–239](#); "South Hill Saucer Scare," *Flying Saucers and UFOs*, no. 2 (1968): 18–25; Fred Merritt, "[A Preliminary Classification of Some Reports of UFOs](#)," *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 10; Gordon Lore, *Flying Saucers from beyond the Earth: A UFO Researcher's Odyssey*, BearManor, 2018, pp. 60–64; "[The U.S. Government Acknowledges UFOs May Be Real: 55 Years Ago, the Locals Found Out for Themselves](#),"

Mecklenburg (Va.) Sun, August 18, 2021; “[The South Hill Crowder Case | Jeff Knox \(Ufos #5, May 12, 2024\)](#),” Ufo Sunset YouTube channel, May 18, 2024)

- 1967, April 22 — At the annual meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington, D.C., [James E. McDonald](#) says of [Donald Menzel](#), “when he comes to analyzing UFO reports, he seems to calmly cast aside well-known scientific principles almost with abandon, in an all-out effort to be sure that no UFO report survives his attack.” He also says, “I have learned from a number of unquotable sources that the Air Force has long wished to get rid of the burden of the troublesome UFO problem and has twice tried to ‘peddle’ it to NASA—without success.” (James E. McDonald, “[UFOs: Greatest Scientific Problem of Our Times?](#)” April 22, 1967; “[Our Speaker\(s\) Tonight: James E. McDonald, Donald H. Menzel, Hector Quintanilla](#),” Saturday Night Uforia; Wendy Connors, “Project Blue Book Guide,” audioclips [74](#) and [75](#), November 21, 2013; Clark III 699, 744–745; Clark IV 795–796, 825–826)
- 1967, April 24 — After reading a March 7 column by [Drew Pearson](#) that alleges the US attempted to assassinate [Fidel Castro](#), President [Johnson](#) directs CIA Director [Richard Helms](#) to conduct an investigation. The result is a 133-page report by CIA Inspector General [John S. Earman](#), transmitted on April 24 to Helms, that clearly shows the CIA was in contact with and cooperated with Maj. [Rolando Cubela Secades](#) of the Cuban military in plans to assassinate Castro. The operation is known as Project AMLASH. After receiving the report, Helms orally briefs the President about its contents. According to his testimony before the Select Committee, when asked if he has told the President “that efforts to assassinate Fidel Castro had continued into Johnson’s presidency, Helms replied, ‘I just can’t answer that, I just don’t know. I can’t recall having done so.’” (US Department of State, Office of the Historian, “[Document 315](#),” in *Foreign Relations of the United States, 1964-1968, Volume XXXII, Dominican Republic; Cuba; Haiti; Guyana*)
- 1967, April 28 — [Condon](#) recommends [J. Allen Hynek](#) and [Richard H. Hall](#) to *Encyclopedia Britannica* as excellent persons to write UFO entries. (Swords 319)
- 1967, April 28 — 11:30 a.m. Brian F. Jenkins and seven other coast guards at Brixham, Devon, England, watch a huge, cone-shaped object through 25x binoculars mounted on a tripod. The object is hovering at 15,000 feet and seems to be revolving. Jenkins says the cone is pointing down, and the object seems made of glass or highly polished metal: “Near the bottom there was a triangular-shaped opening or door with a white rim on the top that reflected a lot of sunlight. The bottom was crinkled, very white, and seemed to consist of strips of metal hanging down.” It drifts to the northwest, rising to 22,000 feet and 8 miles away. At 12:40 p.m., a jet aircraft approaches it, flies above it, passes it, turns, and approaches it from below before it disappears from sight. Possible balloon. (Eric Wright, “[8 at Coast Guard Station See Flying Saucer](#),” *National Enquirer*, September 10, 1967, pp. 8–9; “[British Radar/Visual Case](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 1 (May/June 1967): 8; Good Above, [pp. 60–62](#))
- 1967, April 29 — 7:40 p.m. Ian McGregor and two other oil drillers drive out to an airstrip near Mount Newman, Western Australia, to look for a UFO that has been appearing in the area for several nights. Toward the southeast a bright haze appears that turns into an inverted cone of light that is followed by an orange disc that rises vertically, turns on its edge, and approaches them. They flash their headlights and the object stops moving. It then returns in the direction it came from and lands in the same spot. Their compasses are not working accurately. They wait until 11:30 p.m., but do not see it again. (L. J. Locke, “[UFOs in Western Australia: From Mayanup to Mt. Newman](#),” *Australian Flying Saucer Review*, no. 8 (1968): 16)
- 1967, May — The CIA launches the Phoenix Program in Vietnam to gather information on the Viet Cong, whose members would then be neutralized (captured, converted, or killed). Emphasis for the enforcement of the operation is placed on local government militia and police forces, rather than the military. Heavy-handed operations—such as random cordons and searches, large-scale and lengthy detentions of innocent civilians, excessive use of firepower, torture, and targeted killings—have a negative effect on the civilian population. Between 1968 and 1972, Phoenix “neutralizes” 81,740 people (26,369 are killed) suspected of belonging to the National Liberation Front. The reported torture is carried out by South Vietnamese forces with the CIA and special forces playing a supervisory role. (Wikipedia, “[Richard Helms](#)”)
- 1967, May — A man identifying himself as Maj. Richard French visits a woman in Owatonna, Minnesota, who has had a UFO encounter the previous November. He is 5 feet 9 inches with an olive complexion and hair too long for an Air Force officer. He is wearing a fashionable gray suit, white shirt, and black tie. At one point, French complains of stomach problems, and the woman recommends Jell-O. He says he will return if the symptoms persist, so he shows up the following morning. The woman sits him down with a bowl of Jell-O, which he tries to drink. “I had to show him how to eat it with a spoon,” the woman tells [John A. Keel](#). (John A. Keel, *UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse*, Manor Books ed., 1976, [pp. 171–173](#); Clark III 734; Clark IV 814)

- 1967, May** — 12:30–3:15 p.m. During a reconnaissance exercise in Madagascar, a detachment of 23 officers and men serving with the French Foreign Legion watch a bright object landing in a “falling leaf” motion. When it touches down on tripod legs, the glow dissipates. The egg-shaped craft is 23–26 feet high and has no visible markings except for openings at the base through which flames are visible. The witnesses seem paralyzed or at least extremely distracted while the UFO is on the ground. When they recover their senses, they find that 2.75 hours have elapsed. For 2 days afterward, they all have violent headaches, a buzzing in their ears, and a throbbing in their temples. (H. Julien, “[A 1967 Landing in Madagascar](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 1 (June 1977): pp. 29–30; Good Need, [pp. 297–298](#))
- 1967, May** — Evening. A woman in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, sees a light shining through her basement window. Across the street she notices a large object beaming with three colored lights and rotating. She goes outside with another woman and watch the slight slowly spin for 20 minutes above a neighbor’s house. When she tries to call the neighbors, all she gets is a busy signal, and when she looks outside again, the object is gone. The next day, the neighbor tells her that there was nothing wrong with the phone and that all evening she had been playing cards with friends and talking about UFOs. (Michael D. Swords, “[Timmermania: A Step Too Far into the Timmerman Files?](#)” *IUR* 27, no. 4 (Winter 2002–2003): 8)
- 1967, May** — Evening. A farmer near Holbæk, Denmark, is working outside when he sees a strange lilac-colored light. Approaching, he sees a domed object with windows. Something is moving behind it. He goes home but returns to the spot the next day and finds an odd substance. It looks like “cotton wool,” but is finer than cotton. He leaves it in the same spot, but it dissipates over the next three days. There is also a depressed area where the object had been, and some wire is pulled away from some pylons. (“[Denmark: Flying Saucer Landed in a Field outside ‘Holbak’????](#)” *Saucer Scoop* 2, no. 4 (July 1967): 4; Michael D. Swords, “[Angel Hair: Spindrift between Worlds](#),” *IUR* 32, no. 1 (August 2008): 7)
- 1967, May or June** — A couple captures on an 8mm film camera 10 frames (2.5 seconds) of footage of an unusual object at Alberton, South Australia. The UFO is enveloped in a striking blue light that gives the appearance of a searchlight moving around its circumference. The developed film appears to show a craft with portholes and a sweeping searchlight. (David Reneke, “[The Australian UFO Photo File](#),” *UFO Research Australia Newsletter* 2, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1981): 10–15; Keith Basterfield, Vladimir Godic, and Pony Godic, “[Australian Ufology: A Review](#),” *JUFOS* 2 (1990): 26; Patrick Gross, “[The Alberton UFO Footage, Australia, 1967](#)”)
- 1967, May 1** — The Colorado project issues a press release calling for photos of UFOs taken by private citizens and provides recommendations to the photographers and the information it should include. The release is basically a rewrite of a document prepared by NPIC staff and approved by [Lundahl](#) on March 24. (Peter A. Sturrock, *The UFO Enigma*, Warner, 1999, p. 48)
- 1967, May 1** — Night. A man’s car engine fails while he is driving near Peeltree, West Virginia. He sees a 40-foot-long elliptical object emerge from behind a shed and hover 15 feet from his car. It tilts toward the car at a 30° angle. He hears static on the radio, and the dashboard temperature gauge goes off the dial. He feels an intense wave of heat when he puts his head out the window, and his hands burn when he touches the horn rim and dashboard. He also reports headaches and a partial loss of vision. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#),” *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 19)
- 1967, May 5** — [Condon](#), [Low](#), [Hartmann](#), [Ratchford](#), and Charles Reed of the National Research Council are briefed by an unnamed specialist [probably Everitt L. Merritt of the Autometrics Division of the Raytheon Company of Alexandria, Virginia] at the NPIC on a photogrammetric analysis he had carried out on the November 1966 UFO photo case from Roseville, Ohio. The analysis debunks the photo. The committee is again impressed with the technical work performed, and Condon remarks that for the first time a scientific analysis of a UFO will stand up to investigation. (Wikipedia, “[Arthur Lundahl](#)”; E. L. Merritt, “[Photogrammetric Analysis of a Non-Synchronous Pair of U.F.O. Exposures](#),” June 1967; Peter A. Sturrock, *The UFO Enigma*, Warner, 1999, pp. 48–49; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 356–357)
- 1967, May 5** — Indonesian Air Marshal [Roesmin Noerjadin](#) admits that sometimes UFOs pose a problem for the country’s air defense, and sometimes the military is forced to fire on them. (Good Need, [p. 254](#))
- 1967, May 6** — 1:43 a.m. Michael Campeadore, 25, a hospital employee in St. George, Utah, is driving to Salt Lake City when he hears a noise similar to that of a truck, though nothing is visible. Suddenly, a yellow light appears to his left. Thinking it’s a jet about to crash, he stops the truck and gets out. He watches as the object stops about 100 feet away at an altitude of 100 feet. It is shaped like an inverted bowl with a dome on top and appears metallic. Frightened, he empties his .25 caliber Beretta at the craft. He hears the bullets strike metal, and the object takes off at great speed. When he shares his story at a nearby service station, the attendant tells him that around 20 UFO reports have recently come in from the Saint George area. (“[Bouncing Bullets Put Fear of UFO in Utah Tourist](#),” *Boise Idaho Statesman*, May 8, 1967, p. 14; Linus Duffer, “[Dixie Divots](#),” *Washington County (Utah) News*, May

11, 1967, p. 3; “[Car Buzzing Incidents on Increase](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, p. 6; “[Startling Cases Investigated](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 1 (May/June 1967): 6–7; Lloyd Watson, “[Frightened Man in Utah Shoots at Flying Saucer](#),” *National Enquirer*, August 27, 1967, p. 8)

- 1967**, May 6 — 11:00 a.m. A mechanical engineer and his daughter are driving on the Durango–Mazatlán Highway in Mexico. They spot a disc-shaped object landed on the ground off the highway. They stop the car and he takes three photos as the object takes off. The first photo shows the object at treetop level, partially hidden by a tree, with a portion of its landing gear visible. The second object shows the object in flight against a clear sky. The third photo shows nothing. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 65)
- 1967**, May 7 — 2:00 a.m. Ricky Banyard, 17, and four others watch and follow a spherical object with a spinning top and bottom and with red and green lights for 4 hours in Edmonton, Alberta, in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. As it hovers at about 200 feet, a light beam comes from the bottom of the object, illuminating the ground. They hear a muffled whistling noise as the object hovers, then a screaming noise like a jet engine starting up. All its lights go out, and the object takes off in a flurry of explosive sounds. Black streaks are later found on the charred road surface. (“[A UFO in Detail](#),” *Edmonton (Alberta) Journal*, May 8, 1967, p. 33; “[Eerie Object in Graveyard](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, p. 7; “[Beam Spotlights Witnesses](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 1 (May/June 1967): 3; Chet Dembeck, “[Canadian UFO Sighting Lasting Hours with Multiple Witnesses Still Unsolved](#),” Unknown Boundaries, November 17, 2023)
- 1967**, May 7? — A couple are driving through the state of Tabasco, Mexico, when they see a bright point of light in the sky. It descends to a spot about 500 feet away and gives off an intense white-orange light from its cone-shaped body. The couple stops and shuts off their headlights. When the object approaches closer, the man turns the headlights on again. The UFO stops in midair and blinks its light off and on twice. The couple become frightened and drive to the nearest town. Several people return with them to the spot and the object is still there. When they turn their headlights off and on, it approaches them. Some of the men run to the object with weapons raised, and it takes off into the sky within seconds. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 60)
- 1967**, May 10 — [Richard Helms](#) goes to the White House to give President [Lyndon Johnson](#) the answers to the questions he’d been asked seven weeks earlier. The only account of that meeting is Helms’s own. He says he described the [inspector general’s] conclusions and that Johnson said: “Then you were not responsible for [Trujillo](#), ‘No.’ Correct answer. ‘[Dien](#)?’ ‘No.’ Correct answer. ‘[Castro](#), he’s still alive, okay.’” At the same meeting Helms also tells Johnson about the mail interception program “and some other things that were going on.” Johnson’s response to that was equally laconic; he just nodded and said something along the line of, ‘But be careful, don’t get caught.’” (Thomas Powers, *The Man Who Kept the Secrets: Richard Helms and the CIA*, Random House, 1979, pp. 156–157)
- 1967**, May 11 — 2:05 a.m. Four police officers in Wareham, Massachusetts, sight two inverted dish-shaped objects with revolving red and white lights around the rim. One descends behind some trees into a cranberry bog. It moves up and down like a yo-yo and speeds away when the police try to shine a spotlight on it. (Raymond E. Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Exposition, 1974, p. 348; UFOEv II 339)
- 1967**, May 12 — 8:00 p.m. A silver, ellipse-shaped UFO rapidly approaches Richard Faucett and Charles Winn, who are driving five miles south of Neola, Utah. It slows down and descends to road level, then tilts and flies over the crest of a nearby hill before vanishing from sight. (UFOEv II 339; Frank Salisbury, *The Utah UFO Display*, Bonneville Books, 2010, p. 56 and appendix case 48)
- 1967**, May 13 — 4:40 p.m. An object is picked up on radar at the Colorado Springs, Colorado, airport. A Braniff flight is coming in for a landing on runway 35. The track of the object behaves like a ghost echo, perhaps a ground return being reflected from the Braniff aircraft. The blip appears at about twice the range of the Braniff blip. When the Braniff airliner touches down, however, the situation changes radically. The UFO blip pulls to the right (east) and passes over the airport at an estimated height of about 200 feet. The object track passes within 1.5 miles of the control tower. The object is not visible even through binoculars by personnel in the control tower. The Colorado project finds this to be one of the most puzzling radar cases on record. (NICAP, “[Invisible UFO Tracked on Radar](#)”; Condon, pp. 170–171, 310–316; Carl Sagan and Thornton Page, eds., *UFO’s: A Scientific Debate*, Cornell University, 1972, p. xxii)
- 1967**, Mid-May — 11:00 p.m. Patricio Hanessian and Alfredo Padilla are driving in the state of Guanajuato, Mexico, and see a flat-bottomed, domed object in the sky. The central part is bright white and the edge is bright pink or red. It holds its position for 2–3 minutes then moves away, reappearing about 500 feet in front of their car, where it hovers for 2 minutes before speeding off. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 60–61)
- 1967**, May 16 — CIA Director [Richard Helms](#) makes one last pitch for the A-12 Oxcart program to President [Johnson](#), saying the aircraft are essential for finding the SAM missile launch sites responsible for shooting down pilots in

North Vietnam. They can't wait for the Air Force's SR-71 to become operational. Johnson authorizes A-12's to deploy to Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan, before the monsoons start. (Jacobsen, *Area 51*, pp. 265–266)

- 1967, May 16** — 10:10 p.m. Ship Master Donald W. Dee and 3rd Mate Homer Hawthorne, seamen Earle Bradley and Eric Koster, all crew of the Pacific Coast Transport ship *SS Point Sur*, see six red point-source lights that seem to be pacing the ship over the Gulf of Mexico. One object is confirmed by sporadic radar returns at 12,000 feet, 11 miles away. Through 7x50 binoculars, the objects appear brilliant yellow with red lights across upper two-thirds, but to the naked eye, the colors blend to reddish-orange point sources. They pulsate with a 4.5-second period and an approximate 1:3 brightness ratio. The lower objects rise and fall near the horizon. (NICAP, "[SS Point Sur Case](#)"; [Sparks](#), p. 325; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, p. 267)
- 1967, May 17** — The first official Soviet UFO Study Group is launched in a preliminary meeting at the Moscow Aviation and Cosmonautics Center with Maj. Gen. Porfiri Stolyarov at the helm and cosmologist [Felix Ziegel](#) as his deputy. Also in attendance are Heinrich Ludwig, [Nikolai Zhironov](#), [Igor Bestuzhev-Lada](#), [Valentin Akkuratov](#), Leonid Reino, Georgi Uger, Georgi Zevalkin, [Grigory Sivkov](#), [Yekaterina Ryabova](#), and Natalia Kravtsova. (Wikipedia, "[Felix Ziegel](#)"; Felix Ziegel, "[Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," *Soviet Life*, no. 137 (February 1968): 29; Gordon Creighton, "[Dr. Felix Zigel' and the Development of Ufology in Russia, Part I](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 3 (November 1981): 8–13; Good Above, p. 570; Mikhail Gershtein, "[A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union](#)," UAP Check, July 6, 2024)
- 1967, May 19** — Between 4:00 and 4:30 a.m. Four boys (Tom Lambert, John Schidhammer, Ron Monroe, and Mike Caughron) observe a cigar-shaped object as it maneuvers through the sky in Grove City, Ohio. Schidhammer reports that it descends to within 150 feet of the ground, then abruptly makes a 90° turn and flies off to the west. The object emits an odd noise "that makes your ears ring." ("[UFO's Reported over Area by Local Youths](#)," *Grove City (Ohio) Record*, May 25, 1967, pp. 1–2)
- 1967, May 20** — 12:15 p.m. [Stefan Michalak](#) is quartz prospecting near Falcon Lake, Manitoba, when he sees two red, glowing, cigar-shaped objects in the sky. One object begins to hover then move away, while the other lands on a large, flat rock 160 feet away. The landed object is more than 35 feet wide and 10 feet thick with a 3-foot high cupola. It goes through several color changes then appears like hot stainless steel with blinding purple-colored lights coming through slits in the cupola. It is making a whirring sound and warm air seems to be coming from it. Michalak sits and sketches the object for 30 minutes, then a small door opens on the side, revealing a lighted interior. Michalak walks to 60 feet away and hears voices inside. Thinking it is a US aircraft, he steps forward and shouts. "Okay, Yankee boys, having trouble? Come on out and we'll see what we can do about it." He says the same thing in five other languages. There is no response, so he puts green lenses over his glasses and looks inside, where he sees a series of flashing lights. He pulls his head back, noting that the wall is 18 inches thick. Almost immediately the opening closes. When his glove accidentally touches the surface, it burns and melts. The UFO angles upwards and he sees a 9-by-6 inch gridlike vent with a uniform pattern of small holes. A blast of hot gas erupts from the grid, searing his chest, sending him reeling backwards, and burning his shirt and undershirt. He rips the flaming clothing off just as the UFO ascends in a rush of air. It heads off to the west, the same direction the other UFO has gone. Michalak now has a headache and severe nausea, so he starts driving back to his motel. He eventually gets to Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg and receives a sedative. His chest burn heals, but the gridlike burn lesions on his abdomen persist. The symptoms continue well into 1968, when Michalak visits the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, staying there 2 weeks and undergoing outpatient treatment. He relocates the landing site on June 30, 1967, and the RCAF visits it in July, noting a 15-foot circle of cleared vegetation on the flat rock. Michalak obtains metal samples of unknown provenance from the site in 1968. (Wikipedia, "[Falcon Lake Incident](#)"; NICAP, "[Falcon Lake / Michalak Encounter](#)"; Heather Chisvin, "I Was Burned by UFO"—City Man," *Winnipeg (Man.) Tribune*, May 22, 1967, p. 13; [[RCMP case file](#)], May 26, 1967; [[RCMP case file](#)], June 26, 1967; Stephen Michalak, *My Encounter with the UFO*, Osnova, 1967; "[Man Burned in Canada Landing](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, pp. 1, 3; Derik Hodgson, "Burns Back, Says Michalak," *Winnipeg (Man.) Free Press*, January 16, 1968; "I Was Burned by a UFO," *Flying Saucers*, no. 56 (February 1968): 36; Paul Pihichyn, "UFO Sighting in Manitoba," *Winnipeg (Man.) Free Press Weekly*, April 3, 1968; Jim and Coral Lorenzen, "Burned by UFOs," *Fate* 21 (October 1968): 36–45; Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*, Signet, 1969, pp. 195–198; Condon, pp. 316–324; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, pp. 37–45; Chris Rutkowski, "[The Falcon Lake Incident, Part 1: Prologue 1967](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 1 (June 1981): 14–16; Chris Rutkowski, "[The Falcon Lake Incident, Part 2](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 2 (August 1981): 15–18; Chris Rutkowski, "[The Falcon Lake Incident, Part 3](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 3 (November 1981): 21–25; Chris Rutkowski, "[Burned by a UFO? The Story of a Bungled Investigation](#)," *IUR* 12, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1987): 21–24; Edward M. Barker, "[Letter](#)," *IUR* 13, no. 2 (March/April 1988): 21–22; Good Above, pp. 195–200; Chris Rutkowski, "[The Falcon Lake Case: Too Close an Encounter](#)," *JUFOS* 5 (1994): 1–

34; Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, pp. 81–86; UFOEv II 209–212; Patrick Gross, “[Close Encounters: Falcon Lake, Canada, 1967](#),” February 3, 2005; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 72–93; Chris Rutkowski, “[The Cold, Hard Facts about UFOs in Canada](#),” *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 10, 22; Clark III 475–481; Chris Rutkowski and Stan Michalak, *When They Appeared: Falcon Lake 1967*, August Night, 2019; “[The Falcon Lake UFO Files](#),” *UM Alumni Today*, October 31, 2019; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 107–118, 154–157; Nigel Watson, “Blast from the Past,” *Fortean Times* 427 (January 2022): 26; Charlie Wiser, “[Falcon Lake, Manitoba, Canada: Blasted by UFO Exhaust!](#)” Three-Dollar Kit, 2022; Chris Rutkowski, “Falcon Lake Case,” *Fortean Times* 433 (July 2023): 68; Clark IV 524–530)

1967, May 20 — A bizarre announcement is published in the Spanish newspaper *Informaciones* declaring that soon a spacecraft will land in Madrid, Spain, and fly earthbound terrestrials back to their home planet Ummo. (Clark III 1184; Clark IV 1358)

1967, May 26 — 10:15 p.m. Three teenagers (Bobby Grant, Joseph Romero, and Johnny Sanchez) are driving along Atrisco Drive NW, north of Central Avenue in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A white light seems to follow them, weaving back and forth over the road. Finally it catches up with the car and hovers silently above it. The engine quits and the headlights fail. The teens leap from the car and the object suddenly flies off to the southwest. They can start the car again. (“[Car Buzzing Incidents on Increase](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, p. 6)

1967, May 30 — A-12 spy planes begin Operation Black Shield in North Vietnam out of Kadena Air Base on Okinawa, Japan, locating and photographing surface-to-air missile sites that are shooting down US pilots. The A-12s fly at 80,000 feet and at about Mach 3.1, carrying out 22 sorties in 1967. However, the Russians monitor the flights and the Vietnamese move their SAM sites immediately after flyovers. (Wikipedia, “[Lockheed A-12](#)”)

1967, May 30 — Around 7:45 p.m. Two men driving southwest of Palmerston North, New Zealand, spot an orange, fluorescent, mushroom-shaped object. At first, it hovers, then moves from left to right across the highway ahead of them. The driver slows down, and they watch the object for 10–12 minutes, estimating it to be half a mile away and at one point only about 20 feet above the ground. Around the same time, Palmerston North residents hear a high-pitched humming followed by a loud swishing noise but see nothing outside. Meanwhile, two aircrew members at RNZAF Base Ohakea hear a similar humming and rush outside to witness a brilliant orange “flashy streak” that lasts only a few seconds. (“[Around the Globe](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, p. 4)

1967, May 31 — [Fernando Sesma](#), president of the Amigos de los Visitantes del Espacio, speaks to an audience of 40 persons gathered at a café in Madrid, Spain. He says that the Ummites (who have been supplying him with messages since 1965 describing in excruciating detail life on the planet Ummo, which revolves around a star 14.6 light years away) have given him a startling printed message predicting that a spacecraft will appear on the evening of June 1. The space people have supplied the exact geographical coordinates: the area of San José de Valderas, Madrid. All the Ummite messages, passed on to Sesma by his associates [Enrique Villagrasa](#) and [Alicia Araujo](#), are usually postmarked in Madrid, but as time goes by, other postmarks indicate mailings from London, Germany, Austria, New Zealand, Yugoslavia, and Canada. (Fernando Sesma, *UMMO, otro planeta habitado*, Gráficas Espejo, 1967; Clark III 1184–1185; Eduardo Bravo, *Umno: Los increíble es la verdad*, Autsaider Cómics, 2019; Clark IV 1358–1359)

1967, May 31 — 11:30 p.m. A woman at a farmhouse near Beausejour, Manitoba, sees an intensely bright red light with a smaller blue light on the bottom that approaches from the south and hovers about 375 feet away. A white light on the bottom becomes brighter as the object hovers, its glow illuminating the ground. The object lands and leaves a burning area 90 feet by 150 feet in size with radioactive soil. The area is still smoldering on June 15, despite several rains. (“[Second Landing in Canada](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, p. 2)

1967, June — [Low](#) says he wants the Colorado project to compile a case book of its best UFO reports. [Richard Hall](#) is invited for 2 days of consulting and narrows the case list to 100. A small team agrees to go over the list and decide which ones deserve more intensive analysis. By August, [David R. Saunders](#) becomes the lone staffer selecting cases and he only has 12. (UFOs Yes, 81–83)

1967, June — The newly formed Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena publishes the *SIGAP Newsletter* in Camberley, Surrey, England, until June 1969. It revitalizes the newsletter as the *New SIGAP Bulletin* from 1977 to 1979. (*SIGAP Newsletter*, no. 1 (June 1, 1967); *SIGAP Bulletin*, no. 15 (August 1, 1968); *The New SIGAP Bulletin*, no. 1 (July 1977))

1967, June — Night. Giuseppe Aldini, 17, is with his family in Montalcino, Siena, Italy, when he sees a round, luminous object from his window. Later he notices a glowing red light on a nearby hill. The next day he goes to the spot and finds a circular burned area 100 feet in diameter with four imprints in its center. Inside are many black

minerals that are analyzed by the University of Florence's Mineralogical Institute and found to be quartz crystals. (1Pinotti 157)

- 1967**, Early June — 9:30 p.m. Four children and an adult are in a car driving north on Michigan Highway 52 about 15 miles east of Lansing, Michigan. The driver notices an odd light moving west to east, so she pulls to the side of the road and they all get out to watch it as it passes overhead. It is a circular red light that appears to pulsate. They can hear no sound, even though there is no road traffic at the time. As the light approaches the eastern horizon it stops and a smaller light like a bright star moves toward it from the south and seems to enter the larger red light, which then disappears. ([CUFOS Nocturnal Light cases](#))
- 1967**, June 1 — The UFO seen by [José Luis Jordán Peña](#) in Aluche, Madrid, Spain, allegedly reappears in the neighborhood of San José de Valderas. This time, Jordán Peña plays UFO investigator, taking statements from witnesses who describe a low-flying disc-shaped object with the same strange symbol on the underside. An anonymous man takes several photographs that he drops off at a photo lab on June 2. He then calls newspaper photographer Antonio San Antonio, telling him where to pick them up. All but one show an edge-on view of what appears to be a large, squat disc with a rim through its midsection. One photo shows the bottom of the UFO with the Aluche symbol, this time with a horizontal bar crossing the verticals and linking the two arms. In August, another photographer calling himself Antonio Pardo produces two more photos of the edge-on disc taken the same day, as well as some hard green-colored plastic strips bearing the distinctive Aluche symbol supposedly found in a capsule that leaflets by a “Henri Dagousset” predicted in June would be found. Jordán Peña later confesses to hoaxing the plastic strips, which are made of Tedlar (polyvinyl fluoride) produced by DuPont for the US space program. Independent analyses by French space scientist [Claude Poher](#) and the US group Ground Saucer Watch determine that the San José de Valderas photo with the Ummo symbol is a small model—an 8-inch plate suspended by a string or fishing line—held close to the camera. The symbol apparently is drawn in ink. (Wikipedia, “[Ummo](#)”; Antonio Ribera, “[The San José de Valderas Photographs](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1969): 3–10; Oscar Rey Brea, “[Algo sobre las fotografías del supuesto OVNI de San José de Valderas](#),” *Stendek* 3, no. 9 (August 1972): 5–11; Antonio Ribera and Rafael Farriols, *Un caso perfecto*, Plaza y Janés, 1976; Fred Adrian, “[Ground Saucer Watch Computer Photographic Analysis \(Critique\). San José de Valderas, Spain, 1967](#),” *CUFOS Bulletin*, Spring 1977, pp. 11–13; Claude Poher, “[Remarks on Aluche, San José de Valderas, and the ‘Ummo’ Affair: A Monstrous Hoax!](#)” *CUFOS Bulletin*, Spring 1977, pp. 3–10; Scott Corrales, “[The UMMO Experience: Are You Experienced?](#)” *Strange Magazine*, January 31, 2001; Clark III 1183; Clark IV 1357–1358)
- 1967**, June 3 — The town of St. Paul, Alberta, officially dedicates a UFO landing pad as a public park and as a safe place for aliens to land. Minister of National Defence [Paul Hellyer](#) flies in by helicopter to launch the pad. It consists of a raised platform with a map of Canada embossed on the back stop, consisting of stones provided by each province of Canada. (Wikipedia, “[St. Paul, Alberta](#)”; Town of St. Paul, “[The Landing Pad](#)”; George M. Eberhart, “[Postcards with a UFO Theme](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 20; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 240–243; “[World’s First UFO Landing Pad](#),” Atlas Obscura, April 19, 2010; “[This Small Town Built a UFO Landing Pad... But Why?](#)” CBC Arts YouTube channel, October 26, 2020)
- 1967**, June 7 — [James E. McDonald](#) speaks before the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs meeting in New York City on the “International scientific aspects of the problem of the unidentified flying objects.” UN Secretary-General [U Thant](#) has arranged for the lecture, based on conversations he has had with [John G. Fuller](#) and [J. Allen Hynek](#) in early 1966. McDonald urges the UN to undertake a systematic global study of the UFO problem, but it does not act on the recommendation. (James E. McDonald, [Letter to UN Secretary-General U Thant](#), June 5, 1967, p. 1; James E. McDonald, “[Statement on International Scientific Aspects of the Problem of the Unidentified Flying Objects](#),” presented to the UN Outer Space Affairs group, June 7, 1967, pp. 2–3; Clark III 698, 1189; Patrick Gross, “[Scientists Taking Position](#)”; Clark IV 794, 1363–1364)
- 1967**, June 8 — [Low](#) writes a memo to the Colorado UFO project team, stating that their consultants in psychology are telling him that there will always be some uncertainty about the accuracy of eyewitness testimony. “The question we have to deal with,” he writes, “is how do we make judgments on the UFO problem if we don’t know whether the facts that are reported to us are correctly reported or not?” (Eghigian, *After*, p. 199)
- 1967**, June 9 — Day. Two Spanish Air Force pilots flying Lockheed T-33s at 4,000 feet encounter a UFO over the Extremadura region, Spain. Attempts at radio contact fail, and when they fly above or below the object, their radios cease to function and emit interference noises. The UFO soon moves off, easily outstripping the jets, stopping and waiting for them to approach, then moving on again. The two pilots notify the Talavera la Real Air Base in Badajoz and Torrejón Air Base in Madrid, from which two faster fighters are scrambled. The new fighters

experience the same radio interference and maneuvers until the object shoots straight up at high speed. (Antonio Ribera, "[Spanish Jets Chase UFO](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 3 (May/June 1968): 26–27)

- 1967, June 10–12 — [Jacques Vallée](#) begins a weekend visit in New Hampshire with abductees [Betty and Barney Hill](#) at the request of [J. Allen Hynek](#) to act "as an observer in a contact experiment Betty Hill wants to conduct." Betty has come to believe that she can "make a flying saucer appear in the sky and land." Writer [John G. Fuller](#), psychiatrist Benjamin Simon, and IBM engineer [Robert E. Hohmann](#) are also present for the attempt. Convinced that Betty is able to communicate with humanoid extraterrestrial beings, Hohmann sets up a folding table and chalk circle to observe or meet the UFOs and their occupants. Nothing out of the ordinary happens, but Betty "jumped up excitedly" at every artificial satellite, meteor, and lightning bug. Vallée seems convinced that something indeed has happened to the pair, but also that "Hohmann has clearly planted many strange ideas into the couple's mind." (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science*, North Atlantic, 1992, pp. 269, 274–278; Stanton Friedman and Kathleen Marden, *Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience*, New Page Books, 2007, pp. 219–221; Tanner F. Boyle, "[Forbidden Science Dispatches #1](#)," Getting Spooked Substack, October 4, 2023)
- 1967, June 11 — 10:30 p.m. [Donald Purdue Sr.](#), a truck driver, is preparing to leave on a run in the driveway of his home in Summerdale, Pennsylvania. His wife [Gertrude](#), on the porch, notices people looking up in a nearby empty lot. Curious, she walks over and sees a bright light in the sky above a neighbor's antenna. Around the same time, a fire whistle blows and an ambulance arrives, though the incident turns out to be unrelated. As the ambulance passes, the bright light moves and hovers above the trees behind the Purdues' house. It reveals a "huge, silver craft with bright lights coming down." Although they don't hear any sound, Gertrude speculates that their truck engine may have drowned out the noise. The object then drifts away a few minutes later. Around the same time as the Purdue sighting, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foflygen are driving along Silver Spring Road in Mechanicsburg when they see a blazing light low in the sky suddenly fly toward them. The craft, described as being "about the size of an automobile," makes no sound and appears to race their car, then it suddenly veers off to the right. After returning home, the Foflygens contact their pastor, Rev. Richard Morris, who returns to the scene with his wife and two police officers. Around the same time, NICAP investigator George B. Cook—en route to nearby Newville, where 10 people have just reported a sighting—receives a radio update and heads toward the Foflygens' location. About 10 minutes after Cook arrives, an object rises out of the hills near Newville and races east. Within two minutes, the group on Silver Spring Road sees the same craft—blue, green, and pulsating—flying east over Mechanicsburg, accompanied by smaller, bright objects. ("[UFOs Reported 'Shockingly Close.'](#)" *Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Times Leader*, June 13, 1967, p. 20; "2000 UFO Sightings Reported: Terrify Pennsylvania," *APRG Reporter* 6, no. 6 (March 1968): 1–6)
- 1967, June 12–13 — The Colorado project plays host to 34 Air Force officers having UFO responsibility at various bases. [Low](#) and [David R. Saunders](#) try to get them excited about reporting UFOs to the project, but aren't very successful. (NICAP, "[UFO Investigators Meeting 12 and 13 June 1967](#)"; UFOs Yes, 125–126)
- 1967, June 13 — 2:30 a.m. Carmen Cuneo, a mine worker in Caledonia, Ontario, steps out of the mine headquarters building and sees two strange objects near a pond in the vicinity of the mine dump. One is cigar-shaped and about 36 feet long with four windows along the side; a boom-like aerial protrudes from one side. The other is disc-shaped and about 15 feet across. Both are hovering 12 feet above the ground. Three small men wearing what look like miners' hats with four amber lights are underneath the boom. After watching for 10 minutes, Cuneo goes back to find another witness, but when he returns the men are gone. The two objects, however, remain until 3:05 a.m. when they take off to the southwest, flashing multicolored lights. ("[Two Mine Workers See Alien Crafts](#)," *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 49 (Fall 1967): 9; "[June Sighting of Occupants in Canada](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1967, p. 4; Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*, Signet, 1969, pp. 285–286; Lorenzen, *Encounters*, p. 202; Lawrence J. Fenwick, "[Mysteries Follow Landing](#)," *Canadian UFO Report* 4, no. 3 (Spring 1977): 8–12; Lawrence J. Fenwick, "[Crisis or Solution?](#)" *The UFO Pulse Analyzer*, no. 2 (May 1977): 2–13; "[Gypsum Miner Has Close UFO Encounter](#)," *Pasadena (Tex.) Citizen*, July 6, 1978, via *Aerial Phenomenon Clipping Information Center Clipping Service* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 11; Harry Tokarz, "[UFO Witnesses: Are They Public Property?](#)" *CUFORN Bulletin* 5, no. 3 (May–June 1984): 9–10)
- 1967, June 13 — Around 7:30 p.m. Charles W. Fletcher is sitting in his yard in eastern Henrico County, Virginia, reading a newspaper. A bright light suddenly appears above him and reflects off the newspaper. A substance drops from the light onto his left arm near the elbow, feeling like a liquid. He wipes it off with the newspaper, but the object burns him on the right side of his face as well. The newspaper stains purple and appears speckled with metallic particles. Fletcher goes inside, wipes his arm again with a wet rag, and notes that the rag turns a purplish blue from the strange substance. ("Virginia Man Injured by Alien Object," *Saucer Scoop* 2, no. 6 (September 1967): 18)

- 1967, June 13** — Night. [Gertrude Purdue](#) and her son [Butch](#) witness a silent, egg-shaped craft hover above a nearby bakery in Summerdale, Pennsylvania. A brilliant beam of light shines down, paralyzing both of them. The light is so intense they can see the stones in their driveway. The craft sways, revolves, and emits a high-pitched whining sound. As it moves away, Butch regains control and stumbles over to his mother. The object then quickly ascends over the trees and vanishes across the Susquehanna River. (“2000 UFO Sightings Reported: Terrify Pennsylvania,” *APRG Reporter* 6, no. 6 (March 1968): 1–6)
- 1967, June 18** — Several people in Mulluri, [perhaps near Viña del Mar], Chile, see three discs flying in a V formation above the town. They flash orange and blue lights alternately and make no sound. They maneuver for 10 minutes before disappearing at high speed. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 61)
- 1967, June 18** — Late evening. A family is returning home by boat near Clearwater Bay on Shoal Lake, Ontario, when they notice a bright oval object hovering 50 feet above the treetops about a half-mile away. As they approach, the object turns an orange tinge and suddenly sweeps toward their boat at great speed. They beat a hasty retreat to the other shore, while the UFO returns to its original position. The same thing happens when they approach the object again. After about 15 minutes, the object takes off at an incredible speed to the northwest. One resident, who is not aware of the UFO, reports later that the static on his radio was so bad that he had to turn it off. Wilted leaves on the top of birch, hazel, and chokecherry trees are discovered in the sighting area. Leaf samples are analyzed by the Canadian Department of Forestry, which cannot find an explanation for their condition other than heat. The University of Manitoba finds evidence of fungus on one sample but not on others. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 150–152; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, pp. 31–34; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 55–56)
- 1967, June 22–25** — [Condon](#) attends, at the invitation of [James W. Moseley](#) and against the better judgment of the rest of the Colorado project staff, the Congress of Scientific Ufologists at the Hotel Commodore in New York City for the 20th anniversary of the [Kenneth Arnold](#) sighting. Speakers include [Gray Barker](#), [John A. Keel](#), Moseley, Art Ford, Gordon Evans, actor [Roy Thinnes](#), and [Ivan T Sanderson](#). Kenneth Arnold and [Raymond A. Palmer](#) are originally scheduled but cancel. (“‘Flying Saucer’ Convention,” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 1 (May/June 1967): 8; Swords 316, 320; James W. Moseley and Karl T. Pflock, *Shockingly Close to the Truth! Confessions of a Grave-Robbing Ufologist*, Prometheus, 2002, pp. 209–218; Karl Machtanz, “‘Saucer News NYC Convention Memories,’” In Honor of Jim Moseley, February 3, 2014; Rick Hilberg, “‘Jim Moseley’s Giant UFO Show,’” In Honor of Jim Moseley; Curt Collins, “‘The National UFO Conference,’” In Honor of Jim Moseley, March 11, 2014; Curt Collins, “‘The UFO Anniversary and the Giant New York Convention of 1967,’” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, June 22, 2018; Clark III 1194; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 356; Clark IV 1369)
- 1967, June 23** — Broadcaster [Frank Edwards](#) dies of a heart attack. (“‘Death of Frank Edwards,’” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 2 (October 1967): 8)
- 1967, June 24** — 10:00 p.m. At Paso de los Libres, Corrientes, Argentina, policemen see 8–10 bright lights that fly in formation over a military post at an estimated 15,000 feet altitude. Other groups of UFOs are seen the same night at Yapeyú and Santo Tomé in Corrientes; Oberá in Misiones; and Resistencia and Barranqueras in Chaco, Argentina. All are observed for at least 1–2 minutes. (“‘Latin Skies Cluttered with U.F.O.’s,” *Baltimore (Md.) Sun*, June 27, 1967, p. 3; “‘Space Teams Examining Brazil Area,’” *Sault (Ont.) Daily Star*, June 27, 1967, p. 26; “‘‘Saucers’ over South America?’” *Brantford (Ont.) Expositor*, June 28, 1967, p. 5; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 61–62)
- 1967, June 24** — In Asunción, Paraguay, many residents see six objects in formation maneuvering over the city. Communications interference is reported by the airport control tower director. (NICAP, “[The 1967 UFO Chronology](#)”; “‘Latin Skies Cluttered with U.F.O.’s,” *Baltimore (Md.) Sun*, June 27, 1967, p. 3; “‘Space Teams Examining Brazil Area,’” *Sault (Ont.) Daily Star*, June 27, 1967, p. 26; “‘‘Saucers’ over South America?’” *Brantford (Ont.) Expositor*, June 28, 1967, p. 5)
- 1967, June 24–25** — The Centro Ufologico Nazionale holds the first UFO conference in Italy at Riccione, Rimini. (1Pinotti 143–146)
- 1967, June 27** — [McDonald](#) is in Australia, financed by a small grant from the Office of Naval Research, to do cloud-physics research. Today, he presents a paper on UFOs to the Radiophysics division staff at CSIRO in Sydney, New South Wales. Earlier in June, in a memo to [Low](#), he said he planned to do some UFO investigating and lecturing. Low forwards the letter to [Philip Klass](#) in December. (“‘Saucer’ Expert from U.S.,” *Sydney (N.S.W.) Sun-Herald*, June 25, 1967; Clark III 700; “[James E. McDonald on ABC Television, This Day Tonight, Broadcast on the 4 July 1967](#),” Anthony Clarke YouTube channel, December 22, 2019; Clark IV 796)
- 1967, June 28** — A NASA management instruction issued by [Kurt H. Debus](#), director of Kennedy Space Center on Merritt Island, Florida, on “Processing Reports of Sightings of Space Vehicle Fragments” notes that “Under no circumstances will the origin of the object be discussed with the observer or person making the call,” including

- “reports of sightings of objects not related to space vehicles.” (John F. Kennedy Space Center, “[Processing Reports of Sightings of Space Vehicle Fragments](#),” NASA Management Instruction KMI 8610.4, June 28, 1967)
- 1967, June 28** — 8:25 p.m. Tsai Chang-hung is looking at stars at the Taipei City Observatory in Taipei, Taiwan, when he sees a bright dot make an abrupt 90° turn near the Big Dipper. He grabs his 16mm camera and calls his brother, observatory director Tsai Chang-hsien, to come look but the object has disappeared. He waits for nearly an hour, and the object reappears and hovers above Guanyin Mountain in New Taipei City for about 30 seconds, during which time he snaps three photos. Other witnesses see the object and contact the observatory to report it. The Central Weather Bureau claims it is one of their weather balloons, but Tsai Chang-hsien suspects the object is not likely a balloon. The photos are of poor quality, but they are enhanced in 1996 and clearly show an object of some kind. (Han Cheung, “[Taiwan in Time: UFOs over the Skies of Taiwan](#),” *Taipei Times*, June 23, 2024, p. 13)
- 1967, June 30** — [Condon](#), [David R. Saunders](#), Norm Levine, [Franklin Roach](#), [Mary Lou Armstrong](#), and visiting journalism grad student Herbert Strentz hold a meeting about a “case book” of significant cases. Condon tries to dissuade Saunders and Levine from pursuing this, but they prevail. (Swords 320)
- 1967, July** — Even though the Colorado project is requesting UFO reports from NICAP, [Keyhoe](#) is withholding them. [Roy Craig](#) discovers the [Low](#) memorandum while searching for unrelated information in the files. He shares it with Norm Levine and [David R. Saunders](#), who realize that it clearly implies that the project is a “whitewash noninvestigation.” The memo makes the rounds of project personnel, then gets refiled. (Keyhoe, *Aliens from Space*, Signet ed., 1974, [p. 121](#); UFOs Yes, 135; Clark III 1196–1197; Clark IV 1371)
- 1967, July** — 10:00 p.m. A witness sees an intense orange light through the window of her home in the Mount Lofty Ranges, South Australia. She calls her mother and they go outside to watch a cigar-shaped light hovering, moving up and down slightly, and turning over on its side. It has portholes around its lower edge. After 20 minutes, it moves off to the western horizon at a high rate of speed. (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 6 (June 1978): 2)
- 1967, July 1** — The *Denver Post* reveals that the Colorado project has requested an additional \$280,000 to extend it into September. [Condon](#) is upset. USAF ultimately approves an additional \$183,155, plus \$29,750 for expenses, bringing the total to \$525,905. (UFOs Yes, 182)
- 1967, July 3** — An informant of [Leonard H. Stringfield](#), a Marine PFC K-9 trainer stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California, is ordered to depart by airplane to a site “somewhere in the desert.” He and his dogs are flown for 2.5 hours to the site, where a makeshift landing strip, tents, a Quonset hut, and a pre-fab hangar have been erected. He is assigned a post for guard duty. On his fourth day of duty, he manages to look inside the hangar and sees a metallic domed disc about 30 feet in diameter. Men are working around the craft, and he sees a large walk-in refrigerator on skids and several empty body bags. He is caught by a guard and taken to the officer in command, who confines him to quarters and sends him back to Camp Pendleton. (Leonard H. Stringfield, *UFO Crash Retrievals: Status Report III, Amassing the Evidence*, The Author, June 1982, [pp. 86–88](#))
- 1967, July 3** — 5:30 p.m. Warren Smith and two friends hiking in the mountains near Highwood Ranger Station, 50 miles southwest of Calgary, Alberta, take two color photos of a daylight disc that appears to be about 25 feet in diameter. The disc appears from less than 2 miles away and at an altitude of approximately 2,000 feet. It travels toward the hikers, gradually losing altitude, then at a distance of about one-half mile it hovers for a moment and an object appears to fall from it. It disappears from sight at treetop level at great speed. The photos are examined by both Canadian and American authorities; [Hynek](#) describes them as some of the best photos on record at the time. An analysis by Canadian National Defence finds the object is an oblate ellipsoid with a diameter of 40–50 feet and a thickness of 11–14 feet. The witnesses sign statutory declarations to the effect that the photos are not a hoax; if proven false, they would be subject to prosecution under the Canada Evidence Act. Nevertheless, the Colorado Committee thinks the object could be a hoaxed hand-thrown model. Ground Saucer Watch declares it genuine. (Canada, National Research Council, [\[case documents\]](#), 1967, pp. 13–33; Condon, [pp. 469–475](#); J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 67–68](#); Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 9–13](#); Wendelle C. Stevens, “[Hikers near Calgary Photograph a UFO in 1967](#),” *OpenMinds*, November 24, 2010; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 119–125, 158–159)
- 1967, July 3** — 7:15 p.m. Joe Ferriere sees a large, cigar-shaped object about 75–100 feet long hanging low in the sky above Woonsocket, Rhode Island. A peculiar piston-like apparatus appears to be pumping in and out of its left end. It is moving right to left in the manner of a pendulum. Before it moves off to the east, it releases a glowing disc-shaped object, about 12–15 feet in diameter. He takes a total of 6 photos of the objects. (“[Long Rectangular UFOs: Five Different Cases of Similarly Shaped Objects](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 9 (September 1981): 1; “[Cigar-Shaped UFOs Caught on Camera by Joseph Ferriere and Harold Trudel, 1967/68](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, January 17, 2023)

- 1967, July 3** — 9:15 p.m. [Thomas H. Nicholl](#), his family, and another couple, Mr. and Mrs. John Dowd, are sitting on the Nicholls's porch in Leawood, Kansas, when they see an unusual orange-red light approach from the north-northeast. It is bright metallic in color, about 50 feet in diameter, and traveling 100 mph at an altitude of 2,000–3,000 feet. The red-orange color emanates from three lights on the rear side. After 5 minutes, the object blows up, leaving in its wake a “nearly pure white” cloud that dissipates. The witnesses see fragments falling to earth. (“[Exploding Disc](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 11 (May 1969): 7–8; Clark III 340–341; Clark IV 377)
- 1967, July 4** — 5:15 a.m. At least five witnesses from two independent locations about 5 miles west of Corning, California, see an oblong, metallic-appearing object with a brilliant light on top and a smaller light on the bottom near the front. Jay Munger, proprietor of an all-night bowling alley, and two police officers, Frank Rakes and James Overton, describe it as a dark-gray flattened sphere with a brilliant light beam on top directed upward, and a smaller and dimmer light on the bottom directed downward. A dark band circles the midsection. Two men north of Corning independently see the object. The witnesses estimate a diameter of 50–100 feet. At first the object appears to be hovering, then it moves slowly a few hundred feet above the ground, finally picking up speed and disappearing from view to the south after being visible for about 10 minutes. (James E. McDonald, “[Statement on Unidentified Flying Objects](#),” in *Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects*, Hearings, US House Committee on Science and Astronautics, 90th Cong., 2nd Sess., July 29, 1968, p. 74)
- 1967, July 5** — 4:20 a.m. A motorist on State Highway 31, near the Depot Road area of Coventry, Connecticut, sees an orange ball of light that appears to be hanging from a tree. He drives into Coventry and reports the matter to the police but the object is gone when they arrive on the scene. Investigators from the University of Colorado and APRO find an area of grass some yards from the location that appears to have been swirled flat as if subject to a rotating force. A photograph taken of the scene turns out black. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 63; Condon, [pp. 329–331](#))
- 1967, July 5** — Night. A witness is driving five miles north-northeast of Murray Bridge, South Australia, on the Karoonda Highway when he notices interference on the car radio, which becomes a high-pitched whine. He turns the radio off. Within 300–450 feet, his car engine stops by itself. The ignition is on but the warning lights on the dash come on. Looking up, he sees a distinct break in the fog with stars visible and a “large dark shadow” at a height of 20 feet. The shadow seems 120 feet thick. Above it is a grayish-blue glow. The top of the shadow appears convex. He stops the vehicle and gets out to look, but the shadow and light are gone. There is no sound, and the object has vanished. The witness returns to the vehicle, tries the ignition, and the motor works. There is no longer radio interference. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#),” *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 19)
- 1967, July 6** — The Colorado project staff meet again to nominate the first set of UFO reports for its “case book.” [Condon](#) refuses to nominate a case, but [Low](#) proposes the Red Bluff police report of August 1960, which is far outside Condon's concept of limiting cases to no more than a year old. (Swords 120)
- 1967, July 6** — 6:00 p.m. An Air Canada DC-9 Vanguard has just taken off from its stop in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and is heading east. Air traffic controllers notice an unexpected radar return, also heading east, near the aircraft. In the space of 70 seconds, they watch the target accelerate from 800 to more than 4,000 mph before it zips off the scope near the town of Vivian. At 9:24 p.m., a radar operator in the airport at Kenora, Ontario, notes an unidentified target heading northeast. It approaches to about 40 miles, then turns and retreats to 50 miles away. At 9:35 p.m. another target appears, following an Air Canada flight; it turns northeast and disappears from the scope. At 9:53 p.m., an additional blip follows another Air Canada airliner before veering away to the northeast. None of the pilots see anything unusual. (Gregory M. Kanon, “[UFOs and the Canadian Government](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 6 (1975): 21; Good Above, [p. 200](#); Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 57, 126–128)
- 1967, July 7** — 11:30 p.m. Antonio Brambilla and another man watch a UFO land on some grass in a deserted part of the Rondò-Torretta quarter in Milan, Italy. A glow comes from the object, which is about 21 feet in diameter and 8 feet high. It has a dome on top and four telescopic legs with spheres on their tips. They feel a strange vibration that makes them weak, but the feeling dissipates as the legs of the UFO retract and it takes off. (IPinotti 157)
- 1967, July 10** — 8:45 a.m. Two students at Whippingham Primary School, Isle of Wight, England, see a milky-white stationary object in the northern sky. At 10:30 a.m. they see it again at playground recess, moving in a westerly direction with a fluttering motion, before being lost beyond a line of trees. On the way home, one of the students notices some marks in a barley field adjoining the playground. Further investigation reveals a circle of damaged stalks up to 18 feet wide. Other marks are found to the north and west through aerial photography. Much of the damage coincides with the spot over which the students had seen the UFO. (Leonard G. Cramp, “[The Whippingham Ground Effects](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 3 (May/June 1968): 3–8)

- 1967, July 10** — Evening. Philip Lansing is driving south of Meridian, Mississippi, when his car coasts to a stop and the radio fades. As he gets out to check the engine, a large object like a cymbal on a drum set passes 200–300 feet above him. It is silent except for the sound of rushing air. Before reaching some trees, it tilts upward, moves to the right, then accelerates at an angle and disappears in the distance. (Kevin D. Randle, *The UFO Casebook*, Ballantine, 1989, [pp. 134–135](#))
- 1967, July 13** — 11:26 p.m. Robert Richardson and Jerry Quay are driving near Whitehouse, Ohio. When rounding a bend, they encounter a brilliant blue-white light blocking the road. It appears to be a triangle 8 feet tall and 21 feet wide. Richardson brakes and close their eyes. They feel a bump but can see nothing. The local police do not take the incident seriously. However, the accident is investigated by the state police and highway patrol, who find only skid marks at the scene. The next day Richardson returns to the site and finds a piece of metal in the road. Marks on his car hood and bumper suggest a collision with an object taking off. On July 18 and 23, Richardson is visited by mysterious men, those on the second occasion being foreign-looking, who make a threat against his wife. [Roy Craig](#) of the Colorado project conducts a test on the metal and finds it consists of iron and chromium, with traces of nickel and manganese. Fibrous material from the front bumper is 92% magnesium, 5% aluminum, 2% zinc, and 1% manganese. (“[UAO Struck by Automobile in Ohio](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1967, pp. 1, 3; Condon, [p. 93](#); Jacques Vallée, “[Physical Analyses in Ten Cases of Unexplained Aerial Objects with Material Samples](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 12, no. 3 (1998): 367–372; Irena Scott, *UFOs and the Millennium*, Greyden, 1999, pp. 84–85; Mark Rodeghier, “[UFO/Vehicle Very Close Encounters](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 25–26)
- 1967, July 17** — 11:25 p.m. Emma Funk is driving on State Highway 22 north of Millerton, New York, when a black, shiny object the size of a baseball flies into her headlight beams. It heads toward the windshield, brushes against it, then veers off to the left. As it brushes, her car lights up “like a great electric light bulb,” her engine quits, and the headlights go out. Funk is stunned, and when she regains her senses, the car is facing the opposite direction, toward the south. The engine starts up normally, but there is a cracked area in the windshield the size of a fist. She can’t account for about 15 minutes. (“[Object Hit Car in Millerton; Engine Stalled, Lights Went Out](#),” *Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal*, July 19, 1967, p. 6; Mark Rodeghier, “[UFO/Vehicle Very Close Encounters](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 24–25)
- 1967, July 20–21** — 11:30 p.m. Barbara Fawcett is driving alone on North Key Largo, Florida, near Jewfish Creek. She sees a large light in her rear-view mirror apparently following the car. The burning yellow light seems to be floating 6–8 feet off the ground, and it stays over the road. She accelerates to 100 mph as the light overtakes her car and seems to be about to land on top of it. As a car approaches in the opposite direction, the object emits a bright yellow glow that lights up the road and then disappears. She decides to return home to Pompano Beach with her sister the same morning, and at 2:30 a.m. they are on US Highway 1 near the same spot when she sees the light again, rising from a swamp and moving toward them 15 feet above the ground. Her sister’s toy poodle is terrified. The light veers away from the road and appears to land on a sand dune. (“[Landing in Florida](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1967, p. 7)
- 1967, July 21** — Ronnie Hill, 14, of Pamlico County, North Carolina, sends a color photo of what looks like a little man in a spacesuit standing in front of a spherical UFO to a New York magazine editor. It winds up in the hands of [John A. Keel](#). Hill tells him the UFO landed in his backyard. Keel gathers affidavits from Ronnie’s teachers, parents, and the local 4-H club, and submits the photo to “several professional photographers” in New York, who cannot find evidence of a hoax. Soon, however, Keel has doubts and the photo is revealed to be that of a small model positioned in front of an egg. (John A. Keel, “[The ‘Little Man’ of North Carolina](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1969): 15–16; “[Doubts about ‘Little Man’ Photograph](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1969): 11; Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 230](#); Bob Rickard, “Shooting Aliens,” *Fortean Times* 80 (May 1995): 22–26; Aaron Sakulich, “[The Strange Tale of Ronnie Hill](#),” *The Iron Skeptic*, January 13, 2007; Clark III 603; Clark IV 662–663)
- 1967, July 24** — In reply to a question by MP Edward M. Taylor, Secretary of State for Defence [Merlyn Rees](#) reiterates that UFO reports are investigated, but nothing of “defence interest” has been found. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1967, July 25** — 10:30 p.m. LaVern Affeldt is outside doing chores on his farm near Garrison, North Dakota, when he notices his cattle are nervous, and his dog is whining and looking off toward the east. Glancing in that direction, he sees a circular, glowing blue-white object hovering near a Minuteman missile site about one mile away. He calls his family and they see it too. Shortly afterward the object moves straight north, darting with rapid bursts of speed, then slowing to a stop again. Each time it accelerates, its color changes to bright red, then gradually back to blue-white as it slows down and stops. It is moving up and down as well as horizontally, almost touching the ground at times, and revolving. Finally it moves away to the north and blinks out. (UFOEv II 212–213; Covert 69)

- 1967, July 26** — 8:38 p.m. Capt. Shindler is piloting Pacific Western Airlines Flight 748 westbound near the Westfall River in the Rocky Mountains of British Columbia. He notices a small pink light moving erratically at about 16,000 feet. It zips away after 18 minutes. Radar operators in Kamloops also observe the object. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 128)
- 1967, July 30** — 6:15 p.m. The *Naviero*, a ship of the Argentine Shipping Lines Company, is 120 miles off the coast of Garopaba, Santa Catarina, Brazil, when Office Jorge Montoya notices a strange object in the ocean about 50 feet away on the starboard side. Capt. Julián Lucas Ardanza comes to the deck and sees a cigar-shaped UFO about 110 feet long, glowing blue and white. It paces the ship for 15 minutes, then suddenly dives and passes underneath the ship, vanishing in the depths. Chief Officer Carlos Lasca describes the object as a “submergible UFO with its own illumination.” (“[Stop Press Item](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1967, p. 1; Oscar A. Galíndez, “[Crew of Argentine Ship See Submarine UFO](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 2 (March/April 1968): 22; Carl Feindt, “[Report #362](#),” [waterufo.net](#); Dolan, USO1, 298–299)
- 1967, July 30** — 10:17 p.m. [George](#) and [Brownie Petyak](#) see a bright yellow star-like light at about 65° elevation to the east of Kernville, California. It is later joined by a second similar object appearing to try to “steer” the first onto a “definite course.” Through binoculars the first object appears bright blue. A second independent observation from Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake in the Mojave Desert locates an object visually and/or on radar to the west over Walker Pass (about 20 miles) and is reported to Edwards AFB. Thus the visual sighting lines intersect from opposite directions. A controller at Edwards uses RAPCON (Radar Approach Control) radar (or Boron AFS FPS-35 search radar) and confirms the visual report at China Lake but tries to dismiss the 115 mph target as merely civil aircraft that “frequently” fly over the area. The Kernville witnesses report by phone during their sighting to the Boron AFS ADC radar site. Blue Book claims the date of the sighting is in question because the questionnaire sent to the Petyaks uses the military time (Greenwich Meridian Time or Zulu time) instead of local time. (NICAP, “[Radar/Visual and Sighting Lines Intersect](#)”; [Sparks](#), p. 326; Condon, [p. 122](#); Clark III 392; Clark IV 438)
- 1967, July 31** — 10:15 p.m. Sidney Zipkin is driving a truck on Main Street in Churchville, New York, when he sees a cigar-shaped object about 50 feet long in a parking lot. It has greenish blinking lights underneath it, on or near the ground. He shines the truck headlights on the object and sees two small men in shiny black uniforms board the object, which takes off straight up. (“[UFOs in Churchville?](#)” *Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle*, August 3, 1967, pp. 1B–2B; Diana Walsh Pasulka, *Encounters: Experiences with Nonhuman Intelligences*, St. Martins, 2023, pp. 206–211)
- 1967, August** — At the request of President [Johnson](#), the CIA sets up Operation CHAOS to gather intelligence about foreign influence on American dissent. Its mission is to gather and evaluate all information about foreign links to racial, antiwar, and other protest activity. The operation is launched under DCI [Richard Helms](#) and counter-intelligence chief [James Jesus Angleton](#), and headed by [Richard Ober](#). The program runs through 1973, amassing 10,000 files on more than 300,000 individuals and 100 domestic groups. The operation also infiltrates foreign intelligence targets and domestic radical organizations. The NSA assists in the surveillance with its own Project MINARET. Operating between 1967 and 1973, over 5,925 foreigners and 1,690 organizations and US citizens are included on the Project MINARET watch lists. NSA Director [Lew Allen](#) testifies before the Senate Intelligence Committee in 1975 that the NSA has issued over 3,900 reports on the watch-listed Americans. At some point, the NSA is tasked with monitoring the overseas telephone calls and cable traffic of two prominent members of Congress, Sen. [Frank Church](#) (D-Idaho) and Sen. [Howard Baker](#) (R-Tenn.). The FBI begins COINTELPRO–BLACK HATE, which focuses on [Martin Luther King Jr.](#) and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as well as the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the Revolutionary Action Movement, the Deacons for Defense and Justice, Congress of Racial Equality, and the Nation of Islam. BLACK HATE establishes the Ghetto Informant Program and instructs 23 FBI offices to “disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize the activities of black nationalist hate type organizations.” (Wikipedia, “[Operation CHAOS](#)”; Wikipedia, “[Project MINARET](#)”; Wikipedia, “[COINTELPRO](#)”; Matthew M. Ald and William Burr, “[Secret Cold War Documents Reveal NSA Spied on Senators](#),” *Foreign Policy*, September 25, 2013)
- 1967, August** — 2:00 a.m. A man is returning to his mother’s home in Wapakoneta, Ohio, when he sees a strangely bright star to the left of Polaris. As he watches, it grows a bit brighter and begins to move directly beneath Polaris and then continues to the right. It repeats this in reverse and then goes under Polaris and stops. The star then migrates north and south, tracing out the elements of a large cross. It does this several times rapidly. Then it comes back below Polaris and just sits there. After nearly 3 hours, the witness decides to stop watching. At that, the star goes up to Polaris and shoots away to the left. (Michael D. Swords, “[We Know Where You Live](#),” *IUR* 30, no. 2 (January 2006): 11)

- 1967**, August 1 — 2:08 a.m. Len Filppu is camping out with some other teenagers in the backyard of his friend Timothy Hurley in Brockport, New York. While gazing at the sky, he sees a huge orange sphere with red, orange, and yellow flames glide horizontally and silently across the horizon, followed by a white, star-sized light behind it. It seems to be only 90 feet away at an altitude of 200 feet, moving from west-northwest to east-southeast. He wakes the other boys up and they see it as well. After 30 seconds, it moves out of sight. Others in the area witness a similar light. (“[Geneseo Men Report UFO](#),” *Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle*, August 4, 1967, p. 4B; Diana Walsh Pasulka, *Encounters: Experiences with Nonhuman Intelligences*, St. Martins, 2023, pp. 200–214)
- 1967**, August 3 — 8:00 p.m. Amauri Barbosa da Silva and Jonil Faydit Vieira are driving on the road to Japeri from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, when they see several yellowish lights that eventually extinguish themselves, one at a time. Later, they see similar lights positioned directly in front of them. Da Silva blinks his headlights, and the lights respond similarly. The lights maintain their position in front of them, moving from one side of the road to the other. When they are approaching Miguel Pereira on a mud road between Arcádia and La Chaumiere, they see two bright beams of light, one yellow and one blue, about 1,000 feet away from them on the right, apparently attached to the dome of a disc. The object follows them for at least 40 minutes and is seen by Nelson Gonçalves Ferreira at their destination in Miguel Pereira. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 16–21)
- 1967**, August 3 — 11:30 p.m. A married couple and their teenage son are sleeping in their car outside their home in Caracas, Venezuela. They wake up and see a white, disc-shaped object hovering 100 feet above a nearby palm tree. Within a few minutes, an opening appears in the UFO, and a smaller lightbulb-shaped object emerges and drifts downward, stopping just inches from the ground near their front porch. A door slides open and a small, glowing figure steps out, who bends over, picks up some stones, examines them, and looks up at the larger object, apparently communicating with someone. He looks toward their car frequently. After a few minutes, the figure reenters the small object, which returns to the large disc and enters it. The disc speeds away and disappears in seconds. (“[Occupants Seen at Caracas](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 12)
- 1967**, August 4 — Early morning. An engineer, Hugo Sierra Yopez [or Yepes], is fishing from his boat in the sea about 15 miles north of Arrecife [or La Guaira], Vargas, Venezuela, when he feels a vibration and the water begins to boil “in big bubbles, in a circle about six meters in diameter.” A gray-blue, flat globe emerges. As it hovers close to the surface, dripping water, he notices a revolving rim with triangular windows of blue and red. It ascends in a curve then shoots upward. (“[The Question of Submerging UFO’s](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 5 (March 1968): 5; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 54; UFOEv II 46–47; Carl Feindt, “[Report #364](#),” [waterufo.net](#); Dolan, *USO1*, 299–300)
- 1967**, August 4 — Night. A bright object appears in the sky in the area of Morro do Policia in Porto Alegre, Brazil, for 30 minutes and is photographed by Brazilian Air Force technician Otacilio Freitas Dias. It flies in an erratic zigzag path, sometimes slowly, at other times at high speed, and sometimes hovering. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 67–68)
- 1967**, August 5 — Morning. After a night of heavy rain, Edgar Schielke finds a circular mark more than 30 feet in diameter in his cow pasture near Duhamel, Alberta. A UFO group from Edmonton visits the field and finds three additional rings. An RCAF team from CFB Namao [now CFB Edmonton], along with [Gareth H. S. Jones](#) of the Defense Research Establishment Suffield [now DRDC Suffield], visits the farm on August 11 after much of the evidence has been trampled. Jones finds two more rings. The marks vary from 5 to 7 inches wide and from 31 feet 9 inches to 36 feet 3 inches, and each is incomplete on its western side. He is puzzled as to what made the marks, can find no evidence of a hoax, and seriously considers whether an aerial object (which he estimates must weigh as much as 270,000 pounds) could have made them. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 162–165, 197–205; Chet Dembeck, “[Declassified Report: 1967 Canadian Crop Circles Likely Made by ‘135-Ton Spacecraft’](#),” *Unknown Boundaries*, November 14, 2023)
- 1967**, August 6 — Office worker Antonio Neri Perez and several others watch three glowing red discs take off in V formation from a field near their house in Tetepango, Hidalgo, Mexico. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 65)
- 1967**, August 6 — 7:55–8:20 p.m. Formations of lights in groups of 3–5 are seen in many states of Mexico, including Tamaulipas, Tlaxcala, Hidalgo, Veracruz, and Lake Pátzcuaro in Michoacán. Most are generally moving west to east. Many people at the Mexico City International Airport watch a group between 8:10 and 8:20 p.m. Technicians in the control tower can make out 9–10 objects through binoculars. Capt. Angel Fojo Ceballos and Capt. José Luis Espejo are flying an Aeronaves de México [now Aeroméxico] DC-9 at 23,000 feet over Salamanca, Guanajuato, Mexico. They see three bright points flying in formation from northwest to southeast an estimated 30–40 miles away. They cross the horizon at 55,000–60,000 feet in 40–45 seconds. One of the objects appears to break formation and approach the aircraft, showing a round shape and metallic composition, but then it veers away and out of sight. The events are thought to be the reentry of the Pioneer 7 rocket body that had

launched from Cape Canaveral on August 15, 1966. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 65–67)

1967, August 6 — 8:00 p.m. A Peruvian airliner piloted by Capt. Samuel Sanguaza, copilot César Jordan, and subofficers Oscar Guevara and Jorge Sarguaza encounters a globe of light while flying between Lima, and Pisco, Peru. The light changes color from red to orange and blue as it paces the aircraft for 15 minutes, bobbing up and down, moving closer and receding, before it zooms away as the airplane nears Pisco. (“[Plane Buzzed by UAO](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, September/October 1967, p. 13; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 21–22)

1967, August 8 — Evangelical pastor Estanislao Lugo Contreras is on the shore at Las Salinas (6 miles north of Los Arrecifes), Falcón, Venezuela, when he sees the water stirring up in a vast round area. The water begins to turn light blue, then whitish, yellowish, then brilliant orange. An orange disc rises out of the sea about 1,650 feet from shore, hovers, then rises obliquely and disappears. It makes an intense buzzing sound. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 54–55; Carl Feindt, “[Report #366](#),” [waterufo.net](#); Dolan, *USO1*, 299–300)

1967, August 8 — 8:40 p.m. An object shaped like a sharply outlined asymmetrical crescent flies over the Kislovodsk Mountain Astronomical Station near Kislovodsk, North Caucasus, Russia. The object is slightly smaller than the moon with a color described as reddish by some observers, yellow by others. It flies from west to east about 20° above the horizon, moving from the Big Dipper to Cassiopeia in about 30 seconds at a uniform speed. The witnesses are Anatoli Sazanov, a specialist in the ionosphere; V. A. Tsion of the Leningrad Polytechnical Institute; and seven members of a biological expedition. (Felix Ziegel, “[Unidentified Flying Objects](#),” *Soviet Life*, no. 137 (February 1968): 28; James E. McDonald, “[Statement on Unidentified Flying Objects](#),” in *Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects*, Hearings, US House Committee on Science and Astronautics, 90th Cong., 2nd Sess., July 29, 1968, p. 61; Hobana and Weverbergh 288–289; Jacques Vallée, *UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union: A Cosmic Samizdat*, Ballantine, 1992, [p. 192](#))

1967, August 10 — 9:30 p.m. Harry E. King and Michael Swartz see a bright round ball, about 50–60 feet in diameter, in the air about 1,300 feet away near Winter Haven, Florida. It hovers for 3–4 minutes, then moves slowly for a quarter mile, rises, shoots away, and disappears in one second. At 10:00 p.m., they watch a bright light descend for 5 minutes, move back and forth for one minute, then suddenly disappear. (NICAP case file)

1967, August 12 — 2:30 a.m. [Robert P. Miedtke](#) and his wife are sleeping in a camper on property belonging to some relatives on County Highway I some 11 miles west of Ogema, Wisconsin. They are awakened by their dog barking outside. They look out the window and see a large, fluorescent, half-moon-shaped object in a neighboring pasture about 450 feet away. It is shining a beam of light at a milk house only 25 feet from their camper. The dog has stopped barking and they can hear none of the usual night sounds. After about one hour, they hear the sound of someone walking in the gravel and sand outside. Three times the footsteps are heard going from north to south. The Miedtkes remain in bed, hoping no one would know they are in the camper. After another hour, just before dawn, they hear the dog whimpering and barking, followed by the muffled noise like a huge generator that fades away after 6–8 seconds. (“[Possible Landing in Wisconsin](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 11; Allen Utke, “[Flying Saucers, Cigars, Triangles—Even Beehives Have Been Reported by Observers](#),” *Appleton (Wis.) Post-Crescent*, April 21, 1968, pp. V6–V7)

1967, August 13 — 8:00 p.m. Between Pilar de Goiás and Crixás, Goiás, Brazil, a plantation worker at the Estancia de Santa Maria, Ignácio da Souza, is returning home from work when he and his wife see an object in the form of an upside-down basin 115 feet in diameter sitting on the landing strip of the ranch. They initially think it is some flying machine tested by the ranch owner, Ibiracy de Moraes, a wealthy man and former president of the Bank of Brazil. Between the object and the couple, there are three humanoid, child-size beings that they initially think are naked children before realizing that they are hairless creatures wearing a tight suit of yellow. The beings seem to be playing around silently, but then move quickly towards them. Da Souza tells his wife to lock herself up in their house. He is armed with a rifle and frightened, so da Souza shoots the closest of the beings. At the same time, the UFO emits a ray of green light that hits him, throwing him to the ground unconscious. Seeing her husband fall from the kitchen window, his wife runs onto the scene shouting, interposes herself between the beings and the body of her husband, and picks up his rifle. But during this time the beings have retrieved the one that had fallen to ground and quickly flee to enter the craft. After a short time, it slowly rises vertically while emitting a buzz similar to that of a swarm of bees. Taken to the hospital of Goiânia, the state capital, de Souza suffers from nausea and a general numbness. Burns are noted, initially attributed to a toxic plant, but when de Souza and de Moraes hear the erroneous diagnosis and are told what had happened, doctors perform a blood analysis that returns with a diagnosis of advanced leukemia with life expectancy of two months. Da Souza quickly deteriorates, suffers, develops yellowish spots, and dies on October 11. In accordance with his instructions, his wife burns the bed, the mattress, and the clothing that he has used. (“[Brazil in Throes of Big Flap](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Mar./Apr. 1969, pp. 1, 5; Clark III 353–354; Brazil 85–88; Clark IV 292–293, 396–397; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), August 15, 2006)

- 1967, Mid-August** — About 12:00 noon. Electrical engineer Albert Fulton and superintendent Sherman Anderson are making rounds at the Nova Scotia Light and Power substation in Caledonia, Nova Scotia. They notice steam rising from one of three large transformers, then Fulton spots two silvery disc-shaped objects maneuvering around the sky some distance away. The pair watches them as they zip back and forth in different directions from horizon to horizon in 3–4 seconds. Each time they leave a silvery line about 10 times their length behind them, which disappears when the objects stop. They watch this spectacle for about one minute, then both discs come to a common point in front of a suddenly visible gray, cigar-shaped object. After stopping briefly the two smaller objects merge into the cigar, taking 12–15 seconds. The large object disappears. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[Satellite Objects: A Further Look](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 4–5)
- 1967, August 18** — A CIA report summarizes interviews with unnamed Russian astronomers that may possibly have been conducted by members of the Condon commission. (Central Intelligence Agency, “[Report on Conversations with Soviet Scientists on Subject of Unidentified Flying Objects in the USSR](#),” August 18, 1967; Good Above, pp. 230–231)
- 1967, August 22–31** — [Low](#), [Roach](#), and [Hynek](#) attend the XIIIth General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union in Prague, Czechoslovakia [now Czech Republic]. Low wastes an opportunity to meet with [Charles Bowen](#) in London, England, and instead goes to Loch Ness, Scotland, “because neither the Loch Ness monster nor UFOs exist.” (Michael D. Swords, “[The USAF-Sponsored Colorado Project for the Scientific Study of UFOs](#),” 1995 *MUFON Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1995, pp. 149–163; Good Above, p. 230; Swords 321; Clark III 1195; Clark IV 1369)
- 1967, August 23** — 4:00 a.m. Stanley Moxon is driving on Ontario Highway 15 between Joyceville, Ontario, and Pine Grove Road when he sees a green light in a field to the south. He turns off his lights and drives down a side road to get closer. Minutes later, he turns on his lights again and they shine on a huge metallic disc hovering just above the ground. Two entities, 4 feet tall and dressed in white suits and helmets, appear to be startled and hurry back into the craft, which takes off at tremendous speed. (“[Police File Remains Open in Flying Saucer Incident](#),” *Kingston (Ont.) Whig-Standard*, August 24, 1967, p. 11; “[Occupant in Ontario](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 14; “[Canada’s Year of Invasion, Part 3](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 8 (Fall 1970): 17–19; Bob Gribble, “[Looking Back](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 232 (August 1987): 19; UFOEv II 480)
- 1967, August 23** — 8:00 p.m. Two 15-year-olds are strolling around the Kolmården ridge area in Östergötland, Sweden, when they see a reddish glow moving back and forth in the nearby woods. Continuing home, they run across a locked, deserted shack that seems to have some yellowish lights moving around in one room and noises like muted thuds. The red glow reappears moving close to the ground from the west. Suddenly it turns brilliant white and appears to land on the other side of a brook. They run home and see a huge light like a flashlight hovering 13 feet above the ground near the house. They hear a whistling sound coming from the brook and what seem to be footsteps coming toward them. They run to a ravine where they see, about 35 feet away, a small being with a disproportionately large head and wearing dark clothing. It lifts its arms and seems to be holding a box-like apparatus with a tube. Two thin, wire-like bands appear around the creature’s ankles and give off an intense white light. They run home again. The next day they return to where the being was and find some odd three-toed footprints about 6 inches long. (“[‘Monster’ Report from Sweden](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, pp. 1, 5; Sven Schalin, “[Was This Creature a Visitor from Space?](#)” *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 53 (Fall 1968): 13–14; Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*. Signet, 1969, pp. 278–280)
- 1967, August 24** — 5:00 p.m. Ron Hydes is riding his motorcycle near Wodonga, Victoria, Australia, when he is surrounded by a blinding blue-white light that illuminates the road. As he stops, a bright lens-shaped domed disc, estimated to be 25–30 feet in diameter, descends within a few feet of the ground about 100 feet away. Two humanoids about 5–5.5 feet tall with round helmets and silver coveralls emerge. One steps nearer to the witness, who flees. The object, surrounded by a pinkish glow, follows the motorcycle at about 100 feet off the ground. Hydes can hear a humming sound above the motorcycle’s engine. He stops again and the object hovers, the hum subsiding. After 30 seconds, the color around the object changes from pink to brilliant red, and it tilts up at a 45° angle, then shoots away. (“[Occupants Attempt to Lure Motorcyclist](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, pp. 13–14; “[Alleged Landing near Wodonga](#),” *Australian Flying Saucer Review*, no. 8 (1968): 4–5; Bob Gribble, “[Looking Back](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 232 (August 1987): 19–20; UFOEv II 480)
- 1967, August 25 or 27** — 5:00 p.m. Ruben Norato sees a “precipitous movement of the water” from the beach at Catia La Mar, Vargas, Venezuela, from which arise “three huge plate-shaped discs” that streak out of sight. (“[The Question of Submerging UFO’s](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 5 (March 1968): 4, 5; Carl Feindt, “[Report #367](#),” waterufo.net; Dolan, *USO1*, 300–301)
- 1967, August 27** — [David R. Saunders](#) proposes to the Colorado project team that they issue technical reports on whatever phase or case they have concentrated on. These will be circulated among the staff for review but not for

veto. They would stand as the author's own work without censure. Appropriate disclaimers would be attached before they are issued to the public. A final report might be cobbled together from these technical reports. [Condon](#) and [Low](#) apparently disapprove of this immediately. (Swords 323)

- 1967**, August 27 — 11:20 p.m. [Kenneth Flack](#) is passing a car near Texas Creek, Colorado, when his engine and car lights fail. He pulls to the side of the road, along with the car he is passing and a camper-trailer. He sees a large object in a field some 900–1,200 feet away. It is football-shaped and silvery. He approaches it on foot and is hit by a bright light coming from the object that knocks him out. Bystanders from other cars carry him back to the roadside and tell him that he had been frozen in a standing position for 5 minutes. Flack is intensely cold and sleepy, so another unidentified driver gives him a ride back to Pueblo in a camper (“[1967 Landing in Colorado](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1969, pp. 3–4; Lorenzen, *The Shadow of the Unknown*, New American Library, 1970, pp. 138–139; Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#),” *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 21; Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, pp. 143–144; CUFOs case file)
- 1967**, August 28–29 — 11:30 p.m.–1:10 a.m. Leslie and Jacqueline Dowdell see a 3–4 dancing lights zigzagging to the northeast over Rivers, Manitoba. The lights resolve into one object the color of a mandarin orange that hovers for 2–3 minutes, changing colors, before zooming away to the north. At 12:30 a.m., Cpl. A. Fedun of CFB Rivers [now closed] sees a round ball of orange light moving northwest. At 12:45 a.m., Commissionaire G. Stefanson hears a loud noise, and LAC J. Hebert and Judy Ross, driving one mile east of Rivers, watch a white flashing light that remains stationary for 30–50 seconds. They later find some odd dust on their car and some bubbling of the paint on the top. At 1:00 a.m., Cpl. K. McArthur hears another loud blast that rattles windows on the base. At 1:10 a.m., LAC K. Taylor, 8 miles east of Rivers, sees a red ball of flame trailed by a blue light at 3,000–4,000 feet. An investigating team from RCAF Training Command Headquarters in Winnipeg immediately comes out to investigate. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 251–260)
- 1967**, August 29 — 10:30 a.m. François Delpeuch, 13, and his sister Anne-Marie, 9, are herding cows at Cussac, Cantal, France. They see four small black beings about 47 inches tall with large heads and pointed chins around a landed sphere 15 feet in diameter. As the UFO begins to take off, the beings are sucked into it head-first, and it leaves very quickly in a blinding light. The police note “sulfur odor and the dried grass” at the landing spot. The case is reopened and studied in depth by [Claude Poher](#). (Wikipedia, “[Rencontre de Cussac](#)”; Jöel Mesnard and Claude Pavy, “[Encounter with Devils](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1968): 7–9; Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*. Signet, 1969, pp. 280–282; [Claude Poher], “[Enquête sur l'Observation du 29.08.67 de Cussac \(Cantal\)](#),” Groupe d'Étude des Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non-identifiés, Centre Nationale d'Étude Spatiales, 1978; Gildas Bourdais, “[The Death and Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 16)
- 1967**, September? — [David R. Saunders](#) and Levine visit Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio to look at the Project Blue Book files. They find cases stored adjacent to the official files, and some in a classified safe. Saunders also finds problems when he examines the statistics in *Blue Book Special Report no. 14*. Plus all of Battelle's original IBM cards have been thrown away. (UFOs Yes, 115–116)
- 1967**, September — 1:30 a.m. Capt. Grigory Demyanovich Oleynikov of the Russian fishing boat *Kama* is in Vyborg Bay in western Russia when he notices a luminescent, milky-white disc descending through the cloud layer. It stops and hovers at an altitude of 1,300 feet and seems to have a diameter of about 50 feet. The bottom portion contains nozzles that emit flames. Athen in complete silence it takes off straight up. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 153)
- 1967**, September — The Midwest UFO Network publishes its first issue of *Skylook*. ([Skylook](#) 1, no. 1 (September 1967))
- 1967**, September — The CIA staff's frank opinions on Vietnam are sometimes modified before reaching President [Johnson](#). At one point the CIA analysts estimate enemy strength at 500,000, while the military insists it is only 270,000. No amount of discussion resolves the difference. In September 1967, the CIA under DCI [Richard Helms](#) goes along with the military's lower number for the combat strength of the Vietnamese Communist forces. This leads a CIA analyst directly involved in this work to file a formal complaint against Helms, which is accorded due process within the agency. (Wikipedia, “[Richard Helms](#)”)
- 1967**, September — Afternoon. [Paul Stehlin](#), military aviator and vice-president of Bugatti, is flying his own plane near Vélizy-Villacoublay, Yvelines, France, when he sees a silver, cigar-shaped object beside him. The object accompanies the aircraft for a few minutes, then it accelerates and leaves the plane behind at terrific speed. (NICAP case file)
- 1967**, Early September — Evan Evanson, 18, is returning home in a pickup truck on Highway 36 south of Taber, Alberta, when his engine heats up and he pulls to the side of the road to let it cool off. Through the driver's window he sees a soundless, green, glowing object like two plates put together. It seems near enough to touch. The music on the truck radio is replaced with a beeping sound. Suddenly the object disappears, and Evanson notices that the

truck engine has stopped. ("[First Sighting of UFO Reported at Taber](#)," *Calgary (Alberta) Herald*, September 5, 1967, p. 49)

- 1967**, September 1? — The Colorado project obtains a third-hand report of a UFO sighting at Edwards AFB, California, on or around this date. A civilian employee at the base has seen the report, mentions it to a relative, who then discusses it with a scientist cooperating with the project. According to the story, 6 UFOs follow an X-15 as it lands. When project members call Edwards, they get a runaround. After 2 weeks of phone calls, they find that no X-15 flew on September 1. (There are flights on August 21, 25, and October 3 and 4, however.) But no one denies that a UFO sighting took place. (UFOs Yes, 124–125; Condon, [pp. 341–342](#))
- 1967**, September 4 — 5:10 a.m. Police officer P. A. Andrade is on duty at city hall in Valencia, Venezuela, when he hears a humming noise and footsteps in a nearby garage. He meets a dwarf, 3 feet tall, with a big head and bulging, reddish, glowing eyes, wearing a silver-colored, metallic-looking coverall. Andrade points his automatic weapon at the creature, but a voice from a hovering disc says in Spanish that he should not harm the creature. The dwarf then tries to convince Andrade to "come to their world," adding it is "very distant and much larger than the Earth, and with many advantages for Earthlings." When Andrade declines, the creature flies back into the object, which takes off. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 82; Vallée, *Magonia*, [pp. 351–352](#); Mark Cashman, "[Behavioral Classification System for UFO Occupants](#)," *IUR* 24, no. 1 (Spring 1999): 18)
- 1967**, September 4 — Dawn. A paperboy in Clevedon, England, discovers a 5-foot-wide, saucer-shaped, metallic object in a field. He calls the police, who send it to the guided weapons division of British Aerospace, whose chief design engineer declares it an expensive hoax. Soon five identical objects are found in fields and golf courses in the southern part of England. The sites lie on a straight path 220 miles long that spans 1° of latitude, running west to east from Clevedon to the Isle of Sheppey in the Thames Estuary. A USAF intelligence officer takes photos of one in Welford, Berkshire, and chemists with Britain's Home Office analyze samples of a foul liquid that is seeping from one of the objects. But the objects are a prank involving 15 engineering apprentices, primarily [Christopher Southall](#) and [Roger Palmer](#), at the Royal Aircraft Establishment in Farnborough. The objects are made of fiberglass, and the smelly liquid is a fermented mixture of flour and water. (Wikipedia, "[1967 British flying saucer hoax](#)"; Jenny Randles, *UFO Retrievals*, Blandford, 1995, [pp. 108–111](#); John Keeling, "Invasion 1967," *Fortean Times* 228 (November 2007): 32–41; "[The Great Saucer Invasion: The Day Six 'Spaceships' Landed in England](#)," *BBC News*, September 3, 2017; Clark III 604–605; Curt Collins, "[The UK Saucer Invasion of 1967](#)," *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, August 30, 2019; Clark IV 664)
- 1967**, September 4 — The Industrial Psychologists' section of the American Psychological Association sponsors a program on "Problems and Methods of Gathering Data on UFOs." Participants include [Harold Greenwald](#), [Richard H. Hall](#), [Gustave J. Rath](#), [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), and [David R. Saunders](#). (Story, [p. 413](#))
- 1967**, September 5 — [David R. Saunders](#) suggests to [Low](#) that his academic commitments might require a reorganization of project duties, namely that Low, [Roach](#), and himself report directly to [Condon](#), with others reporting to them. Low blows up. Low ultimately agrees but replaces Roach with Norm Levine. (UFOs Yes, 139–140)
- 1967**, September 6 — 9:50 p.m. Several witnesses at Meir, Stoke-on-Trent, England, see a vertically oriented "sausage-shaped cloud" in the eastern sky, behind which a light flashes for about 20 seconds at irregular intervals. A bright, glowing orange oval then emerges from the cloud and heads southeast at "fantastic speed." A light again flashes in the cloud for about 10 seconds, then stops. The mode of disappearance of the cloud is not reported. (Roger Stanway and Anthony R. Pace, *Flying Saucer Report, UFOs: Unidentified, Undeniable*, Newchapel Observatory, 1968, pp. 14–15; Herbert S. Taylor, "[Cloud Cigars: A Further Look](#)," *IUR* 30, no. 3 (May 2006): 12)
- 1967**, September 9 — A 3-year-old saddle horse named Lady [not Snippy] belonging to [Nellie Lewis](#) of the [Harry King Ranch](#) in the San Luis Valley, Colorado, just south of Great Sand Dunes National Monument, is found dead a couple days after it has gone missing. The animal appears to have been skinned from the neck to the shoulders, which are nothing but bleached bones. The cut in the neck looks smooth and surgical. The soil beneath the horse is damp, and there is a medicine-like smell. A nearby bush is flattened oddly. Alamosa County Sheriff Ben Phillips blames Lady's death on lightning. A few days later, rangers at Great Sand Dunes arrest [John Henry Altshuler](#), a pathologist at Ross Medical Center in Denver, for trespassing after dark; he has actually gone to the area to look for UFOs. When they find out he is a specialist in blood coagulation, they say they will drop the arrest record if he takes a look at the dead horse. He finds that Lady's lungs, heart, and thyroid are completely missing and finds the complete absence of blood distressing. Altshuler begins to think the dead horse has something to do with the UFOs he had seen when he was in the Great Sand Dunes. Nellie Lewis also admits she has been watching something in the sky every night. [Duane Martin](#), a US Forest Service ranger, records a pulse of unusually high radioactivity near Lady's carcass, although others think it is only background radiation. The *Pueblo Chieftain* reports on the case in its October 5 edition and it gets picked up by the AP. Pathologist Robert O. Adams, chief of surgery at Colorado State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, investigates Lady for

the Colorado project and concludes that bacteria, birds, and coyotes are responsible for the lack of blood and organs. He finds an infection in the horse's right flank that could have killed it; the cut at the neck might have been someone's mercy killing. "Exhaust marks" found are probably fungal infestations, and indentations are probably weathered hoofprints. Alamosa veterinarian Wallace Leary later finds evidence of two bullet holes in Lady's rump. ("[UFO Suspected of Horsing Around in Colorado Area](#)," Kalispell (Mont.) *Daily Inter Lake*, October 5, 1967, p. 8; "[Great Dead-Horse Mystery](#)," *Amarillo (Tex.) Globe-Times*, October 5, 1967, p. 1; "[The Snippy Case](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, pp. 1, 6; "[Colorado Horse Death Ruled No UFO Case](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 2 (October 1967): 4; "[Snippy' Still Not Dead Issue](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1967, p. 1; Coral Lorenzen, "The Appaloosa from Alamosa," *Fate* 21, no. 3 (March 1968): 34, 36–44; Donald Merker, "The Appaloosa from Alamosa," *Fate* 21, no. 3 (March 1968): 35, 45–52; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 148–158; *UFOs Yes*, 155–169; Condon, pp. 344–347; "[Town Gets Snippy about Skeleton of Mutilated Horse](#)," *Denver Post*, December 8, 2006; Greg Newkirk, "[Death on the Great Sand Dunes: The Strange Case of Snippy the Horse, the First Cattle Mutilation](#)," *Week in Weird*, January 8, 2013; Sylvia Lobato, "[After 50 Years, Snippy Still a Mystery](#)," *Alamosa (Colo.) Valley Courier*, September 29, 2017; Clark III 130–132; Clark IV 158–159)

- 1967**, September 10 — Several residents of Bruzual, Apure, Venezuela, watch a white, luminous disc following the course of the Apure River from west to east at low altitude. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 69)
- 1967**, September 10 — 5:35 p.m. Capt. Fred Underhill and his crew are flying an Air Ferry Limited DC-6 bound for England at 16,000 feet about 63 miles north of Reus, Tarragona, Spain. They see an unusual object about 30° to their left and above, headed west. The object crosses to their right, turns toward them, decelerates, and descends. As it nears, they see that it is a metallic-appearing cone, point upward, with haze or mist around its lower portion. The object comes head on at an estimated 690–800 mph, passes under the starboard wing, turning and maneuvering, and disappears to the south. Barcelona flight controllers can see no known aircraft in the area. (NICAP, "[Aircraft Encounter near Barcelona](#)"; Bob Gribble, "[Looking Back](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 233 (September 1987): 19; UFOEv II 130)
- 1967**, September 11 — [Richard H. Hall](#) resigns as assistant director of NICAP for personal reasons and is replaced by [Gordon I. R. Lore](#). ("[Assistant Director Hall Resigns, Is Replaced by Gordon Lore](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 2 (October 1967): 2; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 359–360)
- 1967**, September 11 — 3:30 p.m. About a dozen employees of the Douglas Point Nuclear Generating Station near Kincardine, Ontario, watch a UFO pass over the plant in an easterly direction. At one point it hovers above Lake Huron about a mile and a half offshore and drops something into the water. Other plant workers see similar objects over the lake or above the plant on five succeeding nights. The plant isn't operational for another year. ("[Saucer near Nuclear Generating Station](#)," *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 49 (Fall 1967): 10; "[More in Canada](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 14; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 31–32; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, pp. 122–123)
- 1967**, September 11 — 9:30 p.m. During a raging storm near Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina, a family watches a huge, glowing orange object hovering in a field about 1,000 feet away from the farmhouse. The object emits brilliant beams of light. After 4 hours it ascends and is lost to sight in seconds. The next day, the witnesses find a sootlike material on the ground and tracks about 2 inches wide in the flattened grass. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 69)
- 1967**, September 11 — 10:42 p.m. According to radar operators at Kincheloe AFB [now Chippewa County International Airport] south of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, more than 20 radar targets appear and disappear over the middle of Lake Superior over an 80-minute period, tracked at speeds of up to 2,000 mph, sometimes turning at sharp right angles and involving separation and merging of distinct targets. Radar at Duluth, Minnesota, has also picked up the targets. The Colorado project sends [John Ahrens](#) and Norm Levine to investigate. They check out rumors of visual sightings at Sault Ste. Marie, but these do not conform to the radar trackings. At Duluth, they draw a complete blank with denials all around. The returns are explained as anomalous propagation radar echoes in the final report. (NICAP, "[17 Unknowns in 80 Minute Period](#)"; [Sparks](#), p. 326; *UFOs Yes*, 123–124; Condon, pp. 164–165)
- 1967**, September 13 — [Condon](#) gives a dinner speech at a spectroscopy symposium at the National Bureau of Standards in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and talks primarily about contactees and crackpots. (*UFOs Yes*, 247–248)
- 1967**, September 14 or 17 — 10:50 a.m. "Fábio Jose Diniz," 16, is walking along an asphalt path near the deserted grounds of an isolation unit at Hospital da Baleia on the outskirts of Belo Horizonte, Brazil. He notices an object in an adjacent football field. It is shaped like a mushroom with a domed top and surrounded by a row of portholes and a thick central "stalk" in contact with the soil. A hazy screen like a force field drops around the object, and a

door appears out of nowhere and slides upward along the column. Two humanlike figures, 6 feet tall, emerge, dressed in one-piece diving suits of greenish material and helmets. One of them carries a tube-like implement, and the other has a probe sticking up from his helmet and talks to Diniz in Portuguese, telling him not to run away. He starts running anyway, but the figure tells him to come back the next day or they will take his family. The figure reenters the UFO, which takes off vertically. He sees psychologist and UFO researcher [Hulvio Aleixo](#), who says he is in severe shock. At the landing site, police find some foul-smelling black material that crumbles easily. This is examined by geophysicist Roberto Murto, who finds it is made of iron, magnesium, and silica. An impression like a large footprint is also found. Aleixo subjects the boy to psychological testing and he finds no disorder. The UFO fails to return the next day. ("[Flying Saucer Is Reported](#)," *Baltimore (Md.) Sun*, September 25, 1967, p. 3; "[More Invaders](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 13; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 85; Hulvio B. Aleixo, "[Humanoids Encountered at La Baleia, Part 1](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1968): 8–11, 20; Hulvio B. Aleixo, "[Humanoids Encountered at La Baleia, Part 2](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1969): 12–14; Jenny Randles, *UFO Conspiracy*, Cassell, 1987, [pp. 97–99](#); Mark Cashman, "[Behavioral Classification System for UFO Occupants](#)," *IUR* 24, no. 1 (Spring 1999): 18–19; Brazil 88–91; Clark III 177–178; Clark IV 211–212)

- 1967**, September 15 — Astronomer [William Markowitz](#) publishes an article in *Science* magazine that declares extraterrestrial UFOs to be a priori impossible because they do not follow the laws of physics. (William Markowitz, "[The Physics and Metaphysics of Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," *Science* 157 (1967): 1274–1279)
- 1967**, September 15 — 8:50 p.m. Separate witnesses in Winsted, Connecticut, see a large glowing, pulsating object hovering nearby and several small beings with large heads moving around it. The object's light dims when cars approach. ("[Experts Check Area Sightings](#)," *Hartford (Conn.) Courant*, September 20, 1967, p. 47; "[Flap Continues in the States](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 9; Condon, [pp. 347–351](#))
- 1967**, September 17 — [Roach](#) resigns from the Colorado project in order to pursue academic interests. (UFOs Yes, 140)
- 1967**, September 18 — [David R. Saunders](#), [Low](#), and [Condon](#) meet for 3 hours to discuss Saunders's suggestions for improving the public image. Saunders argues that the public can tell the project is headed toward a negative conclusion. Condon says that if they find extraterrestrial evidence, he would not disclose it to the public. (UFOs Yes, 140–141; Swords 324; Clark III 1195; Clark IV 1369)
- 1967**, September 18 — 1:00 a.m. Russell Hill is stationed as a forestry lookout at the Raspberry Ridge station near Mount Burke, Alberta. He hears a strange pulsating sound as a green light sweeps the walls of the lookout cabin. He sees an object hovering to the southwest and giving off a greenish glow. He attempts to radio the nearby Highwood Ranger Station, but the radio and lights do not work. The object turns white and shoots up straight into the sky. ("[Object Photographed in Canada](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 11; "[Saucer Sketch](#)," *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 49 (Fall 1967): 2; "[Saucers Seen near Forestry Lookout](#)," *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 50 (Winter 1967/1968): 1; "[Invasion over Prairies](#)," *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 7 (Summer 1970): 25, 27)
- 1967**, September 20 — NICAP provisionally withdraws its support from the Colorado project. [David R. Saunders](#) tells [Low](#) about it. Low travels to NICAP to meet with [Keyhoe](#) and [Lore](#), insisting he still wants NICAP reports because his job is to submit the "best evidence and try to change Dr. [Condon](#)'s present disbelief." NICAP stops sending any reports to the project. (UFOs Yes, 141–142; Keyhoe, *Aliens from Space*, Signet ed., 1974, [pp. 122–123](#); Clark III 1195; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 360–361; Clark IV 1369)
- 1967**, September 20 — 8:30–9:30 p.m. Seven people in Stoke-on-Trent, England, see a large, bright, silver-colored, oval-shaped object almost overhead and moving slowly to the northeast. It stops and hovers, then 2–3 smaller silvery objects emerge from the larger one and move rapidly away in different directions. The large UFO moves off to the northeast and slowly disappears. (Roger H. Stanway and Anthony R. Pace, *Flying Saucer Report, UFOs: Unidentified, Undeniable*, Newchapel Observatory, 1968, p. 16; Herbert S. Taylor, "[Satellite Objects: A Further Look](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 26)
- 1967**, September 20 — 10:30 p.m. Mrs. Charles Pasko notices a peach-pink glow in the woods outside her home near Winsted, Connecticut. Thinking it is a fire, she wakes up her son Jack and they watch it for a while. Three days later her husband and a forest ranger try to find the burned spot. They locate a burned and depressed teardrop-shaped area about 35 feet in diameter. They also find three triangular imprints forming an equilateral triangle with sides 10 feet long, and a fourth depression in the center. Other witnesses had seen a UFO coming in at a slant, breaking and burning tree leaves. Several tall trees in the area are broken off at the top. ("[September Landing in Conn.](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1967, p. 4)
- 1967**, September 22 — 8:00 p.m. Simon Williams and his son Eugene, 14, are starting a pickup truck with jumper cables in Allen [or Fittstown], Oklahoma, when they see a disc with a brilliant silvery light and smaller flashing lights around the rim heading west. It seems to come closer and hover above a highway. Eugene thinks he can see the headlights of passing cars reflected on its bottom surface. It then proceeds slowly west. ("[UFO Confirmed?](#)

[Young Allen Boy Says He Saw It](#),” *Ada (Okla.) Weekly News*, October 5, 1967, pp. 1–2; “[Flap Continues in the States](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 9; “[Oklahoman’s Report Many Flying Objects](#),” *APRG Reporter* 6, no. 3 (December 1967): 7–8; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 168)

- 1967**, September 23 — 1:37 p.m. Geology professor Bryce M. Hand is driving north on State Highway 47 between Amherst and Sunderland, Massachusetts, when he notices a silvery, elongated object in the sky ahead. It appears to be larger than an airplane and is silent. Suddenly he sees a second object below and to the left of the first, both moving north-northwest on straight, parallel courses. The objects pass out of view in about 10 seconds. (UFOEv II 161)
- 1967**, September 25 — [David R. Saunders](#), [Low](#), and [Condon](#) have another meeting at Condon’s home. Saunders tells Condon that the problems with NICAP would not have arisen if Condon had been more circumspect with his negative remarks. Condon says he understands but offers no change. (UFOs Yes, 142; Clark III 1195; Clark IV 1369)
- 1967**, September 25 — 7:00 a.m. Mr. A. Lambert wakes up early in his home to the east of Buret, Belgium, near the Luxembourg border, and steps outside to enjoy the mild weather. He notices a crown of gray-purple fog at a height of 50–65 feet surrounding the building. Suddenly, he sees a large silver object hovering above some fir trees, nearly 65 feet in diameter with chrome-like surfaces and a 5-foot-thick lip around the base. He calls his wife to see what he thinks is a satellite. The object tilts, reveals its flat underside, and silently approaches, appearing to prepare for a landing. In a hurry to get a better look, Lambert goes inside for his glasses, but when he returns, the object has vanished. His wife can still see it moving less than 1,000 feet away toward the village of Buret and notices a small red ball emerging from it. She also spots a second craft circling them in the fog, which releases another red ball before joining the first. The sighting lasts about three minutes, and shortly after the objects disappear, the fog dissipates. (Jean-Luc Vertongen, “[Buret: Au rendez-vous de l’étrange](#),” *Infoespace*, no. 3 (1972): 19–23; Richard F. Haines, *Project Delta*, 1994, p. 84)
- 1967**, September 27 — BUFORA researchers Anthony R. Pace and Roger H. Stanway visit the S4 UFO desk at the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall, London, England. They talk to a Mr. Cassells, who assures them that all UFO reports are treated seriously but the Ministry’s interest is solely in national defense. He adds that no person from the Ministry ever makes on-the-spot inquiries or field investigations. (Roger H. Stanway and Antony R. Pace, *Flying Saucer Report: UFOs Unidentified, Unidentifiable*, 1972; Good Above, [pp. 67–68](#))
- 1967**, September 27–29 — The *Rocky Mountain News* publishes a commentary by [Condon](#) wherein he debunks UFOs and disparages NICAP’s contributions. It quotes [Low](#) in a similar vein. Condon talks to the project staff and retracts nothing, only saying that he was misquoted about being disenchanted about the project. Project members hold a meeting without Low and Condon to decide what to do. Levine pushes for mass resignation. [Craig](#) is the sole dissenter. [David R. Saunders](#) sides with Levine but wants to explore other strategies. Ultimately, they decide to prepare their own report, one “so compelling that Condon would be forced to accept it on its merits.” (UFOs Yes, 142–146; Swords 325; Clark III 1195, 1196; Clark IV 1369, 1371)
- 1967**, September 28 — 1:30 a.m. Omar Amaya T., chief dispatcher at the Maiquetia International Airport [now the Simón Bolívar International Airport], Venezuela, watches three luminous disc pass across the sky from north to south. Suddenly one lags behind and dives toward the sea but veers up just before contact. Resuming its position in the formation, it joins the other objects as they disappear to the east. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 70)
- 1967**, September 28 — 4:00 p.m. Many people in Caracas, Venezuela, watch a luminous metallic disc cross the sky with an oscillating motion and appear to land on Cerro El Ávila. A Similar object is seen taking off from the same spot about 2 hours later. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 70)
- 1967**, September 29 — 8:30 p.m. Four workers in a restaurant at Wernersville, Pennsylvania, are alerted by a neighbor to go outside and watch nine red, pulsating, cigar-shaped objects flying northeastward. A large triangle-shaped object, also pulsating red, flies into view. The triangle stops and changes colors to white, green, then back to red. It takes off in a zigzag motion to the northeast. (R. G. Shunk, “[Letter](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 6, no. 1 (Feb./March 1985): 4)
- 1967**, September or October — 4:45 p.m. Some 40 soldiers and officers at an anti-aircraft artillery unit stationed at Florești, Romania, watch an aluminum-colored object hovering about 2,400 feet in the sky. The unit commander reports it to the General Command in Bucharest, who order him to shoot it down if it makes any hostile maneuvers. The object stays in position for more than two hours, but disappears after a white cloud passes in front of it. (Romania 16–17)
- 1967**, September or October — 9:30 p.m. The Chilean destroyer *Almirante Williams* is in the Gulf of Penas, Chile, when the onboard sonar system detects two submarine-like objects that are moving too fast to be normal submarines. Suddenly, the gyrocompass starts spinning and the radar screen goes blank. No one sees anything unusual in the

water. A cargo plane also reports instrument failure on the same night. (J. Antonio Huneeus, "USOs in Chile and Peru," *Fate* 56, no. 1 (January 2003): 6–7; Carl Feindt, "[Report #1387](#)," [waterufo.net](#); Dolan, USO1, 301–302)

- 1967, Fall** — Dusk. A family camped in Capistrano Beach Park, San Juan Capistrano, California, watch a silver, teardrop-shaped object with a window hovering about 600 feet away. It is about 45–65 feet long and is emitting a low hum. After 45 seconds it begins moving erratically at a speed faster than an aircraft, disappearing at least once and reappearing in another spot. The display lasts for 5–6 minutes, with other people standing on tables and the roofs of their recreational vehicles to get a better look. Suddenly it speeds upward to a high altitude, then plunges into the ocean. (Carl Feindt, "[Report #936](#)," [waterufo.net](#); Dolan, USO1, 307–309)
- 1967, October** — The DOSAAF Cosmonautics Committee invites the Soviet UFO Study Group to function under its auspices. (Wikipedia, "[Felix Ziegel](#)"; Mikhail Gershtein, "[A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union](#)," UAP Check, July 6, 2024)
- 1967, October** — 8:30 p.m. David R. Smith watches a diffuse object with a series of 5–6 lighted square and oval windows about 450–600 feet away at treetop level near Homer, Louisiana. It rises and heads south. After 50 seconds, the lights blink out. (NICAP case file)
- 1967, October** — Night. Eugene Browne is walking in the outskirts of Belfast, Northern Ireland, when he sees an object coming toward him that shines a beam of light at him. He blacks out and wakes up lying on a table in a windowless room with metal bands around his head. Four men and a girl are standing around him. Browne is persuaded to have sex with the girl. Before sending him back, he is told, "It will not be the last you see of us." (Norman Oliver, "[Themes of Contact: Sex and Saucers](#)," *Gemini* 1, no. 2 (Apr./June 1972): 20–22; Clark III 1061–1062; Clark IV 1177)
- 1967, October 2** — 7:30 p.m. Philip E. Burkhardt, a Grumman Aircraft Company engineer, sees a white disc with windows and lights blinking in sequence in Melville, New York. A beam of light is projecting from it and illuminating the ground. The object hovers for about 20 seconds, then moves away. Burkhardt gets into his car to follow it and blinks his lights at the object. The lights on the UFO blink out in sequence, then come back on. (UFOEv II 161)
- 1967, October 3** — Pilot [William "Pete" Knight](#) reaches a speed of 4,519 mph (Mach 6.72) in a North American X-15 rocket plane, a record that stands today. (Wikipedia, "[William J. Knight](#)")
- 1967, October 4** — From early evening until 11:30 p.m., numerous independent witnesses observe unexplained aerial activity in Nova Scotia. Near Sambro at 9:00 pm, Capt. Leo Howard Mersey and 20 crewmembers of the MV *Nickerson* see four brilliant red lights in a rectangular formation that appear to be on or just above the water. Occasionally one flares up so brightly that it causes an afterimage in their eyes. The objects are also tracked on ship's radar. They file a report with the Lunenburg CMP office. Between 11:00 and 11:30 pm, northwest of Brier Island, the captain and crew of a fishing vessel see a brilliant white light the size of the moon. As they watch, three brilliant yellow lights emerge and form a triangle around the larger light. The satellite objects then move across the sky and back at high speed. Observations are also made by other vessels. Five miles southwest of Weymouth, a policeman and three game wardens see an orange-colored light just above the tree line moving silently and slowly with spark-like objects emanating. At about 11:20 p.m., just west of Shag Harbour, [Laurie Wickens](#) and four other teenagers driving in a car along Highway 3 see an object flying low, flashing four lights one after the other, in a straight line. It appears to be slowly descending at a 45° angle. Multiple witnesses hear a whistling sound "like a bomb," then a "whoosh," and finally a loud bang. When next seen by the teens, the object has hit the water's surface 820–980 feet offshore. It drifts on the surface, showing a pale-yellow light. Wickens contacts the RCMP detachment in Barrington Passage and reports he has seen a large airplane or small airliner crash into the waters off Shag Harbour. Within about 15 minutes, 10 RCMP officers arrive at the scene. Concerned for survivors, the RCMP detachment contacts the Rescue Coordination Centre in Halifax to advise them of the situation and ask if any aircraft were missing. Before any attempt at rescue can be made, the object starts to sink and disappears from view. A rescue mission is quickly assembled. Within half an hour of the crash, local fishing boats go out to the crash site in the waters of the Gulf of Maine off Shag Harbour to look for survivors. No survivors, bodies, or debris are found, either by the fishermen or by a Canadian Coast Guard search and rescue cutter, which arrives about an hour later from nearby Clark's Harbour. By the next morning, RCC Halifax has determined that no aircraft are missing. The same morning, RCC Halifax also sends a priority telex to the Air Desk at Royal Canadian Air Force headquarters in Ottawa, which handles all civilian and military UFO sightings, informing them of the crash and that all conventional explanations such as aircraft or flares have been dismissed. The head of the Air Desk, Squadron Leader William Bain sends another priority telex to the Royal Canadian Navy headquarters concerning the "UFO report" and recommends an underwater search be mounted. The RCN in turn sends another priority telex tasking Fleet Diving Unit Atlantic with carrying out the search. A

detachment of RCN divers from Fleet Diving Unit Atlantic is assembled on the [HMCS Granby](#) on October 6 and for the next three days they comb the seafloor looking for an object. The final report says no trace of an object is found. In the 1990s, researcher [Chris Styles](#) finds evidence that there is a second crash the same night. Witnesses see American naval exercises in Shelburne Harbour 30 miles to the northeast. Speculation is that the original object may have traveled underwater from Shag Harbour to Shelburne. (Wikipedia, "[Shag Harbour UFO incident](#)"; "[UAO Dives into Sea at Nova Scotia](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 7; William F. Dawson, "UFO Down off Shag Harbor," *Fate* 21, no. 2 (February 1968): 48–53; Condon, [pp. 351–353](#); Sanderson, *InvRes*, [pp. 38–39](#); Don Ledger, "[UFO Crash at Shag Harbour](#)," *IUR* 22, no. 4 (Winter 1997–1998): 8–9, 20; Don Ledger, *Maritime UFO Files*, Nimbus, 1998, pp. 72–89; Clark II 284–285; Don Ledger and Chris Styles, *Dark Object*, Dell, 2001; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 94–98; Good Need, [pp. 279–282](#); Chris Rutkowski, "[The Cold, Hard Facts about UFOs in Canada](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 9–10; "[The Shag Harbour UFO Incident](#)," ParanormalX YouTube channel, October 11, 2013; "[The 1967 Shag Harbour UFO Crash: Documents Related to Crash](#)," Roswell Proof; "[Shag Harbour News Articles](#)," Roswell Proof; "[Shag Harbour's UFO Mystery](#)," CBC News Nova Scotia YouTube channel, September 30, 2017; "[Fishermen Are Surprised by a Glittery-Yellow Smelly Foam Left by a UFO](#)," Quest TV YouTube channel, March 17, 2020; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 129–137)

- 1967**, October 5 — 9:30 p.m. Colorado Superior Court Judge [Charles E. Bennett](#) and his wife [Christina](#) spot three circular, red-orange objects traveling from the east to the southeast in a triangular formation over Denver, Colorado. They can hear a distinct humming or whirring sound. They move out of sight in 6 seconds. ("[Flap Continues in the States](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 10)
- 1967**, October 6 — 7:00 p.m. Radar at Vandenberg AFB, near Lompoc, California, detects a very large stationary object some miles over the Pacific Ocean off the Northern California coast. Later, radar detects numerous small but strong targets traveling eastward in irregular flight. (NICAP, "[Condon Case 35](#)"; Condon, [pp. 171–172, 353–365](#))
- 1967**, October 7 — 8:00 p.m. Russell Hill is sitting down to dinner at the Raspberry Ridge Lookout Station in Alberta when the cabin lights begin to flicker. He goes out to check the generator and sees an odd green light moving slowly up the valley from south to north. It approaches to within 500 feet of the cabin. The object is about 75 feet in diameter and looks like two bowls clamped together. Around the rim is a pulsating green light that seems to come from a neon tube. Another green light is rotating slowly inside the top portion, and there are porthole-shaped indentations in the side. Suddenly the light on the rim is extinguished, the upper green light turns white, and the object ascends at a terrific speed, trailing jets of flame. ("[Object Photographed in Canada](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 11; "[Saucers Seen near Forestry Lookout](#)," *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 50 (Winter 1967/1968): 1; "[Invasion over Prairies](#)," *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 7 (Summer 1970): 25, 27)
- 1967**, October 7–9 — Capture and death of [Che Guevara](#) in Bolivia. [Félix Rodríguez](#), a Cuban exile turned CIA Special Activities Division operative, advises Bolivian troops during the hunt for Guevara in Bolivia. In addition, the 2007 documentary *My Enemy's Enemy* alleges that Nazi war criminal [Klaus Barbie](#) advised and possibly helped the CIA orchestrate Guevara's capture. (Wikipedia, "[Che Guevara](#)")
- 1967**, October 9 — 5:40 p.m. The 13-year-old son of a prominent businessman is riding a bicycle along a wash in the back of his home in the area of the Tucson Speedway in Arizona. He comes across a cylindrical metallic object standing on end and sitting on two legs about 44 feet away from him. The legs end in circular pads and are joined by a curved bar. The object, which is making a low-pitched hum, is about 8 feet tall and more than 2 feet wide. The boy approaches it for a better view, but it takes off vertically and disappears in 12 seconds. He finds two impressions in the hard surface of the wash, 13.4 inches across and about 42 inches apart (measuring from the outer edges). ("[Landing at Tucson](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, pp. 1, 4)
- 1967**, October 10 — The [Lorenzens](#) visit the Colorado project and find its investigatory procedures "sadly lacking," with no standard report form or methodology. They also meet with *Boulder Daily Camera* journalist R. Roger Harkins, who has been covering the Colorado project. They give him a 7-point rationale on why the CIA might be interested in UFOs, just to see if it gets published. Harkins dictates the story to the Associated Press, but it is never published. The Lorenzens suspect the project has a CIA mole. (Low did work for the CIA in 1949 when it was aiding Albanian resistance fighters.) (UFOs Yes, 129, 175–176; Lorenzen, *Encounters*, p. 5; Robin W. Winks, *Cloak and Gown: Scholars in the Secret War, 1939–1961*, Morrow, [pp. 396–397](#); Powell, *Keyhoe*, 362)
- 1967**, October 10 — The United Nations Outer Space Treaty comes into force. Signatories to the treaty agree not to use nuclear weapons in outer space, limit use of the Moon and other celestial bodies to peaceful purposes, establish that space shall be freely explored and used by all nations, and prevent any country from claiming sovereignty over outer space or any celestial body. Although it forbids establishing military bases, testing weapons, and conducting military maneuvers on celestial bodies, the treaty does not expressly ban all military activities in

space, nor the establishment of military space forces or the placement of conventional weapons in space. The treaty forms the basis of international space law. (Wikipedia, "[Outer Space Treaty](#)")

- 1967**, October 11 — [Rex Heflin](#) is visited by a strange group of men in air force uniforms. He obtains their names. They ask him about his 1965 photos and topics like the Bermuda Triangle. He notices a figure in the back seat of their car and a violet glow. Heflin thinks he is being photographed or recorded. The FM radio acts strangely.
- 1967**, October 11 — Colorado UFO Project consultant [William Hartmann](#) tells his colleague [James E. McDonald](#) during a phone call that everyone on the team understands that [Condon](#) has a negative attitude toward the extraterrestrial hypothesis and that "everybody on the project is more or less forced to go along with that." (Eghigian, *After*, p. 204)
- 1967**, October 11 — 8:00 p.m. Nora Tibbs is driving on Highway 2 near Aldersyde, Alberta, when the headlights, radio, and car engine stop. She notices an oval-shaped object with a turret on top that begins to circle her car. It has two white lights and a lighted-up underside. It circles the car four or five times at a height of 1,000 feet, then flies away. The witness feels cold during the sighting. The car engine starts by itself as the object leaves. ("Calgary UFOs 'Authentic,'" *Victoria (B.C.) Daily Colonist*, October 14, 1967, p. 33; "[Object Photographed in Canada](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 11; "UFO Questions Asked in House of Commons," *Lethbridge (Alberta) Herald*, October 20, 1967, p. 21; Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), Center for UFO Studies, 1981, p. 37)
- 1967**, October 12 — Night. Comedian [Dick Gregory](#) is at a party with friends at Big Sur, California, when three lights appear in the sky. One is fiery red, while the other two are bright green. The objects dart about sideways, backwards, in circles, in jagged lines, and in formation. When Gregory's writer, Jim Saunders, signals with a flashlight, the objects seem to respond by moving in the same direction as the beam. The partygoers watch the lights for about 40 minutes. Gregory takes two Polaroid photographs that show a red object at the top and two green ones at the bottom. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 131](#))
- 1967**, October 13 — 2:00 a.m. Ben Beswick, engineer on a northbound freight from Red Deer to Mirror, Alberta, along with another trainman, sees a glowing, disk-shaped object hovering above a clump of trees. The underside is glowing white and is ringed with flashing red, blue, and green lights. As the train approaches, the object ascends and flies parallel to the train for about one hour. A relief crew and station personnel at Mirror also see the object. ("[UFO Pursued Us, Train Crew Says](#)," *Edmonton (Alta.) Journal*, October 17, 1967, p. 2; "[Object Trails Train](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Jan./Feb. 1968, p. 3)
- 1967**, October 13 — Evening. A spinning UFO with red and green lights is seen streaking 500 feet above Laitkor village, south of Shillong, Meghalaya, India, and seems to dip into a stream near Dympep village, about 17 miles to the southwest, sucking and churning the water with three explosions. The object then flies to Mawkdok village, 3 miles away, and into the dense vegetation of the Lum Swer forest. Military and government officials later explain the incident as a "whirlwind of high intensity." ("[Shillong Saucer](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1968): 33; Dolan, *USO1*, 305–307)
- 1967**, October 13 — McDonnell Douglas aerospace engineer [Robert M. Wood](#) briefs the Colorado project on UFOs. On January 9, 1968, Wood writes [Condon](#) a critical but polite letter listing his concerns about the project's shortcomings. He later learns that Condon has contacted CEO [James Smith McDonnell](#) on August 1, 1968, and tried to get him fired. (Robert M. Wood, "[A Little Physics...A Little Friction: A Close Encounter with the Condon Committee](#)," *IUR* 18, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1993): 6–10; Clark III 1198; Clark IV 1373)
- 1967**, October 14 — 2:30 a.m. Physicist [Lewis E. Hollander Jr.](#) and his wife and son are driving near Mendota, California, when they see a reddish-orange light source hovering close to the road. They then notice a triangular shape beneath the light. Thirty seconds later it moves upward to the west, increasing its speed. The triangular shape fades, and Hollander notices a white glow ("definitely an ionization color") behind it. It disappears at an extreme altitude after 3 minutes. (NICAP case file)
- 1967**, October 14 — 7:45 p.m. A father and son are returning from a fishing trip when they notice an odd orange object like a "haystack on fire" landed in the desert near Ouray, Utah. They stop, get out of the car, and watch. The object lifts off immediately, looking like a half-moon in shape and size. It then goes over to the Moon and flies a loop around it, keeping its flat side down. Then it flies across the Moon's face and leaves to the northwest. (Frank B. Salisbury, *The Utah UFO Display*, Devin-Adair, 1974, [pp. 53–55](#); Michael D. Swords, "[We Know Where You Live](#)," *IUR* 30, no. 2 (January 2006): 10)
- 1967**, October 17 — Rep. [Louis C. Wyman](#) (R-N.H.) submits House Resolution 946 for a full UFO investigation by the House Committee on Science and Astronautics. ("[Investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," *Congressional Record*, House, 90th Cong., 1st Sess., October 17, 1967, vol. 113, part 21, p. 28949)
- 1967**, October 18 — 400 individuals attend the first meeting of the UFO Study Group of the All-Union Committee on Cosmonautics of the Russian DOSAAF. Retired Soviet Air Force Maj. Gen. Porfiri Stolyarov is elected chairman

and [Felix Ziegel](#) agrees to be deputy chairman. Members include author [Alexander Kazantsev](#), engineer Arkady Tikhonov, a cosmonaut, 18 scientists, and 200 qualified observers stationed throughout the country. (“[Late News: Official Russian Move on UFOs](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 13, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1967): 2; Hobana and Weverbergh 35; Good Above, [p. 232](#); Mikhail Gershtein, “[A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union](#),” UAP Check, July 6, 2024)

- 1967**, October 21 — 6:16 a.m. Two control tower operators and an observer at the south end of the runway at Blytheville Air Force Base [now Arkansas International Airport] in Blytheville, Arkansas, see two dark oblong objects flying east to west at about 1,200–1,500 feet. They are tracked by RAPCON radar for 2 miles. They make a turn to the southwest and disappear. (NICAP, “[RAPCON Tracks Object, Two Objects Observed from the Ground](#)”; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 60, 75](#))
- 1967**, October 21 — 10:00 p.m. Ivan Ritter, Jerry Bennet, and two other teens are driving east out of Duncan, Oklahoma, on the new State Highway 7. They see something in the road ahead, far out of the range of their headlights. When the driver turns on his high-beam lights, they see three men who seem to fly off the road and disappear. They are about 4 feet tall and wearing tight-fitting blue-green clothing. Their faces appear human, but with large ears. The next morning, Ritter and Bennet look around for evidence at the landing site, but all they find is a small, four-toes footprint in the muddy bottom of a creek bed about 300 feet from the road. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 84–85)
- 1967**, October 22 — Night. Edward Fortney and another real-estate agent are locking up for the night in Charleswood, a suburb of Winnipeg, Manitoba, when they notice a formation of brilliant red, pulsating lights above an adjacent field. They are joined by six other people who have stopped their car to look at the lights. Two similar lights appear and take up a position near the formation. The objects then rise and move away noiselessly in formation. Floating above Canada Highway 100, they appear to change positions, forming a perfect triangle. Fortney looks at them through binoculars and sees dark rectangular objects that the lights are attached to. The formation dips and bobs toward a line of high-voltage towers half a mile away. The three lights in triangular formation break up and form a single file, the wires and towers lighting up with a red glow as they speed over them. They are last seen traveling northwest. On his way home, Fortney experiences a “skullbuster” headache that lasts until midnight. The next day, he visits the site in the field and finds child-like footprints in the moist soil, 7 inches long and under 3 inches wide, leading to and from a peculiar circular pile of fist-sized stones. The heel marks seem deeply impressed in the soil. Fortney also experiences leg and back pain, sunburn on his face and hands, and a yellow-green coating on his tongue. (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 47–50](#))
- 1967**, October 24 — 4:00 a.m. Two police constables, Roger Willey and Clifford Waycott, chase a bright cross-shaped light in their patrol car at 90 mph between Holsworthy and Hatherleigh on the A307 road, Devon, England. The object appears to land behind some trees, but takes off before they can reach the site, though they approach to within 120 feet of the object. The UFO is later observed to rendezvous in the sky with a similar object. Other policemen report a UFO on this day and the following day. (“PCs Play Tag with Light in the Sky,” *Daily Mirror* (UK), October 25, 1967; “The Flying Thing Leaves Two Constables Baffled,” *London Times*, October 25, 1967, p. 1; Bernard Wignall, “[The Okehampton Incident](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 13, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1967): 5; UFOFiles2, [pp. 75–76](#); Geoff Falla, “[The Flying Cross Episode](#),” BUFORA, 2012; Ian Ridpath, “[Devon ‘Flying Cross’ of 1967 Revisited](#),” Ian Ridpath’s UFO Skeptic, March 2021)
- 1967**, October 24 — 9:30 p.m. [Donald Chiszar](#), 13, and Pat Crosier, 10, are sitting on the Crosier front porch in Newfield, New York, when they see a bright disc-like object approach them with its leading edge tilted toward them. On top is a knob-like protuberance with an antenna and hanging beneath the object is a “square box” full of red, green, and white lights. Two humanoid figures and control panels are visible through windows. The object then tilts back and shoots out of sight. Their hand-held radios produce loud static during the sighting. (“[Flap Continues in the States](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 10; Barbara Bell, “[Several in Newfield Area Report UFOs: Investigation Continues](#),” *Ithaca (N.Y.) Journal*, November 10, 1967, p. 11; Condon, [pp. 375–379](#); Richard H. Hall, “[Dyad ‘Scout Craft](#),” *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 23–24; UFOEv II 458)
- 1967**, October 25 — Secretary of State for Defence [Merlyn Rees](#) tells the House of Commons that 153 UFO reports have been received by the ministry in the past 6 months and that “commonplace explanations have been found” for most. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1967**, October 25 — 3:15 p.m. R. G. Putnam, a brakeman on a train running from Truro, Nova Scotia, to Moncton, New Brunswick, when he sees a disc with green vapor billowing from it pacing the train at treetop level near Wentworth Station, Nova Scotia. Putnam feels an intense blast of radiation, forcing him to cover his face with his hands to look at it. The object soon drifts away from the train, tips to a 45° angle, then turns to a vertical position. A jet arrives, seemingly in pursuit, and the object levels out, taking on the appearance of a cigar-shaped cloud.

Both fly out of sight to the west after 35 minutes of observation. One week later, the hair on the back of Putnam's hands disappears, his hands shrivel up, and his eyes are sore and swollen. Two weeks later, his chest and throat get sore. He reports the sighting to the RCMP and the Canadian Forces, but apparently gets no response. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 104–105)

- 1967, October 26 — 4:30 a.m. An engineer is driving a Ford Transit Bus north on the A32 road near Hook, Hampshire, England, when its electrical system fails abruptly. He pulls over and looks at the engine, but the battery is undamaged. While climbing back into the cab, he notices dark object motionless over the road ahead. The ignition still won't respond. A few minutes later, he tries again and both the engine and the radio start up, so he drives on, but a short way down the road the engine fails again. As he gets out, he notices a change of pressure on his eardrums and an electrical smell in the road. The battery is still intact. Once again, he sees the object, a disk with a pointed underside, about 300 feet away and 50–100 feet above the trees. It appears to be 60 feet wide by 30 feet high. He watches it for several minutes until it tilts and moves away at a moderate speed. The engine starts immediately, but he has some difficulty concentrating and has some numbness in his fingers. (R. H. B. Winder, [“Vehicle Stoppage at Hook.”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 13, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1967): 6–7; Bernard E. Finch, [“Physiological Effects on Witness at Hook.”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 13, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1967): 7, 27)
- 1967, October 26 — 11:25 a.m. J. B. W. “Angus” Brooks, a former BOAC pilot and photo interpreter, is walking his Dalmatian and German shepherd at Moigne Downs near Ringstead Bay, Dorset, England. An odd-looking craft descends and hovers at an altitude of 200–300 feet at a distance of about a quarter mile from them for 22 minutes. The German shepherd has been foraging for game; when she returns she seems “distracted” as she stands beside Brooks. Her ears are pricked, indicating she is worried about the sounds she is hearing, although Brooks can detect no sound from the object. The odd-shaped craft has a central round chamber estimated to be 25 feet in diameter and 12 feet thick. Four long slender fuselages (estimated 75 feet long and 8 feet wide) extend from the central chamber. In flight, one of the 4 fuselages leads, while the other three are together in the rear. As the object slows to hover, the fuselages move to form a cross. The object rotates 90°, then remains motionless for 22 minutes despite strong winds. Upon departure, the leading fuselage is not the one that led on approach. The remaining 3 fuselages come together in the rear as on the approach, and the object climbs away with increasing speed. The craft appears translucent, taking on the color of the sky above it. There are dark shadows along the bases of the fuselages and the center chamber. On future visits to this area, the German shepherd appears nervous. ([“‘Flying Cross’ UFOs over Britain.”](#) *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 3 (Nov./Dec. 1967): 3; Angus Brooks, [“Remarkable Sighting near Dorset.”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1968): 3–4; R. H. B. Winder, [“Comment on the Angus Brooks Sighting.”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1968): 4–5; [“Important New Details on Flying Cross.”](#) *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1968): 4–5; Good Above, [pp. 63–64, 455](#); UFOFiles2, [pp. 77–79](#))
- 1967, October 27 — 3:00 a.m. Charlie Little, the pilot of a Piper-Twin Comanche, with two other pilots and a passenger on board, is flying over the Atlantic northeast of Jacksonville, Florida. They see a bright light, which becomes visible as six huge, round, bright-white lights in a horizontal row on a darker object. It approaches on a collision course and is seen to be a gray equilateral triangle with a triangular opening at its center. The object makes an unbanked 180° turn, then takes off and disappears in a flash. (Willy Smith, [“A Huge ‘Open’ Triangular UFO.”](#) *IUR* 9, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1984): 4–6; Philip J. Klass, [“Letter.”](#) *IUR* 10, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1985): 13; [“Charles Little Responds.”](#) *IUR* 10, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1985): 13)
- 1967, October 27 — 3:00 a.m. A waitress driving home in Parshall, North Dakota, sees a large, round, revolving object with alternating triangular areas of coloration. The object is low and moving horizontally an estimated two blocks away. As it paces her car, she sees 2–3 white light beams coming down vertically from the object. Her car drives like it has flat tires or rocks that are hitting the bottom of the chassis. A second witness, police Lt. Glen G. Brunzell, sees a low-altitude, bright round light like a welding-torch that illuminates the ground. The object moves slowly with vertical oscillations and changes color from blue to green-white. It departs vertically, disappearing in 5 seconds. ([“AF Log Reveals Wave.”](#) *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 7 (July/Aug. 1968): 6–7; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 101–102](#); UFOEv II 188)
- 1967, October 27 — 3:30 a.m. Truck driver [Chris R. Helgesen](#) observes a spinning, reddish, round object, about 100 feet in diameter, pace his truck for about half a mile on US Highway 83 north of Max, North Dakota. The object then hovers above a field, paces the truck again, hovers, paces the truck again (stopping when it stops), turns blue, picks up speed, turns green, then shoots away to the southeast, turns yellow, and vanishes. Helgesen has it in view for about one hour. ([“New Close-Ups, Pacings.”](#) *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 5 (March 1968): 3)
- 1967, October 27 — 2:20 p.m. Timothy Robinson, 13, and his family are startled by the roar of a jet aircraft overhead at Winchester, Hampshire, England. He dashes out into the garden and sees two English Electric Lightning fighters fly low overhead. Ahead of the aircraft is a black, mushroom-shaped object streaking away to the west. It changes

direction abruptly to the northwest and disappears into a cloud, climbing steeply and outmaneuvering the Lightnings. (Good Above, [p. 62](#))

1967, October 30 — 9:30 p.m. [Alexander Spargo](#) is traveling alone in his car on the Mayanup–Kojonup Road about 10 miles east of Mayanup in Western Australia at a speed of about 60–65 miles per hour. He is approached by a lighted, football-shaped object that is about 90 feet off the ground. Almost immediately, the car stops dead. However, there is no feeling of deceleration. The vehicle’s motor, lights, and radio go off. Spargo hears no noise. He stares at the object, which is about 30 feet in diameter and glowing a light iridescent blue similar to lightning. A hollow tube of light comes from on the object and immerses the car, stopping at his windshield. The tube seems 2–3 feet in diameter. It is not uncomfortable to the eyes, and he is able to look up the length of the tube. After about 5 minutes, the tube closes off and the object disappears at terrific speed. The moment the object leaves, he finds his vehicle is suddenly going at 60–65 miles per hour again, with no feeling of acceleration. Spargo notices the car’s chronometer is running five minutes slow when he stops in Boyup Brook. (“[Energy Beam Stalls Car in the West](#),” *Australian Flying Saucer Review* (VUFORS), no. 8 (1968): 18; Keith Basterfield, “[Boyup Brook Revisited](#),” *UFO Research Australia Newsletter* 4, no. 1 (July/Aug. 1983): 3–6; Keith Basterfield, Vladimir Godic, and Pony Godic, “[Australian UFOlogy: A Review](#),” *JUFOS* 2 (1990): 27–28; Keith Basterfield, “[Cold Case Investigation: Boyup Brook WA, 30 Oct 1967](#),” Unidentified Aerial Phenomena—Scientific Research, September 23, 2012; Keith Basterfield, “[Police Report on the Boyup Brook Encounter, Uncovered](#),” Unidentified Aerial Phenomena—Scientific Research, August 29, 2017; Powell, *Scientist*, 102; Clark IV 1217–1218)

1967, November — Ufologist [Ted Bloecher](#) privately publishes a massive *Report on the UFO Wave of 1947*, detailing 853 reports gleaned from his years of research into newspaper archives in June–July 1947. The preface is written by [James E. McDonald](#). (Ted Bloecher, [Report on the UFO Wave of 1947](#), The Author, 1967)

1967, November 2 — 9:30 p.m. Navajo ranch hands Willie Begay and Guy Tossie, both 23, are driving south of Ririe, Idaho, on US Highway 26 when they are blinded by a flash of light. Their car comes to a stop, and immediately in front of them they see an object 6–8 feet in diameter and 3 feet thick, hovering 5 feet off the ground and shaped like two saucers joined together. Around the rim is a row of alternately flashing orange and green lights. On top is a transparent dome, where two small entities are visible. The dome flips open, and one occupant floats out and approaches the car. It is 3 feet tall, bald, with ears set high on its head, round eyes, and a mouth like a slit. It is wearing tight-fitting coveralls and carries a pack on its back. It opens the car door and sits behind the wheel as Begay and Tossie move in horror to the right. The car begins to move as if fastened to the craft into a field of wheat stubble where Tossie gets out and runs toward the farmhouse of [Willard Hammon](#) for help, followed by another entity apparently holding a light. Begay stays in the front seat of the car with the first entity, who tries to communicate with him, twice saying something in a high, chirruping voice. The second entity returns, and the two float back to the craft, which rises and departs, a yellow flame-like light coming from the bottom. Hammon lets Tossie inside his farmhouse, where he eventually calms down and tells his story. They go back to the site, where they find Begay in a state of shock in the car. At 11:30 p.m., an anonymous witness driving between Ririe and Rigby, Idaho, sees a landed UFO with a small occupant who stops the car and taps on the side window. (“[NICAP Panel Studies Occupant Reports](#),” *UFO Investigator* 5, no. 1 (Sept./Oct. 1969): 5–6; “[The Year We Were Invaded without Knowing It](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1969): 3, 14–16; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., [Strange Effects from UFOs](#), NICAP, 1969, pp. 23–27; UFOEv II 458–459, 480–482; Clark III 1009–1010; Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, pp. 145–147; Clark IV 1123–1124)

1967, November 5 — 3:40 a.m. A dairy farm employee at Centeno, Santa Fe, Argentina, sees a bluish light come from the west and land silently on the ground about 1,900 feet away. It remains there 2–3 minutes before departing. A companion further away also sees the object. After the sun comes up, they find an oval mark, 20 feet by 13 feet, on the spot where the pasture is dry and flattened. Another mark is found in an adjacent field a couple weeks later. (Roberto A. Ferrari, “[Possible Landings at Centeno, Argentina](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 16 (August 1971): 13–14)

1967, November 6 — 1:30 a.m. On a section of the A338 road [now B3347] south of Sopley, Hampshire, England, truck driver Karl Farlow (or Barlow) finds that the lights on his diesel truck have failed. As he pulls over, he sees a glowing, 15-foot-wide, egg-shaped UFO that moves slowly across the road from the right, passes slowly to the left, then speeds up and disappears. The object makes a sound like a refrigerator and gives off a smell like a drill boring through wood. Before it goes away, a Jaguar sports car comes from the opposite direction, and its engine stalls and lights fail. The UFO glows a vivid green color. The diesel engine is not affected. The driver of the Jaguar is a veterinary surgeon, and he and Farlow call the police from a nearby call box. The witnesses note that there are marks on the ground and the road surface seems to have melted. The veterinarian’s girl passenger is taken to a hospital suffering from shock. A week later, Farlow notices that a 200-foot stretch of the road at the

- encounter site has been completely resurfaced and the call box has been repainted. (NICAP, “[Disabled Engine Continues to Run](#)”; Roy Winstanley, “[Now the UFOs Are Stopping the Traffic](#),” *Spacelink* 5, no. 1 (December 1967): wrap; “[Landings on Increase](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1967, pp. 1, 3; Good Above, [pp. 64–65](#))
- 1967**, November 7 — Secretary of State for Defence [Merlyn Rees](#) tells the House of Commons that the Ministry of Defence examines UFO reports “in the light of their possible air defence implications.” It has examined 625 reports from January 1, 1959 to September 30, 1967, and 555 were found to have mundane explanations. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1967**, November 8 — 3:30–4:00 a.m. A business executive is driving a 1964 Chrysler convertible near Lake Elsinore, California, when his lights go out, the car stops, and the radio goes out. He feels a strong pressure on his head and shoulders. He then notices a red-orange object 30 feet in diameter hovering in the road ahead at about 160 feet in altitude. It has rotating lights around its rim. The object hovers about 90 seconds before it takes off into the fog. The lights return, the radio works again, and he is able to start the car. NICAP investigators find that the clock had stopped at 3:46 a.m., some spots where the paint is easy to rub off, and small pits in the paint and glass. The back window has a distortion in it that the driver has not noticed before. When [Roy Craig](#) interviews him for the Condon Committee at the scene of the sighting, the witness adjusts his story, saying the UFO was more like 55 feet in diameter and flew above the car at 50–75 feet. Craig tests the car’s hood and trunk for magnetic anomalies and compares his results with another car of the same make and model. He finds that the “Chrysler had experienced no reorientation of its magnetic signature, as one might expect if the car had been subjected to a strong magnetic field.” (Condon, [pp. 380–385](#); Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, pp. 66–67)
- 1967**, November 8 — MP [Peter Mills](#) asks about UFO sightings in Devon, England, in the UK House of Commons and receives assurances from Under-Secretary of State for Defence [Merlyn Rees](#), who says that the October 24 police chase involved either aircraft or the planet Venus. Mills asks if the ministry consulted scientists about the sightings, and Rees replies that both scientists and psychologists have been consulted. (Good Above, [pp. 65–66](#); Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1967**, November 8 — Through unrelenting pressure by British ufologist [Julian J. A. Hennessey](#), the Ministry of Defence and RAF UFO files are no longer discarded every five years as of transitory interest. The MoD confirms that it will retain its remaining UFO documents. Further pressure to retain files comes in 1970 from MP [John Langford-Holt](#). (David Clarke, “[Briefing Document: Unidentified Flying Objects \(UFOs\)](#),” August 2011; UFOFiles2, [pp. 114–115](#))
- 1967**, November 9 — Under-Secretary of State for Defence [Merlyn Rees](#) tells the House of Commons that the Ministry of Defence received 274 UFO reports from January 1, 1966, to September 30, 1967, and 37 of these reports remain unexplained due to insufficient information. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1967**, November 10 — Stolyarov and [Ziegel](#), speaking on Russian Central TV, encourage viewers to send their first-hand accounts in to the newly formed Soviet UFO Study Group. The response is overwhelming and embarrassing to the DOSAAF All-Union Committee of Cosmonautics. Army Gen. A. L. Getman dissolves the UFO Study Group by the end of November. (Wikipedia, “[Felix Ziegel](#)”; Joe Brill, “[UFO’s behind the Iron Curtain](#),” *Skylook*, no. 86 (January 1975): 14; Good Above, [p. 233](#); Mikhail Gershtein, “[A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union](#),” UAP Check, July 6, 2024)
- 1967**, November 13 — [Condon](#), [Low](#), and editor Harriet Hunter meet to discuss the final University of Colorado report. Condon deliberately excludes the other senior staff because he is now insisting on no old cases and no “case book.” He insists on including everything in which the Colorado project participated in, even phone calls. He wants to write a section on the harm done by irresponsible UFO authors. The meeting ends with a roughed-out list of subject sections and authors. Condon reserves writing the summary and methodology sections himself. He assigns to Hunter the job of selecting which cases are included and how they are written up (perhaps he no longer trusts Low to do this). (Swords 326–328)
- 1967**, November 14 — [Keyhoe](#) writes separate letters to [Condon](#) and [Low](#), asking if they will agree to examine NICAP’s cases, but he makes it clear that he has little confidence in the project’s impartiality. (Clark III 1196; Eghigian, *After*, p. 204; Clark IV 1370)
- 1967**, November 15 — Canadian Forces Wing Commander [Douglas F. Robertson](#) prepares a 28-page briefing document, *CDS Briefing on Unidentified Flying Objects*, on the status of UFO sightings in Canada to Gen. [Jean Victor Allard](#), Chief of the Defence Staff. It reviews facts and procedures and describes cases that have been handled within the ministry, including the Falcon Lake and Shag Harbour cases, as well as the Warren Smith photo. Robertson advises that UFO sightings are taking up too much of the military’s time, but that the scientific community, specifically the University of Toronto Institute of Aerospace Studies, might find them interesting. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 24–59)

- 1967**, November 15 — The crew of Quebecair Flight 650 sees a bright object at the end of the runway at Sept-Îles Airport, Quebec. It is as large as a star and stationary. (Good Above, [p. 200](#))
- 1967**, November 17 — 6:00 p.m. David Seewaldt, 13, is crossing a vacant lot in Calgary, Alberta. He hears a high-pitched sound and sees a silvery gray UFO the size of a house about to land. A beam of light shoots from it, putting him in a “trance” and pulling him into the craft, where he meets two hideous-looking entities with brown crocodile skin, slits for mouths, and holes for noses and ears. They wear no clothes and have hands with only four fingers. They take Seewaldt’s clothes off and lead him into another room where one studies his hair, eyes, and nose. An orange ceiling light is directed on him and he is given a shot with a small needle. The entities dress him again and beam him back to the field. He runs home in a state of terror and hides under the bed. All conscious memory of the event vanishes until 5 months later, when it returns in a dream. In 1968 he is hypnotically regressed by a Dr. Masson of the University of Alberta. (“[Similar Incident at Calgary](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 2, no. 8 (1973/1974): 6–7; W. K. Allan, “[Crocodile-Skinned Entities at Calgary](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 6 (April 1975): 25–26; John Magor, *Our UFO Visitors*, Hancock House, 1977, pp. 165–169; John Brent Musgrave, “[The Behavior and Origins of Canadian UFO Occupants and Critters](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 4, no. 7 (Summer 1978): 20, 22; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 83–88](#); “[David Seewaldt](#),” *etcetrasetcetras*, June 13, 2008; Clark III 280; Randle, 1973, pp. 48–49; Clark IV 320)
- 1967**, Late November — Night. A large, illuminated hemispherical object appears low over the shore of the Baltic Sea near Liepāja, Latvia. Its light is difficult to look at with the naked eye. Later it begins to move and quickly vanishes over the horizon. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia’s USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 171)
- 1967**, November 21 — 4:30 p.m. David V. Marin sees an object that looks like an upside-down candle from his backyard at the edge of Poienarii Burchii, Romania. He watches it for 10 minutes as it hovers at about 90 feet. It starts moving slowly northwest and its tail elongates. (Romania 15–16)
- 1967**, November 22 — [David R. Saunders](#) pays [Keyhoe](#) a surprise visit in Washington, D.C., and allows him to photocopy the [Low](#) memorandum, saying it should be shared with the NICAP board. Roger Harkins hears about the memo about the same time. (UFOs Yes, 179, 193–194; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 365)
- 1967**, November 22 — MP [Patrick Wall](#) asks the UK Secretary of State for Defence [Merlyn Rees](#) what exchange of UFO information between the UK, US, and Russian governments is taking place. Rees replies that the ministry is in touch with the Americans but not the Russians. (Good Above, [p. 66](#); Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1967**, November 22 — 12:30 p.m. Ladislau Schmidt is sitting in his kitchen in Petrila, Romania, with the outside door open. Suddenly his chickens run inside the house, terrified. Looking up, he sees a silvery disc-shaped object with a dome and antennas hovering at 15,000 feet. It rotates and moves away at high speed to the northwest until it is out of sight. (Hobana and Weverbergh 166–167)
- 1967**, November 22 — 4:25 p.m. US Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. [John Rich Butler](#) and copilot Lt. John H. Gould are flying 10 miles off the New Hampshire coastline when they see an object like a white rocket flying with a lateral motion. It first moves upward for 2 seconds at the rear of the aircraft. It reappears and disappears twice, then another object that looks like a light aircraft with an unusual white, flashing light passes above them at a distance of 100–200 feet. Gould has the impression it has swept wings. (NICAP case file; Jan L. Aldrich, “[Updated Draft Catalogue of UFOs/USOs Reported by Seagoing Services, NavCat 2.0, 1964–2007](#),” 2015)
- 1967**, November 24 — Canadian Wing Commander D. F. Robertson, after advocating that the RCAF transfer its UFO files to the National Research Council, writes a memo urging the NRC to work with the University of Toronto and the Department of National Defence in investigating Canadian UFO reports. (Good Above, [p. 192](#))
- 1967**, November 27 — [David R. Saunders](#) talks with [James E. McDonald](#) by telephone, telling him that Condon and Low are biased against the extraterrestrial hypothesis. McDonald suggests the group write an alternative final report in favor of the ETH and suggest the creation of a new organization for the scientific study of UFOs. (Eghigian, *After*, p. 204)
- 1967**, November 30 — Allen R. Utke, Wisconsin State University–Oshkosh assistant professor of chemistry, writes [Gerald Ford](#) in support of House Resolution 946 sponsored by Rep. [Louis C. Wyman](#), remarking that the UFO “phenomenon *could* be of great importance and concern to this country.” (Bill Murphy, “[The Swamp Gas Aftermath: Some Notes from the Gerald Ford Files](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 2 (July 2010): 14)
- 1967**, Late 1967 — The Institute for Aerospace Studies at the University of Toronto, Ontario, begins a UFO study. By October 1968, it is on the verge of collapse for “lack of something to investigate.” The study terminates in 1970, but no report on its findings is ever released. (Arthur Bray, “[Government Cover-Up Exposed](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 2 (1975): 20)

- 1967, December — The Soviet Academy of Sciences' Physics Department, led by [Lev Artsimovich](#), passes a resolution denouncing studying of UFOs as such. The Soviet UFO Study Group is effectively neutered. (Wikipedia, "[Felix Ziegel](#)"; Hobana and Weverbergh 36–37)
- 1967, December — [Hynek](#)'s article, "The UFO Gap," appears in *Playboy* magazine, in which he ponders what the Soviet Union might be doing about its own UFO sightings. Along the way, he suggests that the Colorado UFO project analyze UFO cases based on two factors: the strangeness of the event and the credibility of the witnesses. He also encourages the creation of a 24-hour hotline for UFO cases, where police would be dispatched immediately to the scene of a sighting. (J. Allen Hynek, "[The UFO Gap](#)," *Playboy*, December 1967, pp. 144–146, 267–271; O'Connell 223–225; Graff 216–217; Eghigian, *After*, p. 200)
- 1967, December 1 — [Condon](#) and [Low](#) write [Keyhoe](#) back separately and do not commit to looking at the NICAP UFO reports, although they praise NICAP's assistance. ("[The Colorado Project Report](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1968): 5; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 363–364)
- 1967, December 2 — 9:30 p.m. A lieutenant-major in the Romanian army is on duty in the radar station at Băneasa Airfield [now Aurel Vlaicu International Airport] near Bucharest, Romania, when he goes outside to observe an airplane. But the supposed aircraft is a strong, stationary light 30–40° in the north that descends rapidly, ascends again, moves left to right, then descends again. Through binoculars it looks conical or bullet shaped. Dozens of other personnel watch it until it disappears around 11:30 p.m. (Hobana and Weverbergh 176–177)
- 1967, December 3 — Early a.m. Police Sgt. [Herbert Schirmer](#) checks on restless cattle twice at a barn near Ashland, Nebraska. At 2:30 a.m. he is driving on US Highway 6 when he notices some red lights along State Route 63 that might be a stalled truck. He drives a short distance up that road and stops with his headlights shining on the object. The red lights are blinking through the windows of a disc hovering at a tilt 150 feet away and 6–8 feet above the road. It looks made of shiny, polished aluminum. It ascends slowly with a sort of siren sound and emits a flamelike substance from the bottom. His head sticking out the window, Schirmer watches it pass overhead then shoot up out of sight. He drives back to the police station and writes in the log book, "Saw a flying saucer at the junction of highways 6 and 63. Believe it or not!" He is puzzled to see it is 3:00 a.m. He gets a headache and a buzzing noise in his head. He also has a red welt below one of his ears. In the morning, Chief Bill Wlaskin goes to the site and finds a piece of metal that he shows to Colorado project investigators. It turns out to be composed of iron and silicon. On February 13, 1968, Schirmer is hypnotized in Boulder, Colorado, by [R. Leo Sprinkle](#). During the session he remembers that his car engine and radio failed, and a blurry white object came out of the UFO and communicated with him telepathically. He is taken on board by aliens (who first ask him, "Are you the watchman over this place?"). They are humanoids, 4–5 feet tall with long heads, gray-white skin, and cat-like eyes. They wear silver-gray helmets with small antennas on the left side of the ear area. Their uniforms and gloves are the same color. An unusual feature of this case is the emblem of a winged serpent on the left breast of each entity's uniform. The Colorado project comes to a predictable conclusion: "Evaluation of psychological assessment tests, the lack of any evidence, and interviews with the patrolmen left project staff with no confidence that the trooper's reported UFO experience was physically real." Schirmer undergoes hypnosis again on June 8, 1968, and more details emerge. ("[Hypnotized Policeman Reports Encounter](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 5 (March 1968): 1; Condon, pp. 389–391; Story, pp. 318–319; UFOEv II 530–532; Michael D. Swords, "[Too Close for Condon: Close Encounters of the 4th Kind](#)," *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 3–4; "[Police Officer Herbert Schirmer Abduction](#)," *UFO Evidence*, 2006; Kevin D. Randle, "[The Schirmer Abduction](#)," *A Different Perspective*, October 13, 2008; Wendy Connors, "Cops and Saucers: Law Enforcement and UFO's, 1957–1981 Guide," November 20, 2013, audioclips [27](#), [28](#); Clark III 1034–1038; Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, pp. 147–149; Randle, 1973, pp. 46–48; "[Police Officer Herbert Schirmer Talks about Being Taken Onboard a UFO, Nebraska, December 3, 1967](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, August 19, 2022; Clark IV 1149–1153)
- 1967, December 5 — 10:30 p.m. Six teenagers returning from a basketball game in Concordia, Kansas, detour to drive by a cemetery. They see a light blinking in the sky ahead, moving in an up-and-down motion to the north. It appears to be flashing different colors or rotating. They follow it for about two miles, hoping for a better look. (Condon, pp. 391–394)
- 1967, December 8 — 7:40 p.m. Marilyn Wilding, 15, goes out on her front step in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to look for a friend. A light reflecting on the snow on the ground causes her to look up, and she sees a brightly lit circular object "about as big as a car" hovering above the house. The object then tips and rotates so she can see it has a transparent dome on top. Inside the dome are two indistinct figures. The object rotates clockwise, maintaining its inclination. It begins moving away; as it recedes into the distance, its light dims and turns orange. (UFOEv II 459, 482; Northern Ontario UFO Research and Study, "[Circular Object with Dome and Two 'Figures' Inside](#)"; Patrick Gross, "[Falls, Idaho, December 8, 1967](#)")

- 1967, December 10** — 1:00 a.m. [Thomas F. Monteleone](#) is driving alone on an interstate highway in Maryland when a UFO lands and blocks his way. Two human-like aliens approach him, smiling, and one introduces him as Vadig from the planet Lanulos, the same one described by [Woodrow Derenberger](#). Vadig contacts him two months later in a restaurant, dressed as an ordinary human, then gives him a ride to Lanulos in a UFO. Monteleone later confirms it was a prank, and he comes to regret the publicity and harassment that the hoax generates. (John A. Keel, *The Mothman Prophecies*, Tor ed., 1991, pp. 193–197; Woodrow W. Derenberger and Harold W. Hubbard, *Visitors from Lanulos*, Vantage, 1971; Thomas F. Monteleone, “Last Word: The Gullibility Factor,” *Omni*, May 1979), p. 146; Karl T. Pflock, “Anatomy of a UFO Hoax,” *Fate* 33, no. 11 (November 1980): 40–48; Mark Opsasnick, “The Monteleone Contactee Cas and the Route 40 Abduction Corridor,” *Strange Magazine* 15 (Spring 1995): 18–21; Clark III 408; Clark IV 454)
- 1967, December 10** — 7:30 a.m. Psychologist Adina Păun is walking past the Republic Factories in Bucharest, Romania, when she sees a bluish-green object above the plant at about 45°. It has projecting, tapered spines that are as long as half its diameter. It is higher than rain clouds that sometimes obscure it, but lower than high-altitude, fast-moving white clouds. She continues watching it for 15 minutes as she walks along, but it drifts out of sight when she gets home on Magnet Strada. (Hobana and Weverbergh 180)
- 1967, December 12** — Levine, [David R. Saunders](#), and [Mary Lou Armstrong](#) bring [Hynek](#) together with [James McDonald](#) to Denver to discuss forming a new group after the project ends, no matter what its conclusion is. The meeting goes fairly well. After Hynek leaves, McDonald brings up the [Low](#) memorandum. He has apparently heard about it from [Keyhoe](#). Saunders gives him an official copy. Levine approaches [Craig](#) about a separate report, but Craig considers it mutiny. (UFOs Yes, 179–180; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 365; Eghigian, *After*, p. 205)
- 1967, December 12** — The British Embassy in Moscow, Russia, is directed by London to look into British-Russian cooperation in the investigation of UFO reports with Stolyarov’s Soviet UFO Study Group. The embassy does not hear back and does not pursue the subject. (Good Above, pp. 234–235)
- 1967, December 12** — 7:00 p.m. Rita Malley is driving home from work on Route 34 in Newfield, New York, with her young son. She notices a red light behind her. As it draws closer, she sees it is a disc-shaped object as large as a boxcar moving at about 90 feet above the road. Then it passes overhead and causes the car to go off the road into a ditch, and Malley became terrified. Her son in the back seat looks immobilized with his eyes “bugged out.” A white beam emanates from the humming object above her and she hears voices in her head saying that her son would not remember this and that a friend of hers has been killed in a car accident. (This turns out to be true.) The car then moves out of the ditch and back onto the road facing the wrong way. She finds that she can control the car again and speeds home. (Lloyd Mallan, “[Ithaca’s Terrifying Flying Saucer Epidemic](#),” *Science and Mechanics* 39 (July 1968): 30–33, 96–97; T. M. Wright, “UFO’s over Ithaca,” *Fate* 22, no. 2 (February 1969): 44–52)
- 1967, December 13** — 2:00 a.m. As a man is driving near Edmonton, Alberta, his car lights dim and engine sputters. He pulls to the side of the road and opens the hood, when he notices a dome-shaped object hovering 450 feet away. It is metallic, has lights around the edge, and is about 50 feet high. The object rocks back and forth within a range of 10–15 feet but remains above the road. Over the next hour, the car body heats up and the witness’s hair gets hot. His flashlight fails to work. Finally, the object shoots straight up and vanishes in 2–3 seconds. His headlights come back on, but he starts the motor only with difficulty. (Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 39)
- 1967, December 15** — The Silver Bridge over the Ohio River between Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and Gallipolis, Ohio, collapses under the weight of rush-hour traffic, resulting in the deaths of 46 people. (Wikipedia, “[Silver Bridge](#)”)
- 1967, December 16** — [Philip Klass](#), who has heard of [McDonald](#)’s UFO activity in Australia from [Low](#), starts a letter-writing campaign directed at the Office of Naval Research, wanting to know who approved his funding and whether they are funding his forthcoming trip to Europe and Russia. His campaign continues for the next 18 months, bluntly attacking McDonald’s integrity and calling him a habitual liar. (Clark III 700; Clark IV 796)
- 1967, December 19** — In response to a question from MP [John Langford-Holt](#), UK Prime Minister [Harold Wilson](#) tells the House of Commons that he has authorized no inquiries into UFOs outside the military implications. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1967, December 19** — 10:30 p.m. A witness is driving westbound on the east edge of Belleville, Illinois, when he sees a triangular object with a row of square lights on one side. He tries following it and manages to stay roughly beneath it until he loses track of it near Southwestern Illinois College. Because it appears to be heading toward nearby Scott AFB and the witness is familiar with the base, he goes to the control tower there to see if they have tracked anything unusual but they have not. (Marler [204–208](#), [270](#))
- 1967, December 24** — Evening. A couple driving near Tucson, Arizona, see a star-like object fall to earth. Two minutes later, they spot a blob of red light. Their engine and headlights fail. The object approaches the car, passes

overhead, then moves away to the south. The engine and lights come back on as it departs. (Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 39)

- 1967**, December 24 — 8:30 p.m. A faculty member of the Harvard Medical School and several members of his family in Belmont, Massachusetts, see a silently moving, bright orange light. It is joined by a second light one minute later, and a third about 30 seconds after that. He retrieves some binoculars and watches all three. The first two stop about 15°–25° above the horizon and remain still; the third is still moving. Three or four more lights arrive, some hovering, others moving. Two or three of the hovering lights appear to drop smaller lights that flash as they fall. All are orange in color. After about 20 minutes, they have all disappeared. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 45–48; Richard F. Haines, *Project Delta: A Study of Multiple UFO*, 1994, p. 44)
- 1967**, December 25 — Gary Lambert, a college student from Omaha, is driving home when he notices a dimly outlined object with a row of lights hovering above an underpass on the highway between Ashland and Lincoln, Nebraska. That night, he has vivid dreams in which he believes he is contacted by beings aboard the UFO. He suspects he may have experienced an actual abduction, though he has no memory or evidence to confirm it. (Center for UFO Studies, [HUMCAT Index 1967](#), p. 156; Condon, pp. 394–395)
- 1967**, December 27 — 9:00 p.m. Two people are traveling along a back road in Wells Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, when they see three lights on the horizon. They stop the car as the lights approach. They are attached to a domed disc that is following the road at a height of 300–400 feet. As it approaches to within about 3,000 feet, it makes a banking movement that reveals square, fluorescent panels on the bottom. The dome light in their car turns on spontaneously as the whole bottom of the UFO flashes. The two witnesses get back in their truck and drive on, but the object follows them for a while, then moves off toward Elmira, New York. About 20 minutes later, the parents of one witness experience a power failure in their home on Elmira's south side. (Michael D. Swords, "[Unusual Experiences from the Timmerman Files](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 23)
- 1967**, December 29 — 10:35 p.m. C. J. McCready, his wife, and daughter see a round, glowing, sparkling, red object above their home on Briarcliff Road, Atlanta, Georgia. It hovers and drops several trails of a white substance that appear to fall like a liquid as the object moves slowly northwest. It is visible for 5 minutes. (NICAP case file)

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- 1968** — NORAD has control of continental-scale Over the Horizon radars that cover virtually the entire Eurasian continent looking for Russian and Chinese missile launches. (Clark III 807, 811; Clark IV 897–898, 904)
- 1968** — Presbyterian religious scholar [Barry Downing](#) publishes *The Bible and Flying Saucers*, in which he equates Jesus and angels with space visitors and burning bushes, clouds, and [Ezekiel](#)'s chariot with spacecraft. Downing also believes that Jesus left earth in a flying saucer to another planet, or perhaps another spatial dimension, and that a flying vehicle operated by intelligent alien beings was responsible for the parting of the Red Sea. (Barry Downing, *The Bible and Flying Saucers*, Lippincott, 1968; Jerome Clark, "[Vimanas Have Landed: Ancient Astronautics in Ufology](#)," *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 29; Clark III 109; Clark IV 136)
- 1968** — [Frank F. Rand Jr.](#) completes a nine-month investigation into UFOs for the [Lyndon B. Johnson](#) administration. The other members of his team include [Arthur Lundahl](#), Gen. [James T. Stewart](#), [Brockway McMillan](#), "Lee Brockings" (pseudonym), a Dr. Bleakley and a Dr. Losh, and [Clarence "Kelly" Johnson](#). By 2001, Rand had prepared a book-length manuscript, both about his career and the UFO study. Titled "UFOs...Fact or Fiction," it concludes that "There is no doubt that 'UFOs' exist and are under control. Nor, do I doubt that there may well have been some harmless probes sent to our Earth from other civilizations beyond our solar system." (Michael D. Swords, "[Imaging UFOs: Is It Even Possible?](#)" *The Big Study*, June 16, 2015; Keith Basterfield, "[Which Aerospace Company Is Hiding a UAP Black Project?](#)" *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, August 28, 2021)
- 1968** — Science-fiction author [Otto Binder](#) publishes *Flying Saucers Are Watching Us*, which borrows liberally from the theories of engineer [Max W. Flindt](#) (cofounder of the Ancient Astronaut Society), who contends that extraterrestrials had conducted genetic engineering on our apelike ancestors to create modern mankind. Binder writes that space people return every few centuries to interbreed with humans to improve the stock. He follows this up with *Mankind—Child of the Stars* in 1974, coauthored with Flindt. (Otto O. Binder, *Flying Saucers Are Watching Us*, 1968; Jerome Clark, "[Vimanas Have Landed: Ancient Astronautics in Ufology](#)," *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 29; Clark III 109; Clark IV 136)
- 1968** — Italian author [Renato Vesco](#) writes *Intercettatelli Senza Sparare*, making a case that the Germans had developed anti-gravity devices at the end of World War II, testing disc-shaped and tubular craft that were responsible for fog fighters. After the war, these concepts were acquired by the US and Russia, leading directly to functional flying

saucers. (Renato Vesco, *Intercept—But Don't Shoot*, Zebra/Grove, 1971; Marcello Pupilli and Giuseppe Stilo, "[Solitudine di un uomo: Le teorie ufologiche e la vita di Renato Vesco \(1924–1999\)](#)," *UFO Forum*, no. 18 (August 2001): 33–39; Clark III 109)

- 1968** — UFO skeptic and electrical engineer [Philip J. Klass](#) publishes his first UFO book, *UFOs—Identified*, in which he theorizes that sightings are caused by ball lightning and anomalous free-floating plasmas. Klass's plasma hypothesis is not well received by anyone on either side of the UFO debate, who note that Klass is using one unverified phenomenon (his hypothetical plasmas) to explain another unverified phenomenon (UFOs). Klass and physicist [James E. McDonald](#) engage in a bitter, 18-month-long debate, leveling a variety of charges and accusations at one another. In September 1968, Klass writes to McDonald's superiors at the US Navy (McDonald is formally retired from the Navy, but often works with the Office of Naval Research), questioning how McDonald could spend so much time on UFO research and still fulfill the requirements for his atmospheric research grant. This does not result in McDonald losing ONR funding, but it does draw some criticism of Klass from members of the UFO community. (Wikipedia, "[Philip J. Klass](#)"; Philip J. Klass, *UFOs—Identified*, Random House, 1968; Clark III 659; Clark IV 734–735)
- 1968** — Vladimir Godic and Crystal Walsh found UFO Research South Australia, a group committed to use scientific methodology in investigation and research. (Keith Basterfield, Vladimir Godic, and Pony Godic, "[Australian Ufology: A Review](#)," *JUFOS* 2 (1990): 25)
- 1968** — An Australian nuclear physicist attached to the Directorate of Scientific and Technical Intelligence (part of the Joint Intelligence Bureau) cooperates with other defense intelligence scientists to form a "rapid intervention team" to investigate UFO incidents involving physical evidence. The effort lasts until a wave of UFO reports takes place in Western Australia and he is denied further access to RAAF files. (Bill Chalker, "[The UFO Connection: Addendum](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 31, no. 5 (July 1986): 20; Good Above, [p. 166](#))
- 1968** — The Canadian National Research Council, from its base at the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics in Ottawa, Ontario, takes over the collection of UFO reports from the Department of National Defence. It partners with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to do the actual investigations. The NRC's primary interest is in tracking meteors and meteorite falls. Non-meteoritic sightings are kept in a separate file but transferred to the Public Archives of Canada [now Library and Archives of Canada] at the end of every year. (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Canada*, Signet, 1981, [p. 175](#); Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 9–10)
- 1968** — [Fabio Zerpa](#) founds the Organizacion Nacional Investigadora de Fenomenos Espaciales in Buenos Aires, Argentina. It publishes a monthly magazine, *Cuarta Dimension*. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 233](#))
- 1968** — Early morning. The captain and another seaman of the Swiss-flag cargo ship *Grichuna*, traveling south through the Atlantic Ocean off Palm Beach, Florida, notice an underwater object with 10–15 lights at a depth of 33–50 feet some 100–130 feet from the ship on its landward side. It is moving twice as fast as the ship and crosses its bow at a 30° angle. ("[Sea Captain Recalls 1968 USO Sighting](#)," UFO Casebook, January 26, 2007; Dolan, USO1, 324–325)
- 1968** (or 1969) — 9:00 p.m. A Polish Air Force pilot takes off from Warsaw Modlin Airport, Poland, in a MiG-21 for a short, routine mission. Soon he sees two identical white discs, about 6–10 feet in diameter, moving at the same altitude and speed as his MiG. His wingman also sees them. He approaches to within 50 feet of them. During the 5-minute encounter, radio contact with the controller is lost and contact between the two pilots deteriorates. Four UFOs follow the two MiGs for another 3–6 miles, then they accelerate and overtake them, disappearing ahead. (Poland 65)
- Early 1968** — Four artillerymen stationed at the naval garrison at Lüda [now Dalian], Liaoning, China, see a luminous, gold, oval-shaped object that leaves a thin trail in the air. It climbs steeply at high speed and disappears. When it begins to climb, all communications and radar systems fail, nearly causing an accident in the fleet. The naval patrol goes on alert, and the fleet commander orders his men to prepare for combat. After 30 minutes, comms and radar return to normal. A two-man coast guard patrol allegedly sees the UFO land on the south coast and fires at it with automatic weapons. (Wendelle Stevens and Paul Dong, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archive, 1983, pp. 48–49)
- Early 1968** — Early evening. Valentina Flores discovers a strange net of plastic covering the corral where she keeps her sheep in the small village of Otoco, near Uyuni, Bolivia. Inside is a 4-foot-tall humanoid figure, dressed in a bulky spacesuit, killing her sheep with a hooked instrument and dumping their entrails into a bag. She tries to stop it by throwing stones. The figure then walks over to a box-like instrument, turns a wheel, and the netting is sucked into the box. Flores approaches the entity, which throws the instrument at her, cutting her arms, although it returns to its hands. The humanoid gathers up the box and the bag and disappears from sight. Police count 34 dead sheep,

each missing a portion of its digestive organs. (Oscar A. Galíndez, "[Violent Humanoid Encountered in Bolivia](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1970): 15–17; Clark III 138–139; Clark IV 166)

- 1968**, January — John Harney and Alan W. Sharp launch a new publication, *Merseyside UFO Bulletin* (MUFOB), in Liverpool, England, as an independent publication from the openly skeptical newsletter begun by the Merseyside UFO Research Group. John Rimmer assumes the post of associate editor with the third issue. ([Merseyside UFO Bulletin](#) 1, No. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1968); Clark III 706; "[History of Magonia](#)," *Magonia* Archive; Clark IV 772)
- 1968**, January 2 — 4:30 p.m. Errol Smythe [Earl Smith?], 17, and Tommy Banks, 15, of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada, are touring the lower slopes of Grey Mountain on the outskirts of town in their Skidoo snowmobiles. It starts to get dark and they both have their lights on. At the top of the hill they see a bright moving light. Smythe looks back, thinking the light must be coming from the snowmobile of his friend, Tommy. But there above the trees is a bright egg-shaped object with luminous bands of red and orange-yellow. In the center these bands seem to merge and pulsate. The boys feel heat from the object and Tommy has the impression his snowmobile has slowed down. Flying silently and evidently interested in what the boys are doing, the object remains in sight for several seconds before disappearing behind the trees. Unknown to the pair, a similar object was seen over Atlin Lake some 100 miles away the previous evening. (Library and Archives Canada, "[Record Group: Royal Canadian Mounted Police](#)," reports for Whitehorse, January 2, 1968; John Magor, "[Strange Sights in Yukon Sky](#)," *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1969): 1–3)
- 1968**, January 8 — Around 11:55 p.m. Mrs. Robert LeChance and Gertrude Gifford are watching TV in Jackson Township, New Jersey, when their TV sets fade out and the lights dim. They see an orange, bowl-shaped object moving up and down behind the tree line. ("[French General, Scientists, Report UFOs](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 6 (May/June 1968): 3)
- 1968**, January 15 — The USAF Air Defense Command is renamed the Aerospace Defense Command. (Wikipedia, "[Aerospace Defense Command](#)")
- 1968**, January 15 — 7:25 a.m. Two farmers driving a truck near Three Hills, Alberta, see an object that looks "like a stunted dill pickle," greenish-blue in color and silent. Another truck stops and they point out the object to the others, who say it looks like a flying saucer. They contact the Calgary Airport, but officials there have had no reports. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 60–62, 63–64)
- 1968**, January 15 — 9:00 p.m. Janice, Denise, and Lori Achzehner are playing records in Villa Park, Illinois, when their father's "Saucer Seeker" UFO detector goes off. They run outside and see a large orange light hovering near the house. For 45 minutes they watch as a series of 6 objects fly in and out of the area. Through binoculars they can see that the objects are triangular or cone-shaped, no more than a mile away, and 500–1,500 feet high. As they watch, one of the objects approaches a commercial airliner, makes a 180° turn without slowing, then follows the aircraft until they are out of sight. ("[Use of Detectors in Spotting UFO](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1968, p. 7)
- 1968**, January 19 — [McDonald](#) calls [Low](#) on the phone and expresses his concerns about the project. The two reach an impasse in a heated conversation. Low tells McDonald to wait until the report comes out before lodging any criticisms. (UFOs Yes, 185; Swords 328; Clark III 1197; Eghigian, *After*, p. 206; Clark IV 1371)
- 1968**, January 20 — 6:00 p.m. Police deputies Bias Fortes and Pinheiro Chagas are driving 9 miles outside of Brasília, Brazil, when they see a triangular UFO. They stop and get out to observe it better and watch it hover for 5 minutes. It accelerates suddenly and speeds to the southwest. ("[First Sightings of 1968 in Brazil](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Jan./Feb. 1968, p. 3)
- 1968**, January 20 — 11:00 p.m. Robert Ballard and his wife Lynn are visiting his parents near Vermillion, South Dakota. Robert goes outside to warm up his car for the trip home. He sees a large object and calls to his father to come outside. They watch a big ball of red and orange fire to the east. At first they think it is the moon and go inside, but as Robert and Lynn are leaving, the object gives off a flash, and one of the dogs begins barking vigorously. They drive toward the object, which seems to be flickering in a field. It seems to be spinning and is 20 feet above the ground, sometimes less. When Ballard turns onto State Highway 50, the UFO, about 30 feet in diameter, starts following them. He accelerates to 60 mph and the object jumps to just behind their car. At one point it is hovering only 3 feet above an intersection. It keeps following them at telephone height, even though Ballard speeds up to 110 mph. After another car goes by them, the object speeds up and heads straight toward them from behind. Soon it rises and disappears to the east. ("[New Close-Ups, Pacings](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 5 (March 1968): 3; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., [Strange Effects from UFOs](#), NICAP, 1969, pp. 37–38)
- 1968**, January 21 — A fire breaks out in the navigator's compartment of a USAF B-52 near Thule Air Base, Greenland. The bomber crashes 7 miles from the air base, causing the non-nuclear explosives aboard to detonate and rupturing and dispersing its nuclear payload of four hydrogen bombs carried on an ongoing (since 1960) Operation Chrome Dome alert mission to deter a Soviet nuclear first strike. The recovery and decontamination

effort is complicated by Greenland's harsh weather. Contaminated ice and debris are buried at the Savannah River plant in South Carolina. Bomb fragments are recycled by Pantex, in Amarillo, Texas. The incident causes outrage and protests in Denmark. USAF Strategic Air Command Chrome Dome operations are discontinued immediately after the accident, which highlights the safety and political risks of the missions. Safety procedures are reviewed and more stable explosives are developed for use in nuclear weapons. A BBC News report in 2008 seems to confirm through declassified documents and interviews with those involved that one nuclear bomb was lost. However, the Danish Institute for International Studies concludes in August 2009 that there is no missing bomb and that the US underwater operation was a search for the uranium-235 of the fissile core of a secondary, a small object one half meter long. For the first time, the report is able to present an estimate of the amount of plutonium contained in the pits of the primaries. (Wikipedia, "[1968 Thule Air Base B-52 crash](#)"; Wikipedia, "[Operation Chrome Dome](#)")

- 1968**, January 21 — [David R. Saunders](#) and Levine convince others on the UFO project that [Condon](#) and [Low](#) should not be confronted with the Low memorandum through the media, but that "it should be made public from inside the project." (Eghigian, *After*, p. 206)
- 1968**, January 22 — In response to a question by MP [Teddy Taylor](#), UK Secretary of State for Defence [Merlyn Rees](#) writes that the total number of reports for 1967 "reflects a wave of public interest in UFOs, reaching a peak toward the end of the year," and that unexplained sightings (only 46 out of 362) are due to lack of sufficient information. (Good Above, [p. 66](#); Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1968**, January 26 — A-12 pilot [Jack Weeks](#) is dispatched from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan, on a sortie to locate the [USS Pueblo](#), which has been captured by North Korean forces on January 23. His photographs pinpoint the *Pueblo's* exact location in the harbor of Changjahwan Bay near Wonsan, North Korea. Instead of war plans, the US proceeds with negotiations for the return of the crew. (Jacobsen, *Area 51*, [pp. 271–274](#))
- 1968**, January 31 — [McDonald](#) sends [Low](#) a 7-page, single-spaced letter, citing [Condon's](#) negative statements, his preoccupation with crackpot elements, Condon's failure to conduct any investigations himself, the lack of communication between Low and Condon and the active investigators, and the failure of the project to take seriously any assertions of cover-up. He mentions Low's memorandum, saying "I am rather puzzled by the viewpoints expressed there." He concludes: "I am not opposed to negative findings—on UFOs or other scientific questions; what bothers me is that it appears that these negative findings were being adumbrated as early as January 1966, and perhaps even earlier." He sends a copy to the project's open files. (UFOs Yes, 185–187; Clark III 1197; Eghigian, *After*, p. 206; Clark IV 1371)
- 1968**, January 31 — Morning. At Lajes Air Base on Terceira in the Azores, a Portuguese military watchman, Serafim Vieira Sebastião, notices a strange interference on his transistor radio. Looking around, he sees an oval metallic object surmounted by a transparent tower on top of which is a small balustrade on which two beings are leaning. The silhouettes of two more beings are visible in the tower. The object is hovering above a munitions dump. Serafim phones one of the other sentries then shines his flashlight on the machine. As he does so, the men on the tower see him. The object emits a cloud of gaseous dust that overpowers him. When his colleague finds him a few minutes later, the object has vanished. ("[OVNI com quatro seres ataca guarda açoriano](#)," *Insólito*, no. 13 (June 1976); Nuno Alves, "[O Caso Ilha Terceira \(31 de Janeiro de 1968\) Serafim Vieira Sebastião](#)," UFO Portugal, October 28, 2017)
- 1968**, February — Canada's National Research Council agrees to become the official government archive for existing and future UFO reports. The files are kept in an office of the Council's Upper Atmosphere Section (Astrophysics Branch) in Ottawa, Ontario. But the NRC does not investigate reports. (Gregory M. Kanon, "[UFOs and the Canadian Government](#)," *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 7 (Spring 1976): 18; Good Above, [p. 192](#))
- 1968**, February — [Felix Ziegel](#), Soviet cosmologist and assistant professor at the Moscow Aviation Institute, Russia, writes an article on UFOs for *Soviet Life* with reports supplied by Novosti. He mentions four UFO reports and concludes that they could be extraterrestrial in origin. He thinks the 1908 Tunguska event is a remarkable UFO case and reveals that the USSR established a "UFO Section of the All-Union Cosmonautics Committee" in October 1967. Ziegel soon afterwards receives a letter from [Edward Condon](#), the director of the University of Colorado UFO Project, suggesting that the Soviet and the American groups should cooperate, starting with an information exchange. Ziegel and 12 other members of his group sign a letter requesting the Soviet government to create a state-sponsored organization that would coordinate all the UFO research in the country. Next month he receives an official negative response. (Wikipedia, "[Felix Ziegel](#)"; Felix Ziegel, "[Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," *Soviet Life*, no. 137 (February 1968): 27–29; Central Intelligence Agency, "[Nothing But the Facts on UFOs, or Which Novosti Writer Do You Read?](#)" April 9, 1968)

- 1968**, February — Swiss author [Erich von Däniken](#) writes *Erinnerungen an die Zukunft*, translated into English as *Chariots of the Gods?*, the first of several books setting out the “ancient astronaut” hypothesis in which ancient gods are space visitors, *Homo sapiens* was created by cross-breeding or genetic engineering, nuclear wars were fought in the ancient world, and monuments were built by levitation. He will continue writing and expanding on his views through 2021. (Erich von Däniken, [Chariots of the Gods?](#) Bantam, 1973; Wikipedia, “[Chariots of the Gods?](#)”; Barry Thiering and Edgar W. Castle, [Some Trust in Chariots: Sixteen Views on Erich von Däniken’s Chariots of the Gods?](#) Bailey Brothers & Swinfen, 1973; Richard R. Lingeman, “[Erich von Däniken’s Genesis](#),” *New York Times*, March 31, 1974, p. 6; Ronald Story, [The Space-Gods Revealed: A Close Look at the Theories of Erich von Däniken](#), Harper & Row, 1976; Jerome Clark, “[Vimanas Have Landed: Ancient Astronautics in Ufology](#),” *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 29–30; Wiktor Stoczowski, *Des hommes, des dieux et des extraterrestres: Ethnologie d’une croyance modern*, Flammarion, 1999, pp. 45–49; Clark III 110; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 179–180; Clark IV 137–138)
- 1968**, February 4 — 7:20 p.m. About 200 residents of Redlands, California, see or hear a huge, low-flying, disc-shaped object as it passes overhead. The UFO is about 50 feet in diameter, with seven lights on its base emitting bright orange flame. Some 8–10 other lights on its rim alternate red and green, giving the impression that the object is rotating. A minister recording his sermon captures a high-pitched, modulated, whining sound from the UFO on tape. The UFO apparently descends just west of Columbia Street and north of Colton Avenue, then proceeds to the northwest for about a mile at an altitude of 300 feet. Coming to a stop, it hovers briefly, jerks forward, hovers again, then shoots straight up in a burst of speed. The object is not detected on radar at Norton AFB [now closed] near San Bernardino or March AFB [now March Air Reserve Base] in Riverside County. An investigation is conducted for APRO by four University of Redlands faculty: [Philip Seff](#) (geology), Judson Sanderson (math), Reinhold Krantz (math), and [John Brownfield](#) (art). They conclude that the object is not attributable to any known phenomenon or aircraft, but that the recorded sound comes from an emergency vehicle. ([Sparks](#), p. 327; “[UFO Reported Seen Sunday by Northside Residents](#),” *Redlands (Calif.) Daily Facts*, February 6, 1968, p. 3; “[Now...What about That UFO?](#)” *Redlands (Calif.) Daily Facts*, February 7, 1968, p. 3; “[Disc over Redlands, Calif.](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Jan./Feb. 1968, p. 6; “[The Redlands Case](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1968, pp. 1, 4; James E. McDonald, “[Statement on Unidentified Flying Objects](#),” in *Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects*, Hearings, US House Committee on Science and Astronautics, 90th Cong., 2nd Sess., July 29, 1968, pp. 52–53; Karl R. Edgerton, “[Redlands UFO Sighting May Spark Investigation](#),” *San Bernardino (Calif.) Sun-Telegram*, December 8, 1968, pp. B-1, B-5; Coral Lorenzen, “UFO in California,” *Fate* 22, no. 3 (March 1969): 74–79; Story, pp. 299–300; UFOEv II 213; “[Redlands: Woman Recalls Late Husband’s UFO Investigation](#),” The Press-Enterprise YouTube channel, June 9, 2013; “[There Was a UFO Spotted in the Skies over Redlands in 1968](#),” *Redlands (Calif.) Daily Facts*, October 2, 2015; William F. Krupke, “[Sonic Analysis of the Redlands UFO Tape Recording](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 30, no. 2 (2016): 175–198)
- 1968**, February 5 — [McDonald](#)’s letter arrives in Boulder, Colorado. [Low](#) is out of town and the staff read it first. Low does not see it until 4:00 p.m. the following day when [Mary Lou Armstrong](#) shows it to him. He explodes, saying whoever gave the memo to McDonald should be fired. [Condon](#) is also furious. (UFOs Yes, 188; Clark III 1197; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 365–366; Eghigian, *After*, p. 206; Clark IV 1371)
- 1968**, February 7 — [Low](#) summons [David R. Saunders](#) to [Condon](#)’s office, asking him if he knew [McDonald](#) had a copy of the memo. Saunders said yes, and he didn’t think he needed to alert anyone, since McDonald is a friend of the project. Condon says, “For an act like that, you deserve to be ruined professionally!” Saunders avoids admitting he was responsible (indirectly) for McDonald’s having the memo. When Norm Levine arrives, Saunders is ordered to leave. Levine tells him the memo’s release is a group effort. Condon tells Levine not to discuss this meeting or communicate further with McDonald. Levine says he can’t do that, Condon tells him he is no longer useful, and Levine walks out. Condon and Low meet with other staff members the rest of the day. (UFOs Yes, 188–192; Clark III 1197; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 366–369; Eghigian, *After*, p. 206; Clark IV 1371)
- 1968**, February 8 — [Condon](#) and [Low](#) meet with [Thurston Manning](#) and [Stuart W. Cook](#) from the University of Colorado’s Psychology Department. Condon tells [Mary Lou Armstrong](#) that [David R. Saunders](#) and Norm Levine will be fired. Low types the letters himself and Condon signs them. Condon also writes a letter to [Hynek](#) asking him to provide 10–15 of the best cases from his files. (UFOs Yes, 192–193; Center for UFO Studies, [[Hynek correspondence](#)], p. 10)
- 1968**, February 9 — [Condon](#) and [Low](#) meet with [Craig](#), who admits knowing about the memo and says he was concerned about it. He leaves the meeting “deeply concerned” about the project’s viability. Roger Harkins writes up the events at the project for the *Boulder Daily Camera*; when he interviews Condon, he realizes that Condon “honestly didn’t know anything about that memo until a couple of days ago.” Condon admits, in contrast to his

statements earlier, that [David R. Saunders](#) and Levine were fired for insubordination, not incompetence. (UFOs Yes, 194–195)

- 1968**, February 11 — 7:00 p.m. An oval, domed object passes low over a car near the edge of Hawkins Pond in Johnston, Rhode Island. It has pulsating white and pinkish-red lights around the rim, resembling a flashing theater marquee. (Raymond E. Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Exposition, 1974, [p. 351](#))
- 1968**, February 12 — Witnesses see an object fall near a village said to be six hours from Orocué, Colombia, and find a large, lightweight piece of metal. The debris is put on board an airplane and flown to the US Embassy in Bogotá, where it is identified as being part of the Apollo 5 mission. (“[Remains of Crashed UFO in Colombia](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Mar./Apr. 1968, p. 1; “[Crashed UFO Investigation Closed](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1969, p. 8)
- 1968**, February 13 — 4:00 a.m. Robert Union, a former FAA air traffic controller, and his wife watch a glowing white elliptical object that follows their car at an altitude of 2,000–5,000 feet near Missoula, Montana. The object moves back and forth across the road, makes sharp turns and unusual maneuvers, and finally disappears abruptly. (UFOEv II 161)
- 1968**, February 13 — [R. Leo Sprinkle](#) and [Herbert Schirmer](#) meet in Boulder with Colorado project investigators. Sprinkle puts Schirmer under hypnosis to elicit further details about his missing time episode of December 3, 1967. (Clark III 1034–1035; Clark IV 1149–1150)
- 1968**, February 14 — [Hynek](#) replies to [Condon](#), saying that he will send him some of his best cases over the next few weeks, but requests that in return they be given a “thorough investigation.” He even offers to go to Wright-Patterson AFB and send him copies of good Blue Book cases, since [Quintanilla](#) has scrupulously been sending him copies of only those he asks for. (Center for UFO Studies, [[Hynek correspondence](#)], pp. 11–12)
- 1968**, February 14 — MITRE Corporation’s [F. Robert Naka](#), newly appointed director of a classified US Air Force study to improve the surveillance of objects in space, tells [Robert Low](#) that, contrary to what NORAD had briefed him on in 1967, NORAD radars can track UFOS “coming in from outer space” and does not deny that the agency has occasionally tracked them. (Clark III 804; Clark IV 895)
- 1968**, February 16 — Novosti Science Commentator Villen Lyustiberg writes “Flying Saucers? They’re a Myth” in the newspaper *Moskovskij Komsomolets*. Novosti releases an English translation on March 12. It explains US reports as either misobservations or misreporting by the media. (Central Intelligence Agency, “[Nothing But the Facts on UFOs, or Which Novosti Writer Do You Read?](#)” April 9, 1968)
- 1968**, February 18 — 12:00 midnight. Teenagers Richard Frombach, Boone Powers, and Chris Beachner are parked next to a pond in a gravel pit near Vashon, Washington, when they notice a glowing oval object resting on a hill to the east. They drive into town to pick up an additional witness, Joseph Frabush, and return to the area, park on the main road, and walk into the pond area. The object has moved to the east. Frabush thinks it is metallic and about 30 feet long. They drive back into town for more witnesses, but when they return the light is gone and the 100-foot pond is completely frozen over. Temperatures in the area have been above freezing for several days. Small puddles and mud patches surrounding the pond are not frozen at all. The pond ice is dry, even though it has been raining all night. Investigators find that the ice is 3 inches thick in some spots, composed of 2–5 layers, and riddled with bubbles filled with air and dirt. (“[Freezing UFO ‘Seen’ on Pond](#),” Vancouver (Wash.) *Columbian*, February 19, 1968, p. 1; “[Who Put the Chill on a Vashon Island Gravel Pit?](#)” Olympia (Wash.) *Olympian*, February 19, 1968, p. 1; “[Alien’s Icy Visit?](#)” Pasco (Wash.) *Tri-City Herald*, February 19, 1968, p. 3; “[Vashon Mystery: Ice When It Isn’t Freezing](#),” Tacoma (Wash.) *News Tribune*, February 20, 1968, p. 15; “[Vashon Frozen Pond Ranked with UFOs](#),” Tacoma (Wash.) *News Tribune*, February 28, 1968, p. 4; “[The Strange Case of the Frozen Pond](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1968, pp. 1–3; Rick Hilberg, “[Around and About the Saucer World](#),” *UFO Magazine* 4, no. 10 (Summer 1968): 7)
- 1968**, February 19 — 11:55 a.m. Martha Heggs is in her farmhouse kitchen about 10 miles west of Bengough, Saskatchewan. She hears a high-pitched whine that has such a penetrating intensity it is similar to a mild electric shock, causing a tingling sensation throughout her body. Looking out, she sees an object 300 feet away circling around a pole with an electric transformer on it. The object is shaped like two saucers edge-to-edge, surmounted by a dome with 6–7 ports, rounded at the top and extending straight down to the base of the dome. These ports are indented and white in color, resembling frosted glass. The saucers are about 8 feet wide and the dome about 4 feet wide. The body of the object looks like dull aluminum. There is a smaller, vented structure on top of the dome and an antenna on top of that. When the object first appears, a dog is seen cowering and lying in the snow, trying to cover its ears with its paws. Sixteen head of cattle, loose in the farmyard, bolt when the object moves into the area. They enter the cattle sheds and do not emerge until at least 30 minutes after the object disappears. The object moves about the farmyard, sometimes hovering, its altitude ranging from 3 feet to 20 feet. After 20 minutes, still 9–12 feet above the ground, the object leaves the farm through a windbreak and moves north until lost to view.

- (“[French General, Scientists, Report UFOs](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 6 (May/June 1968): 3; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *UFOs: A New Look*, NICAP, 1969, Section IV, [pp. 11–12](#); UFOEv II 37–38)
- 1968**, February 20 — The US Embassy in Moscow sends an unclassified airgram to the US Department of State drawing attention to [Felix Ziegel](#)’s article in the February 1968 issue of *Soviet Life*, which refers to the Soviet UFO Study Group and concludes that international cooperation in studying UFOs is vital. (Felix Ziegel, “[Unidentified Flying Objects](#),” *Soviet Life*, no. 137 (February 1968): 27–29; Good Above, [pp. 235, 473–474](#))
- 1968**, February 22 — [Mary Lou Armstrong](#) tells [Condon](#) that the staff has no confidence in [Low](#) as project coordinator, that Low has no interest in UFO sightings or reports, and that the staff has come to a radically different conclusion. (UFOs Yes, 199; Eghigian, *After*, p. 206)
- 1968**, February 23 — [Hynek](#) writes another letter to [Condon](#), saying that he has reconsidered his decision to send him his best cases, as he thinks the Colorado project will be unable to investigate them adequately before its contractual period is up. He does send him a catalog of recent Blue Book cases and offers to help him obtain from Wright-Patterson any of the unidentified or insufficient evidence cases that he wants to see. (Center for UFO Studies, [\[Hynek correspondence\]](#), pp. 14–17)
- 1968**, February 24 — [Armstrong](#) resigns from the Colorado project, citing an “almost unanimous lack of confidence” among senior staffers in [Low](#)’s competence. She also complains that Low has been less than honest about the radical difference between staff views of UFOs and the views Low and [Condon](#) are expressing. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 239–241, 274–282](#); Clark III 698, 1197; Clark IV 795, 1371)
- 1968**, February 27 — 4:30 a.m. A brilliant flood of light from her window abruptly awakens Grace L. Bernor in Templeton, Massachusetts. She becomes paralyzed, her face is immobile, and her hands and feet ache. The light goes on and off about 7–8 times, ending around 5:00 a.m. She slowly recovers over the next few days. (Michael D. Swords, “[A Trick of the Light](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 11)
- 1968**, February 27 — 6:55 p.m. Truck driver Andrew Perry is driving from Bideford to Cullompton, Devon, England, when he sees a bright light appear at the crest of a hill. As he gets closer, he sees the light is coming from a mushroom-shaped object. As he reaches about 900 feet away from the object, he stops the truck and climbs to the top of the cab to get a better view. He sees about 4–5 figures about 4 feet tall spread out around the object. Suddenly they scramble toward the UFO and disappear inside. The object emits a high-pitched whirring sound that causes his truck to vibrate. Perry gets upset and climbs back into the truck, driving it fast down the road. Meanwhile, the UFO has risen about 200 feet into the air and is passing above his truck, making a noise so loud he can’t hear the engine running. Suddenly the truck engine cuts out. A few seconds later, the noise stops and Perry sees the UFO moving away in the distance. He drives to the nearest police station to report the incident. (UFOFiles2, [pp. 126–127](#))
- 1968**, February 28 — [Condon](#) has a slight heart attack. (Center for UFO Studies, [\[Hynek correspondence\]](#), p. 19)
- 1968**, February 29 — Chairman of the Soviet Astronomical Services [Evald Rudolfovich Mustel](#), president of the All-Union Astronomical and Geodetic Society D. Martynov, and Secretary of the National Committee of Soviet Physicists V. A. Leshkovtsev write an article in *Pravda* claiming that there have been no unexplainable sightings of UFOs on Russian soil. UFOs are “anti-Soviet products of decadent capitalistic warmongering.” From this point on, pro-UFO articles are forbidden by state censorship, although some members of the disbanded UFO Study Group write letters to Pravda insisting that UFO identification is essential for defense. Academician A. Shchukin responds, saying that the Academy of Sciences is already doing that. (Evald Rudolfovich Mustel, D. Martynov, and V. A. Leshkovtsev, [“Flying Saucers Again?”], *Pravda*, February 29, 1968; Good Above, [pp. 235–236](#); Mikhail Gershtein, “[A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union](#),” UAP Check, July 6, 2024)
- 1968**, March — EG&G technician [Thornton D. Barnes](#) arrives in Area 51 in Nevada to reverse-engineer the Soviet MiG-21 acquired through defecting Iraqi fighter pilot [Munir Redfa](#). Soviet-built radar systems acquired in the Middle East are installed around Groom Lake (to aid stealth testing of the SR-71), and Barnes is also assigned to evaluate them as well as the ECM capabilities of the MiG. (Jacobsen, *Area 51*, [pp. 290–293](#))
- 1968**, March 1 — Boulder, Colorado, police arrest Colorado project officer Jim Wadsworth for possession of marijuana. He pleads no contest and resigns. (UFOs Yes, 200)
- 1968**, March 1 — An Over the Horizon Forward Scatter Radar System 440L/Program 673A is turned over to NORAD’s Cheyenne Mountain facility in Colorado by Air Force Intelligence. It has been previously used to collect intelligence on Soviet missile launches since it was built in 1960–1962. It soon picks up unidentified radar returns. (Clark III 811; Clark IV 904)
- 1968**, March 2 — A magnetic monitoring device with a film camera set up by the Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau at Horseshoe Lagoon, Tully, Queensland, is triggered around the time that an airliner flying at 6,000 feet from Cairns to Iron Range is paced by a UFO. About 50 feet of film is exposed. On March 4, another 16 feet is

- exposed during a local UFO sighting. The film is apparently intercepted by the RAAF after Victor Mele, the owner of the film, sends it to a Kodak processing facility in Melbourne, Victoria. (Good Above, [pp. 170–172](#))
- 1968**, March 3 — 8:30 p.m. Several witnesses are traveling east on Knud Drive in Columbia, Tennessee, when they notice a large rectangular object approaching them silently from behind. When they stop the car, the object is directly overhead and moving east. It has hundreds of small, dimly lit points of light in 5–6 rows on its base. Witness Norman E. Bryant thinks it is 1,000 feet long, 250 feet wide, and flying at an altitude of 2,000 feet. It passes them in a matter of seconds. (“[Out of the Past](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 5 (Oct./Nov. 1983): 4–6)
- 1968**, March 4 — 6:15 p.m. A cigar-shaped object approaches a car driven by Nicholas Sgouris in West Seneca, New York, and passes in front of it. The object is 50–60 feet long with blinking yellow lights. The witness tries to speed up, but the accelerator does not respond. The object disappears instantly. (“[French General, Scientists, Report UFOs](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 6 (May/June 1968): 3; Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 40)
- 1968**, March 4 — 9:00 p.m. A man is driving his new Triumph Spitfire up a country lane near Glossop, Derbyshire, England, when two golden objects shoot over the top of his car, killing his headlights, radio, and engine. Moments after the objects pass to the north, the headlights come back on, but the radio still fails. He is able to restart his car engine after the lights come on. A BUFORA investigator takes the radio to his workplace at British Aerospace and finds that two key transistors have burned out, seemingly due to a power surge. Once the transistors are replaced, the radio works again. (Jenny Randles, “Flappy Valley, Part 4,” *Fortean Times* 328 (July 2015): 30)
- 1968**, March 8 — The first SR-71s arrive at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan, to replace the Oxcart A-12s. (Wikipedia, “[Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird](#)”)
- 1968**, March 10 — 6:00 p.m. Valentina Flores is bringing in her llamas on her farm between Opoco and Uyuni, Bolivia, when she discovers that her sheep pen is covered with a net made of some plastic-like material, and that inside the pen is a helmeted being, 3.5 ft tall, who is engaged in killing her sheep using a tubular instrument with a hook on the end. Flores throws stones at the being, whereupon he walks over to an instrument resembling a radio and, moving a wheel on it, quickly absorbs all the netting. The woman approaches the pen with a cudgel, upon which the being throws its instrument at her several times; it returns to him like a boomerang, after it inflicts superficial cuts on her arms. The entity picks up the machine, which has absorbed the net as well as a bag containing sheep entrails, and puts them into a rucksack on his back. Two legs emerge from the rucksack and extend down to the ground, at which time the entity rises straight up into the air with an extraordinary sound and vanishes. 34 sheep are found dead; from every one, “certain small portions of the digestive organs were missing.” (Oscar A. Galíndez, “[Violent Humanoid Encountered in Bolivia](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1970): 15–16; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), November 9, 2007; Clark III 138–139)
- 1968**, March 10 — 9:00 p.m. A dark, oval-shaped object with a searchlight in the front wobbles and moves like a “boat riding over the waves” above Pawtucket, Rhode Island. It passes over the local electric power substation and flies off, following the power lines. (Raymond E. Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Exposition, 1974, [p. 351](#))
- 1968**, March 11 — 9:30 p.m. Steven Trimper and his wife are driving near the old Municipal Home in Marshalltown, Nova Scotia, on their way to Digby when they spot an oval-shaped object, roughly the size of a helicopter, displaying red, blue, and white lights. Along with Mrs. Claude O’Neill, they watch it hover above the water near the Bay End Motel for a few minutes before it descends and vanishes. (“[UFOs Invade Maritimes](#),” *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 52 (Summer 1968): 13)
- 1968**, March 12 — [James E. McDonald](#) presents a paper, “UFOs: An International Scientific Problem,” at an astronautics symposium of the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute, analyzing in depth [Philip Klass](#)’s plasma theory of UFOs and rejecting it as “superficial.” (James E. McDonald, “[UFOs: An International Scientific Problem](#),” March 12, 1968; Story, [p. 414](#))
- 1968**, March 16? — Early morning. The crew of a US Navy ship in the East China Sea several hours out of Okinawa, Japan, encounter a huge underwater light approaching and passing in front of the ship toward the southwest. It appears to be revolving. After it disappears on the horizon, a light appears high above the surface of the water at the point where the submerged object vanished and approaches the ship, moving from horizon to horizon in about 10 seconds. (“[NICAP Studies Underwater UFO Case](#),” *UFO Investigator*, January 1971, p. 3; “[NICAP Studies Underwater UFO Case](#),” *UFO Investigator*, February 1971, p. 3; “[Underwater UFO Case Still Unverified](#),” *UFO Investigator*, May 1971, p. 1; Dolan, USO1, 315–316)
- 1968**, March 17 — 12:30 a.m. The director of the University of Utah’s ecological and epidemiological contact with Dugway Proving Ground in Utah, a Dr. Bode, phones Keith Smart, the chief of the ecology and epidemiology branch at Dugway to report that 3,000 sheep are dead in the Skull Valley area. The initial report of the incident comes to Bode from the manager of a Skull Valley livestock company. The sheep had been grazing in an area about 27 miles from the proving ground. Total sheep deaths of 6,000–6,400 are reported over the next several

days. The popular explanation blames Army testing of chemical weapons for the incident, though alternative explanations are also offered. A report, commissioned by Air Force Press Officer Jesse Stay and first made public in 1998, is the first documented admission from the Army that a nerve agent had killed the sheep at Skull Valley. At least three operations involving nerve agents took place on March 13: the test firing of a chemical artillery shell, the burning of 160 gallons of nerve agent in an open-air pit, and a jet aircraft that sprayed nerve agent in a target area 27 miles west of Skull Valley. (Wikipedia, "[Dugway sheep incident](#)"; Lorraine Boissoneault, "[How the Death of 6,000 Sheep Spurred the American Debate on Chemical Weapons](#)," *Smithsonian*, April 9, 2018)

- 1968**, March 19 — 8:30 p.m. 12-year-old Gregory L. Wells is walking toward the trailer home of his parents in Beallsville, Ohio, when he sees an oval-shaped, bright red object hovering above some nearby trees and illuminating the road. It has a band of dimmer red lights around its midsection. Suddenly a big tube emerges from the object and moves around until it is pointed at him. A light beam shoots out and hits the upper part of his arm, knocking him down. His jacket catches fire and he rolls around, screaming with fright. His mother and grandmother come out to help, and they both see the red UFO, which just fades away after 10 minutes. The boy is taken to a hospital and treated for second-degree burns. His scars are still visible three months later. ("[Boy Burned by UAO in Ohio](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1968, pp. 1, 3; James E. McDonald, "[Statement on Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," in *Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects*, Hearings, US House Committee on Science and Astronautics, 90th Cong., 2nd Sess., July 29, 1968, p. 79; Stringfield, *Situation Red*, Fawcett Crest, 1977, pp. 197–198)
- 1968**, March 20 — 10:30 p.m. A young couple strolling on the beach at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, see a dark red object above the ocean. It has a blue band with evenly spaced, pulsating green lights. They estimate it is almost one mile offshore and about 200 feet in diameter. It slowly descends at a 45° angle into the water, which lights up in a brilliant red glow. (Dolan, *USO1*, 316–317)
- 1968**, March 25 — 8:15 p.m. Villagers in Batulechaur, Lamachaur, Nepal, hear a deafening sound like thunder as a bright object hurtles downward and lands in a field belonging to Kul Timilsina, who finds a sheet of black metal about 6 feet by 4 feet and brings it home. The US Embassy in Kathmandu hears about the supposed spacecraft part and arranges for it to be recovered, packed in a crate, and flown to the United States under the auspices of Project Moon Dust in March 1972. There are similar sightings of objects falling from the sky in Ladakh, Sikkim, and Bhutan between February 19 and March 25, 1968. (Central Intelligence Agency, "[Sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects in Ladakh, Nepal, Sikkim, and Bhutan](#)"; Kevin D. Randle, *Project Moon Dust*, Harper, 1998, pp. 154–155; "[UFO over Pokhara](#)," *Nepali Times*, December 7, 2024)
- 1968**, March 26 — [McDonald](#) addresses the question, "Are UFOs Extraterrestrial Surveillance Craft?" in a talk at the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics. (James E. McDonald, "[Are UFOs Extraterrestrial Surveillance Craft?](#)" March 26, 1968; Story, p. 414)
- 1968**, March 29 — 4:00 p.m. Meteorologist Ștefan Bălașa and a group of skiers watch a shiny object 75°–80° in the sky near the weather station on Semenik Mountain, Romania. Through binoculars it appears cone-shaped. Bălașa continues to watch it until 6:40 p.m. when it begins to dim and move slowly to the east-northeast. The same or similar object appears in the same area on the evening of March 30. (Romania 17–18)
- 1968**, March 29 — 6:50 p.m. Spectators at a football match in Tismana, Romania, see a stationary, bright-blue-green conical object that changes its color to red and disappears by 7:30 p.m. (Hobana and Weverbergh 237–238; Romania 18)
- 1968**, March 29 — 7:30 p.m. Two students and two teachers in Târgu-Jiu, Romania, see a whitish-blue isosceles triangle in the southeast sky. It changes color to orange then red and departs to the southwest. (Hobana and Weverbergh 134–135; Romania 18)
- 1968**, March 30 — 2:30 a.m. Teofil Iorga and 120 other construction workers at the Banat Mine in Oravița, Romania, see a luminous globe in the sky. At 6:10 a.m., a stationary yellowish-white object appears in the northeast. Iorga takes a photo of it at 8:00 a.m. and looks at it through a theodolite at 8:15 a.m. It is shaped like a truncated cone with one side exposed to the sun. At 9:00 a.m., the object ascends and moves to the south. (Hobana and Weverbergh 129–130; Romania 18)
- 1968**, March 30 — 8:00 a.m. Meteorologist Vasile Coțoi and Ingeborg Vityi observe a white conical object maneuvering slowly against the wind at the weather station on Țarcu Peak, Romania. They watch it for 2.5 hours before it disappears. At 1:00 p.m. it is logged by the weather station near Berzasca about 1 mile inland from the Danube River. At 4:00 p.m. it reappears at the Semenik Mountain weather station and is also seen at Caransebeș, Romania, and other places. (Hobana and Weverbergh 131–138; Romania 19–20)
- 1968**, Spring — Two prospectors, Ed Sampson and Bill Johnson, are sleeping in the Anza Borrego Desert, California, when they wake up at the sound of an explosion. The sky above is filled with a fading red light, and they see

flashes on the western horizon. The two climb to the crest of a hill and look down. Sampson sees a “red, circular flying saucer” hovering over the valley, while entities with glowing red eyes march in single file close to the ridge of an adjacent canyon. Something like a church bell rings out at intervals, and mechanical clanking is also audible. After noticing two glowing-eyed creatures standing behind them, they take off running. (Clark III 557; Clark IV 615)

- 1968, Spring** — Psychologist Aldora Lee conducts four university-based polls on UFOs for the Colorado project. She finds that younger people are much more receptive to the notion of alien visitation than older people and that fear of ridicule prevents many who observe a UFO from reporting it to authorities. (Condon, [pp. 209–243](#); Eghigian, *After*, p. 239)
- 1968, Mid-April** — Evening. Engineer Gu Ying is sent to a military construction regiment in the north Gobi Desert, China, when the entire battalion notices a huge, luminous, red-orange disc with a flashing light landing in the sand. It is about 9 feet in diameter. The commander dispatches a team of motorcycle troops to approach it. As they get closer, the object shoots up into the sky and disappears. The UFO leaves ground traces like a “seared cross.” The soldiers assume it is a Russian device. (Wendelle Stevens and Paul Dong, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archive, 1983, pp. 49–50)
- 1968, April 4** — 8:15 p.m. Two young men in Cochrane, Wisconsin, see a UFO hover above a car ahead of them; its headlights suddenly go out. The object appears metallic and glows orange when standing still, but gets redder and brighter when moving. The object then comes toward their car and the engine conks out. It hovers overhead for a moment, during which time the witnesses feel increased heat and weightlessness. The object departs over a nearby field, emitting a cloudy haze all around its periphery. (Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 40)
- 1968, April 10** — 11:00 or 11:30 a.m. College student Rickey Bahr is riding his motorcycle north on US Highway 285 near Estrella, Colorado. He sees bright red lights—one flashing, one stationary—coming from an object hovering 50–60 feet off the ground, east of the highway. He stops and watches for a few seconds, feeling scared. He follows the object toward Alamosa, but it vanishes over a farm. (“[More From Colorado](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1968, p. 7; Mel Foor, “[Epidemic of U.F.O.’s Excites Residents of a Colorado Valley](#),” *Kansas City (Mo.) Star*, November 17, 1968, pp. 1–2D)
- 1968, April 10** — 9:00 p.m. Three groups of people witness lights fly over Ipswich, Massachusetts. The first two groups sight three bright white lights in a triangular formation, swinging like a pendulum. The lead object suddenly shoots away, and the others change colors from red to blue to green to white. Nearby, one witness reports a glowing ring shining a light on houses. (Raymond E. Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Exposition Press, [p. 351](#))
- 1968, April 27** — The May 14 issue of *Look* magazine contains an article by [John G. Fuller](#) on the [Low](#) memorandum and the near-mutiny at the Colorado project. (John G. Fuller, “[Flying Saucer Fiasco](#),” *Look* 32, no. 10 (May 14, 1968): 58–63; Bill Farr, “[‘Trickery’ Charge Aimed at UFO Prober](#),” *Santa Ana (Calif.) Register*, May 1, 1968, p. B8; L. J. Lorenzen, “[A ‘Fiasco’ Has Two Sides](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1968, pp. 2–3; Clark III 925, 1197; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 369–370, 371–373; Eghigian, *After*, p. 207; Clark IV 1035, 1372)
- 1968, April 27** — 9:20 p.m. Rev. Anthony G. Millican is walking with his wife in Arnos Court Park in Brislington, Bristol, England, when they see a glowing object, revolving and hovering some 6 feet off the ground about 300 feet away. It has a dome and seems to be 12–15 feet high with a central pillar about 4–5 feet high. After 20 seconds, the object just fades away. (Alastair Prevost, “[Sighting in a Bristol Park](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1968): 3–4)
- 1968, April 29** — [Low](#) tells the press [Fuller](#) has quoted him out of context. [Condon](#) and Low spend the morning talking to legal counsel. Condon phones *Look* and demands that [Fuller](#) be fired. Condon later announces that all field investigations for the project have been completed and that all that remains is writing the final report (Bill Farr, “[‘Trickery’ Charge Aimed at UFO Prober](#),” *Santa Ana (Calif.) Register*, May 1, 1968, p. B8; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 370; Eghigian, *After*, p. 206)
- 1968, April 30** — Rep. [J. Edward Roush](#) (D-Ind.) denounces the Colorado project in Congress based on the *Look* article and raises doubts about its scientific integrity. He writes to Air Force Secretary [Robert Seamans](#) to ask for his comments on “this deplorable situation” and he writes to the Comptroller General [Elmer B. Staats](#) to investigate the use of public funds for the project. (Evert Clark, “[Colorado U. Ends Saucer Study But Does Not Disclose Results](#),” *New York Times*, May 1, 1968, p. 8; “Congressional UFOing,” *Wall Street Journal*, May 3, 1968; UFOs Yes, 201–202;)
- 1968, April 30** — At a press conference in Washington, D.C., NICAP announces its break with the Colorado project, citing evidence of negative bias and the apparent disregard of most of the cases it has submitted. [Keyhoe](#) and the NICAP Board of Directors write to President [Lyndon Johnson](#), enclosing the [Low](#) memo and other evidence and

urging that he create an entirely new commission. Col. Bernhard M. Ettenson, from the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, writes back to say that “we expect that Dr. [Condon](#) will fulfill the terms of the agreement.” (“[NICAP Breaks with Colorado Project](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 6 (May/June 1968): 1; “[The Inside Story of the Colorado Project](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 6 (May/June 1968): 4–5; Clark III 1197; Clark IV 1372)

- 1968**, Early May — Five UFOs are seen diving into the ocean off Arrecife, Vargas, Venezuela. (“[Current South American Flap](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1968, p. 8)
- 1968**, Early May — Night. Gerardo Vidal and his wife are driving home from Chascomús to Maipú, Buenos Aires, Argentina. They are just outside Chascomús when their car is enveloped in a thick green fog. The next thing they know they are driving on a road near Mexico City in broad daylight, 4,400 miles to the northwest. Their watches have stopped, and they discover that two days have passed. They visit the Argentine embassy in Mexico City, where Vidal calls a relative in Maipú to report that they are well. However, a June 4, 1968, Reuters dispatch from Mexico City contains a denial of the incident by the Argentine embassy, and subsequent inquiries can find no one in Maipú that could be the Vidals. Finally, in October 1998 Argentine film director [Anibal Uset](#) admits to researcher [Roberto Enrique Banchs](#) that he had invented the Chascomús teleportation as a publicity stunt to spread a fantastic story based on the plot of his upcoming film *Ché OVNI*. The movie’s poster even shows a UFO carrying off an automobile. (*La Razon* (Buenos Aires), June 3, 1968; Oscar A. Galíndez, “[Teleportation from Chascomús to Mexico](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1968): 3–4; “[Further News on South America](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1968, pp. 7–8; Internet Movie Database, “[Ché OVNI](#)”; Jacques Vallée, *Confrontations: A Scientist’s Search for Alien Intelligence*, Ballantine, 1990, p. 96; Roberto E. Banchs, “The Chascomús Teleportation Hoax,” *Fortean Times* 351 (April 2017): 56–57)
- 1968**, May — 11:00 p.m. The naval destroyer [USS Zellars](#) is on a NATO task force operation in the Mediterranean Sea with the Sixth Fleet. The crew sees five lights rise up out of the water off the ship’s port beam and disappear into the sky. They reappear minutes later, performing synchronized upward and lateral movements for 2–3 minutes before shooting away again. The incident is dismissed as an unsubstantiated ship distress signal. (National UFO Reporting Center, “[NUFORC UFO Sighting 68506](#),” March 19, 2009; Dolan, USO1, 320–322)
- 1968**, May 2 — Evening. A teenage girl named Shane Kurz allegedly sees a cigar-shaped object in Westmoreland, New York; she had seen it or a similar object two weeks earlier. Half an hour later she falls into a deep sleep. Her mother checks on her at 4:00 a.m., but she is not in her bed. Later, she is found lying on her bed wearing muddy slippers. She has two reddish, ring-shaped marks on her abdomen, a mark below her navel, and burning eyes. In 1975, she undergoes hypnosis and recalls walking to a muddy field where she is beamed aboard a UFO. She undergoes some intrusive medical procedures, then has sex with a small humanoid “doctor,” whom she accuses of rape. She is floated back to the ground. (Hans Holzer, *The Ufonauts*, Fawcett, 1976; Clark III 1061; Clark IV 1176–1177)
- 1968**, May 4 — 8:00 p.m. Captain Woodrow Atwood, skipper of the fishing boat *Which Way In*, is in the North Atlantic Ocean south of Seal Island, Nova Scotia, when he notices a small light to the north. Suddenly it bursts into a blood-red color and appears to be only 150–225 away and approaching. Heat from the object becomes so intense that he has to move away from the window. The object floats overhead for 5 minutes, then descends and moves away. (“[Object Heats Up Boat in N.S.](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1968, p. 4; Dolan, USO1, 317–319)
- 1968**, May 10 — 5:00 p.m. K. S. McKern watches a rocket-like object rise from the water in Coogee Bay off Coogee Beach, New South Wales, Australia. It rotates 360°, tilts, and shoots off to the north. He manages to snap a grainy photo. (“[Australia](#),” *Spacelink* 6, no. 1 (July 1969): 31; Dolan, USO1, 319–320)
- 1968**, May 10 — 10:00 p.m. Grant Callison of Galesburg, Illinois, looks out his kitchen window and sees a giant bird illuminated by a streetlight. He and his wife Wilma rush outside for a better look and see three of them flying in a V-formation at an altitude of 500 feet. They look like they have metallic feathers or scales. They are flying with a graceful, fluttering motion. They then see two objects to the south with pulsating red lights moving in the same direction at the same speed (about 25–35 mph). On May 20, around 9:00 p.m., the Callisons have another odd sighting of a single bird-like creature. (Grant Callison, “[Zoodities: Winged Creatures over Illinois](#),” *Crux*, no. 2 (1986): 12–13; Grant Callison, “[Winged Creatures over Illinois](#),” *UFOexperiences*, February 6, 2006; Clark III 655; Clark IV 859–860)
- 1968**, May 11 — A farmer in Brinkley, South Australia, notices strands of material about 65 feet long falling on his property. He says it is like asbestos rope and as wide as a pencil. On the same day, web-like “fine woven cotton” is seen on a lawn and draped over wires and a fence in Cheltenham, Adelaide, South Australia. (Keith Basterfield, “[Angel Hair: An Australian Perspective](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 7)
- 1968**, May 13 — [George H. Estabrooks](#), a Canadian-American psychologist and former consultant for the FBI and CIA, tells the *Providence Evening Bulletin* that the key to developing an effective spy or assassin is by creating a

multiple personality with the aid of hypnosis, a procedure he describes as “child’s play.” Estabrooks suggests that [Lee Harvey Oswald](#) and [Jack Ruby](#) could have been controlled in this manner. “This has and is being done. I have done it. It is child’s play now to develop a multiple personality through hypnotism.” (*Providence (R.I.) Evening Bulletin*, May 13, 1968; Colin A. Ross, *The C.I.A. Doctors: Human Rights Violations by American Psychiatrists*, Manitou, 2006, pp. 150–164; Phil Kirby, “[Event / TV Times: The Prisoner: Free for All](#),” *The Culture Vulture*, May 10, 2018)

- 1968**, May 13 — Astronomer [Frank Drake](#) writes to [Frederick Seitz](#) urging him to discredit the Colorado project. (Swords 329; Clark III 1197; Clark IV 1372)
- 1968**, May 15 — [Low](#) is relieved of 90% of his duties with the Colorado project, effective May 24 and will go back to his job as assistant to [Thurston Manning](#). (UFOs Yes, 204)
- 1968**, May 17 — 5:00 a.m. Caetano Sergio dos Santos is returning home from his job as a night watchman at Caconde, São Paulo, Brazil. In the courtyard of his house he sees a cylinder-shaped object, about the size of a powdered-milk can, stuck in the ground. At each end are dials, one with a black band, the other with a red one. They are encased under a glass or plastic lens with embossed figures arranged in a semicircle. Above each figure is something like an Arabic numeral. Dos Santos takes the object into the house and studies it for 90 minutes, then puts it on a windowsill in the bathroom before going to bed. He goes back to work, then at about 1:00 a.m., he returns home and notices that the object is lighting up the house, with his wife and son, very agitated, standing outside with neighbors. She tells him that a loud buzzing and intense heat had awakened her, both emanating from the object. Dos Santos goes inside and finds a hole in the roof, tile scattered over the floor, and the object gone. (“[Brazilian Object Real Puzzler](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1968, pp. 1, 3; Walter Buehler, “[The Mysterious Caconde Case](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1969): 18–19; Clark III 339; Clark IV 375)
- 1968**, May 21 — [Philip J. Klass](#) attempts to refute [James E. McDonald](#)’s criticisms of his plasma theory of UFOs in a privately circulated paper. (Phillip J. Klass, “[Dr. James E. McDonald’s ‘Mathematical Proof](#),” *The Author*, May 21, 1968, pp. 4–5)
- 1968**, May 23 — 9:00 p.m. The crew of the attack transport [USS Monrovia](#) of the US Navy’s Sixth Fleet observes a large submerged object, on the starboard side just aft of the stern, in the Atlantic Ocean near the Azores. It is an elongated, translucent ovoid, glowing with a pulsing orange color. As it continues to pace the ship, the compass, radio, and radar systems fail. After 90 minutes, the object’s light fades and it vanishes and the ship’s equipment begins working again. (National UFO Reporting Center, “[NUFORC UFO Sighting 54893](#),” February 1, 2007; Dolan, USO1, 323–324)
- 1968**, Late May — [Condon](#) hires science writer [Daniel S. Gillmor](#) to edit the final project report. Gillmor receives editorial help from [Joseph H. Rush](#), a physicist from the National Center for Atmospheric Research. Also assisting is associate editor Harriet Hunter and several specialists from the local lab of the Environmental Science Services Administration (including [Gordon David Thayer](#)). [Franklin Roach](#) returns to work on astronaut sightings. By June 1, the date on which the investigative phase ends, there is a substantially new crew. (Clark III 926; Clark IV 1036)
- 1968**, May 27 — 6:00 a.m. Pan Chen Hsiang is inside his house in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, when he hears his son shouting for him to come out onto the patio. He runs outside and sees a strange, dark, disc-shaped object flying horizontally. It passes directly over them in complete silence. The object is large, estimated to be about 33 feet in diameter, with a flat gray color and a dull metallic finish. Regular flashes emit from its dome. Hsiang takes five photographs of the object, which capture it with a darkened dome against a clear sky. (“[World Round-Up](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1968): 34, 36; Wendelle Stevens and Paul Dong, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archive, 1983, pp. 309–311)
- 1968**, May 27 — 9:45 p.m. Bill Stafford is driving on US Highway 41 about 5 miles north of Punta Gorda, Florida, when his headlights and engine fail. As he gets out to check, he sees a light slowly descending at treetop level. The object is shaped like a Pilgrim’s hat with a green glow and bluish color surrounding it. A few minutes after landing, it takes off at high speed, disappearing in the northwest. The car starts once it is gone. The witness notices that his watch has stopped. (Sally Remaley, “[Green Light Means Go...UFO!](#)” *Bradenton (Fla.) Herald*, Sunday Magazine, July 21, 1968, p. 6; Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 41)
- 1968**, May 31 — [McDonald](#) speaks to the Chicago Chapter of the American Meteorological Society on UFOs. (James E. McDonald, “UFOs: Atmospheric or Extraterrestrial?” May 31, 1968; Story, [p. 414](#))
- 1968**, Summer — Three teenagers notice an irregular triangular object flying to the west over housing in Stazic street in Rzeszów, Poland. It is dark with some brighter bulges on the bottom and emits a buzzing sound. (Poland 32)

- 1968, June 3** — [McDonald](#) addresses the Burro Club (Democratic Congressional Administrative Assistants and Aides) in the Rayburn Building in Washington, D.C., on the question “Does Congress Have a Responsibility to Investigate the UFO Problem?” (Story, [p. 414](#))
- 1968, June 4** — A-12 pilot [Jack W. Weeks](#) is lost over the South China Sea near the Philippines during a functional checkout flight after the replacement of one of its engines. (Wikipedia, “[Lockheed A-12](#)”)
- 1968, June 6** — Capt. U. Tiviroli, commander of an Argentine Airlines Avro, sees a UFO, along with his copilot and 18 passengers, for 5 minutes during a night landing at Punta Arenas airport, Chile. An unusually bright object, long and spindle-shaped, appears above the plane. It moves in a course parallel to the plane and stops suddenly in midair. Then it swerves in a right angle back to the plane. It is also seen by airport observers. (“[Argentinian Pilot Reports UAO](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1968, p. 3)
- 1968, June 8** — Hypnotist Loring G. Williams holds a hypnotic regression session with [Herbert Schirmer](#) in Des Moines, Iowa, accompanied by [Warren Smith](#). A more detailed narrative of Schirmer’s December 1967 abduction unfolds. (Eric Norman [Warren Smith], *Gods, Demons and UFOs*, Lancer, 1970; Clark III 1035–1036; Clark IV 1150–1151)
- 1968, June 11** — [Philip J. Klass](#) attempts to refute [James E. McDonald](#)’s criticisms of his plasma theory of UFOs in another unpublished paper. (Philip J. Klass, “[Does Dr. James E. McDonald Really Speak with Authority?](#)” The Author, June 11, 1968, pp. 8–9)
- 1968, June 11** — MP [John Langford-Holt](#) asks UK Prime Minister [Harold Wilson](#) whether he is aware that some UFO reports are made to the Ministry of Defence, while police reports are made to the Board of Trade. Wilson replies that reports going to the Board of Trade are passed on to the Ministry of Defence. (Good Above, [p. 67](#); Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1968, June 14** — Shortly after 12:00 midnight. Isidro Puentes Ventura is on guard duty in Cabañas, Artemisa, Cuba, when he sees on the ground a brilliant domed UFO with several antennas on top. He approaches to within 165 feet and fires about 40 machine gun rounds into it, convinced it is American. The object turns orange and emits a whistling sound as Puentes loses consciousness. At dawn, an Army patrol finds him still unconscious and takes him to a hospital in Pinar del Rio, where he remains in shock for 6 days, unable to speak. He is then taken to a Naval hospital in Havana, where he remains in shock another week. At the site, Cuban and Soviet intelligence specialists find 48 spent cartridges and 14 bullets flattened by impact with something solid, as well as equally spaced indentations on the ground. Tests reveal that the soil has been exposed to a high temperature. (Jacques Vallée, *UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union: A Cosmic Samizdat*, Ballantine, 1992, [pp. 82–85](#); Scott Corrales, “Cuba UFOs, Ufonauts, and a Compelling Documentary,” *UFOlogist* 19, no. 6 (March–April 2016): 40)
- 1968, June 14** — 1:05 a.m. María Elodia Pretzel, daughter of the owner of the Motel La Cuesta on National Highway 20 east of Villa Carlos Paz, Córdoba, Argentina, is locking up for the night when she encounters a strange-looking man in the dining area. He is 6 feet tall and dressed in a blue helmet and a suit that glows with an eerie light and seems made up of scales. In his left hand he is holding a glassy sphere that is radiating a coherent light that lights up the room. She feels somewhat paralyzed and is getting a mental message not to be afraid. The entity raises its other arm, which is emitting beams of light, and she feels helpless, falling backward. The entity walks slowly toward the outside door, putting one foot directly in front of the other, arm extended and holding the now extinguished sphere, and passes outside. Still shaken, María goes to the laundry room and drops on the floor, head and arms on a divan. A few minutes later, her father, Pedro Jacobo Pretzel, arrives and discovers her. Minutes earlier, he had seen two odd, stationary red lights about 5–6 feet from the ground off Highway 20. Maria is conscious but very disturbed, a condition that lasts for several days. (Charles Bowen, “[Strangers about the House](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1968): 10–12; Oscar A. Galíndez, “[The Anthropomorphic Entity at Villa Carlos Paz—Part 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 5 (January 1981): 8–17, 29–31; Oscar A. Galíndez, “[The Anthropomorphic Entity at Villa Carlos Paz—Part 2](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 6 (March 1981): 15–18; Jenny Randles, *UFO Reality*, R. Hale, 1983, pp. 100–101; Daniel J. López and Luis Burgos, “[Argentina: The 1968 ‘Night Visitor’](#),” *Inexplicata*, June 29, 2010; Clark IV 779–781)
- 1968, June 15–17** — Night. Allied forward spotters along the eastern part of the Demilitarized Zone in Vietnam see about 30 strange slow-moving lights. At the time they are interpreted as North Vietnamese Russian-built M-14 Hound helicopters ferrying men and materiel over the border. The lights appear the following evening, and several US 7th Air Force Phantom fighter-bombers soon arrive on the scene and fire on the intruders, supported by anti-aircraft ground fire. During the Allied attack the presumed helicopters move down the east coast and out to sea. The destroyers [HMAS Hobart](#), [USS Edson](#), and [USS Theodore E. Chandler](#) are ordered to undertake surveillance missions around Côn Cỏ (Tiger Island) along the north central coast. Around 3:14 a.m. on June 17, the ships are involved in a friendly fire incident in which the *Hobart* is hit by 3 missiles from one of the Phantoms, causing major damage and killing two of the crew. The *Hobart* is apparently right behind the alleged helicopters.

(Wikipedia, "[Controversy over Loss of PCF-19](#)"; "[Hobart in Port for Repair](#)," *Canberra (A.C.T.) Times*, June 20, 1965, p. 7; "[HMAS Hobart Hit](#)," *Royal Australian Navy Hit* 11, no. 13 (June 21, 1968): 1; Jon Wyatt, "[HMAS Hobart Hit during Vietnam UFO Encounter?](#)" *AUFORN Special Report*, no. 34 (April 2003), reprinted in UFO Evidence; Paul Dean, "Finally, US Air Force Records Discovered Confirming UFO Activity During the Striking of the HMAS Hobart," UFOs: Documenting the Evidence, [Part 1](#), August 11, 2016, and [Part 2](#), August 18, 2016; Paul Dean, "Significant Discovery of US Military Records Highlighting 'UFO Problem' during the Vietnam War," UFOs: Documenting the Evidence, [Part 1](#), August 29, 2016, and [Part 2](#), September 21, 2016; Clark III 1050, 1054; Clark IV 1165–1166, 1169)

1968, June 16 and 19 — Night. Chief of Provincial Police German Rocha and Police Maj. Niceforo León observe a round object with a vivid blue light near El Choro, Poopó, Bolivia. It lands, leaves a strange, powerful odor, and burns grass and shrubs. (Gordon Creighton, "[A New South American 'Wave.'](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1968): 23–24; Oscar A. Galíndez, "[South America Revisited](#)," *Australian UFO Review*, no. 10 (December 1969): 41)

1968, June 18 — Jorge Raul Scassa Sutter and Ruben Andrawos are flying a Cessna 182 from Villa Dolores, Córdoba, Argentina, to La Guardia, Catamarca, Argentina. They see an object looking like an overturned soup plate with a cupola on top. The object is grayish-blue with no windows, and its diameter is about 90 feet. The object is at the same altitude as the aircraft, 7,500 feet, and at a distance of 330 feet. It disappears by flying to the north at a fantastic speed. There is a possible VHF interference ("frequency fading") when the object approaches the aircraft in front. (*La Gaceta de Tucumán*, June 19, 1968; NICAP, "[Cessna 182 Encounters UFO / VHF I/FF](#)"; Carlos Daniel Ferguson, *Aviation Safety Reports Related by Argentine Pilots Concerning Unidentified Aerial Phenomena*, NARCAP International Air Safety Report IR-6, August 29, 2013, p. 4)

1968, June 19 — 4:00 a.m. Two farm boys are stacking hay near Rocky, Oklahoma, when a bright white, circular, wingless craft appears and descends at a 45° angle to the height of nearby telephone wires. The apparent size of the full moon, it moves horizontally across the farmyard. It has numerous lights around the outside and appears to be rotating in a counterclockwise direction. Their dogs start barking at it. They believe it is going to crash, so they run back into the barn after 3 minutes. It is last seen over a small silo. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 104–106)

1968, Late June — 11:45 p.m. The US naval destroyer [USS Waldron](#) is participating in an exercise called Operation Racer Run off the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, when the ship's radar detects two objects that fail to respond to IFF signals. The crew can see the objects in the distance. Moving at 400 mph and making right-angle turns. One of the objects goes underwater as the other one hovers. When it emerges, both objects depart in about 10 seconds at a 45° angle. (Jan L. Aldrich, "[Updated Draft Catalogue of UFOs/USOs Reported by Seagoing Services, NavCat 2.0](#)," 2015; Dolan, USO1, 326)

1968, June 20 — The US Seventh Air Force holds a "joint service conference on the UFO problem" in Hawaii after a series of tragic incidents on June 15–17, including a missile attack on "unidentified helicopters" that hit the Australian Navy destroyer [HMAS Hobart](#), killing two sailors. An investigation reveals that the Air Force is in the midst of a wave of sightings of things that are not enemy helicopters in central Vietnam, just south of and within the DMZ. ([Sparks](#), pp. 327–328; Clark III 1051; Clark IV 1166)

1968, June 20 — Following the publication of their book *Flying Saucer Report: UFOs Unidentified, Unidentifiable*, British researchers Anthony R. Pace and Roger H. Stanway visit the UK S4 (Air) UFO desk in Whitehall, London, again and meet with Leslie Akhurst, John Dickson, and Alec Cassie. Their request to record the interview is denied, but they are impressed with Cassie's ability to recall UFO cases mentioned in their book. (Good Above, p. 68)

1968, June 20 — A husband and wife encounter an array of lights that hover above their car near Roswell, New Mexico. Both have a feeling of great peace. When the UFO vanishes, the wife finds that the arthritis in her neck has been healed. ("[Reaction Reports](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 7 (July/August 1968): 7; Michael D. Swords, "[Can UFOs Cause Physiological Effects? Part 1](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 23)

1968, June 26 — An Argentine Trotskyist using the pseudonym [J. Posadas](#), who formed a movement in 1962 based on the inevitability of nuclear war, has proclaimed an interest in UFOs as entities with the ability to master sophisticated technologies that are compatible with socialism. If UFOs exist, they might be helpful in addressing some of the major problems in the earth. In his pamphlet, *Les Soucoupes Volantes: Le processus de la matière et de l'énergie, la science et le socialisme*, Posadas pleads that "We must call upon beings from other planets when they come to intervene, to collaborate with the inhabitants of the Earth to overcome misery. We must launch a call on them to use their resources to help us." (J. Posadas, *Flying Saucers: The Process of Matter and Energy, Science, the Revolutionary and Working-Class Struggle, and Socialism*, June 26, 1968; A. M. Gittlitz, *I Want to Believe*:

Posadism, UFOs, and Apocalyptic Communism, Pluto, 2020; Ian Parker, "[Believe It or Not!](#)" *Socialist Resistance*, May 1, 2020)

- 1968**, June 29 — Night. Eduardo Sánchez Aguilar, Pablo Pastor Ortega, and Damián Vega are driving along National Highway 5 in San Luis del Palmar, Corrientes, Argentina, when they see a circular flattened object that emits an intensely bright orange light. At one point it seems to approach dangerously close, so they turn out their lights. As the object passes near them, their car is shaken by a powerful vibration and the gears go into reverse. (*La Crónica* (Buenos Aires), July 4, 1968; Gordon Creighton, "[A New South American 'Wave.'](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1968): 26)
- 1968**, July — British physicist [Reginald Victor Jones](#) publishes a skeptical view of UFOs in *Physics Bulletin*, but supports genuine scientific inquiry. (R. V. Jones, "[The Natural Philosophy of Flying Saucers.](#)" *Physics Bulletin*, July 1968, pp. 225–230)
- 1968**, July — A CIA team flies into Saigon [now Ho Chi Minh City], Vietnam, to experiment on three Viet Cong prisoners at Biên Hòa Hospital. Working in an enclosed compound, the team's neurosurgeon and neurologist insert tiny electrodes into their brains. Behaviorists then experiment on the men, arming them with knives and trying to induce violent behavior in them using direct electrical stimulation. After a week of experimentation that fails to incite the men to attack each other, they are shot dead and their bodies burned. (Sid Taylor, "[A History of Secret CIA Mind Control Research.](#)" *Nexus*, April/May 1992)
- 1968**, July — A man is driving on Blacketts Lake Road southwest of Sydney, Nova Scotia, when he sees a saucer-shaped object descending below the tree line near the lake. He parks his car and runs along a trail to get closer. He is about 75 feet from the object, which is only 6 feet above the ground in a clearing. The UFO suddenly rises and flies away. The RCMP blocks access to the site during its investigation. ("[Former RCMP Officer Photographs UFO near Sydney, N.S.](#)," *Journal UFO* 2, no. 4 (March 1981): 15)
- 1968**, July — 1:00 a.m. Walter Rizzi is taking a nap in his car by the road just south of the Gardena Pass, South Tyrol, Italy, when he wakes to the smell of something burning. He sees a light about 1,600 feet further downhill shining through the mist. The mist parts, and he sees an enormous object that suddenly reminds him of an encounter he had with a strange hermit on the island of Rhodes in Greece when he was in the Italian army in World War II. The hermit had predicted he would someday meet with advanced beings from the cosmos who would provide him with the assurance of life throughout the universe. Rizzi makes his way downhill toward the object, which is silvery, some 260 feet in diameter, standing on three legs, bathed in fleecy white light, and emitting a burning odor. He gets within 10 feet and cannot go further. He sees two beings inside a transparent cupola on the top who are looking down at him. To the right of the object is a robot about 8 feet tall with three legs and four arms. A beam of light comes from the center of the object, and Rizzi sees another being dressed in a tight-fitting suit and glass helmet descending. They communicate telepathically about other planets and the universe. Eventually the entities reenter the object and take off. Rizzi claims there are landing marks, effects on the grass, and his watch starts losing time. (Gordon Creighton, "[Introductory Comments on the Rizzi Case.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 3 (September 1980): 21–22; Walter Rizzi, "[Close Encounter in the Dolomites.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 3 (September 1980): 22–27; 1Pinotti 158–169)
- 1968**, July 1 — NASA publishes a *Chronological Catalog of Reported Lunar Events*, by [Barbara M. Middlehurst](#), [Jaylee M. Burley](#), [Patrick Moore](#), and [Barbara L. Welther](#). Moore invents the term "transient lunar phenomena" to describe short-lived changes in brightness, color, or appearance on the surface of the moon. (Wikipedia, "[Transient lunar phenomenon](#)"; Barbara M. Middlehurst, Jaylee M. Burley, Patrick Moore, and Barbara L. Welther, *Chronological Catalog of Reported Lunar Events*, NASA Technical Report R-277, July 1, 1968)
- 1968**, July 1 — 12:30 a.m. Three boys are sitting on the main gate of the UNESP Hospital das Clinicas of the Faculdade de Medicina de Botucatu, São Paulo, Brazil. Suddenly they see a large object "as big as a house" sitting about 1,150 feet to the west of them. It has a large tripod undercarriage and a ladder reaching down to the ground. The boys can hear a weird "tinging sound on a high note." They start to yell as the UFO retracts its tripod and ladder and rise into the air and speed off to the east, reaching a great altitude. Alerted by their shouts, other witnesses see the object moving away. A student named Antônio Alegre examines the landing site shortly afterward and finds marks forming an isosceles triangle, two sides measuring 20 feet and one side 23 feet. (Nigel Rimes, "[Landing at Botucatu.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1968): 21–24)
- 1968**, July 2 — 11:25 a.m. Oscar Heriberto Iriart, 15, sees two men of normal height motioning to him at Sierra Chica, Buenos Aires, Argentina. They have short, white hair and red clothes. They also have semi-transparent legs because he can see through them to the grass behind. Near the men is an elliptical, silvery machine, 6.5 feet long, 2 feet high, with three legs 19 inches high. The men give him an envelope they telepathically say contains an important message, telling him to dip it in water before reading, then they fly off. Iriart dips the envelope in a

puddle and finds that both the envelope and his hands are dry. The message is written in Spanish in a crude handwriting: "You are going to know the world. F. Saucer." The witness's horse and dog are paralyzed for several minutes. The boy arrives home terrified. The family goes to the landing site and finds three holes, each about 5 inches deep and forming an isosceles triangle, the base side measuring 6.5 feet and the other 2 sides 5.2 feet wide. At 11:15 p.m., five skeptical men (including Police Sgt. Raúl Coronel) from the Sierra Chica Social Club visit the landing site and declare the holes to be fake. However, they see a zigzagging light a few feet from the ground and heading their way. They drop to the ground, it passes over them, and then it shoots away straight up. (Gordon Creighton, "[A New South American 'Wave.'](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1968): 26–27; Roberto Banchs, "[Sierra Chica, Buenos Aires: Una original invitación \(02 Jul 1968\).](#)" *Vision OVNI*, November 10, 2008; Alejandro Agostinelli, "[El caso del gauchito espacial.](#)" *Página 12* (Buenos Aires), January 22, 2024; Alejandro Agostinelli, "[Sierra Chica: El caso del gauchito espacial.](#)" *SudOeste B.A.* (Coronel Suárez, Argentina), January 29, 2024)

- 1968**, July 2 — 10:00–10:30 p.m. Fred Coulthard Jr. and his brother Wayne are at a family get-together in the backyard of their father's home in Wooler, Ontario, when they see an object with rotating red lights that agitates the family's horses and cats. Around 11:30 p.m., poltergeist-like disturbances (a shattered window, objects thrown around, a strong odor of roses) begin in the house and continue for several days. "Fairy rings" are discovered on the ground in a wooded valley north of town. (Mrs. W. Greystone, "[Canada's UFO Poltergeist.](#)" in Charles Bowen, ed., *Beyond Condon*, special issue no. 2 of *FSR*, June 1969, pp. 66–68, 70)
- 1968**, July 5 — Around 12:00 midnight. Two sailors from Naval Station San Miguel [now Naval Station Leovigildo Gantioqui], near Barangay San Miguel, Zambales, Philippines, are camping out on an uninhabited island [perhaps Capones Island] near the station. Suddenly they see a bright light on a cone-shaped object appear silently above the South China Sea and disappear into the water. (National UFO Reporting Center, "[NUFORC UFO Sighting 154723.](#)" May 1, 2020; Dolan, USO1, 327)
- 1968**, July 9 — 9:35 p.m. Witnesses at Long Beach, California, see a huge, glowing, cloud-like mass over the Santa Catalina Channel for 90 minutes. Five smaller objects are seen maneuvering around it. (Ann Druffel, "[Santa Catalina Island Recurring 'Cloud Cigars.'](#)" in *Proceedings of the 1976 CUFOS Conference*, Chicago, 1976, pp. 62–74; Herbert S. Taylor, "[Satellite Objects and Cloud Cigars.](#)" *IUR* 29, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 9–10; Ann Druffel, "[Santa Catalina Channel Cloud Cigars.](#)" *IUR* 31, no. 1 (January 2007): 13–14; Wim van Utrecht, "['Mother Ship' over Southern California.](#)" *Caelestia*, August 5, 2009)
- 1968**, July 13 — 10:00 p.m. [Irena Scott](#) and her sister Sue Postle are traveling west of Boston, Massachusetts, on State Highway 9 when they see an unusual object to the south. They watch it intermittently after turning south on State Highway 128 and I-95. It is moving in an erratic pattern and blinking. Then they see a basketball-sized object 20–50 feet away, near the ground, and constantly changing colors. Scott pulls over to the side of the road, loads her camera, and takes five photos, only one of which shows the light. (Irena Scott, "[Fear and Ambiguity in Massachusetts.](#)" *IUR* 13, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1988): 14–17; Irena Scott, "[UFO Studies in the Scientific Literature.](#)" *IUR* 15, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1990): 18; Irena Scott, "[A Photograph and Its Aftermath.](#)" *IUR* 15, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1990): 12–14, 23; Irena Scott, *UFOs and the Millennium*, Greyden, 1999, pp. 46–53)
- 1968**, July 17 — Late evening. A civil servant is allegedly snatched off the São Paulo Highway in Brazil and taken into a UFO by four green entities wearing devices that look like headphones. While he is in a state of paralysis, they question him via telepathy about human customs, physiology, and reproduction. The creatures depart abruptly as if in response to instructions. (Gordon Creighton, "[Physical Examination by 'Miniature Martians.'](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1969): 32, 34; Clark III 279; Clark IV 319)
- 1968**, July 18 — 1:05 a.m. RCMP Constable W. J. Whyte and his wife spot a yellow circular object at high altitude moving west to east near Truro, Nova Scotia. It looks like a satellite, but turns reddish before disappearing in the distance. At 1:10 p.m., a couple near Onslow Mountain a few miles to the north see a rosy red light in the southwest hovering just above the trees. They watch it for 15 minutes before it moves and accelerates out of sight. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 70–71)
- 1968**, July 20 — After 12:00 midnight. Three 14-year-old girls at a summer camp at Kaarnajärv, near Otepää, Valga County, Estonia, see a swiftly moving star and a cigar-shaped object in the distance that quickly disappears. Somewhat disturbed, they decide to retire to bed. Through a window they see a bright object about 165 feet away. It is surrounded by reddish-orange and yellow beams of light. Soon it goes out, leaving only a dark greenish nebula with a blue-green ring around it that illuminates the surrounding woods. They watch it for about 5 minutes until it blinks out. One of the girls goes outside and sees a female figure, less than 5 feet tall and wearing a silver ribbon, standing where the object had been. It vanishes. The next morning, they find a circular burnt area about 6 feet in diameter and four wedge-shaped prints in the soil. (Juri Lina, "[UFO Landings in Estonia.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 1 (June 1978): 3–4)

- 1968, July 22** — Around 12:00 midnight. Off-duty police constable Martyn Johnson is walking with his girlfriend in Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England, when they see two lights approaching them from above a nearby park. They are giving off many colored lights. As they hover above a nearby house, the couple's poodle becomes agitated and runs off. The two lights then become four and arrange themselves in an oblong formation. All at once they vanish at terrific speed, following a railway to the northeast. A few hours later, Johnson is awakened and told to report to police headquarters, where there are two "government men" waiting to quiz him about the sighting. They desperately try to convince him that he has seen an aircraft or helicopter. They tell him he is sworn to secrecy for the next 25 years. When he asks what he has seen, they tell him, "What you have seen is an unidentified flying object or UFO. Some people call them spaceships, and if the people of the world knew how many genuine sightings there were like yours, there would be total panic." (UFOFiles2, [pp. 82–83](#))
- 1968, July 22** — 1:20 a.m. Adela Casavieri de Panassiti, 45, night nurse at the Dr. Carlos Pereyra Neuropsychiatric Hospital at Ituzaingó 2837, Mendoza, Argentina, hears a loud, penetrating, humming noise outside in the hospital courtyard. Going out to see what it is, she observes a mushroom-shaped landed object only 65 feet away. It is luminous and sitting in the middle of the courtyard. A bright red beam comes from the object and strikes her, and she finds that her legs are paralyzed. Putting her hands up to her face for protection, she discovers she is completely unable to move. She remains immobilized for a number of minutes until the red beam is extinguished. At this time, the object ascends vertically then flies off rapidly to the south, barely clearing the wall that surrounds the courtyard. Before it disappears, she is able to observe several human-looking figures through square portholes that encircle the craft. These beings move back and forth, passing each other, and are visible from the waist up only. A lead-gray stain, 31 x 12 inches, that smells of sulfur is found at the landing site. It persists for two days. Several small potted trees are burned. Casavieri de Panassiti has first-degree burns on her face and hands (an allergic reaction?), and parts of her nurse's cap and clothing are singed. In addition, her watch, which has stopped at 1:30 a.m., is found to be radioactive, as is her ring. The daughters of a garrison commander witness a luminous, egg-shaped object at the same time from the garrison casino. ("[Argentina: Hospital Landing at El Sauce](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1968): 32; Roberto Banchs, "[Mendoza: Agitacion por Apariciones de OVNI's \(22 Julio y 09 Ago 1968\)](#)," *Visión OVNI*, November 11, 2008; Scott Corrales, "[1968: A Nurse Burned by an Alleged UFO \(CE-2\)](#)," *Inexplicata*, July 25, 2011)
- 1968, July 23** — 1:00 a.m. Daíldo de Oliveira, a night watchman for the CESP electrical substation near Bauru, São Paulo, Brazil, confronts three intruders who overpower him outside a control center building. A large UFO 50 feet tall is resting nearby on the ground; it takes off in a zigzag pattern towards the city of Lins. (Clark III 183–185; Brazil 93–98; Clark IV 218–221)
- 1968, July 25** — 2:00 a.m. Juan Sivori, his wife, and a daughter see a silver object shaped like a spinning top as they are driving along Highway 226 near La Pastora, Buenos Aires, Argentina. It is only 115 feet from them and the size of a truck. The engine of their car stops running as the UFO hovers for about 5 minutes at a height of 33 feet. When it rises into the air and vanishes, the car engine starts up again. (Oscar A. Uriondo, "[Preliminary Catalogue of Type I Cases in Argentina, Part 4](#)," *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 16 (August 1973): 11)
- 1968, July 28** — 12:00 midnight. A farmer, his wife, and two children near Upton, Quebec, are awakened by the barking of their dog. When he gets up to investigate, he sees a sparkling, rotating "cloud" in the yard. It flies just over him and goes into a nearby field. About 12 feet in diameter, it is dark on the bottom but luminous on top. The cows in the field are being chased by 4 or 5 small entities, perhaps 3 feet tall with heads shaped like bottles. As the UFO flies above them, they disappear. The cattle seem ill for weeks afterwards. (John Brent Musgrave, *UFO Occupants and Critters*, Global Communications, 1979; Clark III 280; Clark IV 320–321)
- 1968, July 29** — The hearings that Rep. [J. Edward Roush](#) (D-Ind.) and NICAP have been calling for are held as a "Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects" before the House Committee on Science and Astronautics. Rep. [George P. Miller](#) (D-Calif.) is chairman of the committee, but Roush directs most of the proceedings. [Hynek](#), [McDonald](#), [Sagan](#), [Robert L. Hall](#) (University of Illinois at Chicago), [James A. Harder](#) (UC-Berkeley), and [Robert M. L. Baker Jr.](#) (UCLA) give testimony. Hynek is introduced by Rep. [Donald Rumsfeld](#) (R-Ill.). [Menzel](#), [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), [Garry C. Henderson](#), [Stanton T. Friedman](#), [Roger N. Shepard](#), and [Frank B. Salisbury](#) offer prepared papers. NICAP representatives are not permitted to testify. Many witnesses parrot the NORAD party line that its radars only look in certain directions (when indeed it looks for many types of potential attacks in all directions). Harder states: "On the basis of the data and ordinary rules of evidence, as would be applied in civil or criminal courts, the physical reality of UFOs has been proved beyond a reasonable doubt." McDonald makes the biggest impression, presenting 30 pages of UFO reports. He states: "my own present opinion, based on two years of careful study, is that UFOs are probably extraterrestrial devices engaged in something that might very tentatively be termed 'surveillance.'" Menzel concludes that UFOs merit no more scientific study than "the concept of ghosts, spirits, witches, fairies, elves, hobgoblins, or the devil." The symposium has no lasting impact, as

Congress does nothing about the problem. ([Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects](#), Hearings, US House Committee on Science and Astronautics, 90th Cong., 2nd Sess., July 29, 1968; “[Congressional Hearings on UFO Problems: Scientists Urge Unbiased National Investigations](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 7 (July/Aug. 1968): 1–5; Clark III 811; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 373–375; Graff 220–224; Lochlainn Seabrook, *Mysterious Invaders: Twelve Famous 20th-Century Scientists Confront the UFO Phenomenon*, Sea Raven Press, 2024; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 207–208; Clark IV 904)

- 1968**, July 30 — 2:00 a.m. A land surveyor and his wife in Claremont, New Hampshire, are preparing to retire when they see a dome-shaped object in a field about 230 feet behind their house. It is about 20 feet wide and moving slowly 10 feet above the ground, creating shadows on the freshly cut hay. The UFO shines a 20-foot wide gray-colored beam of light onto the ground. Their children moan and cry out in while they are sleeping and their dogs are whining loudly. They hear a high-pitched humming sound like a utility pole transformer. A few minutes later the object moves 25 feet to the east, the humming growing louder. At one point, a projection from the object descends to the ground. Around 4:30 a.m., the object goes brighter and slowly moves off toward the west. (Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., [Strange Effects from UFOs](#), NICAP, 1969, pp. 38–40; UFOEv II 45)
- 1968**, July 31 — 9:00 a.m. Farmer Luce Fontaine is collecting grass for his rabbits at La Plaine des Cafres on the island of Réunion (in the Indian Ocean east of Madagascar), when he sees an oval-shaped object about 75 feet away. It is sitting about 15 feet from the ground on a flange of metal; a similar structure protrudes from its top. The cylinder has two blue ends and a transparent center through which he can see two humanoids less than 3 feet tall in metallic helmets and dressed in puffy suits like the Michelin Man (the tire company mascot). Seemingly sensing Fontaine looking at them, they turn their backs and the object disappears in a sudden flash of light and a burst of hot air. The incident is investigated by Capt. Maljean of the local Gendarmerie and Capt. Léopold Legros of the Civil Protection Service, who detect an abnormal amount of radioactivity at the site and on Fontaine’s clothing 10 days afterward, as well as six apparent landing marks in the ground. A country club called “La Soucoupe Volante” (Flying Saucer) is later built on the site. (“[Contact Casualty on Réunion](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1969): 8, 11; Jean-Claude Bourret, *Le Nouveau Défi des O.V.N.I.*, France-Empire, 1976; Antonio Huneus, “[The ‘Michelin Man’ Encounters on Réunion Island](#),” *Open Minds*, July 30, 2010; Patrick Gross, “[Plaine des Caffres, La Réunion, July 31, 1968](#)”; La Soucoupe Volante Country Club, [Facebook page](#))
- 1968**, August — The US Air Force Weapons Laboratory begins to set up a field instrumentation lab at Con Thien combat base near the Demilitarized Zone, Quang Tri Province, Vietnam, specifically for the purpose of investigating and tracking unidentified aircraft. The first project name is HAVE FEAR. At least 500 UFO sensor trackings via radar-visual, laser range-finder, video camera, infrared, nightscope, and telescope are investigated through April 1969. The UFOs, often seen as red lights, usually travel at speeds of 30–80 mph at altitudes of 1,200–1,600 feet. After several days of tracking, the red blinking lights extinguish when under radar surveillance. They are only seen at night and only in certain places. In mid-August, Project LETHAL CHASER is added, using portable manpack radars. The findings involve 99% UFOs and only 1% IFOs, primarily because the system does not include human anecdotal accounts. Pacific Air Forces’ unit history clearly states the investigation is about UFOs, not enemy helicopters. ([Sparks](#), p. 328; Clark III 1050–1054; Clark IV 1165–1170)
- 1968**, August 4 — 4:15 a.m. William Prochner, his son Kenneth, and his father [Julius Prochner](#) in Qu’Appelle, Saskatchewan, watch a luminous object, about 25 feet in diameter, as it hovers for several minutes. Later it circles above the house 300 feet away. A 4-foot circle of barren grass is found, although an 18-inch circle in the center is undamaged. (Ted Phillips, [Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings](#), Center for UFO Studies, 1978, p. 57)
- 1968**, August 7 — [McDonald](#) addresses the Boeing Management Association in Renton, Washington, on “UFO Investigations: Past, Present, and Future.” (Story, [p. 414](#))
- 1968**, August 7 — 8:10 p.m. As a young man and woman watch from the end of a dock at Buff Ledge Camp [now closed] along the shore of Lake Champlain north of Burlington, Vermont, a bright light appears in the southwest sky and swoops down in a long arc until it stops and assumes a horizontal position. It now resembles a white, glowing, cigar-shaped object, possibly as far away as the Adirondack Mountains more than 10 miles from the witnesses. According to the young man, three tiny white lights emerge one at a time from the right-end bottom of the UFO. As soon as the third is expelled, the object retreats along its original path and vanishes seconds later. The three smaller objects perform a series of spectacular maneuvers, all the while moving closer. After 5 minutes the objects assume a horizontal triangle formation, and two head off in opposite directions, one to the north, the other to the south, making a sound like “thousands of different tuning forks.” The remaining object (40–50 feet across) moves toward the witnesses. It ascends and vanishes in three seconds, only to reappear moments later as it descends along the same trajectory and plunges broadside into the water. A sudden wind blows waves across the heretofore placid surface. Animals up and down the shore howl and shriek. A few minutes later the UFO surfaces

and moves toward the witnesses. It stops 60 feet from them, hovering about 15 feet above the water. The young man can see two figures with large heads, oversized oval eyes, and small mouths. Visible to the waist, they are short and clothed in skintight gray or silver uniforms. Thus begins an abduction experience that was only uncovered through separate hypnotic sessions with each of the witnesses by [Walter N. Webb](#) years later. Webb's background checks, buttressed by psychological analyses, convinces him that there is no question of a hoax. (Walter N. Webb, *Encounter at Buff Ledge: A UFO Case History*, CUFOs, 1994; Richard F. Haines, [\[Review\]](#), *JUFOS* 6 (1995/96): 248–251; UFOEv II 532, 571–575; Clark III 220–222; B. J. Booth, "[The Buff Ledge Abduction](#)," UFO Casebook; Clark IV 260–262)

- 1968**, August 15 — 12:00 midnight. Dick Skewes is driving west with his wife Anne and babysitter Gail Yemm about 20 minutes east of Springhill, Nova Scotia, on the Trans-Canada Highway. After driving up a hill, he sees a group of 5–6 lights hovering 50 feet above some trees on his left. Another light is approaching at high speed to join the others. One of the objects breaks away and descends silently over the highway in front of them, its yellow lights flashing brilliantly, on an apparent collision course. When it is 40–50 feet away it veers upward and disappears to the east. Skewes continues down the highway and loses sight of the objects when he rounds a bend. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 79–81)
- 1968**, August 16 — 6:00 a.m. A farmer doing barnyard chores at La Serra d'Almos, Catalonia, Spain, glimpses a light more than half a mile away. He thinks someone's car has stalled, so he walks over with his dog intending to help. But he finds a globe-shaped, glowing object hovering 3 feet above the ground. On the other side of it, he sees two creatures of an octopus-like appearance. Light-colored, 3 feet tall, they are running on "four or five legs" toward the UFO, which abruptly takes off. Reporters and UFO investigators find a considerable area of burned grass at the site. Those who visit the site shortly afterwards find their watches stop mysteriously. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Jacques Vallée, "[Survey of Iberian Landings](#)," in Charles Bowen, ed., *UFOs in Two Worlds*, Special Issue 4 of *FSR*, August 1971, pp. 46, 50; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, *A Catalogue of 200 Type I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal*, CUFOs, 1976, pp. 14–15; Clark III 280–281; Clark IV 321)
- 1968**, August 16? — Around 9:00 p.m. A US Air Force pilot is flying a C-124 Globemaster II cargo plane at 9,000 feet between the Marshall Islands and Hickam AFB in Hawaii when he notices a soft green glow beneath the surface of the ocean some 3–4 miles ahead. As they draw closer, a green object ascends from the surface at about 115 mph until it reaches an altitude of 30,000–40,000 feet. Then it executes a right-angle turn and accelerates to the east at a high rate of speed. (National UFO Reporting Center, "[NUFORC UFO Sighting 163458](#)," July 31, 2021; Dolan, USO1, 327–329)
- 1968**, August 17 — 8:21 p.m. Capt. Benjamin Gabrian is flying an Ilyushin Il-18 airliner at 22,800 feet in the vicinity of Oradea, Romania, when he sees an oval object on his right about a half-mile away and 900 feet higher. It is moving at high speed and emitting a bright green light. They watch it for 10–15 seconds before it accelerates and disappears to the west. (Hobana and Weverbergh 180–182; Romania 21)
- 1968**, August 18 — Projects HAVE FEAR and LETHAL CHASER at Con Thien military base in Vietnam confirm 67 valid "tracks" on its joint UFO multi-sensor network from now through September 18. For a track to be considered valid, it must be within 11 miles of Con Thien, persist for more than two minutes, and travel at less than 180 mph. The network employs laser range finders, night observation devices, infrared sensors, video cameras, visual reconnaissance, search radar, manpack portable radar, and possibly Side-Looking Airborne Radar. None of tracks have conclusive identifications. The tracks are assumed to be "enemy helicopters," although the operation, at least at first, refers to them as "UFOs." (Clark III 1051, 1054; Clark IV 1166–1167, 1169)
- 1968**, August 18 — 1:20 p.m. Technician Emil Barnea, his girlfriend Zamfira Matea, and two other friends are picnicking in the Hoia Baci forest near Baci, not far from Cluj-Napoca, Romania, when they see a round, metallic, luminous object moving slowly through the sky. Its brilliance increases and decreases as it maneuvers around for 2 minutes. Barnea succeeds in taking four photos of the object before it suddenly accelerates and shoots upwards. (Hobana and Weverbergh 99–107; UFOEv II 287; Adrian Pătruț, "[Phenomena in the Hoia Baci Wood near Cluj-Napoca](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 53, no. 1 (Spring 2008): 10; Romania 21–27; Chris Hill, "Hoia Baci: Romania's Haunted Forest," *Fortean Times* 382, August 2019, pp. 32–36; Patrick Gross, "[Emil Barnea's Photographs, Cluj, Romania, 1968](#)")
- 1968**, August 21 — 6:58 a.m. The Canadian destroyer [HMCS Mackenzie](#) is on a mission in the Pacific Ocean about 930 miles off the coast of California. Four of the ship's crew, including Maj. W. J. Draper, see a group of starlike lights approaching from the northeast, initially only 10° above the horizon. They are flying in a row, and one in the middle of the line seems larger and has a white glow around it. Within 5 minutes, the procession of 20 objects passes nearly overhead, heading west. They maintain a steady course until they are lost to view 13 minutes later. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 73–74)

- 1968**, August 22 — 5:40 p.m. Capt. Walter Gardin and Capt. Gordon W. Smith are flying over Zanthus, Western Australia, at 8,000 feet in a Piper Navajo single-engine airplane when they see a large cigar-shaped object surrounded by five smaller ones. The formation maintains a constant angle from their own flight path for more than 10 minutes, while they are flying at 224 mph. The large object then opens up its center and the smaller objects fly to and from the larger object. Ground air control reports no known air traffic in the area. At this point the radio fails at all frequencies until the objects fly away. (“[Pilots See Formation over Australia](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Jan./Feb. 1969, pp. 1, 4; Paul B. Norman, “[‘Motherships’ over Australia](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 5 (March 1979): 9–10; Paul B. Norman, “[Countdown to Reality](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 31, no. 2 (January 1986): 19–20; Good Above, [pp. 172–173](#); Martin Shough and Wim van Utrecht, “[The BOAC Labrador Sighting of June 29, 1954: Similar Reports](#),” *Caelestia*, October 31, 2018)
- 1968**, August 25 — 5:00 a.m. Hospital assistant Maria José Cintra of the Serafim Ferreira sanitarium in Lins, São Paulo, Brazil, hears a noise like the braking of a car. Cintra readies herself to meet people needing medical assistance. She opens a glass door and asks the visitor if she is a patient. The visitor, just over 6 feet tall, answers in an unknown language. The visitor is wearing a blue satiny cape, matching shoes, and a dress with a high collar and long sleeves. She shows Cintra a vessel with engraved ornaments, and Cintra fills it with water from a fountain and offers her a doughnut. The visitor walks to the door of the sanitarium and through some flowerbeds. At this point Cintra notices a semicircular “pebble-like” light on the ground and a UFO floating 1–2 feet above the grass. She feels the force of an invisible rotating movement and notices that the visitor is no longer there. The UFO rises into the air, making soft sounds like those she heard when the visitor arrived. Later, she and the sanitarium manager and his wife find high-heeled footprints on the freshly waxed floor near the door. On the lawn they discover a spot of scorched grass that persists for 4 months. Subsequent investigation reveals a depression in the ground 5–7 inches deep, apparently made by a vehicle with a diameter of about 6.5 feet. From his bed, another patient has seen the UFO land some 260 feet from the fence of the sanitarium and remain there for 15 minutes. (“[Mulher Extraterrestre Pede Água, em Lins, Est. de São Paulo](#),” *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 66/68 (Jan./June 1969): 72–74; Nigel Rimes, “[Another Hospital Visited](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1969): 4–6; Gordon Creighton, “[Confrontation at Lins](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1969): 22–23; Clark III 684–685; Brazil 99–104; Jackson Camargo, “[O Fantástico Caso Lins](#),” *Portal Fenomenum*, March 7, 2022; “[O Fantástico Caso Lins](#),” *O Arquivo*; Clark IV 759–761)
- 1968**, August 26 — 7:50 p.m. Pearl Christiansen is unchaining the driveway to her ranch near Gleeson, Colorado, when she notices a round, silver disc. She watches it for 5 minutes, then a second object appears, “very shiny and gold.” Both are hovering above 7,200-foot high Brown’s Peak. They remain for several hours, then just after midnight they back away behind the mountain. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Mayfield also see the objects. *Daily Citizen* reporter Cecil James and photographer Dan Tortorell visit the apparent site and find erratic burned patches of *Dasyllirion* plants (charred at the base but not at the top) and grass. Rocks show evidence of high heat and are still hot to the touch two days later. (Cecil James, “[Gleeson UFO Leaves Traces](#),” *Tucson (Ariz.) Daily Citizen*, October 19, 1968, *Olé* magazine, pp. 10, 22)
- 1968**, September 1 — 3:42 a.m. Juan Carlos Peccinetti and Fernando José Villegas are driving home after getting off work at a casino in Mendoza, Argentina. On the Calle Neuquén, their car stops and the lights go out. They find themselves unable to move and several humanoid beings standing near an enormous landed UFO. They receive telepathic messages from the aliens who make marks on the windshield and one side of their car and see a screen full of dystopian images. The beings prick their fingers and take blood samples before going back to the UFO. However, the two later admit to making up the story. (Charles Bowen, “[One Day in Mendoza](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1968): 2–5; UFOEv II 533; Clark III 601; Eghigian, *After*, p. 266; Clark IV 660)
- 1968**, September 1 — Day. The Soviet research vessel [Akademik Kurchatov](#) is drifting in the South Pacific Ocean off the coast of Chile while the crew lowers some scientific instruments into the water by cable. When one of the instruments reaches a depth of about 1,640 feet, the thick steel cable suddenly shifts and slackens and the instrument vanishes. Shortly afterward, the cables carrying a soil sampling tube and a bottom dredge also break off. When the crew retrieves the cables, they seem to have been filed through. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia’s USO Secrets*, *Flying Disk*, 2020, pp. 72–73; Dolan, *USO1*, 329–330)
- 1968**, September 4 — [Hynek](#) receives a letter from Col. [Raymond S. Sleeper](#), commander of the Air Force Foreign Technology Division. Sleeper notes that Hynek has publicly accused Project Blue Book of shoddy science, and further asks Hynek to offer advice on how Blue Book could improve its scientific methods. Hynek later declares that Sleeper’s letter is “the first time in my 20 year association with the air force as scientific consultant that I had been officially asked for criticism and advice [regarding] ... the UFO problem.” (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., [pp. 189–190](#); Clark III 925; Clark IV 1035)

- 1968**, September 4 — Two US Air Force pilots flying in the vicinity of Goose Bay AFB [now CFB Goose Bay], Labrador, spot a spherical metallic object flying in a southerly direction at 33,000–41,000 feet. It crosses behind them, stops, performs two 360° turns and disappears after 5 minutes at 30° above the horizon. (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [p. 115](#))
- 1968**, September 4 — 10:30 p.m. A scoutmaster and 12 River Scouts are having a camp-out by bonfire in the mountains near Caracas, Venezuela, when they see two intensely glowing red discs, each about the size of the full moon, as they rise one at a time from some low hills, hover momentarily, and descend again. (Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*, Signet, 1969, p. 299)
- 1968**, September 5 — Night. Thousands of people in Madrid, Spain, see a bright object in the sky, causing a monumental traffic jam. The Spanish Air Force scrambles an F-104 jet to intercept it. The pilot climbs to 50,000 feet but the object is still above him, and he has to return for fuel. Air Force radar tracks the UFO moving slowly at 90,000 feet. A photo taken through a telescope at the Royal Observatory of Madrid shows a triangular object, apparently solid on one side and translucent in some sections. The object disappears at great speed. The Madrid Weather Bureau says it has no meteorological balloons aloft. (“[Triangle-Shaped Object over Madrid](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1968, p. 4; Good Above, [pp. 149–151](#))
- 1968**, September 6 — 9:30 p.m. John Dow and Paul Franklin are driving on Springfield Road in Taradale, New Zealand, when they notice 20–30 red and green lights flying aimlessly above the city dump. They pull off the road to watch, and a “thunderous explosion” rips through the air, shaking the car. Immediately, the lights begin to group, take off vertically, and disappear. (Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *Strange Effects from UFOs*, NICAP, 1969, p. 48)
- 1968**, September 9 — Day. Several witnesses on the beach at Itaipu, Niterói, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, see an object descending slowly and emitting beams of light. It makes several low-level passes over the beach before landing briefly. Some witnesses claim to see occupants. (“[Landing on a Beach near Rio de Janeiro](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1971): 30)
- 1968**, September 10 — Evening. John Dow and Paul Franklin are on the Omarunui Road southwest of Taradale, New Zealand. They see a circular object with a red and green light that is only a few feet in diameter and glowing white. Heading toward the source, they watch as the UFO disappears behind a cloud. After crossing a bridge, they see the object again, hovering on the opposite side of the river. The object glows intensely and speeds toward the automobile from the rear. Panicking, they try to jump out of the car, which is traveling at 35 mph, but get tangled up and the car veers out of control. Both of them fall out the left door as the bright UFO hovers 2 feet above the car roof. The car crashes into the store of a fruit dealer on Gloucester Street. A crowd gathers around the two young men, still dazed and shocked. Nearly 24 hours later the witnesses are treated for “bruises and abrasions” at the Napier Hospital outpatient clinic because “their clothes were sticking to them.” Dow is charged with reckless driving, but the circumstances convince the court to drop the charge and the insurance company pays for the damages. (“Youth Claims Car Crash Caused by ‘Flying Saucer,’” *Napier (N.Z.) Daily Telegraph*, November 12, 1968; “[New Rash of ‘Buzzing’ Incidents](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1968, p. 5; Henk Hinfelaaar and Claude Elmes, “[The Taradale Car Crash](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1969): 3–5; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *Strange Effects from UFOs*, NICAP, 1969, pp. 48–50)
- 1968**, September 13 — [Condon](#) calls together [Craig](#), [Gillmor](#), [Roach](#), and [Rush](#) to discuss what the project’s recommendations should be. He writes the recommendation section shortly afterwards. (Roy Craig, *UFOs: An Insiders’ View of the Official Quest for Evidence*, University of North Texas, 1995, p. 213)
- 1968**, September 15 — 10:00 p.m. Farmers in the area around Carora, Lara, Venezuela, have a difficult time controlling their cattle and horses when a saucer-shaped object with flickering yellow lights flies over the area at high speed and low altitude. (Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*, Signet, 1969, p. 299)
- 1968**, September 15 — 10:00 p.m. Mathematician Miron Oprea is driving with his wife and two nephews northwest of Ploiești, Romania, when they see a cylindrical object emitting a bluish light and descending slowly to the west near the Vega oil refinery. (Hobana and Weverbergh 183–184)
- 1968**, September 16 — A car-racing contest at Barquisimeto, Lara, Venezuela, is disrupted when a low-flying disc flies above the grandstands. A photographer gets a snapshot that shows a sausage-shaped object about 12–15 feet above the heads of the crowd on the uppermost tier of bleachers. (Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*, Signet, 1969, p. 299)
- 1968**, September 17 — 1:00 a.m. Two air control tower operators at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, watch a bright light moving in a way they cannot explain. ([Sparks](#), p. 329; J. Allen Hynek. *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [p. 44](#))
- 1968**, September 18 — Farmer [Marius Magnan](#) sees three dull metallic, gray, football-shaped UFOs at an altitude of 2,500 feet and 2 miles away at Ste. Anne, Manitoba. They are traveling northwest to southeast in a vertical

orientation at tremendous speed. The UFOs are discharging white substance from the upper surface just like popcorn. The white substance streams upward from two of the objects and downward from the third. After they disappear, a white, fibrous substance falls and settles on foliage, buildings, and power lines. The University of Manitoba analyzes a sample and finds it to be “cellulose-like and unstable,” with a uniform fiber diameter of 5 microns, and probably rayon coated with a gummy substance. (“[Hairy Material Defies Analysis](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 2 (March/April 1969): 12–14; “[Angel’s Hair in Canada](#),” *UFOIC Newsletter*, no. 23 (May 1969): 2; “[Look! Angel Hair](#),” *Spacelink* 6, no. 2 (January 1970): 2; Brian Boldman, “[Angel Hair Physical Analyses: A Review](#),” *JUFOS* 9 (2006): 104–105)

- 1968**, September 18 — 4:15 a.m. Patrolman Arthur H. Byrd sees an object flashing red, blue, and yellow lights on Hunter Road in San Marcos, Texas, approaching at great speed. He follows it along Interstate 35 toward Luling and San Antonio, and at Redwood Road it comes to a stop. It slowly fades away by 7:15 a.m. (“[UFO Said Followed for Hours](#),” *Austin (Tex.) American*, September 19, 1968, p. 68)
- 1968**, September 19 — 3:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m. A lighted white object is seen by many witnesses over Cluj-Napoca and other towns in northwestern Romania. Some of the sightings are attributable to a balloon, but others seem to be moving against the wind and internally lit. (Hobana and Weverbergh 139–149; Romania 27–29)
- 1968**, Late September (or late September 1969) — Night. A teenager is putting hay in a rabbit pen at his home in the East Linden neighborhood of Columbus, Ohio. He hears a clapping noise and sees an entity dressed in a black uniform with a silver belt walking in the woods nearby. Its head has an eerie yellow glow. Scared, he runs into the house to get his parents, but the entity is gone when they go out to look for it. The next morning a neighbor stops by to ask if they had seen any lights in a field the night before. The families go to the field and find a large oval place where the grass, weeds, and bushes have been pressed down. (Irena Scott, “[Observation of an Alien Figure](#),” *IUR* 12, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1987): 20, 25)
- 1968**, September 24 — [James E. McDonald](#) gives a talk on “UFOs: A Case Study in Public Misinformation” at Kent State University, Ohio. (“[‘UFOs: A Case Study in Public Misinformation’—Dr. James E. McDonald’s 1968 Lecture](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, May 30, 2025)
- 1968**, September 26–27 — 6:00 a.m. Industrial chemist Henrique Schneider Jr. gets up and checks the fire in the kiln next to his house in Vila Baumer in the northern part of Joinville, Santa Catarina, Brazil. He comes across a strange object in the pottery yard about 16 feet away. It is a cone-shaped device about 13 feet high sitting on a tripod under which a bluish light illuminates the ground, and it has a rectangular opening through which comes a treadmill. On the treadmill are two squared cylinders standing on end, both motionless. Schneider feels paralyzed and begins to converse telepathically with the nearest cylinder, which answers his questions clearly and briefly about where they come from, which is another star system, and they are investigating global warming on earth. Soon the treadmill goes back up into the object, the entrance closes, and it takes off with a hissing sound. The next day, Schneider finds a burned circle of grass just over 2 feet in diameter at the landing site. Inside this is a smaller circle of compressed grass and three holes where the tripod stood. (Carlos Varassin, “[O Estranho Caso da Vila Baumer](#),” *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 94/98 (September 1973/June 1974): 41–44; Brazil 141–145; “[Contato Imediato em Joinville](#),” Portal Fenomenum, March 9, 2022)
- 1968**, September 29 — Night. Amateur astronomer [Hermanus Voorsluys](#) and ex-police officer [Reginald Neal](#) take several photographs of a UFO that they have seen for several nights above Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt at the southern tip of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. One photo shows a large object surrounded by four smaller luminous objects that have emerged from it, as well as a fifth object that has just appeared. After a zig-zagging descent, the smaller objects return to the level of the parent object and disappear. (“[Mystery over Naval Base](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1969): 4–7)
- 1968**, September 30 — [Philip J. Klass](#) writes a letter to [Robert A. Frosch](#), wanting to know who has financed [James E. McDonald](#)’s visits to Australia to investigate UFOs and who would fund his upcoming trip to Europe and the USSR. In late 1967, McDonald had secured a modest grant from the Office of Naval Research in order to study cloud formations in Australia. While there, McDonald conducts some UFO research on his own time. Klass mounts an extended, concerted campaign against McDonald, arguing that he has squandered government funds. The ONR responds by announcing that they had known of McDonald’s UFO interests and have no objections to his personal hobbies. The University of Arizona comes to McDonald’s defense, announcing that his UFO research was done on his own time, and has no adverse impact on his regular teaching and research duties at the university. (Clark III 700; Eghigian, *After*, p. 255; Clark IV 796)
- 1968**, October? — A 7-page National Security Agency thought piece on UFOs is written by an unnamed NSA analyst (possibly [Howell McConnell](#)) around this time. It is declassified in 1984 with a disclaimer saying that it does not represent NSA policy. It discusses various hypotheses for UFOs (hoaxes, hallucinations, natural phenomena,

secret earth projects, and extraterrestrial intelligence) and speculates what each answer would mean for the human species, placing credence in the ETH. ([US National Security Agency], "[U.F.O. Hypothesis and Survival Questions](#)," [October 1968]; Good Above, pp. 423–424; Anthony Bragalia, "[The Man Who Read Alien Language: Government Scientist May Have Deciphered Roswell UFO Debris Symbols](#)," UFO Explorations, June/July 2025)

- 1968, October** — The editors of *Flying Saucer Review*, [Charles Bowen](#) and [Gordon Creighton](#), begin to drift away from the extraterrestrial hypothesis in the wake of high-strangeness UFO cases. Bowen wonders if good and evil entities “from universes parallel with ours but with a different time stream” are using the earth as a battlefield, all the while shrouding themselves in a veil of illusion to confuse us as to their true nature and intention. (Charles Bowen, “[Strangers about the House](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1968): 10–12; Clark III 878; Clark IV 973)
- 1968, October** — Brazil’s Sistema de Investigação de Objetos Aéreos Não Identificados (System of Investigation of Unidentified Aircraft), created by the Fourth Air Zone Command of the Brazilian Air Force and sponsored by Brig. Gen. José Vaz da Silva and coordinated by Maj. Gilberto Zani de Mello, goes into operation to investigate UFO sightings, especially physical trace cases. The operation lasts until the end of 1972. (Wikipedia, “[SIOANI](#)”; Clark III 1072–1073; Mauricio Meireles and Gêssica Brandino, “[Inside the 70-Year Military Investigation of Aliens in Brazil](#),” *Folha de São Paulo*, October 31, 2024; Eghigian, *After*, p. 225; Clark IV 1187–1188)
- 1968, October** — George Hiner sees a white, dome-shaped object that rises about 10 feet above the water as he is looking for swordfish off Santa Catalina Island, California. It sinks back into the water, then resurfaces. He sees a billowing, parachute-like extension under the dome. (Coral E. Lorenzen, *The Shadow of the Unknown*, Signet, 1970, p. 87; Dolan, USO1, 330–331)
- 1968, October 2** — 6:20 a.m. While oiling his tractor’s engine at the end of Avenida da Saudade in Lins, São Paulo, Brazil, Turíbio Pereira sees only a few feet away a golden cigar-shaped object hovering one foot above the ground. It is about 16 feet long and 10 feet wide. There is a platform around it and on the top a transparent dome is open. Inside there are four stools and an instrument panel. Pereira sees four beings around it wearing blue tunics and red skirts. One is on the platform with a weapon in its hand, another is picking up earth samples, the third is looking at his tractor’s engine, and the fourth is inside the object at the instrument panel. The being with the weapon fires it and a luminous ball hits Pereira in the stomach, paralyzing him. The entities go inside, and a transparent dome encloses them. The object ascends and shoots off at high speed. With difficulty, Pereira climbs off the tractor and stumbles to the road where a friend takes him home. Later he is given a medical examination by Antônio Geris and summoned to a Brazilian Air Force facility where he is questioned and held for three days. (Gordon Creighton, “[Confrontation at Lins](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1969): 22–23; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), December 22, 2006; Brazil 105–107)
- 1968, October 5** — 7:52 p.m. John D. Hickey and his family are driving near West Morehead Street in Charlotte, North Carolina. While stopped at a traffic light, he sees a black object like a short cigar moving on his left, but it stops and hovers above a low building about 500 feet away. Suddenly three large gray-white lights shaped like television picture tubes turn on, each about 22 inches in diameter. A small black arm-like device moves slowly out of one end, extends a few feet, then stops. A blue light is at one end. The three large lights begin to blink slowly, then rapidly for 25 seconds. The blue light goes out, the arm retracts, the large lights blink more slowly until they stop. The lights go out and the object moves to the east. (“[Nocturnal Light Becomes CE-I in Charlotte, NC](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1984): 1, 8)
- 1968, October 7** — [Hynek](#) responds to Col. [Sleeper](#)’s request with an extended commentary prefaced by a succinct, eight-point critique of everything Project Blue Book has done wrong: the project suffers from (1) inadequate execution, (2) inadequate staff, (3) lack of open consultation with scientists outside the Air Force, (4) laughable statistical methods, (5) too much time spent on routine cases and not exceptional cases, (6) inadequate data provided by local Air Force base investigators, (7) biased evaluations, and (8) inadequate use of the project’s own scientific consultant. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 202–206, 283–305; Clark III 925–926; Clark IV 1035–1036)
- 1968, October 18** — 5:00 p.m. Hundreds of witnesses view a conical object that appears above Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, traveling from northwest to southeast. The UFO at first appears bright blue then changes first to a whitish-blue then to red. When it reaches a point just south of Sarajevo and northeast of the city of Mostar, the object turns to the east. It remains in view from 90 minutes to two hours. Members of the Akademski Astronomsko-Astronautiki Klub take photos of the object and, six months later, issue a report on their investigation of the incident. It estimates that the UFO was flying at an altitude of 16 miles and a speed of 20 mph, probably guided by air currents and not self-propelled, and most likely was a military reconnaissance balloon. (Hobana and Weverbergh 84–90)

- 1968, October 24** — 2:15–5:18 a.m. Sixteen military personnel stationed throughout the Minuteman ICBM missile complex at Minot AFB, North Dakota, report a very large, brightly illuminated aerial object, alternating colors from brilliant white to orange-red and green, with the ability to hover, accelerate rapidly, and abruptly change direction. At 2:15 a.m., a two-person security team reports a glowing object descending behind some trees near a missile silo. Other reports from security teams begin to reach headquarters. Ground radar tracks an unidentified target correlated with a visual orange glow and radios it (saying, “Someone is seeing flying saucers again”) to the attention of the USAF crew of a B-52H Stratofortress bomber at 2,000 feet as a UFO target 24 miles to the northwest. It shifts to 15 miles at 3:35 a.m. RAPCON alerts the pilots (instructor pilot Maj. [Bradford Runyon](#) and copilot Maj. [James Partin](#)) to the location of the UFO near Bowbells, North Dakota, which the B-52 navigator Capt. [Patrick D. McCaslin](#) observes on the radarscope maintaining a three-mile distance throughout a standard 180° turnaround. Radar navigator Maj. Charles Richey captures the tracking on film. As the B-52 starts its descent back to Minot AFB, the UFO appears to close distance to one mile at a high rate of speed, pacing the aircraft for nearly 20 miles before disappearing off the radarscope. Both B-52 UHF radios cannot transmit during the close radar encounter with the UFO and when the radarscope film is recorded. Shortly afterwards, RAPCON provides vectors for the B-52 to overfly a stationary UFO on or near the ground. After turning onto the downwind leg of the traffic pattern, the pilots observe a large, illuminated UFO ahead of the aircraft for several minutes, before turning onto the base leg over the UFO while observing it at close range. After the B-52 lands, both outer and inner-zone intrusion alarms are activated at the remote missile Launch Facility Oscar-7. The duration of the reported observations is over three hours. The velocity of the object varies from stationary to 12,716 mph. On four occasions the object exhibits rapid changes in movement from radar track to radar track, resulting in acceleration values of 18, 48, 60, and 449 g-forces. The radar image suggests the object’s size is 656 feet by 164 feet. Other witnesses include Capt. [Thomas Goduto](#), S/Sgt [James F. Bond](#), S/Sgt [William E. Smith](#), A1C [Robert O’Connor](#), A1C [Joseph P. Jablonski](#), and A1C Gregory Adams. The chief of the 862nd Combat Support Group, Lt. Col. [Arthur J. Werlich](#), is designated as Blue Book liaison and he calls the report in at 4:30 p.m. after SAC investigations, an analysis of the radarscope film, and the B-52 crew debriefing. Werlich provides Blue Book with selected data through October 31. On November 13, Blue Book chief Lt. Col. [Hector Quintanilla](#) completes his evaluation and forwards the final report to SAC headquarters. It is a single-page letter providing several possible explanations for the various reports, along with 11 pages of attachments cobbled together in support. He attributes the B-52 radar contact and loss of UHF transmission to “a plasma similar to ball lightning.” (NICAP, “[Minot Tracks Object, B-52 Sees and Tracks UFO](#)”; [Sparks](#), p. 330; *Hynek UFO Report*, pp. 137–139; Kevin D. Randle, *Project Blue Book Exposed*, Marlowe, 1997, pp. 151–163; Claude Poher, “[Analysis of Radar and Air-Visual UFO Observations on 24 October 1968 at Minot AFB, North Dakota, USA](#),” August 1, 2005; Martin Shough, “[Minot Air Force Base, Oct 24 1968](#),” 2006; Nukes 319–323; “[The Minot AFB B-52 UFO Incident](#),” Above Top Secret forum, February 24, 2010; Thomas Tulien, “[A Narrative of Events at Minot Air Force Base](#),” Sign Oral History Project, 2011; Thomas E. Bullard, “[Defending UFOs](#),” *IUR* 34, no. 2 (Mar. 2012): 32–33; “[New Witness to UFO Incursion at Nuke Missile Complex](#),” *The UFO Chronicles*, October 17, 2017; Clark III 748–763; “[B-52 and Missile Crews Witnessed a UFO at the Vicinity of Minot Air Force Base, October 24, 1968](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, July 2023; Thomas Tulien, “[The Investigation of UFO Events at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota](#),” Sign Oral History Project, August 2023; Thomas Tulien, “[A Narrative of UFO Events at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota](#),” Sign Oral History Project, August 2023; Powell, *Scientist*, 72–75; Clark IV 830–845, 1006, 1313)
- 1968, October 24** — 6:47 p.m. The Romanian oil tanker *Argeş* is steaming through the Mozambique Channel when Third Officer Ştefan Anton and Commander Nicolae Ştefanescu see a bright orange-yellow disc half the diameter of the Moon moving swiftly and emitting blue-green rays from its center. At one point it stops abruptly for a moment and changes course to the east. By sextant they estimate it is 15.5 miles away and 56 feet in diameter. (Hobana and Weverbergh 250–251)
- 1968, October 31** — The Colorado project delivers its report, *Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects*, to the Air Force, which, however, takes pains to avoid looking at it until it is released to the public. The first two sections, conclusions and recommendations, are written by [Condon](#) himself. He concludes that “further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby.” It is a clear signal to shut down Project Blue Book. Yet 30% of its cases are unexplained. Condon says a UFO cover-up is unthinkable because no one could keep such a secret for so long. He refutes the claim that the CIA has installed an agent within the project. He disapproves of UFO “amateurists,” especially NICAP. The project ignored old cases because they only offered witness testimony, are probably misidentifications, and it makes little sense to reinterview witnesses. But this means ignoring the most compelling cases of the past 20+ years. Condon rejects the ETH because it is so unlikely that aliens can get here from there. This attitude suggests that Condon’s

approach is fundamentally antiempirical. The report also includes summaries of field studies, photographic evidence, direct and indirect physical evidence, optical and radar cases, and astronaut sightings. In the field studies section, [Roy Craig](#) concedes that some of the older cases suggest something extraordinary (Great Falls, RB-47). [William K. Hartmann](#) divides photo cases into fabrications, misidentifications, poor image quality, and clear images that lack sufficient data. Great Falls and McMinnville are the only two that he considers unusual. [Gordon Thayer](#) discusses the predominance of anomalous propagation in radar cases. In finding natural explanations, Thayer often disregards witness testimony. The rest of the report is mostly padding. (Wikipedia, “[Condon Committee](#)”; Frank Carey, “[No Evidence Found UFOs Are ‘Visitors.’](#)” *Flint (Mich.) Journal*, January 7, 1969, p. 1; Walter Sullivan, “[U.F.O. Finding: No Visits from Afar.](#)” *New York Times*, January 8, 1969, pp. 1–2; Frank Carey, “[Secret Report Suddenly Not So Secret.](#)” *Helena (Mont.) Independent-Record*, January 8, 1969, p. 22; Michael D. Swords, “[The University of Colorado UFO Project: The ‘Scientific Study of UFOs.’](#)” *JUFOS* 6 (1995/96): 149–184; Swords 329–332; David J. Shea, “[NCAS Presentation.](#)” September 8, 2018; Graff 224–225; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 208, 212–214)

- 1968**, November — Two children are playing in the garden of their father’s hotel in Southampton, England, when they notice a “speck” come out of the clouds. It grows in size and comes closer, moving above the hotel roof. The shape is a large flattened disc with black square windows on the side. It moves to a point about 10 feet directly above them and hovers for 30 seconds, then it speeds up and disappears behind some trees. (“[Foreign Forum.](#)” *IUR* 3, no. 6 (June 1978): 2)
- 1968**, November 2 — 3:55 a.m. A partially paralyzed Algerian veteran, Dr. X, has suffered an injury to his leg while chopping at a stump on his property in a village in the south of France on October 29. He is lying in bed when he is awakened by his crying 14-month-old son. He sees two luminous objects outside his house. They are coming close together and merging about 590 feet away. A vertical beam of light is aimed at him for a second as the object tilts, and then the display vanishes with a sort of explosion, leaving behind a slowly dissolving cloud. Shortly afterwards, the man’s leg heals and his war wound is better. He also experiences nightmares, stomach pains, and a red pigmentation appears around his navel, forming a triangle. He goes to a dermatologist but does not mention the UFO; the doctor is stumped. The man’s son also develops a red triangle. In November 1984, a French radio reporter records the gradual reappearance of the triangle on X’s abdomen. Jacques Vallée later casts doubt on the case in his *Forbidden Science* series of books, saying that the story turned into a “vaguely occult tale” in which he “lied about some key aspects.” (Aimé Michel, “[The Strange Case of Dr. X.](#)” in Charles Bowen, ed., *UFO Percipients*, special issue no. 3 of *FSR*, September 1969, pp. 3–16; Aimé Michel, “[The Strange Case of Dr. ‘X,’ Part 2.](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1971): 3–9; Jacques Vallée, *Confrontations*, Ballantine, 1990, pp. 113–122; Clark III 410–413; Bill Chalker, “[The Labyrinths of Forbidden Science: The Journals of Jacques Vallée.](#)” *TheOzFiles*, February 26, 2023; Clark IV 456–459)
- 1968**, November 3 — 4:15 p.m. Two teenage boys, Robert Hubbard and David Kelley, see a domed, disc-shaped UFO about 200 feet in diameter discharging angel hair over the Spring Branch West area of Houston, Texas. They watch it for two minutes until it takes off when a commercial jet approaches. [C. E. “Gene” Senter](#) investigates and recovers a twig with angel hair that he puts in a plastic bag and freezes. A chemist analyzes the substance in a petroleum-industry lab but finds out little other than it is sticky and fibrous. (“[Substance Linked to UFO Is Classified As a Mystery.](#)” *Lubbock (Tex.) Avalanche-Journal*, December 19, 1968, pp. B-1, B-9; Bob Gribble, “[Looking Back.](#)” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 247 (November 1988): 21, 22; Brian Boldman, “[Angel Hair Physical Analyses: A Review.](#)” *JUFOS* 9 (2006): 105)
- 1968**, November 15 — The Air Force sends the Colorado report to the National Academy of Sciences for review by an 11-member panel, chaired by Yale University astronomer [Gerald Maurice Clemence](#) and charged with an independent assessment of its scope, methodology, and findings. (Clark III 1197–1198; Clark IV 1372)
- 1968**, November 20 — 5:45 p.m. Milan and Doris Milakovic and their son are driving southwest out of Hanbury, Staffordshire, England, when several rabbits run across the road from their left. Suddenly they see a brilliant object. They stop the car and watch as it rises from a field on their left, silently pass over the car, and move toward a solitary house about 300 feet away on the right where it stops and hovers, “quivering like jelly.” The air temperature seems to drop. For approximately 5 minutes, they see what appear to be several humanoid figures walking across the bright top of the UFO, which is as wide as the house. Intermittently, some of the figures bend down as though looking at something in the part of the object below the rim. Then the UFO begins moving up in a pulsating or jerky movement. The intensity of its light increases and Milakovic feels like his eyes are burning. Thoroughly frightened, Milakovic pushes his wife and son back into the car and speeds away from the scene. (N. M. H. Turner and W. Daniels, “[Report of the Encounter between the Milakovic Family and a Flying Saucer in the Hanbury Area of Staffordshire.](#)” *BUFORA Journal* 2, no. 7 (Winter 1968/1969): 4–7; W. Daniels and N. M. H.

Turner, "[The Milakovic Report](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1969): 2–3, 24; UFOEv II 483; Patrick Gross, "[UFO with Humanoid Occupants, Hanbury, England, November 20, 1968](#)"; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), December 18, 2006)

- 1968**, November 23 — 8:05 p.m. An accountant named Jones is driving his 1967 Ford Custom along the road between Newton and Albany, Georgia. When he rounds a bend he sees a brilliant yellowish-white light about 200 feet ahead of him and 50–75 feet above the road. As he approaches, the car radio fades into static. Then the object emits a beam of well-defined light about 5–6 feet wide that illuminates the trees and causes his engine and radio to cut out as it passes over his car. The object changes color to orange-red and ascends at a high rate of speed, disappearing in less than 15 seconds. The car engine starts spontaneously afterward. ([Sparks](#), p. 330; *Hynek UFO Report*, pp. 189–191; Powell, *Scientist*, 98–99; Clark IV 1218)
- 1968**, November 25 — 6:00 p.m. Elaine Pelchy is driving with her 2-year-old son and dog on Highway 174 south of Marcellus, New York, when they see an object with five red, blinking lights about 100 feet in front of her car and heading southeast. The radio gets a lot of static and the English setter begins to get nervous, clawing at the window and putting its head over its eyes and ears. The boy starts crying, then the car engine begins to sputter. The object executes a U-turn and moves to the northwest as the lights change to blinking blue and white. Suddenly, the UFO stops and changes to a white, dome-shaped object with a "fluorescent star" next to it. The larger object merges into the star and disappears. Pelchy drops her son off at her mother-in-law's, then returns on the same route. The dog starts to whine again as a light the size of a basketball fluctuates in intensity and zigzags across the sky. She goes home but returns to the scene with a neighbor and the light is still visible and maneuvering. (Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., [Strange Effects from UFOs](#), NICAP, 1969, pp. 40–41)
- 1968**, November 26 — Dusk. Two flight instructors and two student pilots in Cessna 150 aircraft are flying between Winter Haven and Melbourne, Florida, when they see four objects flying in echelon formation about 6,000 feet to their right at 1,500 feet altitude. They are white ovals and seem to be the size of C-130 military transports. After 10 minutes one of the objects descends close to the ground as the remaining objects continue to pace the planes. Some 10 miles away from Melbourne, one of the pilots banks his plane and moves toward the objects, which then take off upward at 2,000 mph and disappear. ("[Four UFOs Pace Aircraft](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 10 (Feb./Mar. 1969): 1)
- 1968**, November 26 — 5:40 p.m. Three control tower operators (Jack Wilhelm, Jack Reeves, and John Fischer) at Bismarck (North Dakota) Airport observe two swiftly moving round objects traveling in opposite directions. They reverse course and approach each other, hover together, then instantly zoom off to the northeast. Air Force radar at Great Falls, Montana, picks up "foreign objects" at the same time 85 miles northeast of Bismarck. The objects are also seen by Robert Watts, who is flying a Cessna 150. (NICAP, "[Air Force Radar Tracks Objects](#)"; "[It Was Something But No One Knows What](#)," *Bismarck (N.Dak.) Tribune*, November 27, 1968, pp. 1–2; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 43–44, 51–52; UFOEv II 130–131)
- 1968**, November 27 — A 41-page paper by George Kocher of the RAND Corporation, "UFOs: What to Do?" is produced as an internal document. It notes the likelihood of intelligent life in the universe, speculates UFOs may well have been around for a long time, looks at some compelling reports, and assesses the difficulty of estimating the number of sightings worldwide "because of the lack of suitable data collection means." (George Kocher, "[UFOs: What to Do?](#)" RAND Corporation, November 27, 1968)
- 1968**, November 27 — 7:00 p.m. While on patrol, officer Joseph Trotier of the Belcourt, North Dakota, police department, sees a round, glowing object with purple lights arrayed around its underside, alternately hovering and moving around the sky. As it hovers at 500 feet, the UFO emits a red beam of light toward the ground. Trotier shines a spotlight at the object, which immediately blacks out and disappears. After about 5 minutes it reappears. Moving south with its lights back on. ("[Object Reacts to Light](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 9 (January 1969): 8; UFOEv II 188)
- 1968**, December — [David R. Saunders](#) (along with journalist R. Roger Harkins) explains his version of the Colorado project in *UFOs? Yes!* He presents a picture of [Edward Condon](#) as a distracted, out-of-touch, and stubborn director who consistently refuses to look into plausible data. (David R. Saunders and R. Roger Harkins, *UFOs? Yes! Where the Condon Committee Went Wrong*, Signet, 1968; Eghigian, *After*, p. 209)
- 1968**, December — The 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion of the 3rd Marine Division track 18 incidents of unidentified "helicopters" or UFOs (as well as two in November) near the Demilitarized Zone in Vietnam through the joint Army–Air Force–Marine Western Pistol project. (Clark IV 1169)
- 1968**, December — The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics announces that it has formed a UFO Subcommittee to study the UFO phenomenon objectively. [Joachim P. Kuettner](#) of ESSA Research Laboratories is

the chairman; other members include [Jerald M. Bidwell](#) of Martin Marietta, Glenn A. Cato of TRW Systems Group, Bernard N. Charles of Aerospace Corporation, Murray Dryer of ESSA Research Laboratories, Howard D. Edwards of Georgia Institute of Technology, [Paul MacCreedy](#) of Meteorology Research, Andrew J. Masley of Douglas Missile and Space Systems Division, Robert Rados of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, and Donald M. Swingle of the US Army Electronic Command. It announces in *Astronautics and Aeronautics* that the UFO issue “cannot be resolved without further study in a quantitative scientific manner and that it deserves the attention of the engineering and scientific community.” (“[AIAA Committee Looks at UFO Problem](#),” *Astronautics and Aeronautics*, December 1968, p. 12)

1968, December 26 — The Spanish Air Ministry’s press office issues a release inviting citizens to report UFO cases to the air force. A few days later, Second Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. [Mariano Cuadra Medina](#) issues the first regulations in Spain on how to handle UFO reports. The information is rated confidential. (Swords 423)

1968, Late December — 11:30 a.m. Traumatologist Sebastian José Tarda is on vacation in Patagonia and leading a group of secondary school students on a motorboat field trip on Nahuel Huapi Lake, Argentina. Tarda is taking photos of the lake shore near Puerto Blest, but does not notice anything unusual. When one slide is developed, it shows a blurry white object against a mountainous background. An analysis by the Argentine UFO group Circulo de Investigación Científico Espacial states that the image is not caused by a lens flare, damaged emulsion, or a known object. Another analysis suggests that the object moved while the shutter was depressed. Ground Saucer Watch considers it a lens flare. (“[UFO Appears in Photo over Nahuel Huapi Lake, Argentina](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 1 (February 1982): 1–2; “[Dr. Tarda 1968 Photograph Judged Lens Flare by GSW](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 2 (April 1982): 3)

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1969 — The CIA’s Operation Often is initiated by the chief of the CIA’s Technical Services Branch, [Sidney Gottlieb](#), to “explore the world of black magic” and “harness the forces of darkness and challenge the concept that the inner reaches of the mind are beyond reach.” As part of the operation, Gottlieb and other CIA employees visit with and recruit fortune-tellers, palm-readers, clairvoyants, astrologers, mediums, psychics, specialists in demonology, witches and warlocks, Satanists, and other occult practitioners. (Wikipedia, “[MKOFTEN](#)”)

1969 — Gérard Lebat founds Groupe d’Études des Objets Spatiaux, which publishes *GEOS International* from July 1969 to July 1970, then *Les Extraterrestres* from November 1970 to October 1979, then *Hypothèses Extraterrestres* from January 1980 to July 1981, in Rebais, Seine-et-Marne, France. (*GEOS International*, no. 1 (July 1969)); *Les Extraterrestres*, no. 9 (Nov./Dec. 1970); *Hypothèses Extraterrestres*, no. 13 (January 1980))

1969 — In *Passport to Magonia*, [Jacques Vallée](#) proposes a radically revisionist argument that UFOs are better understood when related to folk traditions about supernatural creatures (elementals, fairies, angels, demons) than to astronomers’ speculations about life in outer space. He says science cannot adequately deal with such matters, although he does not specifically disavow the scientific method. He sees the UFO phenomenon as a “resurgence of a deep stream in human culture known in older times under various other names.” It is the first book to question the ETH and the first to lay the groundwork for the psychosocial hypothesis, which sees UFOs as largely the product of unusual mental states and perpetuated by social acceptance. He argues that ostensible otherworldly manifestations are fantastic images propelled via psychic technology from humanity’s future to generate myths and religions that will change fate. In time the book leads to a new school of ufology whose advocates hold that UFOs and other anomalous experiences are internally generated and shaped entirely by cultural processes as opposed to nonhuman intelligences. [Jerry Clark](#) writes that the “genius of *Passport*, a genuinely brilliant work, is its success in placing UFOs into not only cultural but *experiential* context.” (Jacques Vallée, *Passport to Magonia*, Regnery, 1969; Clark III 464, 881–882, 939–942, 1214; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 248–249; Clark IV 510, 975–977, 1050–1052, 1390)

1969 — Contactee [Ted Owens](#) writes *How to Contact Space People*. Owens, who calls himself the “PK Man,” attributes his psychic and precognitive abilities to UFO occupants who operated on his brain when he was a child, a modification that made him half-human, half-alien. He claims to be in two-way contact with saucer intelligences. (Ted Owens, *How to Contact the Space People*, Saucerian, 1969; Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, pp. 235–236)

1969 — Spanish ufologist [Antonio Ribera](#) receives his first Ummo communication, a letter postmarked from Paris, Franca. An Ummo cult has begun to form, and books—both journalistic accounts and anthologies of Ummo writings—find an avid readership. (Clark III 1185; Clark IV 1359)

- 1969** — A family of four working on an archaeological project in Great Sand Dunes National Monument, Colorado, allegedly watches a jet intercept a seemingly disabled cylindrical object that passes 500 feet above them before crashing into the sand. The UFO is retrieved by the military. (David B. Clemens, “[High Strangeness in a Colorado Valley](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 313 (May 1994): 13–14; Clark III 341; Clark IV 377)
- 1969** — Night. During its extended deployment to Vietnam with the 7th Fleet, the destroyer [USS Leary](#) is navigating fishing waters in the Gulf of Tonkin. Ensign [Will Miller](#) is alerted by the lookout about a possible light from a fishing boat in the water ahead. But the light suddenly moves from above the water to below the surface and heads rapidly toward the ship at 45° to the bow, passing below the vessel. The sailors run to the starboard side to see whether it will emerge, but it does not. Nothing is tracked on radar or sonar or by the ECM system. (Good Need, [pp. 284–285](#))
- 1969**, January — John Magor begins publishing the quarterly *Canadian UFO Report* in Duncan, British Columbia. It persists through the summer issue of 1979. ([Canadian UFO Report](#) 1, no. 1 (January 1969))
- 1969**, January 6 — 7:15 p.m. Future president [Jimmy Carter](#) is preparing to give a speech at a Lions Club meeting at Leary, Georgia. One of the guests calls his attention to a strange object visible about 30° above the horizon to the west of where he is standing. Carter describes the object as being bright white and about as bright as the moon. It appears to have closed in on where he is standing but stops beyond a stand of pine trees some distance from him. The object changes color, first to blue, then to red, then back to white, before appearing to recede into the distance. Carter feels that the object is self-illuminated and not solid in nature. Carter’s report indicates that it is witnessed by about 10–12 other people and is in view for 10–12 minutes before it passes out of sight. Skeptic [Robert Sheaffer](#) concludes that the object is a misidentification of Venus. Ufologist [Allan Hendry](#) does calculations and agrees with the assessment of the object as Venus. Jere Justus thinks it might have been a barium cloud produced by rockets launched from Eglin AFB near Valparaiso, Florida. (Wikipedia, “[Jimmy Carter UFO incident](#)”; [case report to [Hayden C. Hewes](#)]; “[Jimmy Carter’s 1973 UFO Report](#),” *UFO Investigator*, February 1977, pp. 1–3; “[UFO over Georgia? Jimmy Logged One](#),” *Washington Post*, April 29, 1977; Good Above, [pp. 368, 516–517](#); Robert Sheaffer, “[President Jimmy Carter’s Sighting of a UFO](#)”; Robert Sheaffer, *UFO Sightings: The Evidence*, Prometheus, 1998, [pp. 18–28](#); Clark III 225; C. G. “Jere” Justus, “[What Was That ‘UFO’ Jimmy Carter Saw?](#)” February 2020; Graff 274–275; Clark IV 265–266; Elisha Sauers, “[Carter’s UFO Hounded Him for Years: Few Knew His Expertise in Astronomy](#),” Mashable, January 4, 2025)
- 1969**, January 8 — The National Academy of Sciences releases its review of the Colorado project report, giving its enthusiastic approval. In a letter to Assistant Secretary of the Air Force [Alexander H. Flax](#), [Frederick Seitz](#) expresses the hope that the review would “be helpful to you and other responsible officials in determining the nature and scope of any research effort in this area.” (“[UFOs Visitors from Another Planet?](#)” *Bryan (Tex.) Daily Eagle*, January 7, 1969, pp. 1, 6; National Academy of Sciences, “[Review of the University of Colorado Report on Unidentified Flying Objects by a Panel of the National Academy of Sciences](#),” January 8, 1969; “[Flying Objects Validity Denied by Scientists](#),” *Jefferson City (Mo.) Capital News*, January 9, 1969, p. 5; Story, [pp. 244–245](#); Clark III 926, 1198; David J. Shea, “[NCAS Presentation](#),” September 8, 2018; Eghigian, *After*, p. 208; Clark IV 1036, 1372)
- 1969**, January 8 — Science reporter [Walter Sullivan](#) writes that the soon-to-be-released Colorado project report will debunk the extraterrestrial hypothesis and dismiss “demands of some scientists and laymen for a large-scale effort to determine the nature of such ‘flying saucers.’ Such a project, the report says in effect, would be a waste of time and money.” Sullivan dismisses the project’s critics as “UFO enthusiasts.” (Walter Sullivan, “[U.F.O. Finding: No Visits from Afar](#),” *New York Times*, January 8, 1969, pp. 1–2; Clark III 1198; Clark IV 1372)
- 1969**, January 9 — The Colorado project report is released to the public in a 965-page Bantam Books edition. (Edward U. Condon, scientific director, *Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects*, Bantam, 1969; [HTML version]; Clark III 1198; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 208–210; Clark IV 1372)
- 1969**, January 11 — [Keyhoe](#), [David R. Saunders](#), and [McDonald](#) hold a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., to criticize the Condon report. (“[The Truth about the Condon Report](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 9 (January 1969): 1–2; “[Condon Report Rejections Increase](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 10 (Feb./March 1969): 1; Lloyd Mallan, “The Condon Report: Fact or Fiction?” *Science and Mechanics*, May 1969, pp. 38–40, 86–90; Jacobs, *UFO Controversy in America*, Signet ed., 1976, [pp. 216–217](#); Eghigian, *After*, p. 209)
- 1969**, January 17 — 3:24 a.m. A NASA employee is awakened in his home at Crittenden, Virginia, by a loud hum like an electrical transformer going bad. Looking out the window, he sees an elliptical object, about 30 feet wide, flying 100 feet above the ground. Around its base is a ring of rectangular amber-lighted windows, one of which is blinking in time to changes in the pitch of the hum. The object rocks gently as it moves and makes a slow turn to the west, fading from sight. Blue Book investigators try to convince him he has seen a helicopter, but there is no

evidence of traffic that night. They label the sighting “unidentified,” the last report so designated in the blue Book files. (Kevin D. Randle, *The UFO Casebook*, Ballantine, 1989, [pp. 135–138](#))

1969, January 21 — The Lucens reactor in Vaud, Switzerland, suffers a loss-of-control accident that leads to a partial core meltdown and massive radioactive contamination of its cavern, which is sealed. (Wikipedia, “[Lucens reactor](#)”)

1969, January 22 — Elements of the Ninth Marine Division go more than a mile into Laos to protect the flanks of a major combat operation. The *New York Times* reveals the operation on February 12. Though American combat involvement in Laos is not officially acknowledged until 1969, the US is known to have organized, trained, and equipped a clandestine army of Laotian irregulars since the early 1950s, under the direction of the CIA. (Seymour M. Hersh, “[Secret 1969 Foray into Laos Reported](#),” *New York Times*, August 12, 1973, p. 1, 5)

1969, January 25 — 12:30 a.m. A young couple is driving near Plattville, Illinois. The woman sees a bright object shaped like an ice-cream cone low in the sky ahead, traveling big end first. They get within a quarter mile and the object turns point up and only 30 feet off the ground. Security lights on a nearby farmhouse go off. The object, now seemingly 2–3 stories tall, spins and flashes, and the car engine and lights go off. The front end of the car lifts 3 feet off the ground. The UFO moves away and the car drops and regains its power. (Michael D. Swords, “[Messing Around with the Force](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 4 (March 2008): 16)

1969, January 27 — [Gordon Lore](#), frustrated with [Keyhoe](#)’s absences and lack of concern for NICAP’s operation, vents his feelings in a 9-page confidential memo to the staff. He acknowledges that the negative effect of the Condon Report would be “difficult to successfully refute,” but it is clear that NICAP’s administrative problems are long-standing and getting worse. He appeals for harmony, effectiveness, and putting the organization’s needs above their own. (Gordon Lore, [memo to NICAP staff], “Complaints and Problems,” January 27, 1969, [page 1](#); Powell, *Keyhoe*, 380–381)

1969, January 29? — 10:00 a.m. A woman is gathering herbs near Matadepera, Catalonia, Spain, when she hears a loud whooshing noise and sees a metallic object moving toward her from some trees. It changes course quickly and abruptly to avoid hitting a power line. The object is about 10 feet long, 5 feet wide, and 8 feet high, tapering toward the rear. It is colored bright green and yellow in splotches and spots. On the bottom she sees a yellow-orange circle surrounded by a black ring. Once past the power line, the object rises rapidly and disappears over low houses and pine trees. A local researcher finds four curious raised lines of earth at the site, as if they were raised by something tunnelling underneath, although they do not resemble mole burrowings. (José Maria Casas-Huguet, “[A Possible Landing at Matadepera](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 12 (December 1972): 1–3)

1969, January 31 — After a series of visual sightings and radar trackings of UFOS “of helicopter speed and altitude” beginning in October 1968, the US Air Force and Army set up another UFO observation network in the West Central Highlands near Pleiku, Vietnam, using pulse acquisition radar, continual wave acquisition radar, and illumination radar. The system picks up 365 unidentified tracks through April 1969. The UFOs tend to disappear when approached by aircraft (Clark III 1052–1053; Clark IV 1167–1168)

1969, February — 2d Lt. Carmon L. Marano replaces Lt. Col. [Hector Quintanilla](#) as head of the moribund Project Blue Book. ([Sparks](#), p. 14; Clark III 937; Clark IV 1047)

1969, February 7 — 7:30 a.m. Tiago Machado, 19, wakes up at his home in Pirassununga, São Paulo, Brazil, and hears a neighbor shouting about a silvery-blue object landed on a hill on the grounds of the Zootecnia. He watches it for a time, then goes in to get binoculars. He goes off to the hill and approaches the object until he is about 33 feet away. It is a disc made of silvery metal with a dome on top. It is about 13 feet in diameter and stands on three legs. A door opens and two men come floating down to the ground. Machado can see two other beings inside. The men walk toward him, making signs. They are wearing silver diver’s suits, have black teeth and thin-lipped mouths, and one eye is lower than the other. Each has a kind of burn or cicatrice on each cheek. Machado is nervous, so he lights a cigarette. The beings apparently think this is funny, so he tosses the cigarette pack toward them. One of them leans sideways and stretches out his hand. The pack floats 8 inches up to his hand and disappears. Suddenly one of Machado’s friends calls out to him, and the beings walk back to the UFO, still facing him, and jump up to the door. The last one in pauses and pulls out a kind of weapon, points it at Machado, and a flame like a welding arc comes out of the barrel and floats toward him, hitting him in the thigh. He feels faint and paralyzed as the UFO takes off. His friends carry him to a neighbor’s house and find a red swelling on his leg. Later, investigators find three imprints in an equilateral triangle at the site, each about 5 inches in diameter. Soil samples taken show no radioactivity. (“[Brazil in Throes of Big Flap](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1969, pp. 1, 5; Nigel Rimes, “[The Pirassununga Landing](#),” in Charles Bowen, ed., *UFO Percipients*, special issue no. 3 of *FSR*, September 1969, pp. 39–45; “[Caso Tiago Machado](#),” *Portal Fenomenum*, June 15, 2016; Brazil 109–114)

- 1969**, February 13 — [McDonald](#) speaks on “UFOs: A Challenge to Observation” at the American Meteorological Society in Washington, D.C. (James E. McDonald, “[UFOs: A Challenge to Observation](#),” February 13, 1969; Story, [p. 415](#))
- 1969**, February 16 — Night. A M. Meingault, the caretaker of the Château des Martins in Bignoux, Vienne, France, hears two of the mares and three colts galloping about in a panic in their field. He investigates and sees a pair of brilliant, pale-green, shining eyes at a spot between a clump of bushes and the paddock fence. He estimates they must be fairly large to be seen at a distance and appear to be just under 4 feet above the ground. He goes inside to get a gun, then walks around the field. The horses are still galloping, this time through a thicket that they normally would not enter. Although it is a very dark night, he gets the fleeting impression that there is a shadow following the horses. Meingault fires several shots in the air to scare away any attacker. Even though the animals still haven’t settled down, he goes back inside and to bed. The next morning, the horses still seem disturbed and have damaged the fence considerably in more than 10 places. (Jean-Claude Baillon, “[Eerie Night at the Château des Martins](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 4 (July/August 1970): 24–26, 34)
- 1969**, February 18 — Morning. Barbara Smyth, a teacher in a small town in Alberta, is driving to school when she sees on her right a “gigantic, bright pinky-red coloured” object “about seven times the size of a steel granary of 14ft. diameter.” It looks like two rounded layers divided by a thin blue line. There are two flashing white lights on the top and a tent-like structure that pulsates and changes color from silver to fiery yellow. The UFO starts spinning counterclockwise and jumps over to the next hill. Suddenly, her car is no longer under her control as it floats down a very bumpy road. After three minutes the UFO disappears, and the car returns to normal. (W. K. Allan, “[A UFO and the Car Which ‘Floated Along](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 6 (August 1971): 8, iii; Clark III 250; Clark IV 290)
- 1969**, February 18 — [McDonald](#) presents “UFOs and the Condon Report: A Dissenting View” to the Pacific Missile Range Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in Point Mugu, California. (James E. McDonald, “[UFOs and the Condon Report: A Dissenting View](#),” February 18, 1969; Story, [p. 415](#); Patrick Gross, “[Scientists Take Position](#)”)
- 1969**, February 19 — 12:30 p.m. Two telephone linemen are working atop a pole near Lebel-sur-Quévillon, Quebec, when they see a gray, metallic cylinder with four fins at its end moving slowly west to east over the trees and about 150 feet above the ground. The object is 100 feet long and only 15 feet in diameter. The men watch it for a few minutes as it glides slowly out of sight. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 72)
- 1969**, February 20 — [Keyhoe](#) writes a confidential letter to NICAP staff that he delays delivering until March 19. It endorses [Gordon Lore](#)’s earlier memo, but it also airs his own problems and errors and guilt. (Donald E. Keyhoe, “Confidential Letter from the Director to Members of the NICAP Staff. Not to Be Copied or Xeroxed,” February 20, 1969, [page 1](#); Powell, *Keyhoe*, 383–386)
- 1969**, February 26 — 2:30 a.m. In Lins, São Paulo, Brazil, several people traveling by car along the Avenida da Saudade, see an oval, yellowish-golden object with a halo near a cemetery wall, about 3,200 feet away. The object, the size of a station wagon, tilts with one side lower than the other. Later that day, a watchman, José Alves da Silva, also observes the same object in another part of Lins. Two days earlier, on February 24, multiple witnesses had reported seeing a vivid red ball above the town center. (Walter Buhler, “[Brazilian Cases in 1968 and 1969—4](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 5 (1971): 9, 13)
- 1969**, February 26 — 10:20 a.m. Two truck drivers, R. J. Johnson and P. C. Wheelock, along with a motorist named Dan Littleton, observe an unidentified object moving across Interstate 20 near the Hallsville access road east of Longview, Texas. The object is above treetop height and travels north at around 40 mph. It appears as a small, dense, nearly black cloud with a gray portion drooping forward and downward, roughly the size of a small Ford or Chevrolet. The object moves horizontally, with its trailing gray haze at the front. No planes, helicopters, or explosions are present. (“[Three People Saw It](#),” *Longview (Tex.) Morning Journal*, February 27, 1969, p. 3)
- 1969**, Early March — Secretary of the Air Force Office of Information representative Maj. [David J. Shea](#) attends a meeting in the Pentagon in which “there was no doubt that Project Blue Book was finished.” (David J. Shea, “[NCAS Presentation](#),” September 8, 2018; Clark III 926; Clark IV 1036)
- 1969**, March 3 — The US Navy establishes its Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun) to teach fighter and strike tactics to selected aviators and officers at Naval Air Station Miramar [now Marine Corps Air Station Miramar] in San Diego, California. Its focus is on combat training against MiG fighters, now that MiG testing at Groom Lake, Nevada, has been successful. (Wikipedia, “[United States Navy Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor program](#)”)
- 1969**, March 4 — 6:40 a.m. [William Overstreet](#), 50, is driving his truck on Missouri J between Elmer and Atlanta, Missouri, when he sees a bright reddish-orange light about 100 feet in diameter and floating along at 40 mph. It

begins to follow the road and beams a strong, cone-shaped white light on to the road from a height of 50 feet. Overstreet can feel the heat. The object changes from red to a blue sphere surrounded by a red ring. He attempts to drive through the beam, but his motor and radio die when he gets to within 6 feet. The beam moves away a bit, he tries again, and the same thing happens. The UFO moves about a mile away, turns back to red, switches off the beam, and cruises away. (NICAP, "[100' Object Affects Radio and Truck Engine](#)"; "[UFO Reports in Missouri Area](#)," *Kansas City (Mo.) Star*, March 6, 1969, p. 4A; "[Light Beams with EM Effects Reported](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 7 (May 1969): 3; "[E-M Effect on Truck in Missouri](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1969, p. 4; Michael D. Swords, "[Messing Around with the Force](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 4 (March 2008): 15)

1969, March 4 — 10:00 p.m. RCMP Constable R. J. Shannahan is on foot patrol near 24 Sussex Drive, the Prime Minister's residence in Ottawa, Ontario. He looks up and sees two bright flashing red lights above and slightly inside the gates to Rideau Hall. One light moves east and is lost to view in one minute, while the other moves west and is visible for 5–6 minutes. No jets are scrambled, and there is no indication that radar installations are asked about unidentified targets. (National Research Council of Canada, FOIA documents, Part 3, [pp. 187–193](#); National Research Council of Canada, FOIA documents, Part 27, [pp. 159–165](#); Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 75–77)

1969, March 6 or 10 — 10:30 a.m. A woman is driving with her St. Bernard dog between Glenwood and Lancaster, Missouri. The dog becomes agitated and she sees a bright blue-white beam of light illuminating the road and a domed disc 1,000 feet in the air. The dog jumps into the front seat and become quite panicked. She tries to drive through the beam, but the car slows from 50 mph to 8 mph but manages to get to the other side when the car picks up speed. (Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *Strange Effects from UFOs*, NICAP, 1969, p. 32; Ted Phillips, "[UFO Events in Missouri, 1857–1971](#)," *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 8 (December 1971): 11; UFOEv II 38–39; Michael D. Swords, "[Messing Around with the Force](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 4 (March 2008): 15–16)

1969, March 10 — 10:10 p.m. Police Chief Lavern Janzen is driving west of Westhope, North Dakota, when the interior of his car suddenly lights up. Looking up, he sees a disc shaped like a World War I helmet pass overhead and stop about 700 feet ahead, some 100 feet in the air. The object has a glowing blue-green dome and a bright white body with a revolving red band. The object wobbles back and forth while hovering. At one point it emits a 10-foot-diameter beam of light onto the road. Janzen gets out of the car but is afraid to approach any closer. He smells an odor like burned rubber. After 15 minutes the object ascends at a 60° angle and flies out of sight to the south. ("[Light Beams with EM Effects Reported](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 11 (May 1969): 3–4; UFOEv II 189)

1969, March 13 — Hynek submits a UFO research proposal to Col. [George R. Weinbrenner](#), USAF Foreign Technology Division Commander, in which he reveals that out of the approximately 10,000 reports in the Project Blue Book files, he estimates that 1,000–3,000 (10%–30%) are "interesting" unexplained cases ("unknowns"). (J. Allen Hynek, "[Preliminary Proposal for Subject Investigation](#)," March 13 and 19, 1969)

1969, March 14 — Day. Col. [Robert M. Tirman](#), an Air Force flight surgeon stationed in Thailand, is flying as a passenger in a Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker. The plane is at 15,000 feet when the pilot and crew notice a black cylinder hovering in a vertical position about 2 miles away. The pilot circles closer and determines that it is not a balloon. After he radios back to his base, fighter aircraft are scrambled but cannot locate the object. (*Jacksonville (Ark.) Daily News*, March 27, 1969; "[AF Colonel, Air Crew Encounter Giant UFO](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 11 (May 1969): 1; "[Colonel Describes 'Giant Black Metallic Cylinder' As AF Crew Tracks UFO](#)," *Skylook* (July 1969): 14; UFOEv II 81)

1969, March 17 — Two pilots, Herman Slater and Ben Ripley, are flying a Cessna 150 between Phoenix and Lake Havasu, Arizona, when the pilot in the right seat rises up and sees maybe 2 dozen oval, white discs on the left side of the plane, flying very low and in a rough formation. Each has the hint of a blister near the front. The speed is 200–300 mph, and the only maneuver they make is pitch and roll, all done simultaneously, in unison. For 20 seconds, both pilots watch the objects pass below their aircraft and beyond. ("[Two Phoenix Pilots Claim Sighting UFOs in Skies](#)," *Phoenix (Ariz.) Gazette*, March 21, 1969, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 1 (May 1969): 8; "[Large UFO Formation over Arizona](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1969, pp. 1, 4; "[Flying Formation Seen by Pilots](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 11 (May 1969): 4; Michael D. Swords, "[We Know Where You Live](#)," *IUR* 30, no. 2 (January 2006): 11–12)

1969, March 18 — The US begins a covert SAC bombing campaign, Operation Menu, in eastern Cambodia that lasts until May 26, 1970. An official USAF record of US bombing activity over Indochina from 1964 to 1973 is declassified by President [Bill Clinton](#) in 2000. The report gives details of the extent of the bombing of Cambodia, as well as of Laos and Vietnam. The Menu bombings are an escalation of what has previously been tactical air attacks. Operation Freedom Deal immediately follows Operation Menu. Under Freedom Deal, B-52 bombing is expanded to a much larger area of Cambodia and continued until August 1973. (Wikipedia, "[Operation Menu](#)")

- 1969, April — [Hynek](#) writes a review of the [Condon](#) report for the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, calling it a “strange sort of scientific paper [that] does not fulfill the promise of its title.... [It] leaves the same strange, inexplicable residue of unknowns which has plagued the U.S. Air Force investigation for 20 years.” (J. Allen Hynek, “[The Condon Report and UFOs](#),” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* 25 (April 1969): 39–42; Clark III 1199; Eghigian, *After*, p. 210; Clark IV 1373)
- 1969, April 5 — 7:25 p.m. Three male teenagers are parked in a remote area near West Nyack, New York, when a light approaches and they get out to see a craft emitting a light beam. They lose consciousness, except that one later recalls seeing the object land and shine the light beam on them. They recall an oval object about 50 feet in diameter, as well as humanoid beings about 5 feet tall with large round heads, large black eyes, and pale gray skin. Most wear form-fitting, gray-green coveralls; one who acts as an examiner wears a turtle-neck garment. Within the craft, the examiner peers intently into one of the teens’ faces. He feels that he has been “ripped to pieces” and put back together again but does not feel any pain. The same teen has spontaneous recall, including trying for several minutes to start the car without success at about 10:15 p.m. (Budd Hopkins, *Missing Time*, 1981, [pp. 111–123](#); UFOEv II 533–534)
- 1969, April 12 — 11:00 a.m. During a Fouga Magister aircraft training mission at Pori Airport, Finland, a Finnish Defence Forces flight controller tells pilot-in-training Tarmo Tukeya to investigate seven air balloons that are floating at approximately 5,000–9,800 feet above the airport. Tukeya reports that the objects are ball or disc-shaped but cannot determine how far away they are. Tukeya sees the objects accelerate away from him “at great speed.” Indeterminate radar images are also later reported 125 miles away in Vaasa. A second pilot-in-training, Jouko Kuronen, overhears the radio communications between the flight controller and Tukeya and sees the UFOs as well. According to the Finnish Armed Forces magazine *Ruotuväki*, the reports are similar to other cases occurring over bodies of water during ongoing military exercises and may have been due to “transnational spy planes or aircraft.” (Wikipedia, “[Finnish Air Force UFO sighting](#)”; “[Ruotuväki: Ilmavoimien lentäjät tekivät merkittävän ufo-havainnon 60-luvulla](#),” *Ilta-Sanomat*, May 8, 2012; “[1969: Pilots Report 7 Yellow Spheres at Pori Airport, Finland](#),” UFO Casebook, August 13, 2013; “[Unsolved UFO Mystery, the Pori Spheres of 1969: What Really Happened?](#)” Echoes of Times YouTube channel, August 28, 2024; “[Pori, 1969, April 12, 11:00 a.m.](#),” The UFO Timeline)
- 1969, April 14 — 11:30 p.m. Edwin H. Bohl Jr. and a companion 5 miles east of Hill City, Kansas, watch a multi-colored object approach to within 100 feet of their car. The car engine fails. The object hovers at 75 feet above the ground for 3 minutes, then slowly moves away. The car then restarts without trouble. (“[Them Thar Critters Are on the Loose](#),” *Salina (Kan.) Journal*, April 17, 1969, p. 12; “[Logan Man Spots Unidentified Flying Object East of Town](#),” *Hill City (Kan.) Times*, April 17, 1969, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 2 (June 1969): 5; “[UFO Sighting Is Reported](#),” *Hays (Kan.) Daily News*, April 27, 1969, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 2 (June 1969): 5; “[Kansas Man Goes UFO Hunting—Finds One!](#),” *Skylook*, no. 20 (July 1969): 6; “[UFO Hunt Was Too Easy](#),” *Skylook*, no. 21 (August 1969): 19; “[Lull in UFO Activity Doesn’t Shake Believers](#),” *Kansas City (Mo.) Star*, October 13, 1971, p. 1B; Mark Rodeghier, *UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference*, CUFOS, 1982, p. 46)
- 1969, April 17 — Morning. T. J. Hefferman of Bungawalban, New South Wales, wakes up and notices that his dogs are “strangely subdued.” Outside, he finds a flattened area in a sacaline (*Reynoutria sachalinensis*) forage crop on his property. A roughly circular area is flattened in four distinct patches, the largest 60 by 15 feet. All the stalks lie in one direction, north to south. The previous night, two men working night shift on a flood mitigation dredge a quarter mile north of the farm had seen a glow in the sky, and a neighboring farmer had seen two “toplike objects” moving about for a number of nights. G. Testa, an independent investigator from Lismore, visits the site on April 20 and takes 25 feet of 8mm color film to document the damage. (Clark III 1138–1139; Bill Chalker, “[1969: The Great UFO Daze of Oz](#),” The Oz Files, September 19, 2020; Clark IV 1295–1296)
- 1969, April 20 — 7:30 p.m. A woman out walking at Harwood Island, New South Wales, sees and hears a large patch of 2-year-old cane rustling and waving on a still night. A powerful beam of light switches on across the top of the cane path, and it slowly turns in a half circle before going out and being replaced by a “low beam” and “cabin lights.” A UFO is above the cane and she feels a powerful force lifting her up and pulling her toward the object when the “high beam” is on. The helmet-shaped object is 20–28 feet long and 22 feet wide. At its closest the UFO is 40–50 feet away. It disappears suddenly. (Clark III 1139; Bill Chalker, “[1969: The Great UFO Daze of Oz](#),” The Oz Files, September 19, 2020; Clark IV 1296)
- 1969, April 20 — 11:00 p.m. Robert and Wilma Phillips are driving west on State Highway 11 about one mile west of Browntown, Wisconsin, when they see a bright yellow-orange light to their right. When they stop the car to watch, the light approaches and hovers near the right side of the car. Wilma describes it as shaped like a kettle drum with diffused light emanating from the base. Robert turns off the car so he can hear a high-pitched “tweeting

sound” the object is making. Phillips restarts the car and moves slowly forward to observe the object, which tips sideways and paces them as it changes color to orange-red and bright red. The diffused light dims and they can see the UFO is about 20 feet across and 10–15 feet thick. It remains about 20 feet in the air and never more than 100 feet from the side of the road. The object follows them to the outskirts of South Wayne where it turns and quickly disappears to the north. (“[Car Buzzing Incidents Continue](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1969, pp. 6, 8; Geneva Saalsaa, “[UFO-observation i Lafayette distriktet, USA](#),” *UFO-nyt*, 1969, no. 8 (December 1969): 323–324)

- 1969**, April 22 — 8:00 p.m. Three witnesses are driving in heavy rain near Hammond, Ontario, when they see an object like a huge “drinking cup turned upside down.” It has two bright lights directed horizontally and appears to have a row of portholes with pink light coming from within. They estimate it is 5 feet off the ground, 20 feet long, and 200 feet away. They can hear a whining noise like a generator. After 15 minutes, the object turns and zooms over some nearby power lines, over the trees, and out of sight. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 77)
- 1969**, April 23 — 2:00 a.m. Virginia A. Guinn and a boarder are awakened by loud howlings and yowlings from the dogs and cats at her farm in Silver Spring, Maryland. Going outside, the witnesses see a round UFO “as large as two rooms” that is a bluish-white color like the glow around a welder’s arc. The object is moving beyond the barn to the north-northeast. They heard a humming noise and the object blinks out and the animals quiet down. Guinn discovers later that morning that the horses in the barn had broken free of their stalls and knocked harnesses off the walls. (Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *Strange Effects from UFOs*, NICAP, 1969, p. 32)
- 1969**, April 25 — 7:30 p.m. A woman and her 11-year-old daughter are travelling by taxi past Roberts Park in Greenacre, New South Wales, when they spot a “Japanese lantern” above some trees. One minute later, as the taxi turns a corner, they see it again, 100–130 feet away, apparently in the same spot. The driver stops the taxi, and they can see what looks like a metallic craft, approximately 33 feet in diameter, with the appearance of “two soup bowls joined rim-to-rim.” There is a steady red light on top. The object seems to be noiselessly rocking backwards and forwards, at a frequency of 1–2 rocks per second. A “depressing blue glow” can be seen through a window that takes up most of the upper part. A humanoid figure is apparently operating controls near the window. Another figure is pointing at the witnesses. A third seems to be walking toward a back door. All three are apparently human-sized and are either wearing tight black clothing, are black skinned, or seen in silhouette. After 15 seconds or less, the driver speeds off down the road, drops the couple off, and drives off quickly without taking their fare. At 8:00 p.m., the woman and her daughter return to the park. The UFO is not to be seen. (Bill Chalker, “[1969: The Great UFO Daze of Oz](#),” The Oz Files, September 19, 2020)
- 1969**, April 26 — [Condon](#) speaks publicly for the first time after the end of the Colorado project in an address to the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on “UFO’s I Have Loved and Lost.” He concludes by saying, “Let me say that where corruption of children’s minds is at stake, I do not believe in freedom of the press or freedom of speech. In my view, publishers who publish or teachers who teach any of the pseudosciences as established truth should, on being found guilty, be publicly horsewhipped, and forever banned from further activity in these usually honorable professions.” (Henry W. Pierce, “[Professors Threaten Own Free Speech](#),” *Pittsburgh (Pa.) Post-Gazette*, May 10, 1969, p. 21; Edward U. Condon, “[UFO’s I Have Loved and Lost](#),” *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society* 113 (December 1969): 425–427; Jacobs, *UFO Controversy in America*, Signet ed., 1976, [p. 224](#); Clark III 1200; Eghigian, *After*, p. 211; Clark IV 1374)
- 1969**, May — Rod B. Dyke launches the monthly *UFO Newsclipping Service* in Seattle, Washington, which soon becomes a primary source for media reports on UFOs and related phenomena. The service is largely run by [Lucius Farish](#) as co-editor in Plumerville, Arkansas, beginning in July 1977. Farish publishes it on his own from January 1991 until November 2007, when Dyke reacquires it and keeps it going again with co-editor Chuck Flood until December 2008. The final editor is [David Marler](#), who runs the service from January 2009 to August 2011, when it ceases publication. (*UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 1 (May 1969); Clark III 1156; Clark IV 1312)
- 1969**, May — [John A. Keel](#) begins publishing an unscheduled, free newsletter titled *Anomaly* in New York City. It continues until April 1974. (*Anomaly*, no. 1 (May 1969))
- 1969**, May 1 — 5:30 p.m. An illuminated triangular object moves soundlessly from south to north over Negru Vodă, Romania. After 20 minutes of hanging motionless it disappears swiftly to the east. (Hobana and Weverbergh 161–162)
- 1969**, May 2 — Engineer Belavan of the fishing vessel *Roncal* obtains five sonar tracks of two underwater objects in the Pacific Ocean off Lambayeque, Peru. (J. J. Benítez, *OVNIs: S.O.S. a la Humanidad*, Plaza y Janes, 1979, chapter 12; J. Antonio Huneeus, “USOs in Chile and Peru,” *Fate* 56, no. 1 (January 2003): 6–7; Carl Feindt, “[Report #1389](#),” [waterufo.net](#); Dolan, USO1, 332–333)

- 1969, May 4–9** — 3:00 p.m. A 24-year-old Brazilian soldier named José Antônio da Silva is fishing by himself at Bebedouro (apparently a small lagoon in the Área de Proteção Ambiental do Carste de Lagoa Santa) near Matozinhos, Minas Gerais, Brazil, when he begins dozing off. He perceives figures moving around him, and he feels himself shot with something that paralyzes his legs. Two small humanoid beings, joined by a third, drag him off into a strange machine shaped like two saucers joined together by a thick, vertical cylinder. The machine lifts off, and after a long interval it lands. Da Silva is carried by his armpits into a large quadrangular room, where he finds himself with his original three captors and a fourth being—also humanoid, with red hair and a beard that comes down to his waist—who seems to be their leader. He remembers afterward that all four have mouths that look like fishes' mouths. The room is made of stone. Inside, on a low shelf seemingly fashioned out of stone, da Silva sees the bodies of four human men lying stretched out side by side. Naked, rigid, and positioned on their backs, the bodies bear no visible wounds, but it is obvious that they are dead. One is a well-built black man and another has light brown skin. Two others, more slightly built, are Caucasian, one of them very blond "like a foreigner." The beings do not speak any Portuguese but, using pictures, the leader manages to convey to da Silva that they want him to be their guide and weapons provider for what he supposes is a subsequent invasion of Earth. He refuses, fingering his crucifix, which the angry leader rips from his hand. Out of nowhere, da Silva sees appear in front of him a human figure who stands motionless, gazing at him in a friendly fashion. The figure, about five and a half feet tall, is Caucasian, slender, bearded with long fair hair, and dressed in a friar's cassock. Amazingly, the little men seem oblivious to his presence. Speaking in Portuguese, the figure gives da Silva certain "revelations" that he afterward insists on keeping secret. He apparently knows who the figure is but he does not reveal that either, saying only that he wasn't Jesus. The figure vanishes, and the beings who have abducted him start quarreling among themselves. They carry da Silva back to their machine; there follows another flight, another landing. Da Silva awakens in the dawn of what turns out to be May 9, four and a half days after his abduction, some 300 miles to the east of the place where he had been abducted. He supposedly bears the physical marks of his ordeal—wounds on his neck, lameness in one leg—for days afterward. (Húlvio Brant Aleixo, "[O Caso 'Bebedouro.'](#)" *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 94/98 (Sept. 1973/June 1974): 7–22; Gordon Creighton, "[Forty-Eight Hours in a Flying Saucer.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1971): 15–17; Húlvio Brant Aleixo, "[Abduction at Bebedouro.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1973): 6–14; Húlvio Brant Aleixo, "[Bebedouro II: The Little Men Return for the Soldier.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 3/4 (November 1975): 32–35; Walter Buhler, "[Thoughts on the Bebedouro Case.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 3/4 (November 1975): 36–38; "[O Caso de Bebedouro \(MG\).](#)" Portal Fenomenum, June 15, 2016; David Halperin, "[Jerome Clark and Loren Coleman: 'Descent into Hell' and the Bebedouro Abduction.](#)" davidhalperin.net, July 27, 2018; Clark III 185–189; Brazil 116–121; Eghigian, *After*, p. 264; Clark IV 221–224)
- 1969, May 11** — 2:00 a.m. Near the village of Chapeau, Quebec, on L'Isle-aux-Allumettes in the Ottawa River, farmer Leo Paul Chaput is awakened by his dog barking. He looks out the window and sees a brilliant light close to the ground. The light source seems to be a domed craft with a flat bottom (like a World War I helmet) about 500 feet away. He looks away briefly, and the object is gone, although he can hear the diminishing sound of a motor. When Chaput gets up in the morning, he finds a large circular indentation in the ground, 600 feet from his house. The impression is 32 feet in diameter and is surrounded by a ring of scorched grass 2.5 feet wide. Inside, the vegetation is not damaged, but there are three holes that form a perfect equilateral triangle, 15 feet on a side. The holes are 8 inches in diameter and 3 inches deep. He finds a second, slightly smaller circle to the southwest, again with scorched grass and 3 indentations. A third ground marking, a semicircle, is near the second. ("[UFO: Interplanetary Swap?](#)" *Montreal (Que.) Gazette*, May 23, 1969, p. 1; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., "[Strange Effects from UFOs](#)," *NICAP*, 1969, p. 45; "[Farm Invaded by Flying Saucers.](#)" *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 56 (1969): 10–11; Brian C. Cannon, "[UFO Alert in Ontario.](#)" *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1969): 19–21; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 153–154; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 103–104)
- 1969, May 12** — The DARPA Pandora Project committee discusses plans to move forward with eight human subjects who will be exposed to microwaves similar to the Moscow Signal and then given a full battery of medical and psychological tests. The committee recommends "gonadal protection be provided" to the male test subjects; however, human testing is not pursued. The program is shut down later in 1969, with an effect of the signal on behavior and/or biological functions deemed "too subtle or insignificant to be evident." (Wikipedia, "[Moscow Signal](#)")
- 1969, May 12** — Between 9:30 and 11:00 p.m. A saucer-shaped UFO is seen by multiple witnesses in the Palatine–Lake Zurich area, Illinois. The craft shines a bright ray of light to the ground and produces an unusual humming sound. Two teenage boys, Greg Lucht and Alan Prouty, first spot the object hovering over Illinois Highway 53 and Dundee Road. The UFO features three large "headlights," red and white blinking lights circling the rim, and a red

glow underneath. The intense light reportedly wakes a stable owner and scares barking dogs into silence. (“[UFO Sighting Here Studied](#),” *Chicago (Ill.) Tribune*, May 25, 1969, p. 14; Mary B. Good, “Was That a UFO?” *Arlington Heights (Ill.) Daily Herald*, May 28, 1969, pp. 1–2; “[Saucer-Shaped UFO Seen in Northeast Illinois](#),” *Skylook*, no. 20 (July 1969): 6–7)

1969, May 18–20 — Evening. A localized power blackout cuts off electricity at the Lester Kaiser farm near Rising Sun, Indiana, for 2 hours. The next night, George Kaiser watches a hairy, muscular, bipedal creature that flees upon being seen. It leaves tracks showing three toes and a big toe. On May 20, a neighbor sees a glowing, greenish-white UFO as it hovers for several minutes. (John Keel, *Strange Creatures from Time and Space*, 1970, pp. 94–95; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), May 29, 2007; Clark III 556; Clark IV 614)

1969, May 22 — 8:30 p.m. A teacher and her parents are driving along Highway A92 near Cammachmore, Scotland, when they spot a glowing red object descending rapidly from the southeast. Fearing a crash, they stop their car, turn off the engine, and prepare to get help. The object reaches the height of nearby utility poles—around 30 feet. At its closest, they see the object is egg-shaped, made of polished metal, and resembles two stacked saucers. It has no windows and remains visible from three different angles for about 4 minutes. A plume of gases comes from its rear, colored turquoise and green, and blending into a rosy hue. The shimmering outline appears hazy, and a high-pitched humming sound is audible. The sighting is reported to police, who say others have also seen it, but suggest that it is a meteor. (“[More from Muchalls](#),” *Northern UFO News*, no. 162 (September 1993): 15)

1969, May 22 — 11:00 p.m. Graham Longey sees a large, brilliant, circular white object hovering a few feet off the ground at Glenorchy, Tasmania. Windows encircle its midsection. It begins to move rapidly upward, and by the time he dashes out of his house it is gone. On the site, Longey finds an elliptical area of burned grass 18 feet by 12 feet. A small tree nearby is scorched and has limbs broken. He notices an oily smell. (“[Disc Leaves Tell-Tale Ring](#),” *UFOIC Newsletter*, no. 25 (October 1969): 3; Keith Roberts, “[Tasmanian Landings of 1969](#),” *UFO Research Australia Newsletter* 4, no. 1 (July/Aug. 1983): 7–8; Clark III 1139; Clark IV 1296)

1969, May 23 — 6:35 p.m. A 13-year-old boy in Cloverdale, Western Australia, notices a moving light to the south and about 10° above the horizon. He calls his mother, who sees a steady red light on top of a more diffuse blue-white light darting haphazardly in a zigzag pattern but in general moving to the north until it disappears behind their house. The witnesses shift their position and can still see the light hovering in the northwest. The light is now seen as circular with hazy edges and about half the diameter of the full moon. At about 7:00 p.m. it moves at high speed to the north. The mother calls the radar station at Kalamunda, which simultaneously gets a request from Perth Airport to check out an unidentified echo on their meteorological radar. The Kalamunda operator sees a large echo some 9 miles away, which reappears for short durations on 5 further occasions and is last seen at 7:42 p.m. (Swords 397–398; Bill Chalker, “[1969: The Great UFO Daze of Oz](#),” *The Oz Files*, September 19, 2020)

1969, May 26 — The current record for the fastest speed that humans have ever traveled is set by the crew of Apollo 10—[Thomas P. Stafford](#), [John Young](#), and [Gene Cernan](#)—as they reenter the atmosphere at 75.7 miles from Earth and reach a top speed of 24,816 mph. (“[The Fastest Speed That Humans Have Traveled Is 39,937.7 Kilometers Per Hour](#),” *IFLScience*, June 9, 2025)

1969, May 28 — [McDonald](#) presents a talk that is critical of the Colorado project at the Sacramento, California, section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. (James E. McDonald, “A Very Creditable Effort?” May 28, 1969; Story, p. 415)

1969, May 31 — The Midwest UFO Network (later Mutual UFO Network) is founded in Quincy, Illinois, by [Walter H. Andrus Jr.](#), who leaves APRO and takes many of its members with him. It is conceived as a grassroots organization with state and local leaders overseeing activities and investigations. Allen R. Utke, associate professor of chemistry at Wisconsin State University, is selected as the first MUFON Director (Clark III 784; Clark IV 866)

1969, June — Although President [Richard Nixon](#) does not trust [J. Edgar Hoover](#), he accepts the FBI’s help through an “intelligence letter” program, codenamed INLET. This program is not only intended to provide the president with domestic and international security issues, but also, “items with an unusual twist or concerning prominent personalities which may be of special interest to the President.” Nixon orders seven wiretaps on his staffers. (John Greenewald, “[INLET \(Intelligence Letters\) Reports, 1960s and 1970s](#),” *The Black Vault*, May 7, 2020)

1969, June 3 — Around 6:00 p.m. Three objects are seen flying over the town of Angra dos Reis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. For several hours, they hold the attention of the entire city—movie theaters sit empty and meals go uneaten as people watch the phenomenon. The objects fly in a triangular formation at altitudes estimated between 1.9 and 3.7 miles. After about three hours, two of them head out toward the sea, while the third hovers in place before beginning a new series of movements. (“[Três discos-voadores fazem manobras em Angra dos Reis](#),” *A Luta Democrática* (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), June 5, 1969, p. 2; Walter Buhler, “[Brazilian Cases in 1968 and 1969—Pt.](#)

6,” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 7 (October 1971): 15; [“Três Discos Voadores Fazem Manobras em Angra dos Reis, 1969,”](#) Patrimônio em Foco: Compartilhando a História da Costa Verde, May 30, 2019)

- 1969, June 5 — 4:00 p.m. FAA controller James V. Beardsley is acting as an observer on American Airlines Flight 112 traveling at 39,000 feet from Phoenix, Arizona, to Washington, D.C. At a point within the St. Louis, Missouri, air traffic control area, he and the co-pilot notice a formation of four objects flying in a square formation and approaching the aircraft from directly ahead. The formation, with one large object and three smaller ones separated by about 20 feet, passes within 300 feet on the left side of the plane about 1,000 feet above them. Beardsley describes the larger object as shaped like a hydroplane, about 18–20 feet long, and the color of “burnished aluminum.” The crew of a United Airlines aircraft 8 miles behind them and the pilot of a National Guard plane 12 miles behind also see the objects. ([“FAA Controller Recounts ’69 Sighting,”](#) *UFO Investigator*, February 1972, p. 2)
- 1969, June 10 — [McDonald](#) gives a public talk sponsored by NICAP in Washington, D.C., on “UFOs Unsolved: A Scientific Challenge.” (James E. McDonald, [“UFOs: Unsolved: A Scientific Challenge,”](#) June 10, 1969; Story, [p. 415](#))
- 1969, June 11 — [McDonald](#) meets privately with representatives on the Air Force Office of Scientific Research in Arlington, Virginia, urging a new look at the UFO problem. (Story, [p. 415](#))
- 1969, June 17 — 2:00 a.m. Kaneto and Kioko Nobutoshi witness a “brilliantly illuminated window” hovering in the air in Ibiúna, São Paulo, Brazil. It appears to be 30 feet in diameter, 10 feet high, and illuminates a small part of the ground. The sighting lasts 45 minutes, with the object stationary all the time. It then vanishes. Later examination of the ground underneath reveals a circle of flattened grass, 25 feet in diameter, swirled counterclockwise, with some small secondary swirls. (Hans Bemelmans, [“Reports from Ibiuna,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1970): 15–19; Terry Wilson, [“1969: Ibiuna,”](#) *Old Crop Circles*)
- 1969, June 17 — Turkish Air Force pilot Süleyman Tekyildirim is ordered to intercept a UFO above his base in Turkey in a US-built F-5A Freedom Fighter. He flies above it, thinking it is a meteorological balloon because it looks gray and like an upside-down light bulb. However, it moves to his left and takes off at fantastic speed. He tries to reach it, but it eludes him and speeds away. (Good Need, [p. 299](#))
- 1969, June 19 — 12:25 a.m. Radio/TV engineer Robin Peck is driving a van just north of Bircham Newton, Norfolk, England, when his headlights and motor fail. He looks under the hood, feels some “static electricity,” and his hair stands on end. He looks up and sees a bluish, upside-down-mushroom-shaped object hovering 100–150 feet over the trees on a nearby farm. It has an orange glow around it. Peck feels that the air is electrified. His luminous wristwatch glows intensely and unnaturally. After about one minute the object takes off and disappears rapidly. The van’s electrical system returns to normal. (Peter Johnson, [“Auto-Stop near Docking,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 5 (June 1971): 1–2; *UFOFiles2*, [p. 81](#))
- 1969, June 19 — 11:50 p.m. Arthur Hendry, 17, is getting ready to cycle home near Docking, Norfolk, England, when he hears a strange whistling noise above him that intensifies and becomes a powerful throbbing. His muscles feel frozen or paralyzed as if he is receiving a severe electric shock. After a few seconds the noise stops, and he feels normal again. (*UFOFiles2*, [p. 81](#))
- 1969, June 20 — 9:35 p.m. Vernon L. Kleman and other Coast Guardsman on the southern shore of Lake Michigan observe several multicolored, maneuvering lights moving at various speeds around Michigan City and Gary, Indiana, and Calumet City and Chicago, Illinois. At 10:15 p.m., Klemen and three other Coast guardsmen at Michigan City see a brilliant white object over the lake. It seems to have a rotating rim with red, green, and yellow lights around its center; after a minute it diminishes in size and brilliance and vanishes. At one point a similar object enters the water for 4–5 seconds then travels straight up at a huge speed. Members of the Michigan City police (Lance M. Hilberg and Tony C. Ragle) and Port Authority police (Robert G. Howington) also view 9–10 objects over about 2 hours. The Chicago Coast Guard Station confirms that there are no known aircraft in the area. ([“Submerging UFOs Reported,”](#) *UFO Investigator* 5, no. 1 (Sept./Oct. 1969): 1, 3; Dolan, *USO1*, 333–336)
- 1969, June 26 — 2:30 p.m. Sr. Benedito, a justice of the peace, is walking along a trail about 4 miles northwest of Ibiúna, São Paulo, Brazil, when he hears a humming noise like a swarm of bees. He sees an odd object rocking from side to side that suddenly drops into the brush out of sight. Thinking it is an accident, he approaches to within 20 feet and sees the landed object, which then ascends, hovers a moment, and takes off in a gentle climb. He hears the humming sound again and feels a blast of air as it moves away. The Brazilian Air Force investigates the landing, and UFO investigator Hans Bemelmans finds some scorched grass in the thickly tangled brush. (Hans Bemelmans, [“Reports from Ibiuna,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1970): 15–19)

- 1969, Summer** — Evening. A woman in Wheatley, Ontario, sees lights in the sky moving close to the surface of Lake Erie. They enter the lake, the water glows briefly, then an object exits the lake silently. (“[Woman Sees Object Fly into Water](#),” UFOs Northwest, December 1, 2006; Dolan, USO1, 339)
- 1969, July** — After a series of UFO sightings and landing traces are reported in the area around Ibiúna, São Paulo, Brazil, the Brazilian Air Force informs local officials who are investigating the reports that they must not “under any circumstances give any information on UFO activity to any press, radio, or television reporter or representative. This is a matter of national security, and all press releases will be made by the Brazilian Air Force Public Relations Department.” (Hans Bemelmans, “[Reports from Ibiuna](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1970): 15; “[Brazil: Censorship of UFO Reports](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1973): 29)
- 1969, July or August** — 1:00 a.m. A US Marine private named [Earl Morrison](#) is on guard duty with other soldiers in a bunker near Da Nang, Vietnam, when they see a black, naked woman with bat-like, glowing wings moving through the air toward them. It flies about 6–7 above their heads. She soon starts flapping her wings and flies away. (“Don Worley, “[The Winged Lady in Black](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 10 (June 1972): 14–16; Clark III 779; Clark IV 860)
- 1969, July 4** — 7:30 a.m. Ed Moore is fishing at Duck Pond (only about 12 feet deep) near Ossipee Lake, New Hampshire, when he hears a loud splash in the water behind him. He looks around and sees a patch of disturbed water about 55 feet away and a silver, oval-shaped object rising vertically with a humming sound several hundred feet above him. It remains hovering at several thousand feet for another hour. Other observers see an object hovering above North Moat Mountain about 12 miles to the north. (Raymond E. Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Exposition, 1974, [pp. 217–218](#); Dolan, USO1, 336–338)
- 1969, July 4** — 8:00 p.m. Two children, Mauricio Gnecco and Enrique Osorio, in Anolaima, Colombia, see a glowing object about 900 feet away. It approaches to within 180 feet and the children run over the hill to tell other children and adults. Thirteen people, including their father, return to see the object. Arcesio Bermúdez takes a flashlight with him and returns in terror after seeing a small person and a craft that lights up and flies away. Within 2 days, Bermúdez loses all appetite, his skin temperature drops, blue spots appear on his skin, and his stools become bloody. Within a week, two Bogotá physicians, unaware of his UFO experience, concludes he has gastroenteritis. Within hours of his exam, Bermúdez dies. His doctor claims he has previously been in good health. His injuries suggest a fatal whole-body ionizing radiation dose of 300–500 rems. Likely only X-rays, gamma rays, or neutrons could travel a distance of 45 feet through the air. (“[UFO Observed at Farmhouse in Colombia](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1969, pp. 1, 4–5; Story, [pp. 23–25](#); “[Colombia: Arcesio Bermúdez, the Man Killed by a UFO](#),” *Inexplicata*, December 14, 2015; Clark III 253, 950; Cristian Ávila Jimenez, “[La misteriosa muerte de colombiano 3 días después de ver supuesto OVNI](#),” *El Tiempo* (Bogotá), August 20, 2021; Clark IV 293, 1064)
- 1969, July 5** — 10:53 a.m. A family in a chartered fishing boat on Valdez Arm, Alaska, notices an orange tint in the water. Suddenly the water 40 feet from the boat explodes into the air, and the water for 300 feet around the splash turns orange. A disk-shaped object with windows and lights shoots into the air to a height of about 1,000 feet. However, only one of them remembers seeing the object, which is about 25 feet in diameter. (National UFO Reporting Center, “[NUFORC UFO Sighting 32366](#),” October 31, 2003; Dolan, USO1, 338–339)
- 1969, July 11 or 18** — 8:30 p.m. Economics student Tim Oliver is near a golf course on the outskirts of Beaufort, Victoria, Australia, when he sees a red “star” over a hill about a mile away. On closer inspection, it proves to be a hovering UFO. He quickly goes home, and by the time he returns with his mother in the family car, the UFO has been joined by another identical object. They are moving about 20 mph to the southeast, 50 feet in the air, 200 feet apart, and nearly parallel to some high-powered electrical lines. As they drive to right outside the golf course, both UFOs apparently respond to their presence by turning toward them but soon resumed their parallel course when Oliver turns the car engine off. Oliver walks to within 50 feet of the leading object. Each is about 30 feet in diameter, saucer-shaped, with an upper flat-topped cupola and about 24 square windows through which comes the bright red light. They are completely silent. Both he and his mother (who has watched from the golf course fence) see the UFOs disappear to the southeast, still flying parallel to the power lines. (Bill Chalker, “[1969: The Great UFO Daze of Oz](#),” *The Oz Files*, September 19, 2020)
- 1969, July 12** — Contactee [Paul Solem](#), who has been speaking to Shoshone-Bannock Indians at Fort Hall Indian Reservation in Idaho about a migration of Indian peoples and the coming of a True White Brother, publicly calls for the appearance of the flying saucer beings. Many people, including *Idaho State Reporter* Barbara Boren, see two “star-like moving lights” high in the air. (Barbara Boren, “[Blast Rocking North America to Start Indian Migration, Says Self-Styled Seer](#),” *Pocatello Idaho State Journal*, July 16, 1969, pp. 1, 8; Clark III 1094; Clark IV 1211)
- 1969, July 13** — Early morning. Edgar Paquette and Mrs. Leo Edwards are driving near Petawawa, Ontario, when they see a bright star that lights up the Ottawa River next to them. Convinced the light is following them, Paquette

turns off the headlights, which makes the object appear to hesitate. But he gets out of the car, causing the interior light to go on, and the object descends to within 60 feet of the ground. When he starts signaling it with a flashlight, it comes even closer, and Paquette sees that it is 8 feet in diameter with two legs beneath it. Both of them panic and drive home, dragging their teenage children out of bed to look at the light. Ontario police officers Jack McKay and Grant Chaplin follow the light for 38 minutes as it travels at a high altitude. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 83–84)

- 1969**, July 13 — 11:00 p.m. Patti Barr and Kathy Mahr, two teenage cousins, hear a loud roaring noise at Van Horne, Iowa, while upstairs in their house. They look out the window to see a reddish-orange ball of light rotating and spinning counterclockwise above the adjacent soybean field. The next morning, they tell Pat's father, farmer Warren Barr, who then discovers a 24-foot-diameter, nearly bare oval in the soybean field. The plants' leaves are severely dehydrated, dry, and brittle. This case was investigated by several groups at the time; localized intense heat or radiation is listed as most likely cause. ("[Sight UFO over Benton County Farm](#)," *Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette*, August 6, 1969, p. 4C; NICAP, "[The 1969 UFO Chronology](#)" and [[photos](#)]; "[UFO over Iowa Bean Field](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1969, pp. 1, 4; "[Saucer Near Landing in Iowa](#)," *Skylook*, no. 23 (October 1969): 2–3; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 149–150; Kevin D. Randle, "[The Iowa UFO Landings](#)," *Official UFO*, July 1976; Chet Dembeck, "[Real Trace Evidence: UFO Leaves 40-Foot Diameter Circle in Iowa Field](#)," *Unknown Boundaries*, January 6, 2022)
- 1969**, Mid-July — Bernard O'Brien is cutting grass in a field with his tractor near Manotick, Ontario, when a small cloud of smoke rises from the ground as he passes over a particular spot. He notifies the field's owner, John Fox, who comes out for a look. Fox finds three near-perfect circles in the field, two together and the third nearly 150 feet away. Each of them are rings of affected grass 15–20 feet in diameter and about a foot wide. Grass is flattened inside the circle, but the rings themselves are dark and contain a crystalline substance. [Peter Millman](#) of the National Research Council claims that the circles are caused by the fairy ring mushroom (*Marasmius oreades*) because an analysis of the crystalline substance shows no evidence of mineral content or radioactivity. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 187–190)
- 1969**, July 16 — 3:30 p.m. Sylvia Annola, 10, sees a large gray object with blinding lights descending above a well on her family's farm near Abee, Alberta. She looks directly at the object, which is only about 10 feet away, and experiences a temporary loss of vision. (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, pp. 50–53)
- 1969**, July 21 — The Apollo 11 Lunar Module lands the first astronauts on the moon, [Neil Armstrong](#) and [Buzz Aldrin](#). (Wikipedia, "[Apollo 11](#)")
- 1969**, July 21 — Around 5:22 p.m. EDT. Shortly after the Lunar Module completes its pass behind the moon and before redocking with the Command Module, the Apollo 11 astronauts allegedly have a conversation about seeing several alien spacecraft on the lunar surface. However the story is made up by a pseudonymous writer for the *National Bulletin* tabloid newspaper. (Stuart Nixon, "[UFO Base on the Moon: Fact or Fiction?](#)" *UFO Quarterly Review* 1, no. 3 (July/Sept. 1973): 13–20; "[UFOs on the Moon: Apollo 11 Crew Sees, Photographs Alien Spaceships](#)," *UFO Investigator* 10, no. 4 (July 1979): 1; Clark III 599; Clark IV 658–659)
- 1969**, July 29–31 — Mariner 6 and 7 complete the first dual mission to Mars, flying over the equator and south polar regions, analyzing the atmosphere and the surface with remote sensors, and recording and relaying hundreds of pictures. The mission's goals are to study the surface and atmosphere of Mars during close flybys, in order to establish the basis for future investigations, particularly those relevant to the search for extraterrestrial life, and to demonstrate and develop technologies required for future Mars missions. (Wikipedia, "[Mariner 6 and 7](#)")
- 1969**, August — 1:45 p.m. James D. Appleman is driving on the Pennsylvania Turnpike when he notices a dome-shaped, metallic object hovering in the clouds ahead. He stops the car and gets his camera out of the trunk, but by that time the object is gone. ("[Did a Twin Photograph a Twin UFO?](#)" *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 1 (January 1981): 1)
- 1969**, August 22 — The National Amateur Astronomers Association hosts an open forum in Denver, Colorado, "Science and the UFO," with presentations by [James A. Harder](#), [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), [J. Allen Hynek](#), [David R. Saunders](#), [James McDonald](#), and [Frank Salisbury](#). When asked how many of the 500 people assembled have had a UFO sighting, about 75 hands go up. (Gene Cooper, "Six Scientists Urge New 'Flying-Saucer' Study," *Denver (Colo.) Post*, August 23, 1969; Pasquale Marranzino, "Can't Shoot Down Flying Saucers," *Denver Rocky Mountain News*, August 25, 1969, p. 39; "Scientists Urge New UFO Studies," *Fate* 23, no. 4 (April 1970): 38–48; George W. Earley, "[Astronomers Raise Their Hands](#)," *IUR* 24, no. 4 (Winter 1999): 29–30)
- 1969**, August 29 — 6:20 a.m. Norman Vedaa and a passenger are driving along Interstate 80S [now Interstate 76] about 70 miles east of Denver [putting them roughly near Fort Morgan, Colorado]. They notice a brilliant, yellow-gold

- object hovering high in the air. They manage to take two photographs before it speeds away. Ground Saucer Watch concludes from its density profile in the photos that it is a solid object. (William H. Spaulding, [“Observational Data of an Anomalistic Aerial Phenomenon,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 1 (May 1976): 12–17)
- 1969, August 30** — Afternoon. Future ufologist [Bill Chalker](#), 17, is relaxing on a surfboard in the middle of the Clarence River in Grafton, New South Wales. He notices streams of fine filament coming down out of the sky over the river. He collects some samples, seeing no spiders, but the material dissipates into nothing. He later learns that other people, including his parents, watched an elongated white UFO moving at right angles to the filament fall. (Bill Chalker, *The Oz Files*, Duffy and Snellgrove, 1996; Keith Basterfield, [“Angel Hair: An Australian Perspective,”](#) *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 7; Clark III 124–126; Bill Chalker, [“1969: The Great UFO Daze of Oz,”](#) *The Oz Files*, September 19, 2020; Clark IV 152)
- 1969, August 30** — 7:30 p.m. Ion Hobana is at the North Railway Station in Bucharest, Romania, when he sees a triangular object rise from behind the station building. It is a dull orange color and moves with one of its sides facing forward. Three smaller globes trail it in a straight line. The object travels to the right and disappears after a few seconds. (Hobana and Weverbergh 179–180)
- 1969, August 31** — Day. An RAAF Canberra bomber chases but fails to catch a UFO over northern New South Wales. The plane is dispatched from RAAF Base Amberley near Ipswich, Queensland, after hundreds of people in Kygole and along the Darling Downs report the object, which is shaped like an aluminum Zeppelin. Some witnesses observe the object for 3 hours as it hovers above towns and farms. The UFO speeds away when the Canberra tries to close in on it. ([“RAAF Plane Chases UFO,”](#) *Sydney (N.S.W.) Mirror*, August 30, 1969, via *Australian Flying Saucer Review*, no. 2 (July 1970): 10–11; *Perth (W.A.) Independent*, August 31, 1969; [“RAAF Chase UFO over Darling Downs,”](#) *UFOIC Newsletter*, no. 26 (December 1969): 4)
- 1969, September 4** — A farmer, [Bert O’Neil](#), discovers a circular patch of dead and silvery-white manuka plants (*Leptospermum scoparium*, tea tree) in the midst of otherwise green and lush growth on a remote section of his farm near Ngatea, New Zealand. Near the center of the circle, he finds three ground indentations, positioned so as to form the inside points of a triangle. Off to one side is the taller stand of tea tree, also bleached and dead. He remembers seeing this from afar three weeks earlier, arousing his curiosity. The dead scrubweed within the circle is still standing and undisturbed. It looks as if some large object has come down from the sky and landed on three long stilts. At first, O’Neil only discusses his find within the family, but the news quickly leaks to the local radio and press. (Harold H. Fulton, [“The Ngatea Mystery Circle, 1,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1970): 27–28; Harold H. Fulton, [“The Ngatea Mystery Circle, 2,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 3 (May/June 1970): 32–33; Harold H. Fulton, [“The Ngatea Mystery Circle: Terrestrial or Extraterrestrial?”](#) *UFOcus NZ*, 2010; Jim Birchall, [“Big Read: ‘Blown Up from the Inside Out’—the 1969 Ngatea Crop Circle,”](#) *Waikato (N.Z.) Herald*, September 14, 2023)
- 1969, September 6** — 7:00 p.m. Gloria Bomford is with her two daughters at a playground in the John Rabson Park in Reading, England. She notices a faraway object that seems to grow larger and moves in a steadily descending flight path toward the park, seemingly to land there. It now looks like two saucers joined together at the rims and is about 300 feet high and 30–40 feet in diameter. It hovers, and several black, knob-like protuberances emerged on its right-hand side. It then rises vertically, speeds up, and disappears. (Peter J. Wroath, [“Huge Low-Level UFO over Reading,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1970): 6–8)
- 1969, October** — NICAP obtains a copy of a chapter of a textbook in use at the US Air Force Academy, *Introductory Space Science*, for the academy’s Physics 370 course. The last chapter is on “Unidentified Flying Objects” and concludes that the “UFO phenomenon appears to have been global in nature for almost 50,000 years” and considers the “unpleasant possibility of alien visitors to our planet, or at least of alien controlled UFO’s.” It recommends keeping an “open and skeptical mind.” (*Introductory Space Science, Volume II*, chapter on UFOs, pp. 455–467, reprinted in Quest Publications, [“Official Government UFO Intelligence Papers Document Package 6,”](#) pp. 3–18; [“Air Force Text Favors UFO Study,”](#) *UFO Investigator*, October 1970, p. 1; Ted Hubbard, [“Air Academy Text Book Urges More Study of UFO Sightings,”](#) *Lemoore (Calif.) Advance*, October 8, 1970, p. 1; [“Air Academy Tells Cadets Not to Discount UFOs,”](#) *Skylook*, November 1970, p. 9; [“John Schuessler Gets Prompt Reply from Air Force,”](#) *Skylook*, December 1970, p. 4; [“Air Academy Replaces UFO Text,”](#) *UFO Investigator*, December 1970, p. 3; [“AF Academy Teaches Students UFOs Real,”](#) *UFO Research Newsletter* 1, no. 1 (April 1971): 1; ClearIntent, [pp. 13–14](#); Good Need, [p. 230](#))
- 1969, October 3** — After 8:00 p.m. RCMP Constable S. B. Barrie and his wife Vivian are driving 5 miles west of Rennie, Manitoba, on a poor highway in bad weather. He stops to clean mud off the headlights and notices a light to the east hanging just off Highway 44 and over the trees. He continues driving and he sees the light as a light-pink

inverted saucer moving with a jerky motion. Now only 500 feet away, it seems to be 20 feet in diameter with an odd white tail that snakes toward the ground. Suddenly the car's windshield wipers stop working, the headlights go out, and the engine stalls. Barrie gets out of the car and the object zooms silently to the southwest and is lost to sight. He senses the air has a strange, heavy odor, but he is able to get the car started again. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 81–82)

- 1969**, October 8 — A large area of St. Louis, Missouri, is blanketed by a pure-white, sticky substance ranging from dime-size to 10-foot-long streamers. The majority of it sublimates on ground contact. The Smithsonian concludes it is caused by ballooning spiders, even though only one spider specimen is found. When a sample is tested by Wayne E. Black of the St. Louis County Health Department, he finds the samples test negative for protein, the basic composition of spider web. (*Washington Post*, March 28, 1970; "[A Classic Case of 'Angel-Hair.'](#)" *Pursuit* 3, no. 4 (October 1970): 72–73)
- 1969**, October 10 — 7:00 p.m. Ivan McConnell is driving on Aylwin Road one mile west of Kazabazua, Quebec, when he spots a white, cone-shaped object above his car. It is about 8 feet in diameter, about 200 feet above the ground, and seems to have a flag with a "skull and crossbones" insignia on its end. It moves away at "terrific speed" soundlessly. ("[UFO Flying the Jolly Roger.](#)" *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 58 (1970): 11)
- 1969**, October 12 — 12:20 a.m. Donat Francis and Ronald Mullin are checking the discharge pipelines along a waste disposal dam two miles from Murdochville, Quebec, when they notice a "shooting star." The men are about a half mile away from each other. Francis notices a noise like a motor first, then sees a star-like object about 200 feet in the air and approaching swiftly. The object makes a couple of turns around the dam then heads off to the east. As it leaves, it ejects a blue flame before picking up speed. Francis says the object is shaped like a half-moon with a blue windshield in front and twin propellers behind. ("[Strange Phenomenon Fits Descriptions of Flying Saucers.](#)" *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 58 (1970): 11)
- 1969**, October 20 — Brig. Gen. [Carroll H. Bolender](#), USAF Deputy Director of Development, writes a draft document saying that the "continuation of Project Blue Book cannot be justified either on the ground of national security or in the interest of science." Bolender adds that "reports of unidentified flying objects which could affect national security are made in accordance with JANAP 146 or Air Force Manual 55-1 and are not part of the Blue Book system." This is a clear indication that Blue Book is only a front for a classified UFO project. (Brig. Gen. C. H. Bolender, "[Unidentified Flying Objects \(UFO\).](#)" October 20, 1969; Swords 336)
- 1969**, October 24 — 12:43 a.m. A Chilean Navy destroyer is moving north at 20 knots in the South Pacific Ocean about 350 miles south of Valparaíso, Chile. The radar officer reports a target rapidly approaching the ship, apparently moving 213 miles in one minute, which would indicate a speed of 12,780 mph. At 12:47 a.m., the target is only 12 miles away, and it suddenly breaks into six targets. The officer in charge and five other personnel can now see one massive and five smaller lighted objects approaching the ship. The large UFO looks like a big box with semicircles on the side, and it is bigger than the ship, which is 360 feet long. The five smaller objects are egg-shaped, bluish, and no more than 8 feet long and 5–6 feet wide. At about 6,000 feet from the ship, the smaller objects move away from the larger one, three to portside and two to starboard, and begin flying in ellipses between the ship and the large object. At 900 feet away, the officers can hear the object make a humming noise. The ship's power and instruments go dead as the large object passes overhead. Bright red lights under the UFO seem to be moving back and forth inside the craft, visible through a half-circle on the bottom. "Corn cobs" with green or turquoise pulsating lights are on the side. When the UFO is 600 feet away, the power comes back on. The smaller objects, never coming closer than 1,500–3,000 feet, fly around the ship and join up with the large object on the other side. All 6 objects vanish about 2 miles away. At least 8 minutes have passed, with three radar technicians tracking the UFOs. The ship's commander orders everyone to keep silent about what they have seen. The sighting is deleted from the ship's log. The six witnesses are debriefed for two days in Valparaíso by two Chilean Navy officers and four Americans who are allegedly naval attachés with the US Embassy. (NICAP, "[Six Objects Observed and Tracked by Destroyer](#)"; Bill Chalker, "[An Extraordinary Incident off Chile.](#)" *IUR* 10, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1985): 4–6; Bill Chalker, "[EM UFO Incident off Chile in 1969.](#)" *APRO Bulletin* 33, no. 3 (January 1986): 7–8; Bill Chalker, "[EM UFO Incident off Chile in 1969 \(Conclusion\).](#)" *APRO Bulletin* 33, no. 5 (April 1987): 5–6)
- 1969**, October 24–27 — The Turkish Air Force is inundated with reports of UFOs over Ankara, Turkey. Jet fighters are scrambled from Mürted Air Base [now closed] northwest of the city and close to within 7.5 miles, but the objects always pull away and climb higher. Even the base commander, Ercüment Gökaydin, flies with the interceptors to 35,000 feet, but the UFO is at a height of 50,000 feet. It is a silvery, oval disc. The jets take gun-camera film, which has never been released. One pilot says the object has three round portholes. (Good Need, [p. 299](#))
- 1969**, Late October — Before 12:00 midnight. The naval destroyer [USS Josephus Daniels](#) is sailing north along the Cuban coast from Guantanamo Bay Naval Base. Crew members see a brilliant silver disk rising above the

horizon, many times larger than the moon. It hovers for 15 minutes. (Carl Feindt, "[Report #880](#)," [waterufo.net](#); Dolan, *USO1*, 340–341)

- 1969**, October 27 — NICAP Assistant Director [Gordon I. R. Lore Jr.](#) writes board member [Joseph B. Hartranft Jr.](#) an 11-page letter outlining the organization's difficulties. He alerts the board of directors to the growing financial crisis brought on by [Donald E. Keyhoe](#)'s failure to keep adequate books and records. He urges the hiring of a business director. In the summer he had gotten permission from Keyhoe to fire five of NICAP's eight employees as a cost-saving measure. (Clark III 794; Clark IV 874)
- 1969**, October 30 — 3:10 a.m. J. F. Cudby, a security guard at Waipukurau Aerodrome, New Zealand, is checking buildings when he sees some lights reflected in a glass door. He turns and sees a 60-foot in diameter circular object with lights hovering low above the airport. His guard dog becomes unusually excited. Cudby runs to his van about 20 feet away and shines a spotlight on the object, which speeds away, making a high-pitched whining sound. He examines the ground beneath where the object had hovered and finds that it is hot and dry. An independent witness, W. T. Grant, confirms the sighting. He sees a circular object hovering about 100 feet off the ground. It then rises and accelerates away to the south. ("[New Zealand](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1970): 31–32; UFOEv II 213–214)
- 1969**, October 30 — 10:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Chapin are driving at their mine site near Redding, California, when they see a rattlesnake in the road. As they get out to go to the mine and kill the snake, they find the area oddly hot. They notice a disturbance in the brush some 60 feet away in a flattened area of mine tailings. An egg-shaped object rises noiselessly a few feet off the ground and takes off down the canyon, swaying but not striking small trees. Soon it zooms upward at a sharp angle and is out of sight in seconds. They find a shallow, oval, depressed spot less than 2 inches deep and 10 feet across in the mine tailings. A conical pile of unusual-looking sand is also discovered, and two days later they find a metallic glob about the size of a fist nearby. They have the material analyzed in 1977. Scattered about in the unusual sand pile are irregular bits of pale-green glass-like material made of nearly pure silicon. The metal glob is completely black on the outside and 77% copper in the interior, combined with tin and traces of silver, chromium, and other metals. Both are considered foreign to the geology of the mine site. ("[The Redding, California CE II Case](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 3 (March 1978): insert)
- 1969**, November — English ufologist John Rimmer looks ahead to ufology in the 1970s and predicts that "the Great Revelation will not take place." Sensational tales will be told and the public will remain largely unconvinced. Perhaps "more new and unexpected elements will be introduced into, and emerge from, the whole UFO problem, rendering it not only more complex, but considerably more interesting." (John A. Rimmer, "[The Seventies: A Prognostication](#)," *Merseyside UFO Bulletin* 2, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1969): 65–67; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 217–218)
- 1969**, November 8 — Australian physicist O. H. "Harry" Turner has been working with other scientists to set up a "rapid intervention team" for the RAAF to investigate UFO physical evidence. In a memo to the director of the Joint Intelligence Bureau, he indicates he is working with John Morton of Australian National University, John Symonds from the Australian Atomic Energy Commission, and [Michael Duggin](#) of the National Standards Laboratory. The plan is soon dropped by the JIB. (Bill Chalker, "[The Australian Government and UFOs](#)," *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 21; Swords 396–397; Coulthart 2023, p. 64)
- 1969**, November 9 — The D-21 drone makes its first reconnaissance mission over China, launched from a B-52. It flies over the Lop Nur Nuclear Test Base in Xinjiang but strays off course into Siberia and crashes. (Wikipedia, "[Lockheed D-21](#)"; Jacobsen, *Area 51*, p. 223)
- 1969**, December 3 — The NICAP board of governors demands [Keyhoe](#)'s resignation. He retires, under protest, at age 72. Leading the effort is board chairman Col. [Joseph Bryan III](#), who takes over as acting president. ("[Major Keyhoe Retires](#)," *UFO Investigator*, May 1970, pp. 1, 3; "[NICAP Redeploys](#)," *UFO Investigator*, May 1970, p. 1; Clark III 794; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 388–389; Clark IV 874)
- 1969**, December 5 — [Bryan](#) dismisses NICAP Assistant Director [Gordon I. R. Lore Jr.](#), replacing him with [G. Stuart Nixon](#) as secretary-treasurer. ("[Major Keyhoe Retires](#)," *UFO Investigator*, May 1970, pp. 1, 3; Clark III 794; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 389; Clark IV 874)
- 1969**, December 9 — [Richard H. Hall](#), who had been NICAP's assistant director up to 1967, cancels his membership and circulates a protest letter. (Clark III 794; Clark IV 874)
- 1969**, December 17 — Air Force Secretary [Robert Seamans](#) announces the termination of Project Blue Book, based on the Condon report, the NAS endorsement, and "past UFO studies." He repeats the [Bolender](#) wording that Blue Book "cannot be justified either on the ground of national security or in the interest of science." Technically, Blue Book does not terminate until January 30, 1970. Blue Book records are moved to Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama, in a building that requires security clearance to enter. Eventually, the files, minus the witness names, are

consigned to the Modern Military Branch, Military Archives Division, National Archives, Washington, D.C. ([Sparks](#), p. 3; Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense, “[Air Force to Terminate Project ‘Blue Book,’](#)” December 17, 1969; “[Air Forces Closes Study of U.F.O.s,](#)” *New York Times*, December 18, 1969, pp. 1, 41; “[The Book Is Closed,](#)” *UFO Investigator*, May 1970, p. 3; Clark III 926, 1200; David J. Shea, “[NCAS Presentation,](#)” September 8, 2018; Eghigian, *After*, p. 214; Clark IV 1036, 1374)

1969, December 18 — [Condon](#) is quoted in the *New York Times* that his investigation “was a bunch of damn nonsense,” and he is sorry he “got involved in such foolishness.” (“[Air Forces Closes Study of U.F.O.s,](#)” *New York Times*, December 18, 1969, pp. 1, 41)

1969, December 26–27 — The American Association for the Advancement of Science holds a special two-day segment on “Unidentified Flying Objects” at its annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, at the Sheraton Hotel. The program is arranged by [Thornton Page](#) (NASA Manned Spacecraft Center), [Philip Morrison](#) (MIT), [Walter Orr Roberts](#) (University Corporation for Atmospheric Research), and [Carl Sagan](#) (Cornell). Rising to the occasion, [James E. McDonald](#) presents an excellent critique of the Air Force and Colorado project investigations as well as an in-depth examination of the RB-47 and Lakenheath-Bentwaters cases. [Donald Menzel](#) attempts to show that all UFO sightings can be explained, even though some of his “explanations” are complex. Morrison discusses the nature of hard evidence and concludes that reliable UFO reports would stand up both in a court of law and in the rigors of science. Cornell University Press publishes the proceedings, *UFOs: A Scientific Debate*, in 1972. (James E. McDonald, “[Science in Default: Twenty-Two Years of Inadequate UFO Investigations,](#)” December 27, 1969; Walter Sullivan, “[Scientists Seek Air Force U.F.O. Data,](#)” *New York Times*, December 28, 1969, p. 18; John S. Derr, “[AAAS Symposium on UFOs,](#)” *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1969, pp. 1, 3–5; “[AAAS, Condon, and Rothberg,](#)” *APRO Bulletin*, Jan./Feb. 1970, pp. 5–6; J. Allen Hynek, “[Twenty-One Years of UFO Reports—1,](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1970): 3–5; J. Allen Hynek, “[Twenty-One Years of UFO Reports—2,](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 2 (March/April 1970): 6–8, 22; J. Allen Hynek, “[Commentary on the AAAS Symposium,](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 2 (March/April 1970): 3–5; Carl Sagan and Thornton Page, eds., *UFOs: A Scientific Debate*, Cornell University, 1972; John S. Derr, “[Book Review of UFOs: A Scientific Debate,](#)” *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1972, pp. 6–8; Jacobs, *UFO Controversy in America*, Signet ed., 1976, pp. 228–229; Paul McCarthy, *Politicking and Paradigm Shifting: James E. McDonald and the UFO Case Study*, PhD diss., University of Hawaii, December 1975, pp. 223–247; [Story](#), p. 1; Walter N. Webb, “[Allen Hynek As I Knew Him,](#)” *IUR* 18, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1993): 9–10; Clark III 100–101; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 211–212; Clark IV 127–128)

1969, December 28 — A man named Patric is driving from Midland to Windsor, Ontario, on heavily snowed roads after an accident has blocked the main highway. Suddenly, his car engine, headlights, and radio fails, and he crawls to a halt in front of a star-like glow with a prismatic, multi-colored aura 100 feet ahead. Inside the glow is a domed object. A loud humming noise commences and the object shoots into the sky. The car comes back to life, but Patric inexplicably reaches Windsor one hour late. (Jenny Randles, “The Twelve UFOs of Christmas,” *Fortean Times* 374 (Christmas 2018): 29)

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1970 — [Ivan T. Sanderson](#) publishes his last UFO book, *Invisible Residents*, which compiles reports of unusual objects seen in or around bodies of water. He speculates that such cases need not involve the presence of extraterrestrials, but possibly an indigenous intelligence that evolved independently in the oceans. (Ivan T. Sanderson, *Invisible Residents*, World, 1970; Clark III 1028; Clark IV 1143)

1970 — [John A. Keel](#) writes *UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse*, in which he presents a theory that UFOs are produced by ultraterrestrials—nonhuman beings who are able to manipulate matter and our senses and who in the past manifested themselves as fairies or demons. (John A. Keel, *UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse*, Manor Books ed., 1976; Wikipedia, “[Operation Trojan Horse \(book\)](#)”; Clark III 882, 940–941; Eghigian, *After*, p. 252; Clark IV 976, 1050–1051)

1970 — The CIA is testing a small drone aircraft in the shape of a bird at Groom Lake, Nevada. Called Project Aquiline, the agency wants to fly a reconnaissance UAV over key intelligence targets, such as ICBM sites and nuclear test grounds in the Soviet Union and China, without detection. At least one of the prototypes is flown from Area 51 more than 20 times. The project is cancelled in 1971 before deployment and has never been declassified. (Wikipedia, “[Project AQUILINE](#)”; David Hambling, “[Area 51’s Robotic Spy Bird,](#)” *Wired*, November 6, 2007)

1970? — An 11-year-old girl in Adelaide, South Australia, is abducted by little beings while she is sleeping with her two sisters. She is taken to a room for a medical examination, followed by an educational film and a discussion session. Details begin to emerge the next morning and continue to do so in a long series of nightmares that

continue for another nine years. She has episodes of sex with small humanoid aliens at their initiation and she undergoes regular gynecological examinations aboard the UFO. She thinks they are collecting “fluid” and “messing around with my ovaries.” She has two pregnancies that she considers out of the ordinary, and in both cases they end in spontaneous abortions. (Keith Basterfield, “[An Australian Abduction](#),” *IUR* 16, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1991): 4–6, 22; Keith Basterfield, “Abused by Aliens,” *Fortean Times* 58 (July 1991): 48–51; Clark III 1064; Clark IV 1180)

1970 — A retired physicist who claims to have worked on the Manhattan Project tells [Leonard H. Stringfield](#) in 1990 that he was working on Project Blue Heaven at Edwards Air Force Base in California in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The project is set up to examine a UFO and its crew that had landed at or near the base and are kept in a secure building for evaluation. The 12 or so occupants have eyes of one color like a dog’s and blood that “looked like oil,” and they are about 5 feet tall. They are dressed in a “silvery-looking material” that contain “elements that we don’t have on Earth.” The UFO has no seams, rivets, or welding and has a dome on top. Allegedly no one can cut a hole into it. He claims the project is still active in 1990 and it is run by the Department of Defense. (Leonard H. Stringfield, *UFO Crash Retrievals: The Inner Sanctum, Status Report VI*, The Author, July 1991, [pp. 203–210](#))

1970 — The crew of a US Air Force C-5A Galaxy transport, flying at 500 mph at 37,000 feet, encounters a UFO over Moula Idris, Saudi Arabia [=Moulay Idriss Zerhoun, Morocco?]. An RAF officer on detachment is flying the aircraft, and he describes the object as like two saucers joined together, surrounded by red, green, and yellow and flying at 75,000 feet. (Good Need, [pp. 298–299](#))

Early 1970 — 10:00 p.m. A peasant in the Taijiang(?) District of Fujian province, China, sees a metallic, pan-shaped object land behind a hill. It radiates a brilliant green light, and a strange musical tone emanates from it. After he reports it, the local army commander mobilizes hundreds of soldiers who attempt to surround the object. After about one hour, the object emits a bright white light and takes off vertically. (Wendelle Stevens and Paul Dong, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archive, 1983, p. 56)

Early 1970s — 2:30–3:00 a.m. Two young men in Furnace Creek, California, are followed by a red ball of light the size of a beach ball. They get scared and run ahead to their house, slamming and locking the door behind them. The ball stops at the edge of their yard, hovering and oscillating in size. After 4–5 minutes, the ball moves away and creates a vortex, causing stones to rise and circle in the air. They can hear the sound of the stones hitting together. Then the light blinks out, and the rocks crash down onto the road. (Michael D. Swords, “[Timmermania: A Step Too Far into the Timmerman Files?](#)” *IUR* 27, no. 4 (Winter 2002–2003): 9)

1970, January — English ufologist John Rimmer criticizes ufology for focusing too heavily on the extraterrestrial hypothesis, arguing that natural phenomena and subjective explanations should also be considered. He concludes, “The ETH must not be considered as the only explanation, with the assumption that if it is not the UFO subject then [it] becomes something else, of less intrinsic interest.” (John A. Rimmer, “[A Look at the Alternatives](#),” *Merseyside UFO Bulletin* 3, no. 1 (January 1970): 4–6)

1970, January 1 — 5:00 a.m. Registered nurse Doreen Kendall is looking out a window at the Cowichan District Hospital in Duncan, British Columbia, and sees a bright, Saturn-shaped object about 50 feet in diameter hovering one story above her, about 60 feet off the ground and 40 feet away. It has a row of lights around its middle. She can see two humanoid figures in dark, tight-fitting clothing and wearing headgear in the upper portion. One stands at an instrument panel, with the other behind it. The second being looks directly at Kendall, then touches the first being, who moves a lever, apparently causing the craft to tilt down and provide a view of its interior. Kendall calls for other witnesses, who arrive in time to see the UFO leave. In 2023, Dan Hughes claims that the UFO was an inflated plastic bag lit by candles that he and two friends launched, but that explanation has been contested. (“[Landing and Occupants in Canada](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1969, pp. 1, 5; “[Human-Like Pair in Saucer](#),” *Victoria (B.C.) Daily Times*, January 5, 1970, pp. 1–2; “[The Cowichan Occupant Case](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Jan./Feb. 1970, pp. 1, 3; “[Canada: Humanoids Visit Hospital](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 3 (May/June 1970): 22–23; “[UFO Occupants Seen near Hospital](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 7 (Summer 1970): 3–12; Brian C. Cannon, “[UFO Occupant Reports](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 2, no. 2 (1971): 7, 9; “[Four Faces of Our Visitors](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 2, no. 7 (1973): 2, 7–9; John Brent Musgrave, “[The Behavior and Origins of Canadian UFO Occupants and Critters](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 4, no. 6 (Winter/Spring 1978): 9, 10; UFOEv II 459–460; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 139–146; “[Nurse Doreen Kendall Witnessed a Hovering UFO with Occupants near Cowichan District Hospital, 1970](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, September 20, 2023; “[UFO Sighting on Vancouver Island Featured on New Collectible Coin](#),” CBC News, October 31, 2023; Tim Binnall, “[Canadian Coin Was an Accidental Hoax](#),” Coast to Coast, November 9, 2023)

- 1970, January 6** — [Keyhoe](#) is interviewed by telephone by radio broadcaster Alan Douglas in a show titled “Have Flying Saucers Left?” He fudges a bit about his ousting from NICAP, saying there was “some confusion,” that a reorganization had been planned, and that he might be handling “technical matters.” (“[Profiles in Ufology: Major Donald E. Keyhoe, Dr. James E. McDonald & Frank Edwards Guide](#),” November 21, 2013; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 391–393)
- 1970, January 7** — 4:45 p.m. Two skiers, lumberjack Aarno Heinonen and farmer Esko Viljo, at Imjärvi, Finland, watch a disc-shaped, buzzing UFO approach them and hover. It is so close to Heinonen that he could touch it with his ski pole. From an opening in the center of the object’s bottom, a bright light beam is emitted, creating an illuminated area of 3 feet in diameter on the snow beneath it, edged with black. A red gray mist descends again; when it clears, both men can see, only 10 feet away, a 3-foot tall humanoid creature standing in the illuminated area, carrying in its hands a black box with a pulsating yellow light. Its arms and legs are very thin, its face pale like wax, and its nose hooked; it wears a light green coverall with darker green knee boots, white gauntlets, and a conical metallic helmet. Then the mist again descends, and long red, green, and purple sparks float out from the lighted area. A sort of flame rises from this spot and enters the UFO; then the mist and the UFO vanish. After this experience, Heinonen finds his right leg numb, and he vomits and passes black urine; Viljo also suffers severe physiological effects. Heinonen claims, two years later, a series of contacts with a female spacewoman. (“[Finland: Strange Events in the Snow](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 3 (May/June 1970): 23–24; Sven-Olof Fredrickson, “[Finnish Encounter in the Snow](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1970): 31–32; “[Finns Observe UFO Occupant](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1970, pp. 6–7; Sven-Olof Fredrickson, “[A Humanoid Was Seen at Imjärvi](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1970): 14–18; “[Her mødte vi rum-væsenet!](#)” *UFO-nyt*, 1970, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1970): 191–196; Sven-Olof Fredrickson, “[More on the Imjärvi Case](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1970): 22; Anders Liljegren, “[The Continuing Story of the Imjärvi Skiers, Part 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 3 (September 1980): 15–17; Anders Liljegren, “[The Continuing Story of the Imjärvi Skiers, Part 2](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 5 (January 1981): 18–20; Kim Hansen, “UFO Casebook,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 75–79; UFOEv II 483–486; Randle, 1973, p. 105)
- 1970, January 21** — The UFO Subcommittee of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics sponsors a panel that meets in New York City to discuss differing viewpoints on UFOs. Among the panel members are [Hynek](#), [McDonald](#), [Thornton Page](#), [Gordon D. Thayer](#), and [Philip Klass](#). The subcommittee, led by [Joachim P. Kuettner](#), consists of scientists with no previous position on UFOs and reaches several middle-of-the-road conclusions. It criticizes the NAS position that the ETH is the least likely explanation and rejects McDonald’s position that it is the “least unsatisfactory.” It criticizes the Condon report, in which the conclusions do not match the data, and recommends a moderate-level, ongoing study of UFOs. (“[UFOs, an Appraisal of the Problem: A Statement by the UFO Subcommittee of the AIAA](#),” *Aeronautics and Astronautics* 8, no. 11 (November 1970): 49–51; Clark III 101–102; Clark IV 129–130)
- 1970, January 29** — A Uruguayan professor of socioeconomics takes a photo of a cigar-shaped object in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Analysis shows that it was probably a streetlamp. (“[A Street Lamp, or Sign, Or](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 3 (June/July 1983): 1; “[Rio de Janeiro 1970 Photograph Termed Streetlamp](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 6 (Dec. 1983/Jan. 1984): 3, 7)
- 1970, January 30** — 3:30 p.m. Project Blue Book’s doors close as its office is staffed for the last time. The files have been packed in boxes and are on their way to the Air Force Archives at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama. (“[The Book Is Closed](#),” *UFO Investigator*, May 1970, p. 3; Clark III 926; Clark IV 1036)
- 1970, March 28** — 11:00 p.m. About 30 UFO spotters gathered on Cradle Hill, just outside Warminster, Wiltshire, England, see a flashing purple light. One of their sensors buzzes, indicating a strong magnetic field, and one observer (Norman Foxwell) takes photos that appear in the July/August 1970 *Flying Saucer Review*. But the UFO is actually a light beam from a high-intensity purple spot-lamp operated by a group of UFO debunkers, among them physicist David I. Simpson. Foxwell himself is part of the skeptical group (having pre-exposed a spurious UFO image), as is the individual who operates the bogus magnetic-field sensor. The hoax is revealed six years later. (John C. Ben, “[Photographs from Cradle Hill](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1970): 4–5; Percy Hennell, “[The Warminster Photographs Examined](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1970): 6–7; Charles Bowen, “[What the Eye Sees](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1970): 7; Pierre Guérin, “[Warminster Photographs: A Tentative Interpretation](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1970): 7–8; Charles Bowen, “[Progress at Cradle Hill](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 2 (March/April 1971): 11–12; S. E. Scammell, “[A Surveyor’s Criticism](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 2 (March/April 1971): 13; John E. Ben, “[Continued Investigations at Warminster](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 2 (March/April 1971): 14–16; Terence Collins, “[A Further Examination of the Warminster Photographs](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 2 (March/April

1971): 16–18; Michael Samuels, “[Unexpected Photographic Effects at Warminster](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 2 (March/April 1971): 18–21; David I. Simpson, “[Experimental UFO Hoaxing](#),” *MUFOB*, new series 2 (March 1976): 3–6, 11–12; David I. Simpson, “[Controlled UFO Hoax: Some Lessons](#),” *Skeptical Inquirer* 4, no. 3 (Spring 1980): 32–39; David Clarke, “The Warminster Syndrome,” *Fortean Times* 331 (October 2015): 40–47; David Clarke, *How UFOs Conquered the World*, Aurum, 2015; Steve Dewey and Kevin Goodman, *History of a Mystery: Fifty Years of the Warminster Thing*, Swallowtail, 2015; Clark III 602–603; Eghigian, *After*, p. 253; Clark IV 662)

1970, March 29 — UFO-Sverige is formed as the first nationwide UFO organization in Sweden; it is essentially an association of 20 UFO groups in different parts of the country. The secretary’s office is located in Skånninge. It publishes the magazine *UFO-Information* from 1969 to 1980, then *UFO-Aktuellt* beginning in 1980. (Wikipedia, “[UFO-Sverige](#)”; [UFO-Information](#), no. 1 (October 26, 1969); C. Göran Norlén and Johan Gustavsson, “[Tidskriften UFO-Aktuellt](#),” Riksorganisationen UFO-Sverige; Håkan Blomqvist, “[Fifty Years in the UFO Movement](#),” Håkan Blomqvist’s Blog, January 3, 2020; Håkan Blomqvist, “[Ufoföreningen som blev en meditationsgrupp](#),” Håkan Blomqvist’s Blog, May 6, 2024; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 232–233)

1970, April 9 — 4:00 p.m. Max Krauss is walking along a country road near Schemmerhofen, Baden-Württemberg, Germany, when he hears two dull but loud bangs. He turns and sees a transparent ball with 8 radial spokes floating down the road close to the ground. About 16 inches in diameter, the ball is rotating anticlockwise on a vertical axis. Suddenly it stops and makes a right-angle turn toward a small stream and stops rotating. Something like a hose-pipe extend from the center and bends itself back and upward, writhing like a worm, then reaches down into the water. The hose then is drawn back in, the center part of the ball turns milky, and the outer shell turns blue. Then the ball starts rotating again, passes across the road into a field and vanishes. (Hubert Malthaner, “[Mystery Flying Object Rolls along a German Road](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1972): 15–17)

1970, April 15 — 1:38 p.m. Raúl Galan, a news photographer for *La Capital* in Mar del Plata, Argentina, takes a clear photograph of a domed disc. (“[The above photo](#),” *Skylook*, no. 93 (August 1975): 1; UFOEv II 287–288)

1970, April 29–30 — Around midnight. Several independent groups of witnesses to the west of Lake Anten, Västra Götaland, Sweden, watch a red, glowing sphere fly around the lake and neighboring areas. It occasionally sends out a beam of light to the ground. Some of the observers get the impression that the beams originate on the ground rather than from the object. The next morning a few of the observers get into boats and sail to the spot where the sphere was seen hovering. In one corner of the garden of an isolated farmhouse named Enebacken, they find three round marks, one foot in diameter and 1.5 inches deep, burned into the ground in the shape of an equilateral triangle. A UFO group in Gothenburg, Sweden, takes soil samples to a laboratory for gamma-ray testing and finds significant non-background radiation at a peak that seems to derive from cesium-137, a radioactive isotope. (Sven-Olof Fredrickson, “[A Landing near Lake Anten?](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1971): 13–17)

1970, May 5 — Although the Air Force is no longer involved with UFOs, the Foreign Technology Division at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio continues to contract [Hynek](#)’s services as a “special consultant” on atmospheric phenomena. He reports to Col. [George R. Weinbrenner](#), whom he visits every once in a while in Dayton. He continues with the contract through 1974. (Jennie Zeidman, “[I Remember Blue Book](#),” *IUR* 16, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1991): 12, 23; Thomas J. Carey and Donald R. Schmitt, *Inside the Real Area 51*, Tantor Media, 2013, pp. 203–213)

1970, May 14 — 9:45 p.m. A graduate engineering student in Bangor, Maine, notices two nocturnal lights in the Ursa Major constellation moving in a counterclockwise circle around a common center at a constant velocity. They abruptly stop moving, leaving them in a north-south position. After a short time, they move away from each other, then the light moving south suddenly halts. The other light is moving slower than a meteor but faster than a jet aircraft. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 48–49](#))

1970, May 15 — 10:30 p.m. Dorothy Simpson, a clerk in a motel in a suburb of Saint Louis, Missouri, allegedly checks in four small, strange-looking people, two adults and two children. They seem confused about eating, elevators, and television. In the morning they have disappeared from their room. (John E. Schroeder, “The Strangers among Us,” *The UFO Enigma* 7, no. 7 (June 1987): 3–6; Clark III 91–92; Clark IV 119–120)

1970, May 29 — John L. Acuff, an experienced manager but not a UFO researcher, becomes the new president of NICAP. He is the former executive director of the Washington, D.C.–based Society of Photographic Scientists and Engineers [now the Society for Imaging Science and Technology], which has cooperated with NICAP on photoanalysis but also has military and CIA connections. Acuff and [G. Stuart Nixon](#) dismantle the NICAP system of affiliates and state subcommittee system that have promoted the organization for years. Regional members are told to operate independently from one another; cooperation is discouraged. Criticism of the government’s UFO

policy is no longer permitted and NICAP turns into a mere “sighting collection center.” Nixon is appointed executive director. (“[NI-CIA-AP or NICAP?](#)” *Just CAUSE* 1, no. 7 (January 1979): 5–13; “[What Happened to NICAP?](#)” *MARCEN Journal* 2, no. 1 (January 1979): 11–12; Richard H. Hall, “[The Quest for the Truth about UFOs: A Personal Perspective on the Role of NICAP.](#)” in *1994 MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1994, pp. 185–201; Clark III 794; Jack Brewer, *Wayward Sons: NICAP and the IC*, The Author, 2021; Jack Brewer, “[CIA Responds to FOIA Request on Jack Acuff.](#)” *The UFO Trail*, September 17, 2022; Powell, *Keyhole*, 393–394; Clark IV 874)

- 1970**, June — Contact (UK) begins publishing *The UFO Register*, a journal edited by [J. B. Delair](#) that focuses on sightings and data. It continues sporadically until 1995. ([The UFO Register](#) 1, part 1 (June 1970))
- 1970**, June — The Centro de Estudios Interplanetarios in Barcelona, Spain, begins publishing *Stendek*, edited by Joan Crexells. It is published through December 1981. ([Stendek](#) 1, no. 1 (June 1970))
- 1970**, June — Jader U. Pereira, a jurist and secretary of the São Paulo, Brazil-based Grupo Gaúcho de Investigação de Objetos Aéreos Não Identificados, publishes the results of a two-year analysis of 333 UFO cases from around the world for the previous 20 years involving occupants. He classifies the entities in terms of body type and size, skin color, hair, and clothing. He finds a great deal of variation, but nearly 96% of the accounts involve occupants that are basically human in form. (Jader U. Pereira, “Les Extra-terrestres,” *Phénomènes Spatiaux*, no. 24 (June 1970): 14–20; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 149–150)
- 1970**, June — 12:45 a.m. A truck driver is approaching Emerald Beach, New South Wales, when he sees a bright light on the ocean side of the highway. A circular object rises from behind some woods 1,600 feet from the road. It hovers for 30 seconds at an altitude of 66 feet. Relative to the trees, the object appears to be about 33 feet in diameter, and flames seem to shoot from its base. It slowly returns to the ground, where it is partially obscured by trees, but it continues to emit beams of light from its top and sides. Fearful, the driver leaves the area. Ufologist [Bill Chalker](#) accompanies the witness to the landing site, where they discover six circles of dead grass of varying sizes and burned trees. (Bill Chalker, “Physical Traces,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Times, 1987, p. 190)
- 1970**, June 7 — 1:30 a.m. Four individuals—Michael A. Marando, Dennis Pilichis, Earl Neff, and Iris Pilichis—are driving about 20 miles north of Sebring, Ohio, on State Highway 14. They first observe a bright light to the left of the road and think it is a tower, but binoculars show no structure. Eventually, the object comes toward the road and they can see it is an equilateral triangle, moving flat side forward, with red and green lights on the front and a small white light in the rear. It is moving very slowly, never more than 20–25 mph, with no sound. The UFO eventually ascends high into the sky and hovers there for some time. ([Cleveland Ufology Project case file](#))
- 1970**, June 7 — While driving around a sharp curve on the road next to the Towave Reservoir south of Ouray, Utah, E. Manning sees a triangular UFO with rounded corners approaching across the lake. The object nearly collides with the car but suddenly veers away. It displays many colors, mostly green, and moves with the apex of the triangle in front and two exhaust jets at the back. (Frank Salisbury, *The Utah UFO Display*, Devin-Adair, 1974, [p. 255](#))
- 1970**, June 11 — Early morning. The crew of [Thor Heyerdahl](#)’s papyrus boat, the *Ra II*, watch a bright object move across the sky for several minutes and disappear in a “bright orange flash.” Navigator [Norman Baker](#) relays the report via shortwave radio as the vessel is making its way westward across the Atlantic from Safi, Morocco, to Barbados. (“[UFO Spotted from Ra.](#)” *Ottawa (Ont.) Journal*, June 15, 1970, p. 25; “[UFO Reported by Heyerdahl Crew.](#)” *APRO Bulletin*, July/August 1970, p. 9)
- 1970**, June 13 — MUFON holds its first annual conference in Peoria, Illinois. Shortly afterwards, [Walt Andrus](#) succeeds Allen Utke as MUFON director. (“[Program for Midwest UFO Conference to be Held in Peoria, Ill., June 13.](#)” *Skylook*, no. 30 (May 1970): 1–2; “[Scientists Hit for UFO Doubts.](#)” *Long Beach (Calif.) Independent*, June 14, 1970, p. A16; “[Hard Core Data Urged on ‘Saucers.’](#)” *San Rafael (Calif.) Daily Independent-Journal*, June 24, 1970, p. 29; Ted Phillips, “[Midwest UFO Conference Well Attended.](#)” *Skylook*, no. 32 (July 1970): 10; John F. Schuessler, “[A Brief History of MUFON.](#)” November 28, 2018)
- 1970**, June 27 — 11:40 a.m. Aristeu Machado, his wife and children, and João Aguiar of the Brazilian Federal police, see a metallic, domed disc resting on the surface of the Atlantic Ocean about a half-mile off the coast of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Two humanoid figures are standing on the rim. After a while the object skims the surface of the water and takes off, lights flashing from the underside. Once airborne, the wife can clearly see the two occupants sitting inside. (UFOEv II 460; Brazil 128–130)
- 1970**, July — Afternoon. [John](#) and [Mary Pilichis](#) see a huge cigar-shaped object over their home at Rome, Ohio. At the same time, their daughter Bonnie and a friend are at a swimming pool about one-half mile away when they see 3 silvery discs flying end-to-end in the direction of their home. The parents then see the discs as well. The cigar and the discs form a line and move into a large, peculiar cloud. After 3–4 minutes, the cloud begins to break apart,

with no UFOs showing. (*Ohio UFO Reporter*, Sept./Nov. 1971; Herbert S. Taylor, "[Cloud Cigars: A Further Look](#)," *IUR* 30, no. 3 (May 2006): 12)

1970, July 4 — 3:00 a.m. A 33-year-old Port Monmouth, New Jersey, housewife wakes up and sees a "big round ball" with an "eerie white glow" hovering over the meadows across the street. She watches it bouncing back and forth for 15 minutes as a series of red lights flash in sequence across it. The size is about 25–30 feet wide. The streetlight has gone out and comes back on when the object leaves. Her son and brother-in-law later find three imprints 30–40 feet apart in the shape of a triangle in the meadow. They also find circles impressed in the grass, the largest 15–20 feet in diameter. Then they find tracks "going to the creek like they had dragged some small round thing into the ditch" as well as "two sets of a dozen imprints which were about two feet apart. They were curved like raindrops. It was very visible, the grass was all crushed down, there was mud on the banks of the creek, and there were signs of the tracks in the mud." One week later, the light returns and crosses the field across the street. The family television, the car ignition, and the telephone behave strangely for days afterward. (Berthold E. Schwarz, "[The Port Monmouth Landing](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 3 (May/June 1971): 21–27; Clark III 251–252; Clark IV 291)

1970, July 23 — President [Nixon](#) makes it clear that he wants a major effort against domestic dissidents. At an Oval Office meeting in June with the Inter Agency Committee on Intelligence ([H. R. Haldeman](#), [John Ehrlichman](#), [Tom Charles Huston](#), [J. Edgar Hoover](#), [Richard Helms](#), Adm. Noel Gaynor, and Lt. Gen. [Donald W. Bennett](#)), Nixon hears suggestions for expanded mail openings, resumption of illegal break-ins, electronic surveillance, and expanded counterintelligence. He approves the plan in July but will not sign it; neither will Haldeman or Ehrlichman. The plan was originally put together by Huston. Hoover torpedoes it when he announces that he will go along with it as soon as he gets written authorization from Nixon for all those break-ins and wiretaps. (Wikipedia, "[Huston Plan](#)")

1970, July 25 — 5:30 p.m. A witness comes across a landed domed disc, about 20 feet in diameter and 10 feet high with windows in the dome and portholes in its side, sitting on 4 legs near Jabreilles-les-Bordes, Haute-Vienne, France. He is blinded by a yellow-orange light beam and paralyzed by fright. As the object ascends with a whistling sound, he feels a wave of heat. At 330 feet altitude, the object jumps vertically and disappears behind a mountain. Four imprints are found forming an irregular figure on the hillside. (MM. Gaille, J. Gorce, and J. F. Gorce, "[Atterrissage près de Jabreilles-les-Bordes \(Haute Vienne\), part 1](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 113 (August 1971): 11–14; MM. Gaille, J. Gorce, and J. F. Gorce, "[Atterrissage près de Jabreilles-les-Bordes \(Haute Vienne\), part 2](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 114 (October 1971): 9–15, 28; Ted Phillips, *Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings*, CUFOS, 1976, p. 71; Michael D. Swords, "[Can UFOs Cause Physiological Effects? Part 1](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): cover)

1970, August — Day. A group of Russian hydrologists are conducting research on a motorboat on Kronotsky Lake, Kamchatka Krai, Russia. Suddenly, about a half-mile away a dome of water rises up and a gray-colored oval object rises up. It is roughly 165 feet in diameter, rises to about 500 feet, and hovers nearly overhead. The engine of the motorboat stalls. The team watches for another 90 seconds before they row away, but the object moves away at great speed and disappears. The boat's motor starts working again. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 82–83)

1970, August 7–12 — Evening. Contactee [Paul Solem](#), who has managed to convince a number of Hopi Indian elders, among them Chief [Dan Katchongva](#), that he is a true prophet heralding the coming of a True White Brother, publicly summons his space brother friends telepathically for 15 minutes in Prescott, Arizona, where UFOs have been reported over the previous few days. After Solem announces that "they're here," a "star" appears that had not been there before and Solem receives a message from space brother Paul 2, who tells him that the saucers are appearing because of a Hopi prophecy. Others see zigzagging lights in the sky over the next few nights, and Prescott Courier photographer [Chuck Roberts](#) takes a time-lapse photo of one. (Jerome Clark, "[Indian Prophecy and the Prescott UFOs](#)," *Fate* 24, no. 4 (April 1971): 54–61; John A. Keel, "[America's First UFO Experts: The Hopi](#)," *UFO Report*, Summer 1974; Armin W. Geertz, *The Invention of Prophecy*, University of California, 1994; Clark III 1094–1095; Clark IV 1211–1212)

1970, August 13 — 10:50 p.m. Police officer Evald Hansen Maarup is driving 5 miles south of Haderslev, Denmark, when he is surrounded by a bluish-white light. His engine stops and the car lights and radio go out. Heat inside the car increases. He sees a conical light coming from the bottom of a large, silent, domed gray object about 30 feet long and 60 feet away. After a few seconds, the light beam slowly rises and is drawn back into the UFO, leaving darkness in its wake, a process that takes about 5 minutes. It speeds away vertically within a few seconds. ("[UFO'et ved Haderslev](#)," *UFO-Nyt*, 1970 no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1970): 211–213; Bernard E. Finch, "[Danish Police Officer Snaps UFO](#)," *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 1 (October 1970): 7–8; "[Et mærkeligt 'Tysk](#)

[Militærfly.](#)” *UFO-Nyt*, 1974 no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1974): 205–206; “[Denmark E-M Case Investigated.](#)” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 106 (September 1976): 10–12; “[The Haderslev UFO.](#)” *BUFORA Journal* 8, no. 4 (September 1979): 26–27; Kim Hansen, “UFO Casebook,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 72–75; UFOEv II 189–190; “[Dansk Politibetjent stoppet af UFO.](#)” *UFO-Sandheden*, February 1, 2007; Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two.](#)” *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 15–16; Lon Strickler, “[The Maarup Encounters.](#)” *Phantoms and Monsters*, September 5, 2012; Patrick Gross, “[Close Encounter in Denmark, August 13, 1970](#)”; Powell, *Scientist*, 99)

- 1970**, August 14 — 8:45 p.m. Residents of Little Heart’s Ease and St. Jones Within on the Southwest Arm in Newfoundland watch a blood-red fireball 8–10 feet long with a trail of lighter color for about 5 minutes as it passes overhead to the northeast. It makes a rushing noise before it crashes into the water near the mouth of the harbor at Little Heart’s Ease. When the RCMP arrive to investigate, they go out in a boat but can find no submerged object. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August North, 2022, p. 102)
- 1970**, August 16 — 12:30 a.m. A man, his wife, and two children are returning home from the beach at Matalascañas, Seville, Spain, when they encounter a moving, dense vapor cloud about 6 feet above the ground on the road between Aznalcázar and Pilas. Every time the cloud moves away from them, the car’s headlights go out. (“[Observaciones Ibéricas de Junio a Septiembre de 1970.](#)” *Stendek* 1, no. 2 (September 1970): 4–5)
- 1970**, August 16 — 4:00 p.m. Julián Arribas Abella, his wife, and his 4-year-old son are on the beach at Burriana, Castellón, Spain, when he sees an object flying silently at great speed and high altitude on their left. It disappears in less than 40 seconds. About 10 minutes later, another object appears moving in the same direction for the same duration, and all three of them see it. His wife describes it as a “cotton ball spinning in the air,” and his son calls it a “whirlwind.” After another 10 minutes, a third object appears that is more elongated, light gray, and apparently spinning. Later, they see a fourth object that passes closer to them, and they see that it is completely round. Its speed and color are identical to the others. (“[Observaciones Ibéricas de Junio a Septiembre de 1970.](#)” *Stendek* 1, no. 2 (September 1970): 4)
- 1970**, August 18 — Around 5:05 a.m. Patrick Carré is driving through Le Puits d’Edme, Yonne, France, when he notices a bright object on the ground to his left. He pulls up toward it and sees that it has a basin-shaped top, is a gray metal color, and is about 30–40 feet in diameter. The lower part is a rust-colored, cylindrical column about 3 feet high. The basin has a series of round white disks, each 15 inches in diameter, irregularly scattered around it. He can’t stop because the heat from the object are too intense, and he begins to feel afraid of getting near it, so he drives on. The next day he visits the spot and finds traces of burning and a circle of flattened and withered grass 30–40 inches in diameter. (Henry-Jean Besset, “[A Landing at Puits-d’Edme.](#)” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 5 (June 1971): 5–7, 12)
- 1970**, August 29 — 11:15 p.m. Several witnesses in Enebacken, Sweden, see a bright, round, red light maneuvering around the ground, emitting beams of yellow-white light. Three round landing marks in a triangular formation are found in the garden of Richard Johansson’s small farm near Lake Anten. Soil samples are taken and analyzed, with the results showing an increased level of gamma radiation in the test samples from one of the landing marks. (Sven-Olof Fredrickson, “[A Landing near Lake Anten?](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1971): 13–17)
- 1970**, August 30 — 11:30 a.m. A 7-year-old girl in Vincennes, Indiana, sees a metallic disc in the east-northeast hovering over Wheatland Road. She tells her parents, and her father goes outside and sees it too. He re-enters the house to get his 7x50 binoculars. The object is about a quarter of a mile away and looks like a squared-off conning tower about 30 feet in diameter. They watch it for 90 seconds, after which it leaves in a swooping dive to the north-northeast. (NICAP, “[Domed Disc Observed in Broad Daylight / MADAR Connection](#)”)
- 1970**, August 30 — 9:45 p.m. Almiro Martins de Freitas is working as a guard at the Barragem do Funil electrical power plant in Itatiaia, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, when he notices a row of 15 blue and yellow lights outside. After he leaves the powerhouse, he hears an explosion and the lights go out for a few seconds, after which he sees above the dam the object they are coming from about 165–200 feet away. He crawls across the dam to get closer and reaches a point 50 feet away. The object looks like a rectangle or flying wing. De Freitas draws his .38 pistol and fires a shot at it, whereupon the lights grow brighter and he hears the sound of a turbine engine. He takes another shot, and the object emits a bluish-silver ray that causes him to feel heat and a prickling sensation. He closes his eyes, and when he opens them, he is temporarily blinded. The lights on the object dim and brighten in a specific sequence. De Freitas fires another shot and, like the others, he can hear a ricochet. Other guards reach him and have difficulty taking him to the hospital. He regains his sight two weeks later. (“[Man Blinded in UFO Encounter.](#)” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct 1970, pp. 1, 5; “[Man Shoots at UFO...UFO Blinds Man.](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1970): 23, iv)

- 1970, September** — 9:00 p.m. While walking home from a high school football game in Jessup, Pennsylvania, Frank Scassellati, 16, observes a glowing white, apparently metallic, silvery disc in the southeast sky moving from left to right. Around the dome on top is a row of rectangular windows; three spheres and a flat circle are visible on the underside. The object moves out of sight behind local terrain. Though he does not report the sighting to any authorities, Scassellati says that a few nights later he notices a limousine parked outside of his house with four men in black suits and hats sitting in it. They reappear for several nights but he has no interaction with them. (Center for UFO Studies, [\[case documents\]](#))
- 1970, September 8** — Dusk. A farmer near Zillah, Washington, is dismounting from his tractor when he sees a triangular object hovering in the air. Steel gray in color, it has a red light at each of its bottom corners and white lights in its center. It eventually moves upward and out of sight. ("[Sighting Advisory](#)," *UFO Investigator*, January 1971, p. 1)
- 1970, October 5** — 4:15 a.m. A farmer turns on his yard lights in Walsh, Illinois, and prepares to feed the cows when he notices a circular, red light beam, fuzzy and surrounded by fog. Initially thinking it is the moon, he recalls that there is no moon that night, as the crescent moon has set. He sees an object with a beam of light extending upward and another beam reaching down to the ground, eventually shining on him. He estimates the object's position to be over the treetops near a pond, about 600 feet east of the barn, at an elevation of approximately 40°. He compares its size to a volleyball held at arm's length. The UFO gradually fades from view. Later, five cows are found on the other side of a three-strand electric fence, with one of the strands broken. However, no one can determine how the cows had crossed to that side of the fence. (NICAP, "[Walsh IL, October 5, 1970](#)"; "[Illinois Farmer Watches Red UFO with Beams of Bright Light](#)," *Skylook*, no. 36 (November 1970): 6–7; "[Object over Illinois Farm](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1970, pp. 1, 3)
- 1970, October 5** — 4:15 a.m. Mrs. Hubert Paul in Warrensburg, Missouri, looks east and sees a yellow-orange object resembling the full moon. The object is silent and estimated to be 15°–20° above the eastern horizon. She observes it expanding, with a haze forming on the southern third of the disc, and at one point, an antenna-like structure extends from it. The investigator, Ted Phillips, expresses skepticism, suspecting the object might be a NASA plasma experiment linked to the Argo-D4 Javelin rocket, which launched at 5:05 a.m. Eastern Time for a plasma mission, reaching an apogee of 559 miles. ("[Yellow-Orange Object Seen at Warrensburg and Knob Noster, Mo.](#)," *Skylook*, no. 36 (November 1970): 6)
- 1970, October 6** — 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Dennis Billings spots a lighted UFO while gathering toys in her front yard in Decatur, Alabama. She screams for her husband and he joins her outside. She points to the object moving from north to south before it veers east. He retrieves his camera and captures one photograph of a second similar object that appears shortly after the first, although his second attempt yields no visible image. The couple notes a dark mass behind the lights of the UFO. ("[Object Photographed in Alabama](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1970, pp. 5–6)
- 1970, October 11** — 2:15 a.m. Roger G. Jayo is driving north to Bay City, Michigan, on Michigan Highway 15 when he observes two brightly lit, disc-shaped objects traveling overhead, producing no sound and moving between 100 and 150 mph. The radio in his car buzzes with static during the sighting. Jayo reports the incident to the Bay County Sheriff's Department, which takes the report seriously and contacts military officials. However, no unusual activity is detected by radar equipment. ("[Two Low Flying Saucers Seen in Michigan](#)," *Skylook*, no. 37 (December 1970): 1–2)
- 1970, October 24** — 1:00 a.m. Gerald Adams and Donna Martin are parked on a dirt road 3–4 miles north and a half-mile west of MacGregor, Manitoba. They notice a bright light approaching from about a half-mile away. When it lands 150 feet from them, they notice it is an oblong object 8 feet in diameter with 9 "rods" and a red light on top. Adams takes Martin home but returns to the site. The object has moved farther away and is hovering above the ground. As he drives closer, he sees a humanoid entity about 4 feet tall dressed in a helmet and a silver metallic uniform crossing the road about 50 feet in front of him. He brakes, but the entity has gone. The UFO slowly lifts vertically from the ground and speeds away to the northwest. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 146–150, 160)
- 1970, October 29** — 5:40 p.m. Reidar Salvesen is driving about 2 miles east of Helleland, Rogaland, Norway, when a dazzling light forces him to stop the car. He looks up and sees a globe about 60 feet in diameter approaching noiselessly. It stops about 18 feet in front of the car and hovers for 50 seconds about 30 feet up. Suddenly the object shoots straight up into the air, causing Salvesen to fall on the pavement. He hears a sharp crack caused by his front windshield shattering. About 3,200 feet in the air the globe changes to a fireball, which quickly disappears. After sweeping up the shards of windowpane glass, he drives on, but feels a numbness in his tongue a few minutes later. He also has an abrasion on his hand from falling down, but the skin sloughs off as if burned, and he has a redness around his eyes when he returns home. His travel clock starts keeping time badly. ("[I Met a Flying Saucer](#)," *Scandinavian Newsletter*, no. 1/2 (April 1971): 4–7; Anders Liljegren, "[Strange Norwegian](#)

[Encounter near Helleland.](#)” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 4 (April 1971): cover, 4–7; UFOEv II 214–215)

- 1970**, November — The UFO Subcommittee of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics publishes a formal statement in its journal *Aeronautics and Astronautics*. It recommends “a continuing, moderate-level effort with emphasis on improved data collection by objective means and on high-quality scientific analysis” as the “only promising approach” to solving the UFO problem, and sharply criticizes the Colorado project’s conclusion that studying the subject will not add to scientific knowledge. (“[UFOs, an Appraisal of the Problem: A Statement by the UFO Subcommittee of the AIAA](#),” *Aeronautics and Astronautics* 8, no. 11 (November 1970): 49–51; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 249–251; Clark III 1199; Clark IV 1373–1374)
- 1970**, November 1 — 10:30 p.m. Stewart Wilkinson and his wife are driving on the Trans-Canada Highway just west of Pense, Saskatchewan, when they see an disc-shaped object with a beam of light extending down to the road. It follows his car about 20 feet to the right at an altitude of 10–15 feet. At one point it moves ahead and hovers above a truck parked a half-mile away. When he comes alongside the truck, the object moves to the left side of his car about 30 feet away and almost on the ground. Wilkinson slows down and comes to a stop, and the object follows suit, hovering for another 10–15 seconds before disappearing into the lights of Moose Jaw to the west. It has followed his car for 12 minutes and 10 miles. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 85–86)
- 1970**, November 5 — 9:00 p.m. Albert Formiller is fishing for bass in Cholla Bay, Sonora, Mexico, when he sees a light in the sky coming from a saucer-shaped object, which stops and hovers about 200–300 feet above the surface. A light from a tube on the bottom illuminates a broad stretch of water about one half-mile wide. It changes from a broad floodlight to a sharp spot on the surface, apparently as it is raised or lowered. After a few minutes, a cloud forms around the object. After 5 minutes, the searchlight is turned off and a similar light appears on top of the UFO, illuminating the upper part of the cloud. The object then moves west and is visible for 20 minutes in all. (Carl W. Feindt, “[Beam of Light into a Body of Water](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 3 (December 2010): 23)
- 1970**, November 6 — University of Michigan sociologist [Donald I. Warren](#) publishes the results of his analysis of links between UFO reports and social position in *Science* magazine. His “status inconsistency theory” indicates that UFOs are more likely to be reported by white males whose low income, education, or occupational status “produces a high level of saucer reporting.” These individuals, he writes, are frustrated with their relative status in society and are suspicious of conventional authority, and they find recognition and status by publicly opening their lives to an extraordinary experience. (Donald I. Warren, “[Status Inconsistency Theory and Flying Saucer Sightings](#),” *Science* 170 (1970): 599–603; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 241–242)
- 1970**, November 16 — Evening. One adult and four teenagers are leaving a basketball game at Beckemeyer (Illinois) Elementary School when they notice a triangular object with orange and white lights moving in an erratic manner to the south. They watch it for 10 minutes, and a smaller object emerges from the triangle. (“[UFO Sighted](#),” *Breese (Ill.) Journal*, November 19, 1970, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 20 (December 1970): 2)
- 1970**, November 17–20 — At a Radar Meteorology Conference in Tucson, Arizona, [McDonald](#) presents a paper on “Meteorological Factors in Unidentified Radar Returns.” (James E. McDonald, “[Meteorological Factors in Unidentified Radar Returns](#),” November 1970; Story, p. 416)
- 1970**, November 20 — A busman named Melvyn Batty is walking along Frodingham Road in Scunthorpe, England, when he sees a wingless, silver, dome-shaped object moving swiftly from west to east. On the same day, his 7-year-old daughter sees a sphere moving around in the sky. (“[Dome-Shaped Scunthorpe UFO](#),” *South Lincs UFO Study Group Newsletter*, no. 32 (Summer 1971): 1; Nigel Watson, “Hearing the Good News,” *Fortean Times* 438 (December 2023): 28)
- 1970**, November 22 — Night. Graham E. and his family are staying in a house on a headland that overlooks a beach in the Kiama, New South Wales, area. Graham awakes when a light enters his room. He looks out the window, toward the beach he sees a UFO that projects a “perfect cylinder of solid light” about 30 feet long and 2.5 feet in diameter. The bluish-white beam moves down and touches a trailer, pouring over it like water. The trailer lights up for 3 seconds, then the light fades away. The UFO then projects another light beam downward that illuminates a public rest room at a campsite. A third light beam detaches from the object at a 45-degree angle and illuminates a 40-foot section of beach. A few other people also see the lights and react to them. Graham apparently dozes off, then wakes up to see the object just above the street near the house, overlooking the beach. He blacks out again and the object is still there. He walks up to it and looks through a window on the side. He can see two men wearing silver coveralls; suddenly they look directly at him, smiling. Graham panics, yelling to people in the house to get down. He hears a loud noise that causes the refrigerator and washing machine to vibrate before the UFO leaves. (Bill Chalker, *Hair of the Alien*, Paraview, 2005, pp. 207–211; Clark IV 1215–1216)

- 1970**, November 28 — In response to a question from MP [Neil Kinnock](#), Minister of State for Defence [Antony Lambton](#) tells the House of Commons that the average cost of answering each UFO inquiry is about £9. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1970**, November 29 — 6:30 p.m. A 17-year-old student at Oizumi High School is riding his bicycle home at Tatebayasi, Gunma Prefecture, Japan, when he sees 5–6 objects flying in formation on a straight path from northeast to southwest. Seconds later, a solitary object appears to the north and approaches swiftly. The student parks his bicycle and runs up some steps to a raised enclosure for a better view. The single UFO changes course and circles several times, descending slowly. It then hovers, climbs, and disappears. The student gets back on his bike and sees a bright flash of white light to the southeast, which startles him and he pedals home quickly. The student returns the next day to the enclosure, which is actually a raised tombstone. He finds four circular patches of flattened grass. (Takao Ikeda, “[A Close Encounter in Tatebayasi](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 10 (June 1972): 10–11, 13)
- 1970**, December 14 — 1:30 a.m. Belgian writer Julian Weverbergh and his wife are awakened in Bucharest, Romania, by a bright red glow, which changes to white. A spherical light is hovering above a bus before disappearing. (Hobana and Weverbergh 271)
- 1970**, December 25 — 4:00 a.m. A V-shaped formation of 10 silver-gray circular objects is seen in the sky over Braintree, Massachusetts. They are silent and appear twice over the area within a 5-minute period. (Raymond E. Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Exposition, 1974, [p. 357](#))

1971

- 1971** — Unhappy with NICAP leadership, [Raymond E. Fowler](#) (and most of his Massachusetts Subcommittee) transfers his allegiance to MUFON. (Clark III 517; Clark IV 566)
- 1971** — A secret computer database of the NORAD Unknown Track Reporting System (NUTR) that logs air defense unknowns is launched and maintained for assessment of “airspace sovereignty.” (Clark III 801; Clark IV 893)
- 1971** — [John A. Keel](#) writes *Our Haunted Planet*, in which he speculates that ultraterrestrials are exploiting humans by using psychic manipulation to foment hate and confusion. (John A. Keel, [Our Haunted Planet](#), Fawcett, 1971; Eghigian, *After*, p. 252)
- 1971** — Spanish Jesuit priest and paranormal researcher [Salvador Freixedo](#) publishes the first of many books on the religious aspects of UFOs. (Salvador Freixedo, *Extraterrestres y creencias religiosas: Cuando los OVNI aterrizan los dogmas vuelan*, 1971)
- 1971** — John Shepherd begins beaming multiple genres of music, especially world music, into space from his hobbyist station in rural Michigan with the aim of contacting extraterrestrials. Calling his operation Project STRAT, he continues it through 1998. (Allison Hussey, “[Meet the Man Who Used Kraftwerk, Fela Kuti, and Other Fascinating Music to Try to Lure Aliens to Earth](#),” Pitchfork, August 25, 2020; Internet Movie Database, [John Was Trying to Contact Aliens](#) (2020))
- 1971**, January 3 — 6:15 a.m. Maun and Matta Talana are drinking coffee when they see a brilliant light approaching from the lake outside their home at Saapunki, Kuusano, Finland. It is about 33 feet in diameter and moving against the wind. Their electricity goes off briefly. Looking out the window, the Talalas see their whole yard bathed in light caused by a huge fireball about 60 feet away, which rises up and disappears after a few seconds. Around 8:30 a.m., their son Timo asks them what the marks are in the snow outside. He has noticed a spot of hard green ice that is not covered with snow. Mauno takes some green ice and melts it into dark green water. The melted area is about 20 feet long by 10 feet wide, in the middle of which are ice needles as big as fingers with a ball of ice on top and some soot. The following day, he tells the newspaper, which sends a photographer to the site. UFO researchers from Oulu arrive on January 6 and take samples from the melted area and measure radiation, with ambiguous results. (Elis W. Grahn, “[Saapunki UFO and Green Ice](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 2 (March/April 1971): 2–3, 27; “[Green Water from Saapunki: Result of Water Sample Analysis](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1971): 26–27; Ahti Karavieri, “[The Saapunki UFO: Results of Investigations](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1971): 23–26)
- 1971**, January 7 — Two boys independently observe a metallic object with an orange glow flying over Dennis, Massachusetts. It descends and disappears over some trees and looks as if it is about to fall into Scargo Lake. One boy sees a hole in the ice on the lake; steam is rising from it, and the water in the hole looks agitated. NICAP investigator [Walter N. Webb](#) visits the lake on January 10 and reports that the hole “was formed by a rather

sudden melting process.” (“[NICAP Probes Crashed Object Report](#),” *UFO Investigator*, February 1971, p. 1; “[NICAP Probes Crashed Object Report: Search Still Hampered by Bad Weather](#),” *UFO Investigator*, March 1971, p. 3; Clark III 339; Clark IV 375)

1971, January 23 — The Porto Alegre, Brazil, newspaper *Correio do Povo* notes UFO sightings are recurring in a rural location close to the federal capital of Brasília. An unnamed local peasant is quoted as saying that the “state governor” shows up regularly and looks for “little stones” in the nearby woods. Always dressed in black, he arrives via an airplane “made of two dishes, like, one atop the other, and when it goes up in the air it changes color and then disappears quicker than a flash.” (Gordon Creighton, “[South American Roundup, 1971, Part 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 10 (June 1972): 8; Clark III 730–731; Clark IV 811–812)

1971, January 25 — 9:30 a.m. Gunar Gruenzner is taking photos of the scenery near Praia da Armação beach in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil, when he claims to see an intense light beginning to descend. He snaps a photo but can no longer see the light. The photo shows a circular light with a dark aura. Probably a film defect. (“[Observations diverses à l'étranger: Photographie au Brésil](#),” *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 120 (October 1972): 13–14; Wim van Utrecht, “[Shiny Cigar Photographed over Brazilian Beach](#),” Caelestia)

1971, February — The Borderline Science Investigation Group is founded in Lowestoft, Suffolk, England, by Ivan A. W. Bunn. It publishes *Lantern*, a newsletter that continues for 40 issues through late 1982. ([Lantern](#), no. 3 (Autumn 1973))

1971, February 5 — 3:00 p.m. Petter Aliranta and Esko Juhani Sneek are working in the woods around Kangaskylä, near Kinnula, Finland, when they see a 15-foot object descend to a clearing 50 feet away. As it lands, a small entity just under 3 feet tall glides to the ground from an opening on the underside. Through 3 windows on the UFO, three more entities can be seen. The entity approaches Aliranta, who turns on his chain saw. Suddenly, the being turns around and heads back to the UFO. As the humanoid is rising back up into the air, Aliranta grabs it by the heel of its boot with his bare hand. It burns him like a hot iron, and he has to let go. The burns are clearly visible 2 months later. The humanoid gets back inside, and the UFO takes off with a hum. Before the two men go back, they look at markings in the snow. At the end of each landing foot there had been a round plate. These plates have penetrated the full depth of the snow (1.3 feet), leaving four round prints forming an even square 6.5 feet on each side. Circular footprints left by the entity are clearly visible, about 6 inches wide. The journalist who published the story, Mauno Ihantia, is interviewed by *Radio Jyväskylä* on November 23, 1990, and confesses that the case was an April Fool’s Day hoax invented by him and others. (Wikipedia, “[Kinnulan ufohuijaus](#)”; *Keskisuomalainen*, April 1, 1971; Tapani Kuningas, “[The Humanoid at Kinnula](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1971): 18–19; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), April 5, 2007)

1971, February 12 — 7:00 p.m. A family from Grenoble, France, that owns a second home in Bastia, Corsica, has just set up a camera on a tripod to take photos of the property when they see a strange object in the sky and take three photos of it. The UFO seems to be in front of some small white clouds and there are tree lines as reference points. The object appears to be a disc with a dome and some superstructure. (Joe Brill, “[1971 Corsica Photos](#),” *Skylook*, no. 81 (August 1974): 1, 4–6; “[1971 års Corsica-foton](#),” *UFO-Rapport*, 1976 no. 4 (November 15, 1976): 13–15; UFOEv II 289)

1971, February 23 — 7:00 p.m. Thousands of people in Turin and other places in Piedmont, Italy, observe a conspicuous red cloud in the western sky, just above the crest of the Alps, moving majestically and changing shape slowly. Someone takes a photograph of it from Caluso. The following day, the French Office National d’Études et de Recherches Aérospatiales announces that the cloud was caused by a Tibere, an experimental three-stage rocket for atmospheric reentry tests. (“Mezza città con gli occhi al cielo per il timore della nube rossa,” *La Stampa* (Turin), February 24, 1971, p. 3; “Ecco la foto della nube rossa,” *La Stampa* (Turin), February 25, 1971, p. 5; “[Caso I.E.F. 23–24/2/71](#),” *Notiziario UFO*, no. 38 (March/April 1971): 17–25; Sofia Lincos and Giuseppe Stilo, “[La lunga notte della nube rossa](#),” CICAP, November 5, 2020)

1971, February 28 — Michel M. Jaffe embarks on a motorcycle ride from his home in Mountain View, California, toward Bodega Bay. While riding near Hayward, Jaffe observes an unusual object consisting of two brilliant spheres, each about 12 inches wide, connected by a hazy white linkage, with a trailing link. The leading sphere appears red, while the following one is blue or possibly green. The object maintains a consistent distance in front of a small twin-engine aircraft, diving and maneuvering in sync with it. Jaffe watches the object for about four seconds before it moves behind him, making further observation difficult. When he eventually stops to watch, the object and the aircraft are already too far away. Later, he conducts experiments to recreate the brilliance of the object using mirrors, lasers, and lights but cannot replicate it. He rules out common explanations such as kites or reflections. (Michel F. Jaffe, “[Personal Observation](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 5 (1971): 11–12)

- 1971, March 2 — [James E. McDonald](#) testifies as an expert in atmospheric physics at the House Committee on Appropriations hearings on the Concorde supersonic transport and its potentially harmful effects. His opponents question his credentials and ridicule him as someone who believes in “little men flying around in the sky.” (Clark III 701; Clark IV 797)
- 1971, March 8 — The Citizens’ Commission to Investigate the FBI burgles an FBI field office in Media, Pennsylvania, takes several dossiers, and exposes the FBI COINTELPRO program by passing this material to news agencies. (Wikipedia, “[Citizens’ Commission to Investigate the FBI](#)”)
- 1971, March 14 — 4:00 p.m. Five silver objects, four of them in a box formation with a fifth leading, are seen over Christies Beach, Adelaide, South Australia. Filaments fall. (Keith Basterfield, “[Angel Hair: An Australian Perspective](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 7)
- 1971, March 15 — 3:10 p.m. Several silvery-white balls are seen in the air over Maslin Beach, Adelaide, South Australia. White “fairy floss” is found on the ground that tends to melt and disappear when picked up. It is extremely light and tenuous. (Keith Basterfield, “[Angel Hair: An Australian Perspective](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 7)
- 1971, March 18 — UFO-Sundbyberg is formed as a breakaway group from the Solna Astronomical Association. After one month, the name is changed to Stockholms UFO-Center because only a few of the members are from Sundbyberg. The first chairman is Leif Johansson and among the most active are Lennart Johansson, Tony Eckardt, and Sune Nordwall. The last issue of its magazine *SUFOC* is published in January 1973, and the organization gradually changes into a meditation and channeling group. (Håkan Blomqvist, “[Uföföreningen som blev en meditationsgrupp](#),” Håkan Blomqvist’s Blog, May 6, 2024)
- 1971, March 29 — Night. Pierre Calafat and André Bouchard are driving up to a house (Les Nourradons) they have rented near Draguignan, Var, France, when they notice a reddish disc flying around a vineyard and about 500 feet away. They park in the driveway and observe the object making zig-zag movements. Then it stops about 30 feet above the ground and only 160 feet away from them. Two minutes later it performs a roll and heads off to the west. On September 11, investigators find some fresh marks at the site that must have been made recently. One mark is a perfect circle with a diameter of 18.4 feet; the grass is discolored inside and flattened along the periphery. A smaller circle is found nearby. (J. C. Dufour, “[A French Repeater Case: Events at Les Nourradons](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 3 (May/June 1973): 3–5)
- 1971, April — *Industrial Research* magazine publishes the results of a survey in which 80% of its members reject the Condon report, 76% believe that the government is concealing UFO facts, and 32% accept the ETH. (Keyhoe, *Aliens from Space*, Signet ed., 1974, [pp. 234–235](#))
- 1971, April — UFO Research Associates in Washington, D.C., begins publication of the *UFO Research Newsletter*, edited by [Gordon I. R. Lore Jr.](#) It runs until September 1980. ([UFO Research Newsletter](#) 1, no. 1 (April 1971))
- 1971, April — [Hoover](#) terminates the COINTELPRO program, but the FBI continues to use similar tactics from time to time. (Wikipedia, “[COINTELPRO](#)”)
- 1971, April — [James McDonald](#) shoots himself in the head, leaving him blind, and is committed to the psychiatric ward of the V.A. Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona. He has been depressed about his disintegrating marriage. He signs himself out in June. (Clark III 701; Clark IV 797)
- 1971, April 2 — After 10:00 p.m. Following several sightings of a bright light in the sky at West Kempsey, New South Wales, Australia, an aboriginal man at Greenhill sees a hairless face pressed up against his kitchen window. Immediately he is “sucked out” through the window and falls 7 feet to the steps below. Frightened but largely unhurt, he runs away and his wife pursues him. She takes him to the hospital where a cut on his hand is treated. (Eileen Buckle, “[Defenestration at Kempsey](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1971): 20–21)
- 1971, April 14 — CIA Director [Richard Helms](#) gives a rare public address in which he insists that the CIA does not surveil domestic mail. However, the HTLINGUAL program, which is still in effect until 1973, does so. The New York City component of the program alone examines more than 2 million mailed items every year, photographs 30,000 envelopes, and opens 8,000–9,000 letters. (Wikipedia, “[HTLINGUAL](#)”)
- 1971, April 14 — 8:00 p.m. Dennis Donaldson and Marion Lang are driving through Callery, Pennsylvania, when they notice a bright yellow-white light paralleling the car, then crossing the road ahead. Donaldson slows the car to watch and sees that the object is following the contours of nearby hills. He pulls off onto a side road. Suddenly they encounter a white, luminous object about 25–30 feet in diameter, like two bowls placed rim to rim, hovering a few feet off the ground about 250 feet away. The air smells unnaturally sweet and clean. The lower portion of the craft has three round portholes, and the upper portion has five rectangular windows. A mist is visible around it, illuminated by light from the object. At about 8:20 p.m., the object emits a shaft of white light from its top part. Reddish flickering light is visible from the windows. When they see the silhouettes of two humanoid figures, apparently 10 feet tall, in the rectangular windows, they drive away in fear. (“[Near Landing Reported in](#)

[Pennsylvania](#),” *UFO Investigator*, May 1971, p. 3; Robert A. Schmidt, “[Callery UFO and Occupants](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1971): 3–5; Center for UFO Studies, [HUMCAT Index 1971](#), p. 16; UFOEv II 215–216)

- 1971, April 23 — 8:30 a.m. Jill French, a schoolteacher in the mountains of Kempsey, New South Wales, Australia, spots a fiery orangish-red ball of light that glows white and trails behind it a very long cigar-shaped object, flying from the east to the southwest. At the same time, to the northwest in Collombatti, three 13-year-old boys see a silvery ovoid UFO with four legs or landing gear flying overhead. The legs have what appear to be landing pads at the ends, and the object emits flames and exhaust. (“[UFO Activity Increasing in Australia](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1971, pp. 3, 4; Eileen Buckle, “[Dogs Disturbed at Temagog, UFOs at Willi Willi](#),” *FSR Case Histories*, no. 8 (December 1971): 1–3;
- 1971, April 30 — 7:45 p.m. Hugo Abrahamson is watching TV with his son and daughter in Åsenhöga, Gnosjö, Sweden, when the daughter notices something moving past the window. It seems to be a metallic domed disk with a flat bottom, about 33 feet in diameter. A rotating green light is on the dome. It is moving low to the ground at about 37 mph and passes behind some treetops. (Sven-Olof Fredrickson, “[Recent Observations over Southern Sweden](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1971): 9–10)
- 1971, May — [Oswald G. Villard Jr.](#), [Antony C. Fraser-Smith](#), and R. P. Cassam write an article at the request of the Office of Naval Research and the Advanced Research Projects Agency that explores whether long-delayed radio echoes could be attributable to an extraterrestrial probe. They consider it possible but inefficient. (Oswald G. Villard, et al., “Long-Delayed Echoes: Radio’s ‘Flying Saucer’ Effect,” *QST* 53 (May 1969): 38; Oswald G. Villard, Antony C. Fraser-Smith, and R. P. Cassam, “LDEs, Hoaxes, and the Cosmic Repeater Hypothesis,” *QST* 55 (May 1971): 54–58; Michael D. Swords, “[Radio Signals from Space, Alien Probes, and Betty Hill](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 12–13)
- 1971, May — The Société Belge d’Étude des Phénomènes Spatiaux is established in Brussels, Belgium, by [Lucien Clerebaut](#). It publishes the journal *Inforespace* from 1972 to 2007. (Comité Belge d’Étude des Phénomènes Spatiaux, “[Qui sommes-nous?](#)”; *Inforespace*, no. 1 (1972); Wikipedia, “[SOBEPS](#)”)
- 1971, May — 6:00 a.m. A 16-mm film is allegedly taken of retrieved UFOs at Holloman Air Force Base near Alamogordo, New Mexico. It supposedly shows “three disc-shaped craft,” one of which lands and the other two fly away. A door opens on the landed vehicle and three human-sized beings emerge with an odd, gray complexion and pronounced noses. They wear tight-fitting jump suits and thin headdresses that appear to be communication devices. In their hands they hold a “translator.” A Holloman base commander and other Air Force officials go out to meet them. (Robert Emenegger, *UFO’s: Past, Present, and Future*, Ballantine, 1986 ed., pp. 147–150; Linda Moulton Howe, *An Alien Harvest: Further Evidence Linking Animal Mutilations and Human Abductions to Alien Life Forms*, Howe Productions, 2d ed., 2014, pp. 141–147; Clark III 357; Clark IV 401)
- 1971, May — 7:30 p.m. Alojz Krz comes across a UFO sitting on three legs in a shallow hollow in a field near Stara Cerkev, Slovenia. He approaches within 65 feet of it, and it frightens him considerably. Around 8:00 p.m., 17-year-old Angela Rajhs is bicycling in the same area and watches the landed object for 4–5 minutes. As she is cycling away, the object takes off, turning in a wide spiral. Rajhs returns to the scene with her parents the next day and finds several pointed holes in the ground about 6–8 inches in diameter. The nearby grass seems burned. (Milos Kremelj, “[Close View of Landed Craft](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 4, no. 4 (Summer 1977): 9–10; Milos Krmelj, “[Landing in Yugoslavia](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 3 (Nov. 1978): 6–7)
- 1971, May 6 — 9:30 p.m. Valerie Newman and her mother are sitting in their home on Leigh Lane, Wimborne, Dorset, when they hear a sound like a washing machine speeding up. Ten minutes later, they hear the same sound. Around 10:15 p.m., her husband opens the front door to take the dog out for a walk, but the terrier refuses to set foot outside. The next morning, in an adjacent field they notice an area of flattened grass in an elongated heart shape, with two smaller egg-shaped flattened areas close by. (Leslie Harris, “[What Was It That Landed at Wimborne?](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1971): 30–31)
- 1971, May 23 — 12:30 p.m. Rudi Nagora and his wife are driving near Sankt Lorenzen ob Eibiswald, Styria, Austria, for a Sunday outing. Nagora gets out of the car and hears a whizzing sound and sees a silver, metallic object overhead moving in a zigzag pattern. He takes 11 consecutive color photographs of it over a 10-minute period. (Colman VonKevicksky, “The Rudolph Nagora Photos and Analysis,” *Official UFO*, Fall 1976, pp. 26–28; Richard F. Haines, “[An Analysis of Multiple UAP Photographic Images \(May 23, 1971, Austrian Alps\)](#),” *JUFOS* 9 (2006): 31–70)
- 1971, May 24 — 12:10 p.m. Retired artist [Julio Suárez Marzal](#) is in the first-floor dental office of Walter Griebel on the Avenida Pedro Molina in Mendoza, Argentina, when they see a flattened, Saturn-shaped object about a half-mile away to the south. Griebel goes to retrieve some binoculars and misses most of the sighting. It is an incandescent

dark orange in color and moving from east to west. It begins floating down with a rocking movement and approaches to within 230 feet. Suárez Marzal sees that it is revolving because of a small circular mark on its rim. A dense cloud issues from the object and surrounds it, turning it pearly gray with a faintly bluish sheen. As it gets closer, the circular mark seems to extend like a bronze-colored cylinder and has a handle-like protuberance on top. At one point it moves away to the northeast and disappears for 4 seconds but reappears even closer, only 130 feet away. It remains stationary for 10 seconds, and the cylinder seems deliberately pointed toward the short-wave antenna on the nearby central post office. He estimates it is 18–20 feet in diameter. It continues rocking and changes shape from a globe to a hat to an oval. Then after being visible for 90 seconds it takes off suddenly to the south, leaving a trail of vapor. (Antonio Baragiola, "[A Remarkable Case from Mendoza, Argentina](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 2 (March/April 1972): 7–11; François Lagarde, "[Note on the Mendoza Report](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 2 (March/April 1972): 11–12; Fabio Zerpa, *El Hombre en el Universo*, Cuarta Dimension–Cielsur, 1976, pp. 93–100; UFOEv II 216–217)

1971, May 25 — 2:00 a.m. Mr. C. Archer is woken up in his home at Lynchford, Tasmania, by his dogs barking and a strange humming noise like a generator. He can't see anything outside and after 30 minutes the humming stops. The next day, a flattened area of grass and blackberries is found about 600 feet from the house. It is about 30 by 15 feet with a spiral pattern in the middle and 6 regularly placed indentations. Later, another set of similar indentations is found, roughly in the shape of a triangle. (W. K. Roberts, "[Burst of UFO Activity in Tasmania](#)," *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 7 (October 1971): 13)

1971, May 25 — 10:45 p.m. Eunice Rose, a 36-year-old housewife from Hinckley, is driving alone from Odstone, Leicestershire, England, back to her home. As she travels along a country road near Belchar's Bar, she sees a glowing light in the sky. At first, she assumes it's headlights from a vehicle in a ditch—but the glow persists. After she turns right onto the A447 toward Hinckley, about half a mile down, her car begins to lose power. The engine sputters, the headlights dim, and her transistor radio cuts out completely. At the same time, a large bright object—about the size of a double-decker bus (roughly 30–35 feet long)—crosses over the road directly above her car, lighting up the interior but not the surrounding landscape. Rose describes the object as moving smoothly and silently. As it passes overhead, she feels the hair on the back of her neck stand up. Once the object moves about 330 feet away, her car's systems return to normal: the headlights brighten, the radio comes back on, and the engine starts running properly again. ("[World Round-Up](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1971): 31; "[UFOLOG](#)," *BUFORA Journal* 3, no. 7 (Summer 1972): 26–27; Geoffrey Coxon, "[UFO and 'Auto-Stop' at Belchar's Bar](#)," *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 11 (August 1972): 9–11)

1971, May 27 — Harry Turner, physicist and head of the nuclear division within the Australian Joint Intelligence Office, authors a secret report on UFOs, warning that UFO pronouncements from the US military are not to be trusted because they could be a "cover for the real U.S. programme for developing vehicles that emulate UFO performances." Turner alleges that the CIA Office of Scientific Intelligence studies "UFO reports with the intention of determining the UFO propulsion methods." Turner's proposal for an Australian UFO rapid-response team is met with disinterest. (O. H. Turner, *Scientific and Intelligence Aspects of the UFO Problem*, Australia Dept. of Defence Joint Intelligence Organization, Minute Paper 3092/2, May 27, 1971; Guillaume Fournier Airaud, "[50-Year-Old Report Backs Pentagon Whistleblower's Claims on UAP](#)," *UAP Check*, June 12, 2023; Graff 263–264)

1971, May 29 — 4:00 a.m. Warren McCarthy is fishing with three teenage boys at Buffumville Reservoir near Oxford, Massachusetts, when they notice a bright, blue-white light approaching from the west. It is making up-and-down, side-to-side jerking movements. As it comes closer it takes on a rectangular shape, and they can see a dark, oval body with pointed ends at its base. The object approaches to about 300 feet from them across the narrow reservoir. The object suddenly flips on edge, taking on a circular shape, and 7–8 glowing ports are visible around the bottom, then it moves rapidly away and disappears. Moments later, another light appears and moves above the treetops on the opposite shore, then recedes. ("[Black Disc Sighted in Massachusetts](#)," *UFO Investigator*, July 1971, p. 3)

1971, June or July — 8:30 p.m. The aircraft carrier [USS John F. Kennedy](#) is completing an Operational Readiness Exercise in the Caribbean Sea when an incident occurs following an 18-hour period simulating General Quarters. Yeoman Third Class James M. Kopf is in the Communications Center monitoring messages on various teletypes. Suddenly all the messages begin coming in garbled and he hears that all ship communications are out, including the radar, compasses, and electrical systems. A signalman from the deck tells them over the intercom that something is hovering above the ship. Kopf and others rush topside and see a huge, pulsating, orangish sphere stationed silently above the ship at a 60°–70° angle. The object remains about 20 minutes, but Kopf sees it only one minute before General Quarters sounds and he needs to return to his battle stations. The two F-4 Phantom jets

on high readiness alert cannot take off. Soon the messaging returns to normal and the crew stands down after 2 hours. Kopf thinks only about 18 men witnessed the object out of the 5,000 on the carrier, because everyone is exhausted from the exercise. He hears that commanding officer Capt. [Ferdinand B. Koch](#) is frustrated by the event, but two days later Koch reminds the crew that certain events are to be considered classified. (Good Need, [pp. 285–288](#))

- 1971, June 7** — Evening. Esther Clappison sees a light through her windows in Rosedale, Alberta, and goes out onto her porch and sees a rectangular object on the ground. One end of it is open, revealing a diffused, white light. Two human-like forms are moving about inside. A third figure is outside in a crouched position, picking up rocks. They all appear to be wearing drab-green coveralls. She goes inside briefly, but the object is gone when she returns. (“[Roadside Visitors](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 2, no. 4 (1971): 5–7; “[Two From Canada](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Mar./Apr. 1972, pp. 1–4; W. K. Allan, “[Humanoids and Craft Seen at Rosedale](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 10 (June 1972): 4–5; Brian James, [[artist’s depictions](#)], *Canadian UFO Report* 2, no. 5 (1972–1973): 22–23; Brian James, “[The Rosedale Humanoids: Further Details](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 16 (August 1973): 6–7; John Magor, *Our UFO Visitors*, Hancock House, 1977, pp. 183–187; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 67–69](#); “[The Esther Clappison / Rosedale, Alberta Case | Jeff Knox \(Ufos # 7 - June 23, 2024\)](#),” Ufo Sunset YouTube channel, June 26, 2024)
- 1971, June 13** — 11:40 a.m. [James E. McDonald](#) is found dead along a shallow creek in Tucson, Arizona, of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. A suicide note nearby notes his domestic problems. (“[James M’Donald, a Cloud Physicist](#),” *New York Times*, June 16, 1971, p. 48 Ann Druffel, “[Remembering James McDonald](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1993): 4–6, 23–24; Ann Druffel, *Firestorm: Dr. James E. McDonald’s Fight for UFO Science*, Wild Flower Press, 2003, [pp. 516–520](#); Clark III 701; Clark IV 797; “[In a Rare Interview, Ridiculed UFO Researcher James E. McDonald’s Wife Betsy Talks about His Death](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, May 29, 2025)
- 1971, June 13** — The *New York Times* begins publishing excerpts of the Pentagon papers, leaked by former military analyst [Daniel Ellsberg](#), which detail the secret history of the US political-military involvement in Vietnam from 1945 to 1967. (Wikipedia, “[Pentagon Papers](#)”)
- 1971, June 29** — 3:00 a.m. A man is hiking in Delamere Forest east of Chester, England, when an “electric blue light” appears ahead and moves toward him, dancing erratically in and out of the trees. He walks toward it but before taking 20 steps he finds himself walking calmly back. The object then moves along a mud track and disappears into a small “garage” in the bushes. After wandering around in a disoriented state for some time, he searches for the “garage” but cannot find it. (Jenny Randles, “[Born to See UFOs](#),” *Northern UFO News*, no. 111 (Jan./Feb. 1985): 12–13; Jenny Randles, *Alien Abductions: The Mystery Solved*, Inner Light, 1988, [pp. 110–115](#); Jenny Randles, “Much More Than Marsh Gas,” *Fortean Times* 311 (March 2014): 27)
- 1971, Summer** — [Arthur C. Clarke](#) asks in the *Saturday Evening Post*, “Whatever happened to flying saucers?” He declares that “flying saucers are dead” and the “hysterical credulity of the late 40s” a thing of the past. Science—the International Geophysical Year, missile and space technology, and radio astronomy—has killed them, he writes. (Arthur C. Clarke, “[Whatever Happened to Flying Saucers?](#)” *Saturday Evening Post* 243 (Summer 1971): 10; Eghigian, *After*, p. 216)
- 1971, Summer** — [John Billingham](#) and [Bernard M. Oliver](#), along with some two dozen additional researchers at the NASA Ames Research Center calculate the hardware, manpower, time, and funding needed to create an experiment that might reasonably locate intelligent signals from space. They focus on the hydrogen and the hydroxyl lines for further study and create a design for coordinating large numbers of radio telescopes to search for Earth-like radio signals at a distance of up to 1,000 light-years to find intelligent life. The proposed design involving between 1,000 and 2,500 steerable dishes of 100m diameter each is shelved due to costs. However, their report becomes the basis for much of the SETI work to follow. (Wikipedia, “[Project Cyclops](#)”; Graff 235–236)
- 1971, July 7** — 6:00 p.m. Spanish physician Guillermo Arguello de la Motta is a guest of his friend Antonio Arocha at San Juan de los Morros, Guárico, Venezuela. They suddenly see two men dressed in black, both wearing red ties and black berets. They emerge from a brand-new red Ford Mustang, at a distance of 1,600 feet from the house. They stand there waiting for 5 minutes, then begin to put on orange belts, talking together animatedly. Suddenly a shining object appears in the sky, descends, and stops at a height of 2 feet from the ground. It is circular, bell-shaped underneath, and has a “turret” on the top. The object changes rapidly in color from orange to blue and to white. Suddenly a small staircase is dropped from the object, enabling the two men from the Mustang to enter the UFO. The staircase is drawn in, then the object takes off at an impressive speed. (Gordon Creighton, “[South American Round-Up, Part 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 10 (June 1972): 9)
- 1971, July 8** — 1:15 p.m. Miner Claude Girard is parked on the road near the bridge over the Hurricana River in Joutel, Quebec, when he sees a circle 15–20 feet in diameter on the surface of the water with a jet of water in the center

reaching a height of 20 feet. When the water jet settles down, Girard can see a cylindrical object, 6–8 feet in length and rusty black in color, beneath the surface. It slowly begins to lean to one side and sinks in less than a minute. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 103)

- 1971**, July 17 — 10:45 p.m. Tea planter Parl Abeywickrema, his two assistants Oswin de Alwis and Nimal Dunuwille, and the driver Sirisena Wijesinghe are driving between the Hope Estate in Rikillagaskada, Sri Lanka, and the Rockwood Estate in Hewaheta when they see a bright object larger than the full moon above the hilly horizon. Soon it approaches the car, and Abeywickrema orders the driver to stop. They watch the object, now hovering about one-quarter mile away at an altitude of 1,000 feet. After 10 minutes it silently swoops toward them at high speed and stops 300 feet away at a height of 100 feet. The object is about 25 feet in diameter with two “tapering wings” on either side and casts a fluorescent yellow glow. After a few more minutes, the UFO moves toward the southwest at a 45° angle after drawing its two wings inside the main body. Some 50 witnesses report the same or similar objects in the same area that night, and both Abeywickrema and Wijesinghe report seeing UFOs around 2:00–3:00 a.m. after returning home. (Eileen Buckle, “[‘Peace-Symbol’ UFO over Ceylon](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 7 (October 1971): 11–12; Story, [pp. 169–170](#))
- 1971**, July 29 — A CIA internal memo reports that a citizen named Vartorella has expressed the opinion that the CIA used the Colorado project as “whitewash to cover a CIA-initiated program begun prior to January 1953.” The writer runs through a brief history of the Robertson Panel and suggests the following response: “We’re sorry, but we have had no interest in the UFO matter for many years, have no files or persons knowledgeable on the subject, and hence are unable to respond to his charges and questions.” (ClearIntent, [p. 142](#))
- 1971**, July 29 — Night. A woman living on a farm outside Saint Hyacinthe, Quebec, watches as two dark circular objects with red rotating lights hovering above her potato field. It quickly disappears. The next morning, her husband finds two 11-foot-wide circular patches of crushed and burned potatoes where the UFO had hovered. Investigators estimated the object had burned or irradiated the field from a height of 15 feet. (Claude MacDuff, “July 1971: Quebec in the Darkness,” *Official UFO* 1, no. 6 (February 1976): 16–19, 44; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [p. 143](#))
- 1971**, August 9 — 9:00 a.m. Capt. Vicente Lopes Buono, flying an airliner between Pratinha and Sacramento, Minas Gerais, Brazil, reports that his plane is paced for 20 minutes at 7,920 feet altitude by a glowing orange disc (“like two round basins, one on top of the other”) over mountainous terrain. Sgt. Falcão, flight controller at Uberaba airport, suggests that he investigate the object. When the pilot tries to move closer, the object maintains a constant distance, then suddenly increases its speed and disappears. (“[Brazilian Pilot Reports Pacing](#),” *UFO Investigator*, August 1971, p. 1; “[Disc Accompanies Aeroplane](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1972): 32; “[Press Reports](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 21, no. 3 (Nov./Dec. 1972): 2, 5; UFOEv II 131)
- 1971**, August 16 — [Jan-Ove Sundberg](#) sees a landed UFO in a cleared area above Foyers, Inverness, Scotland, on Loch Ness. Three human-shaped figures in gray coveralls emerge from some bushes and enter the craft, which then takes off. Sundberg snaps a photo, then contacts writer and monster researcher [Frederick William “Ted” Holiday](#), who is looking for a UFO connection with the loch. However, Sundberg eventually confesses that he made up the story. (F. W. Holiday, “[Exorcism and UFO Landing at Loch Ness](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 3–7, 13; Roland Watson, “[Ted Holiday’s Final Days](#),” *Loch Ness Monster*, May 31, 2008; Clark III 600–601; Clark IV 659–660)
- 1971**, September 3 — [G. Gordon Liddy](#) and [E. Howard Hunt](#) break into the office of Lewis J. Fielding, [Daniel Ellsberg](#)’s psychiatrist. (Wikipedia, “[Daniel Ellsberg](#)”)
- 1971**, September 4 — 8:25 a.m. Pilot Omar Arias is flying a twin-engine Canadian Aero-Commander F680 at a height of 10,000 feet above Lago de Cote, Costa Rica, taking aerial photos as part of a preliminary study for future hydroelectric projects. On board are photographer Sergio Loaiza, a specialist in aerial photography, plus geographer Juan Bravo and topographer Francisco Reyes. Loaiza was using a R-M-K 15/23 camera, specially made for cartography and using high-resolution black-and-white film, strapped on the bottom of the aircraft and taking automatic photos with an intervalometer. No one sees a thing while they are up in the air, but when Loaiza reviews his images, he discovers in frame 300 what seems to be a huge metallic disc against the dark background of the lake. The object does not appear in the previous or following frames. [Jacques Vallée](#) obtains a copy of the negative and examines it with [Richard Haines](#) and concludes that the photo shows “an unidentified, opaque, aerial object was captured on film at a maximum distance of 10,000 feet. There are no visible means of lift or propulsion and no surface markings other than darker regions that appear to be nonrandom.” (Richard H. Hall, “[Costa Rican Photograph](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 166 (December 1981): 18; Richard F. Haines and Jacques Vallée, “[Photo Analysis of an Aerial Disc over Costa Rica](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 3, no. 2 (1989): 113–131; Richard F.

Haines and Jacques Vallée, "[Photo Analysis of an Aerial Disc over Costa Rica: New Evidence](#)," *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 4, no. 1 (1990): 71–74; UFOEv II 289–291; Mick West, "[1971 Lake Cote / Lago de Cote UFO Aerial Photo](#)," Metabunk.org, May 10, 2021; Bryce Zabel, "[The Best UFO Photo Ever Taken?](#)" Medium: The Trail of the Saucers, May 10, 2021)

- 1971**, September 5–11 — The US National Academy of Sciences and the USSR Academy of Sciences hold the First Soviet-American Conference on Communication with Extraterrestrial Intelligence at the Byurakan Observatory in Armenia. The organizing committee includes [Carl Sagan](#), [Frank Drake](#), [Philip Morrison](#), [Nikolai Kardashev](#), [Viktor Ambartsumian](#), [Iosif Shklovsky](#), and Vsevolod Troitsky. Some 30 scientists attend and debate the variables in the Drake equation and encourage research in the search for intelligent signals from nearby stars. Attendees [Francis Crick](#) and [Leslie Orgel](#) speculate on the possibility that life has been seeded on Earth from an extraterrestrial civilization. The conference concludes with a recommendation that future research focus on a "search for signals and for evidence of astroengineering activities." (Wikipedia, "[First Soviet-American Conference on Communication with Extraterrestrial Intelligence](#)"; F. H. C. Crick and L. E. Orgel, "[Directed Panspermia](#)," *Icarus* 19 (1973): 341–346; Iosif Shklovsky, *Five Billion Vodka Bottles to the Moon*, W. W. Norton, 1991, pp. 257–261; Graff 228–233; Eghigian, *After*, p. 188)
- 1971**, September 12? — 7:00 p.m. Juan Rodríguez Domínguez, 82, who goes by the nickname of Juan el de la Palmareña, is in his hut on the Los Lunarejos farm just over a mile from Aznalcóllar, Seville, Spain, when he sees a bus-sized object landing near an abandoned well 1,000 feet away. More than 50 "soldiers" in blue "uniforms" emerge. They march in formation into a hollow in the field and are lost to view. Juan can now see only five or six "chiefs" standing on a slope and staring in his direction. When they shine a light at him, he ducks behind the hut. A bit later he looks out again and they shine the light once more. Frightened, he flees to Aznalcóllar to inform his employers, who do not take him seriously. He later insists that the object and the "soldiers" have left marks in the ground, but police do not bother to follow up. (Ignacio Darnaude, "[An 'Army of Humanoids' Stated to Have Landed in Spain](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 3 (December 1974): 19–21; Ignacio Darnaude, [[case clippings](#)]; Clark III 282; Clark IV 322)
- 1971**, September 19 — 3:30 a.m. Arthur Honke, Alec Honke, and Gordon Campbell are driving north just outside Winnipeg, Manitoba, to do some hunting. They see a bright flash as something passes overhead and in front of the car. It now appears ahead of them on the right side of the road. Honke pulls alongside it and steps out of the car. They can hear a low-pitched humming from the object only about 150–225 feet away. It is shaped like two saucers, one on top of the other, and has flashing green and red lights and one white stationary light. The object hovers for 30 seconds, then starts moving slowly to the southeast. But as the men drive north again, the object begins following them at a distance for about 45 minutes. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 86–87, 152)
- 1971**, September 20 — 10:45 p.m. Engineer Sten Sture is driving on the E4 near Öjebyn, Sweden, when he sees a strong light with vertical beams shining to the ground both in front and in back of his car. He tries to brake the car, but it keeps moving forward, and suddenly everything becomes completely blue-black around him. No lights come from the headlights. He sees the vertical lights again and the blackness seems to lift and rise from the ground, outlining itself against the horizon. He speeds ahead, keeping the black mass in sight until it disappears below the horizon. ("[Egendomligt ljussken flyttade bi loch fyrkantigt föremål](#)," *GICOFF-Information*, October 1971, no. 5, pp. 30–36; "[The Strange Force That Moved a Car](#)," *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 10 (June 1972): 1–3)
- 1971**, Late September — 7:30 p.m. Chen Chu, a member of a People's Liberation Army unit stationed in Dingzhou, Hebei, China, is on assignment in a small valley north of the city when he and other soldiers notice a ball-like object rising slowly to the north of their quarters. It is emitting mist, and after a few seconds it spurts out a large jet of smoke and rises in the air. It hovers a few more seconds then rises to a higher level. Soon it drops down toward the ground and disappears. The unit dispatches a motor vehicle to find the object, but due to the ruggedness of the mountain roads, it turns back after more than 3 miles. (Wendelle Stevens and Paul Dong, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archives, 1983, p. 72)
- 1971**, Autumn — Gene and Geneva Steinberg begin publishing *Caveat Emptor*, a newsletter on UFOs and other anomalies, in Charleston, South Carolina. It runs until October 1974, then goes on hiatus until late 1988 when it is again edited by the Steenberg's, this time in New Jersey. It persists until fall 1990. ([Caveat Emptor](#) 1, no. 1 (Fall 1971))
- 1971**, October 2 — 6:30 a.m. An ex-Air Force man is driving from Caro to Watrousville, Michigan, and spots a triangular UFO with a large white light at the bottom and many smaller red lights around it. It makes sharp turns at fantastic speed and moves quickly out of sight. ("[Sighting Advisory](#)," *UFO Investigator*, December 1971, p. 3)

- 1971**, October 2 — 7:50 p.m. Two students, Vânia, 9, and Vera, 21, are sitting down outside their residence on a busy street in the populous neighborhood of São Cristóvão in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, when they see a luminous, yellow, silent object above a building across the street some 260–300 feet away. They run out into the street to alert others, and the object follows them above the roofs of houses. Another student, Nelson Calmon Schubsky, 23, and his fiancée rush into the street along with many others to see the object. Chbosky has a Leica camera and takes two photos without having time to adjust the settings. The UFO has three luminous appendages (white, yellow, and red) and is rose-colored in the center with a red outline. It pulsates rapidly, changes color, and disappears behind a nearby tower. Chbosky's photos are blurry. ("[UFO é Fotografado no Rio de Janeiro \(RJ\)](#)," Portal Fenomenum, June 15, 2016; Clark III 1007–1009; Brazil 146–149; Clark IV 1121–1123)
- 1971**, October 5 — Early morning. While on the downwind leg of the pattern to runway 20L at the Santos Dumont Airport in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, four pilots on board a single-engine Cessna airplane watch as a "huge star" approaches them on their starboard side. The object descends to their altitude and slows rapidly to their air speed, smoothly changing its direction to fly parallel with them at an estimated distance of 98 feet. It looks like an "inverted dish" with a small rounded protrusion centered on its upper surface that seems to contain oval windows. What appears to be the head of a person is seen in one window looking at them. The UFO is seen for about 85 seconds. The object descends at high velocity toward the water's surface, turns sharply left without any hesitation and disappears from sight in several seconds. The reporting witness is Chief Flight Instructor José Américo C. Medeiros, 23, pilot of the Cessna. (Richard F. Haines, "[Airplane Pacing in Rio](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 2 (Mar. 2012): 3–6, 26–29)
- 1971**, November 2 — 7:00 p.m. Ronald Johnson, 16, is tending sheep on his family's farm at Delphos, Kansas, when he hears a rumbling sound and sees (75 feet away in a small grove of trees) an object become suddenly illuminated with a mass of blue, red, and orange colors. Nine feet in diameter and 10 feet high, the UFO is slightly domed at the top and is hovering 2 feet above the ground. He and his dog stare at the object while the sheep are bellowing. After several minutes, the glow at the base becomes more intense and the object takes off at an angle, clearing by no more than 4 feet a shed attached to the sheep pen. The rumbling is replaced by a high-pitched wail. Johnson is temporarily blinded but recovers his sight a few minutes later and sees the object still there. He runs into the house to tell his parents, and they also see the light in the southern sky moving off into the distance. At the site where the UFO has been is a glowing, gray-white circle where the soil seems to be crystallized. After the parents touch the soil, it turns their fingers numb, persisting for several weeks. Johnson takes a photo of the circle. Seven separate soil analyses are conducted. Soil samples taken from the ring so not absorb water, have a higher acid content, and contain more soluble salts and calcium. They also produce less seed growth than control samples and are coated with a hydrocarbon of low molecular weight that is difficult to remove. A second substance is also found that is composed of white, crystalline fibers. (NICAP, "[Delphos, Kansas, November 2, 1971](#)"; "[Landing Case in Kansas](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1971, pp. 1, 3; Ted Phillips, "[Landing Report from Delphos](#)," *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 9 (February 1972): 4–10; "[More on Kansas Case](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Mar./Apr. 1972, pp. 8–9; B. Ann Slate, "Kansas UFO Leaves Hard Evidence," *Fate* 26, no. 4 (April 1973): 88–96; Vallée, *The Invisible College*, Dutton, 1975, p. 35; Kim Hansen, "UFO Casebook," *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tones, 1987, pp. 79–82; Erol A. Faruk, "[The Delphos Landing: New Evidence from the Laboratory](#)," *IUR* 12, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1987): 21–25; Erol A. Faruk, "[The Delphos Landing: New Evidence from the Laboratory, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 12, no. 3 (May/June 1987): 19–21; Erol A. Faruk, "[The Delphos Case: Soil Analysis and Appraisal of a CE-2 Report](#)," *JUFOS* 1 (1989): 41–65; Michael D. Swords, "[Research Note: Delphos, Kansas, Soil Analysis](#)," *JUFOS* 3 (1991): 115; Michael D. Swords, comp., "[Soil Analysis Results](#)," *JUFOS* 3 (1991): 116–133; UFOEv II 58–61; Erol A. Faruk, "[Further Comment on the Delphos Data](#)," *JUFOS* 3 (1991): 134–137; 8 (2003): 1–25; Ted Phillips and Jennie Zeidman, *Delphos: A Close Encounter of the Second Kind*, UFO Research Coalition, 2002; Phyllis A. Budinger, "[New Analysis of Soil Samples from the Delphos UFO Case](#)," *JUFOS* 8 (2003): 1–25; Clark III 400–402; Erol Faruk, "[The Delphos CE2 Case: A New Appraisal of the Data](#)," Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies, November 2021; Powell, *Scientist*, 16–17; "[The 1971 Delphos, Kansas, UFO Landing with Physical Evidence, Witnessed by 15-Year-Old Ronald Johnson](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, January 11, 2024; Clark IV 446–448)
- 1971**, November 3 — The Ugandan representative to the United Nations, [Grace Ibingira](#), asks the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to encourage astronauts who encounter UFOs to treat them respectfully. He wants to insert a clause to that effect into a UN statement on space exploration, but his colleagues are unmoved. (Clark III 1189; Clark IV 1364)
- 1971**, November 14 — 1:50 a.m. Farmer Angelo Cellot is just finishing plowing his field near Lachapelle, Lot-et-Garonne, France, when he sees a bright light approaching from the northwest. Soon it is only 130 feet above him,

traveling the same speed as his tractor, and lighting up the area with a row of five bright lights. A small red light is on the far right of the row. Cellot stops the tractor and the light descends slowly to about 50 feet. He begins running away down a nearby road but sees that the object is ascending and moving away in absolute silence. It vanishes behind a ridge. (Gordon Creighton, "[UFO with Multiple Beams of Light](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 3 (May/June 1972): 4–8)

1971, November 14 — The US space probe Mariner 9 arrives at Mars and becomes the first spacecraft to orbit another planet. After the occurrence of dust storms on the planet for several months following its arrival, the orbiter manages to send back clear pictures of the surface. Mariner 9 successfully returns 7,329 images over the course of its mission, which concludes in October 1972. (Wikipedia, "[Mariner 9](#)")

1971, December 20 — Prior to the launch of a Black Arrow rocket, an unidentified aircraft is seen by a trained meteorological observer over prohibited airspace at the RAAF Woomera Range Complex in South Australia. The RAAF explains it as reentering space debris, although it is impossible to confirm. (Swords 401)

1971, December 25 — At Tooligie Hill, in Tooligie, South Australia, neighbors observe a red ball of light in the night sky. The following day, Robert Habner discovers a 7.2-foot-diameter ring in his wheat field. The ring is nearly 18 inches wide and 4 inches deep, with the wheat swirled counterclockwise around the ground mark. Soil samples taken from the site reveal nothing unusual. ("[What Made This Mark? Flying Saucer at Tooligie Hill?](#)" *Port Lincoln (S.A.) Times*, January 13, 1972, p. 3; "Markings Probe by Saucer Men," *Adelaide (S.A.) Sunday Mail*, April 22, 1972; "[Saucer Hunt in Outback](#)," *The Australian*, May 4, 1972, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 38 (June 1976): 9; "[Flying Saucer Proves Bother](#)," *Adelaide News*, May 5, 1972, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 38 (June 1976): 9; "[Clipping The News](#)," *Data-Net*, no. 60 (June 1972): 14, 16; Old Crop Circles, "[1971: Tooligie Hills](#)"; Allen Tiller, "[Tooligie Hill UFO Crop Circle](#)," *Eidolon Paranormal*, 2010)

1971, Last week of December — After sunset. Norman W. Kasting is flying on a commercial airliner between Dallas, Texas, and Denver, Colorado. He notices something approaching the plane from behind on the west side. It passes within a few hundred yards of the aircraft and 10–20 feet below its level, flying faster than the plane. The object is metallic and shaped like an upside-down bowl about 30–40 feet in diameter and 15 feet tall. It has orange or amber lights around the edge. ("[Out of the Past](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 5 (Oct./Nov. 1984): 5)

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1972 — [Betty Hill](#) begins making numerous trips to a rural area near Kingston, New Hampshire, where she claims to see 6–7 UFOs every night, often at close range. Saucer-seeking pilgrims join her on these vigils. CUFOS field investigator [John Paul Oswald](#) joins her occasionally and is convinced she is only seeing airplanes and, on one occasion, a streetlight. She claims no further abductions or CE3s, but many ufologists think her celebrity has clouded her judgment. (Clark III 586; Clark IV 643)

1972 — Oscar A. Uriondo and [Roberto Enrique Banchs](#) found the Centro de Estudios de Fenómenos Aéreos Inusuales in Buenos Aires, Argentina. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 55](#))

1972 — The Centro de Estudos Astronomicos e de Fenómenos Insolitos is founded in Porto, Portugal. It begins publishing a monthly journal, *Insolito*, in 1975. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 56](#))

1972 — Alberto Romero founds Grupo de Pesquisas Aérospaciais Zenith in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. It begins publishing *Boletim G-PAZ* annually. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [pp. 136–137](#))

1972 — Luis do Rosário Real founds the Sociedade Pelotense de Investigação e Pesquisa de Discos Voadores in Pelotas, Rio Grande de Sul, Brazil. It publishes a *Boletim SPIPDV*. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 296](#))

1972 — Kilbjørn Stenødegård founds the Norsk UFO Center in Trondheim, Norway. It publishes *UFO Forum* from 1973 to 1978. The Norsk UFO Center in Bergen publishes *Rapportnytt* from 1974 to 1981. (*UFO Forum*, no. 1 (1973); *Rapportnytt*, no. 1 (1974))

1972 (or early 1973) — A USAF lieutenant colonel [possibly [David Fruehauf](#)] is flying a SR-71 spy plane at 78,000 feet out of Kadena Air Base on Okinawa, Japan, when he sees a metallic object flying in the same direction about 5 miles off his starboard side and 5,000–6,000 feet above him. He flies closer and sees that it has shiny metallic edges. When he is about 2 miles away, the object accelerates at a "30-degree angle of attack" and disappears. The pilot estimates its speed as 8,000 mph. (Coulthart 2023, pp. 97, 99)

1972, January — Air Commodore [Anthony Norman Davis](#) becomes the first head of the British UFO desk to appear on TV to explain how the ministry investigates sightings. The program is part of the BBC's *Man Alive* series and

includes the “man from the ministry” engaging in debate with a panel of experts and taking questions from the audience. The program is filmed in Banbury, England, town hall following a wave of UFO sightings in Oxfordshire. Davis says all reports received by the Ministry of Defence are “examined with an open mind and without prejudice” but denies that the MoD possesses any evidence that can prove the existence of extraterrestrial visitors. (UFOFiles2, [pp. 84–85](#))

- 1972, January** — Night. High school senior Donna Wilkins is driving in a rural area near Bartelso, Illinois, with a boyfriend when they see lights traveling back and forth in an odd pattern in the distance. Suddenly a luminous triangular object appears right next to them and they speed up. It maintains the same position above their car even though they accelerate to 85 mph. The underside seems to be composed of metal beams. It disappears beyond a tree line as they enter town, (“[They Still Keep Seeing UFOs in Carlyle.](#)” East St. Louis (Ill.) *Metro-East Journal*, May 31, 1972, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 38 (June 1972): 5)
- 1972, January 1** — NASA releases its 250-page report on the importance of the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, Project Cyclops. The agency distributes 10,000 copies of the report, the first large-scale effort to study the problem in a coordinated way. However, its proposed \$6–\$10 billion budget is never funded. (Wikipedia, “[Project Cyclops](#)”; NASA, *Project Cyclops: A Design Study of a System for Detecting Extraterrestrial Intelligent Life*, Ames Research Center, 1972; Robert Dixon, “[Project Cyclops: The Greatest Radio Telescope Never Built.](#)” in H. Paul Shuch, *Searching for Extraterrestrial Intelligence*, Springer-Verlag, 2011, pp. 19–45; Graff 234–237)
- 1972, January 27** — In response to a question from MP [John Langford-Holt](#), the Minister of State for Defence [Antony Lambton](#) tells the House of Commons that 9.3% of the UFO reports received at the Ministry of Defence from 1959 to 1970 remain unexplained due to insufficient information. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\).](#)” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1972, Early February** — 7:00 p.m. Sarajevo International Airport in Bosnia picks up an unidentified radar target traveling at about 37 mph. It appears visually as a triangular object. When a Jat Airways Convair approaches the target, it accelerates and vanishes. (Milos Krmelj, “[Report from Ljubljana, Slovenia.](#)” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 13 (February 1973): 13)
- 1972, February 22?** — 6:00 a.m. Dave Snyder and another boy are walking across a field in the southeast part of South Sioux City, Nebraska, when they come upon an object on the ground flashing blue, green, and red lights. Frightened, they run home but return the next day to find a circle of melted snow measuring 25 to 30 feet in diameter. (Lawrence Lacey, “[Red Object Hovers Behind Highway Overpass in Nebraska.](#)” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 109 (December 1976): 3–4)
- 1972, March** — [Victor Marchetti](#), who has worked as an analyst for the CIA from 1955 to 1969, announces his plans to write a nonfiction book about the agency and completes a draft of an article for *Esquire* which, according to a later CIA account, includes “names of agents, relations with named governments, and identifying details of ongoing operations.” The CIA receives a copy of the article and decides to seek an injunction against its publication. The basis for seeking an injunction against Marchetti is the secrecy agreement which he signed when beginning employment at CIA. The agency presents the agreement and the parts of the draft article it considers in violation of the agreement, to Judge [Albert Vickers Bryan Jr.](#) of the US District Court for Eastern Virginia, who grants a temporary restraining order in April. The case proceeds to trial, at which Bryan finds for the CIA and issues a permanent injunction requiring Marchetti to submit his writings to CIA for review prior to publication. Marchetti appeals the injunction to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, which upholds Bryan’s restraint but limits it to classified material. The appeals court also finds that Marchetti is entitled to timely review of materials he submits to the CIA. Marchetti appeals again to the US Supreme Court, but SCOTUS rejects Marchetti’s appeal in December. Marchetti continues work on his book with a coauthor, [John D. Marks](#), and signs a book contract with publisher Alfred A. Knopf. In August 1973, they submit their manuscript to the CIA. After reviewing the manuscript, the agency responds with a list of 339 passages that it claims are classified information and demands their deletion. Marchetti and Marks reject the demand and indicate they will go to court to print the manuscript as written. The CIA then withdraws its objections to 171 of the items but stands firm on the remaining 168. The trial is held again before Judge Bryan. This time, however, he rejects all but 26 of the deletions requested by the CIA on the grounds that the information in them is not properly or provably classified. The CIA appeals Bryan’s ruling, and ultimately the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals upholds all 168 of the deletions. The book is published by Knopf in 1974 as *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence*. It is printed with blanks for deleted passages and boldface type for the 171 deletions that CIA originally requested and later withdrew. It is the first book the federal government of the United States ever goes to court to censor before its publication. (Wikipedia, “[Victor Marchetti](#)”)

- 1972, March 3** — The NASA space probe Pioneer 10 is launched to Jupiter and becomes the first artificial object to traverse the asteroid belt and to achieve the escape velocity needed to leave the Solar System. It transmits about 500 images of Jupiter in November–December 1973. During the mission, the on-board instruments are used to study the asteroid belt, the environment around Jupiter, the solar wind, cosmic rays, and eventually the far reaches of the Solar System and heliosphere. If left undisturbed, Pioneer 10 and its sister craft Pioneer 11 (launched April 6, 1973) will join the two Voyager spacecraft and the New Horizons spacecraft in leaving the Solar System to wander the interstellar medium. The Pioneer 10 trajectory is expected to take it in the general direction of the star Aldebaran, currently located at a distance of about 68 light years. If Aldebaran has zero relative velocity, it would require more than 2 million years for the spacecraft to reach it. Well before that, in about 90,000 years, Pioneer 10 will pass about 0.23 parsecs (0.75 light-years) from the late K-type star HIP 117795. Because it is strongly advocated by [Carl Sagan](#), Pioneer 10 and Pioneer 11 carry a 6-by-9 inch, gold-anodized aluminum plaque in case either spacecraft is ever found by intelligent life-forms from another planetary system. The plaques feature the nude figures of a human male and female along with several symbols that are designed to provide information about the origin of the spacecraft. The plaque is attached to the antenna support struts where it would be shielded from interstellar dust. Radio communications are lost with Pioneer 10 on January 23, 2003, because of the loss of electric power for its radio transmitter, with the probe at a distance of 12 billion kilometers (80 AU) from Earth. (Wikipedia, “[Pioneer 10](#)”; Wikipedia, “[Pioneer plaque](#)”; Carl Sagan, Linda Salzman Sagan, and Frank Drake, “[A Message from Earth](#),” *Science* 175 (1972): 881–884; Graff 241–242)
- 1972, March 8** — President [Nixon](#) legitimizes the use of special access controls and the “special access program” is finally made official. These are security protocols that provide highly classified information with safeguards and access restrictions that exceed those for regular (collateral) classified information. SAPs can range from black projects to routine but especially sensitive operations, such as COMSEC maintenance or Presidential transportation support. In addition to collateral controls, an SAP may impose more stringent investigative or adjudicative requirements, specialized nondisclosure agreements, special terminology or markings, exclusion from standard contract investigations (carve-outs), and centralized billet systems. (Wikipedia, “[Special access program](#)”; “[Executive Order 11652: Classification and Declassification of National Security Information and Material](#),” March 8, 1972)
- 1972, March 12** — The tabloid newspaper *The National Enquirer* announces a \$50,000 reward to “the first person who can prove that an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) came from outer space and is not a natural phenomenon.” It has appointed five experts to a blue-ribbon panel that will evaluate all the entries: [J. Allen Hynek](#), [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), [Frank B. Salisbury](#), [James A. Harder](#), and [Robert F. Creegan](#). The deadline for evidence is January 1, 1973. On May 23, 1973, the panel announces that none of the entries examined warranted the full prize, but it has decided to award \$5,000 to the Johnson family of Delphos, Kansas, for submitting the 1971 landing trace evidence. The panel awards seven other UFO cases with a portion of the reward, the last going to Deputy Sheriff [Val Johnson](#) in 1980. (“[NICAP–APRO Evaluate UFO Cases for National Enquirer Panel](#),” *UFO Investigator*, February 1974, p. 3; Isaac Koi, “[Consensus Lists: National Enquirer Panel](#),” *UFOs and Rationality*, April 1, 2008; Jerry Cohen, “[Dr. Hynek and the National Enquirer \(1974\)](#),” *CohenUFO.org*, October 21, 2008; Curt Collins, “[The Blue Ribbon UFO Panel of the National Enquirer](#),” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, September 13, 2019)
- 1972, March 16** — Dawn. Truck driver Luis Bracamonte sees a sparkling mist form over the fields in Parque Granaderos, near General Rodriguez, Buenos Aires, Argentina. As he stops his truck, the mist vanishes, replaced by a blindingly vivid light. When he opens his eyes again, he notices a large oblong machine about 300 feet away, featuring a rim on the upper part and wide projections below. Three men with broad shoulders emerge, walking with apparent difficulty. They have sharp features and resemble Chinese individuals. Approaching Bracamonte, one of them grips his elbow. They speak in an unfamiliar language, but he intuitively understands that he should not be afraid. One of the beings then presents a plaque with two shining symbols and shows it to him. (Jane Thomas, “[Recent Reports from Argentina and Peru](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1972): 21–22; Roberto E. Banchs, *La fenomenología humanoide en la Argentina*, Edition Especial of *UFO Press*, no. 4a, (August 1977): 26; Center for UFO Studies, [HUMCAT Index 1972](#), pp. 5–6; Peter Rogerson, [INTCAT 1972 Jan–Jun](#))
- 1972, March 16** — In response to a question from MP [John Langford-Holt](#), the Minister of State for Defence [Antony Lambton](#) tells the House of Commons that there are no Ministry of Defence staff engaged full-time in UFO investigations. Reports are examined by appropriate headquarters staff. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1972, March 19** — 10:00 p.m. A boy named Mario goes out onto his patio at Santa Maria Acuexcomac, Puebla, Mexico, to look for a broom when he sees a bluish light, which gets larger as if it is approaching the ground. He sees that the thing is descending into a vacant lot and, thinking it is a hot air balloon, runs towards it. When he reaches the

lot, he sees the thing is a kind of luminous sphere giving off a blue light like that of a welding torch. Mario now becomes frightened and runs to call his mother. As he goes in the house, two neighbors, Zacarian Mendoza and Manuela Carlotta de Mendoza, also see the object. When Mario comes out again accompanied by his mother Josefina, the object, which has been on the ground for 7 minutes, begins to rise up, producing a hum and casting off more blue sparks. Gradually the light and sound are lost in the sky. The next day, Mario goes to the site and finds four deep tracks, about 8 inches deep, separated exactly from each other in the form of a square of 8.2 feet. At an equidistant point in the center of the tracks there is a black burnt mark on the ground. ("[Boy Sees Saucer Land in Mexico: Mother See UFO Take Off, Trace Left](#)," *Skylook*, no. 56 (July 1972): 9–10; Ted Phillips, "Landing Traces: Physical Evidence for the UFO," in *MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings 1973*, Midwest UFO Network, MUFON, 1973, p. 26)

- 1972**, April 1 — 11:00 p.m. Two students are driving between Cacuso and Lucala, Angola, when suddenly their vehicle's engine and lights fail. They check the batteries and fuses, which are all normal. Then they see two bright lights. Shortly afterward, they hear a whistling noise coming from an object about 130 feet away. It is about 130 feet across, partly lit up, and has three legs hanging from it. It rise to a height of 40 feet, where it hovers briefly, retracts its legs, whistles again, and turns on edge as it moves away. As soon as it leaves, the vehicle's lights come back on and the engine returns to normal. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 19)
- 1972**, April 14 — Evening. At least four adults in various parts of Waterbury, Connecticut, spot a triangular-shaped UFO moving silently. The witnesses estimated its width at about 130–195 feet. ("[Sighting Advisory](#)," *UFO Investigator*, December 1972, p. 4)
- 1972**, April 24 — 7:00–7:30 p.m. A man in Willow Point, British Columbia, on the Inside Passage takes a photo of a disc-shaped object spinning "like a top" and hovering in the sky for 15 minutes above Quadra Island. The object has a dull sheen like dirty chrome and lights flashing around its rim. The UFO wobbles, tilts, and shudders, then shoots straight upward about 1,000 feet. It then takes off to the north on a zigzag course. The photo is blurry, but shows a disc. ("[UFO Photo Examined in Ottawa](#)," *Campbell River (B.C.) Upper Island*, May 3, 1972, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 39 (July 1972): 12; "[Here and There in B.C.](#)," *Salmon Arm (B.C.) Observer*, June 14, 1972, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 39 (July 1972): 11; "[Object Paces Truck](#)," *UFO Research Newsletter* 2, no. 5 (Aug./Sept. 1972): 3; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 72–73, 152)
- 1972**, May 14 — Dusk. Janice, Judy, and Joyce Schwaegel, who live on a farm about two miles southwest of Germantown, Illinois, watch a brilliantly lit UFO near their home. The object first appears hovering over a neighbor's farm buildings to the southeast. The girls describe it as half-moon shaped with a dark-gray, metallic body. Initially, the craft displays two brilliant white lights, resembling car headlights. After hovering silently for about 11 minutes, it begins to move slowly west. As it moves, the white lights vanish and are replaced by blue, green, red, and white lights circling the rim of the craft. These resemble aircraft running lights but do not flash and remain visible until the object disappears from sight. As the craft moves westward, it emits a sound similar to that of a small airplane, though it travels at about half the speed. The girls observe the UFO for approximately 15 minutes, all using 7x35 binoculars, and confidently rule out the possibility that it is a conventional aircraft. They estimate it to be about 50 feet in diameter and 200 feet above the ground, with the initial viewing distance being roughly half a mile. ("[Three Sisters Watch Half-Moon Object](#)," *Skylook*, no. 56 (July 1972): 8)
- 1972**, May 26 — President [Richard Nixon](#) and Soviet General Secretary [Leonid Brezhnev](#) sign the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty at the 1972 Moscow Summit. Under the terms of the treaty, each party is limited to two ABM complexes, each of which is to be limited to 100 anti-ballistic missiles. Ratified by the US Senate on August 3, the treaty remains in force until June 2002 when the US withdraws. (Wikipedia, "[Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty](#)")
- 1972**, Summer — Early morning. The *Musson*, a Russian scientific ship, is in the North Atlantic roughly 300 miles from Bermuda. The electrician, radio operator, and one of the navigators see an elliptical object moving slowly through the cloudless sky at high altitude from north to south. It changes shape to a wheel and then to an elongated, silvery-white ellipse, then it disappears from view. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 60)
- 1972**, June — [Franklin B. Mead Jr.](#), senior aerospace engineer with the USAF Aerospace Research Laboratories, edits a technical report on Project Outgrowth, an investigation of advanced propulsion concepts developed by the Air Force Rocket Propulsion Laboratory at Edwards AFB in California. An entire chapter of the report is devoted to antigravity propulsion, utilizing the concepts of gravitational screens and a unified field theory. The hardware it describes is "theoretical," but the report indicates that it is worthwhile to determine which materials or

- metamaterials might change the amplitude and direction of gravitational fields. (F. B. Mead Jr., ed., [*Advanced Propulsion Concepts: Project Outgrowth*](#), Air Force Rocket Propulsion Laboratory, June 1972, pp. II-135–140)
- 1972, June** — Edward Harris begins publishing *Cosmology Newslink*, a monthly newsletter on UFO and contactee topics, in Dunmow, Essex, England. It persists until the Summer 1994 issue. ([*Cosmology Newslink*](#), no. 1 (June 1972))
- 1972, June 6** — New York City artist and psychic [Ingo Swann](#) visits the Stanford Research Institute [now SRI International] in Menlo Park, California, to begin remote viewing experiments. He is brought by [Harold E. Puthoff](#) and other scientists to a building where, several floors below, is a heavily shielded magnetometer whose sole function is to measure quarks. One scientist asks him to “perturb” the device. As Swann sits there trying to visualize the magnetometer, a scientist monitoring it tells the group that the needle is moving wildly and malfunctioning. The scene is repeated several more times, each time when Swann is imagining the device. Puthoff is intrigued. He writes up his findings and a few weeks later he is visited by two CIA intelligence analysts who want Puthoff and SRI to investigate remote viewing for espionage purposes. (Wikipedia, “[Ingo Swann](#)”; Jim Schnabel, [*Remote Viewers: The Secret History of America’s Psychic Spies*](#), Dell, 1997; Annie Jacobsen, *Phenomena: The Secret History of the U.S. Government’s Investigations into Extrasensory Perception and Psychokinesis*, Little, Brown, 2017, pp. 130–136; Edwin C. May and Sonali Bhatt Marwaha, eds., *The Star Gate Archives, Volumes 1–4, Reports of the United States Government Sponsored Psi Program, 1972–1995*, McFarland, 4 vols., 2018–2019)
- 1972, June 17** — 2:30 a.m. The White House Plumbers are arrested in the process of burglarizing and planting surveillance bugs in the Democratic National Committee offices at the Watergate Building Complex in Washington, D.C. (Wikipedia, “[Watergate scandal](#)”)
- 1972, June 22** — 2:00 a.m. Javier Bosque, a seminarist of the order of St. Joseph Calasanz, is reading in bed at his room at the Colegio Escolapios in Logroño, La Rioja, Spain, when he notices a bright light outside through the half-closed shutters of his window. To his surprise, the window begins opening by itself and a 2-foot-long, football-shaped, metallic, luminous object enters his room and approaches the foot of his bed. His radio begins to emit a loud, continuous sound. He reaches over and turns on a cassette tape recorder. The object descends from about 6 feet above the floor to 15 inches above it. A beam of solid light extends from the object, touching the radio twice, retracts, then touches the cassette recorder. Bosque grabs the recorder and holds the microphone in his lap. The object ascends to about 6 feet above the floor and moves out the window and up. The radio sound weakens. The 8-minute sound recording is analyzed by laboratories in Spain, Brazil, France, and the US. It contains some pure tones at first, followed by modulations in amplitude. Robert H. Coddington finds, after an analysis of the tape, that it most likely is a recording of the chance reception of an ordinary test transmission from a terrestrial broadcast station and does not match Bosque’s narrative. (Albert Adell and Pere Redón, “[UFO Enters and Inspects a Room](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 2 (March/April 1973): 10–13, iii; Albert Adell and Pere Redón, “[Estudio de la cinta grabada por Javier Bosque](#),” *Stendek* 4, no. 13 (June 1973): 3–18; “[Bosque Spanish UFO Tapes Deemed Non-Startling](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 8 (December 1980): 4; Willy Smith, “[A Bizarre Event at Logroño: A Taped UFO Sound](#),” *IUR* 7, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1982): 8–10; “[Logroño \(Spain\) Tape Recording Explained](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 2 (April/May 1983): 5–7; Robert H. Coddington, “[Further Analysis of the Logroño Tape](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 2 (April/May 1983): 7–10; Michael D. Swords, “[A Trick of the Light](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 10; “[Javier Bosque: Un encuentro misterioso](#),” Ariel Maderna YouTube channel, March 21, 2015)
- 1972, June 26** — 8:00 a.m. Bennie Smit, the new owner of Braeside Farm 9 miles from Fort Beaufort, Eastern Cape, South Africa, is alerted to a “fiery red ball hovering at tree-top level” by his hired hand Boer de Klerk. Its color changes to bright green and then to whitish yellow, with flames shooting out. Smit dashes home, grabs a rifle, and calls the police. He shoots at the object, but the bullets have little effect. At 10:30 a.m., police sergeant Piet C. Kitching and warrant officer P. R. van Rensburg arrive at the spot where the UFO is still hovering. As the object moves away, Smit fires at it an eighth time; this time he hears a thud, and the object moves up and down and stops changing colors. Smit and Kitching fire at it some more, after which it disappears and reappears about 60 feet away looking gunmetal gray in color and somewhat oval-shaped. After they fire two final shots, the object moves away through the trees around noon. The next day, van Rensburg leads a team of police officers to the site, looking for evidence. They find nine circular imprints of its supposed landing gear found in damp clay soil. On June 28, Brig. A. Vosloo, divisional commander of police for the Eastern Cape, takes soil samples and plaster casts of the imprints. (Wikipedia, “[UFO Sightings in South Africa](#)”; Charles Bowen, “[A Hot Reception at Fort Beaufort](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 11 (August 1972): 1–7; Philipp Human, “[Fort Beaufort Tailpiece](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 11 (August 1972): 7; Ivan Clark, “[The Fort Beaufort Police Officers: An Interview](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1972): 9–10; “[The South African Flap](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 21, no. 2 (September/October 1972): 1, 3–4; Clark III 510–511; Clark IV 54–555)

- 1972, June 29** — 10:00 p.m. A dark, wedge-shaped UFO passes directly over several witnesses at 200–500 feet altitude in Buffalo, South Dakota, at a slow speed. About 100 feet long, it has two brilliant white lights at the front and two orange-white lights in the rear. It moves with the blunt edge forward and hovers intermittently for 40 minutes. It emits a sound like rushing air. (Glenn McWane and David Graham, *The New UFO Sightings*, Warner, 1974; Marler [85](#))
- 1972, July** — [J. Allen Hynek](#) publishes *The UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry*, in which he charges the Air Force with indifference and incompetence in its UFO investigations, including a failure to put its case reports in machine-readable form. He also critiques the Condon report and details well-documented reports of six types of UFOs: nocturnal lights, daylight discs, radar/visual observations, and close encounters of the first, second, and third kind. He puts the experiences of observers at the center of the investigation, saying that in his years of talking to eyewitnesses, “invariably I have had the feeling that I was talking to someone who was describing a *real event*.” It is an “articulate challenge to his colleagues to tolerate the study of something they cannot understand,” according to a reviewer in *Science*. (J. Allen Hynek, [The UFO Experience](#), Ballantine ed., 1974; Charles H. Gibbs-Smith, “[A Turning Point in UFO Investigation](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1972): 6–8; Joachim P. Kuettner, [review] “[A New Start on the Whole UFO Problem?](#)” *Astronautics and Aeronautics*, November 1973, pp. 8–10; Clark III 620; Graff 249–252; Eghigian, *After*, p. 220; Clark IV 679)
- 1972, July 3** — 9:15 p.m. Maureen Puddy, 27, sees a disc-shaped object on the Mooraduc Road near Frankston, Victoria, Australia. The object is a huge blue disc that hovers above her car. (Keith Basterfield, “[Present at the Abduction](#),” *IUR* 17, no. 3 (May/June 1992): 13–14, 23; Keith Basterfield, “[Cold Case Investigation: Frankston, Vic, July 1972, Part One](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, October 2, 2012)
- 1972, July 4** — 10:10 p.m. Girl guide leader Claudine Dieupart alerts 43 other girl guides and Belgian missionary Rev. Fr. Quertemont, who are sitting around a campfire at Lamonrville, Malmédy, Belgium, to a triangle of white lights moving overhead. They watch the lights for 5 minutes. At 10:30 p.m., several witnesses at a bus stop in Liège view a triangle of bright globes of light moving slowly from west to east. They pass through a cloud bank, illuminating it. About the same time, other witnesses in the western suburbs see a similar display. At 10:31 p.m., a factory worker in Flawinne watches a triangle of three bright lights ascending vertically. At 10:40 p.m., a couple in Spy observe a triangular display of lights surrounded by bluish sparks. At 10:45 p.m. a farmer in Ellezelles notices three bluish beams of light shining down from a luminous cloud. (Marler [85–86](#))
- 1972, July 4 (or July 4, 1973)** — 11:15 p.m. Capt. Erling Bakke and his wife see a peculiar vessel on the water east of Sundsøya, Trøndelag, Norway. It is black, about 25 feet long, 6 feet high, and traveling about 60 mph. It rises up at a 45° angle, then disappears. (J. O. Sundberg, “[Stor Expedition till Nansenfjorden](#),” *UFO Information*, 1975, no. 3, pp. 8, 9–10; Ole Jonny Brønne, “[Observations of Unidentified Submarine Objects in Norway](#),” *IUR* 20, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1995): 13)
- 1972, July 5** — 12:10 p.m. A M. Legrand in Belgium is parking his car when he notices a dozen whitish objects flying about randomly at a low altitude. A neighbor describes them as vaguely shaped, fleecy, and rotating slowly. They seem to be moving around a dark triangular object. (SOBEPS Investigators, “[Belgian UFO Sightings during July 1972](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 16 (August 1973): 1. 3; Marler [87](#))
- 1972, July 7** — 7:50 p.m. J. Erasmus watches a small object hovering above the post office in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. It changes color from yellow to white. He calls the newspaper, and photographer Geoffrey Allen is able to take several photos through a telephoto lens from the roof of the newspaper building. The object appears to break into two at times. It disappears by 8:45 p.m. One of the photos shows an umbrella-shaped light. (Charles Bowen, “[South African Mini-Wave, 1972: Part 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1972): 5–7)
- 1972, July 10** — 10:15 p.m. Rafael Aranda is driving his Renault 8 at 55–60 mph on a back road approaching Alcaracejos, Córdoba, Spain, when suddenly the car slows down. He pushes the accelerator to the floor, but cannot make the car go any faster than about 40–50 mph. He becomes aware of a bright light in the sky like a great white light bulb that is directing a beam of light at his car. The object, about 3–5 feet in diameter, is rotating in a clockwise direction and moving on or near the ground to the right of the highway, partly concealed by oak trees. As he continues to drive, Aranda finally loses sight of the object and his car begins functioning normally again. The next day he takes the car to a Renault dealer for an examination, but the mechanics can find no explanation for the loss of power. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, [A Catalogue of 200 Type I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal](#), CUFOS, 1976, p. 38; UFOEv II 277)
- 1972, July 11** — 2:00 p.m. Edward Blumberg is driving with his family along Queen Street in Cyrildene, Johannesburg, South Africa, when he notices a white object shaped like a teardrop high in the sky. It is hovering and has some “legs” trailing from its base. They reach home and are able to view it through binoculars. The object slowly tilts to the east until it reaches a horizontal position. A flash of light is emitted from its front, and the object seems to

flatten as it quickly moves off to the east. (Charles Bowen, "[South African Mini-Wave, 1972, Part 2](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1972): 14–15)

1972, July 19 — 10:35 p.m. Herbert and Mady Mathar and their two children are walking in Faymonville, Belgium, when they see a red-orange point of light slowly moving toward them. Closer, they see that it is hat-shaped. Mathar runs inside to get a camera and takes two photos before the object disappears. Ballester Olmos and van Utrecht conclude that the photos show the Moon setting in the southwest. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Wim van Utrecht, [Belgium in UFO Photographs, Volume 1 \(1950–1988\)](#), FOTOCAT Report no. 7, 2017, pp. 99–113)

1972, July 25 — 9:15 p.m. Maureen Puddy sees the same object she had seen on July 3 at almost the same spot. This time it seems to drain power from the car, causing it to stop, the car steering itself off the road. A voice in her head tells her, "All your tests will be negative. Tell media, do not panic. We mean no harm." Several months later, she is "mentally" abducted into a room where she sees an entity. This event occurs while two other people are present with her, but they only report that Puddy lapses into unconsciousness. On a later occasion, the entity appears as she is driving the car. (Judith Magee, "[UFO Over the Mooraduc Road](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1972): 3–5; Judith M. Magee, "[The Close Encounter of Maureen Puddy](#)," *Australian Annual Flying Saucer Review*, 1983, pp. 4–9; Keith Basterfield, "[Present at the Abduction](#)," *IUR* 17, no. 3 (May/June 1992): 13–14, 23; Judith M. Magee, "[The Close Encounter of Maureen Puddy](#)," Victorian UFO Research Society, 1996; Mark Cashman, "[Behavioral Classification System for UFO Occupants](#)," *IUR* 24, no. 1 (Spring 1999): 20; Keith Basterfield, "[Cold Case Investigation, Frankston, Vic, July 1972, Part One](#)," Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, October 2, 2012; Keith Basterfield, "[Cold Case Investigation: Frankston, Vic, July 1972, Part Two](#)," Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, October 4, 2012; Keith Basterfield, "[Cold Case Investigation: Frankston, Vic, July 1972, Part Three](#)," Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, October 4, 2012; Clark III 275–276; Kaustubh Chowdhary, "[The UFO Encounter of Maureen Puddy: UFO Sightings, Psychic Aliens, and Strange Interior of a UFO](#)," *Infinity Explorers*, April 28, 2022; "[UFO Researcher Judith Magee on Maureen Puddy's 1972 Close Encounter with a Psychic Alien Entity](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, November 1, 2022; "[Maureen Puddy on Experiencing Psychic Phenomena during Her UFO Sightings, Frankston, Australia, 1972](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, November 1, 2022; Clark IV 316)

1972, July 27 — The Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Oceans and International Environment holds hearings on Senate Resolution 281, proposing an international treaty to ban weather modification as a weapon of war. Dartmouth environmental scientist [Gordon J. F. MacDonald](#) opposes the bill, saying that research needs to be unfettered, but he mentions weapons that might use electrical waves, created by the differential between the ionosphere and the surface of the earth, "that would be tuned to the brain waves.... About ten cycles per second.... You can produce changes in behavioral patterns or in responses." ([Prohibiting Military Weather Modification](#), Hearings before the Subcommittee on Oceans and International Environment, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, 92nd Cong., 2nd Sess., on S. Res. 281, pp. 72–76)

1972, August — [Ingo Swann](#) returns to the Stanford Research Institute in Menlo Park, California, as do the two CIA intelligence analysts. With Swann in a Faraday cage, the SRI team conducts a series of what's-in-the-box tests in which office supplies hidden inside a box are presented to Swann, who is asked to identify the objects inside. During a lunch break one of the CIA agents walks outside and collects a small brown moth, capturing it alive, and sealing it inside a box. When Swann looks at the box, he sees "something small, brown, and irregular, sort of like a leaf.... Except that it seems very much alive, like it's even moving." (Annie Jacobsen, *Phenomena*, Little, Brown, 2017, p. 136)

1972, August — The Archives for UFO Research (Arbetsgruppen för Ufologi) is founded in Södertälje, Sweden, by [Håkan Blomqvist](#), [Kjell Jonsson](#), and [Anders Liljegren](#). Its specialized research library for UFO literature is established in 1974, and in 1979 AFU moves to Norrköping. It publishes *Ufologen* from 1972 to 1974 and the *AFU Newsletter* from March 1975 to October 2008. In April 2013 it changes its name to the Archives for the Unexplained. Its holdings in 2020 include a reference library of more than 20,000 titles, more than 50,000 magazine issues, some 500,000 clippings, and more than 50,000 European UFO cases. (Wikipedia, "[Archives for the Unexplained](#)"; Archives for the Unexplained, "[About AFU](#)"; *Ufologen*, no 1 (July 1972); *AFU Newsletter*, no. 1 (March/April 1975); *AFU Annual Report*, 2014; Håkan Blomqvist, "[The Founding of AFU](#)," Håkan Blomqvist's Blog, November 2, 2019; "[AFU Turns 50 and Continue to Grow](#)," Archives for the Unexplained, March 17, 2023; Eghigian, *After*, p. 233)

1972, August 9 — 2:30 a.m. A married couple, both college professors, are camping out in a garden in the backyard of some friends' home just off the road to Nîmes at Saint-Jean-du-Gard, Gard, France. The woman is walking outside and sees a shiny white ball the size of a small car sitting in a nearby parking lot. She hears footsteps

behind her and sees a dark shape about 4 feet tall in the shape of a parallelepiped topped by an oval where a head would be. It has 2 white circles for eyes, but no visible arms or legs. It turns toward her and she feels an extraordinary fear. After a few seconds, she runs back inside the tent. (Patrick Gross, "[Saint-Jean-du-Gard, France, August 9, 1972](#)")

1972, August 10 — 2:29 p.m. An earth-grazing meteor passes 35 miles above the Earth's surface, entering the atmosphere above Utah at 9.3 miles/second and passing northward, leaving the atmosphere over Alberta. It is seen by many people and recorded on film and by space-borne sensors. An eyewitness to the event, located in Missoula, Montana, sees the object pass directly overhead and hears a double sonic boom. The smoke trail lingers in the atmosphere for several minutes. (Wikipedia, "[1972 Great Daylight Fireball](#)"; Allen Benz, "[Object Seen Over Twin Falls](#)," *UFO Commentary* 3, no. 2 (Winter 1972): 7–9, 14; James M. Baker, "[Earthgrazer: The Great Daylight Fireball of 1972](#)," NASA; "[A Meteor That Missed Mountain States May Have Had Hiroshima Bomb Force](#)," *New York Times*, July 4, 1974, p. 8; Zdeněk Ceplecha, "[Earth-Grazing Daylight Fireball of August 10, 1972](#)," *Astronomy and Astrophysics* 283 (1994): 287–288)

1972, August 12 — 2:00 a.m.–5:00 a.m. About 30 young members of the Taizé Community in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, France, are having a discussion in a rustic theatre circle to the northwest of the community buildings. Renata Faa is the first to see a star-like object come out of the sky in the west. It lands on the ground on a ridge facing them. Eventually, after more yellow lights appear on the object, they see it as cigar-shaped and about 100 feet long. Five other white lights emit luminous beams that extend progressively across the ground. Two cupolas are visible on its left side. Three small white discs appear on the right side, apparently emerging from the main object, and perform complex maneuvers. Some of the witnesses feel a tingling in their fingertips and knees. Faa and three of the other witnesses decide to walk through the fields and approach the object. Around 3:00 a.m., a multitude of red particles appear in the air around the approaching witnesses and in the ground around them. The lights on the object constantly change their patterns of display and movement. The four witnesses see a dark mass like a haystack on their left about 30 feet away. A small red light is moving haphazardly around it. When one of them shines a flashlight on the haystack, the beam travels horizontally for a bit then is directed perpendicularly upward. Finally, toward 5:00 a.m., the large object rises up and moves off to the south, following the terrain. (J. Tyrode, "[Taizé: A Case Right out of the Ordinary](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1973): 16–21; F. Lagarde, "[A Few Words about Taizé](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1973): 22; UFOEv II 217–218; Clark IV 1216)

1972, August 19 — 2:00 a.m. A series of sightings involving 50–60 witnesses takes place in Colby, Kansas. The first call to police is made by John L. Calkins who, awakened by barking dogs, goes to his front door and sees three objects hovering nearby, making shrill, high-pitched whistling sounds. The larger object has six flashing, red and green body lights. He also hears beeping sounds. The sightings continue until 6:20 a.m. Police Sgt. Paul Carter, while patrolling at 2:07 a.m., sees an object with red and green flashing lights approach from the northeast. He radios Officer Dennis Brown and begins to follow the object southward. It stops and hovers 10–15 feet above a pasture about a quarter-mile away. He estimates it is 30–35 feet long and 18–20 feet tall. Suddenly the object emits an intense, blinding white light that illuminates the landscape, including jackrabbits sitting in the field. Despite the bright light, Carter gets a glimpse of a shape "like a cereal bowl turned upside down." It makes a whooshing noise and shoots up and out of sight in 3 seconds. Brown, who is approaching, also sees it speed away. After that, the UFO is seen heading southeast. Police in Oakley watch it through binoculars. Officers Earl Wood Jr. and Duane Nelson can see six body lights on a large object. Three on the front are white and those on the back flash red and green. W. L. Johnson of Colby sees an object from his front yard at 6:08 a.m. It has orange-red flashing lights, moves from the southwest to the south, hovers, moves north, turn toward his house, and gains altitude. At this point it changes to blue-green, moves southwest, hovers for a few minutes, then climbs and disappears at 6:20 a.m. ("[Colby Cops and UFOs](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 6 (November/December 1972): 30–31; Bob Gribble, "[Looking Back](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 232 (August 1987): 20; UFOEv II 191)

1972, August 28 — 3:00 a.m. Eduardo Fernando de Deugd [or Dedeu] is driving from Médanos to Bahía Blanca, Buenos Aires, Argentina, when someone waves him down to ask for a ride. He asks if the hitchhiker is going to Bahía Balance, but the man's reply is unintelligible. He is wearing a coat with a turned-up collar and a large round cap. He has a jaw so elongated that it comes down almost to his chest. Further efforts to communicate prove futile. As de Deugd nears the city, his car lights go off suddenly. Ahead of him is a huge object with a blue light in the middle and two smaller white lights on the sides. As he steps out of the car, a flash of light strikes him and he feels heat, so he ducks behind his open door. The object is moving to the left and the stranger is gone. The passenger door is open and the handle is broken and lying on the floor. The object vanishes. (Jane Thomas, "[The Hitch-hiker from Space](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1972): 23–24; "[Further Details about the](#)

[‘Hitch-hiker’ from Space.](#)” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 14 (April 1973): iii–iv; Clark III 281–282; Clark IV 321–322)

- 1972**, August–October — Numerous UFO sightings are reported throughout rural areas of Puerto Rico, as well as in San Juan and Ponce. People travel to the small town of Adjuntas, where the objects are seen frequently. One Friday night, the mayor of Adjuntas is traveling with a group of people in three cars along a lonely stretch of road in Barrio Garzas when he sees three bright discs moving through the sky. Their light changes in color and intensity. Sightings also center on the town of Utuado, where the Air National Guard has scrambled F-104s to chase the objects. A teacher at Utuado High School is driving back from town with his brother when they see a bright light off in the bush 300 feet from the road. They get out of the car and approach the light, which is sitting in a clearing. It is a flattened disc about the size of a small house and has a set of small, dark rectangles evenly spaced around its edge. It is brilliantly lit and its colors are constantly changing. They watch the object for a few minutes until it vanishes like “someone turning off a light.” (Salvador Freixedo, [“UFOs over the Caribbean,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 14 (April 1973): 9–10; Henry Cordova, [“Encounter in Puerto Rico,”](#) *IUR* 25, no. 1 (Spring 2000): 20–21)
- 1972**, Early September — Just after midnight. Vasile Cărbuș, a night watchman at an agricultural cooperative in Valea Plopului, Romania, sees a yellow star with a trail crossing the sky. It then hovers and appears to land in an orchard on the Odaia hill about 1 mile away. A couple days later, Cărbuș and other locals visit the orchard and find a circular area 15 feet in diameter where all the stems are broken off about 3 feet from the ground. In the center of the circle is a mound of earth about 2 feet in diameter and 15 inches high. In the middle of this is a round hole at least 6 feet deep, around which are three identical impressions 4.5 feet apart. Hundreds of curious onlookers visit the site, among them engineer [Justin Capră](#), who detects a substantial increase in gamma radiation in the center of the circle. Ufologist Călin Turcu notes that the vegetation on the mound of earth is completely absent for the next 4 years and frail after that. (Hobana and Weverbergh 276–279; Romania 34–35)
- 1972**, September — 8:00 p.m. While commuting home by train from nearby Debrecen, Hungary, workers see about 7 luminous, orange-colored ellipses floating high above Nyírábrány. The phenomena are still there as they are walking home from the train station. The lights are as bright as the full moon and remain in position in a formation of three rows. The spectacle lasts for 30 minutes. The display is seen for the next four evenings in a row in the same part of the sky west of the village. On the last night, one of the lights disappears but returns to the same position in the formation. (Karoli Hargitai, [“The UFO Phenomenon in Hungary,”](#) *IUR* 14, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1989): 13)
- 1972**, September 10 — 12:45 p.m. Greengrocer Allan James is checking a load on his truck prior to descending from the top of a hill west of Georges Creek, New South Wales. He notices a huge, cigar-shaped object with smaller objects emerging from each end. They group into an arrowhead formation before moving southeast. The large object then climbs at a high rate of speed and disappears. The duration is about 10 minutes. (Eileen Buckle, [“Is Kempsey a UFO ‘Window’?”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 6 (April 1975): 3–4; Herbert S. Taylor, [“Satellite Objects: A Further Look,”](#) *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 26)
- 1972**, September 14 — 4:20 a.m. An unidentified target is detected on radar at the Palm Beach (Florida) International Airport by FAA air traffic controller C. J. Fox. Fox describes the contact as a “good clear target.” The object is tracked for over an hour when at approximately 6:00 a.m., NORAD is alerted. Two F-106 jet fighters are dispatched from Homestead AFB [now Homestead Air Reserve Base] in Miami–Dade County to locate and identify the object. The UFO disappears from radar scopes shortly before the jets arrive. At the airport, FAA watch supervisor George Morales views the object through binoculars and describes it as silver-white in color and cigar-shaped. Officials at Miami International Airport, which also tracks the strange object, report no aircraft are known to be in the area where the UFO was spotted. (NICAP, [“Ground/Visual: Two 106’s Scrambled”](#))
- 1972**, September 14 — 4:00 p.m. David Owen is sitting on his patio in Bateau Bay, New South Wales, when he notices a distinct “red arrowhead” moving from southwest to northwest in a slow climb. After watching it for several minutes, he takes a color photo with his Instamatic, which shows a disc reflecting light. ([“Australian Arrowhead Photograph Reveals Unseen Possible UFO,”](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 2 (February 1981): 1–2)
- 1972**, September 14 — 8:00 p.m. A married couple in Houston, Missouri, watches an unusual bright object after their portable TV is disturbed by interference. It is larger than a star and persists for several minutes before it disappears in a burst of speed. At 3:00 a.m. they are awakened by their dogs barking at something in a nearby woods. They see a bright flash of light at ground level. The next morning, they find an evergreen tree about 300 feet from the house that is yellow on one side and normal-looking on the other. Next to it is a 20 feet x 14 feet oval area of depressed grass. In the center are three small imprints, each showing an extension or “toe.” The

- imprints are about 2.5 inches long; one is 1.5 inches deep. A blackened area in the shape of a triangle is in the center of the imprints. (Ted Phillips, [Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings](#), CUFOS, 1976, pp. xi, 86)
- 1972**, September 15 — 5:50 p.m. University of New England student [Bill Chalker](#) is crossing the campus of the Earle Page College in Armidale, New South Wales, when he joins two other students who are watching a silent, metallic, egg-shaped object moving north to south at the speed of an airplane. It is in view for 15 seconds before it is obscured by campus buildings. It has an apparent angular size at arm's length of one inch. (Bill Chalker, [“Confronting UFOs and UAP: Remembering October 1973.”](#) The OzFiles, October 22, 2023; Bill Chalker, [“The Bill Chalker UFO Encounter: An Australian Researcher’s Sighting’: A Reality Check.”](#) The OzFiles, May 24, 2024; Clark IV 914)
- 1972**, September 20 — 12:45 a.m. A man is driving near Rougemont, Quebec, when he sees a Saturn-shaped object about 100 feet in diameter moving with a pendulum motion toward Mont Rougemont. It climbs to the top of the hill and settles in for 4 minutes. He watches it increasingly brighten from a row of windows at the upper dome and glow pink on the bottom side. He flashes his lights at it, and it rises and dives at his car, passing just 30 feet above it. The engine stalls, the radio goes off, and the headlights dim. A wave of heat passes over him, then the UFO races away. (Philippe Blaqui re, [“Le cas de Rougemont.”](#) *UFO-Quebec* 1, no. 1 (1975): 4–6; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, pp. 144–146; Michael D. Swords, [“Messing Around with the Force.”](#) *IUR* 31, no. 4 (Mar. 2008): 29)
- 1972**, September 21 — 5:40 a.m. Teodoro Merlo, maintenance man for the Ika-Renault factory in Santa Isabel, C rdoba, Argentina, is making early rounds at the plant. He enters a previously locked washroom and sees a man sitting on one of the basins who is nearly 8 feet tall and wearing a close-fitting, dark-blue, one-piece garment tight at the wrists. It has a bald head with high, pointed ears, and very white skin. As Merlo approaches, the light by the janitor goes out and a light near the entity goes on spontaneously. Merlo hears a noise like “a metal object striking glass,” and the entity disappears. (Oscar A. Gal ndez, [“Argentina: Los fen menos antropomorfos de Santa Isabel.”](#) *Stendek*, no. 15 (December 1973): 15–30; Oscar A. Gal ndez, [“The Anthropomorphic Phenomena at Santa Isabel, Part 1.”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 2 (August 1975): 11–15; Oscar A. Gal ndez, [“Argentina: The Anthropomorphic Phenomena of Santa Isabel.”](#) *Inexplicata*, September 22, 2011)
- 1972**, September 25 — 1:00–1:30 a.m. Near Anderstorp, Sweden, a witness is driving his Opel at 25 mph when the car radio stops working. A couple minutes later, a very bright blue-white light appears behind the car, enveloping the entire vehicle in light at the same time as all electrical equipment in the car ceases to work. The headlights go out and the engine and wipers stop. The light persists for 5 minutes, and the temperature inside the car rises. Suddenly the light is gone, and the electrical system works again. The car starts at the same time as the witness smells a strong odor of ammonia or ether. The witness drives home quickly, terrified. (Herbert S. Taylor, [“An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two.”](#) *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 19)
- 1972**, September 27 — 11:13 p.m. Enrique Moreno is delivering documents to the Ika-Renault factory in Santa Isabel, Cordoba, Argentina, when the fluorescent lights in the engineering room go on and off three times. There is an accompanying noise like that of a turbine lasting for several seconds. Driving his motor runabout outside the plant he briefly glimpses “a sort of rainbow very near the ground,” but thinks no further of it until he suddenly encounters a tall figure, glowing a bluish green, moving among a pile of chassis beside his route. As he approaches within 100 feet, the figure swings around, in a stiff mechanical way, to face him, and at the same time his engine falters then quits when he comes opposite the being. This humanoid figure, strongly built and about 7.5 feet tall, has eyes like yellow light bulbs, large pointed ears, a square chin, and a slit-like mouth. The face appears pale green, but this may be due to a reflection from the clothing, a one-piece, luminescent, bluish-green tight-fitting coverall with a broad silvery belt. Moreno feels an intolerable humming in his ears, a sensation of heat, and itching over his entire body. There is also the smell of burning oil. His arms and legs are paralyzed. After 30 seconds of this confrontation, his motorcycle shoots off to the left, seemingly under its own volition at high speed, and the witness is returned to the Security Office without his conscious control. He arrives there at 11:30 p.m., but his wristwatch has stopped at 11:13 p.m., leaving 15 minutes unaccounted for. Moreno is in a highly agitated state, and subsequently suffers nausea and pains in the neck, as well as a burning sensation in his eyes. At the encounter site, two rectangular “footprints” 8 x 16 inches are found and the soil there is warm to the touch. Also at 11:30 p.m., A lady named Quiroga, who lives on the outskirts of the Ika-Renault factory, sees a luminous object that, by means of a “crystal tube” recovers a humanoid figure. At roughly the same time, Norberto Grosso, a houseowner in Barrio Col n (a suburb of C rdoba), is driving with his wife when he sees a luminous body rising up from the plant. He initially thinks that it is a radiosonde balloon, but he is struck by the speed at which it climbs into the sky, vanishing vertically “in fractions of seconds.” Around 12:00 midnight, many residents of Villa El Libertador (a suburb adjacent to the Santa Isabel plant) report seeing a luminous globe rising rapidly from the southeastern area of C rdoba, where the Ika-Renault plant is located. (Oscar A. Gal ndez, [“Argentina: Los](#)

[fenómenos antropomorfos de Santa Isabel](#),” *Stendek*, no. 15 (December 1973): 15–30; Oscar A. Galíndez, “[Los fenómenos antropomorfos de Santa Isabel, Nota I](#),” *OVNI, un desafío a la ciencia*, no. 2 (July/Aug. 1974): 16–21; Oscar A. Galíndez, “[Los fenómenos antropomorfos de Santa Isabel, Nota II](#),” *OVNI, un desafío a la ciencia*, no. 3 (Sept./Oct. 1974): 21–27; Oscar A. Galíndez, “[Los fenómenos antropomorfos de Santa Isabel, Nota III](#),” *OVNI, un desafío a la ciencia*, no. 4 (Nov./Dec. 1974): 24–27; Oscar A. Galíndez, “[The Anthropomorphic Phenomena at Santa Isabel, Part 2](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 21, nos. 3–4 (November 1975): 16–21; Patrick Gross, “[URECAT: UFO Related Entities Catalog](#),” February 23, 2007; Oscar A. Galíndez, “[Argentina: The Anthropomorphic Phenomena of Santa Isabel](#),” *Inexplicata*, September 22, 2011)

- 1972**, October — Harry Belil begins publishing *Beyond Reality*, a newsstand magazine devoted to parapsychology and (sometimes) UFOs, in New York City. It continues through November 1980 and publishes several special UFO issues. ([Beyond Reality](#), no. 1 (October 1972))
- 1972**, October 1 — The CIA awards the Stanford Research Institute [now SRI International] in Menlo Park, California, a contract for \$49,909 for an eight-month research project on remote viewing. It is given the name Biofield Measurements Program. (Annie Jacobsen, *Phenomena*, Little, Brown, 2017, pp. 136–137)
- 1972**, October 2 — A letter from the Canadian Department of National Defence states that UFO reports received by the Canadian military are passed on to the National Research Council to determine whether a scientific investigation is warranted. It notes that “certain reports suggest that they exhibit a unique scientific or advance technology that could possibly contribute to scientific or technical research.” (Good Above, [pp. 193, 467](#))
- 1972**, October 8 — 12:00 midnight. Security guard John Byrne is patrolling Cairo Mill, an old factory at Waterhead, Lancashire, England, that has been converted to an electronics system testing facility for jet aircraft. Near the bicycle shed he hears a deep humming noise like a generator inside a closed room. The sound bores into his head. He looks up and sees a huge object parked at a height of 300 feet adjacent to the tower end of the mill. It resembles a glowing bell shape turned on end with the flat base vertical to the sheer wall of the tower. The object is giving off a blue, fluorescent glow that falls like a curtain of solid light. Byrne watches for several minutes until the object turns sharply on edge and moves straight up into the sky until it is only a blob of light. (Jenny Randles, “Beam Me Up,” *Fortean Times* 381 (July 2019): 30)
- 1972**, October 9 — 7:30 p.m. Ralph and Grace Clapp are driving along Middle Country Road near Selden, New York, when they see a bright white light. It is joined by a red and a green light. They continue driving, and around 7:55 p.m. at the top of a hill west of Coram, the white light hovers into view above the treetops to their left. Grace sees rectangular windows and no wings on a triangular object that is at least 100 feet across and moving slowly and continuously through the sky. (“[Sighting Advisory](#),” *UFO Investigator*, December 1972, p. 3; “[Flyover Reported from Long Island](#),” *UFO Investigator*, February 1973, pp. 2, 4; Ted Bloecher and Sylvia Meagher, “[The Seldon UFO](#),” *IUR* 32, no. 2 (December 2008): 11–14; Michael Schratt, *Dark Files*, The Author, 2022, pp. 34–35)
- 1972**, October 23 — 6:30 p.m. Capt. Daryle Brown and two copilots are flying a Wardair airliner at 22,000 feet some 180 miles northwest of Churchill, Manitoba, when they see a bright streak of light approaching from the west. As it comes closer, it appears to be a bullet-shaped object larger than a Boeing 727 and adorned with a cluster of multicolored pulsating lights. Brown notifies the 15 passengers aboard and turns out the interior lights so they can see the object better. Almost a dozen portholes are visible, while red and yellow lights are flashing on the top. At the rear of the object is a fog-like cloud and orange sparks. It takes up a position about 2,500 feet in front of the jet and on the same flight path. The object shines a beam of light at the airplane, bathing it in light that is bright enough to read to, and stops in mid-air directly in front of the jet. Before Brown can take evasive action, it moves off to the right. A dense fog engulfs the object as it disappears in the distance. (Jeff Holt, “[Rencontre avec un UFO dans le Grand Nord Canadien](#),” *UFO-Quebec*, no. 9 (1977): 13–14; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 167–169](#))
- 1972**, October 28 — 10:15 p.m. Cpl. Juan Fuente Figueroa and four other Uruguayan Navy seamen are stationed at the lighthouse on Isla de Lobos, off Punta del Este, Uruguay. Fuentes goes to inspect the electrical generators and discovers some odd lights, which prompts him to retrieve a handgun from his room. When he returns, he notices an object in the shape of an inverted bowl with several white, yellow, and violet lights on top of a 20-foot terrace. An entity is next to the object and two others (one much taller) are descending from the UFO. They all notice Fuentes and face him from about 89 feet away. He raises his gun to shoot but feels strangely paralyzed and confused. The beings reenter the UFO, which moves straight up emitting a humming noise. When it reaches a height of 150 feet, it tilts, belches a bright fireball, and silently disappears at tremendous speed to the southeast. (Willy Smith, “[Alien Encounter at Isla de Lobos, Uruguay, 10-28-1972](#),” *UFO Casebook*; Willy Smith, “UFOs in Latin America,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Times, 1987, pp. 106–109; Clark IV 686)

- 1972**, November 7 — Contactee [Gabriel Green](#) runs for US President as a candidate of the Universal Party, with [Daniel Fry](#) as his running mate, on the ballot in Iowa. The party offers solutions recommended by extraterrestrials for national and international problems. He gets less than 200 votes and subsequently retires from public life. (S. D. Tucker, *False Economies: The Strangest, Least Successful, and Most Audacious Financial Follies, Plans, and Crazes of All Times*, Amberly, 2018, chapter 3, excerpted in “Taxing Credulity,” *Fortean Times* 367 (June 2018): 52–55)
- 1972**, November 10 — 11:00 p.m. A 19-year-old is riding his Yamaha 250cc Twin motorcycle near Heathfield, East Sussex, England, when suddenly the headlights dim and go out and the engine fails, emitting an “electrical arcing” odor. He looks up and sees a white blob about 100 feet away hovering above some trees. It is about 60 feet high, 30–40 feet in diameter, and glowing white but fuzzy in appearance. After a few seconds it zooms away at about 100 mph in a straight line and is lost to sight. The motorcycle starts by itself. (Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 55)
- 1972**, November 11 — Shortly after 12:00 noon. A group of children in Mesa, Arizona, notice a strange object hovering in the sky while playing in a garden. A neighbor, Lee Elders, observes the object for an extended period and takes several photographs. The object remains visible for so long that some witnesses eventually leave to watch a football game on TV. The object is later identified as a tethered helium balloon sold by Edmund Scientific Company. (Wendelle C. Stevens, “[Domed Cone UFOs](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 26, no. 1 (July 1977): 1, 3–4; Wendelle Stevens, “[1972 Mesa UFO Sighting](#),” *OpenMinds*, May 3, 2011; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, “[UFO Photographs: Portraits of a Myth?](#)” p. 41; Curt Collins, “[The Two Arizona UFOs and Lester Bannick](#),” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, December 8, 2022)
- 1972**, November 12 — 8:00 p.m. Three soldiers (Petrus Nel, Fanie Rosseau, and Gerrie Buitendag) are guarding a petrol dump at Rosmead, East Cape, South Africa, when they see a red light moving in circles above the tennis court adjacent to the primary school. At nearby Middelburg police station, Sgt. John Goosen and Constable Koos Brazelle are looking towards Rosmead with binoculars and see an odd light above the town. School Principal Harold Truter sees the light moving vertically up from his home near the tennis court. The tennis court is found churned up with huge chunks of surface tar dug up, so he calls the Middelburg police about it. Goosen and Brazelle respond. There are 5 holes in the court, the largest 10 feet in diameter. Two spike holes are also found. The only entrances to the court are still locked up and there are no vehicle tracks inside or outside. A eucalyptus tree at the end of the court has suddenly begun to die and appears scorched. District Police Commandant Col. B. J. van Heerden unsuccessfully tries to duplicate the damage with shovels. (Charles Bowen, “[Landings and Humanoids Reported in Cape Province](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1973): 12–14; “[The Case of the Damaged Tennis Court](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 21, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1973): 6–8; Jenny Randles, *UFO Conspiracy*, Cassell, 1987, [pp. 100–101](#))
- 1972**, November 13 — Two witnesses watch an unknown aircraft maneuver along Sognefjord, Vestland, Norway. Thirty Norwegian Navy vessels, plus NATO forces, are already investigating a mystery submarine reported in the fjord. The same night, four other witnesses observe a “bright object” on the water. (Ole Jonny Brønne, “[Observations of Unidentified Submarine Objects in Norway](#),” *IUR* 20, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1995): 13)
- 1972**, November 17 — 8:50 p.m. Two RCMP officers see an object 12 feet in length heading northwest near McIvers on the Bay of Islands, Newfoundland. It disappears in the water with a loud splash. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 102)
- 1972**, November 20 — 1:00 p.m. An unidentified submerged object is seen near Kyrkjebø, on Sognefjord, Norway, as it heads away from Mårenlandet toward the fjord’s southern end. Around 1:15 p.m., it is seen by five police officers on Kvamsøy. Norwegian Navy frigates drop mines on the object. (Ole Jonny Brønne, “[Observations of Unidentified Submarine Objects in Norway](#),” *IUR* 20, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1995): 13)
- 1972**, November 20 — CIA chief [Richard Helms](#) comes to Camp David to an interview with [Nixon](#) about what he thinks is a “budgetary matter.” Nixon’s chief of staff, [H. R. Haldeman](#), also attends. Helms is informed by Nixon that his services in the new administration will not be required. On Helms’s dismissal [William Colby](#) later comments that “Dick Helms paid the price for that ‘No’ [to the White House over Watergate],” distancing the CIA from the scandal. Helms begins a CIA clean-up, closing down Operation Often and other sensitive programs. (Wikipedia, “[Richard Helms](#)”)
- 1972**, November 21 — Night. Four witnesses see four rockets shooting up from the water at Hermansverk, Vestland, Norway. They are silent and resemble small red balls of light. They are also seen the following day, and the Norwegian Navy fires an antisubmarine missile at the intruders. (Ole Jonny Brønne, “[Observations of Unidentified Submarine Objects in Norway](#),” *IUR* 20, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1995): 13)
- 1972**, November 28 — 2:00 p.m. A witness at Glenelg, Adelaide, South Australia, sees lengths of glistening material wrapped around a signpost and on looking up sees that more is falling from the sky. He collects a small sample of

the thickest section, but the strands dissolve in his fingers. (Keith Basterfield, "[Angel Hair: An Australian Perspective](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 7)

- 1972**, November 30 — 11:15 p.m. A motor mechanic named Maxwell is out testing his vehicle in Murray Bridge, South Australia, when the engine dies and lights go out as he is coming over a rise in the road. The lights come back on but vary in intensity several times. He decides to stop the car. To his left he sees a "diamond shape with the top cut off" noiselessly sitting on the ground 148 feet away in a paddock. His car radio starts making a noise like a "computer on TV," a constant rhythm. He tries the ignition key but nothing happens, not even the oil light comes on. He tries the wipers and the electric air horn but they do not work either. He locks all the doors and winds up the windows and just sits there for the next 45 minutes. After this time the object leaves, and he finds he can restart the car. An inspection of the vehicle the next day reveals no cause for the electrical problems. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 19–20)
- 1972**, December — Night. Romanian Air Force pilot and writer Lt. Col. [Doru Davidovici](#) is at an unnamed military base in Romania when he sees an oval UFO flying parallel to the ridge of a roof. It traverses 50°–60° of horizon in 45–50 seconds and disappears among some trees. It is egg-shaped, a white-violet color as if wrapped in a cloud of bright light, and leaves a long trail behind, but it changes to red-orange before disappearing. Radar at the base tracks the object flying north to south at 3,700 mph at a height of 43 miles. (Romania 103)
- 1972**, December 3 — 11:30 p.m. Four witnesses in Hinojos, Huelva, Spain, see a fiery, square-shaped object flying close to the ground, lighting up the terrain. The headlights in two cars die. The car with a gasoline-powered engine also stalls, but the car with the diesel engine keeps running. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 20)
- 1972**, December 13 — 7:04 p.m. Fritz Abbehusen is watching TV in Dias d'Ávila, Bahia, Brazil, when his set experiences some interference. He goes out on the porch and sees a huge, round luminous object descending to a hill approximately 3 miles from his home. After a while, he goes to get binoculars, and with these he can see that the luminous shape is hovering a several feet above the ground. Its lower part is glowing like a neon light, while the upper part has a row of orange-red portholes. His wife Margarida and servant join him to look at the display. Suddenly, three blinking lights emerge from the object. One of these lights slowly moves in the direction of his house. After 15 minutes, the moving light has arrived within 165 feet in back of the house. Three small beings emerge from it, wearing what appears to be a one-piece suit of whitish or light-gray color. The beings keep their elbows close to the body when walking, as if on tiptoe, raising their knees exaggeratedly at each step. They go away, but the big object remains on the hill until around midnight. At one time it emits a beam that sets the brush on fire. (Center for UFO Studies, [HUMCAT Index 1972](#), p. 58; Patrick Gross, "[Dias d'Ávila, Brazil, December 13, 1972](#)")
- 1972**, December 24 — 3:00 a.m. The Romanian ship *Moldoveanu* is in the Labrador Sea off Labrador, Canada, when the crew notices a shiny object headed at high speed straight toward their vessel and flying low over the waves. It stops above the ship, changing its shape and color. After an hour, it shoots into the sky and disappears. (Hobana and Weverbergh 279)
- 1972**, December 24 — 9:40 a.m. L. J. Reeves is stationed at the PIN-1 Distant Early Warning site at Clinton Point, Northwest Territories, on the Amundsen Gulf. He sees an object like a bright star that moves west to east, stops, then continues on and fades into the distance after 5 minutes. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p.73)
- 1972**, December 30 — A man driving on the A4155 from Henley to High Wycombe, England, rounds a bend and sees an object resembling a vertical cone. What seem to be fluorescent strip lights run down the side, and it emits an intense, high-pitched whistle. The next thing he knows, he is driving through Marlowe in total silence with no memory of how he got there. Some 90 minutes have vanished from his memory. (Jenny Randles, "The Twelve UFOs of Christmas," *Fortean Times* 374 (Christmas 2018): 29)
- 1972**, December 30 — 10:20 p.m. Ventura Maceiras, 73, is sitting by a fire next to the wooden shack where he lives in Tres Arroyos, Buenos Aires province, Argentina. He hears a loud noise like angry bees coming from directly overhead and he sees a red-orange object, 65–82 feet in diameter, flooding the area with a powerful light. In the top is a spherical cabin with two windows and inside is a being, visible from the waist upward, wearing gray clothing made of cylinders joined together. The object tilts down toward him and he notices a second occupant looking over the shoulder of the first one. In another window is an emblem or banner with a crowned seahorse and several symbols. A flash of light temporarily blinds Maceiras, engulfing one of his cats (which disappears for 48 days), and the object starts turning blue-green, moves forward, and descends so it is only about 15 feet above the ground. Then it speeds away to the northeast, leaving a strong smell of sulfur. The observation is only 20 seconds. Most of the tops of nearby trees are scorched or burnt. Three or four hours later, Maceiras has a severe

headache that persists for 2 weeks. He also develops diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting, which lasts for 4 days, as well as other odd medical symptoms. By February 10, Maceiras claims that four new teeth are appearing in his gums. He also develops some psychic abilities and claims another visitation by the occupants. (Pedro Romaniuk, "[Rejuvenation Follows Close Encounter with UFO](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1973): 10–14; Pedro Romaniuk, "[The Extraordinary Case of Rejuvenation](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 14–15)

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- 1973** — NORAD now has infrared sensor satellites covering 100% of the earth's surface from geostationary orbits on a 24-hour basis. (Clark III 807; Clark IV 899)
- 1973** — Most Project MKUltra records are deliberately destroyed by order of CIA Director [Richard Helms](#). A cache of some 20,000 documents survives Helms's purge, as they are incorrectly stored in a financial-records building and discovered following a FOIA request in 1977. These documents are fully investigated during the Senate Hearings of 1977. HTLINGUAL and the NSA's Minaret programs are shut down to avoid exposure during the Weathermen trial. (Wikipedia, "[MKUltra](#)")
- 1973** — Dr. [Joseph C. Sharp](#) of Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, while in a soundproof room, allegedly hears spoken words broadcast by "pulsed microwave audiogram." Broadcast in a range between 300 MHz to 3GHz, Sharp is able to identify words that are broadcast without any form of electronic translation device—by direct transmission to the brain. (Jim Keith, [Mind Control, World Control: The Encyclopedia of Mind Control](#), 2014, p. 220)
- 1973** — The Midwest UFO Network changes its name to the Mutual UFO Network and focuses on building a national grassroots UFO investigation network.
- 1973** — David Duquesnoy founds the Association des Amis de Marc Thirouin in Valence, France, named in honor of the founder of the first UFO organization, Commission Internationale d'Enquêtes sur les Soucoupes Volantes, in France in 1951. It begins publishing *UFO Informations*, edited by Michel Dorier, in March 1974 and continues it through 1983. ([UFO Informations](#), no. 1 (March 1974))
- 1973** — Suomen Ufotutkijat ry, the Finnish UFO Research Association, is founded in Tampere, Finland. Over the years it has published a *Quarterly Report*, an *Annual Report*, and a member newsletter *Ufotutkija* beginning in 1997 (now called *Yhteydeksi*). (Wikipedia, "[Suomen Ufotutkijat](#)"; [The UFO Research of Finland Annual Report](#), 1981)
- 1973, Early January** — 3:30 a.m. A family on holiday is driving along the Princes Highway near Sussex Inlet, New South Wales. The mother draws the attention of the others to a light ahead of them, which seems to move to the left then approach their car. It then reverses direction and takes up a parallel position in the direction they are driving for the next 15 miles. It seems very large and flying close to the ground. It now seems to be disc shaped with two red searchlights beneath it and a row of portholes. One of the witnesses, an army officer, sees some figures through the portholes. At a point near the turnoff to HMAS Albatross naval base at Nowra, the object suddenly vanishes, instantly relocating to a high altitude. It then moves in a large arc around Nowra and then heads out to sea, where it is lost to sight. Later that morning, one of the group investigates a disturbance at their campsite at Shoalhaven Heads. She joins a large number of holidaying campers at the ocean edge. The disturbance is apparently due to a number of helicopters passing low over the campsite, heading out to sea. She observes the helicopters above a fiery mass in the water. She thinks that this object is UFO-related and that the helicopters are involved in an attempted retrieval. They report the sighting to HMAS Albatross and are told that the base radar had been affected by the UFIO during the incident. (Bill Chalker, "[The Great USO Show of Oz](#)," TheOzFiles, August 26, 2022; Bill Chalker, "[The Rising USO Tide](#)," TheOzFiles, October 25, 2024)
- 1973, January 1?** — After 12:00 midnight. A married couple is driving in Osorno, Chile, when their car stalls just as a disc-shaped object with flashing red and green lights flies overhead. The engine comes to life again after the object disappears. ("[Shape-Changing UFO Stops Car](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 3 (May/June 1973): 29)
- 1973, January 3** — NASA announces that Project NERVA has been terminated, even though the project to build a nuclear rocket has been proceeding well. [Annie Jacobsen](#) claims that some failed nuclear tests that have never been declassified could have been responsible. (Wikipedia, "[NERVA](#)"; Jacobsen, *Area 51*, pp. 311–313)
- 1973, January 11** — 9:00 a.m. Building surveyor Peter Day is driving near Cuddington, Bucks, England, when he sees an orange light in the north, moving eastwards. He finds a convenient place to stop, wind down the window, and point his movie camera at the object. He captures 20 seconds of the orange blob on color film as it pulsates and passes behind distant trees before disappearing suddenly (in a single frame). A schoolyard full of children in

nearby Chilton also see the silent, orange object, and one of the teachers, driving to school near Ickford, also sees the object “like a giant beachball in the sky.” Kodak laboratories in Hemel Hempstead examine the film and they declare it has not been tampered with. Kodak then brings together some atmospheric scientists to determine whether the object is ball lightning; they conclude it is not, but they do not know what it is. (Jenny Randles, *UFO Conspiracy*, Cassell, 1987, pp. 160–161; Jenny Randles, [Fire in the Sky: Case History Number 2, The Buckinghamshire UFO Movie Film](#), BUFORA, 1989)

- 1973**, January 19 — 11:25 p.m. A young man is traveling south on State Highway 18 about 13 miles south of Gaffney, South Carolina, when he sees some flashing colored lights in the road ahead. Moving closer, he sees the lights are on a domed disc sitting in the middle of the road and surrounded by a dozen men, each wearing white coveralls with buttons, buckles, and belts. Each has jet black hair and white gloves. The figures seem to waver, as if through a haze of heat. The object is about 15 feet wide, supported by three legs or struts, and glowing a dark yellow. A ladder extends from a door at the bottom, which is curved like a plate. The flashing multicolored lights are arranged in a band at the base of the dome. The youth turns left on a secondary road and drives away. (“[Youth Claims ‘Saucer’ Landed on Highway 18](#),” *Gaffney (S.C.) Ledger*, January 26, 1973, pp. 1–2)
- 1973**, January 28 — 6:35 p.m. Seven schoolchildren watch a domed, semicircular object as it hovers above a pond near Knights Grange farm in Winsford, Cheshire, England. (“[Schoolgirls Spot Mystery in Sky](#),” *Manchester (UK) Evening News*, February 8, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 48 (April 1973): 13)
- 1973**, January 30 — After 9:00 p.m. APRO Field Investigator Bill Rogers is driving in Lexington, Alabama, with two companions to look into UFO sightings in the area. Along State Highway 101, he sees a yellow-orange-to-white light moving slowly at treetop level a mile to his right. They get out of the car and study the light with binoculars. After one minute, the light moves up about 40 feet and they see it has an ellipsoidal shape. It then descends as if to land, and the three return to the car and head toward the UFO, which moves behind a hill. One second later it becomes visible again, and Rogers’s Geiger counter gives a reading of 400 volts and 250 milliroentgens. When it goes back behind the hill, the Geiger counter reading goes back to normal. This sequence repeats several times with the same readings. The fifth time the object descends, the glow goes out. (“[Flap in Alabama](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, January/February 1973, pp. 11–12)
- 1973**, February 2 — [Richard Helms](#) is abruptly dismissed and [James R. Schlesinger](#) is named director of central intelligence.
- 1973**, February 2 — 3:02 p.m. Captain Peter Telling is flying a Grand Commander aircraft at 10,000 feet near the radio beacon near Ōhura, North Island, New Zealand, when he thinks he has a fire in the starboard engine. He is assessing the situation when a sphere of intense bluish-white light more than 20 feet in diameter appears about 90 feet away, its brilliant light illuminating the cockpit. The brightness of the light is “much like a welding arc.” The object paces his plane for 20–25 seconds, then accelerates and speeds away. While the UFO is near the aircraft, its automatic direction finder and both the gyroscopic and magnetic compasses spin wildly at a speed of about 12 rpm. All directional equipment remains nonfunctional until the plane passes near Whanganui. (NICAP, “[Sphere Illuminates Cabin, Instruments Malfunction](#)”; UFOEv II 131–132; Richard F. Haines and Dominique F. Weinstein, [A Preliminary Study of Fifty Seven Pilot Sighting Reports Involving Alleged Electro-Magnetic Effects on Aircraft Systems](#), NARCAP Technical Report no. 3, April 5, 2001, p. 25)
- 1973**, February 3 — 12:00 midnight. Samuel Faria is reading a magazine at his home in Vila Velha, Espírito Santo, Brazil, when he hears a strange chirping sound coming from the garden. He wakes his aunt, Mrs. De Souza, the only other person in the house. Together, they look through the window into the garden and see a yellowish light close to the house, along with several points of light about 20 feet above the ground. They also hear the sound of voices. A knock at the door follows, and fearing it might be a thief, Faria steps into the garden while his aunt switches on the kitchen light. Once outside, he sees a luminous, orange-colored ring hovering about 65 feet above his uncle’s radio ham mast, lighting up the garden as if it is midday. The ring, approximately 6.5 feet in diameter, emits intense heat, like a furnace. Panicked, Faria runs back inside. Through a window, he sees what looks like smoke drifting toward the Penha Convent, about 500 feet away. Mrs. De Souza calls a neighbor for help. The neighbor rushes over and they inspect the garden but find the object has disappeared. However, they discover that the radio antenna is severed cleanly, as if cut with scissors. On March 11, Faria reports a second encounter involving an attempted abduction. In May 1974, he has a third encounter involving a humanoid. (“[UFO tenta raptar estudante](#),” *Boletim SBEDV*, no. 112/115 (1977): 4–6, 21–22; Walter Buhler, “[Attempted Abduction at Vila Velha, Brazil?](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 5 (February 1978): 14–16)
- 1973**, February 8 — 4:45 p.m. Richard Coimbra and Kurt Huettner, both 15, are taking Polaroid photographs for a class project in Conejo, California, when they notice a rotating disc-shaped object that remains visible for 30 seconds until it disappears behind trees and clouds. They estimate it is about 88 feet up and one-half to three-quarters of a

mile away. They obtain one exposure, which shows a tree line in the foreground. The image measures almost exactly two millimeters in width. It shows an apparent domed disc with a bright spot of light on the underside, with a ratio of 4:1 of length to width. Analysis suggests that the object is no less than 1,000 feet from the camera, at which distance its diameter would be 18 feet; however, a distance of 2,000 feet is considered more likely, and the diameter would then be 36 feet. ("[They Did Indeed See Something](#)," *Thousand Oaks (Calif.) News-Chronicle*, March 20, 1973, p. 5; "[Conejo Photo Similar to Others](#)," *Skylook*, no. 78 (May 1974): 1, 6–7; UFOEv II 291–292)

- 1973**, February 9 — 3:00 a.m. Jim Sutcliffe is driving along the A414 road between Hemel Hempstead and St. Albans, England, when he sees a large, glowing ball hovering 20–30 feet above a field about 300 feet to one side of the road. Other cars have stopped to watch the object. Suddenly it shoots straight up and vanishes. Another witness's car engine cuts out as he approaches the area but starts again after the object departs. ("[Thing in the Night Mystifies Drivers](#)," *Watford (UK) Evening Echo*, February 12, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 48 (April 1973): 15; "[Landing in Hertfordshire?](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 2 (March/April 1973): 32)
- 1973**, February 13 — Night. A UFO flies above the car of a couple driving through Draytonville, South Carolina, at about twice the height of a utility pole. The object is so close that the man exclaims, "Well, this is it! They're going to pick us up!" As it passes over, the car radio goes dead. ("[What Are They Seeing Up There in the Sky?](#)" *Gaffney (S.C.) Ledger*, February 23, 1973, pp. 1–2)
- 1973**, February 14 — 2:30 a.m. Captain Jim Wheeler and copilot Jerry Maria are flying an unscheduled DC-8 charter cargo flight about 40 miles east of McAlester, Oklahoma, when Maria notices what he first thinks is another aircraft just below the leading edge of the right wing about 5,000 feet away. The object is on the same course and speed, keeping a constant position. Only its steady amber light seems unconventional. Suddenly the object rises straight up like an elevator, makes a sharp turn, and approaches the plane, taking up a position about 900 feet away and slightly above them. It is disc-shaped with a transparent dome on top, its silvery, highly polished surface reflecting the moonlight. Besides some stubby protrusions, no other features are visible. Wheeler switches on the weather radar, and it confirms that something real and solid is there. When the radar beam hits its surface, the object reacts immediately, ascending straight up, then moving sideways over the DC-8 and briefly out of sight. The object reappears quickly, descending straight down and taking up a new position just below the leading edge of the left wing. It then drops below and behind the plane, abruptly reappearing only about 300 feet below them. Looking down into the dimly lit dome, the pilots see two or three shadowy entities moving around. The object then darts out in front and performs various oscillatory motions and another sharp turn before speeding out of sight. It disappears off the radar scope at a distance of 50 miles. (Raymond E. Fowler, *Casebook of a UFO Investigator*, 1981, [pp. 183–185](#); UFOEv II 132)
- 1973**, February 19 — President [Richard Nixon](#) meets on the 18th green of the Inverness (Florida) Golf and Country Club with entertainer [Jackie Gleason](#). Gleason has long been a fan of UFOs. He later becomes a subscriber to the newsletter *Just Cause* (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy). Gleason has a collection of 1,700 books on parapsychology, UFOs, and the unknown. Gleason's second wife, [Beverly McKittrick](#), says that Nixon took Gleason to a heavily secured area at Homestead AFB [now Homestead Air Reserve Base] in Miami-Dade County where he views the remains of small aliens in a top secret repository. McKittrick relates this story in an unpublished manuscript of Gleason called "The Great One." [Larry Bryant](#), editor of *Just Cause*, the newsletter Gleason had a subscription to, files a Freedom of Information Act request with Homestead AFB. Bryant requests documentation on the repository and Gleason's visit there to see the alien bodies. Homestead replies that "no such records existed." Bryant also sends an advertisement to the Homestead AFB newspaper soliciting information. The public affairs officer at Homestead denounces the Bryant advertisement and "forbade its publication." At the same time Bryant writes Gleason providing him with a draft affidavit. He asks Gleason to execute the affidavit so it can be used as part of a growing accumulation of evidence Bryant is collecting in preparation for taking the government to court to release all information on alien crash retrievals. Gleason does not reply. Shortly before his death in 1987, one story says Gleason confirms the story about seeing the bodies at Homestead. The person who Jackie Gleason tells the story to is [Larry Warren](#), who is a member of the Air Force Security Police at RAF Bentwaters [now closed] near Woodbridge, Suffolk, one of two bases in England where in late December 1980, three days of bizarre UFO incidents take place. Warren says that Gleason and Nixon enter a room with 6–8 glass-topped freezers. Inside "were the mangled remains of what I took to be children." On closer inspection, he sees that some of the figures look old and injured. Gleason cannot sleep or eat for three weeks after the visit. The director of the Secret Service under President [Clinton](#), [Lewis C. Merletti](#), claims that the idea of a president escaping his secret service agents only happens in the movies. In response to a question by reporter Joan London about the possibility of the president escaping his protection to go out and secretly do something, Merletti claims, "all Hollywood. There's no sneaking out. It has never happened." [Marty Venker](#), a Secret Service agent who worked with Merletti under Presidents [Ford](#) and [Carter](#), however, tells a different story. In his book *Confessions*

of an Ex-Secret Service Agent he explains that not only can the president disappear, but it has happened. Venker states that in the exact year of the Homestead incident with Gleason, 1973, Nixon tries to cut his secret service protection. Venker also states that it was not uncommon for Nixon to try to elude his Secret Service detail. The agents working on the Nixon presidential detail were warned about it. Nixon is familiar with Homestead AFB, which is only minutes from his Biscayne Bay compound. There is no proof that Nixon escorted Jackie Gleason to view alien bodies at Homestead, but everything checked out indicates it could very well have happened. It would have been very easy in terms of distance for the Gleason/Nixon alien event to have occurred. However, it is perhaps more likely that Gleason had been sneaking out on McKittrick for a liaison. (presidentialufo.com, "[President Nixon, 37th President, January 20, 1969–August 9, 1974](#)"; Beverly Gleason, "Jackie Gleason Saw Bodies of Space Aliens at Air Force Base," *National Enquirer*, August 16, 1983; Brian J. Robb, "[The Entertainer, the President, and the Aliens](#)," *Fortean Times* 366 (May 2018): 30–36; Curt Collins, "[The Legend of the President and the Alien Bodies](#)," *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, April 27, 2023; "[Dead Alien Bodies and UFO Debris Allegedly Were Shown to Jackie Gleason at Homestead AFB in 1973](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, March 2, 2025)

1973, February 20 — Night. A man is driving along Green River Road west of Gaffney, South Carolina, when he sees a bluish-gray light hovering near the road. It suddenly grows brighter, crosses the road, and disappears behind some trees. He hears a sizzling sound, like an acetylene torch, as it rises. ("[What Are They Seeing Up There in the Sky?](#)" *Gaffney (S.C.) Ledger*, February 23, 1973, pp. 1–2)

1973, February 21 — Night. Clearwater High School basketball coach Reggie Bone and five players on his team are driving back to Clearwater after a game. On US Highway 60 near Ellsinore, Missouri, Bone notices a "bright shaft of light beaming down out of the sky." A few miles later, near Brushy Creek, student Randal Holmes notices another light, and Bone pulls over for a closer look. They see lights about 600 feet away from the road hovering over an open field at about 400 feet altitude. The lights seem to be portholes, each a different color: red, green, amber, and white. According to student Cary Barks, they watch it for 10 minutes before the lights rise up noiselessly and disappear over a hill. Around 10:00 p.m., Edith Boatwright of nearby Mill Spring sees a similar object flying low near her farmhouse. ("[Mysterious Lights Keep Piedmont in the Dark](#)," *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, March 23, 1973, p. 1; Ed Wilks, "[Whole Flock of 'em Flew Over Again](#)," *St. Louis (Mo.) Post-Dispatch*, April 1, 1973, pp. 1F, 10–11F; "[The Piedmont, Missouri Mess](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 21, no. 5 (March/April 1973): 1, 3–4; Walt Andrus, "[My Personal Evaluation of the Piedmont UFO Sightings](#)," *Skylook*, no. 66 (May 1973): 3–4, 6; MUFON, "[Piedmont Missouri Case, 1973](#)"; Hayden C. Hewes, *Earthprobe*, The Author, July 1973, pp. 6–7; "[The Missouri UFO Flap](#)," *Caveat Emptor* 3, no. 1 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 30–32; Jerome Clark, "The Brushy Creek UFO Scare," *Fate* 27, no. 5 (May 1974): 96–106; Harley D. Rutledge, *Project Identification: The First Scientific Field Study of UFO Phenomena*, Prentice-Hall, 1981, pp. 6–7; Marler [15–16](#))

1973, March — NASA engineer Josef F. Blumrich writes *The Spaceships of Ezekiel*, asserting that the biblical prophet [Ezekiel](#)'s metaphorical vision of angelic creatures accompanied by wheels drawing God's chariot is actually an account of an extraterrestrial spacecraft. (Wikipedia, "[The Spaceships of Ezekiel](#)"; Josef F. Blumrich, *The Spaceships of Ezekiel*, Bantam, 1974)

1973, March 2 — [Schlesinger](#) appoints [William Colby](#) head of the CIA's clandestine branch.

1973, March 19–20 — Geologists Elwood Wright and Pat Kenney make nighttime observations of the phantom lights from March 14 to 20 on Mitchell Flats near Marfa, Texas, and again on June 15–16. They keep a log of their observations, noting distances, landmarks, and times that the lights are seen. Although some observations are attributable to ranch lights and car headlights, on other occasions the lights maneuver oddly, swinging in arcs, flying in loops, and reacting to the movements of the geologists' car. In these instances, the lights seem to be displaying intelligence. (Elwood Wright and Pat Kenney, *The Marfa Lights: The Enigma Lights of Marfa, an Unexplained Phenomenon*, The Authors, 1973; Michael A. Frizzell and George F. Walls, "[Stalking the Mysterious Lights](#)," *Pursuit* 20, no. 4 (Winter 1987): 146, 148–152)

1973, March 20 — 7:15 p.m. Lucie Vandervoort is looking out a window of her house in Tarcienne, Belgium, when she sees a bright light approaching. It passes over the roof of a nearby house, then banks, makes a 90° turn, and begins to blink as it disappears to the east. Similar objects appear every 10 minutes, continuing until 9:15 p.m. The objects' slow speed allows her to take photos. At one point she looks through her late husband's World War I trench periscope and sees a humanoid figure dressed in shiny, tight-fitting clothes and standing in the front of one of the objects. Only one photo turns out and shows a squarish light against a dark sky. Analysis suggests that the objects were probably aircraft taking off from the military base at Florennes a few miles away, the humanoid figure was imaginary, and the photo was a blurry streetlight. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Wim van Utrecht, *Belgium in UFO Photographs, Volume 1 (1950–1988)*, FOTOCAT Report no. 7, 2017, pp.172–183)

- 1973**, March 21 — 9:00 p.m. Jean Coleman and Cathy Leach are driving across the dam at Clearwater Lake, Missouri, when an object with a reddish glow surfaces from the lake. It is disc-shaped and rises silently, soaring over a mountaintop. ("[Mysterious Lights Keep Piedmont in the Dark](#)," *St. Louis (Mo.) Post-Dispatch*, March 23, 1973, pp. 1, 12; Ed Wilks, "[Whole Flock of 'em Flew Over Again](#)," *St. Louis (Mo.) Post-Dispatch*, April 1, 1973, pp. 1F, 10–11F; Hayden C. Hewes, "[International Dateline](#)," *Canadian UFO Report* 2, no. 7 (1973): 19–20; Jerome Clark, "The Brushy Creek UFO Scare," *Fate* 27, no. 5 (May 1974): 96, 101–102)
- 1973**, Late March — 1:30 a.m. University of New England student Graham E. stops to relieve himself along the Bundarra Road near a university ionosphere research receiver in the vicinity of Mount Butler, New South Wales, when he sees 5–6 lights moving slowly in an arc for about 5 minutes. Suddenly, they break formation out of the arc, form a straight line, and speed away to the south. (Clark IV 915)
- 1973**, March 24 — Around 1:15 a.m. Five flat yellow lights are seen traveling in a loose V or arc formation from south to north above Rozelle, Sydney, New South Wales. (Clark IV 915)
- 1973**, March 24 — 7:30 a.m. Arthur de Weerd is watching a distant airliner in Borgerhout, Belgium, when he notices another sunlit object pacing the aircraft at a higher altitude. Suddenly the object stops and remains motionless for about one minute, then moves at a greater speed, making an angle of 70° before coming to another wobbling halt for about 8 minutes. De Weerd manages to take a color photograph of the object, which shows a whitish spot. Ballester Olmos and van Utrecht suspect the witness saw a weather balloon and that the photo is the result of a development flaw. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Wim van Utrecht, [Belgium in UFO Photographs, Volume 1 \(1950–1988\)](#), FOTOCAT Report no. 7, 2017, pp. 183–196)
- 1973**, March 27 — 12:15 a.m. A man is driving south on Interstate 95 after finishing work at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, when he notices a round, orange-red glowing object flying parallel to his car, about 200–300 feet in the air. Maintaining a speed of 55 mph, he sees the object keeping pace with him. Suspecting it might be a reflection in his windshield, he stops his car and steps out. The object halts ahead of him, pulsing silently. Hearing no sound, he gets back into his car and resumes driving. The object continues alongside him for another 15 miles before suddenly veering off and flying west near the State Highway 138 Kingston interchange. ("[Flap over Rhode Island](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 21, no. 6 (May/June 1973): 9; Richard F. Haines, *CE-5: Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind*, Sourcebooks, 1998, p. 301)
- 1973**, March 27 — 10:20 p.m. Over Highway 21 in Waltham, Massachusetts, a mushroom or jellyfish-shaped object glows white as it hovers and dims, leaving behind blinking white lights. It then streaks away and disappears within seconds. (Raymond Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Bantam, 1979, [p. 357](#))
- 1973**, March 28 — 7:00 p.m. Two witnesses see an object with a rough triangular shape hovering at about 200 feet above trees on Stony Lane in Exeter, Rhode Island. It glows with brilliant white lights and has smaller green and red lights at the points of the triangle. The object makes a slight buzzing sound as it moves away. ("[Flap over Rhode Island](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 21, no. 6 (May/June 1973): 9)
- 1973**, April — Scottish author [Duncan Lunan](#) claims he has identified and deciphered a hidden radio message sent as long delayed echoes by an alien space probe that had been detected in 1927. Published along with an accompanying editorial disclaimer, Lunan maintains that the putative message comes from an object at the L5 point in the same orbit as the Moon, sent by the inhabitants of a planet orbiting Epsilon Boötis. He says the message reads, "Start here. Our home is Epsilon Boötis, which is a double star. We live on the sixth planet of seven, coming from the sun, which is the larger of the two. Our sixth planet has one moon. Our fourth planet has three. Our first and third planets each have one. Our probe is in the position of Arcturus, known in our maps." ("Spaceprobe from Epsilon Boötis," *Spaceflight* 15, no. 4 (April 1973); Duncan Lunan, [Man and the Stars: Contact and Communication with Other Intelligence](#), Souvenir, 1974)
- 1973**, April — Southeast Missouri State University physics professor [Harley Rutledge](#) hears of numerous reports of unidentified lights in the sky around Piedmont, Missouri, and decides to subject these reports to scientific analysis. He puts together a large team of observers (the main participants are electronics engineer James Sage, astronomer [Milton Ueleke](#), and several students) with college training in the physical sciences, including a large array of equipment at 158 different viewing stations: binoculars, RF spectrum analyzers, Questar telescopes, low-high frequency audio detectors, an electromagnetic frequency analyzer, cameras, sound recorders, Geiger counters, and a galvanometer to measure variations in the Earth's gravitational field. The resulting Project Identification commences in April, logging several hundred hours of observation time and 157 documented sightings over the next seven years. This is the first UFO scientific field study, able to monitor the phenomena in real-time, enabling Rutledge to calculate the objects' actual velocity, course, position, distance, and size. Observation of the unclouded night sky often reveals "pseudostars"—stationary lights camouflaged by familiar constellations. Some objects appear to mimic the appearance of known aircraft; others violate the laws of physics.

The most startling discovery is that on at least 32 recorded occasions, the movement of the lights synchronize with actions of the observers. They appear to respond to a light being switched on and off, and to verbal or radio messages. Rutledge publishes a final report, *Project Identification*, on his field research in 1981. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, p. 249; Harley D. Rutledge, *Project Identification: The First Scientific Field Study of UFO Phenomena*, Prentice-Hall, 1981; Mark Rodeghier, “[Book Review: Project Identification](#),” *IUR* 7, no. 1 (January 1982): 14–16; Greg Little, “[Why Do Ufologists Largely Ignore the Most Scientific Field Study of UFOs Ever Conducted?](#)” *Alternate Perceptions*, no. 146 (March 2010); Powell, *Scientist*, 59–61)

- 1973, April 9 — Physicist [Peter A. Sturrock](#) mails questionnaires to all 1,175 members of the San Francisco, California, Chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics asking their opinions on the UFO phenomenon. He receives 423 responses from scientists who have seen things they thought could be UFOs. (Peter A. Sturrock, “[UFO Reports from AIAA Members](#),” *Astronautics and Aeronautics* 12 (May 1974): 60–64)
- 1973, April 10 — 9:00 p.m. [Anne Marie DeBlasi](#) is driving west on US Highway 1 near South Kingstown, Rhode Island, when she notices an orange-red object moving slowly from the north. About one mile further down the road, it passes directly above her car, and the lights and ignition begin to falter. It then flies off to the west low over the trees. It now seems to be a full 42 feet wide, yellowish-orange with a green vapor or haze around it. (“[Flap over Rhode Island](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 21, no. 6 (May/June 1973): 9)
- 1973, April 22 — 10:00 p.m. Antonio Pérez Cumbre, 19, is driving on the A-432 road north of Cazalla de la Sierra, Seville, Spain, when he sees a row of four round yellow lights on the other side of a ravine about 980 feet ahead. The two lights on the left are about 3 feet in diameter, about twice the size of the two on the right. He stops and flashes his headlights, and suddenly one of the larger lights generates a bright-violet stripe of light. Pérez turns his car around to flee, but the lights silently pass him on the left. At this point the motor of his SEAT 600 fails. The motor starts again when the lights are completely gone. Later, he sees the lights again hovering 33 feet above the road, and he drives right under them. Still later, he encounters the lights only 3 feet above the road. As he approaches, his headlights seem to be absorbed and do not stretch any further than the object. Pérez accelerates and tries to ram the lights, but when he gets about 80 feet away from them, the object moves rapidly away across the valley to the east-northeast. A couple of days later, two yellow burn marks 30 feet apart are found on the ground where the lights were first seen. (*Phénomènes Spatiaux* 37 (September 1973): 22–27; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, *A Catalogue of 200 Type-I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal*, CUFOS, 1976, pp. 40–41)
- 1973, April 27 — [Ingo Swann](#), in a remote-viewing experiment at Stanford Research Institute, concentrates on the [Pioneer 10](#) space probe on its way to Jupiter. Monitored by [Harold Puthoff](#) and [Russell Targ](#), Swann yields 13 specific factors about Jupiter, none of which are scientifically anticipated—including the existence of a planetary ring. (Wikipedia, “[Ingo Swann](#)”; Ingo Swann, *Penetration: The Question of Extraterrestrial and Human Telepathy*, Ingo Swann Books, 1998, pp. 18–23)
- 1973, April 30 — Night. Four teenagers—Alan Wilcox, Ian Hudson, Patricia Flanagan, and Sue Yabsley—are driving south along the South West Rocks Road between Kinchela and Gladstone, New South Wales, Australia, when they notice an egg-shaped yellow and green object descending swiftly from the sky and disappearing behind some trees. After driving another 600 feet, Yabsley sees a distant glow in a paddock about one mile to the east. Wilcox turns the car around and returns to get a better look, but the headlights black out momentarily. They can see the object, about 3 feet above the ground; it now looks helmet-shaped and is changing colors. They watch it for 5 minutes, then go back to the road and drive home. (Eileen Buckle, “[Is Kempsey a UFO ‘Window’?](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 6 (April 1976): 4)
- 1973, May — A series of meetings takes place between USAF representatives (Col. [William T. Coleman](#) and Col. [George Weinbrenner](#)) and two well-connected Hollywood figures: documentarist [Robert Emenegger](#) and producer [Allan Sandler](#). The colonels encourage the pair to make a documentary on the UFO phenomenon and the question of extraterrestrial life. Not only will they have the military’s full cooperation, they will also have access to their files, including those of the Department of Defense. Upon arriving at Norton Air Force Base [now San Bernardino, California, International Airport] the two men are immediately taken to a “clean room used by the CIA,” designed so that “there was no way anyone could eavesdrop” on events taking place inside. Here the proposal takes place, including the promise of using 3,200 feet of a May 1971 UFO landing footage at Holloman AFB, New Mexico, that shows several of the “alien visitors” and their meeting with the representatives from the US government. Paul Shartle, chief of requirements for the Norton AFB audiovisual program, promises to get the Holloman footage. Emenegger is told that the military is monitoring signals from an alien group that their extraterrestrial visitors know nothing about. At the last minute, permission to use the film is withdrawn, though Emenegger and Sandler are encouraged to describe the Holloman landing as something that might happen in the future or could have happened. Emenegger goes to Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio to talk to Weinbrenner, who while haranguing about

the need to find out about Soviet Mig-25s, hands Emenegger a signed copy of [Hynek's](#) *The UFO Experience*. (presidentialufo.com, "[Disclosure Pattern 1972–75](#)"; Linda Moulton Howe, *An Alien Harvest: Further Evidence Linking Animal Mutilations and Human Abductions to Alien Life Forms*, Howe Productions, 2d ed., 2014, [pp. 137–139](#); Clark III 357; Clark IV 401)

- 1973, May** — Night. Judy Doraty and her family encounters a UFO along a road near Houston, Texas. She undergoes a period of missing time, and later she is plagued with anxieties, fears, and headaches. In 1978, she undergoes hypnosis and comes to believe she has hidden memories of the encounter. In sessions with [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), she remembers seeing, while in an out-of-body state, two gray-skinned aliens cutting up a squirming calf inside the UFO. (Linda Moulton Howe, *An Alien Harvest: Further Evidence Linking Animal Mutilations and Human Abductions to Alien Life Forms*, Howe Productions, 2d ed., 2014, [pp. 50–61](#); Clark III 136; Clark IV 163)
- 1973, May 9** — [James R. Schlesinger](#) orders all CIA officials to report on any activities that “might be construed to be outside the legislative charter of this Agency.” The CIA Office of the Inspector General compiles these into a 693-page report on “potential flap activities,” including surveillance of journalists, Operation Chaos, MKUltra, and mail interception. These come to be known as the Family Jewels. (Wikipedia, "[Family Jewels \(Central Intelligence Agency\)](#)")
- 1973, May 18** — Two men at Miliscola Beach, Bacoli, Naples, Italy, see a bright disc with a dome 165 feet away over the sea. It hovers at a height of 10 feet and then moves closer. Their car engine and lights fail. The dome is bright like a white neon light, and a red light is rotating around it. After 3–4 minutes, the object lifts off and the car can be restarted. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 20)
- 1973, May 18–19** — A blue, cylindrical-shaped UFO makes two low passes over Springfield, Missouri, around 9:00 p.m. 19-year-old Susan Lederer sees the object traveling east to west with lights on all sides; it disappears after a minute. Later, at 12:10 a.m., Steve Potter spots the fast-moving object overhead while driving near Battlefield and Fremont, heading northwest. ("[Low-Flying UFO Sighted by Two](#)," *Springfield (Mo.) Sunday News and Leader*, May 20, 1973, p. A30)
- 1973, May 19** — Strange, nylon-like patterns are seen in the sky above Gawler, South Australia. After falling, they vaporize when touched. (Keith Basterfield, "[Angel Hair: An Australian Perspective](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 7)
- 1973, May 22** — 3:00 a.m. Onilson Pátero, an organizer of public libraries for the State of São Paulo, Brazil, is just outside Catanduva, after giving a ride to a stranger. First his car radio gets static and the engine begins to fail. Suddenly he notices a blue circle of light about 8 inches in diameter moving around inside his car. It passes in front of the dashboard and he sees it is transparent. Then a beam of blue light shines on him from the top of the hill he is driving up. He pulls over to avoid a collision, but the light keeps coming toward him. Overcome by a sensation of heat and stuffiness, he steps out of the car and hears a buzzing noise. The UFO is a gray structure about 25 feet thick and 36 feet wide, resembling two soup plates attached rim to rim. A tube stretches out from its base toward the ground. Pátero panics and runs about 100 feet when something holds him back. Turning, he sees that a rod of blue light from the UFO is moving above his car. The light seems to make the car transparent, allowing him to see the contents of the trunk, the wheel gears, the engine, and the interior of the body. Pátero faints. An hour later, two young men drive by and see him lying on the ground in gushing rainwater. They speed on into Catanduva and return with a policeman, Clóvis Queiros. Turning Pátero over, he regains consciousness and they take him to the hospital, where he is soon released. However, the next day he feels an itchiness on his back and stomach. Irritated patches of his skin turn purplish blue. Later, these spots turn yellow and eventually disappear. Subsequent medical examinations show no cause for the discoloration, and Pátero seems in good mental health. He experiences another encounter on April 26, which some investigators think might be a fantasy. ("[Close Encounter in Brazil](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 21, no. 6 (May/June 1973): 1, 3; "[Caso do Automovel que Ficou Transparente](#)," *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 94/98 (September 1973/June 1974): 30–40; "[Caso de Onilson Pátero](#)," *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 99/103 (July 1974/April 1975): 2–18; Gordon Creighton, "[The Car That Turned Transparent](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 3/4 (November 1975): 14–15; Brazil 154–163; "[Caso Onilson Pátero](#)," Portal Fenomenum, March 10, 2022; Randle, 1973, pp. 109–110)
- 1973, May 22** — Truck driver Miguel Angel Gonzalez is driving from Tinajas to Tierra Blanca, Veracruz, Mexico, with a load of asbestos, steel, and concrete when he is forced to pull over because of an engine problem. When he gets out of the cab, he sees some very short men barring the road. He walks toward them, and they run off into the brush on one side of the road. When he returns to the truck, he finds it on fire. The blaze destroys the truck except for a few bits of metal sheeting, glass, and molten metal. (*El Comercio* (Lima, Peru), June 3, 1973; "[Truck Burnt Out by Creatures](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 6 (April 1974): 30; Ramón A. Pantoja Lopez and Robert

Freeman Bound, "Chaneques: Mexican Gnomes or Interplanetary Visitors?" *Fate* 27, no. 11 (November 1974): 51–57; "[El Camión Quemado por los OVNI's](#)," *Perspectivas Ufológicas*, no. 2 (April 1994): 23–24)

- 1973**, May 23 — 7:00 p.m. Wayne, Wendy, and Robyn Sherlock are sitting in Wayne's car near their home in Mount Gambier, South Australia, when they spot a large, round object with red, green, and blue or purple lights. The spinning UFO appears to follow an undulating path. It hovers briefly, then charges toward the car. The object seems to fly straight up and over the vehicle, descend on the other side, glow brightly, and vanish. Startled, Wayne slams the accelerator, and their father, M.C. Sherlock, watches from the front door as the car veers off the road into a bank, then reverses back to the house. "Wayne's hair is literally standing on end when he returns," Mr. Sherlock notes, adding that the experience completely unnerves the family. ("[Terror for 3 in Car](#)," *Border Watch* (Mount Gambier, S.A.), May 24, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 51 (July 1973): 14; "[Mysterious Craft Frightens Witnesses](#)," *UFO Research Newsletter* 3, no. 6 (Oct./Nov. 1973): 6)
- 1973**, May 24 — 7:10 p.m. About 50 people witness a large illuminated oval object moving at a slight angle above Long Reef Headland near Sydney, New South Wales. One woman claims it looks like it ascended from the ocean, where there have been reports of a stationary submarine object at the entrance to the Dee Why lagoon. (Bill Chalker, "[The Great USO Show of Oz](#)," *TheOzFiles*, August 26, 2022; Bill Chalker, "[The Rising USO Tide](#)," *TheOzFiles*, October 25, 2024)
- 1973**, May 24 — 9:20 p.m. [Harley Rutledge](#) and three other members of his Project Identification team at the municipal airport in Farmington, Missouri, see a configuration of four lights (white, red, red, white) flying silently overhead at an altitude of about 2,500 feet. Through binoculars, Rutledge can see the white lights reflecting off a metallic structure that could be anywhere from 368 to 2,600 feet across. The array moves quickly out of sight. (Harley D. Rutledge, *Project Identification: The First Scientific Field Study of UFO Phenomena*, Prentice-Hall, 1981, [pp. 77–99](#))
- 1973**, May 27 — 2:00 a.m. A Mrs. Geni, 57, is preparing some wedding cake at her home in São José do Rio Preto, São Paulo, Brazil. Through her balcony window she sees a reflection of some kind in her walled-in backyard. When she goes to her porch door, she sees a flying object hovering above the roof of one of the rented buildings on the ground floor in the back some 50 feet away. The object is white-metallic and luminous on the bottom, about 6.5–13 feet wide and 3–6 feet high, with a kind of credenza behind which three entities can be seen. They are small with large round heads, big eyes, protruding lips, dark brown skin, small ears, long flat noses, small arms, and wearing a cap with a ball in the center. Each holds a device like a flashlight that emits a beam of different colors: green on the left, red in the middle, and orange on the right. The object emits a noise like a motor as it sways above the building, then after a few minutes it moves away beyond the horizon. Mrs. Geni goes back to work, but she now has pains in her knees, legs, and head. She screams in pain, and the young woman who rents the building in the back arrives to help. She also has heard the motor noise and confirms that Mrs. Geni's face is swollen with bloodshot eyes that last for 3 days. At about 5:00 a.m., Mrs. Geni suffers a prolapsed uterus, for which she has to undergo surgery on June 8. She gradually loses hearing in her right ear, her vision deteriorates, and spots appear on her skin. A clock in the kitchen begins to behave erratically. In the backyard, a dwarf coconut palm and a jabuticabeira tree (*Plinia cauliflora*) both lose their leaves prematurely. ("[Caso dos Anões de São José do Rio Preto](#)," *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 121/125 (March/Dec. 1978): 15–19; Brazil 163–166)
- 1973**, May or June — 11:00 p.m.. Lance Corporal Mike Perrin and another soldier named Carvell from Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire, England, are participating in a radio exercise on Bellerby Moor about 15 miles to the southwest. Perrin parks his Land Rover on the side of a small road to await instructions. The two-way radio begins to crackle, the voices break up, and the set goes completely dead. The headlights also fade and go out. They try switching channels to no avail. Perrin is about the start up the Land Rover when he sees a strange aircraft above and to the left. It flies silently toward them and stops about 328 feet away, hovering 10 feet above the ground. The object is shaped like a rugby ball and has a row of small circular windows through which white lights are flashing. Vapor seems to be issuing from the bottom, and a buzzing sound emanates from it. They notice that a nearby herd of cows seems frozen on the spot. After 5–10 minutes, the object ascends silently and disappears over the woods. The headlights and radio start working again. The next afternoon, they return to the spot and find a burned circle of grass about 30 feet across. (Barry M. King, "[Soldiers' Close Encounter on a Yorkshire Moor](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 1 (June 1978): 23–24)
- 1973**, June — Northwestern University Ph.D candidate Michael Kelly Schutz completes a dissertation in sociology after observing the meetings and interviewing members of four UFO groups in the Chicago area. While some offer a personal message of enlightenment, others seek mainly to offer a platform for paid UFO speakers, while still others envision themselves as investigators. What all the groups share is a commitment to providing a comfortable setting for socializing and support. (Michael Kelly Schutz, *Organizational Goals and Support-Seeking Behavior*:

A Comparative Study of Social Movement Organizations in the UFO (Flying Saucer) Field, Ph.D diss., Northwestern University, June 1973; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 242–243)

- 1973**, June — Eduardo Calle is driving along a country road near Orense, Buenos Aires, Argentina, when his engine fails. He gets out to inspect and sees a bright round object rise up from a nearby field and vanish at immense speed. Police find a round hole and scorched grass in the field. Fungi of an unfamiliar species are beginning to grow on the spot. (*La Crónica* (Buenos Aires), June 1973; “[Tres Arroyos Round-up](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 6 (April 1974): 29)
- 1973**, June — According to an informant of [Leonard H. Stringfield](#), a UFO is shot down by a surface-to-air missile from a US Navy destroyer in the Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and the mainland after it is tracked on radar and makes three passes close to the ship. The object falls into water that is about 350 feet deep and is retrieved by a Glomar Explorer, shipped to Hawaii, then sent stateside and finally to Chicago. The informant, an instructor in Gunnery School at the Naval Station Great Lakes in Lake County, Illinois, is assigned to guard the object in a Quonset hut in September 1973, with orders not to let anyone nearer than 300 feet. He glimpses it one time, and it appears to be a metallic, teardrop-shaped craft, 30 feet long and 10 feet high, “with a flange running along its topside from one end to the other.” (Leonard H. Stringfield, *UFO Crash Retrievals: Status Report III, Amassing the Evidence*, The Author, June 1982, [p. 89](#))
- 1973**, June 4 — 2:00 a.m. Jill Cotmore wakes up in her home near Tyringham, New South Wales, with an uneasy feeling. She lights a cigarette and the room is immediately engulfed in a bright light, even though the windows have heavy curtains. It is so bright that she can’t even see a cupboard 3 feet away from her. Outside, her horse is going berserk. Suddenly, the light is gone. The next day, she finds the horse frothing, and it had apparently been running around the house during the night. This takes place in the middle of a concentration of UFO reports in the area. (Bill Chalker, “[An Australian Chronicle, Part Two](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 4)
- 1973**, June 7 — 10:00 p.m. Three people in a car see a fireball approach and stop about 164 feet away in the Sousas district of Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil. The object is about 15 feet in diameter and emits a yellow light. As it hovers nearby, the car’s engine fails, and the witnesses feel a prickling sensation. Later, they experience intense headaches. Eventually, the object departs, and the car restarts. (Nigel Rimes, “[A Persistent Prowler at Sousas](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 17 (December 1973): 7–9;
- 1973**, June 19 — 7:12 p.m. Physicist [Harley Rutledge](#) sees a dull gray object flying slowly near his house in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. It has no wings or tail and is shaped like a stubby bullet. It changes to an olive drab color. After he grabs his binoculars, it disappears. (Harley D. Rutledge, *Project Identification*, Prentice-Hall, [pp. 139–140](#); Covert 56, 70)
- 1973**, June 25? — 6:30 p.m. Members of the Dorrington family watch a large disc-shaped UFO hovering above Bony Mountain, Queensland, for 15 minutes. The object is surrounded by a greenish glow and there is a rotating red light around its middle. A solid beam of V-shaped green light oscillates up and down more than a dozen times before it retracts into the object. It disappears by moving straight down behind the mountain. (Clark IV 1217)
- 1973**, June 28 — 12:30 a.m. University of Missouri animal care technician James G. Richards, 41, and his daughter Vanea, 16, hear a loud, persistent, thrashing sound outside their house trailer in Columbia, Missouri. Richards moves to the window and sees two bright, silver-white light beams about 5 feet apart from each other and 50 feet away from his window. The beams disappear, and a glowing bright oval form appears, about 12–15 feet in diameter, lighting up the area. The thrashing sound is apparently made by trees moving as if blown by wind, and after the oval form appears, this sound suddenly ceases. As Richards moves from window to window, he notices his dogs lying very still near the corner of the trailer that is nearest to the oval object. The dogs are large security animals that are not easily frightened. Richards thinks it strange they are not barking at all the noise and the bright lights. The object moves away to 200 feet from the window and hovers, and now, less bright to the eye, the witnesses can see a blue band of light and an orange glow extending around the outer edge of the oval. The oval moves back near its original position and disappears by growing smaller before police arrive at 1:45 a.m. Later searches uncover broken tree limbs, damaged foliage, scorched leaves up to a height of 35 feet, and impressions on the ground as deep as 2 feet. (NICAP, “[Columbia, Missouri: June 28, 1973](#)”; Ted Phillips, “[Landing at Columbia, Missouri](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1973): 18–25; Richard H. Hall, *Uninvited Guests*, Aurora, 1988, [pp. 268–270](#); UFOEv II 61–62; Clark III 252–253; Clark IV 291–292)
- 1973**, July — [David Rockefeller](#) founds the Trilateral Commission in Tokyo, Japan, to foster closer cooperation between Japan, Western Europe, and North America. It initiates its biannual meetings in October in Tokyo. (Wikipedia, “[Trilateral Commission](#)”)
- 1973**, July — Night. A college student working as a security guard on the island of Hokkaido, Japan, notices a brightly shining object to the north. It vanishes and reappears in a different spot, flashing a green light. Then it spirals

downward and flies in an arc, coming down over the waters of a bay. It sucks up water through a prolonged, pipe-like protrusion. Next it flies to within 160 feet of the witness, who sees the shadow of three occupants in two windows. Four or five similar objects arrive and all enter a larger black craft, which then flies away to the north. (Jun-Ichi Takanashi, "[Spherical Object off Japanese Coast Sucks up Sea-Water](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 3/4 (November 1975): 54)

1973, July 7 — 10:00 p.m. A Mrs. Good is closing the curtains of her house at Porthcothan Bay, Cornwall, England, when she sees two dark semi-cigar-shaped objects hovering over the bay. They are positioned on either side of a glowing, symmetrical ring. After a few seconds, the ring enters the left object and the two shoot off at terrific speed upward. The remaining object follows the same path a short time afterward. She reports the sighting to the nearby RAF St. Mawgan, which explains the sighting as "sun dogs." (UFOFiles2, [pp. 86–87](#))

1973, July 12–16 — A fire destroys some 16–18 million official military personnel records at the Military Personnel Records Center in Overland, Missouri. The losses to federal military records collection include 80% loss to records of US Army personnel discharged November 1, 1912, to January 1, 1960; 75% loss to records of US Air Force personnel discharged September 25, 1947, to January 1, 1964, with names alphabetically after Hubbard, James E.; and some US Army Reserve personnel who performed their initial active duty for training in the late 1950s but who received final discharge as late as 1964. None of the records have duplicate copies, nor are there microfilm copies. No index of these records was made prior to the fire. (Wikipedia, "[National Personnel Records Center fire](#)"; Kevin D. Randle, "[Military Records](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 5)

1973, July 21 — 9:00 p.m. Yves Rinaldi is driving on the winding D139 road in Gavignano, Corsica, France. About 20 seconds after he passes another car on the steep incline, he feels paralyzed, the engine stops, the lights go out, and his radio dies. He feels overwhelmingly cold and his eyes are watering. Shooting up from the scrubland ahead of him is a bright object, spinning rapidly, that passes over his car and moves behind him. After it is gone, the engine starts up automatically without Rinaldi consciously reactivating it, the lights come on again, and the radio starts playing. (J. C. Dufour and P. de Lormont, "[From Our Corsican Notebook, 1](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 6 (April 1978): 31–32)

1973, July 25 — 1:35 p.m. A Canadian Pacific Air Lines DC-8 is flying west at 31,000 feet above the eastern coast of Baffin Island, Nunavut, when the pilot sees a "large balloon in close proximity" and radios air traffic control to report it. He says it is 200 feet in diameter and 3 miles away and has been paralleling their course for 5–6 minutes at a speed of 575 mph. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 89)

1973, July 26 — A secret US State Department airgram on "Guidance for Dealing with Space Objects Which Have Returned to Earth" refers to Project Moon Dust: "the designator MOONDUST is used in cases of non-US space objects or objects of unknown origin." (Christopher D. Allen, "[Dubious Truth about the Roswell Crash](#)," *IUR* 19, no. 3 (May/June 1994): 14)

1973, July 27 — A 16-year-old UFO buff finds and photographs some strange marks on the ground near Lago d'Idro, Brescia, Italy. In 1977 he undergoes hypnotic regression and realizes he has been touched by a human shape that makes him lose consciousness. When he wakes up he is being sucked into an aerial object through an opening at its base. He finds himself in a round room with four beings. Then a woman comes in and the entities begin moving around and touching him. He is paralyzed and can only move his eyes. He is then taken to another room and directed to sit on a chair as the UFO lands in the spot where he had been before. He then leaves the object and watches it take off. He picks up his camera and photographs the ground traces. (Paolo Fiorino, Gian Paolo Grassino, and Antonio Chiumiento, "[Abductions in Italy](#)," *IUR* 14, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1989): 15)

1973, August — A Minuteman ICBM missile launched from Vandenberg AFB [now Vandenberg Space Force Base] in Santa Barbara County, California, is descending in the Pacific Ocean near Kwajalein Atoll. Radar scanners at Kwajalein are tracking the nose cone, which has separated from the third stage. At about 400,000 feet, the operators find they are also tracking an object in the shape of an inverted saucer to the right and above the nose cone. It crosses the warhead's trajectory, then disappears below and to the left of it. The object is estimated to be 10 feet high and 40 feet long. ("[No Explanation Found for 'Ghost Ships](#)," *St. Catharines (Ont.) Standard*, July 17, 1974, p. 13; ClearIntent, [pp. 69–70](#))

1973, August — 10:30 p.m. Three people are sitting in their front yard in West Seneca, New York, when they hear a low hum coming from an object above their garage. It is a silvery half-egg with glowing orange-and-blue overtones. It begins a slow descent toward the roof, and when it is only 5 feet away, one of the witnesses yells for it to stop. The object stops, hovers briefly, and shoots away straight upward. One of the witnesses hears the same hum at about the same time two days later, and the same object appears, moving down the street. The object is only 3–4 feet above the pavement and covers the width of the road. The witness approaches it, and it stops at the end of his driveway. He walks toward it and gets only 4–5 feet from it without feeling any heat. When his dog barks, he

backs away. The object waits a moment, then slowly moves 20 feet down the street, quickly rises, and vanishes rapidly at a 45° angle. (Michael D. Swords, "[Unusual Experiences from the Timmerman Files](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 23–24)

- 1973**, Between August 3–6 — Night. A woman and her children are watching the stars in their backyard in San Antonio, Texas. Two "very perfect" cumulus clouds move into view low above them. A perfectly round sphere with a green glow slowly emerges from the top of the cloud on the left. Soon they see lightning going back and forth from the two clouds but never toward the ground. One lightning bolt hits the sphere and red sparks fly out, whereupon the sphere slowly reenters the cloud. The clouds remain stationary for 35–40 minutes until the sphere disappears, then they float on. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[Mystery Clouds and the UFO Connection](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 18)
- 1973**, August 12 — 12:30 a.m. Mr. M. Carr and several others experience slight mechanical trouble with their car near Broxburn, West Lothian, Scotland, as a fast-moving starlike object passes across the sky for 15 seconds. (D. N. Mansell, "[Some Recent British UFO Reports](#)," *Awareness* 2, no. 4 (Winter 1973): 16.
- 1973**, Late August — A wave of UFO sightings begins to take place in the southeastern United States in August and reaches a nationwide peak in September and October, then moving on to Europe in the following two months. J. B. Delair notes an increase in landings, low-level flights, and UFO occupants. (Jacques Vallée, "[The UFO Wave of 1973: Some Early Statistics](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1973): 15; J. B. Delair, "Synopsis of the Great World-Wide UFO Wave of 1973," *The UFO Register* 5, parts 1 and 2 (1974): 8–94; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 218–219)
- 1973**, August 28 — 10:00 p.m. Journalists Titus Zăgrean and Ion Moise are driving near Budacu de Jos, Romania, when they see a big milky-white light in the sky approaching the road they are on. As it crosses the road, they see it is rotating and about 3 feet in diameter. Moving to the west, it veers sharply to the north, accelerates, changes color to yellow-orange then red, and departs at fantastic speed. (Romania 40)
- 1973**, August 31 — After 12:00 midnight. In Dawson, Georgia, four US government workers stop a police patrol car on State Highway 118 and report seeing two weird objects in the sky. Dawson Police Capt. Rocky Wiggins and Patrolmen Larry Fincher and Gary Ellington see one bright UFO northeast of town and another southwest of town. The lights change colors from white to reddish orange to greenish-yellow. At 12:40, Wiggins calls the Georgia Highway Patrol in Albany, which contacts Naval Air Station Albany, which cannot see any lights or track anything on radar. Sometime between 1:30 a.m. and 2:45 a.m., two more objects are spotted to the northeast near the Lee County line. ("[UFOs Invade Southwest Georgia Skies, But Depart Quietly](#)," *Albany (Ga.) Herald*, August 31, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 53–54 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 19–20)
- 1973**, August 31 — 1:00 a.m. Georgia State Trooper A. I. Cahill is with Sgt. Jerry Crawley and Officer John Harris and others on the Americus, Georgia, police department when they see a bright white light moving sporadically above South Lee Street toward the southeast. Another officer in Leesburg, Georgia, describes it as stationary with "round, with orange, red, green, and blue lights." Robert Welch, a police dispatcher in Camilla, Georgia, watches with seven others a light that hovers for 3.5 hours. ("[Unidentified Flying Objects Viewed in Area](#)," *Americus (Ga.) Times-Recorder*, August 31, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 53–54 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 1)
- 1973**, August 31 — 1:00 a.m. Georgia State Patrolman William Revel and another patrolman are at Dawson Road near Ledo Road in Albany, Georgia, as they watch three UFOs maneuvering in the sky. They appear round and rapidly change colors from bright red to blue to yellow to green to a vivid orange. The largest object is the most active and seems to turn sideways and seems to acquire a "spur" on its left side. The two smaller objects remain on either side of the larger one. After 30 minutes, the smaller object to the right of the larger one moves straight up, stops, and resumes changing colors. A few minutes later, two more objects appear and shoot across the sky beneath the other three. By this time, the witnesses include Lee County law enforcement officials, an Albany city commissioner, and news reporter Suzanne Shingler, who writes that the objects are flashing like neon signs gone mad." Revel continues watching until 3:00 a.m. Reports begin to come in over the police car radio of objects, also changing colors rapidly, being seen all over southwest Georgia. Macon police on Hendley Street see two objects hovering above a sports field, while a fire department unit pursues a UFO as far as Interstate 75 near Hartley Bridge Road before losing it. ("[They Looked Like 'Neons Gone Mad](#),'" *Albany (Ga.) Herald*, August 31, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 53–54 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 19; "[Lights Reported in Macon Again](#)," *Macon (Ga.) News*, September 1, 1973, p. 1; "[Pentagon Dodges Inquiry on UFOs](#)," *Albany (Ga.) Sunday Herald*, September 2, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 53–54 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 10; "[Wave of Reports Hits Georgia](#)," *UFO Investigator*, October 1973, pp. 1–2)

- 1973, September — [Jenny Randles](#) and David Rees found the Manchester Aerial Phenomena Investigation Team in the Greater Manchester area, England. It publishes the *Skywatch* newsletter through early 1982. ([Skywatch](#), no. 1 (September 1973))
- 1973, September 3 — Early morning. Two policemen in Manchester, Georgia, spot a white, glowing object with blue lights speeding around the sky. Through binoculars, the object appears to have something hanging underneath it. (“[UFOs Sighted over Georgia](#),” *San Francisco (Calif.) Examiner*, September 3, 1973, p. 7; “[Cylinder Identified](#),” *UFO Investigator*, October 1973, p. 3)
- 1973, September 3 — Night. An unidentified man rushes into police headquarters in Athens, Georgia, and claims that a bright object with four flashing lights had swooped toward his car along a highway. The UFO nearly landed, descending to about 15 feet before it climbed up again. The police think he looks like he has “really seen something,” but Lt. Col. Richard Davies, an information officer at Robins AFB east of Warner Robins, Georgia, tells the press that the recent reports are the first he’s heard about in a while, but the Air Force is no longer investigating them. (“[UFO Scares Heck out of Georgian](#),” *Lincoln (Nebr.) Journal Star*, September 3, 1973, p. 21)
- 1973, September 4 — [William Colby](#) is named director of central intelligence to succeed [James R. Schlesinger](#), who leaves on July 2 to become Secretary of Defense. (Wikipedia, “[Director of Central Intelligence](#)”)
- 1973, September 8 — Night. Two military policemen, Spec/4 Bart J. Burns and Spec/4 Randy Shade, are on routine patrol at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia, when they see a shadowy object with flashing lights moving around in the distance. It is traveling rapidly east to west at an altitude of about 2,000 feet. After about 10 minutes, they see the object coming swiftly toward them at treetop level. It dives toward their car, passes closely above them, and forces them to drive into a ditch. It then hovers about 600 feet away, flashing blue, white, and amber lights as they struggle to get the car out of the ditch. The object disappears when they drive back to headquarters. (“[GIs Say UFO Forced Patrol Car off Road](#),” *Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution*, September 9, 1973, p. 23-B; “[Wave of Reports Hits Georgia](#),” *UFO Investigator*, October 1973, p. 1; Randle, 1973, p. 14)
- 1973, September 9 — 4:30 a.m. A news team from WAGA-TV in Atlanta is interviewing UFO witnesses outside the Georgia State Patrol office in Manchester, Georgia, when someone notices two small “orbs of light” in the distance. One light dims and seems to move away, while the other becomes brighter and displays varying colors. Cameraman Daniel Kever takes about 90 seconds of 16mm color film of the second object. He waits 30 minutes as it hovers and makes another brief exposure. Although the footage merely shows a blob, one of the newsmen says the object looks cigar-shaped with shadow patterns on the surface. (“[TV Crew Captures Strange Image](#),” *UFO Investigator*, October 1973, pp. 1, 3)
- 1973, September 9 — Night. A deputy sheriff answers a call from Mrs. Hugh D. Beall in Griffin, Georgia, about an object hovering above her house at tree-top level. She says the object is making a funny noise and has gold, red, and green lights on the bottom. The deputy investigates and sees “two red lights descending slowly to earth.” Then the lights disappear. (“[UFO Chases Military Police](#),” *Mount Airy (N.C.) News*, September 11, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 53–54 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 8)
- 1973, September 11 — Chilean President [Salvador Allende](#) is overthrown by the armed forces and national police in a coup d’état with the covert support of the CIA. (Wikipedia, “[United States intervention in Chile](#)”)
- 1973, September 14 — 2:00 a.m. Roy Lawhorn wakes up in his home in Brooks, Georgia, to a sound like buzzing locusts and a bright light outside his window. He grabs his rifle because the lights looks like it is approaching. He shoots at it 3–4 times, but the light “disappeared into the ground.” It leaves a charred spot in the dirt road about 30 feet from the house. Oscar E. Anderson, a soil specialist at the University of Georgia’s Agricultural Experiment Station in Griffin, examines the site and notes markings that cover an area 1 foot long by 6–8 inches wide. Underneath the top layer of soil is a wide area of charred earth and organic matter. (“[‘The Devil’: Frightened Farmer Shoots at UFO](#),” *Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution*, September 18, 1973, p. 1)
- 1973, September 17 — 9:00 p.m. Anne Taylor is walking to her farm in Romford, Essex, England, after walking her three dogs when she sees a green light near the cowshed. She continues watching the light, which starts moving toward her slowly. Her two terriers are whining and cringing. The light approaches to within a few feet of her, about 12 feet above the ground. It is completely silent. Her watch has stopped, and her spine begins to tingle. She hears a jet plane in the distance, and the light goes out. She hears an “electric whirring” and the green ball shoots straight up. Her dogs return to normal behavior, and her watch starts up again when she returns to the house. (UFOFiles2, [p. 86](#))
- 1973, September 23 — 5:00 a.m. A truck driver is driving to work near Tyler, Texas, when a small “cub airplane” seems to fly directly in front of another car on the highway, nearly causing a wreck. The plane flies up over the side of the road and hovers above some trees. Then it changes into a cigar shape with lights. The driver gets out of his truck to watch. The cigar moves off then returns with a new, round shape. It lights up with many multicolored lights and moves above a nearby house. It makes a low, “loop-loop-loop” thumping sound. Then a large, bright,

square light descends and swings from the other object. It approaches the truck, then swings back and forth. He tries to jump back in the truck but apparently passes out. He later notices he has some marks on his hip and shoulder. He does remember seeing the UFO change from a round shape into a triangle, and then move out of sight. (Michael D. Swords, "[Unusual Experiences from the Timmerman Files](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 24; Michael D. Swords, "[Timmerman's Triangles](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 17)

- 1973**, September 23 — 8:41 p.m. After a local resident reports seeing a UFO hovering above the Tennessee Highway Patrol office at 6348 Summer Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee, deputies [Philip L. Pilalas](#) and J. O. Davis investigate and see the object as well. They describe it as a large fixed-wing aircraft flying at 500–1,000 feet with steady white and red lights on each wing. Thinking it is a police helicopter, they flash their spotlight at it. The object flashes back with its white lights. But when the deputies turn on their car's blue lights to see what reaction they get, the object douses all its lights and vanishes with a humming noise. This is followed by a 2-minute unexplained blackout on one of their radio frequencies. Other UFOs are seen in East Memphis and Frayser the remainder of the night. ("[Many Report UFO in Shelby County](#)," *Memphis (Tenn.) Press-Scimitar*, September 24, 1973, p. 16)
- 1973**, September 24 (approximately) — Rose Williamson, her father, and her sister are allegedly harassed for several days by two 7–8 feet tall "space monsters" with pointed ears at their home in Sidney, North Carolina, northeast of Tabor City. The beings float above the ground leaving no footprints and can leap 60–100 feet. Another witness claims to have seen one drinking from a car radiator, and yet another saw one wearing ragged clothes and brogan shoes studded with rhinestones. Williamson is later arrested for firing a shotgun several times at the creature in a public area. A radio disc jockey at WTAB-AM in Tabor City, Ken Williamson (no relation) visits the area early on September 25 and supposedly sees one of the beings. ("['Space Monster' Reports Create Uproar in Tabor City Vicinity](#)," *Lumberton (N.C.) Robesonian*, September 30, 1973, pp. 1–2; David Webb, *1973: Year of the Humanoids*, CUFOS, May 1976, p. 9)
- 1973**, September 29 — A woman hears her dog barking and looks out the window of her home in Hollywood, Florida. For 3–4 minutes she observes a solid, oval-shaped object with slightly obtuse-angled ends. It is glowing red-orange, brighter at the edges than in the center. The object moves back and forth in a pendulum-like motion and its brightness pulsates roughly every 2 seconds, matching the swinging. There are no other known witnesses, but a local newspaper reports a similar colored light seen shortly after this sighting. ("[Sighting Advisory](#)," *UFO Investigator*, December 1973, p. 3)
- 1973**, September 29 — Night. Obion County Sheriff [Nathan Cunningham](#) watches three silent UFOs race over his house in Union City, Tennessee. There is a bright glow in the center of each, and red, blue, and green lights are flashing around them. They hover in one area for as long as 15 minutes, then move to another area. He estimates they are about 10–12 square feet in size. An additional 20 witnesses nearby also see the objects. George and Vicki Rogers see a bright red light swoop down low enough to light up an acre and a half of land, nearly causing a seven-car pileup on State Highway 78 near Reelfoot Lake. ("[UFOs Spotted in Area](#)," *Paducah (Ky.) Sun-Democrat*, October 3, 1973, pp. 1–2; "[Hundreds of People Are Reporting UFOs: Sightings Increase Daily](#)," *Skylook*, no. 72 (November 1973): 9)
- 1973**, September 30 — Night. Patrolman [Flanning Glover Jr.](#) and other law enforcement officers see a moving light above Collierville, Tennessee. It appears orange at times, then changes back to black. The police shine a spotlight on it, but the light goes out, then reappears in a different place. ("[UFOs Play Return Engagements](#)," *Memphis (Tenn.) Press-Scimitar*, October 1, 1973, p. 19)
- 1973**, September 30 — 9:30 p.m. Jesse Dunnigan and a friend are returning from a movie when they spot a bright light in the sky near his home at 4814 Timberwood Drive North in Columbus, Ohio. They stop to watch the pulsating light, which soon swoops down in a zig-zag pattern and disappears below the trees. The next morning he finds an apparent "landing site" in a field of waist-high weeds about a quarter mile south of Hall Road just west of Interstate 270. ("[Man Claims Semi-Oval UFO Landed in West Side Field](#)," *Columbus (Ohio) Evening Dispatch*, October 1, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 55 (November 1973): 4)
- 1973**, Late September or early October — M. Chubert is riding his motorcycle to work in Puy Verday, Cher, France, when his cycle misfires and stops as a bright light appears on the road ahead. He sees it is an oval object, with smoke underneath, hovering. A man suddenly appears and walks up to Chubert, putting his left hand on his shoulder and offering "reassuring words." The man is about 6 feet tall and wearing a silvery uniform. A large helmet rests on his shoulders with a snorkel-like tube on the left side. His face seems to be covered with a nylon stocking with slitted eyes, and he is carrying something that looks like a pistol in his left hand. After asking where Chubert is going, the man says he must return to the object and warns him not to get too close. After he enters it from below, the object rises vertically with a sound like a swarm of bees. The motorcycle then restarts manually.

(Jean Debois and Dominique Bettini, "[Nohant-en-Gout \(Cher\), Lieu dit Puy-Verday \(Octobre 1973\)](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 140 (December 1974): 17–18.

- 1973**, Autumn — Late night. 1st Lt. Walter F. Billings is a deputy crew commander at the Francis E. Warren AFB Golf launch control capsule missile site northwest of Sidney, Nebraska. Over UHF radio, he hears the crew at LCC India, southwest of Sunol, Nebraska, order its security guards to investigate an alarm at one of India's 10 launch sites. The guards find that the inner security alarm has also been triggered, meaning that something has penetrated the security fence surrounding the site. They find a large, bright UFO hovering above the site. One minute later, the UFO moves off slowly for several thousand feet then zooms off at a high rate of speed. All crews on duty that night are told not to say anything to the public or media about anything they heard on UHF radio that night. (Nukes 338–339)
- 1973**, October — [J. Allen Hynek](#) and Sherman J. Larsen establish what will become the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, with Larsen's existing Public Education Group as a base. ("[Center for UFO Studies Explained](#)," *Skylook* 76 (March 1974): 6–7; Sherman J. Larsen, "[The Founding of CUFOs](#)," *IUR* 11, no. 3 (May/June 1986): 13–14; O'Connell 293–295; Clark III 627; Graff 252–253; Clark IV 689)
- 1973**, October — Night. Sgt. Michael D. Jenkins of the 96th Security Police Squadron is stationed at Dyess AFB southwest of Abilene, Texas, when a major alert goes off at the base after a large ball of light is reported hovering 100–150 feet above igloo bunkers housing nuclear weapons. Twelve police with M-16s are sent to the Weapons Storage Area, and an incoming C-130 is asked to do a fly-by of the area to get a look at the object. Three K-9 teams that normally patrol the perimeter report that their dogs are afraid and acting up. An order to fire on the object comes from Strategic Air Command Headquarters Offutt AFB near Bellevue, Nebraska. Jenkins hears gunfire and sees a bluish-white streak as the object speeds off. As it leaves, it drops a trail of "angel hair" all the way from the weapons area to the southwest perimeter of the base. The angel hair hangs around on the area ropes and buildings for three days. On the third day it rains and the material dissolves, completely disappearing. (Robert L. Hastings, "[UFO Fired Upon As It Hovered over Nuclear Bomb Storage Facility, Says Former USAF Security Policeman](#)," *UFOs & Nukes*, December 1, 2017)
- 1973**, Early October — Driving home after his cleaning job in Armidale, New South Wales, University of New England student Graham E. travels along the Bundurra Road, then turns left onto the road that leads to the Mount Butler property where he lives. Just as he passes the university ionosphere research receiver, he sees a cigar-shaped object float up directly ahead of him at a tilted angle. He stops the car and watches it for 10–15 seconds, after which it rotates four times and shoots off at an oblique angle. (Bill Chalker, "[Confronting UFOs and UAP: Remembering October 1973](#)," *The OzFiles*, October 22, 2023; Clark IV 916)
- 1973**, October 3 — 6:15 a.m. Eddie Webb is driving a tractor-trailer rig on Interstate 55 near the Old Orchard Road exit southeast of Jackson, Missouri. He sees a bright, turnip-shaped object approaching rapidly behind him and covering both lanes of the highway. It appears to be in three sections: the top and bottom are spinning and aluminum colored, while the center section is steady and made up of glittering red and yellow lights. He wakes up his wife, who is sleeping in the cab, but she can't see anything. Webb sticks his head out the window for a better look and seconds later is blinded by a bright flash that feels like a ball of fire hitting him on the head and face. His glasses fall off, hindering his vision, but he manages to stop the truck. Webb screams that he is burned and can't see. The plastic frames of Webb's glasses are warped by heat, and one of the lenses has fallen out. Mrs. Webb drives him to the Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, and the highway patrol sends the glasses to physicist [Harley Rutledge](#) at Southwest Missouri State University [now Missouri State University] in Springfield for analysis. He finds that the frames have been heated internally from a source that came from the left side. Webb's vision slowly returns, and an ophthalmologist says that his eyes are not permanently damaged. (John G. Adney and Reginald E. Mitchell, "[Encounter with UFO Frightening](#)," *Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian*, October 4, 1973; "[UFO-Distorted' Glasses Examined](#)," *Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian*, October 5, 1973; "[Missouri Truck Driver Temporarily Blinded by 'Fire Ball' from UFO](#)," *Skylook*, no. 72 (November 1973): 5–6; John F. Schuessler and Edward F. O'Herin, "Truck Driver Injured by UFO: The Eddie Doyle Webb Case," in *MUFON 1993 International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, 1993, pp. 60–84)
- 1973**, October 4 — Early evening. Gary J. Chopic, a petroleum consultant, is driving home on the Simi Valley Freeway near Chatsworth, California, when he sees a blimp-like object just above the crest of mountain peaks in Santa Susana Pass. As he drives closer, he sees an elliptical object with a clear bubble dome on top hovering 80–100 feet away in a canyon about 10 feet off the ground, swaying back and forth "like a boat at anchor." A V-like insignia or aperture covers an entire side. A hose-like protrusion about 8 feet long and 1 foot in diameter extends from the bottom. Chopic sees some motion inside the bubble, and a humanoid being appears around the side of the craft, sees him, scrambles back to the other side, and reenters the craft. He hears a clicking sound, and the

bubble rotates and retracts. A foglike vapor envelopes the object, and he notices a sweet odor as the craft takes off with a whining or low humming sound and disappears. (*Santa Ana (Calif.) Register*, October 31, 1973; [“California Man Has Good View of UFO—And Occupant,”](#) *Skylook*, no. 73 (December 1973): 4–5; [“Workers See Strange Disc,”](#) *UFO Research Newsletter* 3, no. 8 (Dec. 1973/Jan. 1974): 3; UFOEv II 488)

- 1973**, October 6 — 12:45 a.m. A couple strolling along a country road near St.-Mathias-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, see a bright light like a projector emanating from a nearby field. Later, at 11:30 a.m., the woman is hanging clothes on a line in her backyard when she notices a column of smoke rising from fields in the north. She calls over two workmen doing repairs at her home, and they see a yellowish object like a tent near the smoke. Soon a square, yellow object resembling a bulldozer emerges from the tent and travels about 180 feet to a small spring. Between the two objects, moving around in the field, are five “little people” about 4 feet tall performing various actions. Assuming them to be boy scouts, the witnesses notice they are wearing some kind of helmets and clothing that is the same color as the tent. The witnesses return to their work and 20 minutes later someone notices that the objects and figures have disappeared. The couple’s daughter returns in half an hour and goes to check the location. She finds a large, circular patch of burned and crushed grass about 45 feet in diameter, as well as two tracklike marks, each about 6 inches wide. Returning, the daughter feels ill with headache and nausea. A month later, UFO investigators arrive and find additional marks in the shape of a triangle. ([“Five Occupants, Two Landed Objects,”](#) *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 2 (Sept./Oct. 1974): 1, 3; Wido Hoville, [“Reports from Quebec,”](#) *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 1 (1974): 20, 22; Wido Hoville, [“Un atterrissage à Saint-Mathias de Chambly,”](#) *UFO-Quebec*, no. 1 (1975): 6–9; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 106–107; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), November 7, 2007)
- 1973**, October 6 — 6:10 a.m. [Cole](#) and [Letha Barnhill](#) are awakened by the barking of their dogs, and they see a bright red light outside their home in Hartsville, South Carolina. The light is coming from a round, red object hovering in the sky just below the treetops and not more than 210 feet away. They watch it for 15–20 seconds and then it blinks out. None of the neighbors see it, but about the same time [Heyward Byrd](#) is driving to his job at the Sonoco Products Company when he sees a light coming from a bright object to the right of the Carolina Power and Light plant at Lake Robinson. ([“UFO Sighted in Hartsville?”](#) *Darlington County (S.C.) Tribune*, October 18, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 55 (November 1973): 12)
- 1973**, October 7 — Night. Constable Charlie Delk is investigating reports of lights in the sky around Wilson Drive in Petal, Mississippi, when he notices a top-shaped object with yellow lights above Petal High School. He follows it north to the Jones–Forrest County line. Its lights are flashing and it is making noise. Delk follows in further north, but his car dies completely after 3 miles. It remains inoperable for 15 minutes, then starts up again. He continues to follow the light across State Highway 29 and through Ovet, then it makes a double flip and disappears. ([“Constable Tells of Chasing Mysterious UFO for 30 Miles,”](#) *Hattiesburg (Miss.) American*, October 8, 1973, p. 1; [“Man Chases UFO for 30 Miles,”](#) *Huntsville (Ala.) News*, October 9, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 55 (November 1973): 8; Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 58)
- 1973**, October 10 — 7:00 p.m. A family in Niantic, Connecticut, watches two greenish discs and a white sphere maneuvering over a nearby lake. Odd clouds seem to be accompanying the two discs. One disc and its cloud disappear, while the other disc flies in and out of its cloud as if playing “peekaboo.” (Herbert S. Taylor, [“Mystery Clouds and the UFO Connection,”](#) *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 18; National UFO Records Center, [“NUFORC UFO Sighting 31579”](#))
- 1973**, October 11 — 4:30 p.m. In Connersville, Indiana, Terry Eversole and his sister see a silver domed disc with a segmented compartment with three green doors on the bottom. After several seconds it shoots off toward the horizon and disappears. At 7:30 p.m., Bill Tremper and about 50 others in Connersville see an oval object with a pale-yellow light on top. It moves across the sky and hovers above a restricted area. It then settles on the ground for some 30 minutes before lifting off, hovering again, and disappearing. (Randle, 1973, p. 21)
- 1973**, October 11 — Dusk. A young mother in rural Tanner Williams, Alabama, calls her 3-year-old son inside for supper. Toddling through the door, he says that he has been “playing with some old monster.” She forgets the incident until early the next morning, when the boy declares he wants to go outside and play with the monster again. Then she sees the headlines in the morning newspaper on October 12 about the Parker–Hickson abduction in Pascagoula, Mississippi, only 30 miles away and becomes alarmed. She asks her son what the monster looked like and he replies, “He was all gray and his skin was wrinkled. He had pointy ears.” ([“Youngster’s ‘Monster’ Causes Stir,”](#) *Pottstown (Pa.) Mercury*, October 19, 1973, p. 1; David Webb, [1973: Year of the Humanoids](#), CUFOS, May 1976, p. 12)
- 1973**, October 11 — Around 7:00 p.m. Two men, 19-year-old Calvin Parker and 42-year old [Charles E. Hickson Sr.](#), both of Gautier, Mississippi, are fishing in the Pascagoula River when they hear a buzzing noise behind them. Both turn and are terrified to see a 10-foot-wide, 8-foot-high, glowing egg-shaped object with blue lights at its front

hovering just above the ground about 40 feet from the riverbank. As the men, frozen with fright, watch, a door appears in the object and three strange beings float just above the river towards them. The two become numb and paralyzed as the entities carry them into the UFO. Some kind of “eye” device scans them before they are released 20 minutes later. They first contact Keesler AFB in Biloxi, but no one is interested; then they drive to the offices of the *Mississippi Press Register* a few blocks away, but it is closed. So they call the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office to report their encounter, and they arrive there at 10:30 p.m. At one point during 2 hours of intense grilling by Sheriff [Fred R. Diamond](#), they are left alone in an interrogation room where they are unknowingly tape recorded while they continue to speak to each other about the abduction, emotionally distressed. (Wikipedia, [“Pascagoula Abduction”](#); NICAP, [“The Hickson/Parker Incident”](#); [“Hickson, Parker: Robot Creatures Are Friendly,”](#) *Pascagoula Mississippi Press Daily*, October 19, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 55 (November 1973): 3; [“The Pascagoula Affair,”](#) *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 2 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 1, 3–4; Joe Eszterhas, “Claw Men from Outer Space,” *Rolling Stone*, January 17, 1974, pp. 26–27, 38–47; Richard W. Heiden, [“The Pascagoula UFO and Occupant Incident,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 10, no. 6 (April 1975): 23–24; Charles Hickson and William Mendez, *UFO Contact at Pascagoula*, Wendelle C. Stevens, 1983; UFOEv II 534–535; O’Connell 267–289; Clark III 893–898; Calvin Parker, *Pascagoula: The Closest Encounter: My Story*, Flying Disk, 2018; Billy Watkins, [“A Look Back: Charles Hickson Talks of His Abduction by a UFO in Pascagoula,”](#) *Jackson (Miss.) Clarion-Ledger*, August 16, 2018; Calvin Parker, *Pascagoula: The Story Continues: New Evidence and New Witnesses*, Flying Disk, 2019; Irena McCammon Scott, *Beyond Pascagoula: The Rest of the Amazing Story*, The Author, 2021; [“Charles Hickson: 1975 Interview with a Man Who Claims He Was Abducted by Aliens,”](#) NICAP Official YouTube channel, April 12, 2022; [“Calvin Parker: Pascagoula Man Says He Had an Encounter with Aliens \(Fox News\),”](#) NICAP Official YouTube channel, April 12, 2022; Philip Mantle and Irena Scott, *Beyond Reasonable Doubt: The Pascagoula Alien Abduction*, Flying Disk Press, 2023; Randle, 1973, pp. 50–75, 198–212; [“Rare Interview with Calvin Parker Talking about His Life after the Alien Abduction Pascagoula,”](#) Alieninfoo YouTube channel, April 5, 2023; [“In Contact: Rare Documentary with Calvin Parker and Charles Hickson on the Pascagoula UFO Incident,”](#) Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, September 6, 2023; Philip Mantle, [“Historic Audio Files of the 1973 Pascagoula Encounter Recovered from the ‘Lost’ APRO Files,”](#) Philip Mantle Facebook page, December 30, 2023; Graff 257–258; Joe Nickell, [“The Pascagoula Abduction: A Case of Hypnagogia?”](#) in Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Richard Heiden, eds., *The Reliability of UFO Witness Testimony*, UPIAR, 2023, pp. 137–140; [“1973 us #UFOB \[Case\] Rare 70s Footage Pascagoula Incident,”](#) UFOB | Your UAP Library YouTube channel, October 14, 2024; [“After the 1973 Pascagoula UFO Incident Charles Hickson Had More Encounters: His Family Witnessed One,”](#) Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, November 9, 2024; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 220–221; Clark IV 990–997; Internet Movie Database, [“Pascagoula 73](#) (documentary TV series), 2025; [“After the 1973 Pascagoula Incident, Charles Hickson Experienced Other Close Encounters with UFOs,”](#) Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, June 21, 2025)

- 1973**, October 11 — 7:30 p.m. Randi Stevens, Joel Burns, and three others watch a hovering UFO near Laurel, Indiana. It looks like two saucers put together, and its bottom is segmented. It remains stationary until a truck driver who has been watching it gets into his cab and blows the horn. (Randle, 1973, p. 21)
- 1973**, October 11 — 7:40 p.m. Parole Officer [Raymond Broadus](#), Pascagoula City Councilor Emmanuel P. Sigalas, and an unidentified woman are driving on US Highway 90 west of Gautier, Mississippi, when they see a large, swiftly moving object that descends and hovers a few hundred yards above the ground and meanders toward the Pascagoula River. (Clark III 895)
- 1973**, October 11 — 9:00 p.m. Larry Booth of Pascagoula, Mississippi, finishes watching TV and checks the front door. He sees a huge round object hovering 5–8 feet above a nearby streetlight. It has red lights that are moving in a clockwise motion around it. It slowly moves away. (Clark III 895)
- 1973**, October 12 — 4:00 a.m. A commercial pilot is flying a Piper PA-32 Cherokee Six near Mount Baldy, Arizona, at an altitude of 2,500 feet. He notices a red flashing light on the ground in a remote area, and circles around for a closer look. As he does so, the light begins moving too and reaches a speed about the same as his plane, 170 mph. It is flashing regularly at 2-second intervals. The object is skimming over the ground, apparently following undulations in the landscape. He changes course again to intercept the light, which accelerates instantaneously to 800 mph, moving up and over Mount Baldy, following its contours. The pilot follows it for a few minutes, about 50–60 miles. After about 5 minutes the light makes a right-angle turn and accelerates vertically. After 8–10 flashes, it disappears into the upper atmosphere. (Mark Rodeghier, [“Out of the Past: An Incredible Light,”](#) *IUR* 9, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1984): 7–8)
- 1973**, October 14 — 8:00 p.m. Delaware State Police Sgt. James Wolf and Cpl. Edward Martin are landing a helicopter at their headquarters in Dover, Delaware, when they see a light to the northwest in the Cheswold area. It stops moving about 10° above the horizon and hovers. At the same time, a report comes over the police radio about a

sighting of a strange light in Camden, Delaware, so they take off again in pursuit to the west, rising to 3,000 feet. At one point they appear to be gaining on it, but then it moves away. After about one minute, the light diminishes in intensity from a dirty white to a faint red and disappears. Air traffic controllers at Dover Air Force Base also see the light, but radar does not pick it up. ("[Kent UFO 'Escapes' State Police 'Copter](#)," *Wilmington (Del.) News Journal*, October 16, 1973, p. 3)

- 1973**, October 15 — 8:45 p.m. [Howard Moneypenny](#), weather service specialist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at the Raleigh County Memorial Airport in Beckley, West Virginia, is one of many who see a UFO with flashing red, green, and white lights about 20 miles away from the airport. At one point it hovers for about 15 minutes west-northwest of the facility. An unnamed pilot takes off in a Cessna 182 Skylane to pursue it but he cannot get close. He sees the object change colors several times as it moves away to the west. ("[UFO Sighted at Airport](#)," Beckley (W.Va.) *Raleigh Register*, October 16, 1973, p. 9)
- 1973**, October 15 — Night. Ohio Gov. [John J. Gilligan](#) and his wife [Mary](#) are driving on US Highway 23 near Ann Arbor, Michigan, when they see an amber-colored vertical beam of light in the southeastern sky. They keep it in view for 30–35 minutes as it fades in and out of view. When asked to confirm the sighting, he tells reporters: "I saw this. It wasn't a bird or a plane." ("[Gilligan Spots Strange Object](#)," *Hamilton (Ohio) Journal News*, October 17, 1973, p. 1; "[First Flap in Six Years Resurrects UFOs As National Controversy](#)," *UFO Investigator*, November 1973, p. 1)
- 1973**, October 15 — 8:30 p.m. Washington Parish Deputy Sheriffs [Jerry Brumfield](#), Ray Martin, and Allen Thomas have several sightings of a pulsating orange object at Pine, Louisiana, that alternately dims as it hovers, swinging like a pendulum. It brightens as it darts around at high speed, occasionally disappearing in a cloudlike vapor. Later, another group of deputy sheriffs pursue five orange-red objects for 12 miles. When a deputy turns on his red flasher light, the objects descend toward his patrol car; when he turns it off, they vanish "like in a cloud." The sightings continue into the early morning. ("[Deputies Pursue 5 Orange UFOs; Sightings Persist](#)," *Buffalo (N.Y.) News*, October 16, 1973, p. 1; UFOEv II 192)
- 1973**, October 15 — 10:30 p.m. Awakened by the barking of their dogs, a farm family sees lights from an apparent UFO in the woods near Berea, Tennessee. James Cline sees an entity with a glowing white head cross the road 50 feet away. The next day, claw-like tracks are found in the road, as well as landing marks 22 feet long by 12 feet wide. ("UFO Lands near Berea, Tenn.," *Pulaski (Tenn.) Citizen*, October 24, 1973; David Webb, [1973: Year of the Humanoids](#), CUFOS, May 1976, p. 12)
- 1973**, October 16 — 12:20 a.m. Bill and Donna Hatchett are driving west along a county road south of Mannford, Oklahoma, when they see a bright light approaching quickly from the south and east. They pull their truck over and the light begins hovering near them on the south side of the road about 150–200 in the air. They can hear an intense, low-pitched humming sound and they feel a "stillness" around them. The object, which seems huge, appears to change shape as it hovers, but the light is too bright for them to see it precisely, plus there are three belts of blinking lights that seem to be encircling it. The couple decides to drive away, and the object crosses in front of them and moves off to the northeast, allowing them to notice three red lights on its rear in the shape of a triangle. ("[Close Encounter in Oklahoma](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 2 (Sept./Oct. 1972): 8–9)
- 1973**, October 16 — At a press conference in Illinois, USAF Chief of Staff Gen. [George Scratchley Brown](#) states that sightings of what were presumed to be enemy helicopters during the Vietnam War took place, always at night, and prompted shooting by US ground forces. A Combat Air Activities file of 16 such incidents between 1967 and 1969, especially around Pleiku in February 1969, documents some of this activity. (Barry Greenwood, "[Air Force Vietnam Era UFO Reports Surface](#)," *UFO Historical Review*, no. 14 (May 2015): 3–10; Clark III 1051; Clark IV 1166)
- 1973**, October 16 — In response to a question from MP [Edward Bishop](#), Minister of State for Defence [Anthony Kershaw](#) tells the House of Commons that of the 1,631 UFO reports received from 1967 through 1972, the majority could be ascribed to aircraft. (Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024))
- 1973**, October 16 — 11:30 a.m. Two children, ages 2 and 4, are playing in their backyard in Burbank, California, when they see "something big" land outside. It seems to be an oval object with a pointed dome; at its bottom, there are "rays" beaming down, and it is making a buzzing sound. There are four "monsters" inside that emerge from the object and invite the older boy to look in. At this point, he runs inside to tell his father, a police officer, what he has seen. Meanwhile, their dog is barking furiously outside, which the father thinks is odd, so he goes outside to investigate. He can find no markings at the spot where the boy said the object had landed. (Ann Druffel, "[The Burbank Landing and Occupant Report](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 1 (June 1975): 3–6, 8)
- 1973**, October 16 — 7:30 p.m. Upon arriving home at Albany, Ohio, Mary Geddis sees a "ghost-like" figure floating about 50 feet above the ground at 1,000 feet distance; it is about 4 feet tall and thin, "like a person draped in a close-fitting sheet." It is seen only briefly when she notices a bright white object moving about, and approaches to within 200 feet before going away. The object is about 20 feet in diameter and about 25–30 feet off the ground.

Later, as she is making supper, she sees a “little blue-green thing” about 2.5 feet tall and with a face with “spiky things at the tops and the sides of the head” looking in an open door; it has stumpy arms (she sees no legs) and quickly disappears from sight. UFO sightings occur around the same time in nearby Athens, Ohio. (George M. Eberhart, [“The Little ‘Electric’ Man,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 5 (March 1975): 10–12)

1973, October 16 — 7:45 p.m. A 50-foot-wide bluish object hovers 2–3 feet above US Highway 82, seemingly suspended on a beam of light, near Eupora, Mississippi, 300 feet from a taxicab driven by John Lane. The engine and headlights fail as the object lands. Another object hovers about 60 feet above the first, illuminating it. A “catfish-like” creature emerges with flippers for hands, a wide mouth, and feathers on its back. It holds onto a handrail on the craft and never goes down to the ground. It gets back in and the object rises into the air. The driver restarts the car. However, a few days later Lane confesses that the incident was a hoax. ([“Cab Driver Says UFO Sighting ‘a Joke That Backfired,’”](#) *Biloxi (Miss.) Daily Herald*, October 19, 1973, p. 8; *Columbus (Miss.) Triangle Advertiser*, October 24, 1973; David Webb, [1973: Year of the Humanoids](#), CUFOS, 1976, p. 14)

1973, October 16 — Night. William and Donna Hatchett are driving down a country road near Mannford, Oklahoma, when she sees a bright light coming from the south. They first think it is a security light on a pole, but then realize the object is pacing them and descending. When the Hatchetts stop the truck, the light also stops in front of them. As the object hovers, it gives off a blinding light and a penetrating low-pitched hum. They have a feeling that there are occupants who know everything they are thinking. Donna is so afraid that she twice leaves the truck cab and goes into the back. William manages to persuade her to return, and they set off, the object rising up in the opposite direction. ([“Close Encounter in Oklahoma,”](#) *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1973, pp. 8–9; Kevin D. Randle, *The UFO Casebook*, Warner, 1989, pp. 143–144; Kevin D. Randle, [“Chasing Footnotes: Kevin Randle Edition,”](#) A Different Perspective, May 2, 2022)

1973, October 16 — 10:30 p.m. A 33-year-old woman is driving along a country lane near Langford Budville, Somerset, UK, when she sees a bright light ahead and her car loses power. The headlights flicker, dim, and cut out, then the engine sputters and stops. As she looks under the hood, she hears a humming sound that grows louder. As she reenters the car, a robot-like being appears and puts a hand on her shoulder, pressing her down. She sees flashing colored lights and blacks out. When she comes to, she is standing in a field with the robot next to her and the craft in front of them. She blacks out again. The being is tall and dark and appears metallic as light from the object in the field reflects off it. The object is silver-gray and dome-shaped, about 40 feet in diameter, resting on thick legs. Yellow light comes from oblong windows around the middle. On board are three humanoid beings, about 5 feet 7 inches tall. They wear skullcaps and have masks across their faces so that only their round eyes show. They wear light-blue tunics, long gloves to the elbows, and aprons down to their feet. The woman wakes up strapped to a table with a cold surface, legs spreadeagled, and her clothes gone. A light blue blanket has been placed over her. The robot stands inactive against a far wall. Three beings approach the table and examine her using gray-colored instruments. He takes a fingernail paring from her right index finger, a blood sample, and passes a small handheld device over her body that glows brighter and dimmer in various locations. He removes the blanket and performs some gynecological procedures, then covers her with a black blanket. All three humanoids leave the room at once. After a while, one returns, inserts a pin into her thigh that paralyzes and numbs her. When the examiner notices her glance at the robot, he speaks to her in perfect English, explaining that it is a retriever device that performs manual tasks outside the craft. The three men come back into the room, and one removes the pin from her thigh. They remove the restraining bonds from her wrists and ankles and lift her off the table. She sees her clothes on the floor by the robot and then passes out again. When she regains consciousness, she is standing fully clothed next to her car on the deserted country road, dazed and shocked. She climbs into the car and starts up the engine. She does not remember the drive home and arrives there at 2:30 a.m. She and her husband keep silent about the incident for four years. (Carl Nagaitis and Philip Mantle, *Without Consent*, Ringpull Press, 1994, pp. 174–181; UFOEv II 535–536; Clark III 1062; Clark IV 1177)

1973, October 16 — 11:17 p.m. The Mississippi Chemical Corporation’s nitrogen fertilizer plant in Yazoo City suffers a complete power failure due to the shattering of a ceramic insulator at one of the substations. Accumulating static electricity causes a gas vent fire at the plant. Just after the fire starts, a guard at the ammonia plant sees two white lights streaking rapidly in opposite directions from behind the facility. John Harris, the manager of radio station WAZF, and his wife see a peculiar bluish light around 10:30 p.m. hovering about 75 feet above a cotton field near their home. They watch the light as it changes from blue to bright red to green and to pale yellow. After about 30 minutes it drifts away in the direction of the ammonia plant. ([“MCC Power Failure Coincides with UFO,”](#) *Yazoo City (Miss.) Herald*, October 18, 1973, pp. 1, 8)

1973, October 16 — Midnight. Single mother Pat Roach (Patty Price) is dozing on the couch with her 5-year-old son Kent in an isolated house on the outskirts of Lehi, Utah. Suddenly, Kent wakes up screaming that he has seen a “skeleton.” Roach has a vague memory of an intruder and a bright light. Suspecting a prowler, she phones a

neighbor, who calls the police at 12:10 a.m. A few minutes later, officers arrive, talk to Roach, find nothing amiss, and leave. Roach then checks on her other children. Two of them, Bonnie and Debbie, tell her they had seen a spaceman who had come into the house and taken them on a spaceship. Debbie remembers being told not to tell anyone, as well as seeing a line of people waiting to go on board. Disturbed, Roach takes her children and spends the rest of the night at a friend's house. In 1975, Roach sees an article by [Kevin Randle](#) on UFO abductions and contacts him. Randle arranges for an interview and hypnosis sessions with APRO's research director [James A. Harder](#). An abduction tale slowly emerges that involves some elements that are little known in 1975, among them the aliens' clinical coldness, their curiosity about human emotion, their interest in gynecology, and human participants in the physical examination. However, Randle now believes that Roach underwent sleep paralysis, was influenced by some abduction accounts over the years, and was led into the narrative by Harder's leading questions during hypnosis. (Lorenzen, *Abducted! Confrontations with Beings from Outer Space*, Berkley, 1977, pp. 9–24; Story, pp. 309–310; Kevin D. Randle, *The October Scenario*, Middle Coast, 1988, pp. 17–30; UFOEv II 537–538; Kevin D. Randle, "[Alien Abduction and Leading the Witness](#)," A Different Perspective, March 28, 2005; Clark III 1011–1012; Randle, 1973, pp. 79–100; "[The Alien Abduction Experience of Pat Roach \(Patty Price\) and Her Children, Utah, October 16, 1973](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, October 2023; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 270–272; Clark IV 1125–1126)

- 1973**, October 17 — Morning. [Edward Deutsch](#) is driving to work along Little Mountain Road near Ringtown, Pennsylvania, when he sees a round object with flashing lights about "as big as a large tractor-trailer tire" hovering and rotating 100 feet above his car. It emits a humming sound. When he gets to the top of the mountain, it lights up the entire car, rotating it 90° so that he is moving toward home. It takes Deutsch about 10 minutes to realize that he has been turned around. ("[Area Man Says UFO Turned Car Around](#)," *Berwick (Pa.) Enterprise*, October 18, 1973, p. 11)
- 1973**, October 17 — Linda Greene notices a "copper-colored, circular" object hovering across the road from her home in Watauga, Tennessee. Her son, Junior, and a neighbor, Teddy Malone, are playing on the front lawn when they see the UFO. Linda watches a being about 6 feet tall with blinking eyes open a door in the craft and attempt to snatch the children, but the boys run away, and the object ascends swiftly and disappears. ("[Still No Letup in UFO Reports](#)," *Johnson City (Tenn.) Press*, October 18, 1973, p. 1)
- 1973**, October 17 — Evening. Paul Brown is driving on US Highway 29 near Danielsville, Georgia, when his car radio suddenly goes wild with strange sounds. He sees a silver, oval-shaped object about 300 feet ahead on the road. He stops and sees two beings with red faces and white hair. Brown grabs a pistol and steps halfway out of his car, but the beings return to the object, which takes off with a whooshing sound. (*Athens (Ga.) Banner-Herald*, October 18, 1973; "[First Flap in Six Years Resurrects UFOs As National Controversy](#)," *UFO Investigator*, November 1973, p. 4)
- 1973**, October 17 — 8:30 p.m. Reporter Donnie Johnston gets a call from Mrs. Kenneth Hensley saying there is a UFO hovering in the sky above Madison, Virginia. He jumps in his car and drives there in time to see a mysterious light about 20° above the southeastern horizon about 3–5 miles away. It slowly moves from southwest to northwest, then suddenly disappears. This is the third sighting for the Hensleys, who had seen UFOs earlier in the week. (Donnie Johnston, "[UFO Seen over Madison](#)," *Culpeper (Va.) Star-Exponent*, October 18, 1973, pp. 1, 10; Randle, 1973, p. 25)
- 1973**, October 17 — 9:15 p.m. 17-year-old David Bodner sees something very bright in the sky to the northwest in Elkhorn, West Virginia. It passes overhead with a fluttering motion in about 45–60 seconds, pulsing or flashing brightly for about 5 seconds with about 3 seconds between flashes. Bodner takes a photo with his 35mm Pentax camera. The image suggests that the object is subtending an angle of 3.5°, which would make it 120 feet in diameter at a distance of 2,000 feet. A similar object is photographed the same night in Columbus, Ohio, about 170 miles to the northwest. (Ted Spickler, "[Nocturnal UFO in West Virginia](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 115 (June 1977): 3, 7; "[UFO Investigator Expects Skepticism](#)," *Charleston (W.Va.) Gazette*, July 21, 1988, via *APCIC Clipping Service* 13, no. 10 (October 1988): 3–4; UFOEv II 292)
- 1973**, October 17 — Night. Clarence Ray Patterson is driving home to Pensacola, Florida, on Interstate 10. When he is near the exit to Loxley, Alabama, a UFO swoops down, picks up his truck, and pulls it inside the craft. He claims that six short creatures with claw-like arms take him out of the truck to examine him. They seem to be reading his mind. After 30 minutes, they release him on Florida Highway 297 just outside Pensacola. He immediately drives to the police station to tell his story. ("[Pickup by UFO Reported](#)," *Pensacola (Fla.) News*, October 18, 1973, pp. 1–2; Randle, 1973, pp. 24–25, 113)
- 1973**, October 17 — Night. Herschel Fueston, a policeman in Noblesville, Indiana, is patrolling the area of South Harbor when he notices an object hovering silently 100 feet above the water of Morse Reservoir. It has amber lights and

- moves directly above his car. Its lights get brighter as it speeds away, and he can see a row of red lights on its underside. ("[Noblesville Policeman Sights Strange Object](#)," *Jasper (Ind.) Daily Herald*, October 18, 1973, p. 5)
- 1973**, October 17 — After 10:00 p.m. Falkville, Alabama, Police Chief Jeffrey Greenhaw responds to a phone call about a UFO on the outskirts of town. On a gravel road, he sees a 5-and-a-half-foot-tall, silver-suited figure in his headlights. He stops, gets out, and talks to the figure, all the while taking Polaroid photos of it. It steps towards him and Greenhaw turns on the red rotating police car light. The figure runs away and although Greenhaw pursues it in his car, it eludes him. The photos quickly become a national news story. NICAP investigator Marion Webb and others strongly suspect this is a hoax. (NICAP, "[Falkville, Alabama, Entity / Jeff Greenhaw Case, Oct. 17, 1973](#)"; "[Alabamians Sight Ship, Creature](#)," *Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser*, October 19, 1973, p. 27; "[Officer Who Saw 'Metallic Being' Resigns](#)," *Birmingham (Ala.) Post-Herald*, November 17, 1973, p. 3; "A Good Chance Falkville's 'Space Creature' Only a Hoax," *Birmingham (Ala.) News*, September 5, 1974, p. 6; "[Police Chief's Nightmare: Real or Contrived?](#)" *UFO Investigator*, October 1974, pp. 1–2; William Spaulding, "[Falkville Creature Photographs Analyzed](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 108 (November 1976): cover, 3–5; "[Police Chief Hoaxes UFO](#)," *UFO Investigator*, January 1977, p. 4; Good Above, [pp. 301–302](#); Clark III 482; Clark IV 530–531)
- 1973**, October 18 — 1:30 p.m. Filaments of a silky transparent material float down from the sky for about one hour over Jackson and other parts of central Mississippi and northern Louisiana, sticking on utility lines and cars. It quickly disintegrates, but some samples are retrieved in Forest City and sent to the state Air and Water Pollution Control Commission for analysis. Balloon spiders are not suspected. ("[UFOs Diminish As 'Angel Hair' Slips Earthward](#)," *Jackson (Miss.) Daily News*, October 19, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 55 (November 1973): 4; "[Photos Taken by Patrolman in Alabama](#)," *Danville (Va.) Bee*, October 19, 1973, p. B-1)
- 1973**, October 18 — 3:30 p.m. A witness in Hamilton, Illinois, sees a huge gray oval or oblong UFO. A second object appears that resembles the first but seems to be covered in "cobwebs" on its upper surface. About 15 minutes later, "cotton-like" material is found that when handled becomes a "small ball which melted as it was touched." The next morning, a collected sample has totally sublimated. (Brian Boldman, "[An Analysis of Angel Hair, 1947–2000](#)," *IUR* 26, no. 3 (Fall 2001): 19)
- 1973**, October 18 — Early evening. Two youths are on White Oak Mountain southeast of Chatham, Virginia, when they see a bright-white entity, 3–4 feet tall, with a shimmering body and a large head with no eyes. It begins chasing them in an unusual sideways movement. They run back to a pickup truck where an adult is waiting for them. After they get there, they see a green, hazy cloud moving into the sky, headed north. About the same time, some state troopers in Salem, Virginia, see a red ball of fire in the sky. ("[UFO 'Thing' Chases Boys on White Oak](#)," *Danville (Va.) Bee*, October 19, 1973, p. B-1)
- 1973**, October 18 — 11:00 p.m. Army Reserve Capt. [Lawrence J. Coyne](#) (with his crew 1st Lt. Arrigo Jezzi, Sgt. John Healey, and Spec5 Robert Yanacsek) is flying an Army Reserve UH-1 Huey helicopter at 1,200 feet from Columbus to Cleveland, Ohio. Healey notices a steady, southbound red light. It looks like the port-wing light of an aircraft but seems brighter and carries none of the other FAA-required lights. He watches it disappear behind the helicopter and doesn't tell the others. A couple minutes later, Yanacsek sees a bright red light on the eastern horizon and watches it for 90 seconds, realizing it is pacing the helicopter. He mentions it to Coyne, who tells Healey to watch it. Soon the light turns and comes towards the helicopter. Coyne takes the controls from Jezzi and puts the helicopter into a descent. He calls Mansfield (Ohio) Approach Control but fails to get a response. The red light is now closing on them at a dangerous rate of speed, possibly 684 mph. Coyne pushes the stick down, forcing the helicopter to descend quickly. When he gets to an altitude of 650 feet above the treetops, Coyne looks up and sees the object covering the entire front windshield. The red light is on its nose and a white light is on the tail of this cigar-shaped, metallic structure. Under the tail, a green beam sweeps a 90° arc and shines through the windshield. It hovers above them for 10–12 seconds before accelerating and heading northwest. The bright white light just snaps out. Coyne looks at the altimeter and realizes they have been ascending and are now at 3,500 feet, but the stick is still down. He pulls the stick up and the helicopter levels out at 3,800 feet. Reviewing his instruments, Coyne notices that the magnetic compass is rotating slowly, while the Radio Magnetic Indicator is functioning normally. They make radio contact with Akron and fly on to Cleveland without further incident. Other witnesses on the ground have seen the incident. (NICAP, "[Coyne Helicopter, E-M / Magnetic Compass Encounter](#)"; [[CUFOS case file](#)]; John P. Coyne, "[Copter Narrowly Misses Collision with Strange Craft](#)," *Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer*, October 21, 1973, p. 31A; "[UFO Encounter Affirmed](#)," *Cincinnati Enquirer*, October 22, 1973, p. 1; Jennie Zeidman, "[UFO–Helicopter Close Encounter over Ohio](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 4 (November 1976): 15–19; Jennie Zeidman, "[More on the Coyne Helicopter Case](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 4 (January 1978): 16–18; Jennie Zeidman, "Major Coyne and the UFO: The True Story," *Fate* 31, no. 8 (August 1978): 66–74; Philip J. Klass, "The Other Side of the Coyne Encounter," *Fate* 31, no. 12

(December 1978): 72, 74, 76–82; Jennie Zeidman, “Zeidman on Klass on Coyne,” *Fate* 31, no. 12 (December 1978): 73, 75, 82–85; Jennie Zeidman, [A Helicopter-UFO Encounter over Ohio](#), CUFOS, 1979; Kim Hansen, “UFO Casebook,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 82–85; Good Above, [pp. 302–303](#); Jennie Zeidman, “[Green Light over Mansfield](#),” *IUR* 13, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1988): 13–14; Jennie Zeidman, “[The Coyne Case: Correction and Update](#),” *IUR* 14, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1989): 17–18; UFOEv II 81–86; Michael D. Swords, *GrassRoots UFOs: Case Reports from the Timmerman Files*, Fund for UFO Research, 2005, p. 145; Patrick Gross, “[The Coyne Incident, Mansfield, Ohio, USA, 1973](#)”; Kevin D. Randle, “[The Coyne Helicopter UFO Case](#),” A Different Perspective, August 5, 2014; Clark III 309–312; “[The 1973 Coyne/Mansfield Helicopter UFO Incident Finally Explained](#),” Parabunk, April 2, 2018; Kevin D. Randle, “[The Coyne Helicopter Encounter–Explained?](#)” A Different Perspective, May 1, 2018; Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, pp. 159–161; Randle, 1973, pp. 130–156; Covert 28; Powell, *Scientist*, 17; Clark IV 353–356; Kevin D. Randle, “[Following Is a Long Posting about the Coyne Helicopter UFO Sighting](#),” A Different Perspective, April 24, 2025; “[Green Beam from a UFO Lifts Up Army Helicopter, Observed by Lawrence Coyne and John Healy in 1973](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, June 4, 2025)

- 1973**, October 18 — 11:30 p.m. A group of people in Wooster, Ohio, notices a bright, pulsing, triangular object with three colored lights at each apex, pulsating at different rates. When the object moves, the red light becomes brighter. It moves right, left, up, and down for 25 minutes. The UFO then dips down and shoots straight up into the sky. (Michael D. Swords, “[Timmerman’s Triangles](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 15)
- 1973**, October 19 — 3:30 p.m. A woman is driving south on Interstate 75 near Ashburn, Georgia, when her engine suddenly stops and the power brakes and power steering go out. She guides the car onto the shoulder of the road. Stunned and sitting behind the steering wheel, she senses something amiss and looks toward the highway. Right outside her rolled-up window she sees a humanoid dressed in a metallic suit and a bubble helmet with two rectangular slits for eyes. She has difficulty looking at it directly, and after 5–6 minutes the creature moves to the front of the car, then around to the back, its helmet making odd, mechanical movements, before it disappears from view. Shortly afterward, she gets out of the car and raises the hood to attract a passing motorist, but smoke comes billowing out. The engine is so intensely hot that by the time a police tow truck takes her to a garage, the hood is nearly at the melting stage. APRO considers it unlikely that the woman could have raised the hood if it had been so hot. (“[Strange Creature Stalls Auto in Georgia: Car Intensely Hot](#),” *Skylook*, no. 73 (December 1973): 7–8; “[Possible Hoax in Georgia](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 6 (May/June 1974): 5–6)
- 1973**, October 19 — NBC News journalist [John Chancellor](#) sums up the prevailing views on UFOs among broadcasters on the *NBC Evening News*: “Many people would like the UFOs to go away. But the UFOs won’t go away, and many scientists are taking them very seriously. It’s likely that we will hear more and more about the UFOs.” (“[More and More UFO’s #467328](#),” Vanderbilt News Archive, October 19, 1973; Jacobs, *UFO Controversy in America*, Signet ed., 1976, [p. 261](#))
- 1973**, October 19 — 7:45 p.m. David A. Doby and his wife are leaving to go to a football game when they see a large bluish, oval-shaped UFO hovering above their mobile home in Copeland, North Carolina. Suddenly she sees a 3-foot-tall creature standing in the front yard. It is dressed head to foot in a golden metallic suit. They rush into their car with their young son and speed away. Instead of returning, they spend the night with a friend. The family dog also flees, returning the next day. (George D. Fawcett, “[Many North Carolina UFO Sightings Remain Unsolved](#),” *Skylook*, no. 74 (January 1974): 14)
- 1973**, October 19 — 8:30 p.m. Gabriel Demogue and his girlfriend are riding a motorcycle along a road leading to Malmont, a peak just north of Draguignan, Var, France, when suddenly the girl sees a vivid yellow-orange ball surrounded by a light halo traveling parallel to their bike. They stop to watch the object, which is moving west to east about 1,600 feet from them. It vanishes behind the mountain, leaving a red glow visible through the trees. Demogue contacts a few friends, including Georges Macret, Alain Leca, and Christian Bensa, who decide to drive two cars to the overlook to investigate. Soon Macret notices that the orientation table at the overlook is growing hot and feels a wave of heat passing through him. They all notice a red light below the peak, which descends along a stony track, and they hear the sound of pebbles being displaced and a modulated whistling noise. The light is apparently carried by a humanoid figure more than 6 feet tall, which stops about 80 feet away and picks something up from the ground. The red light goes out and the whistling stops. The observers panic and rush to their cars, but a blinding white light shines on them from the hilltop. Leca drives a few yards then looks back and sees three figures coming down the path with jerky steps. He reverses the car and stops about 15 feet from them, shouting, “Are you good or are you bad?” The three figures seem to be discussing what to do, then continue toward the car, which panics Leca and he speeds away another 160 feet before looking back and returning to the overlook. The other car, driven by Macret, encounters two phosphorescent “red legs” crossing the road in front of their vehicle. The headlights and dashboard light go out. They take a sharp turn in the darkness, narrowly

- avoiding a crash. Moments later, the lights come back on. After stopping for a while, Macret drives on and encounters the “red legs” again coming from the right, but he speeds ahead at about 40 mph. Suddenly his car is thrown off sideways at right angles to the road, but the car mysteriously positions itself on the road again. (J. Chasseigne, [“Remarkable Encounter at Draguignan,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 4 (January 1975): 12–17.
- 1973,** October 20 — 1:00 a.m. Two women driving in a Volkswagen near Fort Smith, Arkansas, see a glowing object approach them from the south. It descends within 6 feet of their car, at which point the headlights, radio, and engine all fail. The object is about 8 feet in diameter, shaped like a disc, and emits a “computer-like” sound. After about 5 minutes, it moves away quickly. (Fort Smith (Ark.) *Southwest Times Record*, October 21, 1973; Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 59)
- 1973,** October 20 — 2:00 a.m. Sam Richerson and his wife awaken in their home in Campbellsville, Kentucky, when a barking dog disturbs his young son from a deep sleep. When his wife attends to him, she notices a glowing object across the street. They stand and watch the object for 15 minutes. It is a triangular-shaped object the size of two cars hovering at treetop height 300 feet away. ([Campbellsville \(Ky.\) News-Journal](#), October 25, 1973; Marler [89–90](#))
- 1973,** October 20 — 6:50 a.m. A conductor on a Louisville & Nashville Railroad train moving northeast out of Mount Vernon, Indiana, sees a bright white light coming out of the north and heading east. When they reach Caborn, Indiana, he notifies the rear conductors, who can now see a bright light (possibly another train) behind them. The train’s automatic blocking system is showing a red light, indicating there is a train to the rear. When the train reaches Belknap, the engine stops because a rear diesel unit has apparently overheated. The yardmaster in Evansville informs them that there never was any train behind them. The conductor hits a reset button and the train starts with no trouble. The light in the rear seems to be moving away, and the blocking system turns to an amber signal. (NICAP, [“UFO Disables Train”](#); Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, pp. 161–162; Randle, 1973, pp. 171–172; [“L&N Train Conductor Talks to Researcher Francis Ridge in a Rare Recording about a 1973 Incident,”](#) Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, April 10, 2024)
- 1973,** October 20 — A man and two in-laws watch a UFO pass over Round Valley Reservoir, Clinton Township, New Jersey. Their car engine and headlights give out while the object is visible. ([“Saucer Flew over Reservoir, According to a Fisherman Who Couldn’t Get Car Going,”](#) *High Bridge (N.J.) Gazette*, October 24, 1973, via *UFO Newscipping Service*, no. 55 (November 1973): 5)
- 1973,** October 20 — 8:00 p.m. A witness sees a triangular-shaped object with bright white lights hovering above Milton Road in Alton, Illinois. A second triangle is above the first. (“Latest UFO over Milton (Road),” *Alton (Ill.) Telegraph*, October 22, 1973; Marler [90, 209](#))
- 1973,** October 21 — 2:30 a.m. [Reafa Heitfeld](#) wakes up in her trailer in Covedale on the west side of Cincinnati, Ohio, and notices a bright light shining outside. The source is a row of six lights forming an arc outside her window, as well as another bright light over the parking lot. Outside the second light she can see a gray “apelike creature” that seems to be fixing something. In the process of calling the police, she hears a loud, deep, booming sound, and the object and creature are gone. Investigator [Leonard Stringfield](#) finds that a fire alarm has gone off at the same time in a nearby warehouse only 150 feet away, although firemen can locate nothing that set it off. (Len Stringfield, [“Creature Inside Shield of Light,”](#) *Skylook*, no. 87 (February 1975): 3–6; [“Bell-Jars and Gargoyles,”](#) *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 4 (1975): cover, 1, 5–6; David Webb, [1973: Year of the Humanoids](#), CUFOS, 2nd ed., May 1976, pp. 16, 29, 64; Clark III 554; Clark IV 612)
- 1973,** October 21 — Science writer [Walter Sullivan](#) writes in the *New York Times* that not since 1947 “have there been such widespread reports of unidentified flying objects or UFO’s, in recent days.” (Walter Sullivan, [“Despite Lack of Data from Pilots and Officials, Reports of UFO Sightings Are Many and Widespread,”](#) *New York Times*, October 21, 1973, p. 65)
- 1973,** October 22 — 2:00 p.m. June Margolin sees a shiny globe dropping web-like substance in large amounts over Sudbury, Massachusetts. It drapes over trees and telephone lines. She collects a sample and puts it in the refrigerator, but the substance still dissipates into strong white threads. The University of Massachusetts field station examines a sample. It is not spider web, but there is not enough of it for a chemical analysis. X-ray fluorescence and diffraction analysis indicates sodium, aluminum, silicon, sulfur, chlorine, potassium, calcium, iron, nickel. The substance is 95% organic. Two other analyses indicate slightly different composition. ([“UFO ‘Angel’s Hair’ Still Remains a Mystery,”](#) *UFO Investigator*, March 1974, pp. 1, 3; Brian Boldman, [“An Analysis of Angel Hair, 1947–2000,”](#) *IUR* 26, no. 3 (Fall 2001): cover; Brian Boldman, [“Angel Hair Physical Analyses: A Review,”](#) *JUFOS* 9 (2006): 105–106)
- 1973,** October 22 — 6:50 p.m. A man is farming in Upton, Indiana, when he notices an object that looks like it is going to land. He and his daughter walk toward the other side of the field to investigate. They can see an object with red, white, and green lights near the railroad tracks. As a train passes through, the object dims and hovers near it for

one minute, then takes off to the southeast. An object is seen flying above a train at Maunie, Illinois, the same evening. (NICAP, "[UFO Hovers over Passing Train](#)")

- 1973**, October 22 — 9:45 p.m.—after midnight. Dewayne and Debbie Donathan are driving toward their home 9 miles east of Hartford City, Indiana, when they see two strange-looking figures 30 feet ahead of them on the road. Four feet tall, they are dressed in tight-fitting silver suits and wear boxlike shoes. They move in a clumsy fashion, their arms flopping oddly along their sides. Debbie accelerates and drives past the figures. The witnesses alert the sheriff's office, and two officers and a civilian friend, [Gary Flatter](#), investigate. They see no figures but hear an odd, high-frequency sound. Around midnight, Flatter hears the sound again south of the original encounter and notes wild animals leaving the area. His headlights pick up two 4-foot figures 20 feet off the side of the road. He can see a hose going from their egg-shaped helmets down to their chests. Three times they rise 3 feet into the air then float down. The fourth time, they fly away, still standing erectly. ("[Occupants in Indiana](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 2 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 1, 3; "'Silver-Suited' Beings Seen on Roadway," *Hartford City (Ind.) News-Times*, October 22, 1973; Don Worley, "UFOs, Occupants, and Artifacts in Eastern Indiana 1972–1973," *Official UFO* 1, no. 5 (January 1976): 16–18, 44–46; David Webb, [1973: Year of the Humanoids](#), 2nd ed., CUFOS, May 1976, pp. 16, 63, 66; Raymond Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Bantam, 1979, [pp. 311–312](#); Clark III 278; Clark IV 318)
- 1973**, October 22 — 11:00 p.m. A senior sales representative for an airline company is sitting on the balcony of his suite at the Holiday Inn, Key West, Florida, along with his sister. They watch a silent UFO fly past them from the west, five separate times, at 10-minute intervals, at different altitudes and in different directions. They think it is the same object each time, on a level flight and a straight course. Three times the object passes directly overhead and disappears behind the hotel. From the front, it looks wing-shaped, but when it passes overhead, they see it is boomerang-shaped. The leading edge appears to be illuminated from within with a soft-blue light. ("[Interesting 1973 Case](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 1 (July 1975): 1, 5)
- 1973**, October 23 — Bonnie Collier observes two metallic cigar-shaped objects over Midway, Texas. She photographs one of them. About 20 minutes later, she notices monarch butterflies are getting entangled in "sheets of a web-like substance" falling to earth. She retrieves a grapefruit-sized sample from a mesquite tree and stores it in a box. Some 20 years later, the sample is analyzed by two engineering students at the University of Texas at Austin. A neutron activation survey indicates high concentrations of sodium, potassium, zinc, and lanthanum. Other tests indicate the sample is spider silk produced by a cribellate orb weaver spider. (Brian Boldman, "[An Analysis of Angel Hair, 1947–2000](#)," *IUR* 26, no. 3 (Fall 2001): 14; Brian Boldman, "[Angel Hair Physical Analyses: A Review](#)," *JUFOS* 9 (2006): 106)
- 1973**, October 24 — 9:00 p.m. David Simpson's car engine stops and the headlights go out when an oval object, 12 feet wide by 8 feet high, lands close by near Dobson, North Carolina. He sees a humanoid with balls of fire for eyes looking into the car. After the creature leaves, the car engine and lights come back on without his having to start the ignition. (George D. Fawcett, "[Many North Carolina UFO Sightings Remain Unsolved](#)," *Skylook*, no. 74 (January 1974): 14; David Webb, [1973: Year of the Humanoids](#), CUFOS, 1976, p. 17)
- 1973**, October 25 — FBI Director [Clarence M. Kelley](#) explains in a letter to a resident of La Habra, California, that the investigation of UFOs "is not and never has been a matter that is within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI." (Good Above, [pp. 253, 475](#))
- 1973**, October 25 — 7:15 p.m. Lt. Commander M—— is traveling south from Naval Communication Station Harold E. Holt, a restricted US National Security Agency station along Murat Road on North West Cape, north of Exmouth, Western Australia, when he sees a large, black object in the sky 5 miles to his west at an altitude of 2,000 feet. After about 20–25 seconds, the object accelerates at speed to the north. It is first seen at about 20° elevation, to the west. M—— estimates its angular size as half a degree. It is initially stationary and there is no associated noise at any point, no trail or exhaust. It is last seen at 45°–50° elevation. At about 7:20 p.m., William Gordon Lynn, an Australian civilian and US Navy employee fire captain, notices a large, stationary, black object in the clear sky. It has a halo around the center, which appears to be either revolving or pulsating. He watches it for an estimated four minutes, after which it takes off speedily in a northerly direction and disappears after a few seconds. He thinks it is about 30 feet in diameter and hovering at 1,000 feet over the hills west of the base. On this same date, the base is communicating a DEFCON III alert to conventional and nuclear forces in the region during the Yom Kippur War (an NSA misreading of a Syrian message to the USSR had indicated a Soviet build-up). (NICAP, "[Black Sphere Observed / DEFCON-3 Reached](#)"; Bill Chalker, "[The North West Cape Incident: UFOs and Nuclear Alert in Australia](#)," *IUR* 11, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1986): 10–11; Bill Chalker, "[The UFO Connection: Startling Implications for Australia's North West Cape, and for Australia's Security](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 31, no. 5 (July 1986): 16–18; Good Above, [pp. 174–175](#); Bill Chalker, "[UFOs Sub Rosa Down Under, Part 4](#)," 1996;

Swords 403–405; Coulthart 2023, pp. 66–68; Bill Chalker, “[Confronting UFOs and UAP: Remembering October 1973](#),” The OzFiles, October 22, 2023; Powell, *Scientist*, 66; Clark IV 912–914)

1973, October 25 — 8:00 p.m. George Kowalczyk, 22, and two 10-year-old boys allegedly see a bright-white, dome-shaped UFO about 100 feet in diameter land in a field near Uniontown, Pennsylvania. “Screaming sounds” emanate from somewhere nearby. The UFO makes a lawnmower-like sound. Suddenly they see two large apelike creatures with glowing green eyes walking along a fence, one in front of the other. Kowalczyk fires a tracer slug with his rifle over the creatures’ heads, but they continue moving forward, seemingly communicating by making whining sounds. The tall and closer of the two, about 8 feet tall, is running its left hand along the fence, while the smaller one is struggling to keep up. Kowalczyk fires three bullets into the larger creature’s chest. It whines and reaches toward the smaller creature. The UFO vanishes and the lawnmower sound ceases. The area where the UFO had been is now glowing brilliant white. The hairy creatures head toward the woods. A policeman arrives at 9:45 p.m. and finds the landing spot still glowing slightly. They hear something moving in the woods nearby and smell a sulfur-like odor. The officer and the witnesses panic and jump into the police car and drive about 150 feet. [Stan Gordon](#) shows up at 1:30 a.m. with four members of his Westmoreland County UFO Study Group. In the company of Kowalczyk and his father, they walk around the field until Kowalczyk undergoes a violent emotional attack, during which he growls like an animal and throws his father and an investigator to the ground. During his attack, he has an apocalyptic vision in which he receives a dire warning from a man in a black hat and cloak. Kowalczyk undergoes hypnosis with psychologist [Berthold Eric Schwarz](#), who says he has visions about the impending end of the world and after the event he “felt like an animal.” (“[‘Bigfoot’ Sighting Studied by W’moreland UFO Unit](#),” *Uniontown (Pa.) Morning Herald*, October 27, 1973, pp. 1, 3; “[Witnesses Watch UFO Landing in Pennsylvania: Hairy Creatures Seen](#),” *Skylook*, no. 73 (December 1973): 8; Berthold Eric Schwarz, “[Berserk: A UFO-Creature Encounter](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 1 (July 1974): 3–11; Stan Gordon, “UFOs in Relation to Creature Sightings in Pennsylvania,” in *MUFON 1974 UFO Symposium Proceedings*, Mutual UFO Network, 1974, pp. 132–154; Clark III 556; “[George Kowalczyk Talks Firing Shots at 2 Tall Creatures after UFO Landed in a Field, Oct. 25, 1973](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, November 9, 2023; “[Sulfur Smell, ‘Demonic Possession’ Discussed by Stan Gordon in 1973 Recording of the Kowalczyk Case](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, November 10, 2023; Clark IV 614)

1973, October 28 — 1:15 a.m. Truck driver Dionisio Llanca is changing a tire along Highway 3 some 11 miles from Bahía Blanca, Argentina, when a UFO lands and three humanlike beings, two men and a woman, approach him. Nearly paralyzed by the light from the UFO, Llanca lets one of the beings take a blood sample and later remembers going on board the craft, whose occupants warn him that humans are headed towards disaster. He loses consciousness and wakes up in a railyard 5.5 miles away, then finds himself in a hospital. However, Argentine UFO investigators find major discrepancies and consider Llanca’s story an invention devised to make some money. (“[Occupant Encounter in Argentina](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 3 (Nov./Dec. 1973): 7–8; “[Possible Hoax](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1974): 11; Gordon Creighton and Charles Bowen, “[The Extraordinary Case of Dionisio Llanca and the Ufonauts](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 4 (November 1980): 2–10; Guillermo Roncoroni, “[Dionisio Llanca: El Informe Solari](#),” *UFO Press*, no. 19 (Jan./March 1984): 32–35; “[The Case of Dionisio Llanca in Argentina](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 30, no. 2 (December 1984): 25–26; UFOEv II 538–539; “[The Abduction of Dionisio Llanca](#),” Above Top Secret forum, February 4, 2016; Clark III 601–602; Randle, 1973, pp. 76–79; Clark IV 660–661; “[O Caso Dionisio Llanca](#),” *Fenomenum*, April 28, 2025)

1973, October 28 — 8:40 p.m. A couple are watching TV with their 4-year-old daughter in their mobile home north of Belpre, Ohio, when suddenly the TV picture turns negative and the sound becomes barely audible. The area in back of their trailer lights up as bright as daylight. The man looks outside and sees an egg-shaped object hovering above a small barn and shining a bright searchlight into it. The barn, about 30 feet long and 20 feet high, is about the same size as the object. The man goes outside, but the UFO switches off the light and moves back behind the barn, but he can see red and green lights around the object, which is hovering again. The woman calls her parents, who live a few houses away, and they arrive in 5 minutes with a large flashlight. Each time they shine the flashlight at the object, it moves up or down as if to avoid it. After the two men watch the object for 30 minutes, the object rises and speeds away to the southwest. (“[Possible E-M Case in Ohio](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1974): 1, 4–5)

1973, October 28 — 11:30 p.m. Karl Fichtinger watches an odd orange-yellow light to the south of Bad Traunstein, Austria, that projects two beams of light that creep slowly upward like a pair of snail feelers. After moving up a short distance, they begin curving outward. After 7–10 seconds when they reach a certain height they stop moving, the two tips turn green for 2–3 seconds, a green mist falls down sideways, and the beams disappear. After 2–5 seconds the process repeats again and again. Around 12:30 a.m. he wakes his friend Johann Pritz in another house and they continue to watch the display for several hours. At 2:00 a.m. the light emits a red “missile” that

moves east, stops, turns yellow-orange, and produces a similar pattern of signals. Then they notice a third object in the west that looks more like a dark domed disc, and it is also sending thin feelers up light upward. Three more smaller lights join the one in the east. At 3:30 a.m., the missile in the east stops and takes off to the south but the others remain. The witnesses go home at 4:30, and all the objects are gone by 6:00 a.m. They estimate that the first object has given off 1,200 signals, the domed disc some 550, and the missile a minimum of 360. Researcher Alexander Keul later admits that the observations are made by a “naïve and inexperienced amateur.” (Ernst Berger [Alexander G. Keul], “[Luminous ‘Snails’ near Traunstein, Austria](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 2 (October 1974): 12–18; Clark IV 1215)

- 1973**, November — 1:00 a.m. A witness in Sauk Village, Illinois, is sitting in her dark living room when a light outside causes it to get brighter. She sees a lighted domed disc hovering in the front yard. A central section is filled with alternating blue and gold rectangular lights. It appears to be revolving, except for the dome, which is stationary. Her husband joins her and they continue watching it for 10 minutes. It quickly takes off straight up in 10 seconds. (“[Illinois](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 6, no. 2 (April/May 1985): 5, 7)
- 1973**, November 1 — Florence Dow hears a thump on her front porch near Goffstown, New Hampshire, and sees a motionless figure wearing an old black coat and a wide-brimmed hat pulled down over the face, which seems to be covered with masking tape. It motions to her with a gloved hand, indicating that she should come outside. She goes to the front door but by then the mystery figure has vanished. (Raymond Fowler, “The Goffstown Creatures,” *Official UFO* 1, no. 2 (August 1975): 22–23; David Webb, [1973: Year of the Humanoids](#), CUFOS, 1976, p. 18)
- 1973**, November 2 — 2:45 a.m. Lyndia Morel, a masseuse in Manchester, New Hampshire, leaves work and begins driving on State Highway 114 to her home in nearby Goffstown. On the outskirts of Manchester, she sees an odd light in the sky that is flashing different colors. The light vanishes when she reaches Goffstown, but it reappears twice more, seemingly brighter and closer. Suddenly it appears about 1,600 feet in front of her on North Mast Road. She sees that it is an orange-and-gold globe covered with hexagons like a honeycomb, with an oval window on the upper left. The red, green, and blue flashes come from somewhere near the center of the object, and she hears a high-pitched sound. Suddenly she is unable to remove her hands from the steering wheel. She feels that the object is taking control of her and the car and pulling them in. Her car speeds up against her will as she passes Westlawn Cemetery. The object is now only a few hundred feet away, and through a window she sees a smallish humanoid figure standing behind a console. The figure has a round, grayish head, a wrinkled face, a downturned slit of a mouth, and two large eyes with dark pupils. She feels that he is sending her a telepathic message to be unafraid. Somehow, she slows the car and turns into the driveway of a house just past the cemetery. A German shepherd dog runs up to the car door, growling and barking at her. She hits the dog, runs up to the house, pounds on the door, rings the bell, and yells for help as the UFO moves to a position across the street, hovering and watching her, still emitting a high-pitched sound. The residents, Mr. and Mrs. Beaudoin, come to the door and find a terrified woman who is covering her ears and claiming that a UFO is after her. The Beaudoins cannot see or hear anything, but Mrs. Beaudoin calls the police and Goffstown patrolman Daniel Jubinville arrives 10 minutes later to interview Morel. Investigator [Walter N. Webb](#) finds that the position of the UFO corresponds too closely to the planet Mars, at least in the later stage of the sighting, to rule that explanation out entirely. (“UFO Terrifies Woman,” *Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader*, November 3, 1973; “[Occupant Encounter in New Hampshire](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1974): 5–7; Raymond E. Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Exposition, 1974, pp. 322–323; Raymond Fowler, “The Goffstown Creatures,” *Official UFO* 1, no. 2 (August 1975): 22–23; UFOEv II 539–540; “[The 1973 UFO Encounter of Lyndia Morel](#),” UFO Casebook; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 1–3)
- 1973**, November 2 — Night. Police officers looking into reports of a “strange animal” seen in the area of Midland, Pennsylvania, spot a large, disc-shaped object in the sky overhead. At least 100 other people also see the object. (Stan Gordon, “UFOs in Relation to Creature Sightings in Pennsylvania,” in *MUFON 1974 UFO Symposium Proceedings*, Mutual UFO Network, 1974, pp. 132–154; Clark III 556; Clark IV 614)
- 1973**, November 2 — [Dick Cavett](#) features [J. Allen Hynek](#), [Carl Sagan](#), astronaut [James McDivitt](#), Capt. [Lawrence J. Coyne](#), [Charles Hickson](#), and Calvin Parker on the *Dick Cavett Show*. Sagan mocks the testimony of the Pascagoula abductees as well as Coyne: “I don’t mean to attack Captain Coyne, but people who read altimeters hallucinate.” (Graff 259–260)
- 1973**, November 3 — Day. At the bottom of a gully in an isolated section of the woods near Midland, Pennsylvania, two hunters find a 42-foot ring impressed in the grass. Investigator [Stan Gordon](#) finds a trail of three-toed footprints—11 inches long and 5 inches wide—some 250 yards from the ring. (Stan Gordon, “UFOs in Relation to Creature Sightings in Pennsylvania,” in *MUFON 1974 UFO Symposium Proceedings*, Mutual UFO Network, 1974, pp. 132–154; Clark III 556; Clark IV 614)

- 1973**, November 4 — 12:00 midnight. [Rex Snow](#) and his wife Theresa are awakened in their house in Goffstown, New Hampshire, by a brushing sound. He sees two self-luminous, silver-suited beings, 4½–5 feet tall, in the backyard about 60 feet away. They have oversized, pointed ears; dark, egg-shaped eyeholes; large noses encased in the silver coverall; and silver boots with upturned toes. One holds a flashlight-like object, while the other picks up things from the ground and puts them in a silver bag. The family dog is ordered to attack the creatures, but halts about 30 feet away, makes some lunges, then walks back and lies down whining on the kitchen floor. Snow closes the door and watches them walk away into the woods. (Raymond E. Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Exposition, 1974, [pp. 324–326](#); Raymond Fowler, “The Goffstown Creatures,” *Official UFO* 1, no. 2 (August 1975): 22–23, 103–104; David Webb, [1973: Year of the Humanoids](#), CUFOS, 1976, p. 19)
- 1973**, November 4 — 12:00 noon. Two teenage boys in Inkster, North Dakota, see a bright light hovering 45 feet above a field. It appears to be a cube-shaped object about 10 feet wide with five red, white, and green lights. The teens can feel static electricity in the air. After 10 minutes, the object flies away. Traces of dead vegetation are found later in the field. (Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 60)
- 1973**, November 5 — Afternoon. Members of a farm family in Canby, Minnesota, find one of their cows lying dead in a pasture. Its udder, tongue, ears, and tail have been severed, and hair clippings from the end of the tail lie in a pile near the carcass. No nearby car tracks or footprints are found by police. (Jerome Clark, “Strange Case of the Cattle Killings,” *Fate* 27, no. 8 (August 1974): 79–90; Clark III 133; Clark IV 160)
- 1973**, November 6 — 9:00 p.m. Off-duty patrolmen Gary Steinberg and Thomas Brown are sitting in an unmarked patrol car in Freeport, New York, facing east. They see a bright light in the sky that is not the helicopter they think it is at first. They watch it for 5–10 minutes before it moves away to the southeast. Steinberg tries to get closer in the patrol car, while Brown stays behind and directs him by radio. He gets to within 300–400 feet of it, as it is 700–800 feet in altitude. It now appears football-shaped and 100 feet long. He watches it for 10–15 minutes as it glows silvery blue with an occasional yellow-red pulsating tint. The object then moves off to the southwest, stopping occasionally. A smaller object comes up on his right and drifts up to the larger object and merges with it. The larger object dims in sections (about 16), one after the other, and it takes off to the southwest and disappears in a couple seconds. (Dick Ruhl, [“Merging UFOs over Long Island,”](#) *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1974): 1, 3–4; Herbert S. Taylor, [“Satellite Objects: A Further Look,”](#) *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 5–6)
- 1973**, November 6 — 9:45 p.m. A USAF security policeman at the eastern portion of Kirtland AFB near Albuquerque, New Mexico, sees a large, glowing object hovering 100 feet above the Manzano Nuclear Weapons Storage Facility. It is an oblate spheroid, 150 feet in diameter, gold in color, and absolutely silent. Nine other air policemen are alerted, and four F-101 Voodoo Air National Guard interceptors are scrambled from Kirtland. The UFO begins moving east and passes out of sight at treetop level in the Manzano Mountains. (R. C. Hecker, [“New Mexico Reports,”](#) *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 2 (Sept./Oct. 1974): 5; Good Need, [p. 321](#))
- 1973**, November 8 — The crew of a Lloyd Aéreo Boliviano airplane encounters a strange, luminous object near La Paz, Bolivia, and alerts the Bolivian air force. Maj. Norberto Saloman, already airborne on a practice flight in a North American F-100 Super Sabre fighter, investigates and observes a stationary object shaped like a top with window-like openings on its sides. He closes in to 6,600 feet, but the object moves away at incredible speed. As he pursues it. The object suddenly repositions itself behind his aircraft, then goes straight up and vanishes. ([“Bolivian Pilot Chases Object Which Looks Like a Top,”](#) *Skylook*, no. 82 (September 1974): 17; UFOEv II 86–87)
- 1973**, November 8 — Around 10:45 p.m. Donna and Rick Bouchard and their three children are driving west in a pickup truck along Ontario Highway 417 north of Embrun, Ontario. Rick sees an object with spinning lights at about 40 feet altitude in his rearview mirror. Suddenly the object dives toward the back of the truck. Rick speeds up to 100 mph, but the object stays right behind, wobbling, with the lights at the bottom rotating around it. At one point the object ascends a bit and disappears behind some bushes, but it returns after a few seconds and approaches the truck at high speed, following them all the way to the Ottawa suburbs, even going beneath the Anderson Road overpass, which is 15 feet high. ([“Car Chase in Canada,”](#) *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1974): 1, 4; Arthur Bray, [“Car Chased under Bridges,”](#) *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 4 (1975): 11, 13; Paul R. Hill, *Unconventional Flying Objects: A Scientific Analysis*, Hampton Roads, 1995, [pp. 102–104](#))
- 1973**, Mid-November — Evening. Two sentries at a lookout post on the perimeter of Istrana Air Base, Veneto province, Italy, see two beings, about 4 feet 11 inches tall, dressed in white. Further away they see an unconventional craft. The beings run to the UFO and speed away. Marks are found at the landing site. ([“Italy: Top Secret,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 5 (March 1975): iii; Good Above, [pp. 143–144](#))
- 1973**, November 16 — 7:00 p.m. Two 11-year old boys are outside in Lemon Grove, California, intending to play in a vacant lot or field in the neighborhood. When they arrive, there is a dark object hovering about 18 inches above the field. It seems inactive. One of the boys cautiously approaches and raps it with his flashlight, making a sound like metal on metal. Instantly, the object’s dome lights up in a brilliant red light that illuminates the entire area. It

risers three or four more feet off the ground, and a row of green lights light up around its perimeter, flashing in sequence. The thing begins rotating and making a “woooo woooo woooo” sound. The object is easily visible now and appears as a domed disc. The dome is large and tall (about equal to half or more of the disc height) and glowing bright red, then flashing intermittent red. The boys are now frightened and start to run away as the object takes off toward the southwest. At the site are found three marks forming an equilateral triangle within an area of grass swirled in a counterclockwise pattern. A magnetometer at La Posta Astro-Geophysical Observatory in Campo, California, allegedly registers a perturbation at 7:20 p.m. (NICAP, “[Object Hovers 18” off Ground / Magnetometer Perturbation](#)”; David Branch and Robert Klinn, “TV Interference, Fused Phone Lines, Cited in UFO Landing Case,” *Santa Ana (Calif.) Register*, December 5, 1973; “[Boys Encounter Landed Object](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1974): 7–8; Donald R. Carr, “Boys Say UFO Hit with Flashlight,” *Skylook*, no. 75 (February 1974): 4–5; Dave Green, “[UFO Group Convinced Reported Spacecraft Landing Was Real](#),” *La Mesa (Calif.) Life News*, March 20, 1974, pp. 1–2; Stringfield, *Situation Red*, Fawcett Crest, 1977, pp. 116–119; Corky Lang, “[20-Foot Flying Saucer in Lemon Grove? That’s the Story from 1973](#),” *Lemon Grove (Calif.) Patch*, July 10, 2012)

- 1973**, November 17 — 6:00 p.m. Johann Pritz notices an oblong object emitting lights upward (similar to those he had seen on October 29) as he is driving near Ulltichschlag, Austria. He drives home to Bad Traunstein and continues watching the display to the south. He gathers several other witnesses in town, and they continue watching until the object fades out after 7:00 p.m. (Ernst Berger [Alexander G. Keul], “[Luminous ‘Snails’ near Traunstein, Austria](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 2 (October 1974): 16–18)
- 1973**, November 18 — About 6:00 p.m. Four women are driving south from Tracy, Quebec, to Contrecoeur when they see a “watermelon-sized” ball of yellowish light suddenly appear above a pylon a quarter of a mile ahead of them. As they pass, it starts moving westward over the St. Lawrence River. The object seems to change shape as it flies, becoming alternately larger and smaller, dimming and growing in intensity. The light follows them as they weave in and out through wooded areas. Eventually the object is lost to sight as the women drive into Montreal. At one point they encounter a large volume of traffic that seems to be slowed by an odd pink cloud lying across the highway. They also see a small human figure standing in the middle of the road. (Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 107–108)
- 1973**, November 22 — 2:00 a.m. A woman living in an isolated area near Joliette, Quebec, notices a white object outside her kitchen window. She moves closer to the window and sees a 4-foot-tall being with huge glowing eyes. Around its head or helmet there is a halo; its shoulders slope at a 45° angle from the head. After 15 seconds, the figure withdraws. She alerts her husband, who goes outside to investigate but only finds the dog “scared to death.” The following night the cat is spooked. (Claude Macduff, “[The November 1973 UFO-Invasion of Quebec](#),” *The UFO Register* 7, no. 1/2 (1976): 12–15; Clark III 496; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 108–109)
- 1973**, November 28 — A Gallup poll shows that 51% of Americans believe UFOs are “real,” as opposed to 27% who think they are “imaginary.” And 11% of men and 12% of women claim to have seen a UFO, extrapolating into 15 million Americans. (“[51% in Gallup Poll Believe in U.F.O.’s: 11% Note Sightings](#),” *New York Times*, November 29, 1973, p. 45; Robert J. Durant, “[Evolution of Public Opinion on UFOs](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 12; Eghigian, *After*, p. 240)
- 1973**, November 30 — 7:00 p.m. Pilot Riccardo Marano is about to land at Caselle Airport, Turin, Italy, in a Piper Navajo, when the controller notifies him that there is a UFO about 1,320 feet above the runway. He sees a luminous, multicolored ball of light changing from violet to blue to dark red. “When I got closer and had a better view, the object at once made off, flying in a most irregular fashion, maneuvering in a way I have seen no plane do, making fantastic lateral deviations, and sudden vast jumps to and fro, as if it enjoyed playing hide-and-seek. Its speed was as high as” 540 mph, Marano says. Col. Rusticelli, commandant of the Caselle military airfield, sees the UFO on his own radar screen. “It was something solid, lit up, like a plane on my radar.” Commander Tranquillo, pilot of an Alitalia Air Line DC-9 en route from Turin to Rome, calls to the control tower: “I see a shining thing giving out intermittent flashes of light, four miles from me. I dare not approach. I give way.” Commander Mezzalami in another Alitalia DC-9 reports: “I was able to observe the object ... notified by the control tower just as I was about to touch down. I had a good view of it.... I can offer no theories as to its significance and can only say that it was something very strange indeed.” (NICAP, “[UFO Darts To and Fro, Observed from 3 Aircraft and Gnd Radar](#)”; F. Lagarde, “[Italie: Turin 30 Novembre et Suza 24 Novembre 1973](#),” *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 133 (March 1974): 5–6; Gordon Creighton, “[The Italian Scene Once More](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 2 (October 1974): 27; Story, p. 373; UFOEv II 132–133; IPinotti 185–186)

- 1973, December** — Kansas is quietly undergoing an epidemic of strange cattle deaths. The incidents first receive wide publicity in the December 22 *Kansas City Times*, which takes note of the fact that most of the deaths are Black Angus. They have died within a few miles of US 81 in a dozen counties in north-central Kansas. Many show knife marks on the carcasses, including the apparent butchering of sex organs. The lack of blood and footprints is also puzzling. Sheriffs from the affected counties meet and decide that cultists are responsible. But according to the Kansas State University Veterinarian Laboratory in Manhattan, the animals have died of bloat and coyotes have eaten the soft parts. Many ranchers reject the explanation. Mystery helicopters are also linked to the mutilations. (Richard D. Ralls, "[Cattle Mutilations Baffle Kansas Farmers, Officials](#)," *Kansas City (Mo.) Times*, December 22, 1973, pp. 1–2, 16; Jerome Clark, "Strange Case of the Cattle Killings," *Fate* 27, no. 8 (August 1974): 79–90; Roberta Donovan and Keith Wolverton, *Mystery Stalks the Prairie*, THAR Institute, 1976; Clark III 133; Clark IV 160)
- 1973, December** — [Donald E. Keyhoe](#) publishes *Aliens from Space*, in which he continues to ignore occupant cases but finally admits that the CIA, not the Air Force, is the primary perpetrator of the UFO cover-up. (Donald E. Keyhoe, *Aliens from Space: The Real Story of Unidentified Flying Objects*, Doubleday, 1973; Clark III 649–650; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 395–396; Clark IV 725)
- 1973, December** — The Société Varoise d'Étude des Phénomènes Spatiaux in Toulon, France, begins publishing the journal *Approche* in conjunction with the Société Vauclusienne d'Étude des Phénomènes Spatiaux in Vedene, France. (*Approche*, no. 1 (December 1973))
- 1973, December 3** — James Yorke and his family watch a triangular UFO with colored lights on the bottom for 15 minutes two miles north of Parrsboro, Nova Scotia. It is over Minas Basin and crossing the water very slowly. (Don Ledger, "[The Flying Triangle Phenomenon](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 3 (Fall 2002): 7)
- 1973, December 6** — 6:45 p.m. Witnesses at Fabrègues, Hérault, France, see a landed domed disc on legs with a brightly lit "blister" on top, flashing red and white lights around the rim and making a humming sound. A door opens and a ladder unfolds, causing the witnesses to flee. The craft changes to an orange glow and chases them. Later, four imprints in a 51-inch square are found, along with ladder marks. The area appears "swept" as if by a blast. (Yves Herbo, "[Décembre 1973: Atterrissages avec traces à Fabrègues](#)," *Sciences Faits et Histoires*, November 21, 2014)
- 1973, December 8** — While harvesting, farmer Kevin O'Connell finds seven sections of his oat crop flattened into circles 3 miles west of Bordertown, South Australia. They are spread over 20 acres and the largest is 14 feet in diameter. The oats are flattened counterclockwise. (Terry Wilson, "[1973: Bordertown](#)," *Old Crop Circles*)
- 1973, December 10** — 8:30 p.m. Friedrich Lennartz, an alpine rescue service man and proprietor of the Hochrieschütte in the Bavarian Alps, Germany, and Peter Zettel, a porter, are at dinner at the hut's restaurant when through the large panoramic window they see a flaring light near the cross on Mount Weitlahnerkopf to the southeast. It is lighting up the surrounding terrain. Looking through binoculars, they see that the object is egg-shaped, pointing end up. By comparison to the cross, they estimate its size as 30 feet in diameter and 40–46 feet tall. A yellow dome seems to be at the top. Four rows of colored lights (red, green, blue, white) are rotating counterclockwise around the lower portion. Lennartz signals with his flashlight but gets no response. At 8:50 p.m., he fires a red signal rocket toward the object. In moments, the object emits a red glow that conceals the rotating lights and begins rising slowly, taking 4–5 minutes to clear the mountains. The object is now dazzling red with a yellow dome. It accelerates rapidly toward the observers, traveling 3–4 miles in 10 seconds and stopping over the Klausenberg slope. Loud static drowns out the radio. As the object hovers, the lights begin pulsating like strobe lights. After 30 seconds, it moves south toward the Klausenalmhütte in Austria and hovers above a pasture. At 9:00 p.m., Lennartz hears his dogs whimpering and wanting to be let inside, apparently confused. At 11:40 p.m., Lennartz fires another red signal rocket toward the object, which immediately turns red, speeds upward and disappears in the sky. After it leaves, radio reception is clear again. (Adolf Schneider and Ernst Berger [Alexander G. Keul], "[UFOs Invade the Bavarian Alps, Part 1](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 1 (June 1975): 22–24; UFOEv II 47–48)
- 1973, December 13** — French journalist [Claude Vorilhon](#) experiences an alien visitation when he is telepathically induced to go to the volcano Puy de Lassolas in the Chaîne des Puys in central France. He sees a UFO descending gently from the sky. An alien emerges from it and tells him that he has come for the sole purpose of meeting with him. He states that it is his mission to pass this message on to the people of Earth and reveals that Vorilhon is in fact Raël, the final prophet sent by a race of highly advanced scientists (Elohim) from another planet. For another six days, the alien instructs him in the true meaning of the Bible and explains that humans are the product of alien genetic engineering. Raël establishes the Raëlian Movement, publishes several books, and promotes his message to the world, emigrating to Canada in 1991. Raël develops initiation rituals, meditation practices, congregational gatherings, a code of ethical behavior, tithing, missionary work, and a museum. Eventually he advocates for world peace and human cloning and calls for an end to nuclear testing. (Wikipedia, "[History of Raëlism](#)"; Raël, *The Book Which Tells the Truth*, British Raëlian Foundation, 1974; Raël, *Extraterrestrials Took Me to Their Planet*,

British Raëlian Foundation, 1975; Susan J. Palmer, *Aliens Adored: Raël's UFO Religion*, Rutgers University, 2004; Clémence Michallon, "[He Claimed He Was Visited by Aliens and Could Clone Babies: Why Do Thousands Believe Him?](#)" *The Independent* (UK), February 7, 2024; Internet Movie Database, "[Raël: The Alien Prophet](#)," 2024; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 244–245)

- 1973, December 15 — A single crop circle is found in a wheat field at Wokurna, South Australia. The wheat has been flattened counterclockwise and there are two bare patches. (Terry Wilson, "[1973: Wokurna](#)," Old Crop Circles)
- 1973, December 19 — 8:30 p.m. Farmer João Rodrigues Terra and a farmhand, Djalma da Silva Faques, are driving to the Cavorã Farm, about 31 miles away from Sidrolândia, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil, when they see a low, white cloud, followed by a bright orange, oval object about 100 feet away with a "cap" on its top and bottom. The surface is shiny and metallic, constantly changing colors, and is directing a fan-shaped luminous beam from its top. They have some difficulty starting their pick-up truck, but then can only creep along as the UFO paces them for 10 minutes. Faques sees a small, human figure inside. The truck functions normally as the UFO speeds away, but its new battery fails on December 22 and cannot be recharged. ("[Episódio No. 49: O Caso de Sidrolândia, Mato Grosso](#)," *SBEDV Special Bulletin*, no. 5 (1975): 61–62)
- 1973, December 20 — 2:15 a.m. Michael Wagner and Robert B. Klinn of Pacific Palisades, California, see a yellow, glowing blob hovering in the south-southeast. Through a telescope, the blob is seen to be a precise arrangement of round, yellow-gold lights. It fades away after 75 minutes. (Ann Druffel, "Santa Catalina Island Recurring 'Cloud-Cigars,'" *Proceedings of the 1976 CUFO Conference*, Center for UFO Studies, 1976, pp. 67–68; Ann Druffel, "[Santa Catalina Channel Cloud Cigars](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 1 (January 2007): 15)
- 1973, December 25 — 9:00 p.m. Madame Jendreaux, a farmer at Les Rivaux, Saint-Bonnet-Tronçais, Allier, France, while checking on her dogs, notices a luminous dome-like object hovering above a meadow around 300 feet away. The dome, resembling a milky-yellow bell or pear, appears semi-transparent, revealing a dark "stove pipe" structure inside, flanked by two vague dark areas. The object, about 6–9 feet in diameter, is positioned just above the ground with nearby treetops silhouetted behind it. Above the dome and slightly to the right, two horizontal yellow neon-like tubes are visible, one above the other. These tubes seem larger than the dome but appear smaller due to their greater distance. The tubes hover above the treetops but remain low enough for Jendreaux to see all three objects without tilting her head. The phenomenon remains stationary throughout her observation. ("[Près de St Bonnet de Tronçais \(Allier\)](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 177 (August 1978): 25–26)
- 1973, December 31 — [G. Stuart Nixon](#) resigns (or is fired) from the NICAP staff, leaving only John Acuff in charge. (Powell, *Keyhoe*, 397–398)

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- 1974 — The French government decides to systematically gather UFO reports from the gendarmerie and transmit them to the Centre National d'Études Spatiales (CNES). At the time, the gendarmerie has about 300 reports and is getting 100 new ones each year. A committee of the Institut des Hautes Études de Defense Nationale recommends the creation of a special UFO investigation agency. (Gildas Bourdais, "[From GEPAN to SEPR: Official UFO Studies in France](#)," *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 11; Gildas Bourdais, "[The Death and Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 12)
- 1974 — Perry Petrakis founds the Association d'Étude sur les Soucoupes Volantes in Aix-en-Provence, France, and soon establishes branches in Vevey, Switzerland, and Kalmthout, Belgium. It begins publishing the *AESV* bulletin through June 1981. AESV continues under the name SOS-OVNI in 1990. (*AESV*, no. 6 (April 1978))
- 1974 — Contact (UK) expands to Contact International, after establishing many overseas branches in Turkey, Colombia, and elsewhere. It has an international membership of 2,000. (Story, [p. 89](#))
- 1974 — John Hind establishes the Irish UFO Research Centre in Belfast, Northern Ireland. It publishes the *Irish UFO News* from 1976 to 1980. (*Irish UFO News* 1 no. 2 (July 1976))
- 1974 — UFO skeptic [Philip J. Klass](#) publishes *UFOs Explained*, taking on some difficult UFO cases but finding none worthy of attention. Ufologists take vigorous issue with his representation of cases and publish numerous refutations that are little noticed outside the UFO community. (Philip J. Klass, *UFOs Explained*, Random House, 1974; Clark III 659; Clark IV 735)
- 1974 — The UFO Subcommittee of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics is disbanded. (Story, [p. 8](#))
- 1974 — [Bob Gribble](#), a Seattle, Washington, fireman, establishes the National UFO Reporting Center, with a hotline phone number that is shared with Federal Aviation Administration offices. ("[Profile](#)," *IUR* 7, no. 2 (March 1982): 15–16)

- 1974** — John Rimmer has moved from Liverpool to London, England, in 1973, but John Harney moves there this year to work for the Kew Observatory. *Merseyside UFO Bulletin* continues in London, with Rimmer taking over the bulk of the editorial work. (“[History of Magonia](#),” *Magonia* Archive)
- 1974** — 12:30 a.m. Two women are driving along Hamilton Road, Quakers Hill, New South Wales, when the car suddenly shakes violently and stops. The radio will not turn on. The driver gets out of the car to get her children out of the back seat when she looks up and sees a massive disc-shaped object at an altitude no greater than the nearby power pole. It is surrounded completely by lights and has a dome in the middle on the top. The object is gun-metal gray and the size of half a football field. It silently moves over the dairy farm next to the road. Then it stops and shoots up into the air. The car starts up with no problems afterward. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#),” *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 20)
- 1974**, January — [Don Berliner](#) of the Fund for UFO Research does an exhaustive review of the then unreleased Project Blue Book files at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, which include many witness names that are later redacted for public release. ([Sparks](#), p. 6)
- 1974**, January — Since 1968, [Marjorie E. Fish](#), a schoolteacher in Oak Harbor, Ohio, has been fascinated with the star map drawn by [Betty Hill](#) after her abduction. If she could figure out what stars are on the map, she might be able to determine where the UFO came from. With much difficulty and many failed attempts, Fish creates a 3D map that indicates the relevant stars are the two in the Zeta Reticuli binary system, 39.3 light years from earth. She first publishes her detailed results in *Pursuit*. Later observations reveal some interpretations in Fish’s map to be inaccurate, and she rejects her hypothesis in 2011. (Wikipedia, “[Betty and Barney Hill](#)”; “[Star Map Adds to Hill Controversy](#),” *UFO Investigator*, May 1973, p. 3; Betty Hill, “[‘Star Map’ Commentary](#),” *UFO Investigator*, July 1973, p. 4; Marjorie E. Fish, “[Validation of the Betty Hill Map](#),” *Pursuit* 7, no. 1 (January 1974): 4–8; Terence Dickinson, “[The Zeta Reticuli Incident](#),” *Astronomy* 2, no. 12 (December 1974): 5–18; Walter N. Webb, “[An Analysis of the Fish Model](#),” *Pursuit* 8, no. 3 (July 1975): 55–62; “[Update on the Betty Hill Star Map](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 2 (Jan./Feb. 1981): 16, 29; Allan Hendry, “UFO Road Map: or, Lost in the Stars,” *Fate* 35, no. 2 (February 1982): 56–63; David J. Eicher, “[The Zeta Reticuli \(or Ridiculi\) Incident](#),” January 31, 2001; Brett Holman, “Goodbye, Zeta Reticuli,” *Fortean Times* 242 (December 2008): 50–52; Colin Johnston, “[The Truth about Betty Hill’s UFO Star Map](#),” Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, August 19, 2011; Clark III 586–487; “[Betty Hill’s ‘Zeta Reticuli’ Star Map](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, October 2, 2024; Clark IV 644–645)
- 1974**, Winter — 10:30 a.m. Harry Charlton and his wife have just driven east through Melrose, New Mexico, when they see two objects moving on their left at about 1,500 feet altitude. They have no wings, tail sections, or engine nodules. Both are dull gray, like galvanized sheet iron. The larger one is in front, with a slightly smaller one about 600 feet behind. Charlton thinks they are about a half-mile away, but he can hear no noise or see any smoke. When the objects are about abreast of the car, a sliding door opens on the larger one near the front end. A large, shiny sphere (like polished aluminum) about 15–20 feet in diameter emerges, moves toward the smaller object, and enters it after a door opens near the rear end. After they move out of sight in a few minutes, Charlton sees two F-111s take off in their direction from Cannon Air Force Base near Clovis. (Harry Charlton, [[Letter](#)], *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 5 (May 1981): 3.
- 1974**, January 3 — 8:00 p.m. Lizzy Rodríguez de Maisonet is outside her home in Bayamón, Puerto Rico, when she notices a round object resembling an inverted soup dish. She calls her husband and a neighbor, Iris Esther Rivera, and they gather together on Guillermina Street, along with three of Rivera’s children. The object moves east to west at a slow speed, at a distance of about 650–980 feet, until it disappears behind a tree-covered hill. The adults go home, but the children see the UFO again at 8:10 p.m. It remains suspended above the hill at an altitude of about 33–50 feet. It has a row of brilliant lights on its lower side that seems to gyrate rapidly. A brilliant white light emerges from the object’s bottom. The children see five apparently solid light-green balls descend. A square gap on the side of the object reveals a bright blue light. Suddenly, the square gap becomes solid, and the object moves away to the south. It stops, and white smoke issues for 20 seconds from the object’s lower section, which seems to send up dust from the school grounds. The UFO moves south again, stopping above a small house belonging to the Aqueducts and Sewers Authority, then moves away and disappears. (Noel E. Rigau, “[International Branch Reports \(Contact\) No. 3: Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic](#),” *Awareness* 3, no. 2 (Summer 1974): 3, 12–14; “[50 Years Ago: Puerto Rico’s Flamingo Terrace Sightings](#),” *Inexplicata: The Journal of Hispanic Ufology*, January 18, 2024)
- 1974**, January 3 — 9:30 p.m. Two young student teachers are driving home near Leek, Staffordshire, England, when a green mass appears to follow them. The couple feels a presence. Despite being on a lonely road, they get out of the car to watch a dark mass low above their heads, with arcs of blue and green light encircling them. In terror,

they head off over the moors, but moments later they run over a cattle grid, inexplicably finding themselves in Ilam 12 miles away. Seconds later there is another bump and they reach a developed area that turns out to be a town 20 miles to the north. They find a police station to report the incident and find that it is now 3:30 a.m. (Derek James, "[Time-Lapse Extraordinary](#)," *BUFORA Journal* 6, no. 1 (May/June 1977): 10–11; Jenny Randles, "The Twelve UFOs of Christmas," *Fortean Times* 374 (Christmas 2018): 29)

- 1974, January 7** — 8:40 p.m. A man's car suddenly dies as he is driving near Warneton, Belgium. He sees a landed domed disc with a flat bottom like a WWI helmet, 23–33 feet in diameter and 7–10 feet wide. It has a flange around its base and three legs. White and orange alternating bands are on the glowing object. Two humanoid beings approach him. They have broad shoulders, heads shaped like inverted pears, long arms, large eyes, and no noses. One is about 4 feet tall, the other somewhat taller; a third being remains near the craft. They wear internally lit cube-shaped helmets with the face visible, gray jumpsuits, and gloves. The taller being comes within 12–15 feet of the vehicle, then opens and closes its mouth. The witness feels a shock to the back of his head and hears a low-pitched sound. The two humanoids quickly return to the craft, which now pulses with an electric blue color, and departs. (MM. Bazin, Bigorne, and Bodin, "[Atterrissage à Warneton \(Belgique\): Contact avec les Ufonautes](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 139 (November 1974): 3–6; "[The Robots at Warneton](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 5 (March 1975): 6–9; UFOEv II 493)
- 1974, January 8** — 3:00 a.m. [John E. Justice](#) leaves the Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield, Ohio, when his headlights dim and the engine dies. He sees a display of aerial lights descending a short distance in front of him. The blinking lights are multicolored "like a rainbow." Suddenly they blink out and are replaced by a blinding steady white light about 6 feet ahead of and 3 feet above the car. The light is coming from the inside of the object, where he can see a lighted room with a golden aisle and five occupants seated on the left-hand side in a straight row. Each seat is a different color, and the garments of the occupants match the color of the seat. Each has long brown hair that reaches the floor. The object departs suddenly, the interior blinking out and the colored lights reappearing. The car engine starts without difficulty. (Stringfield, *Situation Red*, Fawcett Crest, 1977, pp. 95–96; Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 16)
- 1974, January 18** — 4:30 p.m. Giuseppe Cardelli is driving between Milan and Bologna, Italy, when he sees a "strange shining ball" in the sky. He stops his car, gets out, and photographs it. He submits the photo to NASA, which replies on June 18 that it has no explanation. A consultant wonders whether the photo shows a reflection in the car window and finds the "wiggly clouds to the right" interesting. ("[Italian Photo Unexplained](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 3 (September 1975): 1, 4)
- 1974, January 23** — 8:30 p.m. Witnesses at Llandrillo, northern Wales, see a bright object followed by a luminous tail and (according to one witness) a blinking blue light. The object is motionless for several minutes, during which time it dims then becomes very bright. It appears to crash around Cadair Bronwen mountain, east of the village. Many people hear a terrific explosion and a violent shaking of the ground recorded up to 60 miles away. Astronomers at Leicester University, England, record at least three fireball meteors this evening. The British Geological Survey identifies the source of the explosion as an earthquake. Police and a mountain rescue team from RAF Valley in Anglesey, Wales, are in the area almost immediately and cordon off access to the supposed crash site on a barren hilltop. They find no trace of a crash the next day, but a nurse on the way to the crash site after being telephoned by police headquarters is on her way up the mountain with her daughters when she sees something sitting on the ground ahead of her. It seems to be intact and is large, circular, and glowing orange. The nurse and her daughters are within a few hundred feet when police and military forces show up and clearly tell her to leave the area. Researcher [Tony Dodd](#) is reportedly approached by a retired military man using the name of "Robert Prescott" who tells him that he and some others were assigned to transport two oblong crates from the crash site to a place called Porton Down where the UK Ministry of Defence's Defence Science and Technology Laboratory is located. They are instructed not to stop for anyone. Military personnel open the crates and Prescott sees two humanoid figures, apparently dead, about 5–6 ft tall, very thin, almost skeletal in nature with a covering skin. These are placed in decontamination suits. Other units supposedly transport live aliens from the crash site. At 10:00 p.m., a man watches a luminous sphere descend into the sea near the Dee Estuary about 25 miles north. [Nick Redfern](#) speculates that a UK version of Project Moon Dust might be in activation, which could explain reports of mystery helicopters in the area in prior weeks. [Jenny Randles](#) hears later from a former UK government official that a crashed UFO is being kept in a military base in South Wales. In May, Welsh MP [Dafydd Elis-Thomas](#) asks Defence Minister [Brynmor John](#) if any official investigation was made; John says the only official investigation was made by the RAF Valley team. National Archives files released in 2005 show that the MoD consulted the Meteorological Office and DI55, which says the meteor explanation is the likeliest. (Wikipedia, "[Berwyn Mountain UFO incident](#)"; Margaret Fry, "[Berwyn Mountain 23rd January 1974 Incidents](#)," *Awareness* 22, no. 3 (March 1988): 8–12; David Clarke, "[Another One Bites the Dust: The Welsh Crash of '74](#)," *UFO Brigantia*, no.

38 (May 1989): 18–20; Jenny Randles, “[The Night the Mountain Exploded](#),” *IUR* 21, no. 4 (Winter 1996): 9–11, 32; Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, pp. 118–124; Andy Roberts, “[Fire on the Mountain: The Berwyn Mountain Incident](#),” *IUR* 24, no. 3 (Fall 1999): 16–23, 30; Andy Roberts, *UFO Down? The Berwyn Mountain UFO Crash*, CFZ Press, 2010; “[Files Released on 1974 ‘Welsh Roswell’](#),” *BBC News*, August 5, 2010; Andy Roberts, *UFO Down? The Berwyn Mountain UFO Crash*, CFZ Press, 2010; UFOFiles2, pp. 90–91; Andy Roberts, “[The Berwyn Mountain UFO Crash: A British Roswell?](#)”; Clark III 287–288; Jessica Hatcher-Moore, “[The Berwyn Incident](#),” *Truly*Adventurous*, December 10, 2019; Mark Olly, *Europe’s Roswell: 40 Years Since Impact*, Flying Disk, 2023; “[‘The Welsh Roswell’: The Berwyn Mountain UFO Crash, Llandrillo, Wales, January 23, 1974](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, November 8, 2023; “[The Berwyn Mountains ‘Welsh Roswell’ UFO Incident, January 23, 1974](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, August 14, 2024)

- 1974**, January 24 — While the RAF rescue team is still operating around Cadair Bronwen, three family members see a bright object in the sky near the mountain. Through field glasses, they see a disc-shaped object divided into red, green, yellow, and purple sections. After 10 minutes they call the police and the object disappears behind a cloud.
- 1974**, January 24 — 4:05 p.m. A woman is driving her Volkswagen somewhere in central Belgium southeast of Brussels when she notices a red object on the ground about 500 feet to the left. Her motor begins to slow down, the radio goes dead, and the car coasts to a stop. She is now only about 35 feet from the object, which is 3 feet in diameter and 1.5 feet high with a flat red dome on top and two rows of spots around its circumference. After 4–5 seconds the object ascends about 2 feet and drops back down, then repeats the action. A third time, it rises slowly to about 12 feet above the ground and moves above the car, revealing a flat, gray undersurface. It hovers a few seconds then moves silently away to the left. The car motor starts again without her touching the ignition and it starts moving, still in fourth gear, as the object disappears to the east-northeast. (Franck Boitte and Jean-Luc Vertongen, “[Atterrissage à Aische-en-Refail](#),” *Infoespace*, no. 16 (1974): 12–14; “[Landing at Aische-en-Refail](#),” *Australian UFO Bulletin*, November 1975, p. 9; Richard H. Hall, “[Woman Says UFO Restarted Her Auto](#),” *Skylook*, no. 99 (February 1976): 10–11)
- 1974**, January 26 — 2:59 a.m. Capt. Lars Berglund and the crew of a Boeing 727 airliner flying near Lisbon, Portugal, see a V-formation of 10–15 luminous orange discs. Berglund rules out a satellite reentry because of its precision. After the formation passes, another Portuguese aircraft reports the same objects to ground control. A Norwegian and a British aircraft also report the same phenomenon. (“[Formation Seen by Air Crews](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 5 (March/April 1974): 7–8; “[Airliner Met 15 UFOs over Lisbon](#),” *UFO-Sweden Special Report*, 1974 no. 4, pp. 3–4)
- 1974**, February — [Hynek](#) visits the APRO headquarters in Tucson, Arizona, asking for a contact list of APRO investigators for the Center for UFO Studies to make use of in a cooperative fashion. [Coral Lorenzen](#) is suspicious of Hynek’s background and does not provide him the list. (“[Hynek: UFO Movement Basically Amateurs](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 33, no. 2 (January 1986): 6–7)
- 1974**, February 6 — Late evening. A woman watching TV in rural Fayette County near Uniontown, Pennsylvania, hears a “rattling of tin cans” on her porch. She grabs and loads a shotgun, turns on the porch light, and steps into the doorway of the porch, where she encounters a 7-foot-tall apelike creature with its hands raised in the air. She fires into his midsection and it “just disappeared in a flash of light.” Her son-in-law, who lives in a trailer 100 feet away, hears the shot, grabs a revolver, and heads for her house. Along the way, he sees “shadows of four or five hairy people” who approach him. They have “fire red eyes that glowed in total darkness.” About 1,500 feet away, a red, flashing light hovers above the trees. Investigating police arrive and find no tracks but notice that the animals seem terrified. The son-in-law tells investigator [Stan Gordon](#) that he had encountered a similar apelike creature in November 1973. (Stan Gordon, “UFO’s, in Relation to Creature Sightings in Pennsylvania,” *MUFON 1974 UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1974, pp. 132, 144–146; Stringfield, *Situation Red*, Fawcett Crest, 1977, pp. 63–64; Clark III 556–557; Clark IV 614–615)
- 1974**, February 8 — 7:25 a.m. Ten girls from the orphanage school in Vălenii de Munte, Romania, watch two yellow-orange spheres hovering above a hill to the southwest of town. After 10 seconds, they merge into one object and take the form of an elongated oval with an orange dome. It begins moving slowly toward the west-southwest, then accelerates and disappears behind the tree-line after 40 seconds. Two concave ditches with the soil gouged out are found in a plowed field at the site where the object was seen. (“[UFO Excavations](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Mar./Apr. 1974, pp. 5–7; Romania 36–37)
- 1974**, February 8 — Sunset. Mullah Umar Siddiq, merchant Ibrahim Khaleb, and physician Muhammad Watif are standing on the roof of the Al-Hud Mosque in Al Mukalla, Yemen, when they see three large white discs gliding slowly downward. They gather some provisions, hire three camels, and head for the Wadi Jawlan 32 miles to the

east, where they estimate the objects have landed. At dawn, they dismount to say prayers, and a vivid glow lights up the eastern sky above the Wadi Jawlan for a few seconds. The light is yellowish-white and comes from three beams that are stabbing upwards and fanning out into the sky. Although the light dies down, the beams are still visible, eventually growing paler. They find deep, clear-cut tracks of caterpillar-track vehicles all over the rugged area. At three places, about 325 feet apart, they find numerous scoop marks, about 33 inches wide, in an area in the form of a triangle with sides 17 feet wide. The rock has been fused and melted and the grass and thorn-scrub is burnt. (Gordon Creighton, "[An Arabian Landing?](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 3 (December 1974): 12–13)

1974, February 14 — 4:25 a.m. Two brothers are transporting their parents' furniture in a U-Haul truck near Ely, Nevada, when they notice a round, orange object that paces them, then approaches. They feel as though they are "hit by a blast of wind or force field." The engine and lights give out, the steering goes, and the truck seems to momentarily float, come back down, and coast to a stop. Ahead of them, just over a hill, they see a large, round object with a domed top and wings. The other object approaches again. One brother points a flashlight at it, whereupon they both get an intense feeling of isolation that lasts about 20 minutes. Since the truck appears to be damaged, they flag down a passing car and call for a tow truck. When the tow truck hauls it away, the rear wheels fall off. It needs new tires, a rear axle, outside housing, and gears. ("[Car Disabled by UFO?](#)" *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 6 (May/June 1974): 4–5; "[U-Haul or UFO-Haul? Brothers Report Chase by Flying Lights](#)," *Skylook*, no. 78 (May 1974): 19; UFOEv II 218–219)

1974, February 21 — French radio journalist [Jean-Claude Bourret](#) interviews French Defense Minister [Robert Galley](#) for his France Inter radio program, *OVNIs: Pas de panique!* Galley says his department has been interested in UFO reports since the French wave of 1954. Ministry records contain many baffling radar/visual cases. He speaks of the strong quality of the evidence and that people must regard UFOs with a "completely open mind." The mass of UFO reports "from the airborne gendarmerie, from the mobile gendarmerie, and from the gendarmerie charged with conducting investigations," all of which are forwarded to CNES, would make people see that it is "pretty disturbing." ("[French Minister Speaks on UFOs](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 2 (October 1974): 3–4; Good Above, [p. 129](#); Gildas Bourdais, "[From GEPAN to SEPRA: Official UFO Studies in France](#)," *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 11; Yves Herbo, "[OVNIs et divulgation: Le Ministre des Armées françaises l'a fait en 1974](#)," *Sciences Faits et Histoire*, February 2, 2015)

1974, March — About 9:00 p.m. A missile launch officer with the 564th Strategic Missile Squadron is on watch at the Malmstrom AFB Romeo Flight missile alert facility near Brady, Montana, when both the outer and inner alarms go off. A security alert team arrives and sees a large, brilliantly self-illuminated object hovering above the Romeo-29 launch facility. Suddenly, the missile starts a countdown. The officer quickly flips the inhibit switch, which puts the system offline. Then the system spontaneously restarts and the missile goes into launch mode again, followed by an inhibit order that does not work. But the launch code is false and the missile remains in its pad. Meanwhile, the UFO moves away straight up at high speed. An F-106 interceptor attempts unsuccessfully to reach it, and Malmstrom AFB radar tracks the UFO. Later he learns that the ground electronics in Romeo-29 are fried as if from a surge. (Nukes 353–355; Robert L. Hastings, "[Former U.S. Air Force Missile Launch Officer Says a UFO Activated One of His ICBMs—Twice!](#)" December 7, 2014)

1974, March 9 — 9:58 p.m. Fiat Corporation pilot Alfonso Isaia chases a luminous, saucer-shaped object with colored rings near Milan, Italy. The UFO is confirmed by Milan radar. (Bob Gribble, "[Looking Back](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 251 (March 1989): 19; Massimiliano Aiello, "[L'avvistamento del Pilota del Agnelli](#)," Massimiliano Aiello, January 17, 2013; 1Pinotti 188–189)

1974, March 10 — 10:00 p.m. Peter Courtney, a reporter for the *Minden Progress*, visits Boshkung Lake, Ontario, in search of UFOs that have been sighted recently. Just as he considers leaving, he spots a dull red light above the treetops across the lake. The light moves slowly northward before reversing its course and disappearing. Despite having his camera ready, the object's glow is too faint to capture, and its erratic movements make it unlike any conventional aircraft. Courtney remains uncertain about what he saw, believing it defies rational explanation. (Peter Courtney, "[Unidentified Flying Objects: Visits Puzzle Boshkung Area](#)," *Minden (Ont.) Progress*, February 21, 1974, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 61 (May 1974): 15; "UFO Sightings Cease Suddenly after Area Plagued For Months," *Lindsay (Ont.) Post*, February 27, 1974, pp. 1, 3; "[More UFOs](#)," *Minden (Ont.) Progress*, March 14, 1974, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 61 (May 1974): 15; "[Progress Reporter Sees UFO](#)," *Minden (Ont.) Progress*, March 14, 1974, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 61 (May 1974): 16; Curt Sutherly, "UFO Invasion of Boshkung Lake," *Fate* 30, no. 11 (November 1977): 55–58)

1974, March 13 — An Argentine Airlines plane en route from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Córdoba, Argentina, is flanked by two glowing objects that pace it for several minutes, then speed away. ("[Civilian Argentine Airliner Flanked by 'Flying Saucers'](#)," *Skylook*, no. 83 (October 1974): 9; UFOEv II 121)

- 1974**, March 17 — The crew of a TWA airliner over Taiwan sees a shiny oval or cigar-shaped object and four smaller, spherical, satellite objects. (Richard F. Haines, “A Review of Selected Sightings from Aircraft from 1973 to 1978,” in *1979 MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings*, Mutual UFO Network, 1979, pp. 114, 127; UFOEv II 415)
- 1974**, March 20 — 11:00 p.m. Adrian Sánchez Sánchez, a salesman, is driving near El Castillo de las Guardas, Seville, Spain, when he sees a large metallic UFO, 450–600 feet long, with three smaller ships shaped like yo-yos. It flies silently and has no windows but towers above and below. One of the objects silently pursues Sánchez and disappears as he enters a village. (Casas-Hugueta, “[La observación de Don Adrian Sanchez](#),” *Stendek* 5, no. 16 (June 1974): 9–17; “[Erratum](#),” *Stendek* 5, no. 18 (December 1974): 32; Eileen Buckle, “[Spanish UFO Fiesta](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 3 (December 1974): 3; R. B. Guérard y Holmes, “[Further Investigations of Spanish UFO Cases](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 4 (January 1975): 10–11; UFOEv II 345)
- 1974**, March 23 — 3:00 a.m. The chauffeur of the president of the Cádiz Provincial Commission is driving on the highway in Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Spain, when he sees a “luminous, metal-like” object moving upward with great brilliancy. As he approaches it, he feels a strange sensation. His car comes to a near stop, wavering back and forth like a feather. (UFOEv II 346)
- 1974**, March 23 — 10:00 p.m. A crowd of 50, including Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Lunham, gather along the shore of Boshkung Lake, Ontario, to look for UFOs. A six-unit armed snowmobile squad pursues the approaching UFOs on the ice. Concerned about the nature of the objects, the snowmobilers fire high-powered rifles at the craft. Mrs. Lunham describes hearing a distant clunk as the bullets strike what sounds like metal surfaces. (“[UFOs: Shots Fired](#),” *Minden (Ont.) Progress*, March 28, 1974, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 61 (May 1974): 16; “[UFOs Still About](#),” *Minden (Ont.) Progress*, May 2, 1974, p. 16, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 61 (May 1974): 15; Curt Sutherly, “UFO Invasion of Boshkung Lake,” *Fate* 30, no. 11 (November 1977): 55–58)
- 1974**, March 23 — Night. A young man named Gösta Häger (pseudonym Harald Andersson) comes out of the parish house in Markim, Stockholm County, Sweden, when he hears a voice in his head telling him to follow a dark forest road. Just after passing a small cottage, he sees two runestones by the side of the path. Suddenly a blinding light knocks him to the ground where he lies unconscious for a while, then wakes up on the doorstep of his villa in Lindholmen, Vallentuna. His wife, disturbed by his condition (bleeding from his forehead and a burn on his cheek), takes him to Danderyds Hospital where hypnotherapist [Ture Arvidsson](#) regresses him to the time of the incident (twice, on April 1 and May 20). He discovers that a beam of light has floated him up into the air while tall, hooded figures touch his head with an unknown device, saying they will meet again in the future. Extraordinary abilities follow, including his ability to disrupt a compass needle, see vibrant auras, and premonitions. The incident is apparently witnessed by another man a short distance away. The Swedish Home Guard assigns 50 of its personnel to work with 15 ufologists to examine the region. The group reports a few odd lights in the sky. (Håkan Blomqvist, “[På UFO-fronten: Kidnappad av UFO-varelser?](#),” *Sökaren* 23, no. 10 (1986): 28–30; Håkan Blomqvist, “[An Abduction in Sweden?](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 32, no. 5 (August 1987): 14–16; Björn Högman, “[Vallentunafallet: En gåta some väntar på lösning](#),” *UFO-Aktuellt*, 2011, no. 1; Clas Svahn, “[Händelserna i Vallentuna 1974](#),” Riksorganisationen UFO-Sverige, March 1, 2017; Fred Andersson, “[March 24, 1974, Night of the UFOs: The Close Encounters That Shook Sweden](#),” Medium: Fred Andersson, March 24, 2021)
- 1974**, March 23 — 11:30 p.m. A French doctor allegedly photographs an odd object near Albiosc, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence, France. The color image shows a red object like a domed disc and four bright, beamlike extensions. UFO investigator Jean Bedet receives the slide anonymously on April 14, with a note pinned to his car windshield when he is visiting the town of Tavernes, Var. Bedet says his wife and others had seen a similar object at 11:00 p.m. the same night. The consensus among researchers in France is that the photo is a hoax perpetrated by Bedet to confirm the visual sighting. (Michel Monnerie, “[La Veillée Nationale d’Observation à Barjols \(Var\)](#),” *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 138 (October 1974): 22–26; Jean Bedet and Linda Galloway, “[Cover Photo](#),” *Skylook*, no. 87 (February 1975): 1, 18; UFOEv II 292–293; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, “[An Approach to UFO Pictures in France](#),” FOTOCAT Report no. 6, [2009], p. 33)
- 1974**, March 26 — 2:00 a.m. Truck driver Maximiliano Iglesias sees a strange object like a plate placed above another large, round object hovering above the highway in Valdehijaderos, Salamanca, Spain, 650 feet away. Another object is 60 feet away. Two beings come out of the first UFO, point to the truck, then go in again. Both objects fly away. At 11:30 p.m., the same witness watches three silver ships parked on the highway with a floodlight. He stops his engine as some figures approach. He runs and they follow. They are about 6.5 feet tall, with arms and legs, but he cannot see their faces. On March 27, the Guardia Civil investigate and find a hole in the ground. (Pere Rédon, “[Valdehijaderos, de Nuevo](#),” *Stendek* 5, no. 18 (December 1974): 12–16; Eileen Buckle, “[Spanish UFO Fiesta](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 3 (December 1974): 4–6; UFOEv II 346)

- 1974, March 27** — [Antoine](#), Jerri, and Terry Betz investigate a small brush fire near their residence on Fort George Island, Florida, and come across a metal sphere the size of a bowling ball and weighing 22 pounds. They think the sphere could be a 16th-century cannonball and decide to take it home. Several days later, while Terry is playing the guitar, the sphere seems to react to the music and makes a throbbing noise. Later, the sphere rolls and stops on its own and changes direction. The sphere makes a noise when hit with a hammer, and Terry finds that it moves after being shaken and placed on the ground. In 2012, an analysis by Skeptoid indicates that the sphere is a ball check valve produced by the Bell & Howell company. Its size, weight, and metallurgical composition match those of the company's check valves. The ball is almost perfectly balanced, and it takes only a small stimulus to make it move or change direction. New Mexico artist James Durling-Jones, who collects scrap metal for his sculptures, remembers loading ball check valves into the rooftop luggage rack of his Volkswagen van and driving through the Jacksonville, Florida, area around Easter of 1971. A few of the balls rolled off the luggage rack and were not retrieved. Skeptoid concludes that this is the sphere's origin. (Wikipedia, "[Betz mystery sphere](#)"; "[Mystery Sphere: A Bugging Device from Outer Space?](#)" *St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times*, April 12, 1974, p. 2-B; "[Just a Ball: Navy; Not So: Its Finders.](#)" *St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times*, April 15, 1974, pp. 1-B, 7-B; "Ball Flown to Palm Beach in Effort to Solve Mystery," *Sarasota (Fla.) Herald Tribune*, April 17, 1974; John Peterson, "[Mysterious Sphere Awaits UFO Panel.](#)" *Palm Beach (Fla.) Post*, April 18, 1974, p. C3; "[Second, Not-So-Mysterious Sphere Found.](#)" *Palm Beach (Fla.) Post*, April 18, 1974, p. C3; "Five Scientists Meet over Steel Ball Today," *Lodi (Calif.) News-Sentinel*, April 20, 1974, p. 5; Dan Ross, "[Taos Artist Reports Clue.](#)" *Santa Fe New Mexican*, April 23, 1974, p. A1; "Mysterious Steel Ball Probably Taos Sculptor's," *Sarasota (Fla.) Journal*, April 24, 1974, p. 15A; Brian Dunning, "[The Betz Mystery Sphere.](#)" Skeptoid podcast, no. 334, October 30, 2012; Sean Martin, "[Did Aliens Drop This Mysterious Satellite on Earth?](#)" *Daily Express* (UK), November 7, 2017)
- 1974, March 27** — Night. A large, brightly shining, spindle-shaped object that remains stationary in the air is seen by numerous witnesses in Málaga, Spain, and photographed by Sr. Salas, picture editor of the *Sur* newspaper. (Eileen Buckle, "[Spanish UFO Fiesta.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 3 (December 1974): 4–5)
- 1974, March 29** — 1:45 a.m. A French vacationer and a local female friend are lying on a sloping beach near Lomé, Togo, when they hear a high-pitched whine and see an unlighted cylindrical object above the ocean. It heads toward them on a level flight path until it gets to 500 feet away. It stops, and within moments a tidal wave washes over the two witnesses. Wave after wave crash over them as they hold onto a nearby tree. The UFO emits powerful beams of light, and the Frenchman can see the waters parting in a deep trough. They remain paralyzed for 20 minutes until the UFO turns off its lights and flies out to sea. The water surface returns to normal. Over the next few days, the man feels strangely exhausted and has a ringing in his ears. (Joël Mesnard, "[UFO over Sea Causes Surge of Tidal Waves.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 6 (April 1977): 4–5, iv; Clark III 250–251; Clark IV 290)
- 1974, March 30** — 9:30 p.m. Motorists are blinded by a bright yellow-green object on or near the ground along a road near Ombreiro, Lugo, Spain. Car engines fail, headlights go out. After 3–4 minutes, the UFO rises silently and moves away horizontally. It makes a soft buzzing or whistling sound. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, [4 Catalogue of 200 Type-I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal](#), CUFOS, 1976, pp. 46–47; UFOEv II 454)
- 1974, April** — A woman military staffer at the GEC-Marconi contracting company in Frimley, Surrey, England, learns that a break-in has occurred the previous night. A guard suffers a nervous breakdown, is taken to an unnamed hospital, and is not seen again. Later, she hears a discussion in her supervisor's office and describes it to [Nick Redfern](#): "We have no way of keeping these beings out. We just don't know what to do next. If they can get in here, they can get in anywhere." She learns that the guard had seen an alien sifting through files and papers. A blue light emanated from its helmet, and the being dematerialized before the guard's eyes. (Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, pp. 125–126; Nick Redfern, "[An Extraterrestrial 007?](#)" *Mysterious Universe*, December 9, 2013)
- 1974, April** — 3:00 a.m. A staff sergeant assigned to the 355th Security Police Squadron stationed at Incirlik Air Base, Adana, Turkey, witnesses a white, glowing UFO hovering silently over the nuclear storage area about 500 feet above the ground for one hour. It appears to be the size of a Volkswagen. At 4:00 a.m., the UFO suddenly and silently accelerates toward the city. The witness sees the object from the Security Police dormitory about 2 miles away. The next day, other security personnel tell him that the only measures taken are "to set up their M-60 machine guns, and that they were not to fire on the object unless it initiated a hostile act." (Brian Vike, "[Sgt. Reports Bizarre Events at WY Missile Base.](#)" *Rense.com*, July 7, 2004)
- 1974, Early April** — A couple driving on a country road in east Hancock County, Ohio, spot a low light in the northeastern sky. They drive toward it, but it shoots up into the air so they can see its underside. As the man alerts people to the object on his CB radio, he sees the object lower a box, seemingly to take samples. Then the object

approaches the couple and they drive away quickly, but it follows them for 47 miles. At 2:15 a.m., they pull into a Wigwam restaurant, where a man rushes up to them and asks them, “What did you see in the sky?” He denies having a CB radio, and talks in a strangely slow and choppy manner. The man continues to bother them, so they drive away from the Wigwam. Soon they are followed by some strange lights and an orange ball. They stop the car where the road ends and see a “little man on a little black object.” The lights follow them all the way home to Findlay, Ohio. (Clark III 731–733; Clark IV 812–813)

- 1974, April 4 — Two 12-year-old girls in A Estrada, Galicia, Spain, see a noiseless metallic object that stops for a few seconds 30–40 feet from the ground, then moves off. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, [A Catalogue of 200 Type I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal](#), CUFOS, 1976, pp. 47–48)
- 1974, April 13 — 2:00 a.m. Julio Acosta Bertol (a teacher), his wife, and a student at Herrera de Alcántara, Cáceres, Spain, observe a luminous rhomboid object with a pink-yellowish semicircle on its upper left. The student hears a prolonged, alarm-like noise. They watch the UFO for 5–6 minutes from a distance of 900 feet before it moves off. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, [A Catalogue of 200 Type I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal](#), CUFOS, 1976, p. 49; Nick Redfern, “[Spain’s UFO Wave: 1973–1974](#),” *Mysterious Universe*, August 28, 2018)
- 1974, April 15 — Passengers on a ferry on the Strait of Gibraltar between Ceuta and Algeciras, Spain, see a round, intense torch-like light rise out of the water near a huge rock, travel at low altitude, then fall into the water again. This happens once again. (UFOEv II 346)
- 1974, April 15 — A photojournalist takes four photos of a round object over A Coruña, Galicia, Spain. (Dolan II 24)
- 1974, April 15 — 4:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. George Torres observe a flat, round object moving to the north over the low hills in back of their home in Tijeras Canyon, New Mexico. It is in the apparent area of the Manzano Nuclear Weapons Storage facility attached to Kirtland AFB. The object changes course to the east at an altitude of 2,000 feet and appears to be 50–75 feet in diameter. It is rotating silently on a central axis. The object turns abruptly to the south, passes behind a small mountain peak, turns east again, and vanishes over the Manzano Mountains. (R. C. Hecker, “[New Mexico Reports](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 2 (Sept./Oct. 1974): 5–6)
- 1974, April 16 — 12:50 a.m. Mauro Bellingeri, 26, and his wife Carla Farè, 23, are returning to their villa in Santa Maria del Tempio and near the town of Casale Monferrato, Alessandria, Italy, when they notice a bright object that dives abruptly toward them, stopping at a height of 40 feet above the villa. The Bellingeris get out of the car to look at the motionless object. It has a transparent dome and a central ring of revolving red, green, and yellow lights. Inside the dome are three human-like beings with large, round, opaque, grayish helmets. At the base of the headgear is a hose-like apparatus. One being turns in their direction, then moves back. All three beings then rotate in unison. At this point, 3–4 jets of flame appear beneath the craft, the central portion begins to revolve rapidly, and they hear a whistling sound and feel a blast of air. The UFO speeds away, continuing to whistle. (UFOEv II 460–461; Pinotti 189–191; Carlo Pirola, *UFOs: Reinvestigation in Italy*, Lulu.com, 2019, pp. 68–76; “[UFO con umanoidi a Casale Monferrato](#),” UFO it YouTube channel, April 16, 2024)
- 1974, April 19 — About 9:30 p.m. Ruth Currie and her daughter Laurie see a bright light that seems to be only several hundred feet from their house in Altamont, New York. Curious, they walk toward it until they are within about 200 feet. An oval object is resting on the roadway. It appears to have large windows in the top half, from which comes a brilliant golden glow. Changes of contrast in this light give them the impression that something is moving around within. Currie sends her daughter to get a neighbor, Rose Curtis, and they return shortly. Currie then retreats to her home and phones her husband, who drops what he is doing and hurries over. He can see an object rising up. It shifts speeds and accelerates out of sight. During the bulk of this encounter, the neighborhood dogs are putting up a continuous volley of barking. The next morning, the witnesses get together and go to the site, where they find an area of burned grass 50–75 feet in diameter. (NICAP, “[The 1974 UFO Chronology](#)”; “[Investigation Reveals Unreported Sightings](#),” *UFO Investigator*, November 1974, p. 1; Center for UFO Studies, [HUMCAT Index 1974](#), p. 40)
- 1974, April 29 — Roy Hiltner discovers an odd imprint in his soybean field near North Creek in northwestern Putnam County, Ohio. It is a depression 8 feet in diameter and 12 inches deep, with seven 4-foot-long grooves radiating from it. In the center are two holes, each 12 inches in diameter and 12 inches apart. Local and state officials examine the site and cannot determine a cause. (“[In Ohio: Possible Landing Site Checked](#),” *Skylook*, no. 79 (June 1974): 6; “[Two Physical Trace Cases in Northwest Ohio Unexplained](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 6, no. 3 (June/July 1985): 4)
- 1974, May — A Gallup poll finds that only 67% of Canadians have heard or read anything about UFOs. (“[Gallup Poll: Unidentified Flying Objects Are Real, 46% Believe](#),” *Toronto (Ont.) Star*, March 22, 1978, p. A9)
- 1974, May — 2:00 a.m. Iuliu Marian and his wife wake up abruptly in their home in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Outside they see a bell-shaped object or silhouette with a light tube in the center that seems to be waiting for them. Marian

grabs a sports sword he keeps under the bed and goes outside, but the object is already moving away. He follows it around a corner of the house and the object is nowhere to be seen. Marian senses the object is still there somehow because he feels some kind of force field. Against his will he returns to his bedroom, the forcefield disappears, and he goes right back to sleep. (Romania 128–129)

1974, May — 3:30 a.m. US Army Pfc R. Jack Phillips is assigned to the 193rd Military Police Battalion guarding Area 3 of an Army Ordnance Depot [now returned to Germany] where surface-to-surface Pershing missiles are stored near Fischbach bei Dahn, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany. Suddenly waking up, he watches an extremely bright star above him for about 15 seconds. Suddenly it approaches very quickly and hovers just beyond the depot fence line about 300 feet away. The light now looks like a domed disc about 60 feet in diameter with a concave indentation on its underside. It is covered in a greenish glow and completely silent. After 5 seconds the object gets much brighter for a second then dims again. The security lights in the complex go out. Phillips tries to report this, but his field phone is out. The backup generators fail to turn on. Some 30 seconds later, the object takes off so swiftly that he can't tell in which direction it leaves. The lights come back on and all the bunker alarms go off. A roving unit needs to come by to reset all the alarms manually. Phillips admits that most of the guards sleep on duty, and that is probably why no one else has seen the object. (Nukes 343–346)

1974, May 5 — 5:30 p.m. David Dorn and Troy Warton, both 11, leave home in Lincolnshire, Illinois, to play basketball. As they walk down the street, they notice a dark object in the western sky. It comes closer, drops to a height just above the treetops, hovers slightly, then rises up and disappears. David has a new camera and he snaps six photos with his Kodak X-15 camera. The color pictures reveal a distinct dark object in the clouds and over the trees. Unfortunately, he discards the negatives. ("[Boy's New Camera Records UFO](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 5 (September 1980): 1; "[Time & Again: UFOs' \(1997\) \(NBC News TV Reports\) \(3/5\)](#)," TV UFO Footage YouTube channel, September 24, 2015)

1974, May 7 (possibly 1973) — 9:00 p.m. [Margaret K. Roffe](#), nurse's aide at the Coatesville (Pennsylvania) Veterans Administration Hospital, hears tree branches swishing and swaying nearby and sees a UFO descend and land on the roof of Building no. 1 about 150 feet away. Four silver-colored legs emerge from the object, followed by a ramp with steps. Three small figures climb down backwards. They are speaking to each other in high, squeaky voices that sound like "so many birds." She says "The being nearest the edge of the roof had a very elongated head, grayish-looking skin, arms that extended well below his knees, and what looked like long claws instead of fingers. His legs appeared rather short." He is bald and looks old. The scene is well lit by an illuminated dome on the roof of the building. When one of the entities notices the witness, they reenter the object, which takes off slowly over the trees, which are again violently agitated. The legs withdraw as it takes off. (Clark III 277; Clark IV 317)

1974, May 7 (or 9) — 7:00 a.m. Businessman Amadeo Villar is driving with his wife and daughter near Altos de Cabrejas, Cuenca, Spain, when they see a bright orange object for 40–50 seconds. It darts behind the clouds, where it is still dimly visible. (José Vicente Avila, "[Spain: A UFO over Cabrejas, Witnessed by Three \(1974\)](#)," *Inexplicata*, October 28, 2015)

1974, May 9 — The documentary film *UFOs: Past, Present, and Future* is released along with a paperback book of the same title by [Robert Emenegger](#). The film shows stock footage of Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico, and a recreation of a landing at a hypothetical military base. (Wikipedia, "[UFOs: Past, Present, and Future](#)"; Robert Emenegger, *UFOs: Past, Present, and Future*, Ballantine, 1974; Internet Movie Database, "[UFOs: It Has Begun](#)"; "[UFOs \(It Has Begun\) Past, Present, and Future documentary](#)," Jaded Truth YouTube channel, September 29, 2017; Clark III 357)

1974, May 15 — A businessman and a teacher in Pedroche, Córdoba, Spain, see a round object the "size of a table" that chases their car and obstructs their path on the road. They turn the car around rapidly and flee. (UFOEv II 346)

1974, May 17 — 10:10 p.m. Electronic scanning equipment at the Manzano Nuclear Weapons Storage Facility attached to Kirtland AFB near Albuquerque, New Mexico, registers a burst of energy in the upper atmosphere in the 250–275 MHz range. The burst throws all the facility's instruments off. A trajectory of an apparent falling object is plotted, and a recovery team is dispatched to an area southwest of Chilili, New Mexico, that is cordoned off. A few hours later, a circular, metallic object about 60 feet in diameter is dismantled and transported into a hangar at Kirtland AFB. (R. C. Hecker, "[New Mexico Reports](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 2 (Sept./Oct. 1974): 6)

1974, May 20 — 7:00 p.m. A baker named Le Meur, with his wife and two children, is traveling on a small road toward Landévennec, Finistère, France, when they notice a powerful light ahead at ground level. It consists of a string of 7–8 spheres, each about one foot in diameter and arranged horizontally, about 3 feet above the road. Le Meur turns around and heads to the local Gendarmerie station in Telgruc-sur-Mer to report it. The police examine the site the next day and find a patch of ferns that appear abnormally wilted. They collect some plant and soil samples and send them to a lab in Paris for analysis. The wilted, brown ferns are found to be without chlorophyll and an

unknown element (indicating pheophytins associated with the degradation of chlorophyll) shows up in the chromatography in ultraviolet light. (Joël Mesnard, "[Landévennec, May 20, 1974](#)," *IUR* 32, no. 4 (October 2009): 20–21; Jérôme Frasson, "[An Attempt to Learn about the Trauma Undergone by the Ferns](#)," *IUR* 32, no. 4 (October 2009): 21)

1974, May 22 — The wife of a journalist on Ibiza, Balearic Islands, Spain, photographs an object described in a US Defense Department report as "somewhat like a top." It remains stationary for a while, then rises and disappears. (Dolan II 24)

1974, May 28 — Day. A resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico, sees a large glowing object moving across the western face of the Sandia Mountains. It is so bright that no structure is visible. The witness opens his window to listen for noise coming from the object, but there is none. As he watches, the object appears to land on a nearby hill where it remains for an hour before it shoots into the air and vanishes. Three young men are camping in the Sandia Mountains that day around noon. They notice a silver-white UFO on the ground on the east side of Tramway Boulevard NE, between Menaul Boulevard and Copper Avenue. Next to it is a silver, triangular-shaped object with odd rune-like symbols on one of the pointed ends. After reporting the sighting, they wind up being taken to Kirtland AFB for interrogation by civilian intelligence agents. They are told they have witnessed a "Soviet incident" and are to keep their mouths shut, which they do for 34 years before talking to [Linda Moulton Howe](#) in 2007. Around 9:00 p.m., a family sees a large, glowing, football-shaped disc moving across Albuquerque toward the Sandia foothills. They jump in their car and try to follow the object, using dirt roads on the east side of Tramway. They are stopped by a state police officer, beyond whom they can see the UFO hovering low next to a rocky hill. It is surrounded by armed military personnel. ("[Recent Sightings Reported in New Mexico](#)," *UFO Investigator*, July 1974, p. 3; Linda Moulton Howe, "[Glowing Disc Encounter with Military in Albuquerque, NM](#)," Earthfiles, November 29, 2007)

1974, May 31 — 2:30 a.m. A prolonged Peugeot-pacing case from Mvuma to Beitbridge, Zimbabwe, takes place along the A4 highway, during which motorists experience electromagnetic effects, loss of steering control for their vehicle, abnormal cold and silence, translocation from one place to another, altered appearance of the terrain, humanoid encounter, and amnesia. (Carl Van Vlieden, "[Escorted by UFOs from Umvuma to Beit Bridge](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 2 (August 1975): 3–8)

1974, Summer — Late evening. A witness living southwest of Lodi, Wisconsin, sees an intensely bright light that is illuminating a hill on an adjacent golf course. It covers an area the size of a football field, but he cannot see a beam or light source. A few hours later, a couple driving on State Highway 113 south of Lodi observe a triangular object with red and blue circular lights suspended beneath it. The object passes silently less than 20 feet above their car, hovers momentarily, and resumes its slow pass overhead. It is twice the size of their car. They watch as the lights shut off and the object is gone. At 1:00 a.m., a man in Lodi sees what he thinks are headlights pulling into his driveway. He sees three bright points of light fixed horizontally in the black sky. He goes in to get his brother who has a telescope, and they attempt to spot the lights (only two now) with the scope. It takes a while, and when they look straight up they see a large, triangular object right above them. No lights are visible, but its undersurface is clearly defined and metallic. It moves over the house, tips upward at a 45° angle, and shoots away. (Don Schmitt, "[The Belleville Sightings, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 13, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1988): 17)

1974, Summer — Between 9:00 and 10:00 p.m. California Gov. [Ronald Reagan](#) and his pilot Bill Paynter in his Cessna Citation see a bright white light zigzagging through the sky near Bakersfield, California. They follow the light for several minutes. Paynter says it "was a fairly steady light until it began to accelerate, then it appeared to elongate." Then, "to our utter amazement, it went straight up into the heavens. When I got off the plane I told [Nancy](#) all about it.... And we read up on the long history of UFOs." (presidentialufo.com, "[Ronald Reagan, 40th President, January 20, 1981–January 20, 1989](#)")

1974, June — MUFON pledges its cooperation with CUFOS, offering its network of investigators to secure raw data for analysis.

1974, June — The Circulo de Argentino de Investigaciones Ufológicas in Córdoba, Argentina, publishes the first issue of *OVNI: Un Desafío a la Ciencia*, edited by Oscar A. Galíndez. It runs for 10 issues through February 1976. ([OVNI: Un Desafío a la Ciencia](#), No. 1 (July 1974))

1974, June — Astrophysicist [Michael H. Hart](#) formulates the basic points of [Enrico Fermi](#)'s "Fermi Paradox" for an article in the *Quarterly Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society*. The paradox is the apparent contradiction between the lack of evidence for extraterrestrial civilizations elsewhere in the Milky Way galaxy and various high estimates for their probability (such as those that result from optimistic parameters for the Drake equation). (Wikipedia, "[Fermi paradox](#)"; Michael H. Hart, "[Explanation for the Absence of Extraterrestrials on Earth](#)," *Quarterly Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society* 16 (June 1975): 128–135)

- 1974, June 9** — Night. Maj. Shiro Kubota and Lt. Col. Toshio Nakamura are flying an F-4EJ Phantom II interceptor over the northern perimeter of Japan, apparently to intercept a Soviet aircraft. Ground control explains that they are to investigate a bright orange-red light reported by ground witnesses and tracked on radar. Leveling off at 30,000 feet, they see the light a few miles ahead. It appears to be about 33 feet in diameter, with square-shaped marks around its side. The object dips in a shallow turn as they approach. Suddenly the object reverses direction and shoots straight toward them. Nakamura forces the aircraft into a sudden dive to avoid it, missing the UFO by “inches.” The object then makes high-speed passes at the plane, drawing closer. Then, allegedly, the UFO strikes the F-4, forcing the two pilots to eject. Nakamura’s parachute catches fire and he falls to his death. (Good Above, [pp. 430–431](#))
- 1974, June 12** — Alfred A. Knopf publishes *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence* by [Victor Marchetti](#) and [John D. Marks](#), which discusses how the CIA works and how its original purpose (collecting and analyzing information about foreign governments, corporations, and persons in order to advise public policymakers) has, according to the authors, been subverted by its obsession with clandestine operations. Marchetti uses the expression “cult of intelligence” to denounce what he views as a counterproductive mindset and culture of secrecy, elitism, amorality, and lawlessness within and surrounding the CIA in the service of American imperialism. (Wikipedia, “[The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence](#)”; Victor Marchetti and John D. Marks, [The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence](#), Knopf, 1974)
- 1974, June 14** — 5:00 a.m. I. D. McCallum sees a cigar-shaped object as big as a Boeing 737 emitting eight intensely bright white lights flashing intermittently toward the ground outside his home in Hattingspruit, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. He watches it for an hour as it moves slowly and silently through the sky. His wife also observes the object, as do three employees at Dabmar Engineering who watch with binoculars. At 6:00 a.m. it turns off the flashing white lights, ascends, and resembles Venus. Mrs. McCallum develops bloodshot eyes from watching the lights directly. (Joe Brill, “[African UFO Observed for Several Hours](#),” *Skylook*, no. 82 (September 1974): 16)
- 1974, June 14** — 5:30 a.m. Santiago Pulido Romero is driving in Medellín, Badajoz, Spain, near the Castillo when he sees a pot-shaped object rapidly approaching him 300 feet above the ground. He turns off his car lights, but the object follows his car parallel to the road about 210 feet away to the right. When he switches his headlights back on, the object begins approaching again, so he switches them off and the object retreats. When he arrives at his father’s property, the object hovers over the barn, moving up and down, so he runs into the house. Later Pulido goes outside to check, and the object is still hovering, lighting up the entire area like daytime. Three humanoid beings are visible inside the object. Early the next morning at sunrise, the object abruptly speeds away. Other witnesses in separate locations also see a UFO. (Eileen Buckle, “[Spanish UFO Fiesta](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 3 (December 1974): 6–7; “[Un OVNI repond à des signaux lumineux en Espagne](#),” *Infospace*, no. 22, August 1975, pp. 14–15; “[1974: UFO with Occupants Hover over Farm](#),” ThinkAboutIt, April 6, 2021)
- 1974, June 15** — Mountain guide Keo Wha Unan is inspecting the outer perimeter of a rock formation near Mount Dhajar (apparently in the Bayan Har Mountains, Tibet) to make certain it is safe for the next day’s climb. He emerges from a cave and sees a silvery disc hovering about 4 feet above the ground behind a crest of high rocks. It is windowless and shiny with no protrusions. He sees three humanoid figures gathering snow and rocks and putting them inside the UFO. After 5 minutes, they climb a ladder into the craft. The object rises a few feet and shoots straight up like a flash. (Harry Hill, “[The Bizarre Ancient Astronauts of Tibet](#),” *UFO Update!*, no. 5 (Winter 1980): 46–49, 64)
- 1974, June 16** — 5:00 a.m. A farmhand is driving near Cáceres, Extremadura, Spain, when a bright object illuminates the highway. He sees three tall, helmeted figures standing inside the craft. When the witness turns off his headlights, the UFO moves away; when he turns them back on, the UFO approaches and follows him home about 230 feet above his car. He turns off his lights again, and the UFO slowly flies away. (UFOEv II 346)
- 1974, June 25** — 1:15 a.m. A witness is up late in his trailer home at St.-Cyrille-de-Wendover, Quebec, when he hears a “bumm, bumm, bumm” sound, as if something very heavy has fallen onto the ground. He looks out the living room window and sees a UFO hovering low above a near field. It is a disc with a red domed area and an orangish lower area punctuated by oval windows from which comes white light. He sees a 6-foot-tall robot that has apparently emerged from the object and is now only 15 feet from his window. He and his wife see three more robots near the trailer next door. The observation lasts 3 hours as the couple peek out of the window periodically. At one point, they see 15 robots standing in line together close to a creek for 5 minutes. As if on command, they suddenly move together; when they look out again at 4:20 a.m., the craft and the robots are gone. (NICAP, “[June 24, 1974: St. Cyrille, Quebec CE III](#)”; “[Robots in Quebec, Canada](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 3 (Nov./Dec. 1974): 1, 3; “[Robot Occupants Reported](#),” *Skylook*, no. 84 (November 1974): 10–11; Marc Leduc, “[Un atterrissage et des humanoïdes à Drummondville](#),” *UFO-Quebec* 1, no. 1 (1975): 10–12; Wido Hoville, “[Report from Quebec](#),”

Canadian UFO Report 3, no. 3 (1975): 8–9; Marc Leduc, “[Un témoin sous hypnose](#),” *UFO-Quebec* 1, no. 8 (1976): 17–19; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 69–73](#))

- 1974**, July 2 — 3:30 p.m. Some fishermen at Praia dos Navegantes beach, Santa Catarina, Brazil, see a disc with small thrusters on its sides descend and fall into the ocean about 328 feet away. Thinking it is an aircraft, the men head to the splashdown site to help survivors. As Ubelino Severino gets closer, the object sinks, leaving only foam at the surface. (Brazil 517–520)
- 1974**, July 9 — Early morning. An elliptical object with rows of alternating red and green lights hovers about 200 feet above a park in Kingston, New York. A hazy white glow emanates from the underside. The object moves to within 500 feet of a police car. When officers James Wallace and Richard Ramsdell turn their spotlight on, a brilliant beam lights up the cruiser. The beam switches off and the object races away at high speed. (“[Hovering Object Shines Spotlight on Police Car](#),” *UFO Investigator*, October 1974, p. 3; UFOEv II 45)
- 1974**, July 9 — Psychic [Pat Price](#) accurately remote views the Soviet URDF-3 facility adjacent to the Semipalatinsk Test Site in Kazakhstan for the Stanford Research Institute [now SRI International] in Menlo Park, California. In another experiment, [Puthoff](#) and a skeptical scientist named Earl Jones drive to 9 separate metropolitan areas, all chosen by Jones. Back in the SRI lab, [Targ](#) monitors Price, who describes 7 of the places accurately—in some cases before Jones and Puthoff even reach the target or before Jones has decided on a target. Price also claims to sense four underground alien bases, volunteering the data outside the SRI experimental parameters. The bases are located under Monte Perdido, Huesca, Spain; Mount Nyangani, Zimbabwe; Mount Hayes, Alaska; and Mount Ziel in Australia’s Northern Territory. (Jim Schnabel, *Remote Viewers: The Secret History of America’s Psychic Spies*, Dell, 1997, pp. 113, 118, 148–151; Annie Jacobsen, *Phenomena*, Little, Brown, 2017, pp. 166–171)
- 1974**, July 10 — 10:35 p.m. Three girls are walking along a road south of Pavia, Italy, when they see a strange undulating light moving swiftly through the sky. It changes from yellow to reddish-orange as it approaches. They see a light flashing as it passes overhead. It slows, makes a right turn and disappears behind a house, and they see a “spot of fire” shining from a distant field. They return home and at 11:25 p.m., from a balcony, they can see a pulsating light hovering above the same field. At 11:45 p.m., two family members and a security policeman drive to the field and about 1,000 feet away they see a luminous hemisphere about 33 feet in diameter, with a “pillow” of red dust between the ground and its flat base. The next morning, the police arrive and find a large, circular burned area. (Joe Brill, “[Italian UFO Leaves Traces](#),” *Skylook*, no. 86 (January 1975): 3–4)
- 1974**, July 13 — [Marshall Applewhite](#) and [Bonnie Nettles](#), leaders of the self-proclaimed Human Individual Metamorphosis movement, are interviewed in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by ufologist [Hayden Hewes](#). They claim that UFOs, as well as human adepts, can change their “vibration rates” so as to appear and disappear. A few days later they move on to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization in Tucson. (“[The Two](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 4 (October 1975): 4; Curt Collins, “[UFOs: Going to the Next Level](#),” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, September 1, 2022)
- 1974**, July 14 — 3:36 p.m. A Scandinavian Airlines flight en route to Burlington, Vermont, is flying at 35,000 feet 35–40 miles southeast of Quebec City, Quebec. Capt. Korsvold and the crew notice a triangular object moving southwest and has it in sight for 7 minutes. Radio interference is reported. At the same time, C. W. Bacon is flying a private jet about 35 miles southeast of Quebec City and sees the same triangular object, but it seems to be stationary. Air traffic control at CFB Bagotville in Saguenay, Quebec, reports strong interference on a frequency of 121.5 MHz, a frequency reserved for aircraft in distress. The signal is also disrupting transmissions for 10 minutes at RCAF Station Mont Apica [now the Lac Castor Canadian weather radar station]. All is quiet after both the UFO and interference are gone. (Good Above, [p. 200](#); Arthur R. Bray, *The UFO Connection*, Jupiter, 1979, pp. 45–46; Patrick Gross, “[Files Obtained from the National Archives of Canada](#)”; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 89–90)
- 1974**, July 15 — Two unregistered helicopters, a white helicopter, and a black twin-engine aircraft open fire on Robert Smith Jr. while he is driving his tractor on his farm in Honey Creek, Iowa. This attack follows a rash of cattle mutilations in the area and across the nearby border in Nebraska. (Wikipedia, “[Cattle mutilation](#)”)
- 1974**, August — Cattle mutilations have been increasingly reported in northern New Mexico over the past 16 months, the largest number near Eagle Nest. (Richard Benke, “[Cattle Mutilations on Rise in Northern New Mexico](#),” *Albuquerque (N.Mex.) Journal*, August 14, 1994, p. G4)
- 1974**, August 8 — President [Richard Nixon](#) resigns in the wake of the Watergate scandal.
- 1974**, August 11 — 3:23 a.m. Police officers Mark E. Paine and Michael Alden watch three luminous UFOs in a triangle formation between Tilton and Concord, New Hampshire. A fourth object, a domed ellipse, rises from the trees and approaches their car. As the officers signal the object, it signals back, then veers away. (UFOEv II 175;

Wendy Connors, "Cops and Saucers: Law Enforcement and UFO's, 1957–1981 Guide," November 20, 2013, [audioclip 33](#))

- 1974**, August 12 — 11:30 a.m. A 15-year-old boy sees a disc maneuvering near a hedgerow at La Brousse, Charente-Maritime, France. It is about the size of a medium car, dull-lead in color, with a green reflective dome. One of three windows open "exactly like the shutter of a vanishing headlight on a sports car." The lower part of the object rotates, but the dome does not. Later, three sharply defined circles of burnt straw form an isosceles triangle within an oval area of crushed straw. Within each imprint are two small pieces of lead. (M. Chasseigne, "[Atterrissage à La Brousse, près de Matha](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 140 (December 1974): 5–6)
- 1974**, August 16 — 8:00 p.m. David Bates, 8, Steven Stillie, 10, and Henry Stillie, 7, are taking a shortcut past an abandoned sandpit close to their homes in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia. Suddenly they hear a high-pitched whine and the cat Bates is carrying panics and escapes his hold; it runs several yards and then stops abruptly. They then see an object with a red light on top and flashing green and white lights on either end. Moving slowly, the UFO reverses course and with an undulating motion heads for the clearing where the sandpit lies and lands there, about 150 feet away. The whine becomes intense. As the object settles down, it releases a blast of hot air that blows dust on the boys. It extends three short legs and blue sparks leap up from the ground. The boys run home. Investigator Graham Conway finds residual material present in three indentations at the site. Analysis shows that it contains an abnormally high amount of zinc. (Graham Conway, "[Close Encounter](#)," *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 4 (1975): 8–11; Graham Conway, "[Close Encounter](#)," UFO*BC; Graham Conway, "[CE2 Secrets](#)," *IUR* 17, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1992): 24)
- 1974**, August 23 — 9:00 p.m. [John Lennon](#) and [May Pang](#) watch a rotating, oval-shaped disc with a red light on top from the roof of his penthouse apartment on East 52nd Street in New York City. It is flying less than 100 feet away and moves off soundlessly as they watch it. Lennon mentions it in a liner note to his 1974 *Walls and Bridges* album. ("[John Lennon's UFO Radio Interview](#)," Zak Harley YouTube channel, August 18, 2007; Alejandro Rojas, "[John Lennon's UFO Doodle Auctioned Off](#)," OpenMinds, March 25, 2014; Jared Saucedo, "[John Lennon Album Sleeve Art Recalls Alleged 1974 UFO Sighting](#)," InQuisitr, April 21, 2014; David Halperin, "[John Lennon, May Pang, and the UFO \(1\) Their Story](#)," davidhalperin.net, February 11, 2016)
- 1974**, August 25 — After 10:00 p.m. A document is leaked to UFO researchers in the US and UK in 1992 and is apparently composed by someone within the US intelligence community who either personally knows about the case or who has run across top-secret documents. Now known as the "Deneb Report," the document alleges that the following incident took place. Military radar at Corpus Christi, Texas, detects an unknown target moving toward the Texas Gulf coast. Traveling at a speed of 2,500 mph at an altitude of 75,000 feet, the UFO is first spotted over the Gulf of Mexico about 200 miles east of Corpus Christi. After going through maneuvers suggesting intelligent control, the object quickly turns south along the Texas coast, avoiding entry over land, and seems headed toward Brownsville. As the disc continues to hug the Texas coastline, it exhibits controlled descent, calculated turns, speed reductions, and other clear indications of control. The object descends from 75,000 feet to about 45,000 feet by the time it crosses over land into northern Mexico, about 40 miles south of Brownsville. Its speed is down to 2,000 mph and it is slowing very gradually. Zigzagging around mountain peaks that tower above 5,000 feet, the UFO continues to descend, although its speed is still near 2,000 mph at the time that it encounters another aircraft headed toward it on a collision course. Somewhere over a vast desert plain known as El Llano near Coyame, Chihuahua, Mexico, a mid-air collision occurs with a small aircraft flying from El Paso to Mexico City. Debris from the crash rains down on the desert plain below, and efforts are soon underway by both Mexico and the US to recover the remains. Mexican spotter planes first locate the wreckage of the aircraft, even as US electronic surveillance personnel listen in on the rescue activities from across the Texas border. The Americans hear the Mexican spotter planes say that the small craft is almost totally destroyed and that they have found a second crash site nearby with the remains of a nearly intact, shiny, silvery disc. The object is 16 feet, 5 inches in diameter, and equally convex on both upper and lower surfaces. There is an outer rim around the central circumference. The height is slightly less than 5 feet. They see no visible portholes, doors, or markings. In addition, no lights of any kind are apparent. There is also no obvious mechanism for propulsion. The external surface of the disc is like silvery polished steel. Mexican troops recover the crashed disc, winching it up onto the bed of a large military truck. They also retrieve fragments of the crashed civilian aircraft, although there is not much left of it. ("[Presidio 1974](#)," Texas UFO Museum and Research Library; Noe Torres and Ruben Uriarte, [The Coyame Incident](#), Roswell Books, 2013)
- 1974**, August 28 — Cattle mutilations, UFOs, and black helicopters continue to be reported in rural Nebraska, Texas, and Iowa. Armed vigilante ranchers begin to stop out-of-state vehicles passing through nearby roads to check for traces of cattle blood; some begin to shoot at passing helicopters. The Nebraska National Guard orders all its helicopters to fly at 2,000 feet rather than the standard 1,000 feet when they perform routine exercises.

(“[Mutilated Livestock, Helicopters, and UFOs Source of Wonder, Worry](#),” *Hastings (Nebr.) Daily Tribune*, August 29, 1974, p. 8; “The Midnight Marauder,” *Newsweek*, September 30, 1974, p. 32; Michael J. Goleman, “[Wave of Mutilation: The Cattle Mutilation Phenomenon of the 1970s](#),” *Agricultural History* 85, no. 3 (2011): 398–417; Graff 281)

- 1974, September — Author [Charles Berlitz](#) writes *The Bermuda Triangle*, in which he popularizes the concept of the Bermuda Triangle as an area of ocean prone to disappearing ships and airplanes. He quotes his friend J. Manson Valentine, who has reported several UFO sightings in the area. He also perpetuates a fake radio transmission from Lt. Charles Taylor of the missing TBM Avenger bombers in December 1945 containing the warning, “Don’t come after me... They look like they are from outer space.” Berlitz’s claims of unusual EM effects occurring in the Triangle are also fabrications. (Charles Berlitz, [The Bermuda Triangle](#), Avon, 1974; Story, [p. 51](#))
- 1974, September 1 — 11:00 a.m. While he is driving a swather to harvest his rapeseed crop near Langenburg, Saskatchewan, farmer Edwin Fuhr, 36, notices a metallic-appearing dome-shaped object about 50 feet away and stops to investigate. Walking to within 15 feet of it, Fuhr sees that it is spinning and swirling the grass beneath it. This frightens him and he backs away. Climbing back on the swather, he looks around and sees four more identical domes “like brushed stainless steel” arranged in a rough semicircle, all hovering and spinning about a foot above the ground. Whether from fear or an EM effect, Fuhr cannot get the throttle and steering wheel of the swather to respond. One object suddenly takes off, quickly followed by the other four, ascending in a step formation. At about 200 feet they stop, each emitting a puff of gray vapor from exhaust-like extensions at the base. The vapor extends about 6 feet, followed by a downward gust of wind which flattens the rapeseed in the immediate area. The objects then form a straight line, hover for a minute or two, then suddenly ascend into the low cloud cover and disappear. Fuhr goes to the landing area and finds five rings of depressed grass swirled in a clockwise fashion. There is no evidence of heat or burning. Some additional circles are found in the area later that month. Fuhr later learns that cattle in a nearby field bellowed and broke through a fence about the time of the sighting. Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable Ron Morier, quoted by Canadian Press, says: “Something was there and I doubt it was a hoax. There’s no indication anything had been wheeled in or out and Mr. Fuhr seemed genuinely scared.” Later Morier tells an investigator, “There is no way that this is a hoax. Whatever was in there, it came out of the air and departed the same way, as far as I could tell.” (NICAP, “[Langenburg, Saskatchewan, Canada](#)”; “[Farmers Scared by UFOs](#),” *Edmonton (Alta.) Journal*, September 10, 1974, p. 11; “[‘Saucers’ Sighted, No Hoax—RCMP](#),” *Saskatoon (Sask.) Star-Phoenix*, September 10, 1974, p. 1; “[UFO May Be ‘Fairy Ring’](#),” *Saskatoon (Sask.) Star-Phoenix*, September 27, 1974, p. 12; “[Five Objects Hover over Canadian Field](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 2 (Sept./Oct. 1974): 8; “[Farmer Sees UFO 15 Feet Away](#),” *Skylook*, no. 83 (October 1974): 4; “[On His Rapeseed Farm](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 2 (1974): 2; “[The Farmer and Five UFOs](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 3 (December 1974): 32–33; Ted Phillips, [Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings](#), CUFOS, 1975, p. 104; J. Allen Hynek and Jacques Vallée, *The Edge of Reality*, Regnery, 1975, pp. 265–279; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, pp. 22–24; Chris Rutkowski and John P. Timmerman, “[Langenburg, 1974: A Classic Historical CE2 and a Crop Circle Progenitor?](#)” *IUR* 17, no. 2 (March/April 1992): 4–11; Chris Rutkowski, “The Langenburg CE2 Case: When UFOs Left Their Mark,” in Hilary Evans and Dennis Stacy, eds., *UFO: 1947–1997*, John Brown, 1997, pp. 120–130; UFOEv II 48–49; Michael D. Swords, *GrassRoots UFOs: Case Reports from the Timmerman Files*, Fund for UFO Research, 2005, pp. 148–159; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 110–113; “[1974, Langenburg](#),” Old Crop Circles; “[Edwin Fuhr, UFO Close Encounter, Langenburg, Saskatchewan, Canada, September 1, 1974](#),” Explorer1x YouTube channel, April 26, 2010; “[Brushed Steel: The Langenburg Sightings, Part 1](#),” Russ Klitch YouTube channel, October 12, 2011; “[Brushed Steel: The Langenburg Sightings, Part 2](#),” Russ Klitch YouTube channel, October 12, 2011; “[Interview with Edwin Fuhr 37 Years Later: The Langenburg UFO Case](#),” AboveTopSecret forum, January 20, 2017; Mark Melnychuk, “[The Farmer Who Saw and the Mountie Who Believed: Sask.’s Most Famous UFO Sighting](#),” *Regina (Sask.) Leader-Post*, September 29, 2017; Clark III 673–675; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 192–196; “[1974 CA #UFOB \[Case\] Ed Fuhr Sees Saucers in Langenburg, CA](#),” UFOB | Your UAP Library YouTube channel, August 6, 2022; “[Langenburg UFO Sighting Commemorated with Silver Coin](#),” CTV Regina, September 11, 2024; Clark IV 747–749)
- 1974, September 7 — Morning. Keith Hammerman is squirrel hunting on the farm of Ollie Wagner near Lowell, Ohio, when he hears a loud sonic boom followed by a sharp crack, then a swishing noise. Fifty feet ahead of him, through the low scrub trees, the area is smoking and he detects a thick, sulfurous smell. Frightened, he runs back to his car and drives to the Wagner farmhouse and tells them what happened. Wagner visits the location and finds

a sphere neatly buried in the ground. The sphere turns out to be from a Soviet Kosmos satellite pressure tank. (Theodore Spickler, "[Another Mystery Sphere](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1974, pp. 6–7; Theodore Spickler, "[Steel Ball Found in Ohio](#)," *Skylook*, no. 83 (October 1974): 1, 18–19; Walt Andrus, "[Ohio Steel Ball Returned to Foreign Nation](#)," *Skylook*, no. 85 (December 1974): 15)

1974, September 9 — 8:30 p.m. Professor Andrei Antalfy and his wife are in their summer cottage near Târgu Mureș, Romania, when she notices a silvery-white light behind the house. They go outside and see a rectangular "wall of opaque light" about 82 feet long and 550 away from them. In front of the wall on the ground are four orange spheres about 18 inches in diameter and grouped two-by-two. They continue to watch the display from inside the cottage until midnight when they retire for the night. (Romania 41)

1974, September 16 — Around 5:20 p.m. Mrs. A. Richards is driving a 1968 Toyota a few miles northwest of St. Helens, Tasmania, with her two children. The car radio suddenly turns to static as she is passing over a bridge and the sky ahead lights up. The car then loses power as it travels up an incline, and everything goes dead—car lights, radio, heater, and engine. The landscape is lit up by a bright area of light ahead. The mother tries to start the car without success. A deafening vibrating noise then seems to envelop the car. About the same time all three of them feel electric shocks like vibrations for one minute, and a choking smell fills the car so that they leap from the car and flee the scene, leaving the car and the glow in the sky behind. At about 9:45 p.m. after nearly 2 miles, they reach a house whose resident gives them a ride back to the car to see what is wrong. The hood is warm, but the car starts up and there is no sign of a light. A check at the local garage finds water in the radiator low, otherwise both radio and electrical systems are in working order. The mother suffers from swollen arms and fingers the following day. The right side of her face is numb and she has red marks above her right eyebrow. ("[UFOs and Auto-Stops](#)," *TUFOIC Newsletter*, no. 91 (February 2002): 6)

1974, September 21 — 10:00 p.m. A Swedish army officer is driving with his family near Knutby, Uppsala County, Sweden, when a blinding light approaches the car from the right at an altitude of about 30 feet. The car stops and the radio and headlights go out. The UFO passes the road ahead and then lands on the left side about 250 feet from the road. A large area is lit up by the blinding, green-shimmering light from the object. The witnesses hear a sound like a swarm of bees. Through binoculars, the officer sees an egg-shaped structure some 33 feet long and around 10 feet high. The car engine still does not work. He gets out of the car, then hears a deafening roar. The UFO is taking off vertically with a rocking motion. It flies off slowly at about 100 feet altitude for a few hundred yards, then takes off and disappears in a fraction of a second. He gets back in the car and the radio is playing music and the car starts easily. (Boris Jungkvist, "[Swedish Army Officer Experiences Landing and EM Effects](#)," *AFU Newsletter*, no. 17 (Oct./Dec. 1979): 11–13; Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 16–17)

1974, September 26 — 9:30–10:00 p.m. More than 100 people in north Zealand, Denmark, watch unusual objects and lights in the sky. One driver is suddenly surrounded by a dazzling red light that illuminates the area. The engine, lights, and radio fail. After several attempts, he restarts the car and turns on the lights. A cone of white neon light descends toward the car. A bumping noise and a sound like broken glass is heard on the roof, and then a foot-long spurt of flame erupts from the car radio. The engine and lights fail again. After about 6 seconds a distinct "click" is heard, and everything works normally again. The car engine and radio are undamaged. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 20)

1974, September 27 — An 11-year-old boy and an older friend are on a farm near Jindabyne, New South Wales, when they notice a bright white light about one-half mile away for about 30 minutes. In 1983, the younger man begins to have "vivid memories" of that evening and realizes that both experienced about two hours of missing time. Soon the memory of an abduction emerges in which both witnesses undergo an examination of some kind. (Mark Moravec, "[The Jindabyne UFO Abduction Case](#)," *UFO Research Australia Newsletter* 5, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1984): 6–10; Mark Moravec, "[Jindabyne 'Abduction'](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 238 (February 1988): 13–16)

1974, September 30 — *Newsweek* brings the issue of cattle mutilations to a national audience. Noting that "more than 100 cattle have been found dead and gruesomely mutilated in Nebraska, Kansas, and Iowa," it lists possible culprits: witchcraft cultists, UFOs, helicopter-borne rustlers, marijuana smugglers, and predators. In months and years to come, the scare spreads from the Midwest to the West to the South. ("The Midnight Marauder," *Newsweek*, September 30, 1974, p. 32; Clark III 133; Clark IV 160)

1974, Autumn — 10:00 a.m. A metallic disc some 300 feet across approaches a South Korean anti-aircraft shore battery. The commander launches an MIM-23 Hawk guided missile which is immediately shot down by a "white ray" from the UFO. The second ray is directed at the battery, melting the remaining two Hawk missiles into an unrecognizable mass. (*Soviet Military Review*, June 1989; Stringfield, *Situation Red*, Fawcett Crest, 1977, [pp. 135–136](#))

- 1974, October 10** — 10:10 p.m. John Breen, a Canadian armed forces pilot, is paced by a UFO over Grand Falls, Newfoundland, in his Cessna 172, en route from Deer Lake to Gander. A passenger first notices a strange light following the plane when they are 50 miles away from Gander. Every time Breen looks at the light it seems to turn off, but finally he gets a better view: “It seems to be sort of a triangle—or delta-shaped, luminescent greenish light following us.” It stays on for 3–4 seconds, then goes off for a bit, then on again. Gradually it remains steady. About 25–30 miles from Gander, Breen radios the airport, which has no traffic in the area. The object’s reflection is clearly visible in the water of Gander Lake. Breen says: “I started a right turn and then cut hard left. Gander then picked up the object for two or three sweeps, which would have been about 10–12 seconds. When we turned around, I just saw it going off the other way and then I lost it because of the back of the airplane.” (Gregory M. Kanon, “[Something’s Up Here with Us!](#)” *Canadian UFO Report* 4, no. 6 (Winter/Spring 1978): 3–4; Good Above, pp. 200–201; Patrick Gross, “[Files Obtained from the National Archives of Canada](#)”; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 90–91)
- 1974, October 11** — 4:15 a.m. The captain and crew of a Capital Airlines DC-8 descending into Gander, Newfoundland, watches as a UFO flashing red and white lights draws alongside the plane as it flies at 290 mph at 7,500 feet. It maintains a parallel course until it finally disappears in cloud cover about 5 miles from Gander. Air traffic control at Gander confirms there is no other aircraft in the vicinity. (Good Above, p. 201; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 91)
- 1974, October 11** — 4:10 p.m. An astronomer in Cloudcroft, New Mexico, is driving a pickup truck when he sees a silver-gray domed disc behind him to the west. It moves from southeast to northwest on a level, straight course, but in the last 2–3 seconds it turns upward, accelerating rapidly. The witness’s truck stalls out when he tries to accelerate, but the tape deck keeps operating. (“[Astronomers and UFO’s: A Survey, Part 2, Sightings](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 4 (April 1977): 4)
- 1974, October 11** — [Robert Spencer Carr](#) is the guest on a local radio show to promote the upcoming Flying Saucer Symposium by PSI Conferences in Tampa, Florida. During the interview, Carr makes the shocking disclosure of the US government’s cover-up of the UFO crash in Aztec, New Mexico, in 1948 with 12 dead aliens aboard. The Air Force allegedly is storing the bodies at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, in Hangar 18. The announcement creates a media sensation that lasts for months in print and broadcast news. (Dave Casey, “[UFOs and 12 Little Men](#),” *Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) News*, October 12, 1974, p. 1; Curt Collins, “[Robert Spencer Carr and Hangar 18](#),” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, May 29, 2018; Curt Collins, “[Inside Hangar 18 with Dr. Robert Carr](#),” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, June 1, 2018)
- 1974, October 11** — The Energy Reorganization Act dissolves the Atomic Energy Commission and splits responsibility for its functions, assigning to the Energy Research and Development Administration [now the US Department of Energy] the responsibility for the development and production of nuclear weapons, promotion of nuclear power, and other energy-related work, and assigning to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the regulatory work, which does not include regulation of defense nuclear facilities. (Wikipedia, “[Energy Reorganization Act of 1974](#)”)
- 1974, October 14** — 9:09 p.m. Air Force security personnel assigned to the Bomber Alert Area of Grand Forks AFB near Emerado, North Dakota, see two large, solid black, oval shapes hovering at 1,500 feet altitude in the northwestern sky. Although each of the unlit objects has five small lights arrayed across its surface, the UFOs approach to within one-quarter mile of the alert area before they are noticed. Within a 3-minute period, 14 security police sentries, two military pilots, and a B-52 maintenance supervisor independently report the objects to their respective control locations. Static on radio and other communications networks are noted. After hovering for 2 minutes, the UFOs slowly move in tandem toward the south, making a faint humming sound as they fade from view. (Nukes 347–348)
- 1974, October 15** — Night. Five witnesses in Ramona, California, watch a mysterious round object as it maneuvers over the Santa Maria Valley. It lands on a hillside and turns ruby red before becoming a brilliant white light. As it passes over, horses act up and a dog tries to grab one witness by her sleeve back into the house. Another dog, chained, runs in and out of the doghouse repeatedly, and the chickens and goats are agitated as well. Radio and TV reception is disrupted, and a compass points to the object as it is moving. The object hovers briefly, then shoots away, emitting a noise like something between a hum and a foghorn. (NICAP, “[Object Lands / Animal Reactions / Compass Deviates](#)”; Bob Gribble, “[Looking Back](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 258 (October 1989): 24)
- 1974, October 25** — 4:15 p.m. Oil-well digger E. Carl Higdon Jr. is hunting elk on the northern edge of Medicine Bow National Forest southeast of Rawlins, Wyoming, when he sees five elk standing motionless. He attempts to shoot one, but the bullet falls about 50 feet from him as if hitting an invisible obstruction. He goes to pick it up, then hears a twig snap and sees a humanoid being (more than 6 feet tall) under a tree about 50 feet away. Its hair is sticking up “like wheat straw,” it is bow-legged, and it is wearing a black coverall suit and black shoes. Two belts

cross its chest, and another is wrapped around its waist. The being, who calls itself Ausso, asks Higdon how he is doing and whether he is hungry, after which it tosses him a package of pills. It tells him to take one, saying it will last for four days. Higdon looks up the hill and sees a transparent, lighted cubicle. Suddenly he finds himself inside it, strapped to a seat with a helmet on his head. Two humanoids are also inside, as well as four seats, a control panel, a mirror, a map, and several elk, frozen in a cage. The craft takes him to what seems to be another planet with a mushroom-shaped tower, 100 feet tall. He and one of the humanoids float to the tower, go down an elevator, pass down a corridor, and go into a room with a platform. After being screened by a “glassy shield,” Higdon is told he is “not any good for what we need” and is taken back to the original location, where he rolls down a hill, hurting his head, neck, and shoulder. Around 6:30 p.m., Higdon radios his boss, Roy Fleming of the AM Well Service in Rawlins, with his location and asks for assistance. At 11:40 p.m., Higdon is found by a rescue party, which includes Fleming, the Carbon County sheriff, a deputy, and three other men in several four-wheel-drive pickup trucks. He seems confused, so he is taken to Carbon County Memorial Hospital, unable to remember his own name. He does not recover his memory until the evening of October 27. Many further details emerge after Higdon is hypnotized by [R. Leo Sprinkle](#) on November 2 and 17. (R. Leo Sprinkle, “[A Preliminary Report on the Investigation of an Alleged UFO Occupant Encounter](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 3–4 (November 1975): 3–7; Lorenzen, *Abducted! Confrontations with Beings from Outer Space*, Berkley, 1977, pp. 25–37; UFOEv II 540–541; Margery A. Higdon, *Alien Abduction of the Wyoming Hunter*, The author, 2017; Clark III 573–576; “[Wyoming Hunter Carl Higdon and His Alien Abduction Experience in Medicine Bow National Forest, 1974](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, November 12, 2024; Clark IV 631–633)

1974, October 31 — Night. A man is outside patrolling his property in Elma, New York, when he sees an immense birdman-like creature with a wingspan of 9–10 feet and a large, grotesque head descend from the treetops and fly away. (Virginia Margaret Miller, [Letter] “The ‘Mothman’ Visits,” *Fate* 29, no. 3 (March 1978): 127–129; Clark III 781; Clark IV 862)

1974, November — The Centre for UFO Studies–Australian Co-Ordination Section is founded by Harry Griesberg and David Seargent in Gosford, New South Wales, as a clearinghouse for UFO reports throughout Australia. It publishes the *ACOS Bulletin* through December 1979. ([ACOS Bulletin](#), no. 1 (March 1975))

1974, November — 8:00 p.m. Claire Haser, on an isolated ranch northeast of Goldendale, Washington, sees a yellowish-white glow in the sky on the ground to the north. At 11:00 p.m., as visitors are leaving, she steps outside and sees it again, closer and more intense. Suspended in the air only 10 feet away from the porch and 15 feet above the ground is a “cylinder” about 3 feet long and 14 inches in diameter, standing with its end pointed toward the ground. Projecting from the object is a long, narrow, beam of light about 2 inches in diameter and 3 feet long. The end of the beam is diffuse, and it is slowly rotating clockwise. She watches it for 10 minutes. Not wanting to approach the object, everyone goes back inside. The object is gone 30 minutes later. (Greg Long, “[Strangeness at Yakima](#),” *IUR* 19, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1994): 17)

1974, November — Night. A witness is traveling in his 1971 Mitsubishi Colt near the Sideling hill in northeastern Tasmania when he notices a huge flame-colored glow lighting up the bush to the north. It looks larger than a house. The headlights, radio, and motor of his car all cut out and he is left watching the glow for several minutes. He notices his luminous watch dial has become brighter and that the car’s clock is running 2 minutes slower after the sighting. The mass of light moves back and forth, rises up and away from the witness, and disappears. The witness then able to start his car and continue on his journey. Afterward, the front left mudguard changes color from red to more of an orange. (“[UFOs and Auto-Stops](#),” *TUFOIC Newsletter*, no. 91 (February 2002): 6)

1974, November 2 — [Robert Spencer Carr](#) gives a lecture at the Flying Saucer Symposium at the International Inn in Tampa, Florida, on the 1948 Aztec, New Mexico, crash/retrieval and the aliens allegedly stored in Hangar 18, calling it the “worst-kept secret in the world.” Carr’s hour-long lecture is short on specifics, but in the question-and-answer session afterward, he is asked about his sources for the information. Carr says there are three witnesses, but they must remain unnamed. He says that the US government will end the coverup, admit that UFOs are really spacecraft from other worlds, and it will happen soon—before the end of the year. Curt Collins writes, “Part of the reason Carr’s story took hold was that it was so familiar, people wanted something like it to be true, and that it seemed to come from an authority figure, a university professor with official governments contacts and sources. It also struck a chord with the public, capitalizing on their distrust of the government following the Vietnam war and Watergate scandal.” (“[UFOs and 12 Little Men](#),” *Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) News*, October 12, 1974, p. 1; “[Symposium Hums with UFO Talk](#),” *Tampa Bay Times*, November 4, 1974, p. 1-D; Curt Collins, “[Ufology 1974: The Flying Saucer Symposium in Tampa](#),” The Saucers That Time Forgot, May 25, 2018; Curt Collins, “[Robert Spencer Carr and Hangar 18](#),” The Saucers That Time Forgot, May 29, 2018; Curt Collins, “[Inside Hangar 18 with Dr. Robert Carr](#),” The Saucers That Time Forgot, June 1, 2018; Curt Collins, “[The Day](#)”

[after Saucergate.](#)” The Saucers That Time Forgot, June 4, 2018; “[1974: Crashed UFO, Dead Alien Bodies in Hangar 18 at Wright-Patterson AFB Discussed by Robert Carr.](#)” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, November 16, 2023)

- 1974,** November 4 — 11:00 p.m. A witness is driving near Scottsdale, Tasmania, when he sees a large, silent UFO. His car engine and radio cut out and his watch dial lights up brightly. The object moves away and abruptly ascends vertically. The left-hand mudguard changes color permanently from red to orange. (Ted Phillips, “[Vehicle Effects](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 446 (June 2005): 15)
- 1974,** November 5 — 7:30 p.m. Jesse and Johanna Chilton are driving south on Provincial Highway 2 near Olds, Alberta, when they see a disc about 9 feet in diameter and 50 feet away on their right at a height of 25 feet. It turns and passes them in the opposite direction and they note several exhaust ports emitting yellow flame. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 226–227)
- 1974,** November 5 — 8:30 p.m. Harold Verge is driving between Mahone Bay and Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, in the pouring rain when he sees three bright amber lights appear in his rear-view mirror. Suddenly they move to the right side of his car and pace it for 30 seconds before disappearing abruptly. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 83)
- 1974,** November 7 — 3:00 p.m. Two schoolgirls are biking home from school in Waterford, Connecticut, when they see a ball of fire in the sky. They ride to one of their homes and go out in a car, hoping to take a photo. When they get to the shore of Niantic Bay, they see it again with several other people who have stopped. The object is now shaped like a triangular space capsule with rounded corners. Flames shoot from the back as it performs elaborate rolls and maneuvers. Then it takes off. (Michael D. Swords, “[Timmerman’s Triangles](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 15)
- 1974,** Mid-November — 5:30 p.m. Giovanna Sensoli is attending to her animals by her farmhouse near Castelleale, Romagna, Italy, when she notices her chickens and rabbits seem terrified. She notices a man seated on a box that is suspended in the air above her house, rocking to and fro, and only about 12 feet from her. He seems to be about 6 feet 6 inches tall and dressed in a shiny, one-piece garment with green, red, and white markings, and a pair of ski boots with square toes and heels. A helmet covers his face, but he seems to be looking for something. The box has a control rod with colored stripes. The man moves a bit further away to the east on his box. Sensoli sees a bright light to the north and she is overcome by heat. The house is lit up for a few seconds. Sensoli follows the man, trying to understand his gesticulations, but he departs to the east, followed by the light. The incident has lasted 15 minutes. (Gianfranco Lollino, “[Le nostre analisi: Il Caso di Castelleale](#),” *Notiziario UFO*, no. 106 (1987): 10–12; Gianfranco Lollino, “[The ‘Flying Man’ at Castelleale \(Italy\)](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 32, no. 4 (June 1987): 25–27; I Pinotti 193–197)
- 1974,** November 16 — The Arecibo message is broadcast into space via frequency modulated radio waves at a ceremony to mark the remodeling of the Arecibo Telescope in Puerto Rico. It consists of an interstellar message carrying basic information about humanity and Earth sent to the globular cluster Messier 13, about 25,000 light years from Earth. It is meant as a demonstration of human technological achievement, rather than a real attempt to enter into a conversation with extraterrestrials. The message’s content is designed by [Frank Drake](#), with help from [Carl Sagan](#) and others. It includes, in binary code, the numbers one to ten; the atomic numbers of hydrogen, carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, and phosphorus; formulas for the nucleotides of DNA; the double helix structure of DNA; the graphic of a human being; a graphic of the Solar System; and a graphic of the Arecibo radio telescope. (Wikipedia, “[Arecibo message](#)”; Frank Drake and Dava Sobel, *Is Anyone Out There?*, Delacorte, 1992, pp. 164–184; Graff 242–244)
- 1974,** November 17 — 9:00 a.m. A businessman is taking a walk along the shore of Nørresø in Viborg, Denmark, when he notices an object above the eastern bank of the lake. He snaps a photo of it as it hovers in the air about 1,600–3,300 feet away. He looks around to see if there are other witnesses, but when he looks back the object is gone. The photo shows a circular object with an estimated diameter of about 65 feet with some cloudy filaments hanging from its base. Investigators suspect it may be a rare instance of a small cumulus cloud that has developed from a black smoke ring. (Wim van Utrecht, “[Jellyfish UFO Photographed over Denmark](#),” *Caelestia*, May 17, 2008)
- 1974,** November 22 — 7:30 p.m. At two-minute intervals, three bright red lights are seen climbing very quickly from the horizon at Madeira, Canary Islands, after which they create brilliant concentric circles. A reporter in Funchal takes a few photos. The lights are probably Poseidon missiles launched by the submarine [USS Mariano G. Vallejo](#) several hundred kilometers to the west. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Ricardo Campo Pérez, “[Navy Missile Tests and the Canary Islands UFOs](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 3)
- 1974,** November 24 — 2:30 a.m. Ronald Messoro and his wife are driving east on Interstate 80 near Baxter, California, heading into the Sierra Nevada range. Messoro sees a green and white revolving light like a beacon about a

quarter-mile ahead on the left. The beacon is drifting about 30 feet above the ground, and a brilliant blue light becomes visible. Suddenly an orange-white floodlight switches on and the object moves closer to the road. Both of them become quite frightened. The floodlight switches off as the object passes over the highway, and the green, white, and blue beacons are visible again. It descends into a densely wooded area 150 feet away, and Messore speeds ahead to get out of the area. ("[Possible California Landing](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 3 (Sept. 1975): 5–6)

1974, November 28 — 11:43 a.m. Hugo W. Feugen is flying his own Aeronca Champion aircraft on a bright day over Shabbona, Illinois, and he is checking his position on the aeronautical map to determine if he was still on course. When he looks up, he notices that the magnetic compass is rotating counterclockwise at a rate of four revolutions per minute. He looks to his right side and sees nothing but the town below him. When he turns to his left, he sees a disc or ellipse flying parallel to his aircraft at the same speed (75–80 mph) and altitude, pacing him at 120° at an estimated one-quarter of a mile distance. He estimates its size as 120 feet long and 30 feet thick. After pacing him for 8–10 seconds, the object tips slightly and he sees that it is not an ellipse but round in shape. As it tips up at an angle, it accelerates to a fantastic speed toward the east and is out of sight in less than one second. (NICAP, "[Pilot Says Compass Affected](#)"; "[Pilot Says Compass Affected](#)," *Skylook*, no. 89 (April 1975): 5)

Late 1974 — President [Gerald R. Ford](#) creates the Nuclear Emergency Support Team, a group of scientists, technicians, and engineers operating under the US Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration. Its task is to be "prepared to respond immediately to any type of radiological accident or incident anywhere in the world." Since 1975, NEST has been warned of 125 nuclear terror threats and has responded to 30. All have been false alarms. (Wikipedia, "[Nuclear Emergency Support Team](#)"; Jeffrey T. Richelson, *Defusing Armageddon*, Norton, 2009)

1974, December — A Roper poll shows that only 40% of US respondents believe that the UFO phenomenon is genuine; 51% of university-educated people believe in UFOs, compared to only 21% with an elementary education. (*National Enquirer*, December 17, 1974; Eghigian, *After*, p. 240)

1974, December — *Astronomy* magazine editor [Terence Dickinson](#) writes an open-minded article about [Marjorie E. Fish](#)'s analysis of [Betty Hill](#)'s star map and solicits comments from scientists about it. Virtually every issue of the magazine in 1975 carries letters debating the pros and cons of the map, including one by Cornell astronomer [Carl Sagan](#). (Terence Dickinson, "[The Zeta Reticuli Incident](#)," *Astronomy* 2, no. 12 (December 1974): 5–18; David J. Eicher, "[The Zeta Reticuli \(or Ridiculi\) Incident](#)," January 31, 2001; Clark III 587; Clark IV 644–645)

1974, December — 7:30 a.m. A witness sees a vertical object floating above Wemeth Low, a hill near Higher Chisworth, Derbyshire, England. It has a flattened upper end and a tapered base. It changes shape from round to oval and cigar and back to oval before it disappears and discharges several small spheres from its blunt end "like soap bubbles." (Herbert S. Taylor, "[Satellite Objects and Cloud Cigars](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 10)

1974, December 2 — 10:30 p.m. Dairy farmer [William L. Bosak](#) is driving back to his house southeast of Frederic, Wisconsin, on County Road W when he sees an object reflected in his headlights on the westbound side of the road in front of him. It is a disc-shaped UFO, the bottom half obscured by the fog. But what holds his attention is something inside the object's "curved front of glass." Inside stands a figure with its arms raised above its head. He thinks the figure is as scared as he is because its eyes are protruding. It is generally human in shape, but its body is covered in dark tan fur except on the face and chin. Its head hair seems to be swept back, and the calf-like ears stretch out about 3 inches. The mouth and nose seem flat. Bosak speeds past the object and his car lights suddenly go dim. He hears a whooshing sound and the UFO is lost to view. ("[Occupant Case in Wisconsin](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1975): 1, 4; Jerome Clark, "[The Frightened Creature on County Road W](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 1 (June 1975): 20–21; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), October 20, 2006; Clark III 557–558; Clark IV 615–616)

1974, December 9 — 10:30 p.m. A married couple in Bad Traunstein, Austria, watch for more than 30 minutes a triangular object that hovers above a nearby pylon and sends out beams of green, blue, and red light. (Ernst Berger [Alexander G. Keul], "[The 'Snails' Are Still Around](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 5 (February 1976): 29)

1974, December 11 — 1:22 a.m. Teacher Călin Turcu hears his dog barking insistently in the backyard of his home in Vălenii de Munte, Romania. Beyond a river about a half-mile away he sees a pulsating, dazzling white light like that coming from a welding machine that illuminates the trees for miles around. In the next 3–4 minutes he takes 7–10 photos. The light persists for 12 minutes until it ascends and fades slowly out. (Augustin Moraru, "[Luminous UFO Photographed over Romania](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 114 (May 1977): 3–5; Augustin Moraru, "[Phénomène Lumineux Photographie au-dessus de Valenii de Munte](#)," *UFO-Quebec*, no. 13 (March 1978): 18–19; Romania 38)

- 1974**, December 17 — 2:30 a.m. John Wagner is in his farmhouse near MacNutt, Saskatchewan, when he notices a large, bright glow to the west that lasts for 25 minutes. The next morning, he finds a circular ring in the snow about 20 feet in diameter. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 190–191)
- 1974**, December 18 — 7:00 p.m. Executive Engineer Mohammad Riaz and others see a circular light appear above the V-shaped mountain overlooking the approach to Pattan, Pakistan, for about 25 minutes. It is also seen in Chitral, Pakistan. An earthquake (Hunza Earthquake) centers on the area on December 28, so this could be a type of earthquake light. (Col. William S. Gilliland, "[Balls of Fire Memo](#)," US Department of Defense Intelligence Information Report, December 18, 1974; "[CAUS Gains DIA File Release](#)," *Just Cause*, new series, no. 7 (March 1986): 3)
- 1974**, December 22 — Investigative journalist [Seymour Hersh](#) reveals some of the contents of the CIA "Family Jewels" in a front-page *New York Times* article. Covert action programs involving assassination attempts on foreign leaders and covert attempts to subvert foreign governments are reported for the first time. In addition, the article discusses efforts by intelligence agencies to collect information on the political activities of US citizens. (Wikipedia, "[Family Jewels \(Central Intelligence Agency\)](#)")
- 1974**, December 31 — The CIA Family Jewels reports describe numerous activities conducted by the CIA during the 1950s to 1970s that violate its charter. According to a briefing provided by CIA Director [William Colby](#) to the Justice Department, these include 18 issues that are of legal concern. The documents are released on the CIA website on June 25, 2007. (Wikipedia, "[Family Jewels \(Central Intelligence Agency\)](#)")
- 1974**, December 31 — The Privacy Act, signed into law by President [Gerald R. Ford](#), establishes a Code of Fair Information Practice that governs the collection, maintenance, use, and dissemination of personally identifiable information about individuals maintained in systems of records by federal agencies. The act also provides individuals with a means by which to seek access to and amend their records, and it sets forth various agency record-keeping requirements. Each agency must file an annual report on its FOIA requests to Congress. Citizens can also petition courts to render decisions on whether or not to release documents from agencies. FOIA soon disproves the longstanding denial of interest in UFOs by the CIA, FBI, and military agencies. (Wikipedia, "[Privacy Act of 1974](#)"; ClearIntent, [p. 5](#))
- 1974**, December 31 — Night. Dave Percy and two other security guards at the Pickering, Ontario, Nuclear Generating Station are preparing to greet the new year when they see a cluster of bright red spheres over Lake Ontario to the south. One of them moves closer and hovers over the Number 3 and 4 reactor buildings. It is about 30 feet across. The object hovers for 6–7 minutes, then after a bright flash it takes off. (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [p. 120](#))

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- 1975** — MUFON moves its headquarters from Quincy, Illinois, to Seguin, Texas.
- 1975** — [John A. Keel](#) publishes *The Mothman Prophecies*, an investigation into sightings of a winged creature called Mothman in the area around Point Pleasant, West Virginia, in 1966–1967. It combines these accounts with his theories about UFOs and various paranormal phenomena, ultimately connecting them to the collapse of the Silver Bridge across the Ohio River on December 15, 1967. (Official investigations in 1971 determine it was caused by stress corrosion cracking in an eye bar in a suspension chain.) Other entities that Keel chronicles are not-quite-human individuals (men in black) who intimidate witnesses and seem linked with UFOs. Sometimes, he writes, they threaten witnesses who have not told anyone else about their sightings. Usually they wear dark suits, sometimes with turtle-neck sweaters, and have dark complexions and Oriental features. Others are pale and bug-eyed. Their behavior is frequently odd, as if they are operating in an environment alien to them. In many cases they drive black Cadillacs or other limousine-like vehicles. In another book, *The Eighth Tower*, Keel emphasizes the bizarreness of the ultraterrestrials' behavior, saying "It distorts our reality whimsically, perhaps out of boredom, or perhaps because it is a little crazy." Later he expands on this: "When a hairy monster stalks across the landscape and peers into a bathroom window, the event has no meaning, so we invent a meaning for it. We have complicated our reality by developing whole cults of unreason to define unreasonable intrusions and make them important in our own lives. If the source is crazy for teasing us pointlessly, what are we who allow ourselves to be so easily teased?" (John A. Keel, [The Mothman Prophecies](#), Saturday Review, 1975; Wikipedia, "[The Mothman Prophecies](#)"; John A. Keel, [The Eighth Tower](#), Saturday Review, 1975; David Clarke, "A New Demonology: John Keel and *The Mothman Prophecies*," in Jack Hunter, ed., *Damned Facts: Fortean Essays on Religion, Folklore, and the Paranormal*, Aporetic, 2016, pp. 54–68; Clark III 640, 729–730, 879–881; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 251–252; Clark IV 716, 810–811, 973–975)

- 1975 — [Jerome Clark](#) and [Loren Coleman](#) publish *The Unidentified*, one of the first books to reject the notion of alien involvement in UFO experiences and maintain that UFO visions and other paranormal experiences are the psyche's attempt to escape the stranglehold that rationalism has on human consciousness. Clark later comes to believe his own conclusions are unverifiable, ill-conceived, grandiose, and dismissive of physical evidence. (Jerome Clark and Loren Coleman, *The Unidentified: Notes toward Solving the UFO Mystery*, Warner, 1975; Clark III 942; Clark IV 976, 1052)
- 1975 — [Jacques Vallée](#) publishes *The Invisible College*, in which he speculates that the UFO phenomenon is a “control system” in which UFOs have been conditioning the human species throughout history using a thermostat-like precision. He believes that it is producing a silent change in human consciousness. (Jacques Vallée, *The Invisible College*, Dutton, 1975; Story, p. 90; Clark III 881, 1214; Graff 342; Clark IV 976, 1390)
- 1975 — John Rimmer moves to New Malden, Surrey, England, and changes the name of the *Merseyside UFO Bulletin* to *MUFOB*, the M now standing for “Metempirical.” (*MUFOB*, new ser., no. 1 (1975); Clark III 706; “[History of Magonia](#),” *Magonia* Archive; Clark IV 772)
- 1975 — Wido Hoville founds the UFO-Quebec organization in Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec, and begins publishing the journal *UFO-Quebec*, edited by Norbert Spehner. It continues until December 1981. (*UFO-Quebec*, no. 1 (Jan./April 1975))
- 1975 — Pierre Monnet founds the Groupement de Recherche et d'Étude du Phénomène OVNI in Sorgues, Vaucluse, France. It publishes *Vaucluse Ufologie* from 1977 to 1981. (*Vaucluse Ufologie: Bulletin d'Information du GREPO*, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1977))
- 1975 — Gilbert Peyret founds Groupement Langeadois de Recherches Ufologiques in Le Puy, France. It publishes *OVNI* 43 from 1978 to 1980. (*OVNI* 43, no. 1 (January 1978))
- 1975 — Martial Robé founds Groupe Privé Ufologique Nancéien in Nancy, France. It publishes *Réalité ou Fiction* from 1975 to 1987. (*Réalité ou Fiction*, no. 0 (1975))
- 1975 — The Centro Investigador de Objetos Volantes Extraterrestres begins publishing *Vimana*, edited by Julio Arcas Gilardi, in Santander, Cantabria, Spain. It continues through 1980. (*Vimana*, no. 1 (1975))
- 1975 — The German-speaking MUFON Central European Section begins publishing a monographic series of reports on specific ufological topics. Edited by [Illobrand von Ludwiger](#) in Feldkirchen-Westerham, Bavaria, Germany, the first is titled *Die Erforschung unbekannter Flugobjekte*. The 12th title is published in 2009. Von Ludwiger publishes two further monographs under the imprint of the Interdisziplinäre Gesellschaft zur Analyse anomaler Phänomene in 2017 and 2019. (“[Die Erforschung unbekannter Flugobjekte](#),” *Bericht*, *Mutual UFO Network—Central European Section*, no. 1 (1975); “[Rätselhafte Lichter und Objekte am Himmel](#),” *IGAAP-Bericht*, no. 1 (2017))
- 1975 — [Felix Ziegel](#) finally succeeds in opening a state-financed project for UFO studies at the Moscow Aviation Institute. Top officials of the institute approve a preliminary report for the project and apply to the Civil Aviation Ministry, the State Committee of the Council of Ministers of the USSR on Hydrometeorology, the Institute for Space Research, and other organizations for cooperation. Ziegel intends to set up a Scientific and Technological Council for UFO studies. But this project is also disbanded when the shortened text of one of Ziegel's UFO lectures is reprinted in the underground press. As a result, Ziegel is expelled from the Soviet Knowledge Society and criticized in *Komsomolskaya Pravda*. (Mikhail Gershtein, “[A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union](#),” UAP Check, July 6, 2024)
- 1975 — ATF agent Donald E. Flickinger, acting on information supplied to him by a writer who has been investigating animal mutilations, launches an investigation into a supposed Satanist network said to be behind the cattle mutilations. He determines the story is a scheme hatched by a federal prisoner to get leverage to be transferred to a county jail. (Daniel Kagan and Ian Summers, *Mute Evidence*, Bantam, 1984, p. 40; Clark III 133; Clark IV 160)
- 1975 — Night. Sgt. Eric Slater is flight security controller at the Francis E. Warren AFB Tango-1 missile launch facility southeast of Wheatland, Wyoming. He sees a bright white light coming over the mountains from the Romeo-1 launch facility northwest of Meriden, hugging the contour of the landscape. It stops about 3 miles away and hovers for 1–2 hours. At one point a light beam shoots down from the UFO into the valley below. Then it comes straight for Tango-1. Slater sees it has a dome on top and small, alternating red-and-blue lights on each side. It only leaves when two F-4 Phantoms from Denver enter base airspace to pursue it. (Nukes 336–337)
- 1975, January? — [Kevin D. Randle](#) and Robert C. Cornett prepare a catalog of “Unknown” cases from the Project Blue Book files before they are withdrawn from public access in April. About 40 of these cases are not in the [Don Berliner](#) version. (*Sparks*, p. 6)
- 1975, January 1 — 6:25 a.m. Four Spanish Army soldiers (Manolo Aguera, Felipe Sánchez, Ricardo Iglesias, and José Laso) are driving near Quintanaortuño, Burgos, Spain, when Aguera sees a light fall from the sky at great speed.

He stops the car and all four get out and watch a bright yellow object just above the ground some 1,300 feet away where the light has fallen. It has the form of a truncated cone and emits white jets of light toward the ground. The light goes out suddenly and four others appear in a straight line, lighting up in succession. Driving on toward Burgos, the soldiers stop two more times to watch the lights. Investigator Malo Martínez later finds two parallel scorched areas where there are numerous randomly spaced holes where the grass has been burned all the way to the ground. (“[Aquí Vimos el OVNI](#),” *Stendek*, no. 18 (December 1974): cover; Pere Redon, “[Burgos: Primer Caso de 1975](#),” *Stendek*, no. 19 (March 1975): 3–9; “[Soldiers Report UFO in Spain](#),” *Skylook*, no. 89 (April 1975): 1, 3–5; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, *A Catalogue of 200 Type I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal*, CUFOS, 1976, p. 53; Pere Redon, “[The Landing near Burgos](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 2 (August 1977): 22–24, 27; Swords 433)

- 1975, January 1** — Just before sunrise. Actor [Warren Oates](#) is with four friends ([Lee Clayton](#), [Trina Mitchum](#), Judy A. Jones, and [Ted Markland](#)) in the desert about 20 miles northeast of Palm Springs, California, when they see an object moving in a semicircle through the night sky. They describe it as an oval, metallic object flashing yellow, green, and white lights, with one large orange light in the center. Clayton, watching it through binoculars, sees a bell shape on the top, and estimates it is about 3–5 miles away at an altitude of 2,000 feet. It stops and hovers momentarily before moving off behind the mountains. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, p. 226)
- 1975, January 2** — 2:45 p.m. Michael Lindstrom and his wife are relaxing on the beach near the Kauai Sands Hotel on the east side of the island of Maui, Hawaii. His wife notices a strange object moving southward over the beach toward her, and she runs to tell her husband, who is walking nearby. It is soundless, has a square shape, its center is white or silver, and it has a black stripe along its perimeter. A row of lights is visible along the lower edge. He estimates that it is flying at 5,000 feet altitude traveling diagonally to the direction of the wind, and is about one mile away. Before it disappears to the southwest after two minutes, Lindstrom takes three photographs (slides), which show a spherical object bisected by a black square and topped by five bright dots. (Mike Lindstrom, “The Lindstrom Photos,” *Official UFO*, July 1976, pp. 28–30, 59–60; Bruce Maccabee, “[A Rare Photo Coincidence](#),” *IUR* 15, no. 3 (May/June 1990): 4–9, 22; Bruce Maccabee, “[Recent UFO Videotapes](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 265 (May 1990): 3–7; UFOEv II 293)
- 1975, January 2** — 11:00 p.m. An officer and several soldiers on a military patrol at the Las Bardenas Reales firing range near Arguedas, Navarre, Spain, see a group of intense lights moving slowly then remaining stationary on the ground for 25 minutes. Through binoculars, they see an object shaped like “half an orange” that rises and slowly disappears on the horizon. Some 30 observers view the lights for 3–4 minutes. (“[UFO Reportedly Lands on Firing Range](#),” *Skylook*, no. 87 (February 1975): 19; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, *A Catalogue of 200 Type I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal*, CUFOS, 1976, p. 53; Gordon Creighton, “[UFO Lands on Spanish Air Force Target Range](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 5 (March 1979): 17–18; Good Above, pp. 151–152, 459; UFOEv II 87; Swords 433–434, 526)
- 1975, January 4** — 3:30 a.m. Carlos Alberto Diaz is walking home from a bus stop along Daniel de Solier street, Ingeniero White, near Bahía Blanca, Argentina, when he is blinded and paralyzed by a beam of light. He revives inside a UFO where three greenish, 6-foot-tall creatures, are plucking hair from his head and body. Diaz faints and wakes up in the afternoon in Buenos Aires some 400 miles away, where someone takes him to the Hospital Ferroviario. However, an extensive investigation by ufologist [Roberto Enrique Banchs](#) uncovers numerous discrepancies that strongly indicate a hoax. (“[Another Bahia Blanca Case](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 5 (March 1975): 3–5; Pedro Romaniuk, “[The Case of the ‘Green Men](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 3/4 (November 1975): 39–42; Roberto Enrique Banchs and Richard W. Heiden, “[Carlos Alberto Diaz Is a Hoaxer](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 26, no. 2 (August 1977): 8; Lon Strickler, “[The Carlos Alberto Diaz Abduction](#),” *Phantoms and Monsters*, March 2, 2012; Clark III 600, 602; Clark IV 660–662)
- 1975, January 12** — 2:45 a.m. George O’Barski is driving home through North Hudson Park, New Jersey, when he hears static on his CB radio. Through the window he sees a dark, round object with brightly lit windows hovering over the ground about 100 feet away. Ten small (3.5-foot tall), helmeted figures dressed in coveralls emerge from the UFO, dig up soil, and collect it in bags for about 3 minutes before returning to the craft, which takes off with a humming sound. O’Barski returns to the site the next day and finds holes that had been left. Hudson County Police Officers Thomas Feldhan and John Mackanics investigate and file reports. Months later, O’Barski relays the story to an acquaintance, [Budd Hopkins](#), who is interested in UFOs. Hopkins and two others associated with the Center for UFO Studies find independent witnesses, including a doorman at the high-rise Stonehenge apartment building, Bill Pawlowski, who sees a UFO with multiple lights in the park the same time. Hopkins, [Ted Bloecher](#) (then the director of New York MUFON), and Jerry Stoehrer, also of MUFON, investigate the incident and take soil samples. (Wikipedia, “[Stonehenge \(building\)](#)”; “[Landing in New Jersey](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 8

(February 1976): 1, 3; Budd Hopkins, "[Sane Citizen Sees UFO in New Jersey](#)," *The Village Voice*, March 1, 1976, pp. 12–13; Ted Bloecher, "The Stonehenge Incidents, January 1975," [Proceedings of the 1976 CUFO Conference](#), Center for UFO Studies, 1976, pp. 25–38; Ted Bloecher, "[The 'Stonehenge' Incidents of January 1975](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 3 (October 1976): 3–7; Ted Bloecher, "[The 'Stonehenge' Incidents of January 1975, Part 2](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 4 (November 1976): 5–11; Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFO, 1981, p. 64; Budd Hopkins, *Missing Time*, R. Marek, 1981, [pp. 34–50](#); Clark III 1109–1112; Eghigian, *After*, p. 279; Clark IV 1235–1238)

- 1975, January 20–22** — At the 13th Aerospace Sciences Meeting of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in Pasadena, California, physicist [Peter A. Sturrock](#) organizes a UFO symposium that features talks by astronomer [J. Allen Hynek](#), ufologist [Jacques Vallée](#), psychologist [David R. Saunders](#), Hynek associate [Fred Beckman](#), and ufologist [Ted Phillips](#). [Claude Poher](#) and Vallée present an important paper on "Basic Patterns in UFO Observations," which finds that UFOs do not differ from conventional objects in weather and distance characteristics of visibility, indicating that UFO witnesses are seeing real objects, but durations of sightings for UFOs and conventional objects differ in distinctive ways—most UFO sightings last 1–19 minutes, while IFO sightings are either shorter or longer. They also find that UFO sightings rise steeply from sunset to 10:00–11:00 p.m., falling rapidly after that, except for a secondary spike between 2:00 and 3:00 a.m. (Claude Poher and Jacques Vallée, "[Basic Patterns in UFO Observations](#)," paper presented at the AIAA 13th Aerospace Sciences Meeting, Pasadena, Calif., January 20–22, 1975; Joachim P. Kuettner, "[Quo Vadis? Science and the UFO Problem](#)," paper presented at the AIAA 13th Aerospace Sciences Meeting, Pasadena, Calif., January 20–22, 1975; Clark III 102; Clark IV 130, 999)
- 1975, January 27** — A US Senate committee to investigate abuses by the CIA, NSA, FBI, and IRS is created by a vote of 82–4. Chaired by Sen. [Frank Church](#) (D-Idaho), the committee is part of a series of investigations into intelligence abuses in 1975, dubbed the "Year of Intelligence," including its House counterpart, the Pike Committee, and the presidential Rockefeller Commission. It conducts 800 interviews and 250 executive and 21 public hearings. The committee's efforts lead to the establishment of the permanent US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in 1976. (Wikipedia, "[Church Committee](#)")
- 1975, January 28** — Afternoon. Eccentric and contactee [Billy Meier](#) sees a disc-shaped spacecraft in Switzerland and takes several photographs of it. The ship lands in a nearby meadow, and a beautiful, pale-skinned, amber-haired spacewoman steps out and approaches him and talks to him for an hour and a half. Her name is Semjase from the planet Erra in the constellation Lyra (although they have since emigrated to the Pleiades), and she is the granddaughter of a being named Sfath, who had contacted Meier in 1944. Many other contacts continue, and Meier produces more photos so that he becomes a regional occult celebrity. (Wendelle C. Stevens, [UFO Contact from the Pleiades](#), The Author, 1982; Gary Kinder, [Light Years: An Investigation into the Extraterrestrial Experiences of Billy Meier](#), Atlantic Monthly, 1987; George M. Eberhart, "[Photographs and Red Faces](#)," *IUR* 12, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1987): 19; Wendelle Steves, et al., [Message from the Pleiades](#), 1988; Bruce Maccabee, "[Pendulum from the Pleiades](#)," *IUR* 14, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1989): 11–12, 22; Derek Bartholomaus, [Billy Meier UFO Case website](#); Clark III 723–725; Clark IV 804–806)
- 1975, January 31** — Night. Mike McKenna, security guard at the Pickering, Ontario, Nuclear Generating Station, sees 6 balls of light from his position at the east gate. They vary in color from bright red to almost white and remain in the area for nearly 2 hours. Two move in from Lake Ontario and hover above the plant's service center. After remaining motionless for 30 minutes, they take off straight up at a rocket-like speed. (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 120–121](#))
- 1975, January 31** —10:20 p.m. Alan Lott is walking his dog in Caversham, Berkshire, England, when he sees a group of bright lights to the east. He calls his wife, Clarice, and they both view the lights through binoculars. They are moving slowly and silently in a straight line from east to west and are now directly above the Lotts' house. The three brightest lights are orange-yellow and arranged in an equilateral triangle formation. There are two smaller lights, one red and another white. After 5 minutes, the formation vanishes behind houses and trees. (UFOFiles2, [pp. 88–90](#))
- 1975, February** —Domestic birds, ducks, goats, rabbits, geese, cattle, pigs, and sheep are found dead throughout Puerto Rico with what one veterinarian characterizes as "strange wounds." The deaths typically occur in the early morning hours and are caused by a sharp instrument that can punch through flesh and bone, usually in the neck region. Around this time and through July, some Puerto Ricans see large, unidentified birds, as well as UFOs. (Sebastian Robiou Lamarche, "[UFOs and Mysterious Deaths of Animals, Part 1](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 5 (February 1977): 15–18; Sebastian Robiou Lamarche, "[UFOs and Mysterious Deaths of Animals, Part 2](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 6 (April 1977): 6–10; Clark III 139; Clark IV 166)

- 1975, February** — New York City psychic [Ingo Swann](#) receives a phone call from a friend in a government agency who tells him that he will be contacted by a “Mr. Axelrod.” One morning in March at 3:00 a.m., Axelrod calls Swann and asks him to be in Washington, D.C., at 12:00 noon. This leads to an unlikely adventure involving Swann’s remote viewing of a secret extraterrestrial base on the hidden side of the Moon and his “shocking” experience with a sexy, scantily dressed female alien in a Los Angeles, California, supermarket. He concludes that extraterrestrials are living on Earth in humanoid bodies. Swann deduces that there are many extraterrestrials, that many are “bio-androids,” and that they are aware their only foes on Earth are psychics. Later, Swann and Mr. Axelrod take a flight to an unknown northerly destination, deduced by Swann as possibly Alaska. Along with two twin bodyguards, Swann and Axelrod attempt to secretly watch a recurrent UFO appear and suck up the water of a lake. Axelrod discloses that the silent, growing, oscillating triangle is simultaneously scanning the area and eliminating any animals, and that the silent beams emanating from the object are “blasting deer or porcupines from the woods or something.” The bodyguards realize they are discovered and the group is attacked by the UFO. Swann is thrown to safety by his colleagues and sustains a minor injury. (Wikipedia, [“Ingo Swann”](#); Ingo Swann, *Penetration: The Question of Extraterrestrial and Human Telepathy*, Ingo Swann Books, 1998, pp. 23–61, 85–100)
- 1975, Early February** — Night. A farmer is walking to his barn north of Lundar, Manitoba, when a red ball of light, 14–16 inches in diameter, swoops low over his head. As he gazes up at it, he feels as if hot plastic is being poured on his head. He suffocates and cannot think clearly while it is above him. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 172)
- 1975, February 4** — Night. Three Pickering, Ontario, ambulance drivers, a Durham regional police constable, and Andy Parks, music director of radio station CHOO in Agincourt, watch pulsing, multicolored objects maneuvering above the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station. Parks says they are “floating around, zipping this way and that.” (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 121–122](#))
- 1975, February 10** — 7:00 p.m. Two 15-year-old boys in Annadale, Staten Island, New York, see a glowing ball, 20 feet in diameter, hovering about 400 feet away above some trees near a frozen pond. The brilliant orange mass compresses itself from football-shaped to basketball-shaped over a period of 10 minutes then suddenly disappears. Another witness who is walking a German shepherd dog around the same time reports that the dog reacted very nervously to something in the woods. The boys return early the next morning and find that some trees, ranging 5–20 feet in height, have been sheared off and some are coated with a carbon-like substance. NICAP investigators have dirt and wood samples analyzed at a scientific laboratory and find that the trees are only superficially burned on their bark but that the fire is oil-based. They suspect the glowing object is a low-temperature fuel fire. ([“Was Giant Orange Object in Annadale Woods a UFO?”](#) *Staten Island (N.Y.) Advance*, February 14, 1975, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 71 (March 1975): 5; [“Converging Ball of Light Mystifies Witnesses,”](#) *UFO Investigator*, April 1975, p. 1)
- 1975, February 14** — 12:05 p.m. Antoine Séverin, 21, is walking down a narrow road on the slope of Piton du Calvaire, a hill outside Petite Île on the southern coast of Réunion in the Indian Ocean, when he hears a deafening beeping sound, feels a blast of heat, feels a strange force pulling him from the back and a tingling in the head. He sees a bright metallic object about the size of a car hovering about 5 feet above the ground. A ladder with three steps appears on the underside, and a small being like the “Michelin man” emerges. He is holding a shining object. Two other beings emerge, all with antennae on their heads. A fourth is visible through a porthole. Then Séverin is hurled onto his back by a powerful flash of light. The beings run up the ladder and withdraw it, then the UFO takes off, emitting a loud whistle. For several days he has blurred vision, impaired speech, and a medical diagnosis of shock. The Gendarmerie investigate the case and judge him to be mentally sound. (Lt.-Col. Lobet, [“Atterrissage à Petit Île \(Réunion\) le 14 Février 1975,”](#) *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 147 (Aug./Sept. 1975): 4–10; M. J. Bertil, [“Atterrissage à l’île de la Réunion,”](#) *Ouranos*, new ser., no. 14 (1975): 4; [“Occupant Witness Experienced Physiological Effects,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 106 (September 1976): 12; Lt.-Col. Lobet, [“Another Close Contact on Réunion, Part 1,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 2 (July 1979): 6–10; Lt.-Col. Lobet, [“Another Close Contact on Réunion, Part 2,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 3 (September 1979): 7–10; Patrick Gross, [“Petit-Île, La Réunion, February 14, 1975”](#))
- 1975, February 17** — 9:00 p.m. Wheatland County Sheriff Richard Egebakken sees a bright, round object hovering about 500 feet near the Malmstrom AFB K-01 Minuteman missile alert facility 1.7 miles east-northeast of Harlowton, Montana. When Deputy Larry Clifford drives to a point about one mile from the site, the object suddenly shoots up to 2,000 feet, stops, and hovers again. State Game Warden [Gene Tierney](#) says it is not an aircraft. Commissioner [Edgar Langston](#), also a pilot, sees the object through binoculars from his ranch 15 miles south of Harlowton and sees an antenna-like protrusion on the top. Deputy Herb Lynn stops his pickup truck a few miles out of town to watch and sees it flitting around the sky in all sorts of crazy directions. Deputy Russ Mill, within a

- mile of K-01, describes a blue object bobbing up and down. Radar at Malmstrom AFB does not track anything. (Bob Gribble, "[Looking Back](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 262 (February 1990): 20; UFOEv II 45–46)
- 1975**, February 19 — 7:19 p.m. A woman is driving a red Volkswagen east between Ryslinge and Ørbæk, Denmark, when her engine and electrical system suddenly fail. As the car rolls to a stop, she sees a large, circular object emitting a bright bluish light approach from behind. The heat inside the car increases and she feels a prickly sensation on her face. Shortly afterward, the object vanishes and the car starts up right away. The next day, she feels restless and nauseous. Her car has several blue stripes on the roof that were not there before. (Richard H. Hall, "[Danish Physical Evidence Case](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 105 (August 1976): 15)
- 1975**, February 23 — 6:41 p.m. A young man and his fiancée observe a large, bright, slightly pink circular object in the sky while driving near Petts Wood in Orpington, Greater London, England. It hovers for 30 seconds before descending into the woods at 30–35 mph. They report the sighting to BUFORA Logistics Advisor Lawrence Dale, who later returns with the man to the site. At 8:41 p.m., they see aircraft approaching Heathrow Airport when a small, bright light appears below one. It moves toward them for 30 seconds, growing in size and brightness—four times that of the brightest aircraft headlight. Both witnesses sense recognition from the object before it dims and disappears. Military aircraft then circle the area for 15 minutes at a lower altitude than the civil aircraft. ("[Sighting Summaries](#)," *BUFORA Journal* 4, no. 12 (March/April 1976): 14)
- 1975**, February 23 — Night. Glenn E. Bradley sees two large cylindrical objects like grain silos floating above Matachewan, Ontario. Both are shining white floodlights downward to the ground and have bright lights at the top. They are traveling to the west at about 30 mph. Bradley begins following them in his pickup truck. Outside the lights of the town he notices that the two silos are accompanied by smaller UFOs about 50 feet in diameter, all darting about at high speed. They appear to be entering and exit the larger silos. ("[Silos over Ontario](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 6, no. 1 (Feb./March 1985): 5–6)
- 1975**, February 23 — 7:00 p.m. Students Masato Kawano, 7, and Katsuhiro Yamahata, 7, are roller-skating near the Hinode Housing Estate in Kōfu, Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan, when they see two orange lights overhead. The larger one flies away north toward Mount Atago, but the second one lands next to a nearby vineyard. The children approach the object, but it takes off and lands again in a grapevine trellis. It is a domed object 16 feet in diameter and 6.5 feet high with three landing pads. When they walk within 3 feet of the object, the surface looks silvery. On one side of the craft, Kono finds five characters resembling Japanese, though unrecognizable. There are four similar characters on the other side. A side hatch opens up and a 4-foot-3-inch-tall humanoid occupant emerges. No eyes or mouth are visible, but it has three fangs and its body is glowing silver. It is carrying a long object like a shotgun over its left shoulder. When Yamahata moves around the craft, both boys are able to look inside and see a second occupant, smaller but similar, seated. The other humanoid approaches Yamahata, putting its hand on his shoulder. Kawano panics, grabs Yamahata, and carries him back to his house. The boys return with their mothers to the site, and the orange light is still visible in the distance. (*Yamanashi Shimbun*, February 25, 1975, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 83 (March 1976): 16; "[Two Reports from Japan](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 25, no. 5 (November 1976): 5–6; Beatrice Zimmer, "[Letters](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 25, no. 10 (April 1977): 2; Beatrice M. Zimmer, "[The Pattern](#)," *Canadian UFO Report* 4, no. 5 (Fall/Winter 1977): 19; Center for UFO Studies, "[HUMCAT Index 1975](#)," p. 13; "Kofu Incident: A Creepy Alien Got off a UFO to a Vineyard and Tapped a Japanese Boy on the Shoulder in 1975," [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#), [Part 4](#), Otakupapa.net, May 31, 2023; "[During the 1975 Kofu UFO Incident, Japanese Schoolboys Had a Close Encounter with Fanged Humanoids](#)," Eye On Cinema YouTube channel, June 18, 2025)
- 1975**, February 26 — 8:45 p.m. A former RAAF crewman and a companion are on a fishing trip to Lake Sorell, Tasmania, when they see three glowing objects in the northeast sky, one smaller than the other two. Two of the UFOs move closer and hover, then recede, intermittently obscured by clouds. Each has a pulsing red light on its base. The main larger object is an elongated disc with a row of twinkling red lights around the rim. After a bank of clouds go through with a passing storm, the object reappears, glows brightly, and suddenly zooms toward the witnesses at "phenomenal speed." It stops abruptly about 2,900 feet away at a height of 490 feet, its lights dimming. It projects a brilliant, cone-shaped light beam toward the lake and sweeps it toward the terrain, illuminating the side of a mountain. Then it sweeps back across the lake beneath the object and fades out. The lake's surface glows a fluorescent blue-white. The object then shoots away to the northeast. A second object, which has been hovering to the north toward Mount Penny, speeds off in the same direction. ([CUFOS case files](#); Joe Brill, "[UFO Light Beam in Tasmania](#)," *Skylook*, no. 91 (June 1975): 3–6; "[UFO Illuminates Lake](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 1 (July 1975): 1, 3; "[UFO and Light in Tasmania](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 6 (April 1977): 30–31; Story, [pp. 344–345](#); UFOEv II 219–221)

- 1975, March 2** — A police officer in Phillips, Wisconsin, hears odd noises on his patrol car radio, then he sees a disc-shaped object with a rounded hump on its top and bottom, along with red and orange lights on the bottom edge. He estimates the object is 30 feet in diameter. When he directs his spotlight on it, the object rapidly ascends. (Richard F. Haines, *CE-5: Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind*, Sourcebooks, 1998, p. 109)
- 1975, March 2** — 10:30 p.m. A couple and their daughter see a large, yellowish, egg-shaped light moving erratically in short spurts outside their home in the Great Swamp Management Area near West Kingston, Rhode Island. It then stops and hovers for 5 minutes. They then see two orange-white, ball-shaped objects drop from the large UFO and move northward at the approximate speed of an aircraft, disappearing over the horizon. The large object again moves erratically toward the southeast, gradually picking up speed. ("[Object Ejects Small Spheres](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 2 (August 1975): 4)
- 1975, March 7** — The US Embassy in Algiers, Algeria, sends a report to US Secretary of State [Henry Kissinger](#), stating that strange "machines" have been maneuvering over Algerian airspace since January, some near military installations and usually around 7:00–7:30 p.m., often by multiple witnesses. An object with a bright light has been seen near Oran, Bechar, and off the coast on March 6 (when it is also confirmed on radar). ("[Unidentified Flying Objects over Algeria](#)," WikiLeaks, March 7, 1975; ClearIntent, [pp. 79–80](#))
- 1975, March 13** — 8:00 p.m. Jane Baker, 15, is outside her garage in Mellen, Wisconsin, when she hears a strange noise and sees a silvery disk with a domed top apparently sitting in the road. It gives off a yellowish-white glow and around the middle are red and green lights flashing off and on. She goes inside and alerts her father, who comes out to see the object has receded, although there is a square lighted opening visible on it. They walk closer toward it and can hear a metal-on-metal banging noise. Mrs. Baker and two other children are now viewing the UFO from a window. It soon disappears. The next morning, Jane goes out to look for traces and sees the object hovering above a nearby swamp. (NICAP, "[Mellen, Wisconsin, March 14 \[sic\], 1975](#)"; "[UFOs Sighted in Wisconsin](#)," *Appleton (Wis.) Post-Crescent*, March 20, 1975, p. 2; "[Landing in Wisconsin](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 6 (April 1975): 1, 3; "[Family Reports UFO Landing on Road near Mellen, WI](#)," *Skylook*, no. 93 (August 1975): 11; Lorenzen, *Encounters*, pp. 337–339)
- 1975, March 18** — 1:30 p.m. Pat McCarthy, 19, is in a quarry off Ontario Highway 5 near Waterdown, Ontario, trying to take photos of hawks. He is about to leave when he sees a dark object resembling a Frisbee. It is moving swiftly, and he takes four photos of it, capturing the object 3 times. He estimates the object is twice as long as a DC-8. He takes the camera to the *Hamilton Spectator*, which processes the film in its darkroom. ("[Saucer over Waterdown?](#)" *Hamilton (Ont.) Spectator*, March 19, 1975, p. 10; "Look, Legs!" *London (Ont.) Free Press*, March 21, 1975; "'Incredible' UFO Photo Stirs Canada, U.S. Experts," *Burlington (Ont.) Spectator*, March 22, 1975; "[Scientific MP Hopes UFO Pictures Irrefutable](#)," *Hamilton (Ont.) Spectator*, March 27, 1975, p. 10; "Pat's UFOs 99.9% True: World Expert," *Burlington (Ont.) Spectator*, April 3, 1975; "[Canadian Photographs UFO](#)," *UFO Investigator*, May 1975, p. 2; "[UFO Leaves Behind Physical Evidence](#)," *UFO Research Newsletter* 4, no. 7 (Aug./Sept. 1975): 5, 6–7; "[Canadian Photo Case](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 4 (October 1975): 1, 3, 6; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 15–18](#))
- 1975, March 22** — 10:30 p.m. Two young men and three girls are driving along the Mount Flora to Dingo Beach Road about 50 miles from Nebo, Queensland, when they see a strange light in a gravel storage area to the left of the road. The object is a box-like mass, 8 feet high and 9 feet wide, with a row of flashing white-to-yellow lights about 3 feet above the ground and a circular mass above it. As they stop the car, the object emits a tremendous bang like a shotgun. They are startled and drive on, feeling that the circular mass is watching them, then they return to the original location, but the girls in the back seat are terrified. They drive 9 miles further and find a road construction crew and tell them about the UFO. The two men convince one of the workers to return to the spot, but the object is gone and they find unusual ground marks. On March 25, two investigating officers from RAAF Base Townsville examine three oval-shaped areas, one roughly circular area, and one rectangular area, all apparently recent and produced by a heavy weight or pressure. (Swords 405–406; Bill Chalker, "Physical Traces," *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 190–192)
- 1975, March 28** — Sen. [Barry Goldwater](#) (R-Ariz.) writes, in response to an inquiry from UFO researcher Shlomo Arnon: "The subject of UFOs is one that has interested me for some long time. About ten or twelve years ago I made an effort to find out what was in the building at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base where the information is stored that has been collected by the Air Force, and I was understandably denied this request. It is still classified above Top Secret. I have, however, heard that there is a plan underway to release some, if not all, of this material in the near future." (Good Above, [p. 2](#); Nick Redfern, "[UFOs and Senator Barry Goldwater](#)," *Mysterious Universe*, May 1, 2014)

- 1975, Spring** — [Marshall Applewhite](#) and [Bonnie Nettles](#), the leaders of the Human Individual Metamorphosis and now calling themselves Bo and Peep, make their first public appearance in Los Angeles, California, at the home of psychic Joan Culpepper. Their religious message, involving resurrection after death and passage into space via UFOs, mesmerizes 24 of their listeners who decide to leave their families and join The Two in their wanderings through the West. They hold other meetings in California and Colorado, bringing others into the fold. (Clark III 565; Clark IV 623)
- 1975, April** — Blue Book files are withdrawn from public access by Air Force Archives at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama, as the security classification and privacy review panel begins reviewing them, sanitizing witness names, and destroying or removing certain documents thought embarrassing. The redactions are made on the original paper files. ([Sparks](#), pp. 6–7)
- 1975, April 1** — The Federal Aviation Administration approves cooperation with the Center for UFO Studies, authorizing air traffic controllers and other personnel to report UFO sightings as their workload permits. (Story, [p. 417](#))
- 1975, April 3–9** — Some 57 separate UFO sightings involving triangular or delta-shaped UFOs occur in the area around Lumberton, North Carolina. Many cases involve an object hovering silently at low altitude, accelerating instantly, and turning without banking. They are often seen at treetop level and with a bright and maneuverable spotlight. Among the witnesses are 48 police officers. (“[Witnesses Discount Theory That UFO Was Airplane.](#)” *Raleigh (N.C.) News and Observer*, April 5, 1975, p. 19; “[UFO ‘Mystery’ Returns with New N.C. Sightings.](#)” *Raleigh (N.C.) News and Observer*, April 6, 1975, p. 1; Jennie Zeidman, *The Lumberton UFO Report: UFO Activity in S. North Carolina, April 3–9, 1975*, CUFOS, 1976; “[Landing Reported in N. Carolina.](#)” *Skylook*, no. 90 (May 1975): 3–5; UFOEv II 347–348; Wendy Connors, “Cops and Saucers: Law Enforcement and UFO’s, 1957–1981 Guide,” November 20, 2013, [audioclip 35](#); Marler [91–94](#))
- 1975, April 14** — [Tage Eriksson](#), head of UFO investigations at the Swedish National Defence Research Institute, finds the work a waste of time and tries to get it transferred back to the Defense Staff. His request is denied. (Swords 368)
- 1975, April 15** — 9:23 p.m. Science teacher Ed Handley is washing his car in his driveway in San Jose, California, when he sees a light moving slowly against the darkening southwestern sky. Suddenly it makes a right-angle turn and heads toward him, emitting a light beam. It moves slowly, taking about 10 minutes to reach him, then stops and hovers about 100 feet overhead. Handley’s mother and five members of a neighboring family also see the object, which is disc-shaped and about 90 feet in diameter with a cabin-like structure on top. A white beam of light is pointing outward, moving up and down in a small arc. Around its edges is an orange glow, and red sparks are dropping off the underside and disappearing after falling about 6 feet. It hovers for about 5 minutes, then oscillates and shoots straight up, diminishing to a point of light and disappearing in a matter of seconds. (Slava Mach and Ross Redeker, “[A Close Encounter of the First Kind.](#)” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 124 (March 1978): 14–15, 19; UFOEv II 162–163)
- 1975, April 20** — Night. Stationary beams of light are seen at San José de Jáchal, San Juan, Argentina. In a remote area, three imprints are found forming a 12-foot equilateral triangle surrounding a large smoke blot. Nearby plants are burned and stones are blackened. Some footprints are noted. Seven mushrooms nearly 8 inches tall are found growing there the following day. (Fred Merritt, “[A Preliminary Classification of Some Reports of UFOs.](#)” *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 9)
- 1975, April 26** — 2:00 a.m. Two young witnesses see a light descend briefly behind a school in Chomedey, Laval, Quebec, for a few seconds. They find a piece of metal and a hole in the ground. (Ted Phillips, [Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings](#), CUFOS, 1975, p. 106)
- 1975, May 3** — 8:00 a.m. A professional photographer is taking pictures of the Irma kød company south of Copenhagen, Denmark, when he sees a bright flash off to his right. When he develops one photo, the image shows an odd object tilted at an angle and slightly out of focus. (Kim Møller Hansen, “[Danish UFO-Photo?](#)” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 6 (Dec. 1984/Jan. 1985): 1–2)
- 1975, May 3** — 1:34 p.m. Carlos Antonio de los Santos Montiel is flying a Piper PA-24 Comanche from Zihuatenejo, Guerrero, Mexico, to Mexico City at about 15,000 feet. While passing over Laguna de Tequesquitengo in Jojutla, Morelos, he feels a strange vibration in his airplane. Then he sees to the right, pacing alongside, a 10-to 12-foot-diameter disc with a dome on top. Another appears to the left of the plane, and a third disc approaches head-on, dropping beneath the plane. Carlos feels a jolt as if the object has impacted. He pulls the landing gear lever, but it fails to operate. The plane feels as if it is pulled or lifted, and the controls refuse to respond. Although badly shaken, Carlos notifies Mexico City by radio, describing what is happening. At the same time, air control radar is showing unexplained objects near his plane that are capable of sharp turns, unlike normal aircraft. Finally, their blips merge on the radar screen and speed away toward Popocatepetl volcano. After the objects leave, Montiel is

able to lower his landing gear manually and land safely. Aviation personnel who know him testify to his sobriety and trustworthiness. A week later, de los Santos is invited to discuss the sighting on a TV talk show. As he drives to the interview, a large black Cadillac limousine pulls in front of him on the freeway. An identical car appears behind, forcing him to the side of the road. Four tall, broad-shouldered, pale-skinned men in dark suits jump out and approach him, still in his car. Speaking Spanish in a mechanical tone, one warns him to keep quiet about the sighting “if you value your life and your family’s too.” He breaks his appointment and does so again one month later after another visit by the men in black before an interview with [J. Allen Hynek](#). (NICAP, “[UFOs ‘Escort’ Mexican Aircraft / Radar Confirmed](#)”; Richard Haines, [[case documents](#)]; Joe Brill, “[UFOs Escort Mexican Pilot](#),” *Skylook*, no. 90 (May 1975): 14; “[UFOs ‘Escort’ Mexican Aircraft](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 2 (August 1975): 1, 3–4; “[UFOs Pace, Disrupt Airplane](#),” *Skylook*, no. 93 (August 1975): 3–4; Jerome Clark, “[Carlos de los Santos and the Men in Black](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 4 (January 1979): 8–9; UFOEv II 133–134; Carlos Alberto Guzman Rojas and Francisco Dominguez de la Rosa, “[Pilot Says Plane Was Controlled by UFOs](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 417 (January 2003): 3–5; Carlos Alberto Guzman Rojas and Francisco Dominguez de la Rosa, “[Part II: Mexican Pilot Relates Possible MIB Contacts Following Encounter](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 418 (February 2003): 5–7; Clark III 730; Clark IV 811; Patrick Gross, “[Piper P24 Paced by Three Flying Discs, 1975](#)”)

- 1975, May 3** — 9:15 p.m. Alois Olenick, 48, is driving west on Mogford Road south of San Antonio, Texas, when an amber-colored object rises up from a grove of trees. The object approaches him quickly, the light on its front changing from amber to red. When it hovers over his pickup for 10–20 seconds, the lights go out and the engine goes dead. He can see two occupants through a clear dome on the top of the UFO. They are bald with long prominent ears and long noses. The bottom of the object is “highly polished metal” that casts a reddish glow. Olenick hears no engine noise, only a shriek of wind. The object takes off straight up and vanishes instantly. (Gary Graber, “[Two Occupants in Craft](#),” *Skylook*, no. 99 (February 1976): 3–4; UFOEv II 461–462; Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#),” *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 17)
- 1975, May 4** — Before midnight. Paul Dedieu, his brother, and a friend are driving near Haywood, Manitoba, when they see an odd star. Red lightning seems to light it up and it zooms away, dripping molten metal and crashes in the vicinity of Lake Manitoba to the north. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 103)
- 1975, May 6** — Day. A pilot testing some new equipment in his airplane southeast of Wright-Patterson AFB near Dayton, Ohio, sees three silvery UFOs with portholes flying in formation ahead and closing in on his aircraft. The pilot descends to 1,000 feet, but they keep pace, one on each wingtip, the third above the plane. The pilot levels off and climbs quickly to 3,000 feet, but the objects match his maneuvers for another 60 minutes. All the control panel instruments go haywire, and the pilot loses all sense of time. The UFOs are confirmed by base radar. (Stringfield, *Situation Red*, Fawcett Crest, 1977, [pp. 145–146](#))
- 1975, May 12** — 11:30 p.m. Lyle Carson is in his farmhouse 2.5 miles east of Peesane, Saskatchewan, when he and his wife observe a green light for 10–15 minutes. On May 14, Carson is checking some fences and he comes across a perfectly round circle of burned grass, 5 feet in diameter and 6 inches thick on the outside edge. The RCMP take photos and samples. (Ted Phillips, [Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings](#), CUFOS, 1975, p. 107; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 190)
- 1975, May 13–14** — 11:30 p.m. Multiple witnesses see a bright light a few miles north of Carman, Manitoba, where it has been appearing so frequently since April 10 that it has been nicknamed “Charlie Redstar.” CKY-TV station employees Bill Kendricks and Allen Kerr see a light on the western horizon that rises up, moves slowly south, flashes brilliantly, then shoots straight up. Newspaper editor Howard Bennett and others see a smoky red light above some tall trees. Bennett leads investigators to a potential landing site. Using a radiation survey meter, they find a few radioactive hot spots about 255 feet apart, each with a radius of 25 feet. (Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 124–126; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 161, 171–181)
- 1975, May 16** — Three men wander away from a party on the shore of Stephenfield Lake, Manitoba, when they see a “moon-shaped” object hovering over a dam on the far shore. As they watch, a beam of light shoots from the object to the surface of the lake. A glowing object appears underneath the surface and begins moving toward the witnesses. When it is about 20 feet away, one of them throws a rock at it. It appears to break into pieces and return to its original location, and the beam goes out. (Chris Rutkowski, *Visitations? Manitoba UFO Experiences*, Winter Press, 1989, p. 18; Carl W. Feindt, “[Beam of Light into a Body of Water](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 3 (December 2010): 22, 23)

- 1975**, May 26 — 7:45 p.m. Didier Burr, 17, photographs a dark, disc-shaped object outside his second-story window in Nancy, France. The sighting only lasts 10–15 seconds. The photo shows a slightly blurry disc above a nearby building. (Patrick Gross, “[Nancy, France, May 26, 1975](#)”)
- 1975**, May 30 — Russell Worobetz is cultivating some stubble near Hazel Dell, Saskatchewan, when he finds two burned areas in the center of his field. They are 5 feet in diameter and 4 feet apart. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 190)
- 1975**, Summer — Around 12:00 midnight. An orange object appears several times above two fishing trawlers one mile off the coast of Topsail Beach, North Carolina. (Cordy Hieronymus, “[Out of the Past](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 1 (Feb./March 1984): 6)
- 1975**, June — Historian [David M. Jacobs](#) publishes *The UFO Controversy in America*, based on his Ph.D. dissertation in history. It becomes a classic history of UFOs and the investigations of the Air Force and other government agencies. (David M. Jacobs, [The UFO Controversy in America](#), Indiana University, 1975; Clark III 629; Clark IV 691)
- 1975**, June 20 — 11:10 p.m. A Royal Canadian Mounted Police constable patrolling on Grand Valley Road northwest of Brandon, Manitoba, notices a bright white light to the northwest, apparently in the area of Kirkham’s Bridge. Another RCMP in the bridge area sees the light 10 minutes later, apparently 220–300 feet above the ground. One officer attempts to close with the light unsuccessfully until he is 3 miles southeast of Hamiota. It flashes red and disappears at 12:15 a.m. (Patrick Gross, “[Files Obtained from the National Archives of Canada](#)”)
- 1975**, June 23 — 12:37 p.m. A British naval vessel is stationed off the west coast of Ireland in a thick fog when the radar operator picks up an echo, presumably a surface vessel closing in on the ship. However, the blip accelerates to an “impossible” speed in one minute. The operator notifies the captain, who files a report. The case is investigated by the Ministry of Defence. (Peter Bottomley and Gordon Clegg, “[MoD Tracks UFO on Radar](#),” *BUFORA Journal* 4, no. 12 (March/April 1976): 8–10; Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, pp. 127–128)
- 1975**, June 30 — The USAF Aerospace Defense Command becomes the US executive agent in NORAD. Its Continental Air Defense Command, which it had taken over in 1957, is disestablished and transferred to the Aerospace Defense Command. (Wikipedia, “[Aerospace Defense Command](#)”)
- 1975**, Early July — 3:00 a.m. Four young people camping out on the shore of the Charvak Reservoir in Uzbekistan wake up in terror for no apparent reason. They see a glowing sphere rise silently from under the water about one-half mile from shore. Concentric circles of varying thickness and brightness form around it. They watch it for 7 minutes, completely terrified. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia’s USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 121–122)
- 1975**, July — François Breuil begins publishing *L’Insolite* in Mâcon, Saône-et-Loire, France. It continues until January 1982. ([L’Insolite](#), no. 1 (July 1975))
- 1975**, July — 2:00 a.m. Margareta Ivanciov is walking from the train station in Teremia Mare, Romania, when she sees a bright yellow-orange globe nearly 2 feet in diameter floating about 90 feet in front of her and 7 feet above the pavement. It speeds up when she approaches it, keeping the same distance. She notices that it is composed of thousands of bright dots emanating the same color light. It disappears around a corner, anticipating her route, and follows her home, where it hovers briefly before moving into a neighbor’s yard. (Romania 41–42)
- 1975**, July — Just after 1:00 p.m. Two brothers are fishing from a small boat 18 miles south-southwest of Panama City, Florida, approximately 200 feet from a US Navy undersea research platform elevated about 75–100 feet above the water on pilings. In the distance they spot two metallic craft heading directly toward the platform from the south-southwest. The two objects stop and hover about 200 feet above and adjacent to the platform. They appear to be about 150 feet in length and circular when seen from below and cigar-shaped when viewed from the side. Their surfaces are completely smooth and metallic—matte silver on top of the horizontal center line and matte purplish on the bottom. The objects depart a few minutes later, shooting upward at a 45° angle at an “astounding” speed and disappearing to dot size in 1–2 seconds. [Robert Powell](#) estimates the objects exhibit an average velocity of 24,240 mph and a final velocity of 48,480 mph. (Robert Powell, “[July 1975: F-4 Phantom Jets v. Otherworldly Craft](#),” *The SCU Review* 2, no. 3 (July 18, 2021): 10–11; Powell, *Scientist*, 75–77)
- 1975**, July — 9:30 p.m. A family of four is driving home along the Tasman Highway near Hobart Airport, Cambridge, Tasmania. The interior of the car becomes hot, the engine stalls, and they roll to a stop. Although there is no smell in the air, the family feels that they can taste something like gasoline. Then they see an object hovering above the road ahead of them. It seems 650–980 feet distant and 65 feet in the air. It looks round, is colored a metallic grayish-white, and has its own iridescence or glow. The diameter is close to the width of the road, perhaps 16 feet. They stare at the object for 2 minutes. Suddenly, in a spiraling take-off, the object speeds away to the south. The

husband is a car mechanic, and he finds nothing wrong with the car. He gets back in, starts the car, and they go home without further incident, although the object still is visible several more minutes as a diminishing light. (“[UFO Reports from Around Australia](#),” *ACOS Bulletin*, no. 12 (December 1977): 11)

- 1975, July 1** — Day. A Dutch couple on vacation snap a photo of the panoramic landscape of the Pyrenees mountains just after leaving El Pas de la Casa, Andorra. They have the roll developed in Calafell, Catalonia, Spain, and are surprised to see a strange, yellow-and-orange object in motion in the foreground and casting a distinct shadow. Investigators from the Netherlands UFO group NOBOVO determine that the object is really a road sign photographed directly from their slow-moving vehicle (the speed of the car was estimated to be no more than 22 mph). (Wim van Utrecht, “[Spinning UFO Photographed during Take-Off](#),” *Caelestia*)
- 1975, July 6** — 5:00 p.m. Joe Borda is doing farm chores at Mount Pleasant, Ontario, when he sees a domed metallic cylinder landed in a tobacco field. Thinking it is probably a tank truck, he continues and goes home. On July 8, he comes across a circular crushed patch of tobacco plants about 30–40 feet in diameter. Inside the circle are two spots of some substance, reddish purple in color, that feels slippery and oily. The provincial police remove some soil samples; they are not radioactive and do not contain oil. (Graham Conway, “[Strange Voice Heard after UFO Landing](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 8 (Summer 1976): 1–2)
- 1975, July 14** — Ground Saucer Watch of Phoenix, Arizona, headed by William Spaulding, files a FOIA request with the CIA for copies of all of its UFO documents or investigations. (ClearIntent, [p. 113](#))
- 1975, July 15–16** — 8:15 p.m. David Burgess, an official at Khami Prison in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, and a friend see from their car an orange object, almost circular with a flat bottom and a rounded top, hovering above the prison about 1–2 miles away. At 8:45 p.m., another official sees an object in the same place. The following night at 7:30 p.m., a bright silvery object is seen hovering motionless 2–3 miles northeast of the prison by a Mr. and Mrs. Rossiter and their three children. It then moves rapidly to the east. (Richard Hall, “[Southern Africa Reports Several UFO Sightings](#),” *Skylook*, no. 95 (October 1975): 14–15)
- 1975, July 17** — 6:30 p.m. Emiliano Velasco is plowing a field at Villaester de Abajo, Pedrosa del Rey, Valladolid, Spain, when he hears an odd mechanical sound. When he turns the tractor around, he notices a cylindrical object emitting a silvery light floating above the ground. It moves in a series of circles around him, then moves closer, emitting a flash of light as it passes him. As he turns the tractor again, there is another flash of light and one of the panes of glass in his tractor cab cracks. At one point the tractor engine suddenly and inexplicably speeds up to 2,500 rpm, then quickly goes back to normal. (Antonio Felices, et al., “[The Case of the Valladolid Tractor Driver](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 3 (October 1976): 8–11)
- 1975, July 22** — 5:00 p.m. A young boy on holiday with his family in Wales wanders by himself to the top of Wylfa Hill, south of Machynlleth, Powys, Wales. At the top he sees an apparently landed object. About 40 feet wide, it is comprised of a 7-foot round base and surmounted by a clear plastic-like, hemispherical dome. Large round lights about 5 feet in diameter are spaced evenly around the base, about 7 of which are visible, shining in strange colors. Each seems to be recessed into the silvery, metallic base. Clearly seen within the dome is a 7-foot-tall, 15-foot-wide, metallic unit. Two “jelly-like” entities are seen next to it, one on each side. They are approximately 7 feet tall, a whitish-translucent color, amorphous, and constantly changing shape. Inside each entity are hundreds of 6-inch, white, disc-like forms, similar to doughnuts. When another of these entities floats toward the object, the boy flees the scene and unsuccessfully tries to persuade his father to take a look. Returning alone, the boy sees the object carrying the entities disappear by pulsing in and out and changing color rapidly to match those of the surrounding sky and grass. It then “merges” into them. Immediately afterward, the boy suffers acute shock and what a doctor diagnoses as hysterical blindness in one eye that persists for months. (Andrew Collins, “[Jelly-like Entities at Machynlleth](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 4 (January 1979): 14–16; “[Machynlleth ‘Jellentities](#),” *BUFORA Journal* 8, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1979): 13–15; Jenny Randles, “Dangerous Projections,” *Fortean Times* 431 (May 2023): 31)
- 1975, July 26** — 3:00 p.m. Three Dutch hikers are about to take on the last kilometers of a two-day mountain trip in the Swiss Alps when they allegedly encounter a circular object hovering in the air in front of them. It seems to be made of “some sort of metal, not unlike aluminum,” is dull gray in color, and resembles an inverted soup plate. The strange contraption is approximately 50 feet in diameter and appears to be suspended over the small village of Zwischbergen, Valais, Switzerland, some 328–1,640 feet away. One of them succeeds in taking a color slide of the phenomenon. Immediately after the photo is taken, the object starts to move and glides behind the trees, where it disappears from view. Possible hoax. (“[The Saas Fee Photo](#),” *IUR* 20, no. 3 (May/June 1995): 19; Wim van Utrecht, “[The Zwischbergen ‘Saas Fee’ Photo](#),” *Caelestia*, July 15, 2000)
- 1975, July 31** — 7:30 a.m. Farmer Danie van Graan goes to inspect his sheep enclosure at Loxton, Northern Cape, South Africa, and sees a silvery disc with prong-like legs. He approaches to within 15 feet of it. Through a large window he can see 4 people, one standing near a panel of flashing colored lights, the other three apparently looking at

some device. The entities are about 5 feet tall, thin and pale, and are wearing whitish coveralls with hoods hanging down around their necks. They have fair-colored hair, slanted eyes, and sharp, pointed chins. They all suddenly look up at him, and van Graan hears a “tick” noise as a light beam hits him in the face. Ill and confused, he tries to avoid the beam. His nose bleeds and he starts vomiting. The humming increases to a sharp whine, and the object takes off at a sharp angle. Later investigation reveals 4 marks on the outside perimeter of a circle 30 feet in diameter impressed in the ground, with crisscrossed central markings. A deposit of small, green granules is found near the center; analysis shows this to be carbon dust, grit, shale with feldspar inclusions, and thaumasite. Nothing grows in the affected area later. (*Johannesburg Rapport* (South Africa), August 24, 1975, via *UFO Newscipping Service*, no. 79 (November 1975): 18; Cynthia Hind, *UFOs: African Encounters*, Gemini, 1982, pp. 1–20; UFOEv II 493–494)

1975, Late July or early August — 9:00 p.m. A married couple and their small son are driving in the country near Pittsburg, Kansas, when the wife notices an object moving quickly toward them. It comes across the highway at about telephone pole height. The object is round and glowing intensely, with even more intense, small panels inset all around it. It is as wide as the highway and remains hovering. The man pulls the car over and the UFO begins to pull away. They continue following it, but the object changes its motion frequently. Finally it picks up speed and blinks out. (Michael D. Swords, “[Unusual Experiences from the Timmerman Files](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 21–22)

1975, August — The Aviation and Air Defense division of the Swiss Army draws up a seven-page report on UFOs. (“[Forscher findet verschollene UFO-Akten der Schweiz](#),” *Erstkontakt*, July 8, 2013; “The Swiss X-Files,” *Fortean Times* 312 (April 2014): 24)

1975, August 13 — 1:15 a.m. Sgt. Charles L. Moody, stationed at Holloman AFB, is out in the desert near Alamogordo, New Mexico, awaiting a meteor shower. He sees a metallic disc drop from the sky some 300 feet in front of him. It is about 50 feet long, 20 feet wide, and faintly luminous. It stops descending at 20 feet altitude and begins approaching Moody. Uneasy, he gets in his car and turns the ignition on, but the engine is dead. Moody can see an oblong window in the UFO and shadow figures moving within. He hears a high-pitched sound like a dental drill for a short time, then he feels numb. The next thing he knows, the UFO is ascending and disappears from sight within seconds. The car starts and he drives home, where he notices the time is 3:00 a.m., representing about 90 minutes he can’t account for. Moody gets a pain in his lower back in the afternoon. Soon he is put in touch with APRO’s [Jim Lorenzen](#), who calls him on August 21. Moody now has a heat rash on his lower body. His memories about the incident eventually return, and the Lorenzens visit him in 1976 at an overseas post where he narrates an abduction scenario with shortish, human-like aliens with big heads and wearing coveralls. (L. J. Lorenzen, “[The Moody Case](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 12 (June 1976): 6; L. J. Lorenzen, “[The Moody Case](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 25, no. 1 (July 1976): 2, 5–6; Lorenzen, *Abducted! Confrontations with Beings from Outer Space*, Berkley, 1977, pp. 38–51; Story, pp. 233–234; UFOEv II 545–545; Good Need, pp. 323–325; Clark III 770–771; Clark IV 851–852)

1975, August 13 — [Jacques Vallée](#) attends a talk by [Marshall Applewhite](#) and [Bonnie Nettles](#), leaders of the Human Individual Metamorphosis meeting on the Stanford University campus. A panel of eight members talk about how they have abandoned everything to follow The Two, and encourage the audience to join them, saying it is free. When a woman challenges them on this, the speaker replies, “It only costs your life, you know.” To reach the Next Level involves some sacrifice, and their students are required to forsake most worldly pleasures like drugs and sex. Further, they are to sever contact with their families and devote themselves completely to the mission. (Jacques Vallée, *Messengers of Deception*, And/Or, 1975, pp. 75–87; Curt Collins, “[UFOs: Going to the Next Level](#),” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, September 1, 2022)

1975, August 14 — 9:35 p.m. Maj. Claude Riddle is flying a helicopter at 900 feet while approaching Stockton (California) Metropolitan Airport. Suddenly, air traffic controller Joe Savage sees flashing lights closing in on him in a collision course. When he advises Riddle to take evasive action, the object turns orange and shoots up to 5,000 feet, where it hovers. Riddle looks behind him and sees another light trailing him a mile or so away. When he swings around, he sees it shimmering like a diamond and as big as a jetliner. Two blue beams come out from the sides. Dan Long, another controller sees the object through field glasses at an altitude of about 2,000 feet, then it moves upward while emitting a glow of green-tinted smoke and flashing red lights. Gary Duran and two friends also see the object while walking near the airport. After 5 minutes of hovering near the airport, the object turns bright red and shoots off. (“UFO Tails Army Copter,” *National Enquirer*, February 3, 1976; “[California Pilot Encounters UFO](#),” *Skylook*, no. 99 (February 1976): 16)

1975, August 17 — 10:33 p.m. A Joint Use Area patrol officer in Keams Canyon on the Hopi Reservation in Arizona sees a brilliant white light behind his patrol car. He slows and turns to see a red and green rotating light on an obscured

dark shape. When he gets out of the car, all three lights go out. He continues driving for 3–4 minutes, then the patrol van's lights, engine, and radio go out for 30–40 seconds and come back on suddenly. Thirty miles to the north, another patrol officer spots six UFOs 25 minutes later. Other objects are reported later that evening in Tuba City, Arizona. (William H. Spaulding, "[Arizona Patrol Officer Reports EM Effects](#)," *Skylook*, no. 97 (December 1975): 6–7)

1975, August 20 — Evening. Police stations in the area of Albany, New York, receive numerous calls about UFO sightings. State Trooper Michael Morgan is dispatched to the scene of one of the sightings, where a police detective is observing a blimp-sized object hovering at 500 feet over Lake Saratoga. As the reddish, glowing UFO flashes on and off, two smaller objects approach and merge with it. Air traffic controllers at Albany Airport locate the object on a radar scanner. After a few minutes, the two smaller objects break away and leave in the direction from which they had come. The first object moves toward the two policemen who see a brilliant white light shining from the center of its base as it passes over them. Silently, the craft turns and moves away slowly. Suddenly, the UFO disappears. After tracking the target for 45 minutes, the radar operators lose contact with it. However, within a short time, they receive a call from the pilot of a military airplane who warns them that he has just seen a red fireball 1,000 feet above him headed toward the airport. The controllers locate the object just as it enters the 50-mile range of one of their radarscopes. The anti-clutter device is thrown to ascertain whether or not the blip is a radar angel, but the image still comes through clearly. The controllers estimate its speed to be 3,000 mph. About five miles outside Albany, the target vanishes. The controllers speculate that it has either accelerated to a speed of 5,000 mph or has executed a seemingly impossible vertical maneuver at high speed. During the same time as the Albany sightings, large discs and bright lights are seen at low altitude less than 50 miles north over the South Glens Falls area and as far north as Lake George. The case is investigated by [Ernest Jahn](#), who contacts the Smithsonian Institution in Cambridge, Massachusetts. They are unable to give any explanation for the sightings. (Margaret Sachs, *UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [pp. 10–11](#))

1975, August 26 — 3:15 a.m. Terry O'Leary, his girlfriend Jackie Larson, and Jackie's mother Sandy Larson leave Fargo, North Dakota, for Bismarck, which they plan to reach around 7:00 a.m. Forty-five miles into their trip on Interstate 94, they see a brilliant flash of light and sounds like thunder. About 50 yards away on their left, they watch 8–10 orange, glowing objects heading south to east. One is distinctly larger than the others. The lights descend in a straight line at a 30° angle until they stop over a grove of trees. Suddenly one of the objects splits in half and others shoot away. At this point, the witnesses feel peculiar sensations of being unable to move. Jackie finds herself sitting in the back seat (she had been in the front seat with the others) and the lights are gone. The witnesses drive on to Tower City, North Dakota, where Sandy notes the time is 5:23 a.m., an hour later than it should have been. Through a mutual friend, Sandy eventually contacts ufologist [Jerome Clark](#), who puts her in touch with psychologist [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), who has used hypnotic regression in abduction cases. Sprinkle conducts three hypnotic sessions with Sandy and Jackie Larson on December 4–6. Sandy remembers a 6-foot-tall entity that looks like a mummy, various medical procedures, and a journey to a place with sand. She has further regressions with Sprinkle in January and February 1976, and she describes an otherworldly journey with three beings on a UFO. Clark writes: "What makes the Larson story interesting, in retrospect, however, is its anticipation of many abduction motifs which, though barely noted or entirely unknown in 1975, had become repeatedly demonstrated aspects of the experience by the late 1980s. ("[Woman Claims under Hypnosis UFO Creature Abducted Her](#)," *Freeport (Ill.) Journal-Standard*, February 12, 1976, p. 1; "Fargoan's UFO Incident a Case of Feast or Famine," *Fargo (N.Dak.) Forum*, February 14, 1976; "[Woman Reports Abduction Examination](#)," *Skylook*, no. 100 (March 1976): 10–11; Jerome Clark, "The Bizarre Sandy Larson Contact: UFO Abduction in North Dakota," *Saga UFO Report* 3, no. 3 (August 1976): 21–23, 46–53; Lorenzen, *Abducted! Confrontations with Beings from Outer Space*, Berkley, 1977, [pp. 52–69](#); Jerome Clark, "Kidnapped! The North Dakota Contact," *Saga UFO Report* 6, no. 4 (October 1978): 20–23, 50–51; UFOEv II 545–546; Clark III 675–678; Clark IV 750–753)

1975, August 29 — 10:45 p.m. R. Cyrus, a businessman and former gendarme, is driving his Peugeot 404 on Route D10 near Muret, Haute-Garonne, France. About 33 feet ahead on the right side of the road, in a slightly elevated field, he sees an aluminum-gray machine apparently reflecting moonlight. It is about 23 feet long and 9 feet tall. As he draws up next to it, the underside of the object lights up with a phosphorescent glow. It tilts back and glides toward the car at the level of the hood and emits a dazzling light as bright as day that blinds Cyrus. He pulls up, throws his arms up over his head protectively, and the car ends up in a shallow ditch. Then the object darts straight up above the car, soundlessly, and hovers, directing a beam of pulsating light onto the car. Its luminosity then dims and brightens several times and it takes on a reddish cast. Cyrus has a short memory lapse, getting out of his car only when another motorist who has also seen the object approaches from the opposite direction, stops, and opens the door of Cyrus's Peugeot to check on him. Cyrus is in a state of shock. His watch begins to gain

time after the event. He also experiences sleepiness and eyesight problems (black patches before his eyes) two days later. There are no apparent effects on the car. Several other corroborating witnesses are found. (G. Cattiau, et al., "[Le cas 'Cyrus' près de Muret \(Haute-Garonne\)](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 153 (March 1976): cover, 5–8; G. Cattiau, et al., "[The Cyrus Case](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 2 (July 1976): 7–10; UFOEv II 221–222)

1975, August 30? — Night. Three members of the Hood family are driving back along a country road to their home in Little Britain, Ontario. Paul Hood notices a flashing light in the treetops. When their car approaches, it darts off. Days later, Paul and Don Hood find a 30-foot-diameter circle of burned ground and grass swirled in a counterclockwise direction near a split-rail fence in a swamp less than a quarter-mile from their home. Six holes the size of grapefruit are also present. ("[Strange Findings, Weird Lights...](#)," *Port Perry (Ont.) Star*, September 16, 1975, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 79 (November 1975): 17; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 1 (January 1977): 2)

1975, September? — 10:30 p.m. Lt. Rafael Muñoz Pastor is returning to Jerez air base [now Jerez Airport], Jerez de la Frontera, Cádiz, Spain, piloting a Grumman AN-1 antisubmarine aircraft with four other crew members. He is flying at 3,500 feet and is already on the landing approach to Jerez, when he receives a call from the Seville air traffic center asking him if he can see any aircraft over Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Cádiz, where they have a radar target. The crew is seeing a "round light, brilliant red in color and with yellowish edges" in the area, so they are ordered to get closer. When they are 4–5 miles from Sanlúcar, the red ball ascends vertically from 1,000 feet to some 10,000–20,000 feet. Numerous residents of Sanlúcar also see the object from cafes. An F-5A fighter is scrambled from Morón Air Base in Seville province, which also spotted the object, and the Grumman returns to Jerez after viewing the light for an estimated 45 minutes. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, "[Spanish Military UFO Encounter](#)," *IUR* 28, no. 1 (Spring 2003): 7–9)

1975, September 3 — 8:00 p.m. Three witnesses in Tujunga, California, see two helicopters following a UFO. The top of the object is a vibrant blue green, the middle portion white, and the bottom part red. It appears to change to a saucer shape and zigzags around the sky. Shortly before 11:00 p.m., the witnesses see the lights go on at a nearby Nike missile base in the mountains. Afterward, the witnesses' eyes turn red and painful. (Ann Druffel, "[California Report: The Mystery Helicopters](#)," *Skylook*, no. 99 (February 1976): 8–9)

1975, September 11 — Sen. [Floyd K. Haskell](#) (D-Colo.) contacts the FBI and relates his concern about dead and mutilated cattle found in Colorado and other western states. The mutilations involve loss of ears, eyes, and genitalia, with most of the blood drained from the carcasses. Haskell estimates there have been 130 mutilations in 9 states during the past two years. He has also heard that US Army helicopters have been seen near the sites of some of the mutilations. (Federal Bureau of Investigation, "[Animal Mutilation Part 1 of 5](#)," FBI Records: The Vault, pp. 12–18; Jacques Vallée, *Messengers of Deception*, And/Or, 1979, pp. 172–173)

1975, September 14 — Calling themselves The Two (or Bo and Peep), [Marshall Applewhite](#) and [Bonnie Nettles](#) hold a meeting in a hotel in Waldport, Oregon. When 20 of the 300 audience members disappear after the meeting, the Oregon State Police launch an investigation. Other audience members think the topic is vague but involves something about leaving in a UFO from a camp somewhere in Colorado. (Clark III 565; Eghigian, *After*, p. 245; Clark IV 623)

1975, September 27 — The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics hosts a symposium, "Hypotheses Concerning the Origin of UFOs," sponsored by the Los Angeles, California, section. The proceedings are published under the title *Thesis and Antithesis*. (Story, [p. 417](#))

1975, Fall — A married couple and the husband's business partner purchase an abandoned ranch property in a remote rural area of western Colorado, hoping to turn it into a working cattle ranch. Not long after moving in, numerous weird events start taking place that last for a two-year period: whirring noises, UFOs, strange footprints in the snow, hairy bigfoot-like creatures, and UFO occupants. The witnesses eventually move back to Denver, where they are interviewed by geologist John S. Derr and psychologist [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), as well as R. Martin Wolf, Steven Mayne, and [Jerome Clark](#). (John S. Derr and R. Leo Sprinkle, "[Multiple Phenomena on Colorado Ranch](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 1 (July 1978): 5–8; John S. Derr and R. Leo Sprinkle, "[Multiple Phenomena on Colorado Ranch, Part 2](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 2 (August 1978): 7–8; John S. Derr and R. Leo Sprinkle, "[Multiple Phenomena on Colorado Ranch, Part 3](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 3 (September 1978): 6–8; John S. Derr and R. Leo Sprinkle, "[Multiple Phenomena on Colorado Ranch, Part 4](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 4 (October 1978): 5–8; John S. Derr and R. Leo Sprinkle, "[Multiple Phenomena on a Rocky Mountain Ranch, Part 5](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 5 (November 1978): 5–8; John S. Derr and R. Leo Sprinkle, "[Multiple Phenomena on a Rocky Mountain Ranch, Part 6](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 6 (December 1978): 7–8; John S. Derr and R. Leo Sprinkle, "[Multiple](#)

[Phenomena on a Rocky Mountain Ranch, Conclusion](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 7 (January 1979): 5–8; Clark III 558–559; Clark IV 616–617)

- 1975**, Fall — Two farm families living within the Carlos Avery State Wildlife Management Area near Columbus, Minnesota, begin experiencing frightening phenomena after they find the carcass of a buck deer, left to hang from a tree limb prior to being butchered, is found on the ground a few hours later, the branch severed and the animal’s head missing. In June 1976, one family finds one of its pigs killed inside a pen, its head gone and all its bones crushed. In July 1976, another pig is similarly killed. The families begin patrolling at night. Several times they see a strange reddish light that approaches them and speeds away. One night they encounter a half-human, half-animal figure that is shrieking. In April 1977, a mare is killed shortly after giving birth to a colt, its neck broken and insides ripped out. (Bradley Earl Ayres, “The Thing That Stalks the Game Preserve,” *Fate* 30, no. 12 (December 1977): 38–6; Clark III 139; Clark IV 166)
- 1975**, Fall — Evening. Two soldiers of a Chinese People’s Liberation Army unit stationed in Jianshui County, Yunnan, China, encounter a huge saucer-shaped object circling above their heads and emitting beams of soft orange-colored light. One of the men runs into the camp to sound an alarm, while the other stays to watch it. A few minutes later, the camp commandant and about a dozen armed men run up to the barracks entrance and find no trace of the soldier who had stayed behind. The commandant orders all officers and enlisted men to search, but they do not find him. A few hours later, four soldiers taking over sentry duty suddenly hear the sound of someone moaning behind them. They see the missing man, who has reappeared. His eyebrows, beard, and hair have grown extremely long. When he fully regains consciousness, his memory is completely gone. His wristwatch shows that it had stopped long ago. His weapons and watch are found to be slightly magnetized. (Paul Dong, [“Extracts from Paul Dong’s Feidie Bai Wen Bai Da \(Questions and Answers on UFOs\)”](#), *Flying Saucer Review* 29, no. 6 (August 1984): 17; Clark III 653)
- 1975**, Fall — 4:00 a.m. A couple driving east toward Toppenish, Washington, see a bright white light that appears overhead and slightly ahead of them. At first they think it might be a helicopter with a searchlight, but then an area about one mile in diameter lights up around their car, their radio becomes noisy, and their headlights dim. The flood-lit area suddenly goes out and the light speeds up in the sky and disappears. When they reach Ahtanum, Washington, about 25 miles from the first incident, the bright light again appears overhead briefly, then streaks away and disappears. (W. J. Vogel, [“The Yakimas and ‘Earthlights.’”](#) *IUR* 9, no. 3 (May/June 1984): 3)
- 1975**, October — University of Montana sociologists [Robert Balch](#) and David Taylor locate the followers of [Applewhite](#) and [Nettles](#) in Arizona and join the group clandestinely. The Two make themselves scarce, fearing an infiltration and possible assassination. Balch and Taylor describe the cult in a *Psychology Today* article in October 1976 and articles in sociological journals. (Robert W. Balch and David Taylor, “Salvation in a UFO,” *Psychology Today* 10, no. 5 (October 1976): 58–62, 66, 106; Robert W. Balch and David Taylor, [“Seekers and Saucers: The Role of the Cultic Milieu in Joining a UFO Cult.”](#) *American Behavioral Scientist* 20, no. 6 (July/Aug. 1977): 839–860; Robert W. Balch, [“Looking Behind the Scenes in a Religious Cult: Implications for the Study of Conversion.”](#) *Sociological Analysis* 41 (Summer 1980): 137–143; Robert W. Balch, [“Waiting for the Ships: Disillusionment and the Revitalization of Faith in Bo and Beep’s UFO Cult.”](#) in James R. Lewis, ed., *The Gods Have Landed: New Religions from Other Worlds*, State University of New York, 1995, pp. 137–166; Clark III 565–566; Clark IV 623–624)
- 1975**, October 7 — 8:00 p.m. After his sister calls and alerts him to a “fiery glow” near his barn on Three Mile Lake Road north of Bracebridge, Ontario, Robert Suffern, 27, drives to the spot and finds no fire. However, when he starts going back to his sister’s house he finds a large disc-shaped object resting in his path. The UFO quickly ascends and is lost to sight. When he turns around and starts heading to his own home, a small figure wearing a helmet and silver-gray suit walks in an “ape-like fashion” in front of his car, causing him to hit the brakes. It runs into a field. Suffern gets out and puts his hands on a post and he seemingly becomes weightless, making it easy to jump over the fence. Later that night he sees an “orange fluorescent light” in the pasture of his property. Moments later, he receives two phone calls telling him not to interfere. On October 12 at 3:00 a.m. Suffern receives a phone call from a “Lt. Colin Hunter” from the White House and leaves a number to call him back. He calls the number later and talks to a military officer claiming to be Lt. Col. Waters. A month later, he and his wife are given a thorough examination by Canadian military doctors. (Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), September 13, 2006; [“The Robert Suffern UFO Encounter.”](#) Above Top Secret forum, September 26, 2009; John Greenewald, [“Suffern Three Mile Lake Incident: UFO Lands on Road, White House Reportedly Calls.”](#) The Black Vault, July 6, 2017; Clark III 358; Clark IV 402)
- 1975**, October 18 — 12:30 a.m. John Struble is driving his truck 25 miles northwest of Helena, Montana, when he notices a large object, 50 feet in diameter and 25–30 feet in the air. The object passes over his truck from the rear and then stops and hovers about 300 feet ahead of him. It directs a very bright light at him, causing the truck’s lights

and engine to go out. The UFO remains for about 5 minutes before it moves away. The object makes a noise like a big jet and then rockets straight up into the sky and moves away to the east at an incredible speed. When the UFO disappears the truck's lights and engine come back on. Struble notices that his nonelectric watch has stopped for 5 minutes, the duration of the sighting. (ClearIntent, [p. 33](#))

1975, October 20 — An NBC-TV movie, *The UFO Incident*, on the [Betty and Barney Hill](#) abduction case airs, starring [James Earl Jones](#) and [Estelle Parsons](#). It is based on the book *The Interrupted Journey* by [John G. Fuller](#). (Wikipedia, "[The UFO Incident](#)"; Clark IV 18)

1975, Late October — 2:45 a.m. James D. Appleman of Bensalem, Pennsylvania, sees two large condensation trails making a giant X just above the moon. For several nights he has been noticing two unusual stars forming different shapes, and he thinks this might be related. He grabs his camera and takes three black-and-white photos. Two of the photos show two irregular light blobs, which he does not remember seeing when he exposed the film. In 1980, he sends a copy of the photos to the Center for UFO Studies because they resemble the lights in two undated photos taken from an airplane by J. Allen Hynek that appeared in his book *The UFO Experience*. ("[Did a Twin Photograph a Twin UFO?](#)" *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 1 (January 1981): 1; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine, 1974, [opp. p. 151](#))

1975, Late October — Near 12:00 midnight. An incident occurs near Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, the home of the National Combat Operations Center, that triggers a Security Option 5 Alert. According to an informant at the center interviewed by [Francis Ridge](#), nobody is allowed to enter the base, except cleared, high-ranking officers or cleared security patrols. No one is to leave. Those personnel on base who have just completed duty are rolled out of bed. Jet interceptors are scrambled. Unidentified targets are tracked on radar for at least 20 minutes. In fact, everything they put in the air for an attack on the US is airborne. The base stays on alert through 6:00 a.m. (NICAP, "[Security Option 5 Alert at NORAD](#)")

1975, October 27 — 3:00 a.m. Factory workers David Stephens and Glen Gray are sitting in a trailer they share in Norway, Maine, when they hear something explode outside. Briefly puzzled, they decide to go for a drive to nearby Thompson Lake. A short distance down the road, their vehicle abruptly turns onto a back road leading into Oxford, Maine. Gray no longer has control of the steering. Two minutes later, they pass through Oxford, a trip that normally takes 10 minutes, and down the eastern side of Thompson Lake. A mile south of Oxford, they see a herd of cows resting on the ground and shaking their heads from side to side. A few seconds later, they see two white lights on their left in a cornfield. The lights suddenly rise into the air. Gray stops the car, rolls down the windows and listen for the sounds of an engine, but the lights are soundless. Now they have a good view of a huge, cylinder-shaped object 20–30 feet away. Around its body are green, blue, and yellow lights that suddenly go out when the object ascends above a row of trees. Gray starts the car and roars down the road, followed by the UFO. The next thing they know, they are a mile farther down the road, the car stopped. Their eyes feel like they are on fire and appear orange. The UFO is visible in the eastern sky. They drive into West Poland, Maine, turn around, and go back the way they came. After a few minutes the UFO disappears, and they decide to go south again. For no reason, Gray turns onto a gravel road leading to Tripp Pond, where the engine stalls and the radio goes out. They can see the cylinder-shaped UFO in the sky about 500 feet away, which moves farther away as soon as they notice it. Some 45 minutes later, two disc-shaped objects with colored lights appear, and a thick fog rises out of Tripp Pond, engulfing the car. The radio abruptly turns on, and as they drive further, they receive a mental impression indicating that "We're not done with you yet. We are coming back for you." It is now 6:30 a.m. At 7:00 a.m., they arrive at Stephens's parents' house in Oxford, suffering from burning eyes, sore throats, and aching teeth. They are not speaking coherently. Gray has some hallucinations later in the day while watching TV. Maine ufologists [Shirley Fickett](#) and [Brent Raynes](#) soon hear about the case and meet with the two on the evening of October 28. Many unusual events take place that night and the next day, so Fickett contacts hypnotist [Herbert Hopkins](#), 58, in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. He conducts eight hypnosis sessions between December 1975 and March 1976. Gray becomes upset early in the investigation, so only Stephens's testimony is complete. It indicates an abduction scenario similar to other cases. (Brent M. Raynes, "[The Twilight Side of a UFO Encounter](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 2 (July 1976): 11–14; Shirley M. Fickett, "[The Maine UFO Encounter: Investigation under Hypnosis](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 2 (July 1976): 14–17; Berthold Eric Schwarz, "[Comments on the Psychiatric-Paranormal Aspects of the Maine Case](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 2 (July 1976): 18–22; Lorenzen, *Abducted! Confrontations with Beings from Outer Space*, Berkley, 1977, [pp. 70–79](#); UFOEv II 546–547; Clark III 861–865; Marcus Lowth, "[The Disturbing Alien Encounter of David Stephens](#)," *UFO Insight*, August 29, 2018; Clark IV 956–960)

1975, October 27 — The *New York Times* reports that stockmen and lawmen are baffled by mysterious mutilations of cattle taking place in Colorado. Udders, eyes, ears, sex organs, and tongues are removed, seemingly by the use of a sharp instrument, also in Pennsylvania, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma, Montana, Illinois,

Wisconsin, and California. (Grace Lichtenstein, "[11 States Baffled by Mutilation of Cattle](#)," *New York Times*, October 30, 1975, p. 77)

- 1975, October 27** — 7:45 p.m. S/Sgt. [Danny K. Lewis](#) is patrolling the weapons dump at Loring AFB [now Loring International Airport] near Limestone, Maine, when he sees an unidentified aircraft approaching the north perimeter at an altitude of about 300 feet. It has a red navigation light and a white strobe light. The craft enters the perimeter of the base. In the control tower, S/Sgt. [James P. Sampley](#) of the 2192nd Communications Squadron is on radar duty and gets a return from an unknown target 10–13 miles east-northeast of Loring. Sampley makes numerous attempts by radio on all available communications bands, civilian and military, to contact the craft, but he gets no response. The unidentified craft circles and comes within 300 yards of the restricted nuclear storage area at a low altitude of 150 feet. Back at the weapons dump, Lewis notifies his Command Post at the 42 Bomb Wing that an unknown aircraft has penetrated the base perimeter. The base is immediately put on major alert status, a Security Option 3, and Security contacts the tower. (ClearIntent, [pp. 16–26](#); UFOEv II 88–89; Nukes 361–363, 369–371)
- 1975, October 27** — 8:45 p.m. Sgt. Grover K. Eggleston of the 2192nd Communications Squadron is on duty at the Loring AFB [now Loring International Airport] tower near Limestone, Maine, when the call from the Command Post comes in. He observes the unknown target. Six minutes later, Eggleston notes that the target appears to be circling approximately 10 miles east-northeast of the base. This action lasts for 40 minutes when, suddenly, it disappears from the screen. Either the object has landed or it has dropped below the radar coverage. The Wing Commander arrives at the weapons storage area 7 minutes after the initial sighting. Immediately other units of the 42nd Police begin pouring into the area. Security vehicles with blue flashing lights are converging from all over the base. Through the Loring Command Post, the Wing Commander requests fighter coverage from the 21st NORAD Region at Hancock Field Air National Guard Base, Syracuse, New York, and the 22nd NORAD Region at North Bay, Ontario. However, fighter support is denied by both regions. The Wing Commander then increases local security posture and requests assistance from the Maine State Police in trying to identify the unknown craft, which they presume is a helicopter. They make a call to local flight services for possible identification, without results. The 42nd Security Police conduct a sweep of the weapons storage perimeter inside and out. An additional sweep is made of the areas that the craft has flown over. All actions produce no results. The craft breaks the circling pattern and begins flying toward Grand Falls, New Brunswick. Radar contact is lost in the vicinity of Grand Falls, 12 miles from Loring. Canadian authorities are not notified. (NICAP, "[UFO Circles Weapons Storage Area](#)"; ClearIntent, [pp. 16–26](#); Nukes 361–363, 369–371; "[KC-135 Pilot Michael Wallace on His Loring AFB UFO Encounter; Other 1975 Intrusion Cases Discussed](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, August 18, 2024)
- 1975, October 28** — 7:45 p.m. While patrolling the weapons storage area, S/Sgt. [Danny K. Lewis](#), along with Sgt. Clifton W. Blakeslee and Sgt. William J. Long, again spots the lights of an unidentified aircraft approaching Loring AFB near Limestone, Maine, from the north at an altitude of about 3,000 feet. It approaches to within about 3 miles of the base perimeter and is seen to have a flashing white light and an amber or orange light. Lewis reports the sighting to his Command Post, and the Wing Commander comes out to the weapons storage area to see for himself. He reports seeing an object whose speed and motion are similar to that of a helicopter. The craft is also observed on radar and observed over the flight line by Sgt. Steven Eichner, Sgt. R. Jones, and others. They see an orange and red object shaped like a stretched-out football hovering in mid-air. It turns out its lights and then reappears making jerky motions, then hovers about 150 feet over the end of the runway. It is about four car-lengths long, solid, reddish-orange, with no doors or windows, and with no visible propellers or engines. It is completely silent. The base goes on full alert and a sweep is made by security, but the object turns off its lights and is not seen again. Radar picks up a target moving in the direction of Grand Falls, New Brunswick. SAC Headquarters is again notified.
- 1975, October 29** — 1:00 a.m. Another unidentified helicopter is seen near the weapons storage area at Loring AFB, Maine.
- 1975, October 29 or 30** — 4:00 p.m. A radar-visual UFO sighting takes place at Wurtsmith AFB [now Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport] near Oscoda, Michigan. (NICAP, "[Shiny Disc Hovers over Restricted Area](#)")
- 1975, October 30** — 10:10–11:00 p.m. A series of unidentified helicopter sightings take place in a secure area in Wurtsmith AFB [now Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport], Michigan, by security police on the ground and by the crew of a KC-135 tanker returning from a refueling mission piloted by Maj. Frederick Pappas and 5 crew members. The tanker at 2,700 feet has visual and skin paint over Lake Huron for about 20 miles heading southeast. The light hovers and moves up and down in an erratic manner. The tanker follows the object for 1–2 hours, but never get close enough to see anything other than a single, steady orange light. (NICAP, "[UFO Chased by KC-135 Tanker](#)"; ClearIntent, [pp. 41–46](#); UFOEv II 89–90; Nukes 371–372; Skinwalkers 124; Covert 161–162)

- 1975, October 31** — 11:17 p.m. A visual sighting of an unidentified object is reported 4 miles northwest of Loring AFB, Maine. The alert helicopter is launched to identify the object but is unable to make contact and is launched again at 1:46 a.m., in response to a slow-moving target picked up by RAPCON radar. (NICAP, "[RAPCON Tracks Slow-Moving Target during Loring Intrusions](#)"; UFOEv II 90)
- 1975, Early November** — 8:00–9:00 p.m. Bill Jackson, a reporter for the *Sterling (Colo.) Advocate*, his wife Cheryl, and their young child are driving on State Highway 61 halfway between Otis and Sterling, Colorado, when they see a red light in the sky ahead of them. As it approaches, they see it is a huge object (as big as a 747) with a dozen rows of multicolored lights, perhaps hundreds of them. It passes slowly over their car, so close that Jackson thinks he can hit it with a stone. They drive at high speed the rest of the way to Sterling. (Richard Sigismond, "[A CE-I, a Lonely Road, a Black Night](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 3 (May/June 1984): 5, 9)
- 1975, November 1** — Despite [Hynek](#)'s request for a "mutual non-aggression pact," Hynek and [Sagan](#) engage in a spirited and somewhat derisory debate on the usefulness of funded UFO research at a futurism conference at the Chicago Hilton Hotel. Sagan remarks, "The fact that people talk about it doesn't mean that it really happened." When Hynek mentions the listing of physical trace cases by [Ted Phillips](#), Sagan interrupts and says, "I said good cases," insinuating that he alone can interpret what a good case is. ("Science in Collision: The Hynek-Sagan UFO Forum," *UFO Magazine*, February 1980; O'Connell 298–305; Graff 260–261)
- 1975, November 2** — Night. Witnesses in Medford, Minnesota, including Helen Kay, see a brilliant orange-red light go behind a building, where they suspect it has landed. At the location, they find a bare spot, 12 feet square, of burned grass and ashy residue. At some distance away they see a red ball of light above the trees and try to catch up with it by car but it eludes them. Soil samples from the alleged landing site are submitted to geologist [Edward J. Zeller](#) at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, who subjects them to an examination using thermoluminescence and finds the readouts normal for the center of the trace but severely elevated at the edges. He suspects that the edges have been subjected to hard ionizing radiation, but this is not conclusive. ("[UFO Sighting Noted](#)," *Fergus Falls (Minn.) Daily Journal*, November 5, 1975, p. 22; Edward J. Zeller, "[The Use of Thermoluminescence for the Evaluation of UFO Landing Site Effects](#)," *Proceedings of the 1976 CUFOS Conference*, Center for UFO Studies, 1976, pp. 301–308, reprinted in *IUR* 28, no. 4 (Winter 2003–2004): [19–22](#), [28](#))
- 1975, November 3** — 5:45 a.m. Ontario Police constables in Haileybury, Ontario, see a round object with fingers of white light emanating from it hovering northeast of town. Another object to the north of it has red, green, and white lights. After about 1 hour both objects begin moving slowly south and gaining altitude. They are still visible at 7:00 a.m. (Patrick Gross, "[Files Obtained from the National Archives of Canada](#)")
- 1975, November 3** — Late night. Unknown individuals penetrate the flight line at Grand Forks AFB north of Emerado, North Dakota. At least two KC-135 aircraft are hit by small arms fire. Security forces pursue the intruders but apparently do not apprehend them. (ClearIntent, [pp. 48–49](#))
- 1975, November 5** — 12:30 a.m. Jim Divall is driving north of Redwater, Alberta, when he comes upon a large, black, revolving object in the road ahead. He has to drive his vehicle into a ditch to avoid hitting it. The object is 40 feet in diameter. He gets out to watch it for a few minutes as it makes a rushing sound, then it disappears. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 185)
- 1975, November 5** — Just after 6:00 p.m. [Travis Walton](#) and six fellow log cutters finish a long day of thinning undergrowth in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest near Snowflake, Arizona. Heading up Mogollon Rim Road, Walton soon notices something shining among the branches off to the right. The others see it too. They turn up Old Verde Road toward Turkey Springs. The spaces between the trees flash by too quickly to make out what the object is, but a clearing reveals a yellowish glow that washes across the road in front of them. The driver speeds up to get a closer look. They reach the clearing, and about 110 feet away a glowing disc hangs in the air, making a high-pitched buzz and floating motionless between the trees, only 15 feet off the ground. The truck slams to a halt and Walton opens his door to get a better look. There is no sound. One of the cutters shouts: "My God! It's a flying saucer!" Walton then steps out of the cab and walks toward the object. The others beg him to get back in the truck, but he feels compelled to get a close-up look. He approaches the craft cautiously, glancing back to the truck now and then as his friends continue to plead with him. Coming within 6 feet, Walton stops and stares up at its glowing underside. Suddenly, the silence gives way to what Walton later describes as the thunderous swell of a turbine engine. A narrow beam of light fires from the bottom of the disc and strikes Walton in the chest. It lifts him up, then knocks him unconscious to the ground like a thunderbolt. In a panic, the rest of the crew speeds away toward the main road, terrified. When the men regain their senses, they return to the clearing to rescue Walton, but the craft is gone and so is Walton. Despite a thorough search of the area, they find no trace of him and drive home. When they report what happened, the authorities discount the men's tale as a

ridiculous attempt to cover up a murder and launch an extensive search for Walton's body. They search for several days and find nothing. Walton reappears outside Heber, Arizona, on November 10 and corroborates their story, with the addition of what happened aboard the spacecraft. Walton awakes in a hospital-like room, observed by three short, bald creatures. He fights with them until a human wearing a helmet leads him to another room, where he blacks out as three other humans put a clear plastic mask over his face. He remembers nothing else until he finds himself walking along a highway, with the UFO departing above him. In the days following, *The National Enquirer* awards Walton and his coworkers a \$5,000 prize for "best UFO case of the year" after they pass polygraph tests administered by Cy Gilson of the Arizona state police (repeated in 1993), the *Enquirer*, and APRO. A private investigator named John McCarthy tests Walton using an outdated procedure with a polygraph in 1975 and finds him deceptive. (Wikipedia, "[Travis Walton incident](#)"; Lorenzen, *Abducted! Confrontations with Beings from Outer Space*, Berkley, 1977, pp. 80–113, 161–190; Travis Walton, *The Walton Experience*, Berkley Medallion, 1978; Bill Barry, "[Kidnapped!](#)" in D. Scott Rogo, ed., *UFO Abductions: True Cases of UFO Kidnappings*, Signet, 1980, pp. 28–43; Philip J. Klass, *UFOs: The Public Deceived*, Prometheus, 1983, pp. 161–189; Travis Walton, *Fire in the Sky*, Marlowe, 1996; Geoff Price, "[Lie Detection in UFO Controversies](#)," *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 15–16, 31; Kevin D. Randle, "[The Truth about Polygraphs](#)," *IUR* 22, no. 4 (Winter 1997–1998): 28; UFOEv II 547–549; Michael D. Swords, *GrassRoots UFOs: Case Reports from the Timmerman Files*, Fund for UFO Research, 2005, p. 145; Clark III 1234–1249; "[Travis Walton and Mike Rogers Talk about Their 1975 UFO Encounter near Snowflake, Arizona](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, September 2023; Graff 328–329; "[1980 Interview with 27yr Old Travis Walton on His UFO Encounter and Alien Abduction Experience](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, June 22, 2024; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 266–267; Clark IV 1414–1429)

1975, November 6 — US Attorney General [Edward H. Levi](#) issues a set of guidelines to limit the activities of the FBI.

These guidelines require the FBI to show evidence of a crime before using secret police techniques like wiretaps or entering someone's home without warning.

1975, November 7–8 — 3:00 p.m.–9:53 p.m. Remote electronic sensors trigger an alarm at Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, Montana, indicating that something is violating security at several missile launch sites. Underground, in the launch control facility, two officers note the signal, but there is no TV surveillance topside. A missile security helicopter checks the area and Sabotage Alert Teams consisting of 4–6 men are ordered to proceed to the areas. One SAT team drives down the highway and onto a dirt road that leads to the K-7 area near Judith Gap, Montana. About a mile away, the team sees an orange, glowing object. As they close to within half a mile, they can see that the object is tremendous in size. They radio to the launch control facility that, from their location, they are viewing a brightly glowing, orange, football field-sized disc that illuminates the missile site. The SAT team is ordered to proceed into the K-7 site. However, they refuse to go any farther, clearly fearful of the intimidating appearance of the object. It begins to rise, and at about 1,000 feet, NORAD picks up the UFO on radar. Two F-106 jet interceptors are launched from Great Falls and head toward the K-7 site. The UFO continues to rise. At about 200,000 feet, it disappears from NORAD's radar. The F-106s are never able to get a clear sighting of the several UFOs, which play cat-and-mouse with the aircraft, extinguishing their illumination when they approach, and re-illuminating after the fighters return to base. All members of the SAT team are directed to the base hospital, where they are psychologically tested. No one can identify the object, but the members of the SAT team obviously have been through a traumatic experience. Targeting teams, along with computer specialists, are brought to the launch site to examine the missile and the computer in the warhead. When the computer is checked, they find that the tape has mysteriously changed target numbers. The reentry vehicle is then taken from the silo and brought back to the base. Eventually the entire missile is changed out. Radar and visual sightings continue for the next 31 hours. (NICAP, "[Malmstrom AFB Incident \(1975\)](#)"; "Extracts, NORAD Command Director's Log (1975)," pp. 450, 451, 452, 453; Col. Terrence C. James, US Air Force, "Request for Information Under the Freedom of Information Act," October 4, 1977, pp. one, two, three, four; ClearIntent, pp. 27–29; Richard Sigismund, "[Four Huge Orange Discs and the Case for the UFO](#)," *IUR* 8, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1983): 7–8; UFOEv II 90–92; Martin Shough, *RADCAT: Radar Catalogue: A Review of Twenty-One Ground and Airborne Radar UAP Contact Reports Generally Related to Aviation Safety for the Period October 15, 1948, to September 19, 1976*, National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena, NARCAP Report TR-6, December 8, 2002, pp. 121–125; Thomas E. Bullard, "[Defending UFOs](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 2 (Mar. 2012): 11–12; Linda Moulton Howe, *An Alien Harvest*, The Author, 2d ed., 2014, pp. 25–26; Nukes 358–361)

1975, November 10 — 10:15–11:20 p.m. A bright light passes over Minot AFB, North Dakota, moving west to east at 1,000–2,000 feet. (ClearIntent, p. 48)

1975, November 11 — A UFO allegedly crashes in a dense jungle north of Lima, Peru. When the regional director of education, Rodolfo Chujutalli, and the police reach the site, they find two spherical objects, one intact. They are

- said to be oval and about 12.5 feet wide. ([“International Advisory,”](#) *UFO Investigator*, December 1975, p. 1; [“Lima, Peru: A Real Mystery,”](#) *UFO Investigator*, February 1976, p. 2; Clark III 332; Clark IV 369)
- 1975**, November 11 — 3:34 a.m. Police officers Zachary Space and Lester Nagle watch an object hovering level with high-tension wires east of Madison, Ohio. It comes down above the wires for 15–20 seconds, rises up slowly out of sight, then appears again. Along with a deputy sheriff, they watch the object for 20 minutes. It leaves like a flash. ([“Space Chase: Police, Posse Follow UFO 20 Minutes in Lake County,”](#) *Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer*, November 12, 1975, p. 11-D; [“Ohio UFO ‘Chased’ by Police Officers \(11/11/75\),”](#) *UFO Magazine News Bulletin*, no. 8 (Fall 1975): 3–4; Marler [90–91](#))
- 1975**, November 11 — 6:15 a.m. A spherical object is observed from Canadian Forces Station Falconbridge [now closed] in Valley East, Ontario. The object appears to be rotating and has a surface similar to the moon. The object ascends and descends. The object is observed on height-finder radar at altitudes from 42,000–72,000 feet intermittently for 6 hours. Two F-106 jets are sent from Selfridge AFB [now Selfridge Air National Guard Base] near Mount Clemens, Michigan, but report no visual or radar contact. Other lights are seen periodically over the next few days, including at least seven members of the Ontario Police in Sudbury. (NICAP, [“Spherical Object Tracked on Height Finder Radar”](#); ClearIntent, [pp. 46–47](#); Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 152–156](#); Bob Gribble, [“Looking Back,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 271 (November 1990): 19–22; UFOEv II 92–94; Good Above, [pp. 202–203](#); Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 114–121; Patrick Gross, [“Files Obtained from the National Archives of Canada”](#); Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 207–219)
- 1975**, November 11 — A Montana Fish and Game Department employee at Freezeout Lake, Montana, sees a light flying directly behind a B-52 bomber. Using his rifle scope to get a better look, he notes that the strange object seems to be pacing the aircraft. The object then briefly attaches itself to the B-52, detaches, and climbs out of sight. The sighting is reported to Sheriff Pete Howard of Choteau County. Howard conducts follow-up interviews with military personnel and learns that as the object attaches itself to the B-52, the plane’s radar equipment goes out. (ClearIntent, [p. 35](#))
- 1975**, November 11 — A confidential NORAD communication reveals that Air Guard helicopters, Strategic Air Command helicopters, and NORAD F-106s are scrambled during the recent UFO sightings over Northern Tier military bases. They fail to produce positive identifications. In a priority message sent from SAC headquarters in Offutt AFB near Bellevue, Nebraska, to numerous Air Force bases during the same month, the Air Force reveals its continuation of a policy to deny USAF interest in the subject: “News media queries concerning such unidentified overflights are properly the concern of the Air Defense Command, and queries should be referred to CINC-NORAD/OI... Remarks should be confined to personal experiences and care should be taken to avoid speculation or to imply Air Force interest beyond security of the installation.” (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 347](#); Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneeus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, [pp. 87–90](#))
- 1975**, November 11 — Evening. Capt. [Keith Wolverton](#) of the Cascade County Sheriff’s Department and a deputy are returning to Great Falls from Missoula, Montana. Suddenly a large orange light descends out of the northern sky, lighting up both sides of the road. It passes directly over the cruiser at about 200 feet. It goes from horizon to horizon in 4 seconds. (ClearIntent, [pp. 34–35](#))
- 1975**, November 17 — 7:00 p.m. Suzanne Erenberger and Dave Vardeman are driving on US Highway 30 about one-quarter mile west of Mount Vernon, Iowa, when they see white lights in the southwestern sky. They stop the car and get out to watch for a while. Frightened, they drive into town to notify the police. The police chief describes Erenberger as “terrified, nearly hysterical.” An officer accompanies the two students back to the location but sees nothing unusual. Erenberger tells a reporter from the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* that they were only 30 feet away from one of the lights, which was only 25 feet off the ground. She makes a drawing of a domed object for a high-school newspaper. UFO investigator [Kevin D. Randle](#) interviews Erenberger on November 27, and she tells him there is a bright light coming from a 30-foot-wide disc-shaped object with a huge glass dome. She thinks she can see two humanoid shapes behind it. But Vardeman separately tells Randle that he only saw lights in the distance and nothing else. Randle also talks to an additional witness, [Richard Manson](#), who has seen a red light about the same time. Randle concludes that the lights come from aircraft landing at the Cedar Rapids Municipal Airport and that Erenberger’s details are confabulations. ([“Coed: ‘No Doubt about What I Saw,’”](#) *Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette*, November 19, 1975, p. 3C; Kevin D. Randle, [“UFOs on Memory Lane,”](#) *IUR* 26, no. 1 (Spring 2001): 9–11, 30)
- 1975**, November 20 — Michel, Robert, and Claude Souris found the Centre d’Études et de Recherches des Phénomènes Inexpliqués in Saintes, France. It publishes a *CERPI Circulaire* newsletter from February 1976 to 1981. ([CERPI](#), no. 1 (February 1976))

- 1975, November 30** — Unit One of the Leningrad [now St. Petersburg], Russia, nuclear power plant is being brought back online after scheduled maintenance when it begins to run out of control. A partial meltdown occurs, destroying or damaging 32 fuel assemblies and releasing radiation into the atmosphere over the Gulf of Finland. The official line is that a manufacturing defect caused the destruction of only one fuel channel, but the accident is really caused by an uncontrollable increase in the steam void coefficient. (Adam Higginbotham, *Midnight at Chernobyl*, Simon & Schuster, 2019, pp. 66–67)
- 1975, December** — The Air Force panel finishes reviewing the Blue Book files and turns over the sanitized version to the National Archives, apparently without yet physically moving the files to NARA facilities. These files now include an added set of AFOSI files of UFO investigations from 1948 to 1968 released by AFOSI in December 1975. ([Sparks](#), p. 6)
- 1975, December 4** — Two strange-looking persons, a man and a woman, enter a leather shop in Arizona. The owner remembers that the man, who has yellow eyes without pupils, had come into the store one day in the summer of 1972 and telepathically hinted that they would meet again. They take him into a back room, and the woman produces a device like a hand massager and goes over his entire body with it. She removes her clothes, the owner does the same, and sex follows. The woman's skin is white and transparent. A smell that emanates from her arouses him intensely. Later they tell him he is part of an experiment in cross-breeding. The experience lasts 1 hour and 40 minutes. (B. Ann Slate, "The Closest Encounter of the Third Kind," *UFO Report* 8, no. 4 (August 1980): 36–39, 77–78; Clark III 1063; Clark IV 1178)
- 1975, December 8** — 5:30 p.m. Michel Chambon and Jean-François Bessagnet are driving toward Le Palais-sur-Vienne, Haute-Vienne, France, when they see a bright sphere, about twice the apparent size of the sun, approaching from the left and moving toward horizon level. It is slightly flattened and red on the top and bottom, with a central white band. After a few seconds it disappears near a high-voltage power line. ("[Nouvelles récentes](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 152 (February 1976): 26)
- 1975, December 12** — Robert Suffern and his wife meet with two military officers, one Canadian, the other American, at his home near Bracebridge, Ontario. They tell him the October 7 incident was a "mistake" caused by the malfunctioning of an extraterrestrial spacecraft. The officers show him close-up photos of UFOs and say that their governments have been cooperating with aliens since 1943. (Clark III 358; Clark IV 402)
- 1975, December 14** — Late evening. A man is driving his truck on Pumphouse Road along Toppenish Ridge in the Yakama Indian Reservation in Washington State when he sees a cow and two calves running toward him as if fleeing from something. Moments later he sees three figures in the ditch. One jumps up on the road, covering 15 feet in a single slow-motion leap, its arms above its head. The witness describes it as a skinny, 7-foot-tall man with a narrow, pale face and long, pointed nose. It is dressed in close-fitting black clothing and boots. On its chest there is a white trapezoid insignia. The entity is carrying something purple in its left hand that has a wire on it that runs down its arm. The other two creatures remain on the side of the road. The witness speeds up, swerving around the figure. A few moments later, a bright, elongated UFO appears behind him. The interior of the truck is flooded with light. Suddenly he becomes aware of a "shadow" in the passenger seat. From the shape of the head and coat, the man "knows" it is a friend of his. The friend looks at him, leans forward and looks up at the light, falls back, wipes his eyes, and vanishes. At that moment, the light disappears. The next morning, he learns that his friend has been killed in a shooting. (Greg Long, [Examining the Earthlight Theory: The Yakima UFO Microcosm](#), CUFOs, 1990, pp. 56–60; Clark III 281, 1107; Clark IV 321, 1233)
- 1975, December 14** — 9:10 p.m. Larry and Mary Ellen Masters and their friends Leighton and Tedra Middleton, along with three children ages 10, 11, and 13, are having an oyster roast at the Masters' farm off State Highway 13 in St. Johns County, Florida, when they notice what looks like a large house on fire below the tree line, approximately 1 mile away. As they look at it, a large dome-shaped object, with bright amber colored lights radiating out of many rows of windows, comes up above the tree line and hovers in the air for several minutes. It then goes down behind the trees again with the bright glow continuing to shine above the trees. Tedra Middleton runs inside to call the St. Johns County Sheriff's Department in St. Augustine while the two men run to their truck and drive toward the object. After about 2 minutes behind the trees, the object comes up again with 3 rows of lights above the tree line. After another minute it again goes down behind the trees and the lights switch off. The two men return home at once and get an agriculture spray service helicopter that is based nearby. Within 15 minutes of the lights going out, the chopper is traversing the entire area but nothing can be seen from the air. An intensive ground-air search of the area is made that night and the next day by units of the Florida Highway Patrol, St. Johns County Sheriff's Department, Flagler County and Putnam County Sheriff's Departments, with nothing out of the ordinary being found. Other witnesses at 9:15 p.m., Donna Scanton and four members of her family, see a large circle of bright fire-colored lights in the air above the house at a 45° angle. She thinks that they are

about 1,000 feet up. The lights go out abruptly. ("[Shook Up: Man Who Says He Saw UFO Wants Anonymity.](#)" *Tampa (Fla.) Tribune*, December 17, 1975, p. 2B; Jim Jones, "[Possible E-M Case in Florida.](#)" *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 7 (January 1976): 2, 5; Jim Jones, "[Repeating Reports in Florida.](#)" *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 7 (January 1976): 1, 3; "[Huge Object Seen over Florida.](#)" *UFO Investigator*, January 1976, p. 2; "[Florida Object Not Explained.](#)" *UFO Investigator*, February 1976, p. 1)

- 1975**, December 15 — [Jacques Vallée](#) and [J. Allen Hynek](#) publish *The Edge of Reality*, which discusses how the extraterrestrial hypothesis does not seem to explain UFOs fully. Although they acknowledge the UFO phenomenon is real, its reality skirts the edges of accepted science, and they both lean toward an interdimensional hypothesis. (J. Allen Hynek and Jacques Vallée, [The Edge of Reality: A Progress Report on Unidentified Flying Objects](#), Regnery, 1975; Clark III 883; Clark IV 977)
- 1975**, December 19 — 7:50 a.m. While two men are driving to work near Redditch, Worcestershire, England, they see in the southeast a golden yellow disk or domed object that appears to be roughly twice the size of an airliner. The object appears to be hovering below the cloud level. They pull their vehicle over and roll down their windows, but can hear no sound. After about 2 minutes, the object speeds away to the southwest, banking as it disappears out of view. At 2:00 p.m., Paul S. Felton, a staff photographer for the *Redditch Indicator* newspaper, is driving to Alcester from Redditch when he sees a similar object performing in the same manner. He stops his car and takes at least four photos with his Nikon F 35mm Camera. His photos are printed in the December 29 edition of the newspaper. ("[UFOSIS Case Studies.](#)" *Northern UFO News*, no. 21 (February 1976): 7; "[Notes on Previous Cases.](#)" *Northern UFO News*, no. 22 (March 1976): 6; "[The Redditch Sighting.](#)" *BUFORA Journal* 5, no. 2 (July/Aug. 1976): cover, 4)
- 1975**, December 28 — 9:05 p.m. A deputy head teacher and her brother-in-law view a silent, Saturn-shaped object in Gateshead, Durham, England. The object is glowing blue with a rim of flashing blue lights that rotate clockwise around the center of the object. The lights began to flash faster and change to a warmer, reddish color. The object is seen for a few seconds. During this time it appears stationary except for an apparent vibration or an erratic side-to-side jerking motion. She turns to get her husband's attention, but the object disappears. ("[Current Sighting Reports.](#)" *Northern UFO News*, no. 29 (October 1976): 3)

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- 1976** — [David R. Saunders](#) gives his UFOCAT computer file to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, where it is updated by Fred Merritt. The database is kept on an IBM mainframe computer at a nearby computer facility with a magnetic tape backup. In 1982 it proves too expensive for CUFOs to maintain on a mainframe, so it is removed from active use and stored on tape. (Fred Merritt, "[UFOCAT: A Unique Tool for Research.](#)" *IUR* 1, no. 2 (December 1976): 14–15; Center for UFO Studies, "[UFOCAT](#)"; Clark III 1157; Clark IV 1318)
- 1976** — US writer [Bill Kaysing](#) publishes a book claiming that NASA lacks the technical expertise to land astronauts on the moon and that numerous optical anomalies in the Apollo photos show that the moon landings are faked in a studio or at Area 51. The book launches a host of similar moon landing conspiracy theories. (Wikipedia, "[Moon landing conspiracy theories](#)"; Bill Kaysing, *We Never Went to the Moon: America's Thirty Billion Dollar Swindle*, Health Research, 1976)
- 1976** — Ancient astronaut author [Zecharia Sitchin](#) writes his first book of many, *The 12th Planet*, proposing an explanation for human origins involving extraterrestrials. Sitchin attributes the creation of the ancient Sumerian culture to the Anunnaki, which he claims was a race of beings from a planet beyond Neptune called Nibiru. He asserts that Sumerian mythology suggests that this hypothetical planet of Nibiru is in an elongated, 3,600-year-long elliptical orbit around the Sun. (Zecharia Sitchin, *The 12th Planet*, Avon, 1976; Clark III 109–110; Clark IV 137)
- 1976** — In his book *Gods of Aquarius*, author [Brad Steiger](#) introduces the concept of "Star People," human beings tied by physiology, past lives, or both, to extraterrestrials who came to earth long ago and are preparing them for a societal transformation. (Brad Steiger, *Gods of Aquarius: UFOs and the Transformation of Man*, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1976; Clark III 90–91, 29–300; Clark IV 118, 339–340)
- 1976** — Author [Roberta Donovan](#) publishes *Mystery Stalks the Prairie* with Cascade County Deputy Sheriff [Keith Wolverton](#) of Great Falls, Montana, documenting his investigations of cattle mutilations with a suspected cult involvement. They are not sure whether mystery helicopters and UFOs are related to the mutilations, but either way federal government officials seem to know what is going on. (Roberta Donovan and Keith Wolverton, *Mystery Stalks the Prairie*, THAR Institute, 1976; Wikipedia, "[Cattle mutilation](#)"; Nukes 365–369; "[Retired](#)

[Montana Sheriffs Keith Wolverton and Pete Howard's Amazing Talk about UFOs and Cattle Mutilation.](#)” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, July 22, 2024)

- 1976** — Historian Nicolas Greslou launches the Comité Savoyard d’Études et de Recherches Ufologiques in Chambéry, France. It publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Le Phénomène OVNI*, from 1977 to 1985. ([Le Phénomène OVNI](#), no. 1 (Oct./Dec. 1977))
- 1976** — Meteorologist [Sture Wickerts](#) replaces [Tage Eriksson](#) as head of UFO investigations at the Swedish National Defence Research Institute. (Swords 368)
- 1976** — In *Worlds Beyond*, [Ian Ridpath](#) discusses ETI, life and human development, life in the Solar System, the feasibility of interstellar travel, and the possibility that alien probes have already visited Earth. (Ian Ridpath, *Worlds Beyond*, Harper and Row, 1976; Michael D. Swords, “[SETI/ETI and UFOs](#),” *JUFOS* 5 (1994): 146–147)
- 1976** — 12:30 a.m. Cattleman Liberato Anibal Quintero feels compelled to go outside his home at El Banco, Magdalena, Colombia, where he sees a large luminous egg-shaped object land. A ladder appears, and some small men emerge, followed by three women with long hair. After a struggle, they subdue Quintero, and he wakes up to find the women rubbing him. He has sex with one. The women seem to converse by barking. The other two women give him something yellowish to drink, and he has sex with them as well. Later he wakes up in the grass, the UFO gone. Three hours have passed. (Gordon Creighton, “[UFO, Occupants, and Sex in Colombia](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 1 (June 1977): 14–18; Clark III 1062; Clark IV 1177–1178)
- 1976** — 9:30 p.m. A man who lives on a hill overlooking the Boeing factory in Renton, Washington, notices lights hovering above the building at the south end of the plant. Suddenly the lights shoot straight up in the air and move to the north end of the plant, dropping down and hovering again. It then makes a quick arc and hovers about 900 feet above the witness’s house. The object is circular with a curved low top, sides that slope inward, silent, and a continuous row of windows separated every 10–15 feet by thin vertical supports. A yellow or amber light is at the top. It is about 50 feet in diameter and 12–15 feet high. He can see 3–4 images moving back and forth inside the craft. After about 3 minutes, the object moves toward Lake Washington and disappears in 4 seconds. (“[UFO Seen Inspecting Seattle Boeing Plant](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 6 (Dec. 1984/Jan. 1985): 3)
- 1976**, January 2 — 1:50 a.m. A witness in Omaha, Nebraska, is outside using a 40x telescope when he notices some flashing red, green, and white lights that appear to be attached to a triangular object moving silently and slowly from east to west at an altitude of about 900 feet. He sees “some sort of beings” moving around inside. He watches it for 40 minutes until it moves out of sight. (“[Sighting Reports](#),” *CUFOS Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 4)
- 1976**, January 4 — A technician driving home is stuck in rush hour traffic at Sale, heading toward Altrincham, Cheshire, England. Suddenly his radio begins to hiss and crackle, and flashes of light spark out, dancing across the windshield. As he looks out through the steady rain, two angular, ice-blue lights pass slowly across his field of view. Moments later they are gone, the sparking stops, and the radio works again. (Jenny Randles, “The Twelve UFOs of Christmas,” *Fortean Times* 374 (Christmas 2018): 29)
- 1976**, January 6 — 11:15 p.m. Mona Stafford and two friends, Louise Smith and Elaine Thomas, are driving southwest on Highway 78 between Stanford and Hustonville, Kentucky, when they see an intense red glow in the east. It grows larger, then descends rapidly to the right of the car at tree-top level. As it hovers, they can see a disc shape with round windows with rotating, blinking red lights around each of them; yellow lights stretch below these, and a luminous blue dome is on top of the object. The UFO moves closer, flips on its side, and shines three beams of bluish-white light on the road, and another into their vehicle. Smith, apparently dazed, gets out of the car, but Stafford pulls her back in. There is a “dead silence,” their skin tingles, and they start getting severe headaches. They find the car has started back up on its own and is moving at 85 mph with no help from Smith. Stafford feels as if it is being pulled. Moments later, they find themselves 8 miles away, just outside Hustonville. When they get home to Smith’s trailer in Liberty, Kentucky, around 1:25 a.m., they find they are missing about an hour and a half of time. All three of them experience odd physical and psychological symptoms. The women are hypnotized by ufologist [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), who finds that they have generally compatible memories of an abduction event. Over time, their memories of the missing time period grow more elaborate, but their story contains elements and images echoed in other accounts before and since. (Don White, “[Kentucky Women Report Close Encounter](#),” *Skylook*, no. 101 (April 1976): 3–4; “[The Kentucky Abduction](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 25, no. 4 (October 1976): 1, 3–6; Leonard H. Stringfield, “[The Stanford, Kentucky Abduction](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 110 (January 1977): 1, 4–15; Lorenzen, *Abducted! Confrontations with Beings from Outer Space*, Berkley, 1977, pp. 114–131; “[The Kentucky Abduction](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 3 (March 1977): 6–7; “[Hypnosis Reveals Details of Abductions](#),” *Earthlink* 2, no. 4 (Autumn 1978): 18–20; Story, pp. 192–195; UFOEv II 549–550; “[The 1976 Stanford Kentucky Abductions Revisited](#),” Dj NDAA YouTube channel, August 15, 2013; “[Liberty, KY Abduction of January 6, 1976](#),” CEIV: An Audio History of Alien Abduction and Animal Mutilation, 1957–1976, Wendy Connors, November 19, 2013;

John Greenewald, "[The 1976 Stanford, Kentucky, Abductions](#)," The Black Vault, April 26, 2016; Clark III 643–648; "[The Stanford, Kentucky, UFO and Alien Abduction Mystery, Jan. 6, 1976 \(Updated with Interview and Hypnosis\)](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, January 15, 2024; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 267–269; Clark IV 719–723)

- 1976, January 7** — Night. Jenny Nordin and Lage Nordström in Undersåker, Jamtland, Sweden, watch a triangular object with its apex pointing downward shining and gleaming above a woods. A string of lights appears around its base and the object changes to a rectangle with a pointed top. The display continues for 2 hours until a spotlight shines down from the right side, illuminating the trees. An enormous object with three large windows rises up in the light; both objects hover and gradually extinguish. ("[Märkligt UFO-fenomen iaktogs vid Åreskutan](#)," *UFO-Information*, 1976, no. 5, p. 6, reprinted in *UFO-Nytt* (Kalmar-Öland), 1977, no. 2, p. 14; Carsten Pedersen, "[Bemærkelsesværdigt UFO-fænomen observeret ved Åreskutan](#)," *UFO Nyt* (SUFOI) 19, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1977): 14–15; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 11 (November 1977): 8; "[Märklig syn vid Åreskutan: UFO iaktogs Uppifrån!](#)," *UFO Information*, 10th Anniversary Issue, 1979, p. 6)
- 1976, January 12** — 11:30 p.m. Herminio Reis Oliveira and Bianca de Oliveira are resting in their car near Matias Barbosa, Minas Gerais, Brazil, when Bianca notices an orange light moving about. Suddenly it approaches very close and before they know it they are inside a spaceship accompanied by aliens, who are using some kind of translating device. One of whom introduces himself as Karran from the planet Klermer. He converses with them about religion and philosophical issues. Afterward, Karran records Bianca's brainwaves so he can contact her later, then offers both of them a green liquid so they will forget what happened. Two days later, they find themselves inside their car not far from they were first abducted. (Rodolfo R. Casellato, M. A. O. Bianca, and Wendelle Stevens, *UFO Contact from Planet Klermer*, UFO Photo Archives, 2003; Clark IV 236)
- 1976, January 14** — Mrs. J. Stewart is driving along a highway in East Bethel, Minnesota. When she arrives home, she cannot account for at least one hour of her time. Under hypnosis, she recounts being abducted from her car by a tall figure dressed in white. There are two more beings in the door of a translucent UFO. She recalls that at one point the face of one being is very close to her own, and it has big, slanted eyes. ("[Woman Reports Possible UFO Effects](#)," *Skylook*, no. 101 (April 1976): 4–7; "Popular UFO Theories Shifting to 'Other Levels of Consciousness,'" *St. Paul (Minn.) Dispatch*, December 20, 1976; Center for UFO Studies, [HUMCAT Index 1976](#), p. 17)
- 1976, January 20** — 5:15 a.m. Patrolman [Frank Ingargiola](#) and journalist Samuel "Sonny" Schwartz are driving in a patrol car toward Atlantic City, New Jersey, from Ventnor City, New Jersey, when they notice a silent, crystal-white object surrounded by a greenish haze paralleling their course along the beaches of Absecon Island. When they reach the Boardwalk, they park the car and continue to watch. The policeman trains the spotlight on the object and blinks it. The object moves closer, scaring them. They call for assistance, and when other police cars arrive, all they can see is a light fading into the distance. The original witnesses drive back toward Ventnor, and the light reappears, following them closely until it vanishes at 6:00 a.m. The US Coast Guard calls it a reflection from the spotlight of a fishing trawler on the clouds. ("['UFO' Said Reflection from Boat](#)," *Atlantic City (N.J.) Press*, January 21, 1976, pp. 1, 16; Wendy Connors, "Cops and Saucers: Law Enforcement and UFO's, 1957–1981 Guide," November 20, 2013, [audioclip 36](#))
- 1976, January 21** — Before 3:55 a.m. Security police see two UFOs near the flight line at Cannon AFB, southwest of Clovis, New Mexico. The objects are 75 feet in diameter, gold or silver in color, with a blue light on top, a hole in the middle, and a red light on the bottom. An Air Force officer calls the UFO Education Center in Wisconsin to report he "had a very close sighting and was able to witness a type of vehicle that did maneuver and that was unlike any type aircraft he has ever seen." One observer claims to see a dozen UFOs through a Starlight Scope from the flight tower. A Clovis policeman sees a cigar-shaped object with pulsating red, white, and blue lights. (Rear Adm. J. G. Morin, "[Report of UFO, Cannon AFB, NM](#)," January 21, 1976; "[UFOs Continue Clovis Visits](#)," *Las Cruces (N.Mex.) Sun-News*, January 25, 1976, p. 1; Good Above, [p. 524](#); Good Need, [p. 349](#); "[Cannon AFB: UFOs, Burned Circles, and Cows Found Mutilated](#)," *UFO Info*, 2012)
- 1976, January 23** — 6:00–10:30 p.m. "Scores" of UFO sightings take place around Clovis, New Mexico. Town Marshal [Willie Ronquillo](#) of Texico follows a silent object with green, yellow, and blue lights 900 feet above his car before it speeds away to the north. A police dispatcher in Artesia sees 6–7 flashing lights in the sky at 750–1,000 feet altitude. They hover for a while, then move away at high speed toward Carlsbad. Members of the UFO Study Group, composed of employees of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories, arrive in Clovis at 11:30 p.m. to investigate. ("[UFOs Continue Clovis Visits](#)," *Las Cruces (N.Mex.) Sun-News*, January 25, 1976, p. 1; "[Flying Hotdog? It Was Saturn](#)," *Vancouver (B.C.) Province*, January 31, 1976, p. 2; Tommy Roy Blann, "[UFOs over New Mexico](#)," *Official UFO*, September 1977, pp. 23–25, 50–52)

- 1976**, January 25 — 8:45 p.m. Two witnesses in Sultan, Washington, are watching TV when they notice a red, blue, and white oscillating light moving east to west parallel to the Skyhomish River. The at 10-minute intervals, they see three more identical lights, about one mile away and 1,000 feet high. As they are watching a fourth light, a fifth light comes into view, closer than the others. With the aid of binoculars, they see it is a cigar-shaped object, gray on one end and dimly illuminated on the other. It disappears in the west, and no more are seen. ([“Sighting Reports,” CUFOS Bulletin](#), June 1976, p. 4)
- 1976**, January 31 — 3:30–5:00 a.m. UFOs are spotted by security police over the radar site at the Armament Development and Test Center at Eglin AFB, southwest of Valparaiso, Florida. Photos are taken. (Brig. Gen. Fred A. Treyz, [“Unidentified Flying Object Sighting,”](#) January 31, 1976; [“Eglin Reports UFO Sighting,”](#) *Pensacola (Fla.) Journal*, February 2, 1976, p. 1B; [“Blue-Green UFO Sighted,”](#) *Pensacola (Fla.) Journal*, February 2, p. 1B; [“Sighting Advisory,”](#) *UFO Investigator*, February 1976, p. 3)
- 1976**, February — Ufologist [James W. Moseley](#) launches an eight-page newsletter of UFO information and rumor. Its title varies, but by July 1981 Moseley has settled on *Saucer Smear*. It is sent out for free every month or so to several hundred UFO buffs whom Moseley calls “nonsubscribers.” (Clark III 776; Clark IV 857)
- 1976**, February — 7:20 p.m. [Ruby Breslin](#) is driving along Central Expressway in Dallas, Texas, when her daughter sees an object just as she takes the exit ramp to the Northwest Highway. It has windows and a flashing red light on top, and hovers for 4–5 minutes before shooting straight up. ([“Out of the Past,”](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 5 (Oct./Nov. 1984): 6)
- 1976**, February — Night. A married couple living near the Tasman Highway in Tasmania have retired for the evening. The woman is already asleep and the man has just turned off the light when he sees three 7–8 feet tall entities passing through the closed door of the bedroom. One touches the man’s leg and he goes numb to the waist. He lets them attach some kind of glowing sack to his body, but when they start to approach his wife, he lashes out with one arm that hasn’t gone numb. His wife wakes up and starts struggling too. The entities exit through some kind of orange portal outside the closed window and disappear. (Michael D. Swords, [“A Trick of the Light,”](#) *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 11)
- 1976**, February 3 — 4:45 a.m. During a blizzard, a witness in Piscataway, New Jersey, is awakened by a red glow shining in through her bedroom window. Pulling aside the window curtains, she sees a red object moving slowly over her backyard at an altitude of 30 feet, spewing orange flames and dropping sparks. It is making a low “whirling” sound as it moves away. ([“Sighting Reports,”](#) *CUFOS Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 4)
- 1976**, February 10 — 11:00 p.m. A woman living south of Lake City, Florida, reports a UFO to the Columbia County sheriff’s office. Deputies and highway patrol officers arrive and watch an object hovering at 500 feet and flashing multi-colored lights from a clear dome on its bottom. They can see at least two dark figures through the dome. The object then rises rapidly and disappears. ([“Florida Lawmen Say They Chased UFO,”](#) *Charlotte (N.C) Observer*, February 12, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 83 (March 1976): 7; [“Sighting Reports,”](#) *CUFOS Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 4)
- 1976**, February 18 — 6:45 p.m. A witness in Rancho Cordova, California, glances upward and sees 8–10 disc-shaped objects flying soundlessly in a V-formation at about 37 mph at an altitude of approximately 490 feet. They seem to be 10–20 feet in diameter and gray. He watches hem for 2 minutes until they disappear. Later he sees about 10 aircraft circling in the sky at the point where they have disappeared. ([“Sighting Reports,”](#) *CUFOS Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 5)
- 1976**, February 19 — The National Archives starts microfilming the redacted Project Blue Book files through the commercial firm Fuller & Dees Marketing Group in Montgomery, Alabama. ([Sparks](#), p. 7)
- 1976**, February 20 — In answer to a request by UFO researcher [Robert Todd](#), the National Security Agency states that the NSA “does not have any interest in UFOs in any manner.” (ClearIntent, [p. 181](#))
- 1976**, February 25 — 7: 30 p.m. A woman driving in Nashville, Illinois, sees two tall humanoid forms off he left side of the road. As she draws even with the second figure, a blue light flashes across her face, which she continues to see in her rear-view mirror as she speeds away in fright. Later that night there is a report of a plane crash about 12 miles away, but a subsequent police investigation finds nothing. ([“Sighting Reports,”](#) *CUFOS Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 5)
- 1976**, Late February — 1:00 a.m. A man in Kettering, Tasmania, is awake tending to a child when he looks outside to his east and sees what he thinks is an aircraft descending at 45°. After watching for a couple of minutes, he goes outside. The object comes down behind a small bank on the far side of a sports field opposite his house. He crosses the field, climbs the bank, and sees from about 82 feet away, a dome-shaped object emitting a bright-white to yellow light from three or four windows. When he looks through the object’s windows he can see a tall cylinder (that he likens to a ship’s compass mounting), motionless gray shapes (like car seats with headrests seen

from the rear), and perhaps entities. He hears a humming noise. The object takes off to the east with the noise increasing in volume. It climbs away at 60° and recedes to a point source and disappears. The total duration is 6–7 minutes. The next day he returns to the spot and notes the rough grass beyond the sports field has been scorched in a circular patch. This grass later dies. On October 24, 1977, the Tasmanian UFO Information Centre takes soil samples of this area that are examined by Geoff Stevens using a thermoluminescence test. His investigation reveals no significant, systematic differences in the thermoluminescence content of soil and mineral particles taken from within the affected area, and control samples taken from outside this area. (Geoff Stevens, [“Thermoluminescence Measurements of Soil Samples Affected by a UFO,”](#) *CUFOS Bulletin*, Spring 1978, pp. 1, 3–6; Keith Roberts and Geoff Stevens, [“The Kettering, Tasmania, Landing: A Study,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 3 (November 1978): 18–21; [“Tasmanian Landing in 1976,”](#) *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 21)

- 1976, March 1** — [Werner Walter](#) and Hansjürgen Köhler found Centrale Erforschungsnetz Außergewöhnlicher Phänomene [later Himmelsphänomene] in Mannheim, Germany, after they cut ties with [Karl L. Veit](#)’s Deutsche UFO/IFO Studiengesellschaft, which has hosted their local chapter as the UFO-Forschungsgruppe Mannheim. The first issue of its somewhat skeptical, anti-ETH, monthly *CENAP-Report* is published, continuing until May 2007. (Wikipedia, [“Centrales Erforschungsnetz Außergewöhnlicher Himmelsphänomene”](#); [“Was will die CENAP?”](#) *CENAP Report*, no. 1 (May 1976): 2–6; Werner Walter, [“5 Jahre dabei,”](#) *CENAP Report*, no. 33 (November 1978): 17–20; Hansjürgen Köhler, [“Rückblick,”](#) *CENAP Report*, no. 34 (December 1978): 12–20; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 234–236)
- 1976, March 3** — Night. Claude Bosc, a student pilot flying a French Air Force T-33 on a training mission at 19,500 feet, sees a rapidly approaching bright light in the distance near Tours, Indre-et-Loire, France. In 1–2 seconds, the object speeds toward him and his plane is surrounded by a green phosphorescent light that illuminates the aircraft for several seconds. The green sphere, only 3–6 feet in diameter, avoids a collision at the last minute and passes over his right wing. The radar shows nothing, but two other pilots see the encounter from a distance. (Comité d’Études Approfondies, *Les OVNI et la Defense: A Quoi doit-on se Préparer?* ([UFOs and Defense: What Should We Prepare for?](#)), July 16, 1999, pp. 10–11; Gildas Bourdais, [“Summary of Some Cases Noted in the COMETA Report,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 377 (September 1999): 13)
- 1976, March 5** — 9:25 p.m. While driving in Redmond, Oregon, a witness sees “aircraft landing lights” descending some distance ahead. After rounding a bend, she encounters an oval object with bright white and revolving red lights hovering silently above the road about 75 feet in the air. As she approaches, her car radio goes out. The object shoots up quickly and moves to the side of the road, where it hovers and directs a searchlight beam toward the ground. The witness drives away quickly. ([“Sighting Reports,”](#) *CUFOS Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 5)
- 1976, March 11** — An Iberian Airlines pilot flying above Palma de Mallorca, Balearic Islands, Spain, watches an elongated object, shaped like a dirigible gondola and lighted from within through several window-like openings, pace his aircraft with occasional bursts of speed. (UFOEv II 122, 146)
- 1976, March 14** — 9:45 p.m. A couple driving home on the Lliria-Olocau road near Lliria, Valencia, Spain, sees a humanoid silhouette moving on the left side of the road. The being has two small lights side by side on top of its head and wears a shiny dark blue one-piece suit with tight legs, resembling the Michelin Man. The suit covers its face, and its arms remain close to its body. Instead of walking, it moves its feet together in a waddling motion while floating above the ground. As the couple passes the entity, their car’s electrical system fails and later needs to be replaced. (Antonio Moya Cerpa, [“Un humanoïde similaire au ‘bonhomme michelin’ près de Lliria Valence \(Espagne\),”](#) *Lumières dans la nuit*, no. 179 (November 1978): 31)
- 1976, March 15** — 10:14 p.m. Two objects are tracked on radar flying over the landing strips at Simón Bolívar Airport near Caracas, Venezuela, at 3,000 mph. Tower operators ask the unidentified craft to identify themselves. Instead they take off and disappear over the Caribbean Sea. ([“Gente seria asegura en Caracas que los OVNIS andan merodeando,”](#) *Mayoría* (Buenos Aires, Argentina), March 17, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, nos. 84–85 (April 5, 1976): 18; Richard H. Hall, [“UFOs Tracked on Radar at Venezuelan Airport,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 110 (January 1977): 3)
- 1976, March 22** — 5:42 a.m. A couple are stopped in their car outside a hotel in Nemingha, New South Wales, deciding on directions. Suddenly a bright, greenish-yellow light descends and completely envelops a nearby white car, which drifts to the wrong side of the road, wrapped in a thick ball of white haze. Its headlights go out. After 2 minutes the haze dissipates, and a woman gets out of the car and wipes a white substance off the windshield with a yellow cloth. She is about to get back in when its lights come back on by themselves. She throws the cloth on the roadside, drives a short way, and the yellow cloth bursts into flame. When the white car passes the couple, they notice it is covered in a thick white substance, except for the windshield. (Bill Chalker, [“Road Hazard Down](#)

[Under?](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 5 (February 1977): 28–32; Bill Chalker, “[Postscript to the Nemingha Case](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 3 (October 1977): 22, 27)

- 1976, March 26 — The CIA responds to the Ground Saucer Watch FOIA request, claiming that its only involvement with UFOs was with the 1953 Robertson Panel. (ClearIntent, [p. 113](#))
- 1976, March 28 — 8:00 p.m. A couple and their young son driving in Level Green, Pennsylvania, see a round, yellow object with square glowing panels around its middle. It rotates as it moves and makes a two-tone chirping sound as it approaches within four car lengths of their vehicle. They stop the car to watch and see an arrangement of illuminated legs and a wheel lowered from the base. The object descends behind trees and appears to land with a jerk and a bounce. They continue watching for 20 minutes until it disappears behind the tree line. After the sighting, the woman suffers from nausea and dizziness, and the child has some eye irritation. (“[Sighting Reports](#),” *CUFOS Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 5; Stan Gordon, “[Low Level UFO Sightings in Pennsylvania](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 103 (June 1976): 18)
- 1976, March 28 — 8:30 p.m. While watching TV, a witness in Villa Park, Illinois, notices a bright light hanging above a tree. She goes outside to investigate and sees a brilliant mass of gold and blue lights hovering about 225 feet away. About halfway through the observation, two other witnesses join her. She watches for 20 minutes until it disappears behind trees. (“[Sighting Reports](#),” *CUFOS Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 5)
- 1976, March 31 — During a campaign stop in Appleton, Wisconsin, Georgia Gov. [Jimmy Carter](#) is asked by Thomas Heiman, associate director of the UFO Education Center, whether he would make public all the UFO files if he became president. Carter answers, “Yes, I would make these kinds of data available to the public, as President, to help resolve the mystery about it.” (Grant Cameron, “[Jimmy Carter, the Nobel Prize, and Extraterrestrials](#)”)
- 1976, April — DARPA names Lockheed the winner of a competition to build a stealth bomber. Immediately it begins manufacturing two flying Have Blue prototypes in Skunk Works Building 82 in Burbank, California. (Wikipedia, “[Lockheed Have Blue](#)”)
- 1976, April — [Michel Monnerie](#) and Raymond Bonnaventure begin publishing *Ufologie Contact*, a newsletter intending to reach all the UFO groups around Paris, France. It soon falls under the auspices of the Société Parisienne d’Étude des Phénomène Spatiaux et Étranges in Marly-le-Roi, Yvelines, France, and continues through at least 1981. (*Ufologie Contact*, ser. 1, no. 2 (May 1976))
- 1976, April 2 — 1:50 a.m. Detective Sgt. Norman Collinson is driving home along the M62 and M66 motorways near Bury, Greater Manchester, England. As he turns north onto the M66 he observes a white disc of light moving very fast, crossing the path he is traveling. The object is heading toward Knoll Hill, east of Bury. The UFO makes a right-angle turn onto a south-southeast heading. Puzzled, the officer stops his vehicle and gets out to look at the light. As he does so, the light stops and hovers nearby. It then begins to perform a series of spectacular right-angle box turns, after which it moves off in the direction of Heywood, with Collinson following it in his car. The object stops a second time and again repeats the angular movements before streaking away at a tremendous speed. The incident is reported to the Ministry of Defence and Manchester Airport. (Jenny Randles and Peter Warrington, “[Police Encounter at Bury](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 2 (August 1977): 13, 15)
- 1976, April 3 — 4:30 a.m. Several residents of Quixadá, Ceará, Brazil, during an outdoor physical education session, see a large disc-shaped object that glides silently a few feet from the ground emitting an intense light. At about the same time in another part of the city, Luis Barroso Fernandes is preparing to travel to a site a few kilometers away on his donkey cart. He soon hears a buzzing sound, and a flying object 10 feet in diameter positions itself above him. It slowly descends in front of his cart about 100 feet away. The device emits a beam of light that strikes the donkey and Barroso, who immediately become paralyzed. A door opens on the UFO and two small beings emerge. One holds something like a flashlight and aims a beam that strikes Barroso in the face, causing him to lose consciousness. He wakes up in a different spot, dizzy and suffering from a burning sensation on his face, and a headache. The left side of his body is reddish, and he has difficulty getting into his cart and getting it moving. He asks his wife to take him to Dr. Antônio Moreira Magalhães, who prescribes a tranquilizer. He continues to feel sick, his eyes burn continuously, and the left side of his body is red. A few days later, his hair turns gray and he suffers memory lapses. After his symptoms worsen and other doctors fail to help, his family checks him into a psychiatric hospital in Fortaleza. His condition deteriorates, and he dies in April 1993. (Elias Bruno, “[Homem que inspirou filme ‘Área Q’ ensinou filho a se proteger de óvnis](#),” G1 (Grupo Globo), April 25, 2012; Elias Bruno, “[Brazil: The Barroso Case](#),” *Inexplicata*, April 29, 2012; Clark III 180–182; Brazil 179–184; Thiago Luiz Trichetti, “[The Tragic Case of Luis Barroso Fernandes](#),” *Shadows of Your Mind*, no. 8 (2020): 10–15; “[Abdução em Quixadá, CE: Caso Luiz Barroso](#),” Marco Leal YouTube channel, October 21, 2020; Clark IV 216–217)
- 1976, April 14 — A heavily redacted CIA memo shows a reference to someone’s having sought “guidance from CIA UFO experts as to material in his report that should remain classified.” (ClearIntent, [p. 143](#))

- 1976, April 17** — June and Vicky Melling, on vacation in Mawnan, Cornwall, England, see a large winged creature hovering above the tower of St. Mawnan and St. Stephen's Church. They are so frightened by the sight of a large "feathered bird-man" that their father Dan Melling cuts short the vacation. Magician and showman [Tony "Doc" Shiels](#) investigates the case, and one of the girls provides him with a drawing of the creature, which he dubs "Owlman." Other sightings emerge over the next few years. Author and *Fortean TV* presenter [Lionel Fanthorpe](#) identifies the sighting of a Eurasian eagle-owl (*Bubo bubo*) as a possible source of the legend. Occult historian Gareth J. Medway suggests that the whole thing is a hoax by Shiels, who has a reputation for hoaxing. Medway notes that witnesses claiming encounters with the legendary monster "were either Doc Shiels, or friends of Doc Shiels, or relatives of Doc Shiels, or reported their sightings to Doc Shiels (and to no one else), or else wrote letters describing what they had seen to newspapers and were never interviewed by anyone." (Wikipedia, "[Owlman](#)"; "The 'Mothman' at Mawnan," *Fortean Times* 18 (June 1976): 19; Robert J. M. Rickard, "Birdmen of the Apocalypse!" *Fortean Times* 17 (August 1976): 14–20; Doc Shiels, "To Wit! To Woo? Some Thoughts about Owlman," *Fortean Times* 27 (Autumn 1978): 44–46; Jonathan Downes, *The Owlman and Others*, Domra, 1997; Clark III 602)
- 1976, April 22** — 1:45 a.m. RCMP Constable Bill Toffan sees an apparent vehicle with its lights flashing ahead of him as he is driving on Canada Highway 16 west of Terrace, British Columbia. As he rounds a curve, he sees it is actually in the air 300 feet above the trees. Suddenly there is a blinding flash and he nearly loses control of his car. After a brief report appears in the press, the RCMP orders Toffan not to discuss the incident. ("[Mountie 'Ordered' into Silence](#)," *Vancouver (B.C.) Sun*, April 26, 1976, p. 8; Good Above, [pp. 194–195](#); Patrick Gross, "[Files Obtained from the National Archives of Canada](#)")
- 1976, April 22** — 11:00 p.m. Police officer [George Wheeler](#), on duty at Elmwood, Wisconsin, notices a glow at the top of Tuttle Hill. He drives closer and sees an object as high as a two-story house and 250 feet across with an orange-white light at the top and six bluish-white lights on the side. It is 500 feet away and about 100 feet off the ground. He thinks he can see, though an open side panel, something moving inside it. The object has several partially extended legs and a long, black, hose-like appendage. Suddenly the object rises straight up. He sees some kind of flash and his car lights go out, the motor stops, the radio goes dead, and he becomes dazed. Another car arrives, noticing that the car door is open, and takes Wheeler to a hospital, from which he is released four days later. Some people in the area have difficulty with TV reception at the same time as the encounter. ("[Officer Has Repeat Sighting](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 10 (April 1976): 1–4; "[Officer Geo. Wheeler Details Elmwood UFO Sighting](#)," Ellsworth (Wis.) *Pierce County Herald*, May 6, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 86 (June 1976): 3; "[Second UFO Sighting Told at Elmwood](#)," *Eau Claire (Wis.) Leader-Telegram*, May 14, 1976, pp. 1, 6C; "[Sighting Reports](#)," *CUFOS News Bulletin*, June 1976, pp. 5–6; "[Terrifying Attack: Knocks Policeman Unconscious, Immobilizes His Car and Blanks Out Television Sets in the Area](#)," *National Enquirer*, June 29, 1976; Patrick Gross, "[George Wheeler's Close Encounter, 1976](#)"; Wendy Connors, "Cops and Saucers: Law Enforcement and UFO's, 1957–1981 Guide," November 20, 2013, [audioclip 34](#); "[George Wheeler's Alien Ordeal](#)," *UFO Days*, June 26, 2019; "[Elmwood Police Officer George Wheeler Got Hit by a Beam from a UFO in 1976, Had Multiple Sightings](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, July 7, 2024)
- 1976, April 23** — 2:40 a.m. A 1st Lt. is on communications duty aboard a US Navy destroyer in the Atlantic southwest of Bermuda. The lookout calls his attention to a green light dead ahead through light fog three miles away at 10° above the horizon. Radar reports no target and the sonar room hears no engines. The crew watches the green light dip to 30–40 feet above the surface and approach the ship. The lieutenant orders a course change to starboard, and the green light becomes much larger, making a comparable turn to port in order to pace the ship. The ship and the object both make subsequent turns, with the light now only 50–60 feet away. Suddenly a large blip appears on the radar scope. The destroyer returns to its original heading and the light stations itself on the port beam. When the captain comes on deck, the light circles the ship twice. Then once again off to port, it becomes a brighter green, tilts at an angle, and submerges. The next day the captain tells the crew not to discuss the incident. (Donald R. Todd, "[Ship's Crew Sees UFO](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 26, no. 11 (May 1978): 1–2)
- 1976, April 26** — A CIA teletype admits "offices and personnel within the Agency" monitor UFO phenomena, but not on an official basis. The document says the efforts of independent researchers are "vital for further progress," implying the Agency may have monitored US citizens' own UFO investigations. (CIA, "[DCD Case... UFO Research](#)," April 26, 1976)
- 1976, April 30–May 1** — The Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal is launched at a specially convened conference of the American Humanist Association. [Paul Kurtz](#) speaks about "cults of unreason and other forms of nonsense" inundating even supposedly advanced societies, and CSICOP's aim is to "develop an appreciation for the scientific attitude as a part of culture." Kurtz, [James Randi](#), [Martin Gardner](#), and [Ray Hyman](#) take seats on the executive board. The committee will be funded with donations and sales of their

magazine, initially titled *The Zetetic*, then renamed *The Skeptical Inquirer* for the Spring/Summer 1978 issue after editor [Marcello Truzzi](#) resigns. CSICOP establishes itself as a leading voice in debunking paranormal claims of all types. (Wikipedia, "[Committee for Skeptical Inquiry](#)"; Kendrick Frazier, "[History of CSICOP](#)," 1996; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 253–255)

1976, April 30–May 2 — The Center for UFO Studies holds its first conference on UFO research at the Hyatt House in Lincolnwood, Illinois. The proceedings are published later in the year, featuring papers on sighting waves, exosociology, and humanoid reports. Presenters include [Ted Bloecher](#), [Ann Druffel](#), [Loren Gross](#), [Richard H. Hall](#), [David M. Jacobs](#), [James McCampbell](#), [David R. Saunders](#), [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), David Webb, and [Ray Stanford](#). (Charles Bowen, "[The Editor Goes West](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 2 (July 1976): 26–28; Richard F. Haines, "[CUFOS Holds Its First Technical Conference](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 3 (October 1976): 13–17; [Proceedings of the 1976 CUFOS Conference](#), Center for UFO Studies, 1976)

1976, May — The Center for UFO Studies publishes a second edition of David Webb's 1973: *Year of the Humanoids*, an analysis of the 1973 UFO/humanoid wave. Webb uses details gleaned from UFO periodicals and newspaper articles as well as information passed on to him by other ufologists. Some witnesses claim to communicate with the UFO entities, while others describe creatures that look like Bigfoot. Still others describe beings that fly, wear silver-colored suits, act like robots, or seem to collect soil samples. (David Webb, [1973: Year of the Humanoids](#), CUFOS, May 1976)

1976, May — Claude Bertembourg and Alice Ashton compile a list of 128 solid light UFO cases for the Société Belge d'Étude des Phénomènes Spatiaux. (Clark IV 1213)

1976, May 11 — 6:15 a.m. In Leigh, Greater Manchester, England, a Mrs. Kent sees a silver-suited figure with a pointed hat standing next to a silver sphere on the ground on top of a hill as she walks by. When she returns 35 minutes later, both the figure and the object are gone. ("[Humanoid Seen at Higher Fold](#)," *Northern UFO News*, no. 25 (June 1976): 8; Jenny Randles, "[News Round-Up from Northern England](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 3 (October 1976): 27)

1976, Mid-May — The US National Archives publicly releases the redacted Project Blue Book paper files at its College Park, Maryland, branch. ([Sparks](#), p. 7)

1976, June — Ground Saucer Watch issues its first newsletter, which is published through December 1982. ([Ground Saucer Watch Bulletin](#), no. 1 (June 1976))

1976, June 7 — 10:40 p.m. In Cincinnati, Ohio, two men spot an object hovering at treetop level a few thousand feet away. The object is circular with revolving white lights. Neighborhood dogs howl and whine throughout the sighting. As the object slowly moves east, one of the men grabs a camera and takes 17 pictures. The object disappears once, circles west, returns east, and after about 10 minutes, leaves the area. ("[Sighting Reports](#)," *CUFOS News Bulletin*, September 1976, p. 5)

1976, June 11 — 1:15 a.m. Hélène Guiliana is driving through Chatuzange-le-Goubet, Drôme, France, when her car engine misfires and stalls and the headlights go out. Some 80 feet away near the Pont du Martinet bridge she sees an orange light in the form of a "dome." She experiences fear and covers her face with her hands. After what seems a few seconds, the light disappears. Driving home upset and afraid, she misses a familiar sign and drives a mile out of her way. When she arrives home, it is 4:00 a.m. Under hypnosis on July 22 (repeated on August 18), she tells of meeting two waist-high small men with large eyes, dressed in black overalls. They carry her toward the light, which she enters through an iron door. Inside a high, round room, they place her on a table, putting handcuffs on her hands and feet. After an examination, she is returned outside and the craft departs straight up noiselessly. (Jean Bastide, "[New 'Interrupted Journey'?](#)" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 104 (July 1976): 6; Lex Mebane, "[New French Abduction Case](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 107 (October 1976): 14–15; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 1, no. 2 (December 1976): 10; "[L'Etrange Rencontre d'Hélène Guiliana](#)," *Ouranos*, new ser. 18 (Jan./Mar. 1977): 5–7; UFOEv II 551)

1976, June 20 — After 1:00 a.m. A young married couple and their 4-month-old child are detained and examined by entities as they are traveling near Goodland, Kansas, en route to Colorado. UFO investigator [Richard Sigismund](#) meets repeatedly with them in July–October 1976 using hypnotic regression techniques to enhance their memories. The experience is traumatic for them, and they require counseling. ("[Abduction in Western Kansas](#)," *IUR* 1, no. 2 (December 1976): 12; "[Abduction in Western Kansas](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 10 (Oct. 1977): 4–7)

1976, June 21 — 12:40 a.m. Police officer Th. Brandt-Jensen sees a bright, blue-white light cross the road behind him in Ringsted, Zealand, Denmark. He thinks it might be an airplane in trouble. He speeds up to 90 mph toward a crossroad where he can pull off the highway. The object catches up to within 165–250 feet and its light strikes his car, the engine and lights going out immediately. He guides the coasting vehicle to the road shoulder, gets out,

and catches a glimpse of the object as it disappears behind the horizon. It resembles a glider with a ray of light coming from it that swings back and forth as it passes his car. It makes a slight whistling sound and appears to be about 50 feet long. ("[UFO Rapportør Danmark](#)," *UFO-Nyt*, 1976 no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1976): 186–187; Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 20)

1976, June 22 — 9:27 p.m. Dr. Don Francisco-Julio Padrón León and Santiago del Pino are traveling in a taxi when they see a gigantic ball of light 200 feet ahead of them between Gáldar and Agaete, Gran Canaria, Canary Islands. The taxi radio cuts out. Inside the light, which is actually like a transparent soap bubble, they see some panels and two enormous beings on a platform. The humanoids are some 9–10 feet tall, wear black diving helmets and red tight-fitting coveralls, and are moving levers about. Their hands are enclosed in black cones. The backs of their heads are disproportionately large, and their legs are short. The taxi driver switches the headlights on, and the UFO rises as a bluish gas is emitted from a tube and expands the size of the sphere to a 20-story building. The driver turns the car around and goes to a nearby house. The inhabitants say their TV set just blacked out. They continue watching through a window. When the sphere stops expanding, they hear a high-pitched whistle and the object speeds off to the northwest. (J. M. Sanchez, "[Canary Islands Landing: Occupants Reported](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 3 (October 1977): 4–7; Good Above, [pp. 153–154](#))

1976, June 22 — 10:30 p.m. A bright red light like a rocket emerging from the sea at a distance climbs diagonally and turns into a brilliant semicircular dome over the Canary Islands. It is transparent with a bluish-white hue. The crew of the corvette *Atrevida* watches the object for 40 minutes, during which time a foreign tourist takes a photo. 400 miles to the south, the crew of the ship *Osaka Bay* also sees the luminous phenomena in the shape of a sphere. Maj. Antonio Munáiz Ferro-Sastre investigates the sightings for the Spanish Air Force and rejects the hypothesis that the light is from a naval missile launch. However, two Poseidon missiles are launched in the area around the same time by the submarine *USS Von Steuben*. (J. M. Sanchez, "[Canary Islands Landing: Occupants Reported](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 3 (October 1977): 4–7; [Avistamiento de fenómenos extraños \(Expedientes OVNI\), Canarias, 22 de Junio de 1976](#), Madrid, Biblioteca Central del Ejército del Aire, July 22, 1994; Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneeus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, [pp. 91–97](#); Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Ricardo Campo Pérez, "[Navy Missile Tests and the Canary Islands UFOs](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 3–4)

1976, June 23 — 11:30 p.m. Paulo Coutinho, 18, is returning home from a night class in Aricanduva, São Paulo, Brazil, when he sees a light in the sky moving westward. Suddenly he feels paralyzed as the light approaches and descends about 25 feet away. A short being emerges with a big head, large eyes, pointed ears, small mouth, and an upturned nose like a pig. It is bald, has no eyebrows, and wears a tight one-piece bluish-gray suit with an emblem on its chest. Coutinho rises into the air toward a huge cigar-shaped object, in which he undergoes an abduction experience. Coutinho is still missing the next morning. A friend finds his books and notebooks scattered on the street and brings them to his parents. A police search fails to find him. In the evening of June 24, Coutinho is discovered lying on the steps of the garden door in a semiconscious state. He is cold as if he has been there some time. He is later revived at a nearby hospital. The police officer who carries him to the ambulance later feels a strong irritation in his arms. Ballpoint pens in Coutinho's pockets are radioactive. ("[O Caso dos Años Extraterrenos de Vila Aricanduva São Paulo, Capital](#)," *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 116/120 (July 1977/Feb. 1978): 6–18; Brazil 185–194; "[Caso Paulo Coutinho](#)," Portal Fenomenum, March 14, 2022)

1976, June 26 — Spanish journalist [Juan J. Benítez](#) interviews Gen. Carlos Castro Caveno, commander of the Canary Islands division, who tells him: "The nations of the world are currently working together in the investigation of the UFO phenomenon. There is an international exchange of data. Maybe when this group of nations acquires more precise and definite information, it will be possible to release the news to the world." He says the Spanish Air Ministry investigates UFO cases, including those involving pilots. He admits that he has watched a UFO for more than an hour at his ranch. It remains stationary for that length of time, then shoots off towards Ejea de los Caballeros, Zaragoza, covering 12.5 miles in less than 2 seconds. Caveno believes UFOs are "spaceships or extraterrestrial craft." (Gordon Creighton, "[Important Statement by Spanish Air Force Chief](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 3 (October 1976): 2; Patrick Gross, "[Documents: 50 Years of UFO Disclosure](#)")

1976, July — The New England UFO Study Group publishes its first newsletter, which lasts through September 1982. ([New England UFO Newsletter](#), no. 1 (July 1976))

1976, July — A NIPO survey in the Netherlands finds that only 59% have heard of the term "UFO," but 99% have heard of "flying saucers." Of these, 22% believe them to be extraterrestrial craft, although 77% believe in extraterrestrial intelligences. ("[1976 Dutch Opinion Poll](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, May 1977, p. 2)

- 1976, July 11** — Two Indian Air Force MiG 21 jets are scrambled near the Pakistani border to intercept what appears initially on radar to be a Pakistani jet. But the object is moving at 2,600 mph, and the two pilots see the target is an amber-colored disc that pulls away before they can catch up to it. (Good Need, [p. 303](#))
- 1976, July 12** — The National Archives makes available the 94 reels of 35mm microfilm with redacted Project Blue Book files. ([Sparks](#), p. 7)
- 1976, July 14** — Before dawn. For a period of two hours, two brightly shining UFOs perform fantastic maneuvers at the Gobernador Edgardo Castello Airport in Viedma, Rio Negro, Argentina. At dawn, the sunlight neutralizes the bright lights of the UFOs, but the observers see them leave the area at high speed. (“[¿Ante una nueva oleada de OVNI?](#)” *Clarín* (Buenos Aires, Argentina), July 15, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 88 (August 1976): 11; “[Otro ‘show’ de OVNI en Latinoamérica.](#)” *Clarín* (Buenos Aires, Argentina), September 16, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 91–92 (Nov./Dec. 1976): 29–31; “[Foreign Forum.](#)” *IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976): 2)
- 1976, July 20** — The Viking 1 lander touches down on Mars, the first successful Mars lander in history. It operates on Mars for 2,307 days. The Viking 2 lander arrives on the surface on September 3. The first color images establishes the dark red of the planet’s surface Viking 1 carries a biology experiment whose purpose is to look for evidence of life. The results are surprising and interesting: the spectrometer gives a negative result; the pyrolytic release experiment gives a negative result; the gas exchange experiment gives a negative result; and the labeled release experiment gives a positive result. Most scientists now believe that the data are due to inorganic chemical reactions of the soil; however, this view may have shifted a bit after the recent discovery of near-surface ice near the Viking landing zone. Some scientists still believe the results were due to living reactions. No organic chemicals are found in the soil. However, dry areas of Antarctica do not have detectable organic compounds either, but they have organisms living in the rocks. (Wikipedia, “[Viking 1](#)”)
- 1976, July 23** — [J. Allen Hynek](#) arrives on the set of [Steven Spielberg](#)’s *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* in Mobile, Alabama, and gives a lecture on UFOs to some of the actors who are interested ([Bob Balaban](#), [Richard Dreyfuss](#), [Melinda Dillon](#), and 30+ others. At some point his cameo is filmed. (Bob Balaban, *Spielberg, Truffaut and Me: Close Encounters of the Third Kind, an Actor’s Diary*, Titan, 2002)
- 1976, July 28** — Capt. [Eldon W. Joersz](#) and Maj. George T. Morgan Jr. attain a world airspeed record of 2,193 mph in a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird over Beale AFB near Marysville, California. (Wikipedia, “[Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird](#)”)
- 1976, July 28** — 3:45 p.m. Adult counselor Ira Leifer and 13 teenage boys are resting from a hike in the woods at Camp Delaware [now Greenwood Trails] west of Winsted, Connecticut, when they hear a high-pitched whine. They see a silvery, flat-bottomed UFO 15–25 feet in diameter through a clearing in the trees. A purple haze surrounds it and on top they see a red glow. The object is hovering at a steep angle. After 15–25 seconds the whine returns, and the object takes off and is lost to sight in a second or two. (“[UFO Sighting Stirs National Interest.](#)” *Winsted (Conn.) Evening Citizen*, July 30, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 89 (September 1976): 6; “[UFO Sighting Ruled Bonafide.](#)” *Winsted (Conn.) Citizen*, August 23, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 90 (October 1976): 2; “[Daylight CE I Seen by 14 Witnesses in Connecticut.](#)” *IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976): 6–7; George W. Earley, “UFO Panics Connecticut Campers,” *Official UFO*, July 1977, pp. 20–21, 51–52; Clark III 247; Clark IV 286–287)
- 1976, July 30** — 1:30–3:45 a.m. Patrols at different locations in the US Army’s Fort Ritchie [now closed], in Cascade, Maryland, see objects over the base. One crew sees three oblong objects with a reddish tint. Another watches a UFO over the ammunition storage area at an altitude of 300–600 feet. In another spot, an Army police sergeant sees an aerial object the size of a two-and-a-half-ton truck. (Brig. Gen. L. J. LeBlanc Jr., “[Reports of Unidentified Flying Objects \(UFOs\).](#)” National Military Command Center, July 30, 1976)
- 1976, July 30** — 9:00 p.m. A British Airways Trident 2E piloted by Capt. Dennis Wood is flying at 29,000 feet over the North Atlantic about 40 miles south of Lisbon, Portugal, when air traffic control radios a Lockheed L-1011 TriStar that is flying near them and asks for a confirmation of a radar target. Wood and his crew look up and see a stationary bright light. They announce the sighting to their passengers. After several minutes watching the light, two cigar-shaped objects appear below and to the right of the light. A Portuguese airliner in the vicinity also observes the objects. Wood confirms the sighting, saying, “There is no way this is a star or planet.” Fighters are immediately scrambled from Lisbon. (NICAP, “[Battleship-Sized Object Tracked by 3 Airlines](#)”; Jenny Randles, “Casebook: The Portugal Sighting,” *Fortean Times* 199 (September 2005): 27)
- 1976, July 31** — 11:45 p.m. Debbie Focken and other witnesses see an oblong object with illuminated windows hovering about 100 feet above Eldon’s Standard Service Station in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Apparently the UFO causes extensive electrical damage to a CB radio, a burglar alarm, an adding machine, a cash register, and a vending machine. The owner and employees claim that lightning has caused the damage, and that is what they report to the

insurance agency, but there is no thunderstorm that evening. ("[Gas Station Damaged by UFO?](#)" *IUR* 1, no. 2 (December 1976): 13; "[Council Bluffs CE II](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 3 (March 1977): 7)

- 1976, August — American SF novelist [George H. Leonard](#) publishes *Somebody Else Is on the Moon*, which records his observations, drawings, and NASA photos of lunar pipes, conduits, gears, gas nozzles, flares, huge rigs for sifting through dust, hovering vehicles, odd lights, and electromagnetic towers on the lunar surface—all of it indicating alien mining operations. Leonard argues that NASA secretly knows of alien activity on the Moon. It is possible that Leonard has written the book as a spoof. (George H. Leonard, [Somebody Else Is on the Moon](#), McKay, 1976)
- 1976, August — 10:17 a.m. A Swedish J-5 jet pursues six delta-shaped silver objects in formation until they accelerate out of sight over Lake Bolmen, Sweden. ("[Swedish Air Force Colonel Reports Six Delta-UFOs](#)," *AFU Newsletter*, no. 18 (Jan./Mar. 1980): 9–10)
- 1976, August — Day. A man is working on his mobile home in the forested hills near Medford, Oregon, when he sees two intensely bright lights "like burning magnesium" silently move across the sky, side by side. They appear to be discs, curved on the top and flat on the bottom, and in between them is a third object, which seems to be a World War II-era bomber. The tips of each wing appear to be resting on the discs, and its propellers are not turning. The three objects pass overhead and move beyond the hill behind him. (Michael D. Swords, "[Timmermania: A Step Too Far into the Timmerman Files?](#)" *IUR* 27, no. 4 (Winter 2002–2003): 8)
- 1976, August — A. Troitsky and six others observe a silvery disc over the Pirogovskoye Reservoir north of Moscow, Russia. It is about 8 times the apparent size of the full moon and is moving slowly at an altitude of perhaps 120 feet. The object has two revolving stripes along its side and a black hatch on its underside from which a small cylinder protrudes, its lower portion rotating. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 10–11)
- 1976, August 1 — Ranch worker Jorge Arturo Aguerre sees an object like an upturned funnel with windows land for 3–4 minutes near Tacuarembó, Uruguay. It emits two brilliant beams of light from the top and is about 45 feet in diameter. Police find landing marks and a burned area. A similar object is witnessed in the same area on September 13. ("[OVNIs en la Otra Orilla](#)," *Crónica* (Buenos Aires, Argentina), October 1, 1976, via *UFO Newscipping Service*, no. 91/92 (Nov./Dec. 1976): 29, 32; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 1 (January 1977): 2)
- 1976, August 2 — 3:30 a.m. A domed UFO is seen at an altitude of 15–18 feet at St.-Pierre-sur-Mer, Hérault, France. It has orange lights that go on and off slowly. (M. Grazioli, "[Enquête dans l'Hérault](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 166 (June/July 1977): 26–27)
- 1976, August 3–4 — 11:25 p.m. The pilot of Tunisair Flight Tu8953, en route from Monastir to Tunis, Tunisia, sees a flying object at 3,200–3,900 feet moving north to south. At 11:27 p.m., five objects showing red and green lights are seen over Monastir and confirmed on radar. From 12:24 a.m. to 4:00 a.m., five separate radar returns are tracked and visually confirmed. (ClearIntent, [p. 80](#))
- 1976, August 4–5 — 10:43–10:52 p.m. An Air France pilot en route to Monastir, Tunisia, is followed by an unidentified object. (ClearIntent, [pp. 80–81](#))
- 1976, August 6 — 12:20 a.m. Police at La Soukra, Tunisia, see four lighted objects that disappear one by one until 1:45 a.m. (ClearIntent, [p. 81](#))
- 1976, August 6 — 10:00 a.m. A family is driving in Gaspésie National Park, Quebec, when a beam of red light penetrates the fog and creates a six-inch circle on the road ahead. The beam paces ahead of them for several miles, then collapses and withdraws upwards. A dazzling white light then approaches and stops ahead. Strong heat builds up in the car, so the father stops the vehicle. The headlights and radio fail, and the engine dies. All four get out and walk toward the object, which now appears as a scallop-shaped craft on landing legs, stretching across the road. The wife notices a massive "face" looking at them. Two 7-foot tall beings are apparently floating near the UFO, dressed in close-fitting, khaki-brown suits. The witnesses flee back into the car. The object moves away in a flash of light and burst of heat. The car starts again. All four suffer from itching for the next 10 hours. (NICAP, "[Gaspésian Park, Quebec: Humanoids/E-M Case](#)"; Jean Ferguson, "[Enquêtes en Abitibi et en Gaspésie](#)," *UFO-Quebec*, no. 8 (1976): 4–6, 11; Jean Ferguson, *Les Humanoides: Les Cerveaux qui Dirigent les Soucoupes Volantes*, Leméac, 1977; Michael D. Swords, "[Messing Around with the Force](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 4 (March 2008): 29–30)
- 1976, August 7 — 10:00 p.m. Mark Ziegelbauer, 15, of Malone, Wisconsin, and his father [Orville](#) see multicolored lights fly past their new silo and land in a distant hayfield. Mark drives over to the spot and shines his headlights into the field. He sees an object the size of a "camper-trailer" and two green men, one about 5 feet 7 inches, the other shorter. They put their hands up and "disappeared somehow." ("[Youth Claims Seeing 2 Green Men from UFO](#)," *Fond du Lac (Wis.) Reporter*, August 10, 1976, p. 26; Clark III 279; Clark IV 319)

- 1976, August 7 — 11:48 p.m.** The control tower at the Djerba-Zarzis International Airport, Tunisia, tracks a UFO on radar to the northwest. The sighting is confirmed by a Tunisair pilot, who says it is a lighted object that seems to touch down near the airport then turn south after climbing up. (ClearIntent, [p. 81](#))
- 1976, August 8 — 7:50 p.m.** Radar at Sidi Ahmed Air Base at Bizerte Airport, Tunisia, tracks a target going east to west. It turns south and disappears. Tunisian authorities contact the US State Department asking whether the US Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean can shed any light on the incidents. (ClearIntent, [p. 81](#))
- 1976, August 10 — 5:00 a.m.** Teresa de Tejero wakes up suddenly in her room at the Hotel Da Balaia in Albufeira, Portugal, and sees a vivid luminous rectangle on the window curtains. She wakes up her husband Francisco, who goes to the window and sees an object with six reddish lights that appears to be on another wing of the hotel. One of its lights seems to be directed straight into their bedroom. They go back to sleep. In the morning, Francisco looks out the window and finds there is no hotel wing where he thought the UFO was. He realizes that the object must have been huge to masquerade as two floors of the hotel. (Ignacio Darnaude, "[Spies in the Supernumerary Attic?](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 3 (October 1977): 20–21)
- 1976, August 11 — 11:00 p.m.** Two boys aged 13 and 14 are standing on the beach in La Linea de Concepción, Spain, facing the Strait of Gibraltar when they see a yellowish-white UFO approaching from over the Mediterranean. It seems to have an axis that bisects it. The object climbs rapidly, changing color to whitish and then a vivid yellow. It approaches another, larger object and enters it. While they watch it, the light of a nearby lighthouse goes out temporarily. The larger object remains in place. ("[UFO Blacks Out Lighthouse.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 1 (June 1977): iii)
- 1976, August 13 — 8:30 a.m.** The pilot of a Piper Arrow PA-28 is flying at 3,500 feet between Diepholz and Petershagen, Germany, when he notices a strange light approaching from the northeast. After 3–5 minutes, the object comes closer and takes a fixed position off the left wing. The object is oval-shaped and very bright yellow in its center with an indistinct flame-orange boundary. Suddenly the Piper goes into two rapid 360° clockwise rolls from which the pilot must recover manually. He discovers that he has dropped about 500 feet during the roll-and-recovery maneuver. When he next checks his instrument panel, he discovers that his magnetic compass is spinning in a clockwise direction so fast that he can't read the number in its square window. Looking outside again, he sees that the UFO is still behind him, suggesting that he has lost the same amount of altitude. The pilot climbs back to his cruise altitude and calls on the radio to flight control at Hannover airport. The air traffic controller tells him that the radar shows both his airplane and another object nearby. The controller says that an aircraft will be sent to investigate. Little more than 4 minutes later, two USAF F-4 Phantom jets arrive on either side of him travelling 400–500 mph. The jet on the right side is slightly lower, closer, and ahead of the jet on the left. The pilot is certain they are American planes. Just as the jets arrive, the UFO accelerates forward and then upward at about a 30° angle above the horizontal and turns right, passing in front of his aircraft. It quickly outdistances its pursuers and is out of sight in a matter of seconds. The compass eventually returns to normal operation after the UFO departs. The pilot is interrogated after his landing by "military men." (Richard F. Haines, "[An Aircraft/UFO Encounter over Germany in 1976.](#)" *IUR* 24, no. 4 (Winter 1999): 3–6)
- 1976, August 14 — 6:30 p.m.** A couple out walking along a road on Cartmel Fell in Lake District National Park, Cumbria, England, see a bright light in the sky. Through binoculars, it looks like a silver disc reflecting light from its top surface. After 30 seconds, it becomes smaller as if it is moving away. Two other witnesses see a similar object at the same time. ("[Report 7670.](#)" *Northern UFO News*, no. 28 (September 1976): 7)
- 1976, August 15 — 3:00 a.m.** A distant bright light appears above El Real de la Jara, Seville, Spain, as 20 automobiles stop on the highway to watch it. Taxi driver Pablo García García blinks his lights at it, and the object appears to approach much closer. García stops signaling, but the other drivers panic and drive away rapidly. (Gordon Creighton, "[Some Recent Spanish Reports.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 6 (April 1977): 28–29)
- 1976, August 20 —** Brothers Jim and Jack Weiner, with friends Charles Foltz and Charles Rak, claim they are abducted by aliens during a camping trip near Allagash, Maine. According to the four men, hypnotic regression allows them to recall being taken aboard a circular UFO and being "probed and tested by four-fingered beings with almond-shaped eyes and languid limbs." In a later interview by the *St. John Valley Times*, Charles Rak changes his story, saying he did see strange lights during the camping trip, but the abduction part of the story is a total fabrication, and he went along with the narrative for financial gain. The other three members of the group stand by the abduction story. According to Jim Weiner, "Jack, Charlie, and I, after all these years, are still in agreement with the Eagle Lake event as we (three) remember it. We also accept the results of the hypnotic regression sessions and subsequent polygraph tests as supportive of an abduction scenario." (Raymond E. Fowler, [The Allagash Abductions](#), Wild Flower, 1993; Jessica Potila, "[Subject of 1976 UFO Incident Casts Doubt on 'Allagash Abductions.'](#)" *Fort Kent (Maine) Fiddlehead Focus*, September 10, 2016; "[Jim Weiner and Charlie](#)

[Foltz on Their Terrifying 1976 Allagash UFO Encounter and Abduction Experience.](#)” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, February 15, 2024)

- 1976**, August 21 — 10:30 p.m. A 90-foot-long cigar-shaped object descends from 4,000 feet over the Forêt de Molière to the east of Poitiers, France. Witnesses hear a humming sound and smell an odor. It ascends and disappears. (Michel Figuet and Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochées en France*, Alain Lefeuvre, 1979, p. 627)
- 1976**, August 22 — Midnight. A young couple are driving from Monswiller to Dossenheim-sur-Zinsel, Bas-Rhin, France, when they notice a bright light about 9–12 feet in diameter following them at an altitude of about 325 feet. When they arrive at a campsite near Dossenheim, the light moves ahead of their car and about 8 feet above them. The object diminishes to about 12–15 inches in diameter and becomes a dazzling yellow-white color surrounded by sparkling rings of blue and red. The car radio is so loaded with static when the object is close that the man turns it off. They make a U-turn at the campsite and drive back to the woman’s home in Monswiller with the glowing ball following them. The object hovers 130–160 feet above a neighbor’s roof. The woman goes inside and gets her parents to come out and look at it with binoculars. A swarm of semicircular luminous points is visible above it. The young man drives to Ingwiller and alerts two constables to the incident, while the woman calls the local gendarmes in Monswiller, who go to a hill near Rothbach to observe the light, which now appears in the shape of a triangle. The observation continues until 4:00 a.m. (Ph. Wiedenhoff, [“Dans le Bas-Rhin,”](#) *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 166 (June/July 1977): 17–20)
- 1976**, August 25 — 12:30 p.m. Three children see beings in polished-silver suits and a UFO rising upward from a schoolyard in North Reddish, Stockport, Manchester, England. (David Rees, [“‘Floating’ Entity at Reddish,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 2 (July 1979): 29–31)
- 1976**, Early September — Three men watch a dense white cloud hover low above Rua Cajati in São Paulo, Brazil. It dissipates, revealing a disc-shaped object that emits light beams of various colors. When policemen arrive and draw their weapons, they become paralyzed like statues. The smoke cloud reappears and envelops the disc, which takes off. (*O Dia* (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), September 8, 1976; [“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 1, no. 2 (December 1976): 10)
- 1976**, September — The Cambridge UFO Research Group is founded by Bonnie Wheeler in Cambridge, Ontario. She produces a bimonthly newsletter through September 1994. ([Cambridge UFO Research Group Newsletter](#) 2, no. 3 (September 1980))
- 1976**, September 1 — 10:35 a.m. A witness is walking with her dog in a field off Larimer County Road 76H northwest of Larimer, Colorado. She looks up and sees a large (100 feet long), silver-colored, silent cylinder flying at about 50 mph to the south. It is only 200–250 feet in altitude and has two rings around it towards each end. She watches it for several minutes. ([“More Letters,”](#) *IUR* 8, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1983): 16; [“More Similarities Begin to Appear,”](#) *CUFOS Associate Bulletin* 4, no. 6 (Dec. 1983/Jan. 1984): 1)
- 1976**, September 1 — Day. A retired science teacher watches a circular glowing object while walking on a beach near Aguada, Puerto Rico. The object moves slowly, hovers, then falls abruptly, tumbling over and over, until it nearly enters the ocean. It then rights itself and moves slowly westward. It has a dull gray finish and appears to be quite distant. ([“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976): 2)
- 1976**, September 3 — Early morning. A witness in Bethel, Alaska, hears a high-pitched whine and looks out at the tundra where a small (2.5–3-inch diameter) white beach ball seems to be moving just above the ground. After a while it tilts so that she can see it is a disc with a rotating “platinum-shiny” area in the middle. The object arcs upward, then back down, and seems to disappear into the ground, whereupon the whine stops. She can find no ground markings. (Michael D. Swords, [“Unusual Experiences from the Timmerman Files,”](#) *IUR* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 24)
- 1976**, September 3 — 7:00 p.m. Farm laborer João Romeu Klein, 19, returns home to Brusque, Santa Catarina, Brazil, after visiting a friend. As he approaches the house, he spots a flying object in the shape of a deep dish that rotates slowly counterclockwise. The upper part of the object is flattened, and a luminous light on top varies according to the speed of the craft’s movement and vacillates from red (high speed) to orange, from yellow to light green, and finally to white. When the craft is still, the intensity of the light diminishes. The object itself is gray in color and nearly 10 feet in diameter. The UFO moves toward Klein, passes 33 feet above his head, and then hovers in front of him about 16 feet from the ground. A bright, red light shines from the center of its base, through which three small beings about 3 feet tall slowly descend. The humanoids form a line across the entire width of the road and prevent him from passing as the UFO moves behind him some 33 feet away and 26 feet above the ground, close to some trees. The beings open their arms in an apparent blocking gesture, communicating with each other in an unfamiliar language. Klein draws his knife and tosses it toward the beings; it whizzes through the air, but at one

point appears to float before falling to another spot. Each being wears a staff at its waist. The crew member in the center reacts by waving his staff toward Klein. The staff fires a beam of bluish-white light that hits Klein in the left thigh. He faints on being struck and is later found by his neighbors. His leg is paralyzed, so he goes to Azambuja hospital in Brusque, where doctors find no sign of injury. He recovers after a few days. ([“Os Tripulantes da Serra do Moura, Novo Trento, Brusque, Estado de Santa Catarina,” SBEDV Boletim](#), no. 136/145 (Sept. 1981/April 1982): 10–12; Luis Lopez, [“Quase 40 Anos Depois, Homem Relata Experiência com Extraterrestres em Brusque, SC,”](#) *Novos Insólitos*, May 12, 2016; Clark III 218–220; Brazil 194–198; Clark IV 259–260)

- 1976**, September 3 — 9:00 p.m. Two women, one 63 and the other an 18-year-old relative, are returning from a family visit in Fence Houses, Durham, England, when they see a peculiar object resting on a mound of earth in a section of mining wasteland. They walk toward it, feeling a sort of attraction, and see that it is an oval object about 3 feet high and 5 feet long and standing on chrome or steel runners. The main compartment is glasslike with an orange section on top. When they reach the object, they sense the wind and traffic noise have stopped. The older woman touches the glassy side, which feels warm. At this point two strange entities are seen within the craft with long white hair parted down the middle, large eyes, and claw-like hands. They are both the size of a large doll, perhaps 1–1.5 feet tall. Frightened, the two women hurry away, noting that the street noise has returned. The object then takes off at great speed, making a humming noise. (William D. Muir, [“UFO Landing at Fencehouses, County Durham,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 6 (April 1977): 2–3)
- 1976**, September 8 — Leoncio Torres and Elena Bedjara are driving a truck on the road between Ollachea and Ayaviri, Peru, when a UFO lands 90 feet in front of them. Two strange creatures about 6 feet tall approach the blocked truck with flashlights. The creatures touch the couple’s backs and they feel a burning sensation. ([“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 1 (January 1977): 2)
- 1976**, September 9 — About 2:00 a.m. Farmer Hermelindo da Silva is making his way home from the bar he owns in Vargem Grande, Minas Gerais, Brazil, when his dog grows agitated. A flash of light illuminates the area, followed by a strange buzzing sound. He sees a bright object about 12 feet in diameter above him. The dog begins barking nonstop until it receives some type of shock, apparently from the craft, and flees in terror. The light goes out, and da Silva runs back to the bar and flattens himself against the outside wall. The object lights up again, scaring him, so he picks up a piece of wood and throws it at the object. The light goes out again and the buzzing ceases, only to be replaced by a hiss. He feels a blow to his shoulder and falls to the ground, then he runs toward his house with the object 10 feet above him. Cables and hooks descend from the UFO, accompanied by a small creature about 3 feet tall. Da Silva hits its shoulder, causing it to jump and fall, then gets into a fight with it for 15 minutes. Finally, the creature loops a cable around da Silva’s ankle and hoists him screaming into an opening on the craft. His brother-in-law hears him and sees him ascending. Da Silva manages to get loose from the cable and falls 20 feet onto a spiky yucca plant. He runs to the house, bruised. (Clark III 1220–1221; Brazil 198–200; Clark IV 1397)
- 1976**, September 9–10 — Around 3:00 p.m. A worker at the Liangshan Cotton Mill south of Longwangmiao, Shandong, China, sees a spherical object at 45° elevation about 9,800–13,000 feet away. The upper part is bright silver, and the lower part is dark gray. It moves in the direction of the sun. It reappears on September 10, although it seems larger. It shrinks in size toward 12:00 noon and finally appears like a twinkling star in the daytime. It reverts to its former size in the afternoon, and then in front of more than 1,000 witnesses it flies away and disappears around 5:00 p.m. (Wendelle Stevens and Paul Dong, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archives, 1983, p. 88)
- 1976**, September 10 — 12:54 a.m. Bill Pecha Jr. is watching TV in his home 3 miles southwest of Colusa, California, when suddenly the picture crackles, fades, and blacks out, and the air conditioner dies. He goes outside to check on the circuit breaker and feels an electrical sensation. He looks up and sees an object 85 feet in diameter hovering above a TV antenna near the barn about 50 feet away. The main body of the craft is a disc shape, which appears to be rotating in a clockwise direction, with a large dome that remains stationary on top. The object makes little or no sound, and is silver or gray in color, except for the very bottom, which has a “porcelain” look about it. Two hook-like cables are hanging down. Pecha approaches until he is just under one edge. The UFO moves slowly away and retracts its cables. Two hatches open on either end, revealing a “spotlight.” He goes inside and wakes up his wife Lenda, who also sees the object. Pecha can now see two other objects over high-tension power lines a mile to the west, emitting light beams at the tops of the transmission towers. The first UFO is moving closer and passes over a neighbor’s house, shining a light on it. Frightened, Pecha grabs his two children and he and his wife speed away in their pickup. They stop at a friends’ house and draw their attention to the distant light. The encounter ends at 1:03 a.m. ([“UFO over Colusa? Bill Pecha’s ‘Hair Raising’ Story,”](#) *Colusa (Calif.) Sun-Herald*, September 13, 1976, p. 1; [“Researchers Here Sunday on Pecha UFO Incident,”](#) *Colusa (Calif.) Sun-Herald*, October 4, 1976, p. 1; Paul Cerny, [“UFO Hovers over California Farm,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 107

(October 1976): 3–8; Center for UFO Studies, [case files]; “[The UFO Finalist](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 1 (January 1977): 6–8; Brad Sparks, “[Colusa \(California\) Close Encounter, 10 September 1976](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, February 1977, pp. 3–6; Brad Sparks, “[The Colusa Case](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, March 1977, pp. 3–6; Brad Sparks, “[The Colusa Case](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, April 1977, pp. 3–4; “[Colusa Report Corrections](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, July 1977, mailer 1; UFOEv II 39–40; Clark III 294–296; Micah Hanks, “[Tentacles and Telephone Lines: The Colusa, California, UFO Incident of 1976](#),” *Mysterious Universe*, February 22, 2019; Clark IV 334–336)

1976, September 10 — 6:00–7:00 p.m. British European Airways Flight 831 from Moscow to London is cruising at 33,000 feet over Lithuania when a blinding, stationary light is seen on the starboard side of the airliner, apparently 10–15 miles away and 5,000–6,000 feet below. The light resembles a yellowish sodium vapor lamp and is too intense to view directly. It lights up the top of the cloud layer below. The pilot asks the Soviet authorities to identify the source, but they come back with a negative response, saying he should not ask questions. The light is visible for 10–15 minutes. (“[Aerial Observation of Intense Source of Light](#),” CIA Foreign Intelligence Information Report, November 18, 1976)

1976, September 11 — 8:00 p.m. [Herbert Hopkins](#), the hypnotist investigating the 1975 Oxford abduction case, is alone in his home in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. The telephone rings, and the caller identifies himself as vice president of the nonexistent New Jersey UFO Research Association. He wants to come and discuss the Oxford case. Hopkins consents, telling him to come right over. As soon as he switches on the back light, he sees a man in dark clothing walking up the porch stairs. Hopkins unthinkingly opens the door right away. The stranger is wearing a black derby, black jacket, black tie, white shirt, gray gloves, black trousers, and black shoes. The crease in his pants is razor sharp. The man never introduces himself but sits down and removes his hat. He is completely hairless, devoid of eyebrows and eyelashes, but his lips are a vivid red. The stranger speaks in a monotone. After Hopkins discusses what he knows about the David Stephens case, the man remarks, “That’s just what I thought,” and abruptly changes the subject. “You have two coins in your left pocket,” he says. Hopkins acknowledges he has a dime and a penny. The stranger tells him to take one out and hold it in his palm. He does and is shocked to find that its color has changed to bright silver, then light blue. It grows blurry and fuzzy and finally fades away in a vapor. The stranger says that no one else “on this plane will ever see that coin again.” The stranger then asks if he knew why [Barney Hill](#) died, saying “He died because he knew too much. He died because he had no heart, just as you have no coin.” He orders Hopkins to destroy all the audiotapes of Stephens’s hypnosis sessions, as well as any other UFO literature he has sitting around, or he will suffer the same fate as Barney Hill. The stranger gets up, speaking slowly, and says his energy is running low. He gets up slowly and walks down the porch steps one foot at a time. Hopkins sees a bright light outside, rushes to the kitchen window, and sees the light and the man are gone. About 90 minutes later, Mrs. Hopkins and two of their sons arrive home from a movie. He tells them what happened, and one of the sons finds a series of marks in the narrow driveway that look like a small tractor tread. They are gone the next day. Hopkins burns all his tapes, correspondence, and literature at the urging of his family. (Berthold Eric Schwarz, “[The Man-in-Black Syndrome, Part 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 4 (January 1978): 9–15; Berthold Eric Schwarz, “[The Man-in-Black Syndrome, Part 2](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 5 (February 1978): 22–25; Berthold Eric Schwarz, “[The Man-in-Black Syndrome, Part 3](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 6 (April 1978): 26–29; Clark III 863–864; Clark III 958–959)

1976, Mid-September — 4:00 p.m. A copilot of a Boeing 727 for the Brazilian Varig airline sees a disc-shaped object about 120 feet in diameter over the Amazon forest between Manaus and Belém, Brazil. The aircraft’s radar confirms the sighting. The pilot is carrying a camera and snaps a photo of the UFO, which starts jumping from one side to the other in front of the plane, causing the crew to panic. The sighting lasts about 5 minutes. (Clark III 198; Brazil 535–536; Clark IV 238)

1976, September 16 — 9:15 p.m. Six witnesses in Modesto, California, see a rolling orange ball of light heading slowly south. Possible balloon. (“[Case 1-1-6](#),” *IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976): 5)

1976, September 16 — 9:45 p.m. A witness in Eureka, California, sees a large orange light at treetop level that rushes overhead, then stops and hovers for 5 minutes. (“[Case 1-1-7](#),” *IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976): 5)

1976, September 18–19 — 10:30 p.m. Residents of the northeast portion of the city of Tehran, Iran, watch a multicolored aircraft hovering a few thousand feet in the air. Some of them call the nearby Mehrabad Airport, reaching night supervisor Houssain Pirouzi, who goes outside at 11:15 p.m. to look. With his binoculars, he sees a bright object flashing colored lights and changing positions at an altitude of 6,000 feet. Around 12:30 a.m., Pirouzi alerts the Iranian Air Force command post. Deputy Gen. [Nader Yousefi](#) also sees the object and scrambles an Air Force F-4 Phantom II interceptor piloted by Capt. Aziz Khani and 1stLt. Hossein Shokri from Shahrokhi Airbase [now Hamadan Airbase] to the west at 1:30 a.m. They close in on the object, but the jet’s radio and instruments give out. Only when Khani pulls away does functionality return. Squadron Cmdr. [Parviz Jafari](#) takes off in a second jet with 1stLt. Jalal Damirian in pursuit at 1:40 a.m. Some 27 miles from the UFO, Jafari picks the object up on

radar, the return indicating something the size of a Boeing 707. Visually, it is flashing like a strobe with intense red, green, orange, and blue lights (in a diamond shape) so bright that Jafari cannot see its body. He approaches within 70 miles, then the object jumps 10° to the right, then twice again the same amount. Suddenly a smaller round object comes out of the large object and heads straight toward the interceptor at a high rate of speed. Jafari tries to fire an AIM-9 heat-seeking missile at it, but his weapons control panel malfunctions, as well as his radio and instruments. Jafari turns to the left to avoid an impact with the small object, which approaches to 4 miles distance, then stops. It returns to the large object, which emits another smaller object. Jafari is ordered back to the base, but the light follows him. During final approach, another object (a thin rectangle with three lights) appears at low altitude in front of his plane. Gen. Yousefi then orders Jafari to approach the light and get a look. When he is within 4 miles, the radio and instrument panel go out again. The light disappears from view after Jafari lands. Base Commander Gen. Abdulah Azerbarzin claims the complete investigation records are turned over to the US Air Force, which insists it only has one memo from USAF Lt. Col. [Olin R. Mooy](#), who sat in on one of the pilot interviews. A US Defense Intelligence Agency evaluation rates the case High (of major significance). The sighting is apparently tracked by a US Defense Support Program satellite. (Wikipedia, “[1976 Tehran UFO incident](#)”; NICAP, “[Iranian F-4 Phantom Jet Chase, Radar/Visual/E-M/IAD Signal](#)”; US Department of Defense, “[Iran, Reported UFO Sighting](#),” message, September 1976; Center for UFO Studies, [case documents]; “[UFO, Jets in Chase over Tehran](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 25, no. 3 (September 1976): 1, 3; “[Iranian Air Force Jets Scrambled](#),” *UFO Investigator*, November 1976, pp. 1–2; “[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976): 2; “[The U.S. Government and the Iran Case](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 1 (January 1978): 6–7; Henry S. Shields, “[Now You See It, Now You Don’t](#),” [October 1978]; “[Review of Iranian UFO Reports](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 2 (Jan./Feb. 1981): 14–15; “[Now You See It, Now You Don’t!](#)” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 1 (February 1982): 3; Kim Hansen, “UFO Casebook,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 85–88; Good Above, pp. 318–321, 497–500; Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneeus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, pp. 98–104; UFOEv II 94–95; Martin Shough, *RADCAT: Radar Catalogue: A Review of Twenty-One Ground and Airborne Radar UAP Contact Reports Generally Related to Aviation Safety for the Period October 15, 1948, to September 19, 1976*, National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena, NARCAP Report TR-6, December 8, 2002, pp. 125–149; A. Meessen, “[Deux jets F-4 rencontrent un ovni à Téhéran](#),” April 30, 2007; Good Need, pp. 302–303, 315–317; Swords 340–341; Kean, pp. 86–92, 149–150; Clark III 624–626; Ryan Sprague, “[The Tehran UFO and the Iranian Fighter Pilot Who Chased It](#),” Medium: Trail of the Saucers, September 4, 2022; Jason Charbonneau, “[Tehran UFO Incident, 1976: Iranian Fighter Jets Chase a UFO](#),” Think Anomalous; Graff 264–266; Powell, *Scientist*, 17; Sigma 2 Technical Committee on UAP, “[2024 UAP News Summary, April–June](#),” Sentinel News, August 31, 2024; Clark IV 684–685)

- 1976**, September 19 — 1:00–2:00 a.m. A silvery, luminous circular object is seen flying southwest to northwest (parallel to the coast) at an altitude of 3,200 feet in multiple locations in Morocco, including Agadir, El Kelaa des Sraghna, Essaouira, Marrakesh, Casablanca, Rabat, Kenitra, Meknes, and Fez. It gives off an intermittent trail and is completely silent. The US Embassy in Rabat forwards a summary to the US State Department, asking for more information. A reply comes in October from Secretary of State [Henry Kissinger](#), who cites the Condon study and natural causes, although he rules out meteors and reflections from a polar-orbiting satellite. (ClearIntent, pp. 86–88; Clark III 773–774; Clark IV 854–855)
- 1976**, September 19 — A TAP Air Portugal Boeing 707 nearly collides with a UFO shortly after takeoff at Lisbon, Portugal. The oval object is glowing blue with a horizontal row of red and white lights. It is also seen by an air traffic controller who says that the object does not show up on radar. (“[\[Aerial Emergency in Lisbon Due to a ‘Flying Disc’\]](#)” *La Crónica* (Buenos Aires, Argentina), September 23, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 91/92 (Nov./Dec. 1976): 31–32; Good Above, p. 154)
- 1976**, September 22 — 10:30 p.m. A 10-year-old-boy in Regal, Minnesota, sees a 3.5-foot-tall creature with a large bald head, large red eyes, and green skin floating outside his bedroom window. A couple minutes later, the creature floats down to a cube-shaped craft, which he enters. (“[Case 1-1-27](#),” *IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976): 5)
- 1976**, September 24 — 2:30 a.m. A conservation officer and his wife watch a dark object fly over Lake Red Rock near Otley, Iowa. It moves noiselessly at 40 mph and about 600 feet altitude. Binoculars reveal a blinking red light flanked by pairs of amber lights. (“[Case 1-1-35](#),” *IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976): 5)
- 1976**, September 24 — 7:30 p.m. John Hopkins, the son of hypnotist [Herbert Hopkins](#), and his wife Maureen, meet two odd individuals, “Bill” and “Jane,” who have arranged a meeting at a fast-food restaurant near their home in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. The conversation is uncomfortable and strange but does not involve UFOs. (Berthold Eric Schwarz, “[The Man-in-Black Syndrome, Part 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 4 (January 1978): 9, 11–12; Clark III 864–865; Clark IV 959–960)

- 1976**, September 25 — Night. Vera White and three others traveling by car between farms in the Karawinna area to the west of Mildura, Victoria, Australia, notice a strange object on the ground in a paddock. It takes off vertically and hovers silently for about 5 minutes. They return to the site in the daytime and find a circle of flattened, discolored grass about 30 feet in diameter. (*Melbourne Sun*, September 29, 1976; [“Flashing Lights, Ground Traces in the North West,”](#) *Australian UFO Bulletin*, November 1976, pp. 1–2; [“Australian UFO Reports,”](#) *ACOS Bulletin*, no. 8, December 1976, p. 15; [“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 1, no. 2 (December 1976): 10; [“Tests on Karawinna Samples Negative,”](#) *Australian UFO Bulletin*, November 1977, pp. 2–3)
- 1976**, Autumn — 2:00 a.m. Missile Combat Crew Commander Bruce Fenstermacher is on alert duty at one of the underground launch capsules at Francis E. Warren AFB near Cheyenne, Wyoming, with another crewman, when the officer-in-charge at the launch facility asks two security guards to report anything that seems unusual. A few seconds later, one of them reports seeing a pulsating white object in the sky. He can see flashing red and blue lights between the pulsations. It is about 10 miles north of their position and close to the launch control facility itself. The UFO is hovering about 100 feet above the building and looks like a “fat cigar” about 50–60 feet long. It begins to move away but stops close to one of the missile silos. Over the next 2 hours or so, the UFO hovers near several more missile silos. The security guards are terrified and refuse to approach any missile site that has the UFO over it. Sometime around 4:30 a.m., the object zooms away and disappears in seconds. (Nukes 340–343)
- 1976**, October — The head of the UFO desk at the Swedish National Defence Research Institute, [Sture Wickerts](#), travels to Målilla, Kalmar County, Sweden, to conduct a search for an unknown object thought to have crashed in the woods. He supervises diving operations into a water-filled hole possibly connected to the incident. Nothing is found but old logs. (Swords 369)
- 1976**, October — Guillermo Carlos Roncoroni begins publishing *UFO Press* in Buenos Aires, Argentina, until November 1986. ([UFO Press](#), no. 1 (October 1976); Willy Smith, “UFOs in Latin America,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 99–100)
- 1976**, October — George J. Myers and his wife are traveling 3 miles southeast of Winnebago, Nebraska, on US Highway 73 [now US 75] when they notice a large patch of cornfield with no corn growing. It is on sloping ground and in the shape of a perfect circle 100 feet in diameter. They learn from local farmers that it had appeared earlier in the year while the corn was still quite short, killing off growth later in the summer. A light “like lightning” was seen shortly before the damaged area was noticed. Myers takes photographs of the circle and soil samples, which are later taken to the University of Nebraska and show evidence of a chemical spill. ([“Large Circular Physical Trace: Is It Common?”](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 5 (Oct./Nov. 1982): 1; [“Large Physical Trace Identified,”](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 1 (Feb./March 1983): 3–4)
- 1976**, October 12 — 7:30 p.m. Multiple independent witnesses in Sonora, California, are drawn outside by a loud noise like “six jets.” They see a large red oblong UFO hovering with a wobbling motion. After 5 minutes, the UFO shoots upward and disappears. The next day, angel hair strands are found and sent to David Miletich at the University of Chicago. They are found to be “whitish, fibrous material of uniform composition being quite fine with frequent branching.” The primary constituents are carbon and nitrogen, but it is not spider web. A sample tested at the Michael Reese Hospital Microbiology Lab shows it to be contaminated with a low level of radioactive tritium. ([“Angel Hair: Under Analysis,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 8 (August 1977): 4, 8; [“Angel-Hair Analysis Complete,”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 3 (March 1978): insert; Brian Boldman, [“Angel Hair Physical Analyses: A Review,”](#) *JUFOS* 9 (2006): 106–107)
- 1976**, October 17 — 10:40 a.m. Masaki Machida, a TV reporter for the Akita Broadcasting Company, is at Akita Airport in Akita Prefecture, Japan, when he sees a golden disc with white lights descending in the east. Kenichi Waga, telecommunications officer in the control tower, warns all pilots to watch out for the UFO, saying it is “larger than a car, but smaller than an airplane.” Capt. Masara Saito, 34, Toa Airlines [now Japan Air System] pilot, is preparing to take off when he notices “a strange looking disc-shaped object 5,000 feet from the ground.” Tazawa Takumi, air traffic controller on duty, who observes the object through binoculars, says it looks like “two plates placed together, with the top one inverted.” After 5 minutes, the object flies away to the west. (NICAP, [“Disc Hovers near Japanese Airport”](#); Margaret Sachs, *UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 10](#); Bob Gribble, [“Looking Back,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 282 (October 1991): 22, 26; UFOEv II 134)
- 1976**, October 19 — An object like a silver, luminous mercury lamp is seen over Paso de Los Toros, Durazno, Uruguay. The UFO allegedly causes the deformation of a metal refrigerator, the discharge of three car batteries, and the bursting of a refreshment bottle. ([“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 3 (March 1977): 2)
- 1976**, October 19 — 9:35 p.m. A group of people at the southwest end of Lake Harriet in Minneapolis, Minnesota, watch a yellow cone of light with a row of windows at the bottom hover below the cloud cover for 2 minutes, disappear,

and reappear in a new location. This repeats 4–5 times before the object shoots up into the clouds. (“[Case 1-2-20](#),” *IUR* 1, no. 2 (December 1976): 11)

- 1976, October 22** — 1:20 a.m. Paul Thompson is driving home from his job on Interstate 494 where the highway turns to the northeast in Woodbury, Minnesota. He sees yellow and red lights about 2 miles ahead on the north side of the road. As he moves closer, he finds that the lights are actually two objects suspended in the air above a marshy area behind some woods about 300–400 feet north of the interstate. They are soft rounded triangles with red glows at the tip of the triangle and yellow pulsating lights protruding from the blunter ends. The objects are apparently metallic, about 20–25 feet in their longer dimension, and hover without making a sound. Thompson gets out of his car to watch. A truck approaches and one object rises vertically and zooms away. As the truck is abreast of his position, the second object ascends and flies directly over them. A CUFOS investigator examines the marshy area two days later and finds an oblong area, 40 feet by 20 feet, devoid of cattails and heavy grass. Inside the oblong is a smaller, irregular area where he finds exposed soil is and a few round holes the size of a quarter. He takes soil samples, which are sent to University of Kansas geologist [Edward J. Zeller](#) for thermoluminescence testing. The soil from the site center shows essentially no thermoluminescence, indicating it had been subjected to strong heat. ([CUFOS case file](#))
- 1976, Late October** — 7:30 p.m. Four physicians and a diplomat in an undeveloped region of Algeria south of Algiers watch a bright oval light on the horizon heading toward them. The object casts a faint beam downward, sweeping the ground, as it darts around the sky silently. It is bright when in motion, but faint when it stops. After an hour it fades, leaving a glowing space in the dark sky. (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 4 (April 1977): 2)
- 1976, October 23** — 4:00 p.m. Three men—Nicholas Flaskas, Frank Zonaras, and Bill Zonaras—waiting to film a solar eclipse at Taola Point in Ben Boyd National Park, New South Wales, notice two unusual objects on the horizon close to the ocean. The UFOs alternately move toward and away from them. The men take both motion picture and still photos, showing one bell-shaped object and another discoid in shape. They turn their attention to the eclipse and when it is over, the objects are gone. (David Reneke, “[The Benboyd UFO Movie: History and Evaluation](#),” *UFO Research Australia* 1, no. 2 (March/April 1980): 19–23; Keith Basterfield, Vladimir Godic, and Pony Godic, “[Australian Ufology: A Review](#),” *JUFOS* 2 (1990): 31)
- 1976, October 24** — 10:30 p.m. Romeo Lucarelli is driving home from Hestroff to Hobling, Moselle, France, with his granddaughter when he spots two lights in the fields on a hill. Initially mistaking them for a stationary vehicle, he realizes they are coming from a craft hovering about 328 feet above the ground. The object, shaped like two connected spheres with a rectangular structure, has numerous colored lights. It begins to follow his car. Lucarelli sees two figures through a large window on the object, one with a long beard and dark brown hair. As he speeds up to escape, the object follows closely, eventually blocking his path before veering off when he makes a sudden turn toward his home. The craft hovers above his garage for a moment before moving away, leaving behind distinct traces on the ground in the shape of two double circles. On October 25, traces of the landing site remain visible. Local press coverage and a police investigation follow, but no electrical anomalies or outages are reported. The gendarmerie considers that the traces are from a tractor, though this is disputed by investigators who note the unusual geometric nature of the marks and their persistence over time. (“[Quand les extra-terrestres frappent aux volets](#),” *Insolite*, October 10, 1976, via *Ufologia*, no. 7 (Jan./Mar. 1977): 22; Gilles Bretelle and Bernard Wagner, “[En Moselle: Entre Herstroff et Hobling](#),” *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 169 (November 1977): 25–26; Bernard Wagner and Gilles Bretelle, “[En Moselle](#),” *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 171 (January 1978): 23–24; “[Hestroff-Hobling \(57\). 24 Octobre 1976, 22h30](#),” *Ufologia*, no. 16 (Jan./Mar. 1979): 25–26; “[Dossier OVNI: I. Rencontre du 3^e type avec les ‘ufologues’ forbachois](#),” *Le Républicain Lorrain* (Metz), October 31, 1979, via *Ufologia*, no. 21 (Jan./Mar. 1980): 25; “[Hestroff–Hobling \(57\) 24 Octobre 76](#),” *Hypothèses Extraterrestres*, no. 13 (January 1980): 8–9)
- 1976, October 30** — Spanish journalist [Juan J. Benítez](#) receives the first batch of some 300 pages of UFO reports from the Spanish Air Ministry in Madrid, Spain. The documents include photos and clips of gun-camera film taken by air force pilots. (Gordon Creighton, “[The Spanish Government Opens Its Files](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 3 (October 1977): 3; J. J. Benítez, *OVNI: Documentos oficiales del gobierno español*, Plaza y Janés, 1977; Good Above, [p. 152](#))
- 1976, November** — The first issue of the *International UFO Reporter* (IUR) is published by the Center for UFO Studies, with [J. Allen Hynek](#) as editor-in-chief and [Allan Hendry](#) as managing editor. (*IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976); Clark III 567–568, 627; Clark IV 625–626, 689)
- 1976, November** — Dominique Delille founds Groupe d’Études du Phénomène OVNI in Saint-Symphorien-de-Lay, Loire, France. It publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Siècle Inconnu*, which continues under the names *GEPO Informations* and *OVNI et Cie* through 1983. ([INFO OVNI](#), no. 1 (November 1976))

- 1976**, November 4 — 8:30 p.m. A married couple in Martinsburg, Ohio, see two irregularly shaped objects, rounded on the bottom, hovering low near their car. One descends, flying over some woods, while the other is seen above the telephone wires by the road. Both have a red light on top, a whiter flashing light on the bottom, and a revolving red light. Around 9:30 p.m., three similar objects are seen by a woman 4 miles away, slowly changing formation for 5 minutes in the east. ("[Case 1-2-62](#)," *IUR* 1, no. 2 (December 1976): 11)
- 1976**, November 5 — 8:08 p.m. A young woman is watching television at her home in Rives, Isère, France. She sees a bright light outside and calls her father. From their balcony they watch an intense white light speed across the sky from northwest to southeast and disappear in the mountains. The father thinks the light is spinning. At the same time a French physicist is driving 7 miles away near Voreppe. He sees a luminous disc brighter than the full moon and stops his car to watch it. The object is white in the center, bluish-white at the periphery, and is surrounded by an intense green halo. It is moving silently southeast but stops for a few seconds before moving off 30° from its previous course at a much greater speed. It passes in front of the Massif du Taillefer before it disappears behind Mont Néron. The sighting lasts 20–25 seconds. (Jacques Vallée, "[Estimates of Power Optical Output in Six Cases of Unexplained Aerial Objects with Defined Luminosity Characteristics](#)," *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 12, no. 3 (1998): 352–354)
- 1976**, November 8 — 8:45 p.m. Two 14-year-old girls in the northern part of Belmont, North Carolina, see a round gray object about 20–30 feet in diameter "on edge." It hovers several hundred feet in the air for 5 minutes, then moves east over the trees. It emits a beeping noise and is covered in flashing white lights and red steady lights. More than 100 people report seeing UFOs in nearby Gastonia on November 10. ("[106 People 'Saw UFOs](#)," *Gastonia (N.C.) Gazette*, November 11, 1976, p. 11; "[Case 1-2-75](#)," *IUR* 1, no. 2 (December 1976): 11)
- 1976**, November 10 — 8:20 p.m. A teenage girl driving alone near Putnam, Connecticut, passes underneath two dark metallic objects about 50 feet in diameter, one flying at an angle behind the other. Both objects have a red light in front, two on the sides, and a blue light in the back, all blinking. One banks slightly before it goes out of view, revealing a row of illuminated windows around the circular edge and a smaller circle like a "hatch" underneath. ("[Case 1-2-79](#)," *IUR* 1, no. 2 (December 1976): 11)
- 1976**, November 14 — 9:00 p.m. Joyce Bowles and Ted Pratt are driving down the A272 near Winchester, England, when their car starts to jolt and shake and then veers off the road into a grass verge by the roadside. The car is subject to electrical interference as the engine roars, and the lights seem to shine brighter than usual. They spot what appears to be an orange, cigar-shaped craft, 15 feet in length, with three entities behind a window. As they watch, a bearded humanoid wearing a silver suit comes out of the object, walks to the car, and looks in on the witnesses. He then disappears and the couple are able to drive off. (Leslie Harris, "[UFO and Silver-Suited Entity Seen near Winchester](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 5 (February 1977): 3–6; Richard Nash, "[UFO and Occupants Reported near Winchester](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 5 (February 1977): 7–8; Jenny Randles, "[Questions and Comments on the Nash Interview](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 5 (February 1977): 8; Frank J. Wood, "[Alleged CE-III at Winchester: Vehicle Examination](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 5 (February 1977): 9–14; Lionel Beer, "[The Winchester Encounters](#)," *BUFORA Journal* 5, no. 6 (March/April 1977): 10–15; Good Above, [pp. 70–71](#))
- 1976**, November 15 — 1:15 a.m. Six distant objects with brilliant white lights are seen performing unusual patterns in the sky at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They seem to have a metallic texture and make an intermittent sound like a "belt sander on metal." ("[Case 2-1-1](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 1 (January 1977): 5)
- 1976**, November 16 — Lockheed's first Have Blue demonstrator stealth aircraft, HB1001, after going through numerous tests and getting a visual camouflage makeover, is flown from Burbank, California, to Area 51 in Nevada. After four taxi tests, HB1001 is ready for test flights. (Wikipedia, "[Lockheed Have Blue](#)")
- 1976**, November 19 — President-Elect [Jimmy Carter](#) meets with CIA Director [George H. W. Bush](#) to discuss certain "exotic and very closely held items relating to sources and methods." At one point, Bush and his aide Jennifer Fitzgerald take Carter and Vice President [Walter Mondale](#) aside to describe particularly sensitive CIA programs. Congressional Research Service Policy Analyst [Marcia S. Smith](#) claims that part of the debriefing is about UFOs, which Carter has asked about. But Bush explains that this "information was information that existed on a need to know basis only. Simple curiosity on the part of the President wasn't adequate." Carter determines to replace Bush with his Naval Academy classmate [Stansfield Turner](#) after the inauguration. (presidentialufo.com, "[President Carter, Daniel Sheehan, and Donald Menzel: The Congressional Research Service UFO Studies for President Carter](#)")
- 1976**, November 19 — Commandante Angel Parreno, the pilot of an Iberian Airlines Boeing 727 on a flight from Santiago de Compostela to Madrid, Spain, watches an unknown object accompany his aircraft for 20 minutes. Possible barium cloud released by a rocket. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 4 (April 1977): 2; Good Above, [p. 154](#))
- 1976**, November 19 — 7:15 p.m. Witnesses from aircraft and ships around the Canary Islands watch a point of light climbing into the sky in a spiral motion, expanding to a diameter 3–4 times that of the moon. It has a semicircular

shape and gives the impression that it is resting on the horizon. Among the witnesses are Gen. Carlos Dolz de Espejo, chief of staff of the Canary Islands Air Zone, and the crew of the Spanish Navy school ship [Juan Sebastian Elcano](#). Maj. Antonio Munáiz Ferro-Sastre again investigates, concluding that it was a “craft of unknown origin endowed with an unknown propulsion energy.” The time correlates with four Poseidon missile launches by the submarine [USS Alexander Hamilton](#). (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Ricardo Campo Pérez, “[Navy Missile Tests and the Canary Islands UFOs](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 4–5)

- 1976**, November 19 — 8:00 p.m. Three women watch a large yellow-orange light slowly and silently meander 150 feet above a church in St. Peter, Minnesota. They drive to a police station, where officers also see the now distant light head from west to east. (“[Case 2-1-16](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 1 (January 1977): 5)
- 1976**, November 23 — 3:30 a.m. A lounge owner and an employee are frightened when an object 3 times the size of a helicopter flies over their car from the south in Kenner, Louisiana. It has flashing red, green, and white lights. The object hovers above some trees in the distance for 2 minutes, then heads slowly east toward Moisant Airport [now Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport]. (“[Case 2-1-25](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 1 (January 1977): 5)
- 1976**, November 24 — 10:30 p.m. An Indiana Gas serviceman sees a 12-foot white cone of light with sparklers at its base diminish to a blinding point source alongside his pickup truck outside New Albany, Indiana. It follows him from the Kentucky border and moves silently ahead into the eastern sky when he reaches town. Other witnesses see it as a distant point of light; when they leave, the object rushes back over the serviceman’s house and disappears into the northwest. (“[Case 2-1-27](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 1 (January 1977): 5)
- 1976**, November 25 — 9:00 p.m. A couple in Beecher, Illinois, watch an oblong, glowing, orange object 45° in the western sky for 5–6 minutes. Holding stationary, the object diminishes to a point source and returns to its original shape, larger than the moon. (“[Case 2-1-29](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 1 (January 1977): 5)
- 1976**, Early December — Afternoon. Eero Lammi is on his way home from school in Oulu, Finland, when he sees a 15-foot ball of light move across toward him from across the Gulf of Bothnia and land in a nearby field. When he approaches it, the object shoots out a beam of light that hits him in the chest. He feels a searing pain and blacks out. His parents think it is a prank until a doctor finds slight burns on his chest and back. The case is investigated by the Swedish Military High Command. (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 2 (February 1977): 2)
- 1976**, December 5 — 2:30 p.m. Several witnesses at Sollefteå, Västernorrland, Sweden, observe an elongated object (an estimated 148 feet long) with round openings along the fuselage. A blue-green light is shining from the openings, a red light at the front, and a diffuse orange glow from the underside. The object hovers above a military base built into the mountainside at an elevation of about 165 feet. After a while, the object moves on and hovers above a nearby power station. Then it moves jerkily sideways, jumping rapidly between different positions. After hovering for 15 minutes, it tilts up and rapidly speeds upwards and out of sight, disappearing at 3:30 p.m. (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 4 (April 1977): 2)
- 1976**, December 14 — 2:00 a.m. Panoramic radar at an air force base at Contrexéville, Vosges, France, picks up unknown targets at 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m., and 3:30 a.m. Seven air traffic controllers are the witnesses. The radar paints the targets as 10–15 miles apart every 10 seconds, meaning their speed is estimated at 4,200–6,200 mph, a supersonic speed of Mach 5 to 8, at an altitude of 6.5 miles. (Claude Poher, “[A Case of Radar Detection of UFOs in France](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 3 (Fall 2004): 13–14, 27)
- 1976**, December 15 — 7:00 a.m. Arnold Barker is driving south on Alberta Highway 46 [now Highway 63] nearly 3 miles south of Boyle, Alberta, when he sees two bright flashing lights flying west to east. As the object passes overhead, he realizes it is not an airplane. He jumps out of his truck to get a better look and sees that the lights are now red, zigzagging, and attached to each other by a faint connection. The object appears to be landing silently in a field to the east of the road, but it stops about 6–10 feet from the ground and 100–150 feet away. Barker takes a few steps toward it, but it takes off and moves north. He gets in his truck again to turn around and the object follows him, again as a white light. He speeds up to 75 mph and outdistances it. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August North, pp. 185–187)
- 1976**, December 15 — 9:20 p.m. A driver in Holland, Massachusetts, sees a cigar-shaped object twice the width of the moon hovering low in the east about 500 feet away. Human-like forms are visible through a row of windows on the side. It disappears in a bright red flash. (“[Case 2-2-1](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 2 (February 1977): 5)
- 1976**, December 16 — 12:15 p.m. Michael Winterborne, meteorological officer for the Kalgoorlie Airport in Western Australia, sees a white, football-shaped object, glowing and pulsating with fuzzy edges, rush from the northeast horizon to the northwest horizon at great speed. At 2:45 p.m., he sees it again, arching overhead toward the west. Both incidents are timed by stopwatch at 12 seconds. Dave Bower, at the Scotia nickel mine about 50 miles to the north, sees a UFO drifting slowly westward at about 1,000 feet altitude. (“[UFOs Riddle in Kalgoorlie Sky](#),” *Perth*

(W.A.) *Sunday Times*, December 19, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 94/95 (Feb./Mar. 1977): 31; [“Foreign Forum,” IUR 2](#), no. 3 (March 1977): 2)

- 1976**, December 18 — 12:55 a.m. On Wood Canyon Road east of Soda Springs, Idaho, police officer Dennis Abrams has a close encounter with a 30-foot diameter, oval-shaped UFO. It lacks any seams or windows and has the bulk of three or four cars. It emits a light-green light and hovers only 60 feet away at treetop level for 3 minutes. It makes no sound when hovering but makes a whistling “wind” sound when it drifts off to the northwest in 15 seconds. After Abrams reports the incident on his police radio, another officer located 10 miles west of Soda Springs watches a fluorescent orange-pink light near the ground; after hovering for 10 minutes, it heads to the north, climbs, and clears the top of the foothills in seconds. ([“CE-I Seen by Independent Policemen in Idaho,” IUR 2](#), no. 2 (February 1977): 6–7; UFO History Group, [“Soda Springs, Idaho, December 18, 1976: CE1”](#))
- 1976**, December 18 — A Flugfélag Íslands [now Air Iceland Connect] airliner in flight from Akureyi to Reykjavik, Iceland, picks up a clear radar target at 18,000 feet over the Mælifell volcano. It tracks the object for one minute as it rushes 2 miles below the aircraft at 3,600 mph. The object is not seen visually. ([“Foreign Forum,” IUR 2](#), no. 3 (March 1977): 2)
- 1976**, December 18 — 5:20 p.m. Several children in Newfolden, Minnesota, see an object speeding across the sky then stopping. It has 6–9 orange and white lights flashing on and off around the perimeter. ([“Case 2-2-9,” IUR 2](#), no. 2 (February 1977): 5)
- 1976**, December 18 — 8:30 p.m. A group of witnesses see a red-orange oval light pass overhead in Miami, Florida, about 250 feet up. It turns west in a smooth, even motion. ([“Case 2-2-12,” IUR 2](#), no. 2 (February 1977): 5)
- 1976**, December 19 — The first KH-11 Kennen reconnaissance satellite (codenamed Key Hole) is launched by the US National Reconnaissance Office. It is the first American spy satellite to use electro-optical digital imaging that offers real-time optical observations. The capabilities of the KH-11 are highly classified, as are images they produce. The satellites are believed to have been the source of some imagery of the Soviet Union and China made public in 1997; images of Sudan and Afghanistan made public in 1998 related to the response to the 1998 US embassy bombings; and a 2019 photo, revealed by President [Donald Trump](#), of a failed Iranian rocket launch. (Wikipedia, [“KH-11 KENNEN”](#))
- 1976**, December 19 — 6:20 p.m. A witness in Concord, California, sees a silent, star-like light moving northward in an erratic fashion: zigzagging, up and down, in circles, backing up, speeding up for 1 minute. Then it speeds up and moves downward in a curve, zooming out of sight in 1 second. ([“Case 2-2-13,” IUR 2](#), no. 2 (February 1977): 5)
- 1976**, December 19 — Night. Neil Brennan and Dean Gibbs step outside when they hear a whirring noise near Aquinas College, Salter Point, Western Australia. Brennan sees a bright disc, two feet in diameter, hovering 30 feet in the air behind his house. It then disappears toward the west. (*Perth (W.A.) News*, December 20, 1976; [“Man Sees ‘Disc’ in Night Sky,” Australian UFO Bulletin](#), February 1977, p. 5; [“Foreign Forum,” IUR 2](#), no. 2 (February 1977): 2)
- 1976**, December 29 — Mr. and Mrs. Chapin, who had the previous experience in October 1969, again notice that their mine site near Redding, California, is unseasonably warm. Chapin walks carefully down toward the creek as his wife remains in the car. When he shouts and tells her to bring the gun, she observes a similar object to the one they had seen seven years earlier, except more pock-marked on the surface, some 175–200 feet away from Mr. Chapin. It moves rapidly in the air and zaps both of them, knocking them to the ground. Chapin hits his head against the canyon wall and his wife falls to the road. They remain unconscious for about 15 minutes. (Glenn Hassenpflug, [“Redding Pair’s UFO Warning,” Redding \(Calif.\) Record Searchlight](#), August 2, 1977, p. 10; [“The Redding, California CE II Case,” IUR 3](#), no. 3 (March 1978): insert; Paul Cerny, [“The Redding, California, Mining Case,” MUFON UFO Journal](#), no. 125 (April 1978): 6–10; Jacques Vallée, *Confrontations*, Ballantine, 1990, [pp. 183–188](#))

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- 1977** — [J. Allen Hynek](#) publishes *The Hynek UFO Report* as a review of and commentary on Project Blue Book records. It is largely ghostwritten by Elaine M. Hendry, [Allan Hendry](#)’s wife and a graduate student in astronomy at Northwestern University. (J. Allen Hynek, [The Hynek UFO Report](#), Dell, 1977; Clark III 620; Clark IV 680)
- 1977** — American-Canadian psychologist [Michael Persinger](#) writes (with Ghislaine Lafrenière) *Space-Time Transients and Unusual Events*, in which he explores the possibility that paranormal experiences might be attributable to such natural phenomena as electromagnetic field waves and high-voltage static-electricity fields. He is convinced that earthquake lights (luminous flashes in the sky accompanying earthquakes) offer the best prospects for explaining UFO phenomena. Close-proximity exposure to this “natural phenomenon that appears correlated with

geophysical processes involved with tectonic strain and strain release,” he argues, could help explain the visual perceptions, tingling experiences, feelings of apprehension, amnesia, shock-induced alterations in consciousness, temporary blindness, nausea, and sleep difficulties of witnesses. He explores these ideas, known as the tectonic strain theory, over the next 15 years, collecting and analyzing historical data to see whether UFO sightings correlate with geophysical variables. He concludes that geomagnetic or seismic activity could account for 50%–80% of the variance in UFO reports and alien encounters. (Michael A. Persinger, “[Geophysical Models for Parapsychological Experiences](#),” *Psychoenergetic Systems* 1 (1975): 63–74; Michael A. Persinger, “[Transient Geophysical Bases for Ostensible UFO-Related Phenomena and Associated Verbal Behavior?](#)” *Perceptual and Motor Skills* 43 (1976): 215–221; Michael A. Persinger and Ghislaine F. Lafrenière, *Space-Time Transients and Unusual Events*, Nelson-Hall, 1977; Michael A. Persinger, “[What Factors Can Account for UFO Experiences?](#)” *The Zetetic Scholar* 1, no. 2 (November 1978): 91–94; Michael Persinger, “[Earthquake Activity and Antecedent UFO Report Numbers](#),” *Perceptual and Motor Skills* 50 (1980): 791–797; Paul Devereux, “[The ‘Earthlights’ Debate: For the Defence](#),” *Magonia*, no. 12 (1983): 8–12; Claude Mauge, “[Persinger’s Tectonic Strain Theory: Strengths and Weaknesses](#),” *Magonia*, no. 24 (November 1986): 13–17; Michael A. Persinger, “[Geophysical Variables and Behavior: LV. Predicting the Details of Visitor Experiences and the Personality of Experiencers: The Temporal Lobe Factor](#),” *Perceptual and Motor Skills* 68, no. 1 (1989): 55–65; Michael A. Persinger, “[Neuropsychological Profiles of Adults Who Report ‘Sudden Remembering’ of Early Childhood Memories: Implications for Claims of Sex Abuse and Alien Visitation/Abduction Experiences](#),” *Perceptual and Motor Skills* 75, no. 1 (1992): 259–266; Clark 427–434; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 238–239; Clark IV 473–480)

- 1977 — Astronomer [Donald H. Menzel](#) and psychiatrist [Ernest H. Taves](#) publish *The UFO Enigma*, which purports to be the “definitive explanation of the UFO phenomenon” and examines 23 unexplained cases from the Condon report, the 1897 airship stories, the Hill abduction, ancient astronauts, and other topics. It rehashes Menzel’s argument that natural explanations account for all UFO sightings. (Donald H. Menzel and Ernest H. Taves, *The UFO Enigma*, Doubleday, 1977; Eghigian, *After*, p. 253)
- 1977 — Lawrence J. Fenwick, Joseph Muskat, and Harry Tokarz found the Canadian UFO Research Network in Willowdale, Ontario, to investigate reports and inform the public. It begins publishing the *CUFORN Bulletin* in late 1979, lasting until the summer of 1999. (*CUFORN Bulletin* 1, no. 2 (January 1980))
- 1977 — [Michel Monnerie](#) publishes *Et si les OVNI n'existaient pas?*, followed in 1979 by *Le naufrage des extra-terrestres*, arguing that ufologists are ignoring the fact that UFO reports do not differ substantially from stories told by some witnesses of odd yet identifiable flying objects. He argues that witnesses unconsciously turn to rumors and myth to make sense of bizarre experiences. (Michel Monnerie, *Et si les OVNI n'existaient pas?*, Les Humanoïdes Associés, 1977; Michel Monnerie, *Le naufrage des extra-terrestres*, Nouvelles Éditions Rationalistes, 1979; Clark III 942; Eghigian, *After*, p. 249; Clark IV 1052–1053)
- 1977 — José Jean Pereira de Alencar founds the Centro de Estudos Ufologicos in Fortaleza, Ceara, Brazil, and publishes the journal *UFOnotas*. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 56](#))
- 1977 — Fernando António Milhano Patinha founds OVNIGrupo 7 in Lisbon, Portugal. It publishes a quarterly magazine, *OVNI*. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 235](#))
- 1977 — Roger Thome founds Groupe d’Étude et de Recherche sur les OVNI Haute-Marne/Meuse in Chaumont, Haute-Marne, France, which publishes five issues of *Groupe 5255* in 1980–1982. (*Groupe 5255*, no. 1 (February 1980))
- 1977 — California State University, Long Beach, English professor [Alvin H. Lawson](#), along with technical writer John DeHerrera and physician William C. McCall, carries out a study in Anaheim (California) Memorial Hospital to determine if the abduction stories told by “real” abductees under hypnotic regression resemble the stories told by others who are asked to imagine an abduction under hypnosis. After the experiment, carried out by student volunteers, Lawson declares that the imaginary accounts are all but identical to the real accounts. He then formulates a Birth Memories Hypothesis, which argues that abductions are nonphysical, archetypal fantasies in which the witness’s birth memories play a central role. However, Lawson’s methodology and results are later critiqued severely. (Alvin H. Lawson, “[What Can We Learn from Hypnosis of Imaginary ‘Abductees’?](#)” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 120 (November 1977): 7–9; Alvin H. Lawson, “[What Can We Learn from Hypnosis of Imaginary ‘Abductees’? Part 2](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 121 (December 1977): 7–9; Alvin H. Lawson, “[Hypnosis of Imaginary UFO ‘Abductees](#),” *Journal of UFO Studies*, orig. ser. 1 (1979): 8–26; Alvin H. Lawson, “[Hypnosis of Imaginary ‘Abductees](#),” in Curtis G. Fuller, ed., *Proceedings of the First International UFO Congress*, Warner, 1980, pp. 195–213; D. Scott Rogo, “[Imaginary Facts: The Case of the Imaginary Abductions](#),” *IUR* 10, no. 2 (March/April 1985): 3–5; D. Scott Rogo, “[Birth Traumas from Outer Space](#),” *IUR* 10, no. 3 (May/June 1985): 4–5, 16; Clark III 944–945; Clark IV 1055)
- 1977 — An Australian soldier is traveling on the Nullarbor Plain in South Australia when he and a companion, an American soldier, watch the descent of a purple-green fireball. They drive to the impact site and see a crashed

UFO. The Australian goes inside and sees two aliens, one dead and the other making a squealing sound. They are about 5 feet tall and pot-bellied, with long, thin arms and large, black eyes. When he comes out again, he finds that military personnel have arrived. They arrest him and his friend and keep him in custody for two weeks. (Bill Chalker, [“UFO Crash/Retrieval Stories: The Australian Experience,”](#) 1998; Clark III 345; Clark 381)

1977 — Maj. Gen. Hideki Komura, an adviser to Japan’s Cabinet Research Office, admits that UFO investigations are carried out at a top level. He says that in the 1950s, the Japan Air Self-Defense Force encouraged reports from the public, but they had too many reports to analyze. Now he admits they cooperate closely with the US government’s Foreign Technology Division. (Good Above, [p. 431](#))

1977, January — The Roper Organization asks two questions about UFOs in a survey: 44% “believe in” life elsewhere in the universe and 29% in UFOs as extraterrestrial. (Robert J. Durant, [“Evolution of Public Opinion on UFOs,”](#) *IUR* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 12)

1977, January — [Peter A. Sturrock](#) of Stanford University releases the results of his survey on UFO sightings and beliefs of professional American astronomers. He has mailed out 2,611 questionnaires, with half (1,356) completed and returned. Sixty-two respondents (nearly 5%) say they have witnessed or obtained an instrumented record of an event they could not identify and that might be related to UFOs. Some 53% prefer additional scientific study of UFOs. ([“Astronomers and UFO’s: A Survey,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 3 (March 1977): 3–4; [“Astronomers and UFO’s: A Survey, Part 2, Sightings,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 4 (April 1977): 3–4; [“Sturrock Reports His UFO-Survey Results,”](#) *Physics Today* 30 (May 1977): 112; Peter A. Sturrock, [“Report on a Survey of the Membership of the American Astronomical Society Concerning the UFO Problem, Part 1,”](#) *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 8, no. 1 (1994): 1–45)

1977, January — [Alfred Webre](#) joins the Center for the Study of Social Policy at the Stanford Research Institute [now SRI International] in Menlo Park, California, as a senior policy analyst. He intends to develop an “extraterrestrial communication” project with White House backing. He plans to establish a comprehensive UFO database, hire scientific advisers to evaluate the data, and issue policy recommendations, including one to end military and intelligence secrecy. He is referred to an unnamed female staff member of the White House Domestic Policy Staff, who is supportive of his proposal. He is promised approval of his proposal, but never hears back from the White House again. The request is terminated in September. (Steven M. Greer, [Disclosure: Military and Government Witnesses Reveal the Greatest Secrets in Modern History](#), Crossing Point, 2001, pp. 441–446; Dolan II 142)

1977, January 1 — 8:00 p.m. François Perez and his wife are chased in their car by a 33-foot long oval object in Valence, Drôme, France. They retrace their route one hour later after telling police. They see the oval object again, about 1,200 feet from them in a field. It appears to be 90–120 feet in diameter and surrounded by a halo of white light. After 10 minutes, the object begins flashing and rises up into the air at a 45° angle. They complain of eye pain and conjunctivitis for 48 hours afterward, and Perez’s watch stops working. ([“French Couple Report Being Chased by ‘Big Glowing Star,’](#)” *Los Angeles Times*, January 9, 1977, p. 28; [“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 2 (February 1977): 2)

1977, January 6 — 1:15 a.m. Florida Malboeuf is sitting at her window at 6420 Casgrain Avenue in Montreal, Quebec, when she sees an oyster-shaped, flat-bottomed metallic object with a row of white lights around its base. It flies in from the north and lands on the rooftop of a three-story apartment building across the street from her only 60 feet away. Immediately two figures appear on the roof; they are over six feet tall and thin, with long arms. They are wearing white one-piece uniforms with their heads covered with tight “bath helmets.” They stand looking at the street, then at the sky, then they apparently return to the object. A moment later they disappear, and the UFO rises from the roof about 20 feet and flies off to the east. Her son André goes over to the rooftop in question and finds a large, elliptical-shaped crust of ice, about 18 feet in diameter, on top of the snow. He also finds four small footprints only 6.5 inches long. (Marc Leduc and Wido Hoville, [“Un UFO sur une maison,”](#) *UFO-Quebec*, no. 9 (1977): 6–10; [“News Flashes,”](#) *The UFO Pulse Analyzer*, no. 2 (May 1977): cover, 15, 16–17; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 62–66](#))

1977, January 10 — 12:00 noon. Horse farmer [William McCarthy](#) is looking out his window at the falling snow when he is surprised to see a hole in his pond in the town of Wakefield, New Hampshire. The pond, 105 by 75 feet, was frozen solid just the day before. He goes outside for a closer look. The hole is perfectly round and cuts smoothly through 14 inches of ice. Eight inches of slush surrounds the hole. Peering into the hole, McCarthy sees something that looks like a one-foot-square box. He races back to the house and brings family members over for a look. Then he goes to the barn to pick up a rake, hoe, and pole. Back at the pond, McCarthy sees that the box has sunk three feet into the muck at the bottom. Frustrated in his attempt to retrieve the object, he calls a friend, Bob Palmer, who arrives around 2:30 p.m. Concerned that they might be dealing with radioactive satellite or aircraft

debris, Palmer notifies the police, who soon arrive in the company of a local Civil Defense representative. The Geiger counter indicates a reading alarmingly above normal (3 roentgens per hour versus normal background radiation of .001 roentgen). The McCarthys are warned to stay away from the water, and the CD man and the police leave to inform their superiors. By 4:00 p.m. the circle of slush has expanded to 10 feet. When McCarthy observes the pond in the morning, he discovers a second hole, this one about 50 feet from the original. Not long afterwards, someone from the attorney general's office warns McCarthy not to let his animals drink from the pond; he reappears later in the day to express concern about possible water seepage. He also directs McCarthy and his family not to discuss the affair with anyone else until the official investigation is completed. The next day the pond is frozen over again. Disregarding warnings, McCarthy walks out on it and looks down through the clear ice where the hole has been and to the pool bottom. A fresh 6-inch-wide trench stretches from beneath the first hole all the way to the second. To all appearances, the object that entered via the former has left via the latter. State police escort all but the officially connected off the farm. Investigators try unsuccessfully to drain the pond, then see a 6-by-3-foot opening where the original hole had been. Distant observers think they see the searchers retrieve a black object and place it inside a van, which quickly leaves the area. By the end of the day, a statement from the governor's office declares that more sophisticated equipment has found no abnormal radioactivity in the pond and the surrounding area. The black object, the authorities contend, is a container filled with soil and stone samples collected for analysis. ([“What’s Going On? N.H. Pond Mystery Called False Report,”](#) *Boston (Mass.) Globe*, January 14, 1977, p. 3; “NH Natives ‘Saw’ Mystery Object, State Officials say They Didn’t,” *Boston (Mass.) Herald American*, January 14, 1977; Allan Hendry, [“The Wakefield Incident: Telling a UFO from a Hole in the Ground,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 2 (February 1977): 8; [“Wakefield Wrap-Up,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 2 (February 1977): insert; Curt Sutherly, “The Inside Story of the New Hampshire UFO Crash,” *UFO Report* 4, no. 3 (July 1977): 22–23, 60–64; Clark III 1233–1234; Clark IV 1413–1414)

- 1977, January 10** — 4:00 p.m. A driver stopped at an intersection in Biloxi, Mississippi, watches a disc on edge descend at an 80° angle, growing larger. When it reaches treetop level, it banks in a curve into the trees. As it leaves, it presents a round face as large as the full moon. ([“Case 2-2-48,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 2 (February 1977): 5)
- 1977, January 11** — The crew of an Indian Air Force jet transport is flying 42 miles west of Varanasi, India, when it encounters three luminescent discs that fly past, circle once, then continue east. Apparently, thousands see the objects from the ground over a period of 45 minutes. (Good Need, [p. 303](#))
- 1977, January 13** — 12:30 a.m. A driver is paced by a UFO shaped like a flattened football with a dark equator in Plantation, Florida. The noiseless object is glowing with a steady white light underneath. It moves erratically in front of the car, and turns a corner as she pulls into her home. As she jumps out, she sees a second object join it in the northeast, and both speed toward the east in 5–6 seconds. ([“Case 2-2-52,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 2 (February 1977): insert.
- 1977, January 15** — 8:15 p.m. An unusually bright light is seen bobbing up and down low in the southern sky of Charleston, Oregon, for 30 minutes. It gradually drops below the horizon. ([“Case 2-3-2,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 3 (March 1977): 5)
- 1977, Mid-January** — 3:00 a.m. Eino Maki is out grooming the ski slopes at the Briar Mountain Lodge near Norway, Michigan. He notices that a nocturnal light UFO (seen frequently in the area since November 1976) is keeping pace with him as he moves up and down the slopes, edging closer. At first it is about 2 miles away at treetop level; now he can see red lights on the object. A bit unnerved, Maki goes back to the lodge and positions himself behind it. The light moves out of sight, and Maki goes back to work about 15 minutes later. Soon the light returns and it is below him on the same ski run, shining brightly. He decides to go home in his pickup truck. One week later, around 11:00 p.m., the same thing starts happening again, but Maki decides to run home right away. (Kenneth Schellhase, [“UFOs on the Ski Slopes of Northern Michigan,”](#) *IUR* 7, no. 2 (March 1982): 10)
- 1977, January 17** — 1:35 a.m. San José, Costa Rica, police officer Elias Sibaja and another officer are on patrol in the Desamparados district when a large luminous object emitting multicolored beams of light approaches the police car and hovers above it. The engine and headlights of the police cruiser go out. After a few seconds, the object moves away to the west and slowly disappears. The lights come back on and Sibaja is able to restart the vehicle. ([“Costa Rica: Squad Car Paralyzed by a ‘Flying Saucer,’](#) *Inexplicata: The Journal of Hispanic Ufology*, December 5, 2023)
- 1977, January 21** — 3:15 p.m. An observer in Aspen, Colorado, watches a stationary object for more than an hour. Through binoculars it looks like a 3:1 rectangle with rounded corners of blue-green light. It fades from view in the same position. ([“Case 2-3-12,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 3 (March 1977): 5)
- 1977, January 21** — 4:45 p.m. Three female factory workers in Bridlington, Yorkshire, England, are walking to work on Bessingby Way when they see a hazy oval object hovering above the Britax PMG factory roof just before it begins moving to the right and stopping again. Almost immediately they spot another hazy object hovering above

the adjacent K. B. Dixon woodyard. It begins moving forward at a slow pace then stops above a ventilation pipe in the Dixon factory wall. As it hovers the haze disappears, and the object's features become more distinct. It is larger than a double-decker bus and shaped like a rugby ball. All three are able to see through a row of windows on the side that reveal a corridor inside. On one end is a tube-like structure or pole. Soon it moves over some community gardens and hovers briefly at about 6 feet altitude, lowers its "pole," and appears to suck up a polythene bag. Both objects now move off to the west. The sighting duration is 5–10 minutes. The witnesses are terrified during the event, experiencing a cold sensation sweeping over them and a prickly irritation in their eyes. They develop sore throats and colds. (Robert Morrell, "[UFOs over Bridlington Factories](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 3 (October 1977): 8–10, 21)

1977, January 21 — 8:45 p.m. Robert Melerine and Irwin Menesses are doing some hunting along a dike canal about one mile northeast of Yscloskey, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, one in a boat and the other walking along the shore. Melerine sees a bright red light in the sky. Suddenly the light seems right around him as the boat is engulfed in the glow, which extends to the surrounding landscape. There is no noise, and the light flies away into the woods. Menesses is already back at camp and has not seen the light. They both get into the boat and move down the dike canal, using the outboard motor. The light reappears and moves closer to them. Although the motor is running the boat is not moving, seemingly held in place. Then the light quickly leaves and the boat lurches forward with great force, causing both men to fall. The light again flies at low level into the trees and continues on until they lose it. They estimate that the light is about 15–25 feet in diameter, roughly circular, faceted, and strikingly fast when it moves toward them. Both men report nausea, stomach aches, and fever for 2 days after the incident (it is flu season). ("Mysterious Hovering Light Observed by Yscloskey Men," *St. Bernard (La.) News*, January 26, 1977; "Mysterious Hovering Light Still a Mystery," *St. Bernard (La.) News*, February 9, 1977; Ted Peters, "[Warm Light Stops Everything!](#)" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 111 (February 1977): 3–6; Richard H. Hall, *Uninvited Guests*, Aurora, 1988, pp. 54–55, 289–290; UFOEv II 222)

1977, January 21 — Night. Capt. Gustavo Ferreira and the crew of Avianca flight HK-1273 see an extremely bright white light in front of his plane. They are 7 minutes out of the El Dorado Airport in Bogotá, Colombia, westbound at 20,000 feet. At the same time, airport radar operator Jorge Jimenez watches a target moving at 27,340 mph in a zigzag motion. Ferreira watches the light change color in response to his turning on his landing lights and head south after 3 minutes. Jimenez sees the target cut 90° to the south at the same time. ("[Jet de Avianca hace contacto con Ovni](#)," *El Tiempo* (Bogotá, Colombia), February 18, 1977, pp. 1, 16-C; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 7 (July 1977): 2; Gordon Creighton, "[UFO Answers Signals over Colombia](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 2 (August 1977): 25–26; UFOEv II 135)

1977, Late January — 6:00 p.m. Richard Luxford is walking home from a friend's house on Willow Street in Shoreditch, Hackney, London, when he spots a sphere in the sky—something he has apparently seen two weeks earlier. After 10–15 seconds, the sphere blinks out. Now 50–60 feet from the end of the street, he notices a small figure crossing his path. The figure moves from the pub on the corner of Willow and Paul Streets toward an old building on the left. It is a yellow humanoid about 3 feet tall, appearing to leap across the opening. Its limbs remain motionless, giving the impression of gliding, with its feet hovering approximately 8–9 inches above the ground. The figure has very thin limbs, a peanut-shaped head, and is positioned with its right leg forward, left leg back, left arm extended forward, and right arm to the rear. The yellow hue comes from a glowing aura around the figure, about 12 inches across, while its main body is dark. Its face, hands, and feet are indistinct. Feeling unnerved, Richard hurries home. (Barry M. King, "[Humanoid in London EC2?](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 2 (August 1978): 27–30)

1977, January 26 — 10:30 p.m. Two boys, Neil and William Belmont, are in bed at their home in Anchorage, Kentucky, while their mother Louise watches TV in a nearby bedroom, and their older brother Kelly watches TV downstairs. Suddenly, the boys' room becomes brilliantly illuminated from outside. Looking out their window, they see a large, yellow object in the air beyond the nearby trees. It is so bright that it's hard to look at, and it appears twice as large as a house, with reddish and greenish edges and possibly a red light on top. The object has a flattened underside, a domed top, and is either hovering or moving very slowly. Neil stands transfixed at the window, while William screams for their mother. Louise sees the object hovering just above the treetops, at an altitude of about 75–100 feet and approximately 300 feet from their house. The object moves slowly away, hovering near the treetops about 1,000 feet to the south before suddenly disappearing. Throughout the event, the family's dogs bark continuously. Kelly doesn't notice any effects on the TV at the time, but some disruptions are observed later. (Burton Monroe, "[Another Kentucky Abduction](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 25, no. 7 (January 1977): 4–5;

1977, January 27 — 1:05 a.m. Lee Parrish, 19, is driving on State Highway 329 southeast of Prospect, Kentucky, when he spots a rectangular, orange-red object coming down near his jeep. His radio fails 15 seconds into the sighting. He feels compelled to watch the object, which stays in the vicinity only a short time. When he arrives home, he

discovers that it has taken 45 minutes to complete a 7-minute trip. Later under hypnosis, he relates being taken inside the object and examined by three strange creatures who are shaped like machines (looking like a giant one-armed tombstone, a 7-foot teletype machine, and a man-sized Coke machine). The electrical system on his jeep goes haywire the day after the abduction. (Carla Rueckert, "[Another Kentucky Abduction](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 25, no. 7 (January 1977): 1, 3–4; "[Single Witness Abduction in Kentucky](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 4 (April 1977): 6–7; Carla L. Rueckert, "[Kentucky Close Encounter](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 3 (October 1977): 15–16, 19; UFOEv II 551–552)

- 1977, January 28** — 10:05 p.m. Students in Platteville, Wisconsin, watch an orange “fuzzy oval” object larger than a full moon descend from a low angle above the southern horizon into distant trees. (“[Case 2-3-22](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 3 (March 1977): 5)
- 1977, January 29** — 9:30 p.m. A patrolman and an unnamed couple in East Haven, Connecticut, see a horizontal row of 5–6 white lights, rotating left to right. The object hovers for 6 minutes, rises from 45° in the east to 80°, drops lower, executes left and right 90° turns, and fades low in the southern sky. (“[Case 2-3-23](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 3 (March 1977): 5)
- 1977, February** — 10:30 p.m. A Danish serviceman is walking to his quarters at Naval Station Grønødal [now Kangilinnguit] in Greenland pauses to look at the Northern Lights. He retrieves a camera to take photos and notices an elliptical dark object below the aurora. The object appears on only one of his time-exposure photos. Possible altocumulus cloud. (Kim Møller Hansen, “[Elliptical Object over Greenland Naval Station](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 3 (June/July 1984): 1)
- 1977, February** — An Italian Air Force F-104 is followed for 23 minutes by a UFO that is brighter than the moon. It remains about 2,400–2,700 feet behind the plane. The base authorizes him to intercept it, but when he climbs to 12,000 feet, the UFO paces him then disappears.
- 1977, February 1** — 8:30 p.m. A police sergeant in Carthage, Missouri, sees a bright red light 45° in the west. He drives “within a block” of the light and sees it as bigger than the full moon, perhaps 100–150 feet in diameter, and hovering silently for 3–4 minutes. It moves at incredible speed away to the west. (“[Case 2-3-33](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 3 (March 1977): 8)
- 1977, February 1** — 9:05 p.m. Two helicopter pilots flying south at 60 mph near Glendale, California, watch a northbound light pass beneath them and climb to their altitude at 2,000 feet and 300–500 feet away. It appears to be a dark, vertical cylinder 10–15 feet high, 5–8 feet wide, and with struts and a light on the bottom. As the helicopter circles, the object rises higher and heads southeast, disappearing in a second or two. (“[Case 2-3-35](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 3 (March 1977): 8)
- 1977, February 2** — Farmer Zbigniew Tuszewski finds a strange disc 1.6 feet in diameter and weighing 66 pounds in his field in Dalabuszki village, north of Gostyń, Poland. Concave on one side, flat on the other, the find does not appear to be from a satellite. A spectroscopic analysis shows the presence of nickel, cobalt, niobium, molybdenum, vanadium, and tellurium; however, another analysis shows no evidence of nickel. (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 9 (September 1977): 2)
- 1977, February 3** — 9:30 p.m. Several children at a youth camp at Seven Mile Beach, Tasmania, Australia, observe a stationary, dome-shaped object hovering near the beach. The object then moves behind some trees, partially obscuring it. On the dome is a row of windows through which at least two of the children can see a thin humanoid figure with a round head. It seems to be moving back and forth behind the window. One child describes the object as similar to two plates placed edge to edge, with flashing yellow white lights along the edge and a red light on top of the dome. The object disappears from view behind the trees. (“[A Quiet Start to the Year](#),” *TUFOIC Newsletter*, no. 23 (January 1978): 4–5; “[Sighting at Seven Mile Beach, Tasmania](#),” *Australian UFO Bulletin*, May 1978, pp. 2–3)
- 1977, February 4** — 6:30 a.m. A woman and her daughter step outside their house in Senožeti, Slovenia, and see a glowing orange ellipse about four times the size of the moon hovering about 10° above the forest. It is silent and has 4–7 brighter spots on it. Walking along, they watch the object disappear and see a glow arising from the woods as if there is a fire in a nearby village. They run to the spot but find nothing there. (“[UFO Spotted in Yugoslavia](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 116 (July 1977): 3–4, 18; “[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 9 (September 1977): 2)
- 1977, February 4** — Around 12:00 noon. Fifteen children, mostly 10-year-old boys, at Broad Haven Primary School in Pembroke, Wales, are playing football when they see a silvery cigar-shaped UFO in a field behind the building, partially hidden by trees and shrubs. Two in the group say it has a silver dome with a flashing light at the top. Six of them claim to see a silver man with pointed ears next to the craft. The school’s headteacher Ralph Llewellyn asks them to draw the UFO and is amazed at how similar the drawings are. Local UFO enthusiast Randall Jones

Pugh brings the story to the attention of the national media and soon sightings of UFOs and alien occupants spring up within a 20-mile radius of Broad Haven, especially near RAF Brawdy [now Cawdor Barracks], east of St. Davids. (Randall James Pugh, "[Broad Haven School Report](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 1 (June 1977): cover, 3–5; Peter Paget, *The Welsh Triangle*, Granada, 1979; UFOFiles2, pp. 94–95; "[Broad Haven UFO Sightings Marked 40 Years On](#)," *BBC News*, February 4, 2017; David Clarke, "Close Encounters of the Playground Kind," *Fortean Times* 357 (September 2017): 16–18; Peter Paget, *The Welsh Triangle Revisited*, The author, 2018; Jackson Camargo, "[O caso de Broad Haven](#)," *Fenomenum*, August 1, 2024)

- 1977, February 6 — UFO researcher [Larry W. Bryant](#) writes a letter to President [Jimmy Carter](#), suggesting that he look into the roles played by military and civilian intelligence agencies in the UFO cover-up. He receives the standard USAF brush-off letter, saying that UFOs are no longer being investigated. (Larry W. Bryant, *UFO Politics at the White House*, Invisible College, 2001)
- 1977, February 9 — 5:20 a.m. A high-altitude light is seen hovering for several minutes above Bondi, New South Wales, Australia, before shooting off to the east. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 5 (May 1977): 2)
- 1977, February 9 — 8:45 p.m. Deputy Sheriff Kenneth Creel and Constable James Luke are on patrol four miles west of Flora, Mississippi, when they encounter a UFO about 30–40 feet in diameter that hovers 20–30 feet above them for more than a minute. They see light coming out of little windows on the object, and it changes color from soft blue to red to green and other colors. Highway Patrolman Louis Younger arrives and sees the same object. Suddenly it takes off to the northwest. ("[Mississippians Observe UFO](#)," *Gulfport (Miss.) Daily Herald*, February 10, 1977, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 94/95 (Feb./Mar. 1977): 24; "[UFO Spotting Focuses on Deputy Creel](#)," *Madison County (Miss.) Herald*, February 17, 1977, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 96 (April 1977): 12; "[Case 2-3-48](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 3 (March 1977): 8; "[Close Encounter in Mississippi](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 4 (April 1977): 7)
- 1977, February 10 — 12:45 a.m. Tom Thibault is alone on the road to Southville, Nova Scotia, when his car is pushed back 250 feet by a 30-by-60 foot object hovering silently 10–12 feet above the road. A blue light emerges from the object that creates an electric shock and an unbearable noise. Thibault suffers a memory loss and gets headaches when he drives by the scene afterward. ("[What Was It?](#)" *Digby (N.S.) Courier*, February 24, 1977; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 5 (May 1977): 2)
- 1977, February 11 — 8:40 p.m. Health service cook Slavka Gorsek and her two children see an intense beam of light come through a bedroom window in their home in Gaberke, Slovenia. It illuminates the room briefly then goes out. The light is coming from an egg-shaped object about 8–11 feet wide that has landed only about 50 feet away behind a chicken coop. It is bright white with a green or blue center. For 2–3 minutes they can see and hear nothing, until the object flashes again and takes off. Three days later Gorsek notices a "glimmering dust" at the landing site and the marks of five landing gear. An analysis is performed but with ambiguous results. (Milos Krmelj, "[UFO Landing in Yugoslavia](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 118 (September 1977): 6–8)
- 1977, Mid-February — 10:30 p.m. Another nocturnal light mimics Eino Maki's movements as he grooms the ski slopes at Brian Mountain Lodge near Norway, Michigan. After going away once, it reappears right over him, illuminating him and a large area around him. He races his tractor at top speed (15 mph), maneuvering under struts and wires so it can't get at him. Assistant Manager Jake Malone hears the tractor gearing up outside and sees a huge brilliantly lit object the "size of a boxcar" following Maki up the slope. When he reaches the top, the UFO hovers, silently bouncing up and down, about 500 feet from the lodge. Maki estimates the object is about 60–80 feet long. Some 10–15 people exiting the lodge begin to see the display as well. (Kenneth Schellhase, "[UFOs on the Ski Slopes of Northern Michigan](#)," *IUR* 7, no. 2 (March 1982): 10–11)
- 1977, February 16 — Morning. Four boys and one adult at Penlee Secondary School in Plymouth, Devon, England, independently see a cigar-shaped object flying horizontally above the school playground before it climbs into a cloud and disappears. (David Clarke, "Close Encounters of the Playground Kind," *Fortean Times* 357 (September 2017): 16)
- 1977, February 16 — Afternoon. Nine children, age 8–11, are playing netball with their teacher, Mair Williams, at Rhosybol School in Anglesey, North Wales, when they see an object flying north. It has a black dome on top and a silver, cigar-shaped base. It remains in sight for 3 minutes, goes behind the only cloud in the sky, reappears for one minute, then disappears. The teacher takes them back inside, separates them, and tells them to draw what they have seen. The sighting is reported to RAF Valley in Anglesey, which can offer no positive identification. (David Clarke, "Close Encounters of the Playground Kind," *Fortean Times* 357 (September 2017): 16)
- 1977, February 16 — 9:00 p.m. A commercial pilot standing outside his truck in Canton, Mississippi, watches a cylindrical object about 40 feet long pass alongside him a few hundred feet away at 30 mph. It has one steady white light in front and makes a noise like a wheezing turbine. It recedes into the west after 5 minutes. ("[Case 2-4-6](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 4 (April 1977): 5)

- 1977, February 16** — 9:15 p.m. A woman in Utica, Michigan, watches for 2 minutes a vertical cylinder of white light that is pointed at the top. It is stationary, silent, shrouded in white haze, and about 10 times as long as the full moon. (“[Case 2-4-7](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 4 (April 1977): 5)
- 1977, February 18** — 4:00 a.m. Rancher Angel Maria Tonna is herding cows to his milking shed near Salto, Uruguay, when the generator-powered building lights suddenly go off. Tonna and his watchdog run to investigate a bright light that appears at the east end of the barn. As the cows mill around wildly, dogs barking, Tonna hears some unspecified noise and sees a hovering disc-shaped object like two plates facing each other. The disc begins moving with a rocking motion, alternately moving and hovering, and at one point breaks off some tree branches. Glowing bright orange, it moves toward Tonna, then stops about 20 feet above the ground next to a water tank, its light illuminating the whole barnyard. The dog runs toward the object as if to attack it, but it suddenly stops and sits down about 15 feet from the disc and begins howling. Tonna sees six beams of lightning-like light, three on each side of the object and feels electric shock, intense heat, and paralysis. Finally the object turns red and gradually accelerates out of sight. The generators resumes functioning, but without producing electricity because the wires are burned out. Investigators find broken trees, circular markings on the ground—one a 35-foot circle containing burned grass and three circular impressions arranged like a triangle within the circle. Tonna experiences severe skin irritation on his right arm, the one he put up to shield his eyes. The dog stops eating, becomes lethargic, and dies three days later on the spot where he had howled at the UFO. An autopsy by a veterinarian finds strong evidence of extreme internal heating. (“[Dog Dies after UFO Incident](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 26, no. 2 (August 1977): 1, 3; Mario Rodriguez, “[Severe Physiological Effects in Uruguay](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 125 (April 1978): 3–5; “[Uruguayan Dog-Zap](#),” *Stigmata*, no. 5 (Fall/Winter 1978): 20; UFOEv II 222–223; Pablo Villarubia Mausó, “[What Happened at La Aurora](#),” *Inexplicata*, no. 12 (Summer 2003): 13–17; Clark IV 1142–1143)
- 1977, February 20** — 10:15 p.m. A domed disc is seen for 1–2 minutes by a man and his son in Victorville, California. It is silver in color with three windows, three legs or wheels, and two hooks at both ends. It hovers above houses 3–4 blocks away, then recedes toward the northwest after attaching itself to the top of a second object to form a sphere. (“[Case 2-4-15](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 4 (April 1977): 5)
- 1977, February 21** — 7:20 p.m. Dorothy Sanders and Trudy Clayton are driving northwest of Tucson (Ariz.) High School when they notice a strange silver airplane moving in a jerky manner against the dark sky. The object is completely smooth, without markings or lights, and has a cross shape with cylindrical wings matching the fuselage. It continuously changes direction, descending from aircraft height to about twice the height of telephone poles, flying back and forth across them. It appears the size of a small plane. When the women turn off the car engine and roll down the window, they hear a very low whining sound. They drive for 15 minutes but return to find the object still in the sky. After observing it for another 2–3 minutes, they leave again. Upon reaching the Sanders’s house, they see the same or a similar object at a higher altitude. Dorothy’s niece, Carolyn Howard, and another relative, David Howard, also witness it. Carolyn stays outside while the others go in. Suddenly, the object dives toward the ground, its wings no longer visible, and appears larger than the nose of a 747. Convinced it will crash, Carolyn tries to scream but cannot make a sound. At the last moment, the object curves upward, and she panics, fleeing inside. (“[Occupant Case in Tucson](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 25, no. 8 (February 1977): 1, 7)
- 1977, February 22** — Severe corrosion of the KS 150 reactor in Jaslovské Bohunice, Czech Republic, causes a release of radioactive material into the plant area, requiring a complete decommission. (Wikipedia, “[KS 150](#)”)
- 1977, February 22** — 9:30 p.m. Antonio Serena, his wife Francesca Castellanos, and their three children are followed by a bright light for one hour and a distance of about 25 miles. The light is first spotted as they are driving northwest of Llíria in Valencia province, Spain, and follows them through the town of Vilamarxant. The car experiences some engine and light problems and does not seem to be able to accelerate. When they approach the village of Cheste, the light seems to move ahead of them, get much closer, and extend some legs in preparation for landing. One of the daughters gets sick from anxiety. The object moves away when a second auto approaches from the opposite direction. Despite the seeming drama of the incident, the light seems to have been Venus and the engine problems are due to a drained battery, as [Ian Ridpath](#) points out. (W. Smith, M. Guasp, and V. J. Ballester Olmos, “[Automovil perseguido entre Villamarchante y Chiva \(Valencia\)](#),” *Stendek* 9, no. 32 (June 1978): 18–22, 26; W. Smith, M. Guasp, and V. J. Ballester Olmos, “[Dramatic Chase in Spain](#),” *UFO Phenomena International Annual Review* 3, no. 1 (1978/1979): 71–86; Story, [pp. 327–330](#); Ian Ridpath, “[A Spanish Close Encounter Re-examined](#),” Ian Ridpath’s UFO Skeptic Pages, January 2021)
- 1977, February 23** — 10:30 p.m. Four people, including three members of the Observer Corps, observe a metallic gray disc about 50 feet in diameter hovering over a stone circle on Ilkley Moor in West Yorkshire, England. They time the observation at three minutes and 41 seconds. The object is rumored to be detected on radar. (“[Investigation Data](#),” *Northern UFO News*, no. 43 (December 1977): 4, 5)

- 1977, February 24** — 2:10 a.m. Restaurant manager Rudi Grutsch and railroad employee Lothar Schafler hear a shrill noise at Langenargen on Lake Constance, Germany, and see brilliant blue-white searchlight beams as two objects hover overhead. The parking lot in front of Grutsch's bar lights up as bright as day. Five others confirm seeing and hearing the two objects, which are elliptical with two portholes. Schafler takes Grutsch home at 2:30 a.m., but Grutsch sees the same two objects illuminating the area near his home. The two objects seem to merge into one, appearing as a large ball of light. Grutsch feels paralyzed as he approaches a window to look out. Schafler is still there, running for cover and trying to hide behind bushes. After a while, Grutsch can move again, but he is shaking with fear. Mrs. Rutsch is awakened by the noise Schafler is making outside, suspecting a burglar. Her neighbor, Mrs. Burkhart, yells that a burglar is breaking in, so Mrs. Grutsch calls the police. About this time, Grutsch relates the experience he has just had. Outside, the objects have disappeared, and Schafler is about to reenter his car. Suddenly a brilliant light of enormous size flares up close to him. He runs around Grutsch's house trying to find an open door, but they are all locked. As he tries to hide in the bushes, two beings suddenly appear, about 3.5 and 4 feet tall respectively. They look human. Except that their arms are long and reach almost to their knees. They have cramped fingers. Their skin color is light and they have round, hairless heads and clearly defined mouths, but no visible ears, noses, or necks. The beings rock their bodies back and forth. Their small, slanted eyes stare unflinchingly at Schafler, and he feels paralyzed with fear. The larger being is only 3 feet away. Their only clothing appears to be frilly neckpieces reminiscent of harlequins. Even though the beings make no menacing moves, Schafler goes into a state of panic, throwing himself against the locked door of the house and crying for help. He smashes a pane of glass on the door of the Burkhart house and unlocks it from inside, then falls on the hallway floor. By the time the Burkharts arrive home, the objects are gone and they find Schafler lying in the hallway with his hand bleeding and shouting about flying beings. They suspect he is mentally unbalanced. The police arrive momentarily and take Schafler to the hospital around 4:00 a.m. He returns home about 6:00 a.m. Several additional witnesses are found over the next few days. For several weeks, Schafler suffers from insomnia and nightmares. Once he breaks out in a heavy sweat. Two weeks later he develops a stomach ulcer and is confused and nervous by a time discrepancy. Grutsch is also confused and nervous. (UFOEv II 494–495; Illobrand von Ludwiger, [Best UFO Cases: Europe](#), National Institute for Discovery Science, 1998, pp. 48–60)
- 1977, February 25** — 7:45 p.m. A 16-year-old bicycling near Cyprus College in California is followed by a star-like object that appears in the west, 45° up. The light enlarges to a thin cigar-shape, 4–5 times the width of the moon, after rushing toward him in 5 seconds. He cycles away, frightened, and has to be driven home in tears by friends. His friends and family see the object as a “star” that sets in the west in 25 minutes. Possibly Jupiter. (“[Case 2-4-19](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 4 (April 1977): 5)
- 1977, February 26** — 9:00 p.m. An accident investigator in Ontario, California, sees a white triangle with rounded sides as big as the full moon. It moves silently and slowly from overhead toward the east, 45° up. It changes course twice in the next 4–5 minutes before it disappears in the distance. (“[Case 2-4-21](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 4 (April 1977): 6)
- 1977, March 2** — Rancher Brian T. Bray discovers a 14-foot diameter, circular ring in a paddock at Brayfield Station, southwest of Port Neill, South Australia. No UFO is seen. The topsoil, soft everywhere else, is surprisingly hard in the ring, with the grass in the center undisturbed. (“[Another ‘Flying Saucer Nest’ Found in District](#),” *Port Lincoln (S.A.) Times*, March 3, 1977, p. 3; *Adelaide (S.A.) Advertiser*, March 12, 1977; “[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 8 (August 1977): 2)
- 1977, March 4** — 6:00 a.m. Ludwig Siegal is driving on Provincial Road 201 about 4 miles west of Sundown, Manitoba. He sees a shimmering oval object ahead of him and silently hovering about 15 feet above the highway. It is yellowish cream around the outer edge, darkening to more yellowish in the middle. He passes directly underneath the object, which does not appear to be solid. Two miles further, Siegal sees three entities, 5 feet tall and shaped like bowling pins, in the glare of his headlights. They are arranged in a row along the left side of the road and have bulbous heads, narrow necks, and flared bodies. Unable to stop in time, he crashes into the group but feels no impact. They simply disappear as they touch the car's bumper. Looking in his rear-view mirror, he sees all three of them reappear behind his car, shrink to a small size, and vanish. Siegal calls the RCMP from a nearby friend's house. They find skid marks, but no traces of blood or any impact marks on Siegal's car. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 166, 221–223)
- 1977, March 7** — 8:34 p.m. French Air Force pilot Maj. René Giraud and navigator Capt. Jean-Paul Abraham, flying a Dassault Mirage IV supersonic bomber over Chaumont, Haute-Marne, France, see a huge UFO. The light appears bigger and bigger as it approaches their aircraft from the rear right. The pilot is flying at Mach 0.98 and makes a turn to the right and then to the left to make sure the light is not a reflection of some sort in the cockpit. As he does these maneuvers, both crew members can distinguish that the light is on the front of a dark, solid object. Despite the evasive maneuver, the unidentified object manages to stay exactly behind them for a few seconds, a

very dangerous situation if the unknown object is hostile. Then the object makes a turn to the northwest at an estimated speed of Mach 2, and flies away to the left of the Mirage IV. (UFOEv II 95–96; Good Need, [pp. 304–305](#); Kean, [pp. 123–124](#); Patrick Gross, “[Mirage IV Jet Bomber Encounters UFO, France, March 7, 1977](#)”; “[L’Observation d’OVNI du Colonel René Giraud \(1977\)](#),” OVNI et Extraterrestre, November 10, 2014)

- 1977, March 8** — 7:30 p.m. Eleven witnesses in six groups (including Thelma Lowe, Harold Wilson, Sara Green, Mrs. Everett Miller, Mrs. W. E. Runge II, and Robert Smyth) watch a red ball of fire the size of the full moon drift over their houses and alight on the ground south of Gatchellville, Pennsylvania. It leaves a large patch of burning grass (100 feet long by 30 feet wide), with a mysteriously unscathed area delineated by three holes at the vertices. (“[Case Number 2-4-44](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 5 (May 1977): 6–7; “[Close-Out on the Gatchellville, PA CE II](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 3 (March 1978): insert; John Harney, “[In Search of the Real UFOs](#),” *Magonia*, no. 49 (June 1994): 11)
- 1977, March 9** — 12:34 a.m. Captain Assapa, Flight Officer Berehan, and Flight Engineer Negassa of Ethiopian Airlines Flight ET-701 are flying near Qarun Lake, Egypt, when they see a formation of eight lights, with two larger ones in the lead, flying southeast. They are the color of “arc welding.” (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 5 (May 1977): 2)
- 1977, March 9** — 3:10 a.m. Brian Grimshaw and his friend Jeff are driving to a textile factory in Nelson, Lancashire, England, when they see a cigar-shaped, metallic object in the sky. They stop the car for a better look. The UFO has lights at either end that are changing color, and the entire object is surrounded by a gray mist. The witnesses hear a sound they describe as like the tide coming in and going out. As the object comes closer, the car engine stops and the headlights dim. After five minutes, the object flies off and the car restarts. Both witnesses come down with headaches shortly afterward. (Tony Grimshaw and Jenny Randles, “[Frightening Car-Stop near Nelson](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 2 (August 1977): 3–5, 12; Jenny Randles, *The UFO Conspiracy*, Barnes & Noble, 1993, [pp. 137–139](#); UFOEv II 223–224; Jenny Randles, “Flappy Valley, Part 4,” *Fortean Times* 328 (July 2015): 28–29)
- 1977, March 9** — 7:20 p.m. Susanna and Maria Stratford watch a shiny saucer with a red light on top and a rounded bottom descend to 30 feet above the ground and hover for 20 minutes, veering left and right above the trees in Saanich, British Columbia. It disappears toward the east. (“[Night UFO: It Came Back to See Us](#),” *Victoria (B.C.) Times*, March 11, 1977, p. 17)
- 1977, March 9** — 10:40 p.m. Four adult witnesses in Long Grove, Illinois, are attracted outside by a loud crackling noise. Searching around with a powerful spotlight, they see an object 60° up in the northern sky about 1,000 feet up. It is a white, tapered rectangle with a black silhouette behind it about the size of the full moon. They watch it maneuver within the spotlight beam and watch it sporadically for 30 minutes until it vanishes within the beam; the noise stops immediately. (“[Case 2-4-46](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 5 (May 1975): wrap)
- 1977, March 10** — 7:40 p.m. Ten crew members of two oil tankers anchored one mile apart at the Arjuna Oil Field in the Java Sea, Indonesia, see an object the apparent size of the full moon. It is primarily dark with a red light in the middle and emits beams of yellowish-white light in two directions. It is only about 1,000 feet above the surface of the water. Coming from the west, it circles the offshore oil field twice and then speeds off to the east after 5 minutes. (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 2 (February 1978): 2)
- 1977, March 12** — A group of ufologists in the UK, among them [Jenny Randles](#), Peter Warrington, and Jeff Porter, hold an initial meeting of the UFO Investigators Network (UFOIN) in Birmingham with the intent of bringing together a national network of investigators who will collaborate on detailed and unbiased case reporting. The group, actually a loose affiliation of existing UFO organizations, adopts a standardized reporting format and stores reports in an office in Nottingham, where researchers can access them. The group ultimately decides to merge with BUFORA in March 1982 as its national investigations committee. (“[UFOIN](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 2 (August 1977): 1–2; Jenny Randles, “[The UFOIN Concept](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1979): 28–29; Jenny Randles, “[UFOIN Files](#),” *UFO Times*, no. 15 (September 1991): 23–24)
- 1977, March 12** — 9:05 p.m. United Airlines Flight 94 is flying south of Syracuse, New York, on a course toward Boston’s Logan Airport in Massachusetts. Suddenly the airplane starts a gradual, smooth (15° bank angle) turn to the left by itself. Within 5–10 seconds both captain Neil Daniels, 57, and the flight officer turn and look to their left side and see an “extremely bright white light at about their own altitude.” It is perfectly round and almost 3° arc in apparent diameter. Daniels estimates its distance to be about 3,000 feet and probably as big or bigger than a DC-10 in size. Its intensity is like that of a flashbulb. Boston Center calls them and asks, “United 94, where are you going?” Daniels replies, “Well, let me figure this out. I’ll let you know.” Then they notice that “the three compasses were all displaying different readings. The FO’s compass was within 20° arc of the compass in front of the captain and was not rotating. It was then that the FO uncoupled the autopilot and flew the airplane manually.” Meanwhile, the UAP “followed right along with us” for about 4–5 more minutes then “it took off and picked up speed very rapidly and just disappeared, over about 15 seconds, back towards our 8:00 o’clock position and slightly upward.” Daniels asked ATC if they have any radar traffic in the area and they reply, “no.” Later, ATC

tells Daniels, “So whatever it was, we don’t know. But it did cause a disruption in the magnetic field around the aircraft to the point where it did pull the aircraft off course.” (Peter A. Sturrock, *The UFO Enigma*, Warner, 1999, pp. 86–88; Richard F. Haines, “[Aviation Safety in America: A Previously Neglected Factor](#),” NARCAP, October 15, 2000, p. 80; Kean, pp. 45–46; “[Air Force Pilot Neil Daniels Sighting](#),” Riddlept YouTube channel, October 8, 2013)

- 1977, Mid-March** — Observers at Mehrabad Airport in Tehran, Iran, see 20–25 UFOs flying from the desert toward the city. The pilots and passengers of an Iranian airliner flying at more than 6 miles altitude about 87 miles from the city describe them as yellow in color. A Japanese pilot the same distance south of Tehran switches on all his lights when he sees a huge object in front of his plane. He claims 15–20 smaller objects fly out of the large one directly toward the pilot, who changes course and heads for Mehrabad. (“[Review of Iranian UFO Reports](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 2 (Jan./Feb. 1981): 15)
- 1977, Mid-March** — Around 11:00 p.m. James Ferguson and Tom Patton are in the desert about 2 miles west of Tucson, Arizona, preparing to take night photographs of saguaro cacti using flash-lighting effects. As they are getting ready to take a photo, the floor of the desert around them suddenly brightens. They see a large mass of light rise from behind a distant range of hills and hover for many minutes just above the horizon. Quickly, they turn the camera on its tripod toward the light and take a time exposure. Several minutes pass and suddenly the light moves rapidly to the north and disappears in the distance. The trail of light on the photo shows the light’s departure. (“[1977 Nocturnal Light Photograph Reported](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 1 (May 1980): 1; “[Tucson 1977 Nocturnal Light Remains Unidentified](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 4 (August 1980): 2)
- 1977, March 19** — 8:00 p.m. Sylvia Laidler and her daughter Darlene are driving eastbound on Highway 401 near Belleville, Ontario, when a red streak appears in the north. The object stops abruptly over the highway in front of her car, maintaining a red, pulsating glow, then approaches them, flying on the south side of the road at tree-top level. It is triangular with turquoise lights, red flashing lights, and a golden light flashing at the bottom. It hovers silently above them briefly then moves off to the south. (“UFO Hovered over Car,” *Belleville (Ont.) Intelligencer*, May 6, 1977; Marler [96–97](#))
- 1977, March 22** — 10:20 a.m. Tom Evison and his wife watch for 15 minutes a bright stationary light an estimated 10 miles north of their location in Seatoun, a suburb of Wellington, New Zealand. Seen through a telescope, it appears as elongated with black vertical lines. It slowly fades away in place. (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 5 (May 1977): 2)
- 1977, March 24** — 8:50 p.m. Witnesses on La Palma and Tenerife, Canary Islands, see a reddish light emerge from the sea, climb very fast, move in a zigzag fashion, and leave behind a huge, bright halo that lasts 10 minutes. Several minutes later, a Scandinavian DC-8 passing over Ad Dakhla on the coast of Western Sahara observes a luminous cloud to the west. A South African Airways jumbo jet describes the same phenomenon. 310 miles to the south, Capt. M. Brackenridge and the crew of the merchant ship *Kinpurnie Castle* witness a luminous semicircle on the horizon, with a small bright arc inside. In only 3 minutes it has reached colossal dimensions. Seven minutes later, it has completely dispersed, after a second luminous spot appears above it. The sighting correlates with the launch of two Poseidon missiles from the [USS Woodrow Wilson](#). (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Ricardo Campo Pérez, “[Navy Missile Tests and the Canary Islands UFOs](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 4)
- 1977, March 28** — 12:30 a.m. Burton Woods is awakened by a loud humming noise outside his mobile home along State Route 970 east of Clearfield, Pennsylvania. He sees a teardrop-shaped, dull metallic object, about 150–200 feet long, gliding along at treetop level. It has a green, glowing panel on its underside. He grabs a camera and runs to the field where the object is hovering about 70 feet in the air. Nearly underneath it, he takes two instamatic photos before the object speeds away to the southwest, but the photos fail to develop properly. (“[Negatives of UFO Blank: Investigation Continues](#),” *Clearfield (Pa.) Progress*, April 4, 1977, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 97 (May 1977): 1–2; T. Scott Crain, “[Witness Runs Underneath Object](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 117 (August 1977): 16–18)
- 1977, March 29** — 12:30 a.m. A witness in a rural area near West Decatur, Pennsylvania, sees an “upside-down teardrop” object 100–200 feet long and 60 feet wide drift in from the east at treetop level. With the point of the teardrop pointing upward, the gray-brown object features a large panel of fluorescent green light on the bottom. Drifting west into a field, the object makes a sound like a “rope spinning in the air.” Climbing at a 45° angle to a half-mile up in 15 seconds, it levels off and accelerates to the southwest in 8 seconds. (“[Case 2-5-43](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 5 (May 1977): 5)
- 1977, April 1** — 10:40 p.m. A woman is driving her three young children south on the west side of DeRuyter, New York, when she finds herself overtaking and driving underneath a 35–40-foot object hovering 30 feet above the maple trees. The UFO has three outer red and blue lights and a sequential series of red lights in two rows on the center

- bottom. One mile away, two other witnesses go in search of a red glow without being able to overtake it. ("[Case 2-5-46](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 5 (May 1977): 5)
- 1977, April 5 — 2:17 p.m. A pilot driving on I-94 northbound near Deerfield, Illinois, sees an object coming toward him (southbound) first in the distance then directly above him later on. It is a silver mushroom three times the apparent size of the moon, and it moves silently toward Chicago against the wind. ("[Case 2-5-51](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 5 (May 1977): 5)
- 1977, April 5 — 9:00 p.m. A young couple and others in Lincolnton, North Carolina, see 5–6 red-orange lights hovering 200 feet away. ("[Case 2-5-52](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 6 (June 1977): wrap)
- 1977, April 8 — 2:00 a.m. A domed disc-shaped object flies around two witnesses in Cedar Springs, Michigan, hovering and flashing over some nearby trees. Ring ground marks are later found. ("[Case 2-5-57](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 5 (May 1977): wrap)
- 1977, April 8 — 8:08 p.m. A teenager and his mother in St. Louis, Missouri, watch a flat disc four times the width of the moon silhouetted against the clouds. It has three steady white lights around its edges and moves silently from a high angle in the east to a low angle in the west. ("[Case 2-5-58](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 6 (June 1977): wrap)
- 1977, April 8 — 10:35 p.m. A cigar-shaped object glowing red at each end darts north to south across Interstate 64 in Lexington, Kentucky, several times. ("[Case 2-5-80](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 6 (June 1977): wrap)
- 1977, April 10 — 2:30 a.m. Martha and Olof Eriksson watch a yellow light with a red "textile-like" appendage hanging below it at Flykålen, Jämtland, Sweden. It is 100 feet in diameter and moving from south to north. ("[Night Sun Shone over Laxsjö](#)," *Lanstidningen Östersund*, April 12, 1977, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 97 (May 1977): 15; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 8 (August 1977): 2)
- 1977, April 14 — 2:00 a.m. Captain Scherrer, Senior First Officer Schmid, and hostess Rothenhofer are on board Swissair Flight SR-798 near Maastricht, Netherlands. Schmid notices the first of four "lightning-like lights" in an otherwise clear sky. Ground radar calls the plane's attention to a target 15 miles away at their 1 o'clock position. The crew sees two targets briefly at that position but only on radar. Then all three of them see another flash. Maastricht radar watches the target fall back east of the plane and rush at high speed back to a 1 or 2 o'clock position only 3 miles away. There is still no visual contact. A few minutes later, a third silent lightning-like flash is seen just in front of the airliner. Maastricht radar watches the target playing with the plane behind its tail and right wing, where the fourth flash is seen. A military radar places the speed of the target when moving fast at Mach 4 or 5. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 6 (June 1977): 2)
- 1977, April 17 — 4:00 p.m. A woman in La Louvière, Hainaut, Belgium, watches a flat cylinder with faceted sides move from the southwest to northeast. The object is dark, seems solid, and emits no smoke or trail. It moves in a straight line with an oscillation in the same direction as the wind. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 8 (August 1977): 2)
- 1977, April 17–23 — An International Congress on the UFO Phenomenon is held in Acapulco, Mexico, organized by Mexico City businessman Guillermo Bravo. Speakers include [J. Allen Hynek](#), [Jacques Vallée](#), [John A. Keel](#), William Spaulding, [Walt Andrus](#), and [Dennis Hauck](#). Prime Minister [Eric Gairy](#) makes a strong plea for a United Nations program to investigate UFOs. (J. Allen Hynek, "[First' International Congress on the UFO Phenomenon](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 5 (May 1977): wrap)
- 1977, April 18 — About 12:05 a.m. George Thrupp and Margaret Mancour of the weather office at Vancouver International Airport in British Columbia have just gotten off their shift when they see a "blue flash" over the airport. It appears in the south sky above Richmond. The light is coming from a cigar-shaped object larger than a Boeing 747 jumbo jet that is orange on the top half and blue on the bottom half with dark portholes along the side. ("[Pair Sight UFO at City Airport](#)," *Vancouver (B.C.) Sun*, April 19, 1977, p. 35)
- 1977, April 18 — White House Press Secretary [Jody Powell](#) states in the "Washington Whispers" column of *US News and World Report* that "before the year is out" there will be "unsettling disclosures" about UFOs, "based on information from the CIA." Later, the White House claims the story is a "misunderstanding" by Powell. ("[Washington Whispers](#)," *US News and World Report*, April 18, 1977, via *Aerial Phenomenon Clipping and Information Center* 2, no. 4 (April 1977): 29; "[UFO's and CIA Involvement](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 5 (May 1977): front; George W. Earley, "[Special Report on Close Encounters of the Third Kind](#)," *Beyond Reality*, no. 31 (March/April 1978): 38, 41; Robert Scheaffer, "[UFO Disclosure' Happening Again This Year](#)," *Skeptical Inquirer* 40, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 2016): 16–17)
- 1977, April 19 — Santiago Laco Ozano, 32, is milking cows in Rocha, Uruguay, when he hears a strange noise as the area around him is illuminated. Looking up, he sees a small object giving off a powerful beam of light. He faints, and on recovering about 5 minutes later, notices his hair is slightly burned. He is admitted to a nearby hospital, whose personnel verify the singeing and that his scalp has no lesions. ([[Flying Saucer Attacked a Rural Worker in Uruguay](#)], *Crónica* (Buenos Aires, Argentina), August 6, 1977, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 99 (July/Oct. 1977): 14; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 1 (January 1978): 2)

- 1977, April 19** — Early morning. Rosa Granville, proprietor of the Haven Fort Hotel in Little Haven, Pembroke, Wales, is disturbed by a strange humming noise. She looks out a window and sees an oval-shaped object “like the moon falling down” land behind her home. Two tall humanoids appear in front of the UFO, which is about the size of a minibus. They have blank faces and pointed heads and are wearing white outfits like boiler suits. They appear to “take measurements or gather things” and climb a grassy bank in a field. When she returns to the window after calling other family members, the object and the figures have vanished. (UFOFiles2, [p. 96](#))
- 1977, April 21** — 7:15 p.m. A couple in Towson, Maryland, sees a gray capsule with short, stubby wings, two yellow headlights, and no windows. Several times the full moon, the object flies silently from low in the east to above their car in 4 minutes. (“[Case 2-6-5](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 6 (June 1977): 3)
- 1977, April 22** — 3:10 a.m. Three witnesses in Washburn, Wisconsin, see a flat, round object with five white lights on its rim and two red lights on its bottom. It pursues their car for three-quarters of a mile, even around curves and driving at 90 mph. The object overshoots them, slows down, and moves only 30 feet in front of them. After 4 minutes it accelerates in a steep climb toward the southwest. (“[Case 4-22-77](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 6 (June 1977): 3)
- 1977, April 22** — Pauline Coombes reports seeing a luminous silver figure 7–8 feet tall looking into her window at Ripperston Farm near Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, Wales, for an hour. She doesn’t say anything until her son notices it too. Humanoid in form, the figure’s face is black and featureless; it vanishes when a neighbor drives up. Two weeks earlier, a yellow sphere had chased her car; she accelerated to 80 mph to escape it. (“[Chased by a Flying Football](#),” *Wales Western Telegraph* (Haverfordwest), April 14, 1977, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 98 (June 1977): 15; “Welsh UFO Flap Continues,” *Fountain Journal*, no. 11 (1977): 2; “[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 8 (August 1977): 2; Randall Jones Pugh and F. W. Holiday, *The Dyfed Enigma: Unidentified Objects in West Wales*, Faber & Faber, 1979, pp. 94–98; Clive Harold, [The Uninvited: The True Story of Ripperston Farm](#), Star, 1979; Hilary Evans, “[Tread Thou in Them Boldly](#),” *Common Ground*, no. 1 (May 1981): 2–7; “[A Face at the Window](#),” *Grimsby (UK) Evening Telegraph*, October 29, 1990, p. 13; “[The Night Monitor: The Silver Giant \(Official Video\)](#),” AVD78 YouTube channel, October 7, 2020; “[Pauline Coombs Talks about the Ripperston Farm UFO Encounters, Pembrokeshire, Wales, 1977](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, October 21, 2022)
- 1977, April 23** — 9:30 p.m. Pilot William Sorum and copilot Richard Drzal are flying a DC-10, Northwest Orient Flight 27, from Seattle, Washington, to Anchorage, Alaska. About 50 miles east of Middleton Island, Alaska, they see a bright white star moving smoothly from the southern horizon across their field of view to the northern horizon for about 40 seconds. It passes in front of them at a 45° above them at their altitude of 39,000 feet. Radar Approach Controller Terry Siegrist and others at Anchorage International Airport see a linear flight of four separate unidentifiable blips suddenly appear on radar screens at 30 miles distance from the city, covering 10 miles in 6–12 seconds (3,600 mph). Correlation between the two observations is not established. (“[Radar/Visual in Alaska](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 7 (July 1977): 4)
- 1977, April 25** — 3:45 a.m. Eight soldiers camped on a military patrol 3 miles from Putre, Arica y Parinacota, Chile, suddenly see two bright violet lights nearby. The soldiers’ dog and horses remain still while the lights hover nearby. The leader of the group, Corporal Armando Valdés Garrido, orders the other soldiers to put out their campfire. The two large lights are about a half-mile away and hovering close to the ground. Valdés approaches the lights, ordering them to identify themselves. At this point a bright light envelops Valdés and he apparently vanishes in a mist in plain view of the others. The soldiers frantically begin searching for him but are unable to find him. At around 4:15 a.m., Valdés suddenly reappears. He has a strange look on his face and he gives out a sinister laugh, asking several times where his mother is. Then he says, again in a very sinister sounding voice, “You will never know who we are and where we come from.” The others notice that he appears to have a week’s growth of beard, whereas he had been clean-shaven just an hour ago, and his digital watch indicates the impossible date of April 30. He is almost in hysterics and one of the soldiers has to slap him, at which point Valdés faints. One of the other soldiers, Raúl Salinas, who has been standing a few feet in back of the others, notices a strange humanoid creature behind some nearby rocks. He describes it as half animal and half human; no facial features are visible, but it seems to be wearing a helmet and is carrying a red light. Salinas is stunned to see the creature appear at several places simultaneously. He thinks that there might be several humanoids. He does not mention this to the others at the time, since they are already scared, but the others do not see the humanoid or humanoids. When Valdés wakes up he cannot remember where he has been. In 2013, Valdés, now an evangelical pastor, admits that no one on the patrol saw aliens—only that they saw something that frightened them. He claims he only left the group to go urinate. Many ufologists now feel that the Chilean government encouraged the abduction scenario to mask the presence of troops and horses in northern Chile in the event of a war with Argentina or a regional conflict. (Wikipedia, “[Caso Cabo Valdés](#)”; “[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 7 (July 1977): 2; “[The Chilean Abduction](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 26, no. 1 (July 1977): 1, 3; Gordon Creighton, “[The Arica Encounter](#),”

Flying Saucer Review 23, no. 5 (February 1978): 8–9; “[Cabo Valdés se confiesa: ‘Nunca me abdujeron.’](#)” *La Cuarta*, February 18, 2018)

- 1977, April 29 — Manuel Lopez, the pilot of a single-engine plane, is allegedly blinded in flight by a UFO near Bogotá, Colombia. Circling in the air for 2 hours, Lopez’s calls for help are recorded and played on a local radio station: “I’ve lost my sight; I don’t know what to do!” Four aircraft surround him and talk him down to a safe landing at El Dorado International Airport by radio. He is rushed to a military hospital suffering from shock. (“[Colombian Pilot Says UFO Blinded Him](#),” *Philadelphia Inquirer*, May 7, 1977, p. 2)
- 1977, April 29 — 11:45 p.m. A woman and her daughter are driving north of Oxford, Ohio, when a white light begins pacing their car on the left about 180 feet away. They speed up and pass it after 3 minutes. The mother only sees a light, but the daughter perceives a “saucer with a vertical cone.” (“[Case 2-6-34](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 6 (June 1977): 3)
- 1977, Late spring — Constitutional attorney [Daniel P. Sheehan](#), at the request of Congressional Research Service researcher [Marcia S. Smith](#), visits the brand-new Madison Building at the Library of Congress to look at the “classified sections of Project Blue Book.” He claims to have seen photos of a flying saucer embedded in snow and surrounded by USAF personnel wearing parkas. There are symbols on the side of the crashed craft. (presidentialufo.com, “[President Carter, Daniel Sheehan, and Donald Menzel: The Congressional Research Service UFO Studies for President Carter](#)”; Coulthart 2023, pp. 71–74)
- 1977, May — [Leonard H. Stringfield](#)’s *Situation Red: The UFO Siege!* is published, supporting the thesis that the US military has acquired extraterrestrial hardware and possibly bodies. The book immediately prompts dozens of alleged first-hand witnesses of crashed UFOs or alien bodies to contact Stringfield with their stories. One of his informants is a medical doctor (“Doctor X”) who says he has conducted medical tests on alien cadavers at a major medical facility in the eastern US. Stringfield is later able to visit Doctor X and a colleague of his, Doctor Y, who has examined an alien tissue sample under a microscope. The aliens are said to be 3.5–4.5 feet tall, weighing 40 pounds, with large heads. They have slender torsos and long, thin arms. Their skin is tan or gray, elastic, and reminiscent of reptilian skin. A colorless liquid is present in the bodies; there are no red cells. The eyes are slanted without pupils, and they have heavy brow ridges, apertures in place of ears, small noses, and slit-like mouths. They have no teeth. Doctor X avoids Stringfield’s later questions. (Leonard H. Stringfield, *Situation Red: The UFO Siege!* Doubleday, 1977; UFOEv II 593; Graff 246)
- 1977, May — The *UFOIC Newsletter* is continued by the *UFO Newsletter (UFO Research (NSW))*. (Clark IV 1271)
- 1977, May — A young radio technician is lying in bed during a power blackout in Gloggnitz, Austria. Suddenly a hollow globe about 1.6 feet in diameter and made up of separate red bars of light appears over the bedroom floor. It begins moving slowly and silently toward a glass door. The witness jumps out of bed, bumping into the ball of light with his leg. He feels nothing and there are no aftereffects. The bars of light begin to shrink in diameter, causing the ball to dim and disappear. No traces are left behind. (Michael D. Swords, “[A Trick of the Light](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 9)
- 1977, May 1 — 2:00 a.m. Amateur astronomer Lev Boethin sees a red-brown oval object 10 times the size of the moon near Mudeng, Philippines. It moves silently from the southeast to the northwest parallel to the ground 20° above the horizon. He estimates it is only 300 feet away and moving faster than an aircraft. (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 6 (June 1977): 2)
- 1977, May 1 — The Groupe d’Etude des Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non Identifiés (GEPAN) is founded as a section of France’s Centre National d’Études Spatiales on the initiative of CNES Director [Yves Sillard](#). Its purpose is to quiet public fears about a flurry of UFO sightings, as well as to coordinate reports of the Gendarmerie, civil aviation, the Air Force, and the meteorological service. Its first director is aeronautical engineer [Claude Poher](#). GEPAN sets up a Scientific Council of astronomers and other scientists and professionals to put in place data-collection systems for UFO reports from official agencies and investigate cases already reported. (Good Above, pp. 135–136; Jean-Pierre Petit, “[The Truth about G.E.P.A.N.](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 35, no. 4 (December 1990): 22–24; Mark Rodeghier, ed., “[The 1999 French Report on UFOs and Defense](#),” *IUR* 25, no. 2 (Summer 2000): 20–21; Gildas Bourdais, “[From GEPAN to SEPRA: Official UFO Studies in France](#),” *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 11–13; Gildas Bourdais, “[The Death and Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 12–13; Swords 440–442; Clark III 546; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 226–227; Clark IV 604)
- 1977, May 3 — 3:55 a.m. A caller tells police in Hainault, northeast London, that a strange object is above the small lake in Hainault Forest Country Park. Two policemen are dispatched, and they see a “large bright red light” on the eastern shore. They exit their vehicle and notice an object like a “bell tent” about 900 feet away that continuously pulsates from dull to very bright red for the next 2–3 minutes. The UFO seems to be hovering silently. Then the object appears to “dissolve on the spot.” The officers decide somewhat reluctantly to go across the lake and investigate. Then one of them looks up and briefly sees a thin, large, white crescent hanging in the sky. This also

dissolves on the spot. Reaching the location of ground zero, they find nothing except a strong burning smell. They make a report to the local UFO group, the Essex Hotline, and investigator Barry M. King interviews one of the officers that night. The next day, one large bush is found damaged: flattened in the center and slightly burned. A gorse bush appears to have borne a heavy weight, because almost all the limbs are snapped off the central branch and displaced in an outward-radiating splay. No radiation or magnetic anomalies are found. (Barry M. King, "[Landing at Hainault Seen by Police](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 2 (August 1977): 8–11; Andrew Collins, "[Follow-Up at Hainault](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 2 (August 1977): 11–12; Jenny Randles, "May Day! May Day!" *Fortean Times* 419 (June 2022): 27)

- 1977, May 3 — 6:35 p.m. Several people in the eastern part of Jakarta, Indonesia, are watching the sky with binoculars when they see a round UFO that traverses the sky in one minute. It carries flashing red, green, white, and blue lights located in circles around the rim. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 2 (February 1978): 2)
- 1977, May 3 — 9:20 p.m. A woman in Wilcox, Pennsylvania, sees a large silver sphere with many blue lights around its equator. The object hovers close to the west side of her house, casting a spotlight on the ground. It begins moving and disappears straight up in one second. Her two dogs refuse to go near the spot afterward and are fussy about eating. ("[Case 2-6-53](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 6 (June 1977): 3)
- 1977, May 8 — 2:00 p.m. A couple driving west on Interstate 80 in Joliet, Illinois, watch an object like a silver straw hat move silently eastbound over their car. At 2:30 p.m., they see a silver sphere with a Saturn ring or halo around it. ("[Case 2-6-64](#)" and "[Case 2-6-65](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 6 (June 1977): 8)
- 1977, May 10 — 5:10 a.m. Phylis Barlow watches a triangular UFO circling slowly in the sky above Rome, Georgia. It is flying at a tilt, and on the bottom is a circle of foggy light surrounding a triangle of intense bright light. She watches it with a friend for 10 minutes as it makes a second pass over the area. It descends silently to 1,000 feet and they can see it has a grayish-silver color and three creamy yellow, honeycombed lights. It moves off to the southeast at great speed. ("UFO Circles East Rome Restaurant," *Rome (Ga.) News-Tribune*, May 10, 1977, pp. 3, 5; Marler [97–98](#))
- 1977, May 11 — 3:00 a.m. A woman and her son are awakened in their home in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, by a loud humming sound. They see a green, glowing sphere with a dark equator hovering for 30 minutes near the house. It shoots straight up and away and the hum stops. The 11-year-old boy stays home from school for several days because he is scared. ("[Case 2-6-77](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 6 (June 1977): 8)
- 1977, May 11 — 4:45 a.m. Three witnesses in Fresno, California, see a bright yellow light rise erratically from the northern horizon to a fixed position overhead in one minute. A second light, flashing white 3 times a second, rises from the west to a 50° position above the western horizon. Both are stationary for 3 minutes. The yellow object sways back and forth. The white light disappears and the yellow light fades into the overcast. ("[Case 2-6-79](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 6 (June 1977): 8)
- 1977, May 11 — 9:45 p.m. An adult couple near Bonner Springs, Kansas, see a silent disc-shaped object with white windows hovering for 70–80 seconds, then fly away slowly. ("[Case 2-6-84](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 6 (June 1977): wrap)
- 1977, May 15 — 4:30 a.m. A driver in Clarksville, Tennessee, sees a round object with 7–8 blue-green lights flashing in its center. It appears to drop 7–8 red flares as it is flying southbound in a straight path. ("[Case 2-7-1](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 7 (July 1977): 3)
- 1977, May 16–17 — 11:00 p.m. Officers Michael L. Davidson and Forrest E. Bartlett of the Memphis Police Tactical Squad spot a triangular UFO near Old Allen Road and Frayser-Raleigh Road in Memphis, Tennessee. At 3:45 a.m., officers Troy L. Todd and Jerry W. Jeter watch a similar object, 300 feet long, near the Norris Road exit of Interstate 240. It is hovering about 200 feet above the ground near some power line towers and is in the shape of a perfect triangle standing on edge. Later, Jeter watches it through his rifle scope flying horizontally then taking off at great speed. A Tennessee State Highway patrolman has also seen a triangular object in Collierville. ("[Triangular Red, Green, Flying Object Sighted](#)," *Brownsville (Tex.) Herald*, May 17, 1977, p. 1; *National Enquirer*, June 13, 1978; Marler [94–96](#); Powell, *Scientist*, 66)
- 1977, May 17 — The Joint Chiefs of Staff re-release JANAP 146 (E), specifying "unidentified flying objects" as something that must be reported by military personnel. It distinguishes UFOs from other types of known aircraft. (Joint Chiefs of Staff, "[Change No. 2 to JANAP 146 \(E\)](#)," May 17, 1977)
- 1977, May 19 — 10:45 p.m. A travel agent driving in Clayton, New Jersey, watches a blindingly bright round object composed of many small white lights packed together and three main lights in front. It hovers for nearly a minute over telephone wires, then the lights begin flashing and the object ascends in a steep climb. ("[Case 2-7-15](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 7 (July 1977): 3)
- 1977, May 20 — 11:00 p.m. Three 14-year-old boys are in a field near Bayview Avenue and Willow Pass Road, West Pittsburg [now Bay Point], California, about a half mile from Suisun Bay. They see a saucer-shaped object surrounded by a row of white, rectangular windows that flash on and off. A blue light zigzags near the object. It is

hovering near the ground between railroad tracks and the bay, then it shoots across the water in a matter of seconds and returns equally fast, moving silently toward them and stopping about 150–300 feet away. One minute later, they see three figures advancing toward them from near the lights. They are dark human forms, about 5-foot-6 to 6 feet tall, surrounded by mist and moving with a stiff, limping walk. The boys run across the street and look back in time to see the figures fade from view. (“[UFO with ‘Dark Figures’ in California](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 7 (July 1977): 4–5; Fred Garretson, ““[Close Encounter’ in Contra Costa](#),” *Oakland (Calif.) Tribune*, April 2, 1978, pp. 1, 4)

- 1977**, May 20–21 — 11:30 p.m. An unknown target appears on air traffic control center (CINDACTA) radar in Brasília, Brazil. The object moves at around 1,038 mph and overtakes a Boeing 727 Transbrasil airliner (TYP) flying from Rio de Janeiro to Campinas in São Paulo state, dropping about 11 miles in front of it to the northeast. The pilots can see a light in the position indicated by the radar, and it apparently causes an intermittent “beep-beep” in the aircraft communication system. At 12:54 a.m., another airliner (TCB) reports a large flashing light that changes color from white to green to red and to blue near Vitória, Espírito Santo. Later, the pilots can distinguish two objects, one a steady white light and a fainter reddish object below it, apparently over the Abrolhos archipelago near Caravelas, Bahia. A third Transbrasil airliner (TYU) reports two lights in their 4 o’clock position near Belo Horizonte. Flight controllers in Brasília confirm the report by detecting two targets in the area. The pilots notice that one light has positioned itself above the other. A third radar target is detected in a position behind and to the left of the aircraft. A few minutes later, one of the objects on the right approaches the airliner, emitting a bright light. The sighting is confirmed by a Varig aircraft that has taken off from Manaus bound for Brasília. Later, the TYU airliner spots another light, possibly near the city of Anápolis, Goiás. Fortunately, audio recordings of all the interactions between CINDACTA and the pilots are preserved by the Brazilian Air Force. (Jackson Camargo, “[Gravações do CINDACTA registram OVNI’s na região Sudeste](#),” *Fenomenum*, November 10, 2023)
- 1977**, May 21 — 9:30 p.m. A family in St. Louis, Missouri, sees a “comet” with a long tail moving in the northeast. (“[Case 2-7-25](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 7 (July 1977): 3)
- 1977**, May 21 — 10:20 p.m. Three airmen stationed at RAF Waddington in Lincolnshire, England, observe a triangular-shaped light moving erratically in the sky. Within minutes the light is tracked on radar at RAF Patrington [now closed], moving in a zigzag pattern. The target registers on radarscopes for 4 minutes until the screens are “partially obliterated by high-powered interference” that returns to normal once the target disappears. (Good Need, [p. 305](#))
- 1977**, May 21 — 10:45 p.m. Several independent witnesses observe an unusual light phenomenon within a period of 30 minutes in the Canford Heath area of Poole, Dorset, England. Five witnesses report seeing a 2-foot-wide beam of light emitted by a stationary disc-shaped object, and three of these five report an extending beam that cuts through the terrain while illuminating nothing. (Leslie Harris, “[UFOs and Solid Light Phenomena in Dorset](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 4 (January 1978): 3–7; Powell, *Scientist*, 99)
- 1977**, May 26 — 1:15 a.m. The crew of an RAF Avro Vulcan B.2 bomber piloted by Flight Lt. David Edwards is flying at 28,000 feet over the Bay of Biscay off the coast of France at a speed of Mach 0.86 when they observe bright lights coming from the west. The lights resemble aircraft landing lights, but they soon blink out leaving a large orange glow with a bright-green fluorescent spot. An object emerges from the glow, moving to the west, climbing at an angle of 45°, and leaving a thin contrail. The radar operator reports jamming-type interference. Camera film from the aircraft’s radar records a “strong response” from the direction of the sighting, consisting of three separate radar returns at varying distances, the third made up of three targets all 600 feet wide. On the film the UFO appears as an “elongated shadow.” (Good Need, [pp. 305–307](#); UFOFiles2, [pp. 92–94](#))
- 1977**, May 26 — 8:45 a.m. Two witnesses in Detroit, Michigan, see three blue teardrop-shaped objects moving in a V-formation. They move from a high angle in the north to a low angle in the northwest, hovering “like helicopters” for one minute. They pull out of formation, swoop low, regroup, and climb again in formation at a 40° angle, fading from view. (“[Case 2-7-35](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 7 (July 1977): 3)
- 1977**, May 26 — 4:10 p.m. A 39-year-old radio announcer and his wife are watching an eastbound jet overhead at Dowagiac, Michigan. Suddenly a brown, cigar-shaped object, distinctly outlined, rushes from the rear left side of the plane to a position “one plane length” behind it. The object is 1.5 times as long as the jet. It follows for about 30 seconds and then rushes ahead of it and is gone in 3 seconds. (“[Case 2-7-36](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 7 (July 1977): 3–4)
- 1977**, Summer — Around 2:00 a.m. Senior Airman James M. Dunn is on K-9 security patrol at the Weapons Storage Area at Loring AFB [now Loring International Airport] near Limestone, Maine, when he gets a call from a sergeant at Entry Control about a bright light above his truck. He sees an intense light, which is directed onto the truck at a 45° angle. The interior of the truck cab seems to glow with a greenish hue. About 5 seconds later the light goes

out. Dunn talks to the sergeant, who seems a bit stunned. A few minutes later, two F-106 interceptors shoot above the WSA, apparently looking for a radar target. (Nukes 373–375)

- 1977, Summer — Physicist [Bruce Maccabee](#) uses FOIA requests to obtain some 400 pages of UFO-related documents, mostly from 1947–1955, from the FBI by the end of the year. (Bruce S. Maccabee, “[UFO Related Information from the FBI File, Part 1](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 119 (October 1977): 13–15, [reprinted](#) in *UFO Investigator*, November 1977, pp. 1–4)
- 1977, June 6 — 11:30 p.m. Mark Henshall is riding his motorbike home northwest of Barnard Castle, Teesdale, England, in the pouring rain when he sees two purple lights to his side. He notices he is losing power as he rides up a small hill. A car is just starting to pass him, and it too is slowing down. Suddenly, both bike and car are enveloped in a nearly blinding, fuzzy, ultraviolet light. Henshall feels his bike being pulled up the incline and notices steam pouring off his back and legs, which are getting unbearably hot. The motorcycle and car stop just as the misty violet glow overhead vanishes. The car driver tells Henshall that he lost all engine power for 30 seconds and yet was pulled forward. The metal side of the motorbike is far hotter than normal and impossible to touch without risking serious burns. The brakes are found to be so badly worn that they need a complete resetting. When Henshall returns home, his mother notices that his face is sunburned and hot to the touch. He also experiences nausea for a few days. (Brian Straight, “[Vehicle Stop near Barnard Castle](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 5 (February 1978): 6–7)
- 1977, June 6 — 11:35 p.m. Mrs. Millicent Parr, 68, is watching a televised fireworks display at her home in Waltham Abbey, Essex, England, when the screen “closes up” and turns blank, as if it is turned off. She turns the set off and goes to prepare some tea in the kitchen. When she returns to the living room, the entire room becomes enveloped in a blood-red and vivid green light. She looks out her window and sees a brilliantly lit sphere hovering 10–15 feet above her garden. She estimates it is about 12 inches in diameter, red in the center, with the outer 4 inches green. It appears to be spinning. She goes out to the garden, approaching almost directly beneath it, when it rises slowly and silently moves to the north, barely missing the rooftops of neighboring houses. She sees a tapering tail of white light. The object is in sight for only 1.5 minutes. (Andrew Collins, “[Spherical Phenomenon at Waltham Abbey](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 3 (October 1977): 25–27)
- 1977, June 10 — A woman in Deerfield, Illinois, watches a gray-white light projecting “dots of color” that are drawn back to the source. It remains stationary in the low southwestern sky for 15 minutes, then shoots off in a slight climb in a matter of seconds. (“[Case 2-7-87](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 7 (July 1977): wrap)
- 1977, June 12 — 11:00 p.m. A man named David is drinking in the bar at a hotel in Crystal Lake, Illinois. When he leaves, he notices three small beings coming out of an alley on his right about 30–35 feet away. They are slightly over 4 feet tall, wearing greenish one-piece metallic suits, and have bubble-shaped helmets on their heads. David gets the feeling he is in a “vacuum” with no sound or wind. He notices another being lying on the ground in front of him only a few feet away, apparently injured. The three entities pick up the fourth and walk back to the alley and disappear. David feels no fear and gets the impression they will not hurt him. The beings seem to have only 3 or 4 fingers that are larger than a human’s. ([Letter to J. Allen Hynek](#))
- 1977, June 14 — President [Jimmy Carter](#) is allegedly given a UFO briefing at the White House and bound to secrecy. According to former USAF Capt. [Robert M. Collins](#), an MJ-12 officer meets with Carter. A reconstruction of the conversation is known as “Executive Briefing: Project Aquarius” and later leaked to UFO researcher [William Moore](#). However, there is no hard evidence that such a briefing has taken place. (Robert M. Collins, ed., “[Executive Briefing: Project Aquarius](#)”)
- 1977, June 14 — Prime Minister [Eric Gairy](#) of Grenada opens the Organization of American States General Assembly with a call for an international investigation of UFOs. He says he was asked by participants at the UFO conference in Acapulco, Mexico, to continue his efforts. He asks OAS members to support the issue when it comes up at the United Nations. (“[Caribbean Government Calls for UFO Probe](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 7 (July 1977): wrap)
- 1977, June 17 — 12:00 noon. José Francisco Rodrigues is flying a Portuguese Air Force Dornier Do 27 light plane over the Castelo de Bode dam in central Portugal. When he emerges from the clouds, he sees a dark object against a backdrop of white stratocumulus clouds, slightly to the right of his plane. Thinking that the object is a cargo plane, he banks to the left and immediately radios to ask if there is any traffic in the vicinity. Air controller Sgt. Jose Vicente Saldanha replies in the negative. As Rodrigues completes a turn to port, the object suddenly appears at his 11 o’clock position no more than 20 feet away. It is definitely not a cargo plane. The upper section, partially concealed by cloud, is black, and on the lower section there are four or five panels. The object is about 42–50 feet in diameter. Suddenly it accelerates and vanishes from what the pilot believes is an initial stationary position. The Dornier begins to vibrate violently and goes into an uncontrolled dive. Struggling to regain control, Rodrigues pushes the control column forward. Air speed increases to 160 mph then 207 mph as the ground comes nearer. He regains control when almost “touching the tree tops” and the plane lands in one piece with a badly shaken pilot.

During the encounter the directional electric gyroscope (connected to a magnetic compass) rotates wildly, and by the time the plane lands it has deviated by 180° relative to the magnetic compass. (Willy Smith, "[Unknown Intruder over Portugal](#)," *IUR* 10, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1985): 6–8; Good Above, [pp. 154–156](#))

- 1977, June 17 — Dusk. Five individuals—Dale Schexnaider and his wife, with another couple and their two daughters, Jena, 15, and Krissy, 10—are breaking camp and preparing to go home from the Cotile Lake Recreation Area, Louisiana. Just before they reach the clearing that leads to the road, the male friend begins feeling a “low frequency vibration” in his bones. Looking upward, he sees the outline of a huge, disc-shaped UFO hovering completely still, surrounded with points of light. The friend estimates it is about 75 feet across and 50 feet tall. The two daughters have been talking, but they too notice the humming noise and see the UFO. The object then floats almost directly above them, and the middle of the craft starts to glow. Several rays or beams of blue light shoot from the UFO, striking them in the solar plexus. It is an intense, electric, silver-blue, thin beam. They hear crackling sounds in the air and they can’t move. Slowly they force their heads down to see their arms glowing with electric blue light. Movement is difficult—as in a dream, slow and heavy. After about 10 seconds, all the lights vanished instantly, along with the force field. The craft begins to glide away over the treetops. The children are frantic, and the male friend is inwardly terrified. The parents are back at the camp and see none of this. The case is reported to [J. Allen Hynek](#) by a friend, and he later visits the witnesses and speaks to all three. (Doris and Joe Graziano, “[Press Reports](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 29, no. 1 (July 1980): 6–7; “[A CE-II As a Picnic Guest](#),” *CUFOS Bulletin*, Summer 1980, pp. 1, 3; “[An Electric-Blue Close Encounter](#),” *CUFOS Bulletin*, Spring 1981, pp. 4–5, 10, 12; Michael D. Swords, “[Can UFOs Cause Physiological Effects? Part 1](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): cover)
- 1977, June 20 — A committee of advanced workshop participants from the Institut des Hautes Études de Défense Nationale has been tackling the UFO situation for the French government since at least 1976. It produces a report titled *Rapport sur les “Phénomènes Aériens Non Identifiés*, which is translated into English by Bonita Samuelson and published by the Center for UFO Studies in 1980 under the title *Report on Unidentified Aerial Objects*. The committee members are divided about the existence of true UFOs, but they agree that the UFO theme can be used in psychological warfare. (Claude Maugé, “[GEPAN and COMETA](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 26)
- 1977, June 20 — 10:30 p.m. Southeast Missouri State University physics professor [Harley Rutledge](#) is in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, watching a dim light traveling toward Alkaid, the leftmost star in the handle of the Big Dipper (Ursa Major). When the light comes within 3° of Alkaid, it disappears. Suddenly, Merak, the lower right star in the constellation’s pan, flares brilliantly, taking one second to reach maximum brilliance, then another second to subside. He sees another flare-up a few seconds later, this time about 3° away from Merak. Rutledge knows the stars are not variable and that the lights cannot be aircraft or satellites. (Harley D. Rutledge, *Project Identification*, Prentice-Hall, 1981, pp. [202–203](#); Powell, *Scientist*, 60)
- 1977, June 24–26 — *Fate* magazine holds an International UFO Congress at the Pick-Congress Hotel [now the Congress Plaza Hotel] across from Grant Park in downtown Chicago, Illinois, in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the [Kenneth Arnold](#) sighting. Some 1,500 people attend to hear speakers [Ted Bloecher](#), [Jerome Clark](#), [Jacques Vallée](#), [Stanton T. Friedman](#), Kenneth Arnold, [Jim and Coral Lorenzen](#), [David M. Jacobs](#), [Frank Salisbury](#), [J. Allen Hynek](#), [Ted Phillips](#), [Dennis Hauck](#), [Betty Hill](#), and [R. Leo Sprinkle](#). *Fate* editor [Curtis G. Fuller](#) publishes the presentations in paperback format in May 1980. (“[Chicago UFO Conference](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 7 (July 1977): wrap; Michael Harnett, “[Ufology: Thirty Years in Three Days](#),” *Pursuit* 10, no. 4 (Fall 1977): 105–111; Curtis G. Fuller, ed., *Proceedings of the First International UFO Congress*, Warner, 1980)
- 1977, June 25 — A man is driving on the A303 with his partially sighted fiancée near Warminster, Wiltshire, England, when they see a triangle of white lights ahead of them. When the lights get near to the car, they break away, one to the side of the road, and the two others on either side of the witnesses. They dance in the air for a while, then an orange globe emerges from the center of each. All the lights move to the rear of the car and disappear behind it. (UFOFiles2, [p. 90](#))
- 1977, June 25–26 — The Centro Ufologico Nazionale holds its Second National Conference in Toscolano-Moderno, Brescia, Italy, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of [Kenneth Arnold](#)’s sighting. Speakers include [Roberto Pinotti](#), [Antonio Ribera](#), [Ion Hobana](#), [Florin Gheorghită](#), [W. Raymond Drake](#), Ernest Ameglio, Roberto Farabone, Roberto Villamil, Gianni Settimo, Sergio Conti, Francesco Izzo, Renzo Cabassi, Stelio Asso, and Mario Pagni. (“[2° Congresso Nazionale di Ufologia](#),” *Notiziario UFO*, no. 75/76 (July/Dec. 1977): 1–32)
- 1977, June 26 — 2:45 a.m. Two witnesses see a flashing light source pass swiftly across the sky twice in about 10 minutes in Greece, New York. (“[Case 2-8-26](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 8 (August 1977): 3)
- 1977, June 27 — 11:00 p.m. A woman and three children in Genesee, Wisconsin, drive toward a structure composed of three parallel cylinders until they are underneath it. The hovering object looks as big as the full moon, with two steady white lights in front and a red light on top. When she stops her car, the object moves off to the southeast. (“[Case 2-8-36](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 8 (August 1977): 3)

- 1977, June 28** — Night. A man with a flat tire is stopped on the highway between Abadan and Ahvaz, Khuzestan, Iran, when he suddenly feels heat from a nearby “huge, bright object” that changes from red to green to purple to blue. Its lights go off, and as the witness sits in the car to sleep, the light returns, even closer. When he turns off his car headlights, the UFO extinguishes its lights. ([“Review of Iranian UFO Reports,”](#) *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 2 (Jan./Feb. 1981): 15)
- 1977, July–December** — Numerous UFOs are reported in Colares, Pará, Brazil. Residents claim that scars on their bodies are caused by lights in the sky that they call “Chupa Chupa” (literally “sucker-sucker”). Believing it will keep the lights away, residents of Colares organize night vigils, light fires, and ignite fireworks. Mayor [José Ildone Favacho Soeiro](#) officially requests help from the Brazilian Air Force. The operation, a historic military operation in the Amazon basin, is commanded by Capt. [Uyrangê Bolivar Soares Nogueira de Hollanda Lima](#). In late 1977, several photos of the lights are recorded, but the military remains skeptical. After approximately four months, the operation is closed after the Air Force can identify no unusual phenomena. The official documents can be seen in the Brazilian National Archives. According to ufologist [Jacques Vallée](#), a number of individuals are reportedly killed as a result of the “lightning” fired at them by the UFOs, and injuries are consistent with radiation effects from microwaves. Other ufologists claim that the lights from UFOs have sucked blood from 400 people. In 1997, two decades after the operation, Capt. Hollanda gives an interview to ufologists [Ademar José Gevaerd](#) and [Marco Antônio Petit](#) where he recounts his experiences living alongside his men. Three months after the interview, he is found dead in his home “after he seemingly hung himself using the belt of his bathrobe,” attracting the interest of conspiracy theorists. (Wikipedia, [“Operação Prato”](#); Good Need, pp. 367–368; Jacques Vallée, *Confrontations*, Ballantine, 1990, pp. 136–139, 220–226; Bob Pratt, *UFO Danger Zone: Terror and Death in Brazil*, Horus House, 1996; Timothy Good, *Unearthly Disclosure*, Century, 2000, pp. 187–200; Clark III 838–857; Brazil 442–493; Skinwalkers 117–118; [“Caso Chupa-Chupa e Operação Prato,”](#) Portal Fenomenum, March 14, 2022; Patrick Gross, [“Colares 1977”](#); Covert 195–206; [“Victims Talk Being Attacked by UFOs, Encounters Investigated by Brazilian Air Force: Operação Prato,”](#) Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, June 15, 2024; Clark IV 927–945)
- 1977, July** — Howard Gontovnick begins monthly publication of *UFO Canada* in Laval, Quebec. It continues until April 1979. ([UFO Canada](#) 1, no. 1 (July 1977))
- 1977, July** — Flight Lieutenant A. M. Wood sees two luminous, round objects, 4–5 times the size of the full moon, hovering 5,000 feet in the air over the sea off RAF Boulmer near Alnwick, Northumberland, England. Two other base personnel, a Cpl. Torrington and a Sgt. Graham, watch the objects with Wood for almost 2 hours. They are tracked on base radar and at RRH Staxton Wold. The objects separate, one moving west of the other and “as it maneuvered it changed shape to become body-shaped with projections like arms and legs.” ([“RAF Boulmer: Reports of UFO Sightings Were Hushed Up,”](#) *Northumberland Today*, January 28, 2005)
- 1977, July 1** — 3:00 a.m. Electronic alarms suddenly sound at NATO’s Aviano Air Base north of Pordenone, Italy. Something has set off the magnetic and motion detectors in the high hurricane-type fence protecting the compound. Simultaneously a power outage occurs at the Victor Alert facility that houses fighter aircraft, and though a back-up system immediately kicks in, minor power fluxes go on for the next 15 to 20 minutes. An American soldier named James Blake sees a large bright light hovering at a low altitude above a soybean field about 600 feet beyond the fence line of the compound. Many soldiers see the object, which appears to be domed, spinning, and changing colors. It is 150 feet in diameter and making a noise like a “swarm of bees.” USAF security and a unit from the Italian National Police are dispatched, but the object moves away before the units arrive. (Antonio Chiumiento, [“UFO Alert at a NATO Base in Italy,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 30, no. 2 (December 1984): 2–5; Good Above, pp. 144–145; Jerry Rowles, [“The Mystery of Aviano,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 334 (February 1996): 3–6; John S. Derr, [“Quake Light?”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 336 (April 1996): 19–20; Gerald E. Rowles, [“Update on Aviano,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 367 (November 1998): 19; UFOEv II 96–97; 1Pinotti 199–204; Patrick Gross, [“Aviano AFB, Italy, July 1st, 1977”](#))
- 1977, July 2** — 12:45 p.m. A woman driving her car in Benton Harbor, Michigan, sees a silent silver disc, edge on, with the apparent diameter of the full moon. It is hovering motionless with its left side tilted down. Trees obscure her vision for about one minute; when they clear, the object is gone. ([“Case 2-8-51,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 8 (August 1977): 3)
- 1977, July 3** — 7:30 p.m. Jennifer F. Canfield and her husband are sitting on their front porch in Pennsylvania across the Delaware River from Callicoon, New York, when they notice a brilliant light coming slowly and silently up the river from the southeast at 1,000–1,500 feet. Through binoculars, it appears to be a domed elliptical object with two headlights and apparent windows. The object suddenly blinks out. ([“1977 Sketch/Sighting and 1981 Sketch Similarity: Another One,”](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 5 (Oct./Nov. 1983): 1, 7)

- 1977, July 3 — 9:30 p.m. A man in Clarksburg, West Virginia, briefly watches a silver rectangular object fly under a low cloud cover toward the north. It climbs at a 30° angle and is lost in the clouds. ([“Case 2-8-54,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 8 (August 1977): 3)
- 1977, July 4 — 9:30 p.m. Ten witnesses in different parts of Rapid City, South Dakota, observe three dark objects moving silently toward the west. Each has a row of closely spaced red lights randomly flashing. Two of them seem to merge in the distance, and the remaining pair disappears into a cloud bank. ([“Case 2-8-55,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 9 (September 1977): wrap)
- 1977, July 6 — 6:30 p.m. At Bondowoso, East Java, Indonesia, a ham radio operator reports a UFO that moves from west to east in about seven minutes. The object is flat, but positioned directly overhead it appears round in shape and yellowish-green in color. It hovers for about 5 seconds, then resumes its movement and disappears in the distance. ([“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 2 (February 1978): 2)
- 1977, July 7 — 8:30 p.m. As some 3,000 people are attending an outdoor screening of a Romanian film in Zhangpu County, Fujian, China, two objects appear in the sky, flying low. They emit an intense orange glow and are only a few feet apart, traveling in complete silence for a few seconds before speeding out of sight. A panic ensues, and allegedly 300 people are injured and two children killed. (Anthony Lee, [“UFO Reports from China \(2\),”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 28, no. 4 (March 1983): 24–25)
- 1977, July 7 — 11:00 p.m. The Russian motor ship *Nikolay Ostrovsky* is going north through the Strait of Tartary, off the east coast of Russia, when the crew sees a cloud-like formation in the shape of a rectangle, moving at the same speed as the ship, about 980–1,300 feet to the east. Radio operator O. Dereza has an eerie feeling of being watched. It disappears at 11:32 p.m. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia’s USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 115)
- 1977, July 9 — 2:30 a.m. A 38-year-old singer sees a dull-silver, saucer-shaped UFO hovering on the left side of Telegraph Road in Flat Rock, Michigan. It is only about 200 feet above the ground and 150 feet from the road. It has many red and green lights around its rim, and a beam of light illuminates the ground for 2 minutes. The object floats away over the treetops, moving toward the southwest. ([“Case 2-8-72,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 8 (August 1977): 3)
- 1977, July 12 — Night. A man and his daughter in Quebradillas, Puerto Rico, see a small humanoid in a green inflated suit with a pointed helmet that has a light on top. When the daughter switches on an outside light, it seems to be scared and activates a backpack that lets it climb upward over a neighboring farm and trees. The cows react by making a racket. Another person in the area reports an illuminated UFO. (Jenny Randles, [“Superman vs. Airbus,”](#) *Fortean Times* 323 (February 2015): 31)
- 1977, July 13 — 12:30 a.m. A couple in Dinwiddie, Virginia, see a large silvery star stationary in the sky as rolling storm clouds pass overhead. It “skips” in position slightly once and increases in brightness when lightning flashes. It disappears when another lightning strike occurs. ([“Case 2-8-84,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 8 (August 1977): wrap)
- 1977, July 15 — 11:45 p.m. Adult witnesses on a boat on the Colorado River near Blythe, California, watch an oval light, 3–4 times the size of the moon, darting silently above them in all directions and on both sides of the river. It stops abruptly, comes close to the boat, then curves around the river. ([“Case 2-9-2,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 9 (September 1977): 3)
- 1977, July 16 — 11:15 p.m. As Air India Flight 9, piloted by Capt. Dingra, makes its final approach to Dum Dum Airport [now Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport] in Kolkata, India, air traffic controllers notice a second object closing in on the Boeing 747. Witnesses on the ground report a saucer-shaped object rushing toward the airliner. When it gets dangerously close, the passengers and crew can see it. It departs 2 miles from the aircraft’s final touch-down. (Good Need, [p. 304](#))
- 1977, July 16 — Before 12:00 midnight. A bright light in the west above Baton Rouge, Louisiana, moves 10°–15° from its original position and back again. The object remains in the same position, even though the stars have shifted by the time it is last seen at 1:15 a.m. ([“Case 2-9-4,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 9 (September 1977): 3)
- 1977, July 17 — Romanian ufologists Călin Turcu, Valeriu Niculescu, Adrian Pătruț, and Augustin Moraru establish an informal group called “Romanian UFO Researchers” (RUFOR). It publishes 27 issues of a *RUFOR* newsletter between 1979 and 1986 and 21 issues of a *RUFOR* magazine in 1994–1996. (Romania 38–39)
- 1977, July 18 — 12:05 a.m. An intense blue-white glow hovers 200–300 feet above a creek near Fairview, Pennsylvania. After 4 seconds, it jumps to the north with a hum “like a hair dryer” and is lost to sight. ([“Case 2-9-8,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 9 (September 1977): 3)
- 1977, July 21 — 4:15 a.m. Deputy Sheriff John W. Bruner and his partner, Officer John Coogler, are parked at the intersection of Ford Road and Loop 494 in Porter, Texas, when they see a bright, pulsating white light less than a mile away to the east. They shine a searchlight on the object and it reacts by moving toward them. It goes back to its original position after they turn the light off. They watch the object for 45 minutes as it alternately hovers, pulsates, moves at incredible speeds, and flies erratically. ([“UFO Sighting Starts Town’s Visual Debate,”](#) *Dallas (Tex.) Morning News*, July 22, 1977, via *APCIC* clipping service 2, no. 8 (August 1977): 20; [“Porter UFO Is Still](#)

[a Mystery.](#)” *Humble (Tex.) Echo*, July 28, 1977, via APCIC clipping service 2, no. 9 (September 1977): 13; “[Texas Police Spot UFO.](#)” *UFO Investigator*, October 1977, p. 4; Powell, *Scientist*, 66–67)

- 1977, July 21 — [Frank Press](#), director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, writes to [Robert A. Frosch](#), NASA administrator, and explains that the White House is receiving numerous inquiries about UFOs and wonders if NASA could form a small panel to follow up on the Condon report to see if there are any new findings. Press also suggests that NASA become the focal point for further UFO inquiries. (Story, [p. 242](#); Richard C. Henry, “[UFOs and NASA.](#)” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 2, no. 2 (1988): 93, 109; Good Above, [pp. 368–369](#); Clark III 787; Clark IV 867)
- 1977, July 21 — 10:05 p.m. Witnesses in Glenview, Illinois, watch a light move from the north to the southeast in about 3 seconds. It stops for 1 second, hooks backward, and stops again. When the witnesses look back, it has disappeared. (“[Case 2-9-19.](#)” *IUR* 2, no. 9 (September 1977): 3)
- 1977, Late July — 9:30 p.m. Ernest Longstaff is walking his dog along the beach at Lyne Sands about one mile north of Newbiggin-by-the-Sea, Northumberland, England. Suddenly he sees a metallic object like two plates stuck together with a dome on top and a ring of square portholes revolving around the rim. They are emitting red, smokeless flames. The object is about 25 feet wide, 15 feet high, and hovering 70 feet above the shore. The dog has also seen it and seems to be listening. It begins moving slowly toward them and descends to about 90 feet away, pauses, then moves back to the shore. Longstaff and the dog make a hasty departure. (Alan Price and Trisha Price, “[On a Northumbrian Shore.](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 2 (August 1978): 7–8)
- 1977, July 23 — 12:45 a.m. A 26-year old woman and her 13-year-old niece look out their bedroom window in Lindley, New York, before retiring and see 11 or 12 white lights in a dipper-shaped formation that are moving about in the sky. One bright light appears on a hill 900 feet away. They hear a whooshing sound, then two lights rise into the air. They next hear footsteps from Morgan Creek about 300 feet away and see two small figures floating up and down in front of a tree. Then they see several more figures at various spots carrying what seem to be flashlights. They wear tight-fitting, “skin diver” suits with glowing green belts. One of the witnesses sees a luminous red rectangular object that approaches the creek and then backs away. At this point both witnesses develop severe headaches. Then a figure on a distant hill on a neighbor’s farm shines a light on a tombstone there, and the stone seems to rise up into the air and move back and forth. A figure taller than the others, who are less than four feet tall, stands near the light on the hill and calls out an “ooh, ooh” signal. The others all approach him and, 5 minutes later, deploy back into adjacent fields. One of them approaches the house. He comes under the second-story window and drops to the ground, as if to conceal himself, then approaches the door and rattles the handle. By this time, 3:45 a.m., the older witness has called her mother, who notifies the state police. All of the lights and figures disappear just prior to the arrival of the police, the lights in the sky indistinguishable from stars. Both witnesses believe only an hour has passed but in fact more than three hours has elapsed. They complain of burning eyes and headaches that last for two days. The witnesses find three footprints in the powdery dust of their driveway. Further incidents occur on July 25 and August 1. (Allan Hendry, “[The Lindley Episodes: CE III’s in New York State.](#)” *IUR* 2, no. 9 (September 1977): 5–7)
- 1977, July 26 — 10:10 p.m. Astronomer Zhang Zhousheng and others watch a strange spiral object in the air above a northern suburb of Chengdu, Sichuan, China. At its center is a yellowish light, with the arms of the spiral blue and greenish. The object is 60° in the air and moving in a straight line at a constant speed. It is visible for about 5 minutes before it is covered up by clouds. The object is visible to other witnesses in localities along a 110-mile, north-to-south line, for as long as 10 minutes. (Wendelle Stevens and Paul Dong, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archives, 1983, pp. 99–102)
- 1977, July 30 — Early morning. Airmen on the night shift at RAF Boulmer in Alnwick, Northumberland, England, are alerted by a call from a civilian who is watching two bright objects hovering above the North Sea. Duty controller Flight Lt. A. M. Wood and others on the base can also see them, hovering close to the shore at about 4,000–5,000 feet. They move apart slowly as they climb into the sky. The object on the west side is conical with its apex at the top. It seems to be rotating and changes its shape to an arrowhead. It is apparently 4–5 times the size of a Whirlwind helicopter. After the objects move away out to sea, radar at RAF Boulmer picks up two targets 20–30 miles out, corroborated by radar at RAF Patrington in Yorkshire. (UFOFiles2, [p. 92](#))
- 1977, July 31 — 6:30 p.m. A university art professor in Normal, Illinois, calls his wife and secretary to see a silver “stretched cigar” three times its apparent diameter in length. The object flies in a slow, straight path from southwest to northeast and is lost in the trees. (“[Case 2-9-68.](#)” *IUR* 2, no. 9 (September 1977): 3)
- 1977, August — 9:30 p.m. Graham Niven sees two green objects in the southern sky at Raeford, North Carolina. They are moving swiftly to the north. (“[One Reporting Witness: Two Reported Sightings.](#)” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 10 (October 1981): 1–2)

- 1977, August 1 — 9:30 a.m. An 11-year-old boy playing baseball in Springfield, Ohio, sees a white cigar-shaped object flying southbound from low in the western sky for 15 seconds. (“[Case 2-9-70](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 9 (September 1977): 8)
- 1977, August 2 — Marauding UFOs destroy the town of Chester, Illinois, according to a hoax concocted by *Official UFO* magazine publisher [Myron Fass](#). (Luke Grisholm, “The Night an American Town Died of Fright,” *Official UFO* 3, no. 1 (January 1978): 25–27, 53–56; Allan Hendry, “[Sleep Well, Chester, Illinois: It’s Ufology That’s Hurting](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 1 (January 1978): wrap; “Proof Positive Chester Burned and Looted: Actual Photos,” *Official UFO* 3, no. 3 (April 1978): 11–19; Barbara Jordison, “[The Town That Wasn’t Zapped by UFOs](#),” *Pursuit* 12, no. 1 (Winter 1979): 20–21; Clark III 599; Clark IV 659)
- 1977, August 3 — Afternoon. NASA astrophysicist [Richard C. Henry](#) is one of several persons asked to attend a meeting to discuss what to do about [Frank Press](#)’s recommendation. The group decides to turn the issue over to Space Science Director [Noel W. Hinners](#). At the end of the meeting, Henry lets Hinners know that he has some relevant expertise on UFOs (as a consultant to APRO). (Richard C. Henry, “[UFOs and NASA](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 2, no. 2 (1988): 93–142; Clark III 787–788; Clark 868)
- 1977, August 3 — Musician Mike Stevens is driving home on road A130 near Thaxted, Essex, UK, after a recording session. He is driving a rented, three-month-old Vauxhall Chevette E. When he notices a red-orange glow off the road, he stops to investigate, leaving his motor idling. Then he sees two orange-red objects hovering about 900–1,200 feet away and about 50 feet off the ground. The more distant object on the left is oval-shaped. The closer object has a circular center and some visible structural features. As he watches, the closer object moves up, then back down to its original position, its color deepening, then it begins moving slowly toward him. Concerned, he puts his car in gear and begins driving away. As he tops a hill and starts down the other side, he shifts into fourth gear, but the car will not accelerate beyond 35 mph. Otherwise it seems to be running normally. After continuing like this for about 1,200 feet, the car suddenly surges forward in full power, accelerating to more than 50 mph, forcing Stevens to jam on the brakes. At Chelmsford, Stevens goes directly to the police station to report the incident. (Andy Collins and Barry King, “[Thaxted—an EM Case?](#)” *BUFORA Journal* 6, no. 5 (Jan./Feb. 1978): 16–17; UFOEv II 277–278)
- 1977, August 3–18 — Italian researchers Giovanni and Piero Mantero of the Centro Internazionale Richerche e Studi sugli UFO in Genoa hold a 15-day skywatch on Monte Verrugoli west of La Spezia, Italy. The mountain is known for reports of strange phenomena. During the skywatch a total of 108 nocturnal lights are observed, 82 appearing as points of light, 7 oblong in shape, 7 spherical, one like a tilted plate, 3 discoid, one like a half-moon, and 7 other miscellaneous forms. Most are yellow, but some are reddish or blue. Occasionally the unidentified lights seem to increase in luminosity in response to signals made with a flashlight. During their presence, dogs in the neighborhood bark almost constantly. The objects disappear when conventional aircraft appear in the sky. Sounds of breaking tree branches are heard, unidentified voices are registered on a tape recorder, wristwatches malfunction, and areas of flattened grass are found. On one of the last nights of the project, Giovanni Mantero claims to have seen a strange aerial entity with a transparent face. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [pp. 232–233](#))
- 1977, August 4 — The offices of the Energy Research and Development Administration and the Federal Energy Administration are dissolved and become the cabinet-level US Department of Energy, with the oversight of policies on energy and safety in handling nuclear material. Its responsibilities include the nation’s nuclear weapons program, nuclear reactor production for the US Navy, energy conservation, energy-related research, radioactive waste disposal, and domestic energy production. It also directs research in genomics; the Human Genome Project originated in a DOE initiative. (Wikipedia, “[United States Department of Energy](#)”)
- 1977, August 4 — 9:10 p.m. A man in Teddington, southwest London, England, is outside watching the sky when he sees a small light traveling fast to the right of a well known Heathrow Airport flight path. Watching it through binoculars, it looks like a metallic submarine shape with five portholes. It hovers for 20 seconds almost on the flight path. It moves away quickly when an aircraft approaches. (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 6 (June 1978): 2)
- 1977, August 6 — 8:55 p.m. A young woman close to Port Columbus Airport [now John Glenn Columbus International Airport] in Columbus, Ohio, stops her car to watch two cylindrical objects with bulbous ends approach her from the southwest. They are dark gray or green and have bright white lights on opposite ends. They appear to bank and twist for 10–15 seconds. One ascends, stops, and vanishes; the other does the same maneuver one second later, all “too fast for airplanes.” (“[Case 2-9-81](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 9 (September 1977): 8)
- 1977, August 7 — A nearly perfect circular ring, 12 feet in diameter and 8 inches wide is discovered in someone’s backyard on an island in the Mississippi River near Galena, Illinois. The ring is caused by a substance composed of tiny beads that discolors the grass and leaves on the ground. A similar ring is found near Chesterton, Indiana, on August 12. Analysis by the University of Chicago shows that the rings are caused by slime mold. (Allan Hendry, “[A Physical Trace Doth Not a CE II Make](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 9 (September 1977): 4)

- 1977, August 9 — 2:00 p.m.** A witness in Wheaton, Illinois, sees 8–16 pinpoints of light “like magnesium burning” silently maneuvering in and out of the overcast clouds. They appear to be approaching very fast from 60° in the north. Looping and swooping, they move apart after about 15 seconds. (“[Case 2-9-85](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 9 (September 1977): 8)
- 1977, August 10 — 8:50 p.m.** Two adult couples in Bridgewater Township, New Jersey, watch a bright, blue-green star silently loping from low in the west toward the northeast for 30–45 seconds. (“[Case 2-9-87](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 9 (September 1977): wrap)
- 1977, August 11 — 8:05 p.m.** A 37-year-old police detective in South Brunswick, New Jersey, watches a silent disc-shaped object come over the horizon. Four other witnesses also see it. There is something that looks like a rotating “radar mast” on the object. It rises into the clouds and shoots off toward the north-northeast after 3.5 minutes. (“[Case 2-9-88](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 9 (September 1977): wrap)
- 1977, August 11 — 8:45 p.m.** A couple are driving near Hayden, Alabama, when they see an object hovering silently about 150 feet in the air. A blue-gray light in its center turns on and they can see its disc-like shape and size, which is about 65 feet in diameter. The object shoots north like a bullet, then stops a short distance away. Keeping it in view, they drive home and call the police. The woman sees the UFO circle around them three times and land. A second object comes out of the hills to the northeast and stops directly above the first object at about 400 feet. The lower object rises up to join the other briefly, and they can see a blinking red light on top. The objects accelerate to the south and vanish from sight. Total duration is 5 minutes. (“[Case 2-9-89](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 10 (October 1977): wrap)
- 1977, August 13 (approximately) — Night.** At Nocero Umbra, Perugia, Italy, several witnesses, including Bruno Vitali, see a cone-shaped object “more than a meter high.” Vitali tries unsuccessfully to hit the object with his car because as he speeds forward, the object maintains the same distance. Students who investigate the site later find a stone that is intensely hot 2 days after the encounter. (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 12 (November 1977): 2; Mark Rodeghier, “[UFO/Vehicle Very Close Encounters](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 26, 32)
- 1977, Mid-August — Between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.** Canute Jensen, 13, and Kevin Rurka, 12, are in a treehouse on the Chris Jensen farm 27 miles north of Edmonton, Alberta. They are taking photos when they see a large, dark, block-shaped object moving through the sky. Canute snaps three photos before the object disappears upward in the clouds. (“[UFO Photographed from a Tree-House in Canada](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 8 (August 1981): 1, 6)
- 1977, August 15 —** The Big Ear Radio Telescope in Delaware, Ohio, in searching for signals from extraterrestrial civilizations, detects a strong, intermittent signal lasting for 72 seconds that stands out distinctly from the background noise. The team quickly rules out a terrestrial origin or a broadcast from a satellite. Nevertheless, the signal is so powerful and unusual that Jerry Ehman, the astronomer who analyzes the data print out, annotates the signal with the word “Wow!” The Big Ear team continued to observe the same part of the sky, as have others, but the Wow! signal never returns. In 2020, using the Gaia 3D star database developed by the European Space Agency, amateur astronomer Alberto Caballero identifies a Sun-like star, 2MASS 19281982-2640123, in the region of the sky where the Wow! signal originated. In 2024, a team of scientists from the Planetary Habitability Laboratory at the University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo announces that the signal might have been caused by the momentary brightening of cold hydrogen clouds by a stimulated emission from a transient strong radiation source, such as a magnetar flare or soft gamma repeater. (Wikipedia, “[Wow! signal](#)”; John Kraus, “[The Tantalizing ‘Wow!’ Signal](#),” Ohio State University Radio Observatory, January 30, 1994; Daniela Breitman, “[Wow! Signal Explained after 40 Years?](#)” *EarthSky*, June 7, 2017; “[Sun-Like Star Identified As the Potential Source of the Wow! Signal](#),” *Physics ArXiv Blog*, November 19, 2020; Graff 270–271; Christopher Plain, “[47-Year-Old ‘Wow! Signal’ Mystery Solved? Arecibo Observatory Scientists Think They Have an Answer](#),” *The Debrief*, August 15, 2024)
- 1977, August 17 — 2:00 p.m.** James R. Leming is driving on Interstate 70 westbound about 15 miles west of the Nebraska–Colorado state border. He sees a strange object moving swiftly in the sky and pulls over to watch. It moves to the north, then veers back to the highway and runs a parallel course along the interstate. Directly over the road it remains stationary for 3 minutes, and Leming is able to take three photographs, only one of which is not blurry because the object began speeding away. He estimates it is 600 feet away, its altitude at about 500 feet above the road, positioned at a 40° angle above the horizon, and 40–45 feet from tip to tip with a downward curve at each end. Ground Saucer Watch explains the photo as a chip in the glass of Leming’s windshield, but Leming contests that. (“[1977 Photograph/Sighting and 1982 Sketch Similarity](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1983): 1; Fred Adrian, “[Letter](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 5 (Oct./Nov. 1983): 2–3; James R. Leming, “[Letter](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 6 (Dec. 1983/Jan. 1984): 2)

- 1977, August 28 — 12:10 a.m.** For more than 20 minutes, police (including PC Ian MacKenzie, PS James Trohear, PC Alexander Inglis, and PC David Wild) and citizens in Windermere, Cumbria, England, watch a large lighted object in the shape of a “stingray fish” (triangular). It flies slowly at 1,500 feet altitude, hovering occasionally. All witnesses describe it as silent, except for one, who hears a “quiet hum.” (Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, [pp. 131–133](#))
- 1977, August 28 — 12:38 a.m.** Two witnesses on a deserted rural boulevard near Hayward, California, see an odd triangular object with red, blue, and white lights. They drive toward it, overtake it, and pass underneath, and they see that it is much larger than the full moon. Then it turns abruptly and follows them, but they accelerate to 65 mph and evade it. (“[Case 2-10-35](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 10 (October 1977): 3)
- 1977, August 28 — 8:40 p.m.** The same couple in Hayden, Alabama, who saw a UFO on August 11 see a similar bright object 2 miles away from the previous site. It has several beige lights, and it darts toward their car in seconds when they stop to look. All the lights go out and come back on at the same time. (“[Case 2-10-37](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 10 (October 1977): 3)
- 1977, August 31 — 12:30–3:15 a.m.** A total of seven witnesses see a lighted cylindrical object at the top of a disused quarry on the road between Sturno and Frigento, Avellino, Italy. Near the object is an entity about 7 feet 10 inches tall. It has two red-orange lights in a spot where its eyes might be and is wearing metallic-looking coveralls, a possible helmet, a metallic belt, and a black box on its arm. At one point the entity shines a bright beam of light at them. The duration of the sighting is due to the original two witnesses going back and forth to a nearby village to collect additional observers. A triangle of depressions is found that indicates something as heavy as 40 tons has landed there. Some of the witnesses are regressed hypnotically and recall the same narrative. (Maurizio Verga, “[Seven Scared Witnesses and a Humanoid](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 1 (May 1979): 17–19, 22; 1Pinotti 205–210)
- 1977, Fall — 5:20 p.m.** A female police constable in Isfield, Sussex, England, sees a silent object flying at 300 feet altitude while waiting for a bus. On an impulse, she waves at the object, which then approaches her. It seems to be made of light greenish-gray metal with a moderately reflective surface. On top of its dome is a blue-green light, and underneath the object is a dense, black, circular section. At its closest approach, it is no further than 50 feet away. Her memory is unclear after this, but when the bus arrives, she feels numb and uncoordinated and seems to have lost 20 minutes of time. (Good Above, [pp. 115, 457](#))
- 1977, September —** Lt. Gen. Akira Hirano, chief of Japan’s Air Self-Defense Forces, admits that UFOs are seen frequently in Japan and that they are quietly investigated. However, the following day his staff denies that he intended to comment on official investigations. (Good Above, [p. 430](#))
- 1977, September — 11:00 p.m.** Ethel May Field is in her backyard on Sea View Road, Parkstone, Poole, England, when she hears a humming sound and sees a domed object approaching from the south-southwest and emitting light from its perimeter and base. She estimates it is about 22 feet wide and fairly low, because she can see two silver-suited figures within two windows on the dome. The entity on the right seems to be operating controls. The other figure points down, as if gesturing to land. As it hovers above her garden a moment, she shields her eyes with her hands and she feels a sensation of heat on her hands and a trembling of the ground. After 20–30 seconds, she runs back to the house and the object speeds away to the northwest. In the next few days, she develops a skin infection (dermatitis) on her hands. (Leslie Harris, “[Parkstone UFO and Occupants](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 2 (August 1978): 6–8)
- 1977, September 4 — 3:30 p.m.** Farmer Luis Sandoval, 74, is resting in a hammock near Corozal, Puerto Rico, when he decides to get up and move to another spot. He hears some popping noises and sees an object like an elongated, bright blue candle. It moves toward him, making an increasingly loud roaring-engine noise, then drops down beside him. The object abruptly turns into a 3-foot-high dwarf, dressed in jacket and tie, with an ugly face. He speaks encouragingly, says he is an extraterrestrial, and gives Sandoval a complete physical examination. The dwarf steps away to admire the scenery and says, “How nice Puerto Rico is.” He then turns into a flaming blue candle and vanishes upward in a flash. Other dwarf sightings take place in the area. (Gordon Creighton, “[A New Medicare?](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 2 (August 1978): 9)
- 1977, September 5 —** NASA launches the Voyager 1 space probe to study the outer Solar System and interstellar space beyond the Sun’s heliosphere. It is launched 16 days after its twin Voyager 2. It communicates through the NASA Deep Space Network to receive routine commands and to transmit data to Earth. The probe makes flybys of Jupiter, Saturn, and Saturn’s largest moon, Titan. Voyager 1 studies the weather, magnetic fields, and rings of the two gas giants and is the first probe to provide detailed images of their moons. Both Voyagers carry a gold-plated audio-visual disc, should the spacecraft ever be found by intelligent life forms from other planetary systems. The disc carries photos of the Earth and its lifeforms, a range of scientific information, spoken greetings from people

such as the Secretary-General of the United Nations [Kurt Waldheim](#) and President [Jimmy Carter](#) and a medley, “Sounds of Earth,” that includes the sounds of whales, a baby crying, waves breaking on a shore, and a collection of music including works by [Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart](#), [Blind Willie Johnson](#), [Chuck Berry](#), and [Valya Balkanska](#). Other Eastern and Western classics are included, as well as various performances of indigenous music from around the world. The record also contains greetings in 55 different languages. Voyager 1 crosses the heliopause and enters interstellar space on August 25, 2012, making it the first spacecraft to do so. Two years later, Voyager 1 begins experiencing a third “tsunami wave” of coronal mass ejections from the Sun that continue to at least December 15, 2014, further confirming that the probe is indeed in interstellar space. On December 12, 2023, NASA announces that Voyager 1’s flight data system is currently unable to use its telemetry modulation unit, rendering the probe unable to transmit scientific data. It is currently unknown whether the probe will be able to continue its mission. (Wikipedia, “[Voyager 1](#)”; Graff 271–273)

- 1977**, September 6 — NASA administrator [Robert Frosch](#) responds to [Frank Press](#), saying that he is “inclined to agree” with his recommendation on a new UFO panel; however, NASA wants to be assured that an inquiry is “justified,” and that if funding is provided, it could hire a project officer to review reports from the past 10 years. (Richard C. Henry, “[UFOs and NASA](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 2, no. 2 (1988): 93, 110–111; Clark III 787; Clark IV 867)
- 1977**, September 7 — 10:24 p.m. A white glow is seen rushing silently three times over a 15-minute period in Tooele, Utah. It first travels to the south but executes a 90° turn toward the west. Five minutes later it returns, moving east. Ten minutes later it reappears, slower and lower, moving to the northeast. (“[Case 2-10-58](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 10 (October 1977): 3)
- 1977**, September 8 — 12:30 a.m. An ex-pilot sees a dark, bullet-shaped object while walking his dog in New Orleans, Louisiana. It rushes silently to the east and changes course slightly to the southeast. (“[Case 2-10-60](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 10 (October 1977): 3)
- 1977**, September 9 — Grenada Prime Minister [Eric Gairy](#) meets with President [Jimmy Carter](#) in the White House for 45 minutes. Carter gives Gairy a copy of the Condon report. (Dolan II 143)
- 1977**, September 14 — [Press](#) again asks [Frosch](#) for help with [Carter](#)’s UFO mail problem and repeats his suggestion for a scientific UFO panel to investigate reports. (Richard C. Henry, “[UFOs and NASA](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 2, no. 2 (1988): 93, 114; presidentialufo.com, “[President Jimmy Carter](#)”)
- 1977**, September 15 — 2:15 a.m. A 33-year-old bus driver named Antonio Bogado La Rúbia leaves his home in Paciência, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to catch a bus. As he is walking by a deserted field, he sees a UFO “like an enormous hat.” He takes two steps back and is grabbed by two men. Suddenly he is floating inside the UFO, surrounded by two rows of a dozen men each, about 5 feet 5 inches tall. They are wearing football-shaped helmets with a wide band running across the broad portion and are cut into mirror-like sections from which blue flashes are emitted. They seem like robots, but La Rúbia can hear them breathing. A typical abduction scenario follows. (“[Brazilian CE4 Case](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 26, no. 4 (October 1977): 1–4; “[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 11 (November 1977): 2, 8; “[Ufonautas Unipedais \(Robôs\) Seqüestram Motorista de Ônibus no Rio de Janeiro](#),” *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 121/125 (March/Dec. 1978): 20–44; Brazil 211–224; “[Antonio La Rubia’s Abduction by Robot-Like Beings and UFO Encounter in Paciencia, Brazil, 1977](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, September 2023; Eghigian, *After*, p. 265)
- 1977**, Late September — 1:00 a.m. A witness working as a receptionist at the Paralela 45 Motel on Highway 1 north of Ploiești, Romania, sees a large object 3–4 times as large as the Moon, which is visible in another part of the sky. It has an orange-red core with a yellowish-red halo at the edges. It stands motionless for 3–4 minutes, then descends slowly toward the southwest before shooting away at an incredible speed. (Romania 42–43)
- 1977**, September 17 — 2:00 a.m. A couple driving near Kargowa, Poland, notice two unusual lights in the sky. They drive a half mile further, then the lights approach them at incredible speed and hover above the car. The driver stops to look at them and notices that one light is bigger and whiter than the smaller yellowish light. When he drives away, the lights continue to pace them for 6 miles, keeping 10–30 feet away from the car until they reach Wolsztyn, where they rise up and speed away. (Poland 32–33)
- 1977**, September 20 — 3:00 a.m. The watch officer of an Alfa-class nuclear submarine in the White Sea off Severodvinsk, Arkhangelsk Oblast, Russia, notices an object moving swiftly to the southwest. It seems to stretch out, turning into a long, glowing ribbon. As it flies over him, it looks like a cylinder with one of the ends becoming asymmetrical. The cylinder ejects small objects that fly off in different directions. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia’s USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 13–14)
- 1977**, September 20 — 4:00 a.m. A large “star” sending out beams of light appears moving slowly over Petrozavodsk, Karelia, Russia. It is last seen as a semicircular glow, bright red in the middle and white on the sides. The total duration is 10–12 minutes. Scientist Mikhail Dimitryev describes it as a “giant jellyfish.” The phenomenon is seen

over a vast territory, from Copenhagen, Denmark, and Helsinki, Finland, in the west to Vladivostok, Primorsky Krai, Russia, in the east. Government officials from northern European countries send letters to [Anatoly Alexandrov](#), president of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, expressing concern about whether the observed phenomenon is caused by Soviet weapons testing and whether it constitutes a threat to the region's environment. Col. [Boris Sokolov](#) reveals that the phenomenon is observed from 12:00 midnight by military men along the Finnish border; when they try to report it, all their communications fail. All communications are restored after the phenomenon ceases. Since 1977, the phenomenon has often (though not universally) been attributed to the launch of the Soviet satellite Kosmos-955. In the same year, a preliminary report for the Academy of Sciences of the USSR contains an immense body of visual observations, radiolocation reports, physical measurements, and accompanying meteorological data. It concludes that "based on the available data, it is unfeasible to satisfactorily understand the observed phenomenon." (Wikipedia, "[Petrozavodsk phenomenon](#)"; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 10 (October 1977): 2; Gordon Creighton, "[A Russian 'Jellyfish'](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 4 (January 1978): 19–20; Dale P. Cruikshank and David W. Swift, "[The Petrozavodsk Phenomenon](#)," *Journal of UFO Studies*, orig. ser. 2 (1980): 91–94; James E. Oberg, "Russia's Jellyfish UFO," *Aviation/Space* 9, no. 1 (January/February 1982): 29, 31; James E. Oberg, "[The Great Soviet UFO Coverup, Part II](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 177 (November 1982): 6–10; James E. Oberg, *UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries*, Donning, 1982, pp. 161–181; Enrique Vicente, "UFOs in the Soviet Union," *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Times, 1987, pp. 118–119; Yulii V. Platov and Boris A. Sokolov, "[The Study of Unidentified Flying Objects in the Soviet Union](#)," *Herald of the Russian Academy of Sciences* 70, no. 3 (2000): 244–251; Good Need, pp. 351; Eghigian, *After*, p. 226)

- 1977, September 21 — Ground Saucer Watch files a complaint, spearheaded by lawyers [Peter Gersten](#) and [Henry Rothblatt](#), with the CIA for failure to produce materials on the 1952 Ralph Mayher incident and the [Durant](#) report on the 1953 Robertson Panel. ("[CIA Sued over UFO 'Cover-Up'](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 1 (January 1978): wrap; "[CAUS Picking Up Where GSW and NICAP Left Off](#)," *Just Cause* 1, no. 1 (April 1978): 1–4)
- 1977, September 21 — 8:47 p.m. A student notices a flashing light in the northern sky in Phoenix, Arizona. Suddenly, a formation of 8 triangles with rounded edges appears, 7 of them in a straight line, equally spaced. The eighth is slightly forward. They shoot noiselessly overhead and are lost in the glare of the southern sky. One crosses the face of the Moon. ("[Case 2-11-9](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 11 (November 1977): 3)
- 1977, September 22 — 5:25 a.m. Capt. George Didlake, piloting Continental Airlines Flight 954, is climbing to 33,000 feet out of El Paso, Texas, when he sees an elongated object rapidly overtaking his DC-10. It has a row of brightly illuminated windows running front to rear and is blow the aircraft at roughly 12,000 feet. First Officer Jack Forsythe and Second Officer [Russ Goodenough](#) see the object as well. It passes the aircraft at a speed "beyond comprehension," makes a 90° turn, and shoots up out of sight. (Dave Kenney, "[Airline Crew Spots UFO](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 26, no. 3 (September 1977): 1, 3)
- 1977, September 22 — Four FAA radar controllers in Omaha, Nebraska, track a large formation of unidentified objects. They are gone from the scope in less than a minute at an estimated speed of 17,000 mph. (Bob Gribble, "[Pilot Sightings and Radar Trackings](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 181 (March 1983): 6)
- 1977, September 22 — 10:25 p.m. A police detective in Ardmore, Oklahoma, watches a pulsating star rush about erratically. ("[Case 2-11-12](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 11 (November 1977): 3)
- 1977, Late September — 11:00 p.m. Ethel May Field is in her backyard in Parkstone, Poole, Dorset, England, when she hears a humming nose and looks up. A circular object with a dome on top is approaching from the south-southwest. Its surfaces are gray, and a brilliant blue-yellow light is streaming from the underside. It is about 20 feet in diameter, and Field can see two humanoid figures visible almost to the waist inside the dome. The object hovers above her garden, its light so brilliant that she puts her hands up to shield her eyes. She can feel the heat on her hands and a vibration in the ground for a second or two. The occupants have silver suits and headgear. The figure on the right appears to be operating controls, while the one on the left is looking directly at her, making a gesture as if pointing downward. Alarmed, she runs back to the house and the object speeds away to the northwest. In the following week, she develops a skin irritation on the palms of her hands. (Leslie Harris, "[Parkstone UFO and Occupants](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 2 (August 1978): 6–8; UFOEv II 462–463)
- 1977, September 27 — 4:36 a.m. A witness is driving toward Kirksville, Missouri, about 6 miles west of town when he notices a light behind him to the left. It is a yellow-orange object with flashing red lights, as big as the Moon, and is following him about 500 feet away at treetop level. He increases his speed to 120 mph, but the UFO keeps the same pace. As he reaches town the object climbs slightly and shoots off out of sight in 2 seconds. ("[Case 2-11-22](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 11 (November 1977): 3)
- 1977, September 27 — 12:15 p.m. A dredge master and four crew members see a UFO that remains visible for one minute off the northwest coast of Wowoni Island, Sulawesi, Indonesia. Consisting of a cone of translucent material with dark spots, the object emits violet, white, and red light from its top. It has a forward, undulating

motion against the wind and is spinning on its axis at about 9,000 feet altitude. ([“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 2 (February 1978): 2)

1977, September 28 — 2:45 p.m. A grocery store clerk watches a distant bright light moving west over Burlington, Iowa. A second point of light appears, catches up to the first one, and both weave a figure 8 at least 6 times as they pass nearly overhead to the west. ([“Case 2-11-24,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 11 (November 1977): 3)

1977, Early autumn — 5:20 p.m. A woman police constable is waiting at a bus stop near Lewes, East Sussex, England, when she notices a large, silent object at about 300 feet altitude. On impulse, she waves at the object, which then comes closer. It seems to be made of a light greenish-gray metal with a moderately reflective surface. A blue-green light is coming out of its dome, and underneath the object is a dense, black, circular section. At closest approach, the UFO is no more than 50 feet away. She experiences a sense of timelessness, and she later cannot account for about 20 minutes of time. When the bus arrives, she feels a numbness as she fumbles for change. When she gets to the top deck, the object is gone. She develops an acute headache that lasts into the following day. Her eyes burn and water for a week afterward, and she suffers recurring gastric discomfort. (Patricia B. Grant, [“A Very Personal Encounter ‘Somewhere in Sussex,’”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1979): 18–21; Good Above, [pp. 115–116, 457](#))

1977, October — The Petrozavodsk phenomenon in Russia contributes to the creation of the *Setka* program—Soviet research into anomalous atmospheric phenomena, proposed by scientist [Anatoly Alexandrov](#). Two secret research commissions are set up: the *Setka-MO*, under the orders of the Ministry of Defense and composed mainly of military personnel, and the *Setka-AN*, under the orders of the Soviet Academy of Sciences and composed of scientists. The first group, led by NII-22 (an institute for aviation defense), has the task of studying the military aspects of the problem, such as the possible influences of the UFOs on the malfunctioning of military devices and installations; the ministry names special officers in all military units who are tasked with the responsibility of watching out for unusual phenomena. The second group, led by IZMIRAN (the Pushkov Institute of Terrestrial Magnetism, Ionosphere, and Radiowave Propagation of the Russian Academy of Sciences), studies physical effects related to UFOs and tries to understand the causes. The coordination of the first commission is entrusted to Col. [Boris Sokolov](#), that of the second commission to Prof. [Vladimir Migulin](#), supported by Dr. [Yulii Platov](#) as deputy coordinator. The Military-Industrial Commission of the USSR serves as a liaison between the two groups. According to one of his aides, Igor Sinitsin, it is KGB Chairman [Yuri Andropov](#) who initiates these programs. (Wikipedia, [“Programma Setka”](#); Good Above, [p. 237](#); Yulii V. Platov and Boris A. Sokolov, [“The Study of Unidentified Flying Objects in the Soviet Union,”](#) *Herald of the Russian Academy of Sciences* 70, no. 3 (2000): 244–251; Nick Paton Walsh, [“KGB Chief Ordered 4m Soldiers to Keep Watching the Skies for UFOs,”](#) *The Guardian*, March 23, 2003; Good Need, [pp. 351–352](#); Mikhail Gershtein, [“A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union,”](#) UAP Check, July 6, 2024; Eghigian, *After*, p. 226)

1977, October 1 — 7:00 p.m. Leo and John Girardeau are hunting 3 miles west of Libau, Manitoba, when they see an object approaching from the west at an altitude of 500 feet. As it approaches, the witnesses go into their truck and turn on the lights. The object, about 75–100 feet wide and 25–30 feet high, reverses direction and moves westward. One of the men fires a shotgun to lure it back; when this fails, they pursue it in their truck. Running out of road a few miles later, they stop and watch it move out of sight. ([“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 12 (December 1977): 2; David Miller, [“Are We Being Watched by UFOs?”](#) *Toronto (Ont.) Sunday Star*, July 8, 1984, p. A8)

1977, October 4 — 2:45 p.m. A group of 10 children see a strange object hovering between two trees while they are playing at Upton Primary Junior School in Macclesfield, Cheshire, England. Their teacher, Mrs. Hindmarsh, immediately separates them and asks them to draw what they have seen. Their drawings are consistent, so she passes them on to the Cheshire police, who take the report seriously and check with the Manchester Airport, which reports that nothing unusual was detected on radar. (UFOFiles2, [p. 97](#))

1977, October 5 — 10:40 a.m. TV cameramen Manuel Juarez and Oscar Tobar are videotaping a car commercial in Guatemala City, Guatemala, when a UFO comes into view. Instead, they videotape the UFO, which is in view for 51 seconds moving at about 100 mph. ([“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 11 (November 1977): 8; [“First Photos of Guatemala Videotape,”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 1 (January 1978): 7–8; [“OVNI Guatemala City 1977,”](#) giottopersempre YouTube channel, October 16, 2011)

1977, October 7 — Prime Minister of Grenada [Eric Gairy](#) addresses the UN General Assembly urging the recognition of UFOs as a serious international scientific problem. He says that he has seen a UFO and was “totally overwhelmed” by the experience. (UFOEv II 20)

1977, October 7 — The Soviet submarine repair ship *Volga* is in the Barents Sea when its radar picks up an unknown target approaching at a distance of 60 miles. Captain Tarankin goes to the bridge and sees 9 bright discs moving in from the northeast. They arrive and circle around the ship’s masts for 18 minutes. During this time, all of the

ship's communications links no longer work. Captain Tarankin tells his men to remember the incident, so that no one will be able to say their captain is drunk or crazy. After the discs depart, communications is restored. The incident raises some concern in the Soviet Navy, and Fleet Admiral [Nikolai Ivanovich Smirnov](#) issues a directive on mandatory reporting of UFO sightings by Soviet hydrographic, scientific research, and reconnaissance ships. The directive is written by naval officer and ufologist [Vladimir G. Azhazha](#) and signed by Naval Deputy Chief of Staff Petr Nikolayevich Navoytsev. (Jacques Vallée, *UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union: A Cosmic Samizdat*, Ballantine, 1992, [pp. 29–30](#); Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 11–13)

- 1977**, October 9 — 8:30 p.m. Holly Prunchak is working as a security guard at the French-Hecht plant east of Walcott, Iowa, when she sees flashing lights rising straight up from distant trees in the northwest. They level off and move toward her. They are blinding in intensity and flash on and off like a beacon, apparently surrounded by a dark oval shape. Her FM radio goes silent, and her walkie-talkie fails. All animal sounds go quiet when the object is in view. The object looms about 300 feet away, passing near a streetlight that extinguishes for at least one minute. The object drops down onto trees of an adjacent farm. At this point she hysterically calls for help on a telephone intercom system, but no one takes her seriously. ([“CE II in Iowa,” IUR 2](#), no. 12 (December 1977): 4, 8)
- 1977**, October 11 — The area around San Francisco Bay, California, is inundated with white, thick, sticky clumps of “angel’s hair” material. The phenomenon is observed as far away as 100 miles from San Francisco and reported dimensions reach 20 feet in length. An on-the-scene explanation from the University of California, Berkeley, identifies the substance as aggregations of baby spiders’ webs in the course of “ballooning” travel, and a laboratory analysis supports that explanation. ([“San Francisco Covered in White,” Austin \(Tex.\) American-Statesman](#), October 12, 1977, p. A7; Joseph S. Accetta, [“Angels Hair Revisited,” Journal of UFO Studies](#), orig. ser. 1 (1979): 32–34)
- 1977**, October 11 — 7:55 p.m. A farmer in Fairfield, Vermont, hears an odd noise and looks out his window. He and his family watch a bright light source (a bright red light flashing next to a dimmer white light) hovering above a swamp. The object shines a light beam down into the swamp as if searching for something. A second red light approaches from over a nearby house and comes within several hundred feet of the first object; both continue to hover and circle. One vanishes at 11:30 p.m., while the other persists until 1:30 a.m. when the sky becomes cloudy. ([“Case 2-11-53,” IUR 2](#), no. 11 (November 1977): wrap)
- 1977**, October 13 — 3:55 p.m. A retired police officer and ex-pilot in Champaign, Illinois, watches, along with other young men, a “star” in clear daylight rush from south-southeast to north-northeast, passing east of overhead in a straight path without sound or trail. The estimated speed is Mach 1, but it slows down and stops for the last 10–15 seconds before vanishing. ([“Case 2-11-60,” IUR 2](#), no. 11 (November 1977): wrap)
- 1977**, October 13 — 10:15 p.m. S/Sgt Steven N. Haidinger is in his backyard at Chanute AFB [now closed] near Rantoul, Illinois, where he is looking at the moon through his telescope. He hears what sounds like wind passing around a building and looks straight up. About 500 feet in the air is an object slowly moving from the west-northwest. He trains his telescope on it and tries to follow it. The object looks rectangular, about 150 feet long, and 10 feet across. It has small, square indentations in patterns along its sides and it rotates as it moves, about once every 2 seconds. It moves out of sight in about 12 minutes. ([“Correspondence,” CUFOS Associate Newsletter 2](#), no. 1 (January 1981): 2)
- 1977**, October 14 — 7:00 p.m. A physician in Toledo, Ohio, watches a red-orange object moving silently east, passing overhead, and disappearing in the distance. Possible balloon. ([“Case 2-11-63,” IUR 2](#), no. 11 (November 1977): wrap)
- 1977**, October 15 — 6:45 p.m. British diplomat Alan K. Rothnie is driving near Rolvenden, Kent, England, when he sees a glowing bluish object in the sky traveling fast from south to north and shaped “somewhat like a flattened avocado pear.” The blunt leading end seems to be rimmed with a shining metal, and the back end is trailing sparks. The object moves away in 90 seconds. (UFOFiles2, [pp. 87–88](#))
- 1977**, October 17 — A woman and her children watch a blindingly bright red light from their first-floor porch in Uccle, Belgium. It is stationary and silent for one hour in the southwest at an estimated 1,000 feet altitude. Finally, the object moves toward the west, then north, and disappears in the distance. An independent group of witnesses several streets away also watch the light. A half-hour later, the daughter of the original family sees another pair of similar objects in the south about 400–500 feet off the ground. These circle for 30 minutes and then disappear to the south. One hour later, the family watches another bright light maneuvering in the southwest before disappearing. ([“Foreign Forum,” IUR 3](#), no. 3 (March 1978): 2)
- 1977**, October 20 — Several witnesses in San José, Costa Rica, see lighted objects around Pico Blanco, a mountain to the south of town. One physician sees a “squat, orange object” for 20 minutes until it ascends at great speed and disappears. ([“Foreign Forum,” IUR 2](#), no. 12 (December 1977): 2)

- 1977, October 20 — 8:15 p.m. Keith Kilford and Philip Staff watch a small orange triangle over a house in Bromley, Kent, England, that grows to twice its size, shrinks again, and moves rapidly away until it disappears. It reappears about 10 minutes later and disappears again. ([“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 12 (December 1977): 2)
- 1977, October 22 — 2:40 a.m. A half-moon-shaped orange cloud, 3 times the size of the Moon, is seen hovering and descending at Irondequoit, New York. Chunks “like teardrops” are seen falling off. ([“Case 2-12-16,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 12 (December 1977): 3)
- 1977, October 23 — 3:30 a.m. A glowing triangular white cloud is seen in Rochester, New York, receding to the southwest. ([“Case 2-12-17,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 12 (December 1977): 3)
- 1977, October 24 — 2:00 a.m. A musician watches a saucer-shaped object at Cerrillos, New Mexico, approaching at a low angle from the south. It moves across his view for 15–30 seconds, stops for 15–20 seconds in the southwest, and zooms away. ([“Case 2-12-25,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 12 (December 1977): 3)
- 1977, October 25 — 5:30 p.m. Three witnesses, including two deaf 14-year-olds, Johnny Myhr and Frank Sverre Mandt, view a disc-shaped object some 33 feet in diameter that hovers and then descends behind some bushes at Åsbygda, Ringerinke, Norway. After about 10 seconds it rises into the air again. The boys run to the nearby Alm school. They notice the object ascending at a 40° angle and see several windows in the craft. What appears to be a human-looking person is behind one of the windows. Tracks are later found in the newly plowed field. Each track is rectangular with rounded corners, and measures 5.5 inches by 1.2 feet with a depth of 4 inches. The tracks are arranged in a triangular shape. ([“Strange Aircraft Spotted in Åsbygda,”](#) *Nordic UFO Newsletter* 1, no. 1 (1981): 16–18)
- 1977, October 26 — 12:45 p.m. En route from Dyess AFB near Abilene, Texas, to Dallas, cruising at 15,000 feet in a T-38 jet trainer, 1st Lt Seth Bryant (instructor pilot) and 1st Lt Choate (student pilot) overhear transmissions from Fort Worth Air Route Traffic Control Center to another pilot who has seen a red object he cannot identify. Choate then sees the red object and informs the pilot of its position. The object is flying at 10,000–12,000 feet and seems stationary. The distance is estimated to be about 23 miles away. Initially, the light is brilliant and appears to be closing rapidly. An evasive maneuver is considered but deemed unnecessary. The pilot contacts Fort Worth Center, giving the position of the object and asks if he is tracking anything on radar, but he isn’t. The size of the red light decreases, similar to a very slowly rotating beacon, and is lost to sight. The total duration is less than a minute. Choate recalls static over his headset at the time. (NICAP, [“Near Collision with T-33 / Radio Static”](#))
- 1977, October 27 — 5:35 p.m. At Cagliari Elmas Airport on Sardinia, Italy, three helicopters of the Italian Army’s Aviazione Leggera dell’Esercito are followed for more than 5 minutes by an orange disc. It is seen and tracked by both military and civilian witnesses and from the airport control tower. Air Force Col. Giomaria orders a jet interceptor to take off but it fails to catch up to the intruder. Maj. Francesco Zoppi and copilot Lt. Riccardelli manage to approach to within 1,000 feet. The sighting causes a feverish exchange of messages between airport personnel, the NATO base at Decimomannu, Sardinia, the [USS Saratoga](#), and several military planes in flight. Col. Mario d’Angelo, commander of the airport’s Air Force base, sends a detailed report to [Attilio Ruffini](#), the Italian Minister of Defense, who orders an investigation. ([“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 4 (April 1978): 2; [“Italian Government Report,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 146 (April 1980): 15; Good Above, [pp. 145–146](#); 1Pinotti 211–213)
- 1977, October 29 — 7:30 a.m. A patrolman in North East, Pennsylvania, spots a brown, cigar-shaped object moving towards him. He can see a tail fin. It changes direction to the southwest and disappears, ([“Case 2-12-37,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 12 (December 1977): 3)
- 1977, October 29 — 4:00 p.m. Four men at a gas station in downtown Hagerstown, Maryland, watch a round white object half the size of the Moon. It silently orbits counterclockwise around a cloud, emerging from behind, crossing in front, then disappearing behind. ([“Case 2-12-38,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 12 (December 1977): 3–wrap)
- 1977, October 29 — 7:45 p.m. Two young teenagers in North East, Pennsylvania, notice a light flashing different colors in the west. They think they see a dark “pancake” body twice the Moon’s diameter attached to the light. They go into their house where they are babysitting, and the object shines a spotlight down to the spot where they were originally standing. It hovers about 10 feet above some grapevines, then swoops toward the house and moves into trees to the north. They call police, but every time one visits the house, all they can see is a distant light. ([“Case 2-12-39,”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 12 (December 1977): wrap)
- 1977, October 29–November 3 — Police and citizens in the area of Erie, Pennsylvania, report multiple sightings of star-like lights, some flashing. Some are likely aircraft. ([“Mini-‘Flap’ in Northwestern Pennsylvania: But of IFOs?”](#) *IUR* 2, no. 12 (December 1977): wrap)
- 1977, October 31 — The *National Enquirer* sends a series of questions to Secretary of the Air Force [John C. Stetson](#) about the 1975 Northern Tier UFO incidents. The Air Force admits they do not know what the objects were. (ClearIntent, [pp. 23–24](#))

- 1977, October 31 — [David Williamson Jr.](#), a NASA assistant administrator for special projects, drafts a memorandum of a proposed letter to be signed by [Noel W. Hinners](#) and sent to [Robert A. Frosch](#). The letter mentions a revival of interest in UFOs and paranormal phenomena, as well as new sightings. It mentions a lack of tangible evidence to analyze and a lack of protocols for investigating UFOs as hindrances to NASA setting up an investigatory panel: “All in all, undertaking a formal study at this time appears to be fraught with peril.” Williamson sees two choices: refuse the project, or have NASA review the best cases from civilian UFO organizations and new cases. He foresees problems with workload, peer pressure, and prejudgment—an enormous expenditure of resources. However, he recommends examining the best cases from the civilian groups. The inquiry will be handled by Hinners, Williamson, and NASA administrator [Kenneth D. Chapman](#). (Richard C. Henry, “[UFOs and NASA](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 2, no. 2 (1988): 93, 123–126; Clark III 788; Clark IV 868)
- 1977, October 31 — 9:35 p.m. Several students in Placentia, California, watch a disc with four lighted portholes hovering and eclipsing the moon for a few seconds. It shoots away toward the north. (“[Case 2-12-46](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 12 (December 1977): wrap)
- 1977, November 1 — Afternoon. Students Johnny Myrh and Frank Sverre see a flying object approaching from the north as they are walking home from a school bus station in Nybygda, Ringerike, Norway. The light-green object lands about 300 feet away in a newly ploughed field. They see a human-like figure inside the object behind one of its windows. After 10 seconds, the object lifts off, leaving three equally spaced marks in the ground, 1.2 feet long and 3–7 inches wide. Each imprint is made by something with a curved bottom. The sighting is partially corroborated by one of the attendants at the school who sees a shining object at the same time and place but at a much greater distance. (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 1 (January 1978): 2)
- 1977, November 2 — Italian Air Force pilots and pilots of two German Air Force F-101G Starfighters, as well as the tower personnel at Cagliari Elmas Airport on Sardinia, Italy, see a circular or elliptical ball of fire flying at tremendous speed. (Good Above, [p. 146](#))
- 1977, November 10 — 4:31 p.m. UFO researcher [Ray Stanford](#) sees a stationary metallic gray object in the southwestern sky as he is walking his dog in Austin, Texas. Its smaller end is at the top and there is a slight variance around the larger, lower end of the object, which seems to be vibrating. After several seconds, it seems to elongate and rotate. After another 10 seconds, it appears in the shape of a Coke bottle, then disappears quickly. (Ray Stanford, “[Letter](#),” *IUR* 7, no. 3 (May/June 1982): 3–4)
- 1977, November 12 — Evening. [William J. Hermann](#) sees a disc-shaped object chasing a Cessna aircraft over Charleston, South Carolina. (“[Object Photographed over Charleston, S.C.](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 1 (July 1978): 1–3; Clark III 570; Clark IV 628)
- 1977, November 15–16 — *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, directed by [Steven Spielberg](#), premieres in New York City at the Ziegfeld Theater. The plot involves benevolent aliens who make their presence known to selected individuals and world governments through escalating UFO waves. The film culminates in a spectacular landing and contact hidden from the public by an ingenious cover-up. (Internet Movie Database, “[Close Encounters of the Third Kind](#)”; Vincent Canby, “[An Encounter That’s Out of This World](#),” *New York Times*, November 17, 1977, p. C19; Jennifer Henderson and George M. Eberhart, “[30 Years of Close Encounters](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 3 (October 2007): 16–18, 28; Clark III 259; Clark IV 299)
- 1977, November 16 — 10:59 p.m. An alarm sounds at the Ellsworth AFB L-09 missile site 7 miles southwest of Nisland, South Dakota. Two security men, Airmen 1st Class Kenneth Jenkins and Wayne E. Raeke, are dispatched to the scene from Ellsworth. As Raeke is inspecting the rear fence line, he (allegedly) sees a helmeted figure in a glowing green metallic suit. It points a weapon at Raeke’s rifle and causes it to disintegrate, burning his hands and arms. Jenkins helps him back to their security vehicle. When Jenkins goes back to the rear fence line, he sees two of these beings. They ignore his command to halt, so he opens fire on them. His bullets strike one on the shoulder and the other in the helmet. The figures run over a hill and Jenkins pursues them. He sees them entering a 20-foot-diameter saucer-shaped object that shoots away over the horizon. As Raeke is air-evacuated from the scene, investigators discover that the missile’s nuclear components have been stolen. A follow-up investigation by [Bob Pratt](#) of the *National Enquirer* determines that Jenkins and Raeke are real and on active duty, but everything else about the incident is bogus. Raeke has suffered no injuries and does not even know Jenkins. (“[Incident/Complaint Report](#),” November 16, 1977; Bob Pratt, “[The Truth about the ‘Ellsworth Case](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 191 (January 1984): 6–9; Clark III 358–359; Clark 402–403)
- 1977, November 18 — 5:30 a.m. A hunter sees an object 4–5 times the size of the full moon ascending about 900 feet away in a wooded area near Richmond, Virginia. It is smoky-gray and egg-shaped with one white light at the top and two flashing lights on the bottom. Possible balloon. (“[Case 3-1-12](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 1 (January 1978): 3)

- 1977, November 18** — 9:17 p.m. A bright white light moving at a high rate of speed comes alongside a small Seneca 2 aircraft piloted by Gregory Barnett and flying at 13,000 feet between Vichy and Troy, Missouri, and paces the airplane for 3 minutes. The light then moves away at high speed. Barnett reports that while the light is abreast of his aircraft, one of his transponders stops working. After the UFO pulls away, the transponder resumes its normal operation. The object paces the aircraft for 3–4 miles at a distance of 17 miles and is fairly high above the aircraft. Barnett turns on his other transponder and nothing happens, then the object takes off on a 120°–130° heading and shoots out of sight. The second transponder recovers, but Barnett can never get the first one to work again. He has no trouble with the other instruments. (NICAP, “[UFO KO’s Transponder](#)”; Bob Gribble, “[UFOs: Pilot Sightings and Radar Trackings, Part One](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 31, no. 4 (March 1983): 1–3; Richard F. Haines, “[Aviation Safety in America: A Previously Neglected Factor](#),” National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena, October 15, 2000, pp. 80–81)
- 1977, November 24** — 10:00 p.m. A polygraph examiner with experience as a pilot and sailor is sitting on her porch in Smyrna, Georgia, when she notices an object the size of a distant aircraft fly out in front of the moon. The object is white, intensely luminous, and shaped like a hemisphere. It hovers for a few seconds, shoots straight up, hovers again, and then tilts back (showing its bottom portion with two Saturn-like rings of light) and flies back in front of the moon and disappears. (“[Case 3-1-20](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 1 (January 1978): 3)
- 1977, November 27** — [William J. Hermann](#) chases another disc-shaped UFO in Charleston, South Carolina, in his car and takes four photographs. He has other sightings on December 2 and 4 and on January 22, 1978, when he snaps eight photos. (“[Object Photographed over Charleston, S.C.](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 1 (July 1978): 1–3; Clark III 570; Clark IV 628)
- 1977, November 28** — Wellington Friday, UN ambassador at large for Grenada, addresses the United Nations on the seriousness of the UFO phenomenon and the need for global cooperation in investigating them. He is aided in his statement by ufologist [Leonard Stringfield](#). Friday appeals to UN Secretary General [Kurt Waldheim](#) to convene UFO hearings. The next two days are focused on preparation of a draft resolution to be presented to the General Assembly on November 30. The United States says that it can “sympathize” with Grenada’s efforts but cannot support the draft resolution. On November 30, the US delegates, Coast Guard Cmdr. John Feigle and John Krindler, meet with Grenada Prime Minister [Eric Gairy](#) in a closed-door session to make the resolution more moderate. (Leonard H. Stringfield, “[Inside Look at Grenada’s UFO Mission at the United Nations](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 2 (February 1978): 6–7; “[United Nations Committee Supports UFO Study](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 131 (October 1978): 3–5; Antonio Huneus, “[Rare Footage of Famous 1978 UN UFO Hearing Found](#),” Open Minds, May 13, 2011)
- 1977, November 29** — About 10:15 a.m. Hamish McLean, a New Zealand UFO investigator, receives an anonymous phone call about a sighting in progress and drives to the Waimata River Valley near Gisborne to investigate. He sees a dome-shaped object hovering at about 300 feet above a hill some 500 feet away. When McLean stops his car and gets out, the UFO suddenly speeds directly toward him and stops about 200 feet away. After about 3 minutes, a bright blue beam of light shoots out from a small square aperture on its lower left side and focuses on a dead Monterey cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) tree trunk about 150 feet from McLean. The trunk instantly lights up like a Christmas tree, fluorescing a different color on each branch for seven seconds until the blue beam disappears. Sheep in the meadow are bleating, run down the hill away from the object, and mill around in small groups. The object then moves about 50 feet to the right, where it hovers for two more minutes before swooping back over the hill. Later investigation of the tree turns up nothing unusual. (UFOEv II 224–225)
- 1977, November 30** — In response to the question by [Brinsley Le Poer Trench](#) in the House of Lords whether British policemen are investigating UFO reports like the gendarmerie in France is doing, [John Harris of Greenwich](#) responds that the police do not collect or investigate UFO incidents. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1977, December** — GEPAN’s Scientific Council holds its first meeting. The group is given a two-volume report of 290 pages, including three general presentations, three detailed investigations, an analysis of two UFO photos, and five statistical analyses of samples and cases. The council reaches conclusions and recommendations for further study. (Gildas Bourdais, “[From GEPAN to SEPRA: Official UFO Studies in France](#),” *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 12; Graff 266–267)
- 1977, December** — [Jim and Coral Lorenzen](#) publish *Abducted!*, a collection of 20 years of UFO abduction cases. Most of the aliens they describe are small with large heads and eyes, no hair, and communicate by telepathy. They suggest that abductions are the latest logical step in an alien information-gathering process. Each abductee, they believe, has specific information of value to the aliens. (Coral and Jim Lorenzen, [Abducted! Confrontations with Beings from Outer Space](#), Berkley, 1977)

- 1977, Early December — 5:15 p.m. A witness is driving from Falck to Brettnach, Moselle, France, when he notices three lights on a triangular object hovering silently. It disappears abruptly. (Marler [98](#))
- 1977, December 1 — The Have Blue HB1001 stealth aircraft is tested for the first time at Area 52 in the Tonopah Test Range by pilot [Bill Park](#). (Wikipedia, "[Lockheed Have Blue](#)")
- 1977, December 1 — 8:28 p.m. An electrician is driving east out of Elm City, North Carolina, when a large object drifts into view from the north. It has one intense headlight in front, 4–6 blue lights around the edges, and many red and white lights forming portholes along the sides. It is shaped like a torpedo with four swept-back fins at the back with a round band connecting them, and it is making a humming sound. ("[Case 3-1-30](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 1 (January 1978): 3, wrap)
- 1977, December 1, 6, and 12 — In the House of Lords, Lord Clancarty, [Brinsley Le Poer Trench](#), keeps bringing up the official investigation of UFOs in France. (Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024))
- 1977, December 2 — Night. A farmer in the Waimata Valley of New Zealand wakes up when his dogs bark loudly in their kennels. He goes to the back door and sees a landed saucer-shaped craft in a paddock about 100 feet away. It is about 50 feet in diameter and bright red with two open doors in the side. By the kennels he sees two humanoid beings about 4 feet 8 inches in height with slim builds. They are carrying one of the dogs, which appears comatose. The farmer shoots and hits one of the creatures, apparently startling them into dropping the animal. The being that is hit runs off into the bushes, and the other runs into the UFO, which then ascends vertically. The dog remains dazed for a few minutes and then becomes agitated. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 6 (June 1978): 2; Keith Basterfield, "[UFO Entities in Australasia, 1977: A Summary](#)," *ACOS Bulletin*, no. 20 (August 1979): 10; Keith Basterfield, "[New Zealand Entity Reports](#)," *UFO Research Australia Newsletter* 4, no. 2 (Sept./Oct. 1983): 6, 8)
- 1977, December 6 — 7:30 p.m. Three people in a car near Tatapouri Point, New Zealand, see a red disc coming from the direction of the ocean. It seems to follow their car for about one mile until the driver stops. At that instant, the object veers off into the hills northwest toward the Waimata Valley. They note their car lights are much dimmer than usual, and on arriving at their destination discover that the car battery has no water in it. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 6 (June 1978): 2)
- 1977, December 6 — 9:05 p.m. A man in Big Sandy, Tennessee, sees an unusual configuration of lights outside his bedroom window in the east-northeast. They are oriented like a telephone pole with a red light on top and many white and blue lights down both sides. He and his wife watch the object for 10 minutes as it hovers, drops down, and glides to another hovering position. Eventually it moves out of sight behind trees. ("[Case 3-1-40](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 1 (January 1978): wrap)
- 1977, December 7 — The United Nations draft resolution on UFO investigations is shelved until next year's General Assembly. ("[United Nations Shelves UFO Involvement](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 1 (January 1978): wrap; Leonard H. Stringfield, "[Inside Look at Grenada's UFO Mission at the United Nations](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 2 (February 1978): 7)
- 1977, December 8 — 8:00 p.m. Air traffic controllers at Oxnard, California, track four UFOs about 3–5 miles north of Laguna Peak in the Santa Monica Mountains. They watch the targets for nearly 3 hours. At 8:45 p.m., a Golden West commuter aircraft reports two large bright lights maneuvering around it for 15 minutes. The pilot says the object approaches so close that it "scared the hell out of me." One paces the aircraft for 10 miles, moves away, then comes back across the path of the airliner at a tremendous speed. (Bob Gribble, "[Pilot Sightings and Radar Trackings](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 181 (March 1983): 6; UFOEv II 135)
- 1977, December 9 — 5:30 p.m. Lindsay McKenzie-Smith and his wife are flying over the Northern Territory some 62 miles east of Kununurra, Western Australia, in a Cessna 206 at 5,250 feet altitude, when they see an object approaching. It passes below them and disappears behind them. The object is oval in shape, appears metallic, and seems to be 30 feet long by 6–10 feet wide and probably 3 feet thick. It has well-defined edges and a dull surface. The object flies sideways just like an aircraft wing. (NICAP, "[Radio Static Prevents Radio Reporting](#)"; Keith Basterfield, "[Reported Observations from Aircraft over Australasia, 1977–1979](#)," *ACOS Bulletin*, no. 21 (October 1979): 4; Keith Basterfield, "[Reported Observations from Aircraft over Australasia, 1977–1979](#)," *UFO Research Australia Newsletter* 1, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1980): 29)
- 1977, December 13 — The UN General Assembly adopts Decision 32/424, which acknowledges [Eric Gairy](#)'s resolution, forwards it to member states, and shelves the matter until the next general assembly one year later. (Leonard H. Stringfield, "[My Advisory Role for Grenada's UFO Mission at the United Nations](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 120 (November 1977): 10–11)
- 1977, December 13 — The *National Enquirer* publishes [Bob Pratt](#)'s well-researched article, "UFOs Spotted at Nuclear Bases and Missile Sites" about the Northern Tier cases. He lists names and dates that can be used for a FOIA request, which UFO researcher [Barry Greenwood](#) promptly files. (Bob Pratt, "[UFOs Spotted at Nuclear Bases and Missile Sites](#)," *National Enquirer*, December 13, 1977; ClearIntent, [pp. 5–6](#))

- 1977**, December 17 — 3:34 a.m. Radar facilities in Colorado and South Dakota track two UFOs that give strong returns, moving at more than 1,000 mph. They are tracked for the next 30 minutes, during which time one of the objects makes a close head-on pass at an aircraft. A third radar station is unable to function while the unknowns are in the area. One of the other facilities is put out of operation when the main shaft holding the radar antenna is severely bent by an unknown force. (Bob Gribble, [“Pilot Sightings and Radar Trackings,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 181 (March 1983): 6)
- 1977**, December 17 — 4:00 p.m. Marguerite Camp is in her pickup truck on State Highway 2 near Kenyon, Rhode Island, when she spots an “ovoid, plate-like” object that is tilted slightly to the west. She stops and gets out to watch the UFO, which is 3–4 times the size of a B-29 in diameter and glowing blue-white. She sees 4–5 dark windows and its bottom half is blurry. Another woman, driving an AMC Gremlin, pulls up behind her. While they are watching the object, the engines of both vehicles stall. The object turns up on its edge and climbs vertically, and hovers for 10 more minutes. The second woman gets back in her car, starts it up, and drives away. The object speeds off to the west, takes on a pinkish glow, and fades in the distance. (Dan Todd, [“Large Objects Stalls Autos,”](#) *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 1 (July 1978): 4–5)
- 1977**, December 17 — 7:45 p.m. A red, luminous object is seen by Kenny and Carol Drake of Council Bluffs, Iowa, falling to earth near the northern city limits. At the scene, they find an area covered by molten metal that is glowing orange-red, igniting the grass. Police and firemen who arrive 15 minutes later all see the fallen mass, estimated at 35–55 pounds. An investigation concludes that it is not space debris, a meteorite, or a hoax. Two of the 11 witnesses to the fall describe a round object hovering in the sky, edged by blinking red lights. The retrieved material is analyzed by the Griffin Pipe Products Company and found to be composed of high-carbon steel and slag with white ash inclusions. ([“Mystery Metal Falls from Sky,”](#) *Council Bluffs (Iowa) Daily Nonpareil*, December 18, 1977, p. 18; [“‘Space Junk’ Falls near Council Bluffs,”](#) *Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette*, December 20, 1977, p. 8; Jacques Vallée, [“Physical Analyses in Ten Cases of Unexplained Aerial Objects with Material Samples,”](#) *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 12, no. 3 (1998): 367–372; Richard Warner, [“Close Encounter at Big Lake,”](#) Historical Society of Pottawattamie County, April 19, 2020; Keith Basterfield, [“Vallée–Nolan, et al., Peer Reviewed Analysis of Unusual Materials Paper Published,”](#) Unidentified Aerial Phenomena—Scientific Research, December 11, 2021; Garry P. Nolan, Jacques F. Vallée, Sizun Jiang, and Larry G. Lemke, [“Improved Instrumental Techniques, Including Isotopic Analysis, Applicable to the Characterization of Unusual Materials with Potential Relevance to Aerospace Forensics,”](#) *Progress in Aerospace Sciences* 128 (January 2022); Rachel George, [“Big Lake UFO Sighting Marks 46th Anniversary in Council Bluffs,”](#) *Council Bluffs (Iowa) Daily Nonpareil*, December 16, 2023; Kevin D. Randle, [“Imminent and the Council Bluffs UFO Incident,”](#) A Different Perspective, August 28, 2024)
- 1977**, December 21 — NASA administrator [Robert A. Frosch](#) sends a response to [Frank Press](#) at OSTP, saying that NASA would be willing to continue to answer public inquiries and examine any bona fide new physical evidence that comes in, but declines to set up a panel to investigate cases. ([“NASA Letter Declines UFO ‘Research Activity,’”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 120 (November 1977): 6; Story, [pp. 242–243](#); ClearIntent, [p. 193](#); Richard C. Henry, [“UFOs and NASA,”](#) *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 2, no. 2 (1988): 93, 115–116; presidentialufo.com, [“President Jimmy Carter”](#); Clark III 788–789; Clark IV 868–869)
- 1977**, December 27 — A White House press release states that it accepts NASA’s evaluation of the UFO situation and will not pursue its initiative any further.
- 1977**, December 27 — 10:54 p.m. Police officers Ron Arey and Howard Dellinger are flying in a Bell Jetranger police helicopter at 1,100 feet in Charlotte, North Carolina, when they see two lights approaching from the northwest. They pass the chopper to the right at an estimated 200 feet. Charlotte FAA air traffic controller Ray Bader confirms two unknown targets on radar. Later on, the object circles the helicopter at an estimated distance of 200 feet. The UFO looks like a globular white light reflecting upward into a silver, parachute-like object with ribs connecting the light to it. Most likely a prank balloon. ([“Radar-Visual Case Involving Police Helicopter,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 121 (December 1977): 3–6; [“Object over N.C. on Dec. 27, 1977,”](#) *APRO Bulletin* 26, no. 8 (February 1978): 1, 5; [“A Radar-Visual in Charlotte: UFO or Prank Balloon?”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 3 (March 1978): 7–8)
- 1977**, December 29 — Dutch researcher Jan Heering offers a comparative analysis of 62 cases involving solid light beams. He finds at least four cases that are unreliably reported and suspects that there are others, so much so that in 1985 he discards his research and destroys his case reports. (Jan Heering, [“A Comparative Analysis of 62 ‘Solid Light’ Beam Cases,”](#) *UFO Phenomena* (UPIAR) 2: (1977): 11–50; Clark IV 1214–1215)
- 1977**, December 30 — Stanford astrophysicist [Peter A. Sturrock](#) writes to [Frosch](#), offering to make available physical evidence “such as films, material samples, etc.” obtained by his Study Group on Anomalous Phenomena.

(Richard C. Henry, "[UFOs and NASA](#)," *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 2, no. 2 (1988): 93, 127; Clark III 789; Clark IV 869)

1977, December 30 — A white, oval light about 27 feet in diameter paces a car 90 feet away near Keith, South Australia. The two witnesses, a brother and sister, report that as they slowed their car to 5–10 kph, the engine begins misfiring. They stop, and the light continues on its course. After it is gone, the car can be started again and driven with no difficulties. (Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 72)

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1978 — A Gallup survey this year shows that 57% of Americans think UFOs are real, 9% have reported a sighting, and 51% think there is intelligent life on other planets. Some 66% with a college education think UFOs are real, while only 57% with a high school education and 36% with an elementary school education agree. A Roper Organization survey finds that 7% have seen a UFO. ("[A New Gallup Poll on UFOs](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 6 (June 1978): insert; Robert J. Durant, "[Evolution of Public Opinion on UFOs](#)," *IUR* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 13; Eghigian, *After*, p. 240)

1978 — [Gene Duplantier](#) publishes one issue of *Ufolk* in Willowdale, Ontario, a compendium of photos of many ufologists active in the mid-1970s. (*Ufolk*, no. 1 (1978))

1978 — French sociologist [Bertrand Méhuest](#) publishes *Science-fiction et soucoupes volantes: Une réalité mythico-physique*, challenging the argument that descriptions of UFO occupants are unique to the post-World War II world. He shows that virtually every element in UFO literature has appeared in science fiction dating back to the 19th century, and he asserts that both science-fiction authors and UFO witnesses are drawing from the same set of images in the human imagination. (Bertrand Méhuest, *Science-fiction et soucoupes volantes: Une réalité mythico-physique*, Mercure de France, 1978; Clark III 943; Eghigian, *After*, p. 249; Clark IV 1053)

1978 — After many years of informal contacts with the Italian military, Centro Ufologico Nazionale succeeds in obtaining from the staff of the Italian Department of Defense the first official dossier of UFO sightings reported by Italian military personnel during 1977. (Story, [p. 67](#))

1978 — Brazilian ufologist [Irene Granchi](#) begins publishing a quarterly magazine titled *OVNI Documento* in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 235](#))

1978 — [Timothy Green Beckley](#) begins publishing a somewhat sensational *UFO Review* in New York City. It runs at least until 1994. (*UFO Review*, no. 1 (1978))

1978, January — *Playboy* publishes a "panel discussion" on UFOs that features essays by [J. Allen Hynek](#), [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), [James A. Harder](#), [Frank Salisbury](#), [Jacques Vallée](#), [Philip J. Klass](#), and [Ernest H. Taves](#). ("[Playboy Panel: UFOs](#)," *Playboy*, January 1978, pp. 67–98, 128, 249–250)

1978, January — The Russian Academy of Sciences releases a report, translated by [Richard F. Haines](#) and published by the Center for UFO Studies as *Observations of Anomalous Atmospheric Phenomena in the USSR: A Statistical Analysis*, written by [Lev M. Gindilis](#) of the Sternberg State Astronomical Institute in Moscow. Data processing and bookkeeping is performed by I. G. Petrovskaya and most of the text is written by engineer-physicist D. A. Men'kov. Significantly, the report is approved for official publication by Academician [Nikolai Kardashev](#), one of the USSR's top experts in SETI. Its reports and data come from a sample of 256 Russian cases compiled by [Felix Ziegel](#). According to space historian [James Oberg](#), many of the sightings in the report correspond to Soviet tests and reentries of the Fractional Orbital Bombardment System, a nuclear weapons delivery system developed in 1966. (Wikipedia, "[Petrozavodsk phenomenon](#)"; L. M. Gindilis, D. A. Men'kov, and I. G. Petrovskaya, *Observations of Anomalous Atmospheric Phenomena in the USSR: A Statistical Analysis*, CUFOS, June 1980; J. Allen Hynek and Richard F. Haines, "[Implications of and Comments on 'Observations of Anomalous Atmospheric Phenomena in the U.S.S.R.: A Statistical Analysis](#)," *Journal of UFO Studies*, orig. ser. 2 (1980): 95–101; "[Russian Report on UFOs](#)," *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 2, no. 5 (July/Aug. 1980): 16–17; James E. Oberg, "[The Great Soviet UFO Cover-Up: Part 1](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 176 (October 1982): 6–10; Swords 458–460; Clark III 811; Clark IV 904)

1978, January — [Tom Adams](#) launches Project Stigma in Paris, Texas, to investigate cattle mutilations and releases the first issue of his bimonthly newsletter, *Stigmata*, which chronicles "mute" cases. It continues through 1987. (*Stigmata*, no. 1 (January 1978))

1978, January — During the flight of a Yakolev Yak-40 airliner between the Medvezhye gas field and Nadym, Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Russia, the crew notices a bright round object that approaches rapidly and sometime later appears in front of the aircraft, apparently much larger. A crash appears imminent, but the object soars up in

front of the nose of the airliner. (Paul Stonehill, "[Pilot and Cosmonaut Pavel Popovich and UFOs](#)," Open Minds, June 12, 2014)

- 1978, January 1 — 12:45–1:00 p.m. Pilots [Floyd P. Hallstrom](#) (in a Cessna 170A) and Jim Victor (in a Mustang II 4954) are flying over Santa Monica, California, at 7,500 feet when they see an object approaching at high speed. As the UFO passes about 6,000 feet to his left, Hallstrom is looking down on it an angle of about 30°–45° and its true form suddenly becomes clear to him. He is able to make out the complete form of a saucer and can see the dome, also very vividly clear, including all the windows, about 16–20 evenly spaced around the circumference of the dome, located just above the base. The dome appears to be a perfect hemisphere about 20 feet in diameter resting on the base, which is about 30 feet in diameter. The UFO continues on a course opposite to the pilot's with no sign of rotation, oscillation, pitch, roll, or yaw. Neither is there any sign of a propulsion system. The sun reflects off the dome as a bright spot when the UFO passes. After about a minute, the object disappears from view behind the Cessna. (NICAP, "[Cessna Encounters Disc with Dome and Windows](#)": Richard H. Hall, "[Veteran Pilot Sights Daylight Disc](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 122 (January 1978): 3–5; "[An Air-Visual Sighting of a Daylight Disc in California](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 4 (April 1978): insert; UFOEv II 136–138)
- 1978, January 2 — 11:00 p.m. Four young men are driving through an isolated area known as Simonswood Moss, between Rainsford and Kirkby, West Lancashire, England, when they realize they have taken a wrong turn onto a narrow dirt road bordering a ditch. They suddenly see a 7-foot tall figure with red eyes appear in the glare of the headlights 26 feet ahead. The being is wearing a white fluorescent one-piece suit with boots, it has no discernible facial features, and it has short arms ending in claws. On its chest is a box with two flashing red lights. The figure takes two steps towards the witnesses and suddenly stops. The witnesses panic and leave the area, driving to a nearby farm where they notify the police. A later investigation suggests that they have seen a cow wandering down the lane, the car's headlights reflecting in its eyes. (Peter Hough, "UFO Occupants," *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 129–130; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), September 11, 2008)
- 1978, January 10 — 12:25 a.m. A 31-year-old paramedic is driving to pick up her husband (a policeman) from work in Chicago, Illinois, when her 3-year-old son draws her attention to a "moving star" nearly overhead. At her destination a few seconds later, she notes a silver disc-shaped object ("with teacups on top and bottom of saucer") as large as a full moon moving forward with yellow-orange trail behind as it moved. The object stops, reverses direction, moves forward again, and moves off behind a building. The trail is only visible while the object is in motion. Duration is 1–2 minutes. ("[Case 3-2-39](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 2 (February 1978): 3)
- 1978, January 14 — 8:30 p.m. Four witnesses inside a house in Delavan, Wisconsin, see an orange ball half the size of the full moon descend into view through a window. They watch the sphere hover for one minute, move 10° to the north, hover, and then move off quickly to the northern horizon. ("[Case 3-2-50](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 2 (February 1978): 3)
- 1978, January 17 — As a response to [Sturrock](#)'s letter, NASA astrophysicist [Richard C. Henry](#) writes to [Noel Hinners](#) suggesting that examination of any UFO evidence could be assigned to the Astrophysics Division at Goddard Space Flight Center managed by Program Scientist [Frank Martin](#). He suggests as project scientist [Stephen P. Maran](#) at Goddard. Henry gets no response. (Richard C. Henry, "[UFOs and NASA](#)," *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 2, no. 2 (1988): 93, 130–133; Clark III 789; Clark IV 869)
- 1978, January 18 — 3:00–5:00 a.m. A security policeman at McGuire AFB [now Joint Base McGuire–Dix–Lakehurst] in Burlington County, New Jersey, is called to help investigate a low-flying UFO over the neighboring Fort Dix army base. An Army MP pursues the object, but his radio transmission is cut off just as a grayish, 4-foot-tall being with fat head, long arms, and a slender body appears in front of his car. The MP fires five rounds into the being and one round into the object above. The UFO shoots upward and joins 11 others high in the sky, and the being runs into the woods toward the Fort Dix fence line. A security patrol finds its dead body near the McGuire AFB runaway, giving out a foul, ammonia-like stench; then AFOSI arrives and ropes everything off. Retired USAF Maj. [George Filer III](#), who later serves as MUFON New Jersey director, asserts that he was stationed on the base at the time and that the story is true, although he did not see the alien. (NICAP, "[Alien Being Allegedly Shot Dead by MPs](#)"; Leonard H. Stringfield, "[The Fatal Encounter at Ft. Dix–McGuire: A Case Study: Status Report IV](#)," in *MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1985, pp. 41–65; Leonard Stringfield, "The Chase for Proof in a Squirrel's Cage," *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 153–155; Leonard Stringfield and Richard Hall, "[Dix–McGuire Updated](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 230 (June 1987): 7–8; UFOEv II 97–98; Clark III 511–513; John L. Guerra, *Strange Craft: The True Story of an Air Force Intelligence Officer's Life with UFOs*, The Author, 2018; Erik Larsen, "[In New Book, Retired Air Force Major Claims Alien Was Killed at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst](#)," app, September 3, 2019; Keith Basterfield, "[NIDS Investigated the Reported Shooting of a Non-Human Entity: Fort Dix/McGuire AFB, 18 January 1978; the NIDS Investigation](#)," Unidentified Aerial Phenomena—Scientific Research, December 17, 2019; "[The McGuire Air Force Base Alien Encounter, 1978](#)," Weird N.J., January 18, 2024; Clark IV 560–562)

- 1978, January 19 — Citizens Against UFO Secrecy files a request with the US State Department for classified UFO documents and includes the date and time information, transmittal numbers, and message serial numbers, but the department replies that it cannot locate the specified information. (ClearIntent, [pp. 193–194](#))
- 1978, January 23 — 7:40 p.m. A carpenter is standing on his front porch in Toledo, Ohio, when he notices a stationary saucer-shaped object about 30° above the horizon in the eastern sky. It is lit by the reflection of the city lights and the Moon and is slightly larger than a distant aircraft. It has dark, outlined windows and a small structure on top. The object then moves off rapidly to the south and blinks out. (“[Case 3-3-14](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 3 (March 1978): 3)
- 1978, January 24 — The Soviet reconnaissance satellite Kosmos 954 reenters the Earth’s atmosphere while traveling on a northeastward track over western Canada. At first the USSR claims that the satellite has been completely destroyed during re-entry, but later searches show debris from the satellite has been deposited on Canadian territory along a 370-mile path from Great Slave Lake to Baker Lake. The effort to recover radioactive material from the satellite is dubbed Operation Morning Light. Covering a total area of 48,000 square miles, the joint Canadian–US team (consisting of the emergency Nuclear Emergency Support Team) sweeps the area on foot and by air through October 15. They are ultimately able to recover 12 large pieces of the satellite, 10 of which are radioactive. (Wikipedia, “[Kosmos 954](#)”; Jacobsen, *Area 51*, [pp. 314–316](#); Steve Weintz, “[Operation Morning Light: The Nuclear Satellite That Almost Decimated America](#),” *The National Interest*, November 23, 2015)
- 1978, January 26 — 12:31 a.m. A policeman in Williamston, North Carolina, watches a round light the size of the full Moon at 60° in the northwest. The light moves quickly toward the south then hovers 10–15 seconds before changing course. A windstorm is in progress and the object is beneath the clouds. Another officer 3 miles away also watches the object for 10–20 seconds before it disappears. (“[Case 3-3-19](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 3 (March 1978): 3)
- 1978, January 27 — 12:00 midnight. A flight instructor is flying his Cessna 172 to Opalocka, Florida, when he sees a formation of six objects with no lights over Key West. Each object is disc-shaped and reflects the moonlight. They are flying in a ragged straight line, approximately equidistant, at 7,000 feet, then disappear in the distance. (“[Case 3-3-24](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 3 (March 1978): 3)
- 1978, January 27 — 5:45 p.m. Four men on the banks of the River Weaver see a silver balloon-shaped object land in a meadow near Frodsham, Cheshire, England. It emits a strong purplish glow that makes it hard to look at. Two entities of normal height emerge. They wear silvery suits and have miners’ lamps on their heads, and these glow purple. Cows on a nearby field seem to become paralyzed, unable to move. Using a metal cage, the entities pen in one cow and seem to measure it. The witnesses become frightened and run from the area, and as they run they feel a strange tingling sensation in their groins. One of the men develops sunburn-like marks on his leg. (Jenny Randles and Paul Whetnall, “[Four Young Men and a UFO](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 3 (September 1980): 5–7; Jenny Randles, *Alien Abductions: The Mystery Solved*, Inner Light, 1988, [pp. 66–67](#); Clark III 138; Clark IV 165)
- 1978, January 27 — Cheryl DeSanctis sees a blinking red and white light hovering above some trees near Barry Drive in Vineland, New Jersey. She watches it for 5 minutes, then a red ball moves from behind it, descending to just a few feet above the rooftops where its light reflects off the houses. After 10 minutes, the red ball moves to the north and the first light departs to the south. (“[Vineland Is Beset by UFO Sitings](#),” *Atlantic City (N.J.) Press*, February 3, 1978, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 105 (April 1978): 2)
- 1978, January 31–February 1 — 6:15 p.m. Four boys are playing on the ice of the Montvale (N.J.) Memorial Elementary School playing field. They notice an “airplane” that passes slowly over the field; moments later, another object arrives, shaped like a square with large yellow lights in each corner, with a slight dome on top and a red light underneath. It emits a red beam of light toward the ground but stops short before touching it. They next notice several humanoid figures moving around the school park, walking stiffly. They are about average height and bald-headed, dressed in bright yellow outfits with boots and gloves. One of them looks different, because he has a larger head that seems “creased” down the middle and has on a brown cape over the yellow suit. As the boys watch, they note an uncanny silence and an unpleasant sulfur-like odor. The figures walk away toward the nearby Public Works Garage. The boys then notice another figure, this one a woman standing in the parking lot. She has medium long brown hair and wears a dark suit with blue fur around her shoulders. She walks in slow motion and sits down on a low fence and raises her arm very slowly, pointing to the sky at another hovering square object. The woman then walks toward the Public Works building and at one point seems to appear and disappear as a police vehicle drives by near her. A similar scenario occurs the next evening. (Ted Bloecher, “[CE-III Report from Montvale, N.J.: Preliminary Report](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 123 (February 1978): 4–7; “[A Possible Close Encounter of the Third Kind in New Jersey](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 4 (April 1978): 3, 7; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), December 6, 2008)
- 1978, January 31 — 11:00 p.m. Pat Martinelli is outside her home on North Maple Drive in Vineland, New Jersey, when she sees an object silently hovering above the nearby trees. It is a triangle with the point at the back and many red

and white lights. ("[Vineland Is Beset by UFO Sightings](#)," *Atlantic City (N.J.) Press*, February 3, 1978, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 105 (April 1978): 2)

- 1978, February** — 2:00 a.m. A State Police officer is on foot patrol between Ornontowice and Chudów, Poland, when he notices that his dog is acting strangely. He looks up and sees a black cigar-shaped object with small windows moving above him. He hears a slight humming noise like a vacuum cleaner. It moves off to the northeast. (Poland 109–110)
- 1978, February 1** — Night. Six teenagers are driving north on Hance Bridge Road in Vineland, New Jersey. They see a series of four large lights low in the sky approaching them. It swerves about 500–600 feet in altitude and a mile distant, and they can see that the object is triangular with a light in each corner. It returns the way it came, so they decide to follow it for 6–7 miles before pulling over and stopping the car. When they turn their headlights off, the object's lights go out. When they turn the headlights back on, the UFO lights up again. ("[Vineland Is Beset by UFO Sightings](#)," *Atlantic City (N.J.) Press*, February 3, 1978, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 105 (April 1978): 2)
- 1978, February 2** — Citizens Against UFO Secrecy supplies the US State Department with more information regarding UFO documents that it knows exist, but are stonewalled for months until they are sent a photocopy of an article in *UFO Investigator* that includes some of the documents. As [Barry Greenwood](#) writes, "the only way to get documents released was to *have them in the first place* so that one could mail them back to the agency as proof that they existed." (ClearIntent, [p. 194](#))
- 1978, February 2** — 9:30 p.m. Brian Mosychuk is walking in a neighborhood of Edmonton, Alberta, when he sees a car-sized object with blue lights on front and back approaching from the northwest. It hovers above him making a rumbling sound, then a beam of light shoots toward him. Mosychuk leans back to avoid the beam, but it shines on his feet in the snow. He runs away, and when he looks back the object is flying away to the northeast, leaving behind a red trail. He tells his father, who goes out and finds a round circle in the snow. They call the police, who find a melted hole about 28 inches in diameter. Samples of snow, including some with carbon spots, are taken to CFB Edmonton for a contamination check. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 191)
- 1978, February 4** — 3:30–4:00 a.m. A weird humming sound awakens Claire Semaza and her two children in Orange, California. The sound increases in volume until it hurts her ears, and the family dog barks frantically, punctuated by an odd pause for several seconds. Outside, they see an oval or cigar-shaped object not far above the trees about one half-mile away. Below and around it is a layer of gray haze. It begins slowly rising, leaving the haze behind. The object has a bright red light at each end that sends shafts of light toward the ground. Several bluish-white lights are visible between the two red ones. It rises higher, flashes a brilliant white light on and off for 3 seconds, then quickly disappears. Meanwhile, the dog has been taking her 7 puppies one by one and hiding them behind the drapes on the second floor. (Idabel Epperson, "[Canine Mother Hides Puppies from UFO](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 122 (January 1978): 7; "[Unusual Animal Reaction in California NL Case](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 4 (April 1978): insert)
- 1978, February 5** — 6:00 p.m. Two Bradley University security guards in Peoria, Illinois, are making their rounds when their car lights up. An intensely bright object is ahead of them and about 45° up in the east. They drive another two blocks to an open area and get out of the car to watch two objects, the larger of which is as big as the full Moon. They are both changing colors from green to red to white. The smaller one abruptly disappears as the larger object is flying loops, dropping down behind the houses, moving back up, and maneuvering abruptly. They discuss the UFOs with some passing students. The object remains visible for at least 45 minutes. ("[Case 3-3-62](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 3 (March 1978): insert)
- 1978, February 9** — A carbon copy of an apparent USAF incident report is received at the office of the *National Enquirer* in Lantana, Florida. Accompanying the document is an unsigned letter dated January 29 and "revealing" the Ellsworth AFB incident of November 16, 1977. (Bob Pratt, "[The Truth about the 'Ellsworth Case](#),'" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 191 (January 1984): 6–9; Clark III 358; Clark IV 402)
- 1978, February 10** — WJR-AM radio personality Marc Avery is on his way to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport on I-275 when he and his wife see two lights hovering above their car for 30–50 seconds. He calls the radio station and speaks on air, asking if anyone else has seen the lights. Two men in the area of Merriman Road and Michigan Avenue in Wayne, Michigan, call in to say that 5 minutes earlier they had seen a large UFO traveling east to west at treetop level. ("[Forty Years Ago This Weekend, a WJR Radio Personality May Have Encountered a UFO](#)," Michigan Radio, February 9, 2018)
- 1978, February 12** — 11:00 p.m. David Mace and his wife are driving on Tennant Way approaching Lake Sacajawea in Longview, Washington, when they see an orange triangle with a hole in it silently hovering above the lake near

Washington Way. They watch it for 15 seconds before it takes off to the west. ([“Couple Reports UFO above Lake Sacajawea,”](#) *Longview (Wash.) News*, February 13, 1978, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 104 (March 1978): 6)

- 1978, February 19 — 1:20 p.m. Radar operators on two separate systems in Minnesota track a large, solid object, which starts ascending rapidly as soon as one operator switches his system to manual. It seems to take evasive action by stopping, starting, and descending. The operator tracks it traveling about one mile in one second (3,600 mph) and moves vertically “instantaneously.” (Bob Gribble, [“Pilot Sightings and Radar Trackings,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 181 (March 1983): 6–7)
- 1978, February 19 — The television series *Project U.F.O.* debuts in the US on NBC-TV. Running for two seasons of 13 episodes each, the show is based loosely on the real-life Project Blue Book. The show is created by [Jack Webb](#), who pores through Air Force files looking for episode ideas. The first season stars [William Jordan](#) as Maj. Jake Gatlin alongside [William Caskey Swaim](#) as Staff Sgt. Harry Fitz. Former USAF Col. [William T. Coleman](#) is a producer. (Wikipedia, [“Project U.F.O.”](#); Internet Movie Database, [“Project U.F.O.”](#); [“NBC Network, Project U.F.O., ‘The Washington, D.C. Incident’ \(Complete Broadcast, 2/19/1978\),”](#) The Museum of Classic Chicago Television YouTube channel, April 30, 2018)
- 1978, February 22 — 9:40 p.m. Brian Metcalfe, an FAA air traffic controller, is driving northeast on Interstate 80, approaching Newcastle, California. Seeing two intense lights moving slowly in the sky, he pulls over and gets out to look. The only sound he can hear is a low hum. The object moves southwest along the freeway at about 30–40 mph at an altitude of 2,000–3,000 feet. He notices it is delta-shaped. Other witnesses in the area also see the object over Auburn, California, just before 10:00 p.m. ([“More Reports Confirm Sighting Strange Craft in Placer Area,”](#) *Auburn (Calif.) Journal*, March 1, 1978, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 105 (April 1978): 9)
- 1978, February 23 — 1:00 a.m. [Jackie Gleason](#) announces on *The Tomorrow Show with Tom Snyder* that he has “absolute proof of the existence of alien beings,” naming [Richard Nixon](#) as his source. (Curt Collins, [“The Legend of the President and the Alien Bodies,”](#) *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, April 27, 2023)
- 1978, February 23 — 11:45 p.m. A couple hears interference on their car radio in Sesto Fiorentino, Florence, Italy. When the man gets out to investigate, a warm, violet light envelops him. He sees four shapes and lights all around. After walking around the car, he goes back inside and finds his girlfriend crying. Twenty minutes of missing time has passed. (Paolo Fiorino, Gian Paolo Grassino, and Antonio Chiumiento, [“Abductions in Italy,”](#) *IUR* 14, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1989): 14–15)
- 1978, February 28 — [Stanton Friedman](#) has discovered retired Maj. [Jesse A. Marcel](#) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and interviews him about the 1947 Roswell, New Mexico, incident. Marcel says the debris was like nothing on earth. Friedman has also interviewed [Lydia Sleppy](#), who worked at Albuquerque radio station KOAT and remembers the military intervention on the story. [William L. Moore](#) and Friedman compare notes from two separate interviews Friedman has conducted about the crash. By 1980, Friedman and Bill Moore have interviewed at least 62 witnesses to the Roswell incident. (Charles Berlitz and William L. Moore, [“The Roswell Incident,”](#) Grosset & Dunlap, 1980; Kevin D. Randle and Anthony Bragalia, [“Two Roswell Witnesses, Reconsidered,”](#) *IUR* 32, no. 3 (July 2009): 6–8, 24; Clark III 320; Clark IV 357)
- 1978, March — A Gallup poll indicates that 81% of Canadians have heard or read about UFOs, and 10% have seen one themselves. ([“Gallup Poll: Unidentified Flying Objects Are Real, 46% Believe,”](#) *Toronto (Ont.) Star*, March 22, 1978, p. A9)
- 1978, March 9 — Pilot Luciano Ascione is flying northbound at 2,600 feet 75 miles away from Vicenza, Italy, when a green, rocket-shaped object appears on his right about 1 mile away. Other planes in the area report a green flash. (ClearIntent, [pp. 92–93](#); IPinotti 214–215)
- 1978, March 11 — Sundown. Two men from L’Île-Perrot, Quebec, are camping near the shore of Reservoir Baskatong when they see a comet-like, bright blue object leaving a fiery trail plummeting toward the surface of the lake. It disappears behind trees, and the men jump up, grab their cameras, and run to the lake. The object is hovering silently above the surface, where it remains stationary for 30 seconds before moving to the other side of the lake. One of them starts snapping photos, but after 5 seconds the object rises swiftly and disappears like a flash into the sky. ([“UFO Said Photographed,”](#) *Tampa (Fla.) Times*, March 13, 1978, p. 1; [“They Caught ‘UFO’ on Film,”](#) *Toronto (Ont.) Sun*, March 14, 1978; [“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 4 (April 1978): 2; Wido Hoville and Don Donderi, [“RR2 au Lac Baskatong,”](#) *UFO-Quebec*, no. 16 (December 1978): 8–10, 15–22; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 4–9](#))
- 1978, March 11 — 10:40 p.m. Four witnesses in the Waimata Valley, New Zealand, watch a red and green object shaped like a top hat. Two of them approach in their car to about 100 feet, but the object shuts off all its lights and disappears. The same object reappears twice more the same evening. (*Gisborne (N.Z.) Herald*, March 16, 1978;

[“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 5 (May 1978): 2; [“Intense Activity Continues in New Zealand,”](#) *Australian UFO Bulletin*, August 1978, p. 6)

- 1978, March 12 — Early morning. A mill worker at Kawerau, New Zealand, is driving back to Gisborne when a brilliant orange light illuminates the interior of his car. He sees a large oval object floating alongside about 50 feet away. He thinks it is as large as a five-story building and has thousands of small lights on the sides. Slowly it rises to 300–400 feet and floats away. (*Gisborne (N.Z.) Herald*, March 16, 1978; [“Intense Activity Continues in New Zealand,”](#) *Australian UFO Bulletin*, August 1978, p. 6; [“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 5 (May 1978): 2)
- 1978, March 16 — 9:00 p.m. Mayor [Mark M. Millis](#) of Arroyo Grande, California, and Mayor [Al Dutra](#) of Grover City are leaving a meeting at Arroyo Grande City Hall when they see a triangular-shaped lighted object the size of a Boeing 747 moving slowly to the southwest about one mile in the air. Capt. Antony Wood of the San Luis Obispo Sheriff’s Department also sees the object at Oceano, and other witnesses as far north as Morro Bay report the UFO, which has two bright lights in front and smaller ones in the back. ([“Mayors, Police, Others See UFO in South County,”](#) *Santa Maria (Calif.) Times*, March 17, 1978, p. 12)
- 1978, March 17 — 11:30 p.m. Service engineer Ken Edwards is driving back from a union meeting in Sale, Greater Manchester, England, on Daten Avenue, Risley, past the UK Atomic Energy Authority site. As he is approaching the roundabout near the Universities Research Reactor building and the UKAEA fire station, he notices a 7-foot-tall silver figure coming down a steep embankment to his left. Stopping his van, Edwards watches the figure descend with an unnatural stiff-legged gait. The figure walks across the road only 15 feet from him. As he passes Edwards, the figure looks at him and two beams of light shoot from its eyes and dazzle him. It continues walking toward the security fence surrounding the UKAEA site. The figure raises an arm (one of two that seem to come out of its chest) and walks through the 10-foot-tall, barbed wire-topped, chain link fence, disappearing into the darkness. He later drives to the Pudgate police station to report the sighting. Police accompany him to the site where they find a group of UKAEA constabulary officers gathered at the spot, but since there is no hole in the fence, they discount his story. However, years later investigator Glen Vaudrey discovers that the tall figure was a 6 foot, 5 inch fireman dressed in a high-temperature fire suit who was trying to scare some students in an isolation building across the road. (Jenny Randles, “Man on the Moss,” *Fortean Times* 305 (October 2013): 29; Glen Vaudrey, “Atom Age Alien? Solving the Mystery of the Risley Silver Man,” *Fortean Times* 397 (October 2020): 36–41; Jenny Randles, “Silvery Ships from the Stars,” *Fortean Times* 403 (March 2021): 30–31)
- 1978, March 18 — Around 4:00 p.m. Leo Giampietro and his wife are driving 15 miles west of Palm Springs, California. He pulls over when he sees a brown-colored domed disc the size of a distant aircraft moving in a straight path over the mountains in the southwest. It hovers for a few seconds and he can hear a humming sound. He manages to snap tree photos. The noise stops and the object shoots straight up and disappears. ([“Case 3-5-18,”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 5 (May 1978): 3; [“Case Update,”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 8)
- 1978, March 18 — 9:15 p.m. [William J. Hermann](#) is out looking for UFOs near Charleston, South Carolina, when he sees apparently the same UFO he has photographed frequently before. He starts running toward it when it suddenly swoops toward him and directs a paralyzing blue-white beam at him. Hermann loses consciousness. When he wakes up again, it is 12:05 a.m. and he is in a field in Summerville, 15 miles from his home. He sees the UFO departing in its characteristic zigzag pattern. He calls the police, who drive him home. The next few nights he suffers from nervousness, headaches, and insomnia. Not long afterward, he is hypnotized by [James A. Harder](#), an engineering professor affiliated with APRO. He recalls an abduction/contact experience on board a spacecraft with beings from Zeta Reticuli. The leader tells him that if mankind persists in its warlike ways, civilization will be destroyed. Hermann continues to experience contacts and he begins to channel alien writings. (Wendelle C. Stevens and William J. Hermann, *UFO Contact from Reticulum*, Wendelle C. Stevens, 1981; UFOEv II 553–554; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), April 18, 2012; Clark III 570–571; Clark IV 628–629)
- 1978, March 22 — 7:00 and 8:45 p.m. Two waves of UFO sightings are reported over a wide area between Cumberland, Wisconsin, and Newport, Minnesota. UFO investigator Robert E. Engberg traces the first wave beginning around Chisago City, Minnesota, and moving east between Dresser and St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin. The second wave originates near Cumberland and follows an 85-mile course to St. Paul, Minnesota. Witnesses see formations of red lights, single round objects with red body lights, and orange globes in straight-line and oblique formations. Some disc-shaped objects are also reported with rows of body lights. ([“A Mini-Flap in Minnesota: UFO or Helicopters?”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 5 (May 1978): insert; [“Valley UFO Sightings of March 22, 1978, Described,”](#) Taylors Falls (Minn.) *The Dalles Visitor*, May 1979, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 119, pp. 7–9)
- 1978, March 22 — 11:00 p.m. Gary Oickle, David Oickle, and two friends are sitting around a campfire in Patapsco Valley State Park, Maryland, near the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad tunnel. They see a strange object in the southeastern sky that moves around for 10 minutes before it disappears behind a ridge. Another object soon appears over their campsite from behind a ridge to the north; this time it is a triangular shape about 150–200 feet

on each side with large windows, three white lights at each corner, and a red light on top. Three of the witnesses think they see the silhouette of a figure in the windows. It moves very slowly, hovering at times, to the southeast. Another star-like object appears in the south after the triangle moves away. It changes colors repeatedly from blue to green to yellow to red. (Joe and Doris Graziano, "[Object over State Park](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 26, no. 10 (April 1978): 1)

- 1978, March 24** — In one case documented by New Mexico police and the FBI, an 11-month-old cross Hereford-Charolais bull, belonging to Manuel Gomez of Dulce, New Mexico, is found mutilated. It displays "classic" mutilation signs, including the removal of the rectum and sex organs with what appears to be "a sharp and precise instrument," and its internal organs are found to be inconsistent with a normal case of death followed by predation. The animal's heart, as well as bone and muscle samples, are sent to the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory for microscopic and bacteriological studies, while samples from the animal's liver are sent to two separate private laboratories. Los Alamos detects the presence of naturally occurring *Clostridium* bacteria in the heart but is unable to reach any conclusions because of the possibility that the bacteria represent postmortem contamination. They do not directly investigate the heart's unusual color or texture. Samples from the animal's liver are found to be completely devoid of copper and to contain 4 times the normal level of zinc, potassium, and phosphorus. The scientists performing the analysis are unable to explain these anomalies. Blood samples taken at the scene are reported to be "light pink in color" and "did not clot after several days" while the animal's hide is found to be unusually brittle for a fresh death (the animal was estimated to have been dead for 5 hours) and the flesh underneath is found to be discolored. (Wikipedia, "[Cattle mutilation](#)"; Amanda Push, "[Underground Aliens and Cattle Mutilations: Dulce, New Mexico, Has Long Been the Site of Strange Activity and Conspiracy Theories](#)," DGO, February 26, 2019)
- 1978, March 24** — Just after 12:00 noon. Luis Carlos Serra, 16, is picking guava in the forest just west of Penalva, Maranhão, Brazil, when he hears a sharp noise like a car horn. He looks up and sees a bright white light about 20 inches wide high above the palm trees. Suddenly he falls flat on his back, paralyzed. After a short time, he starts rising in the air toward a round UFO with four balls on the bottom, a dome on top, and three windows. He floats through one of the windows head-first. Inside he drops to the floor, still paralyzed, and sees three entities about 3 feet high and wearing "diving suits." He is taken somewhere with no trees and tall grass and subjected to an examination. Soon he loses consciousness and wakes up three days later in a scrub forest. A nearby fisherman, José Ribamar dos Santos, hears his cry, finds and recognizes him, and takes him back to town. Serra is examined in the hospital by Dr. Linda Macieira, who finds that he has four teeth missing and is completely bald with his hair burned off. He has a general loss of motor control and a lack of sensitivity to pain. He does not eat, so he is fed intravenously for the 7 days he is hospitalized. On March 30 he is transferred to the Serme Hospital in São Luis, where 6 doctors examine him, including neurologist Antônio Saldanha, who finds that Serra still cannot speak and is generally unresponsive and in shock. Two psychiatrists, Renato Barcelar and Barcelar Viana, examine him after he recovers his ability to speak a few days later. He repeats his story without variation every time. He is discharged on April 7. (Bob Pratt, *UFO Danger Zone: Terror and Death in Brazil—Where Next?*, Horus House Press, 2006, pp. 109–121; "[Caso Luis Carlos Serra](#)," *Galáxia Mundo GAEMU*, April 2014; Clark III 899–901; Brazil 251–255; Clark IV 1008–1010)
- 1978, March 27** — Astronaut [Gordon Cooper](#) appears on the *Merv Griffin Show* and discusses UFO stories from government insiders. [Merv Griffin](#) asks him about occupant reports, and Cooper thinks they are credible. From what he has heard (although he has never been briefed on the matter), the aliens look no different from ordinary humans. (Thomas O'Toole, "[Cooper: UFO Stories from 'Credible' Sources](#)," *Washington Post*, April 7, 1978; "[1978-03-27: Merv Hosts Astronaut Gordon Cooper on Aliens](#)," Tom Owens UAP YouTube channel, March 28, 2021)
- 1978, March 27** — During a 9-hour period near San Diego, California, an F-14 Tomcat aircraft loses control and makes touch-and-go landings; an A-4 Skyhawk crashes into the Pacific 50 miles to the west; and an S-3A Viking anti-submarine aircraft from Naval Air Station North Island explodes and crashes into the ocean 6 miles from the base. On March 28, a college art instructor and a shipping company owner are talking on the phone when they are interrupted by another conversation on the line. Someone is apparently giving a briefing to a general about aircraft losses, instruments going haywire, and something that crashed near Palm Springs that the news media was told was a meteor. A "General Kelley" [Lt. Gen. [Robert E. Kelley](#) at Eglin AFB? Lt. Gen. [John R. Kelly Jr.](#) at the Pentagon?] is said to be on his way to the site. No agency admits to having such a conversation. (ClearIntent, pp. 194–195)
- 1978, March 28** — 12:00 midnight–1:30 a.m. Irene Bigelow is outside her home in Denver, Colorado, when she sees three bright-orange UFOs motionless in the air for more than an hour. She estimates they are as large as her garage's double door. At 1:30, they break formation, with the light on the right moving to the right. The other two

- remain stationary at first, then all three ascend into the sky in different directions. (Richard Sigismond, "[Four Huge Orange Discs and the Case for the UFO](#)," *IUR* 8, no. 2 (March/April 1983): 8)
- 1978, March 29** — 7:30 a.m. Christopher Kloppenborg and Geoffrey Kloppenborg are out mustering sheep near Albury, New South Wales, Australia. They see a very bright, stationary, chrome-colored light that is casting a shadow on a hillside. They use binoculars to watch it for 5–8 minutes. It appears to have black shapes along its side and is shaped like a short cigar. Geoffrey returns to the house to get a camera, and on his return he sees a second, smaller object, traveling over the hills toward the first object. It turns in front of the bigger object, and then both depart over the hills to the east. ("Sheep Farmers See UFO Rendezvous," *Melbourne Herald*, April 8, 1978, [reprinted in MUFON UFO Journal](#), no. 124 (March 1978): 6; "[Interstate Reports](#)," *Australian UFO Bulletin*, May 1978, p. 4; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 7 (July 1978): 2; "[Brothers Spot UFOs in Australia](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, August 1978, pp. 1, 4)
- 1978, March 29** — 9:15 p.m. A police helicopter is dispatched to Kramer Street in Syracuse, New York, to investigate a report by Officer Edgar Prue of a diamond-shaped object above Webster Pond. It has a criss-cross series of red, blue, green, and yellow blinking lights on its surface. The UFO quickly shoots up into the air and disappears. The helicopter pilot reportedly gets a glimpse of the object, but police are being told not to talk to the press or investigators. ("[UFO Information Being Withheld?](#)" *Syracuse (N.Y.) Herald-Journal*, April 9, 1978, p. 58; "[Profile: April, 1978](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 6 (June 1978): 8; Mark Bundy, "[The Central New York Wave](#)," *Pursuit* 12, no. 1 (Winter 1979): 36–37)
- 1978, March 31** — 8:30 p.m. A young man is walking his dog in a field in Dublin, Ireland, when he spots a silver cigar-shaped object hovering about 45° above the horizon. For the next 20 minutes, a doorway repeatedly (about 20 times) opens, releasing a red light, the door closes again, the red light returns to the object, and the door opens and readmits it. The object remains motionless another 10 minutes, then shoots upward at fantastic speed. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 7 (July 1989): 2)
- 1978, Spring** — Walter Bucher presents a broad catalog of solid light cases at the MUFON Central European Section conference in Tübingen, Germany. He describes the phenomenon as looking "like a compact cylinder or cone radiating much more light to the sides than an ordinary light beam. Frequently a solid light has an abrupt end and the length of the beam can be varied." (W. Bucher, "[Solid Lights](#)," in Illobrand von Ludwiger, ed., *Ungewöhnliche Eigenschaften nichtidentifizierbarer Lichterscheinungen*, MUFON-CES, 1979, pp. 163–225; Clark IV 1214)
- 1978, April** — Citizens Against UFO Secrecy is formed by [W. Todd Zechel](#), [Brad Sparks](#), and [Peter Gersten](#). Its purpose is to uncover UFO data through the Freedom of Information Act, lawsuits against government agencies, and investigation of high-quality UFO reports. It launches a newsletter, *Just Cause*. The group brings a lawsuit against the CIA using the Freedom of Information Act for release of UFO documents. It receives more than 900 documents from the CIA in 1979 but are refused 57 because of "national security considerations." *Just Cause* lingers on until January 1982 under the title *UFormant*. (Wikipedia, "[Citizens Against UFO Secrecy](#)"; "[CAUS Picking Up Where GSW and NICAP Left Off](#)," *Just Cause* 1, no. 1 (April 1978): 1–4; ClearIntent, [p. 192](#); Clark III 240; Clark IV 281)
- 1978, April** — An Iranian airline pilot is flying between Ahvaz and Tehran, Iran, when he sees a glittering flying object. He manages to photograph it, but civil aviation authorities prohibit its release. Radar controllers at Mehrabad Airport track a target 20 times the size of a jumbo jet on their screens. (ClearIntent, [p. 89](#))
- 1978, April 2** — Morning. A loud explosion on Bell Island, Newfoundland, causes damage to some houses and electrical wiring in the surrounding area. A number of TV sets in Lance Cove and other communities explode at the time of the blast. It is initially thought to be caused by ball lightning. Meteorologists state that atmospheric conditions at the time are not conducive to lightning, although some witnesses report balls of fire and streaks of light in the sky. The boom is heard 34 miles away in Cape Broyle. The incident is investigated by [John Warren](#) and Robert Freyman from Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, New Mexico, as a possible a "superbolt"—an unusually large bolt of lightning. A 2004 documentary on the History Channel about electromagnetic pulse weapons, *The Invisible Machine*, investigates the possibility that it may have been the result of top-secret experiments. However, on April 23, 2019, hundreds of people on the island hear another explosion, which is almost immediately determined to have been a massive section of rock breaking away from the northern part of the island and impacting the ground and sea with extreme force. Large cracks almost two feet across were observed developing in the area in the years prior to the collapse, and signs were placed to warn visitors to stay away from the unstable features. (Wikipedia, "[Bell Island \(Newfoundland and Labrador\)](#)"; ClearIntent, [pp. 96–97](#); Brian Dunning, "[The Bell Island Boom](#)," Skeptoid podcast no. 190 (January 26, 2010); B. Jessee, "[The Bell Island Boom](#)," FYI, December 23, 2022)

- 1978, April 2** — 1:40 p.m. Warren Smith is 8–9 miles northwest of Calgary, Alberta, when his border collie starts running in circles and looking up. Smith looks out his window and sees a silent, grayish-silver disc slightly larger than the full moon. It moves straight up and down, in and out of the cloud layer three times for about 30 seconds. Each time the object comes out of the clouds it remains visible for about 10 seconds. Smith notices a large number of “lightning rods” that move in and out on its surface. ([“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 5 (May 1978): 2)
- 1978, April 2** — 8:30 p.m. Lee Robinson is riding her motorcycle on Sunset Road toward Henderson, New Zealand, when she stops to watch floating lights approaching her from the distance. She makes out a wedge-shaped form, broad at the front and narrow at the back, with two red lights, a green light, and a glass front. It stops 600 feet away, hovering. Two figures in dark robes can be seen from the waist up looking down at her. She stares at it petrified for several minutes until a car approaches and the object flies off. (*Auckland (N.Z.) Star*, April 3, 1978; [“Intense Activity Continues in New Zealand,”](#) *Australian UFO Bulletin*, August 1978, pp. 6–7; [“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 2; Keith Basterfield, [“A Short Summary of Australasian Entity Reports for 1978,”](#) *APRO Bulletin* 28, no. 3 (September 1979): 7)
- 1978, April 6** — 7:30 p.m. Vicki Burns is standing outside the stable on her farm near Prince George, British Columbia, when a narrow beam of light, 2 inches in diameter, comes from above some trees and shines into her barn for 5 seconds. She hears her horses scream, and inside they seem dazed and frightened. She and her mother notice a bright white light moving in the sky, darting back and forth. Some neighbors come over for 3 hours to watch the light for and attend to the horses. An odd circle is found on either side of the filly’s neck. A veterinarian, Dr. McKee, examines the horses the next day, and they still appear to be in shock. He explains the circle as ringworm, but cannot account for the animals’ fatigue or behavior. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 223–226)
- 1978, April 6** — 10:05 p.m. Police officer Dennis Kiteveles and his family notice an oval object over some woods adjacent to their residence near Baldwinsville, New York. It is moving back and forth, ascending slightly at certain points, and has a narrow band of red, blue, green, and yellow lights around its middle. At 10:15 p.m., the object shoots two bright flashes to arc to the ground and the house lights go out, along with those of some 3,000 more residences in the Jordan-Elbridge area. A police helicopter observes the two flashes and the ensuing blackout, but the UFO accelerates and moves away. Radar at Syracuse Hancock International Airport picks up a target at the time and location of the sighting. Multiple witnesses in the area report seeing the same or a similar object. ([“They’re Everywhere!”](#) *Syracuse (N.Y.) Herald-Journal*, April 7, 1978, pp. 1, 9; Mark Bundy, [“The Central New York Wave,”](#) *Pursuit* 12, no. 1 (Winter 1979): 35–36)
- 1978, April 7** — 7:00 p.m. Robert Waltz and William Colton are driving on New York State Route 48 north of Van Buren, New York, when they see a large ball of white light moving swiftly. It stops abruptly and hovers. After a few minutes the light is extinguished, only to be replaced by a series of red, blue, and green flickering lights. These lights blink out shortly afterward. (Mark Bundy, [“The Central New York Wave,”](#) *Pursuit* 12, no. 1 (Winter 1979): 36)
- 1978, April 7** — Around 8:00 p.m. Eight teenagers are bicycling near a water tower in Southwood, Onondaga County, New York, when they see three seemingly connected lights maneuvering in the sky. The lights remain over the hill for a while, illuminating the area “like daytime.” (Mark Bundy, [“The Central New York Wave,”](#) *Pursuit* 12, no. 1 (Winter 1979): 36)
- 1978, April 7** — Shortly after 8:30 p.m. Two residents of Onondaga Hill, New York, see a huge object, apparently several football fields in length, slowly moving toward them from the east at about 1,500 feet altitude. Through binoculars they can see curving around in front of it a row of windows from which multicolored glows emanate. At the rear are four cylindrical projections, hundreds of feet long, with brilliant red lights at the ends. They can hear an electrical hum. The object executes a wide turn and slowly heads back to the east. (Mark Bundy, [“The Central New York Wave,”](#) *Pursuit* 12, no. 1 (Winter 1979): 37–38)
- 1978, April 9** — 10:10 a.m. A single witness looking out his bedroom window in Toronto, Ontario, watches a silver shiny cigar traveling eastbound for 10 seconds. The object is brighter than the moon. ([“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 2)
- 1978, April 9** — Morning. Doug Gould and his cousin are riding his mini bike out by a ruined pig house in Middleton, Massachusetts, when they glimpse two large, white “heads” through some brush some 30–35 feet away. Their height is such that they think the figures must be crouching behind the brush. Their heads are normal human size, but have no hair. They have light gray faces with large, wrap-around dark blue eyes. The two boys are frightened and immediately leave the area. At 2:00 p.m., they returned with Doug’s brother Allan, and another cousin. While sitting around talking, they have the feeling they are being watched. About 10–15 feet away, one cousin sees a figure roughly their height, about 5 feet, 3 inches, tall. The head is projected backwards and encased in a clear, round helmet. It has large, oval eyes, a nose slit, but no ears or mouth. It is wearing an outfit with long flared

sleeves, covering any hands or feet. The belt has a dark central band and vertical stripes, with a black buckle. Startled, he yells and jumps up to run after the being. It quickly retreats out of sight into the brush. The other three do not get a good look at the entity, but Allan Gould notices a sulfur smell in the area. (David Webb, "[The Middleton Humanoids Affair](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 143 (January 1980): 7–10)

- 1978, April 11 — The crew of the [HMAS Adroit](#), operating out of Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, in the Timor Sea, watches a UFO hover and sink to the horizon several times before disappearing. It is large and bathed in bright red lights. At one point it seems to be close to the ship and at another point it flickers on and off. (Swords 406)
- 1978, Mid-April — Many residents of Mumbai, India, sight a bright white, streak-like light moving at several hundred miles per hour from north to south at an altitude of about 2,000 feet. A similar object is seen the following day, moving south to north. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 6 (June 1978): 2)
- 1978, April 19 — Day. Police officer Mark Coltrane is on patrol in Colfax, Wisconsin, and stops by the side of the road to eat lunch. His radio has some static. He then notices a metallic-looking disc rising into the sky a short distance from the parking space. While the object seems to move toward him, Coltrane picks up his Polaroid camera, comes out of the car, and snaps some photographs. The object is so close in one of the images that some details of its lower surface are visible. The total observation lasts a few minutes, the object soon accelerating and fading into the distance. (Patrick Gross, "[Colfax, Wisconsin, USA, April 9, 1978](#)")
- 1978, April 26 — 11:00 p.m. Debra Gairns, her husband, and a friend are driving in Welland, Ontario, when a triangular object with red, blue, and white blinking lights hovers briefly and silently above their car. It moves away and stops above a grove of trees. (*Welland (Ont.) Tribune*, April 28, 1978; Philip Mantle, "[Investigations Diary](#)," *UFO Times*, no. 40 (Mar./Apr. 1996): 40; Marler [102](#))
- 1978, April 26–June 24 — Six cattle are found mutilated on farms near Elsberry, Missouri. Orange lights and "flashing stars" are seen in the vicinity. ("[Background on the Elsberry Events: Are UFOs Linked with Cattle Mutilations?](#)" *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 5–6; R. Martin Wolf and S. N. Mayne, "[Mutilations: The Elsberry Enigma](#)," *Pursuit* 12, no. 1 (Winter 1979): 26–35; Marler [19–20](#))
- 1978, April 27 — Two witnesses near the Ciampino–G. B. Pastine International Airport in Rome, Italy, watch a small green object shoot out of a larger green object. The display moves smoothly from directly overhead to about 45° in 15 minutes. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 7 (July 1978): 2)
- 1978, Late April — 10:00 p.m. A dog staying with a couple living on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn, Michigan, near the Ford Motor plant lets out an awful howl. The woman goes outside to see what the matter is and notices a large round object, perfectly silent, about 500 feet above the garden. It hovers a minute or two then moves toward the Ford plant. It is about 125 feet in diameter and has a row of windows circling the bottom that emit colored light. It stops every 2–3 minutes and never travels more than 25 mph. They watch it for a total of 15 minutes, and their landlady sees it as well. ("[Correspondence](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 1 (May 1980): 4)
- 1978, April 29 — Early morning. John and Pat Rudy are driving on Interstate 690 near the Thompson Road exit in Syracuse, New York, when they see an object, 150 feet away and 80–100 feet in the air, that appears to be following their car. The UFO resembles an "erector set" construction made of connected piping. It has two red lights and one bright white light at the front. When they reach the New York State Fairgrounds exit, the Rudys pull their car over and get out to watch the object, which is moving to the southwest. A few minutes later it is lost to view. (Mark Bundy, "[The Central New York Wave](#)," *Pursuit* 12, no. 1 (Winter 1979): 38–39)
- 1978, April 29 — Night. Ten persons call the Aurora, Illinois, police department to report a UFO. One couple believes they have had a close encounter with the object, which they describe as a domed disc the size of a football field. The police alert the Center for UFO Studies and [Allan Hendry](#) interviews some of the witnesses. He learns that some connect TV interference and power failures with the UFO's appearance. An 11-year-old boy is so frightened that he hides behind the back seat of the family car. However, Hendry identifies the source of the sighting as an advertising plane owned and operated by a Chicago firm. (Allan Hendry, "[The Case for IFO Study: A Recent Example](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 6 (June 1978): 6–7; Clark III 568; Clark IV 626)
- 1978, May — Red Army officer Anatoly Malishev is allegedly confronted near Pirogovskoye Reservoir, Mytishchinsky District, north of Moscow, Russia, by two entities wearing dark suits who communicate with him by telepathy and take him on board their craft. He is given a salty-tasting drink, but requests an alcoholic drink, only to find that the entities do not imbibe. He asks why, and they reply, "Perhaps if we did, we would not be such an advanced civilization." They take him on a trip to the dark side of the Moon (where they have a base) and to their home planet 3 light years away then back to Earth, all taking about 40 minutes. Malishev reports his experience to his superior officers, who threaten a court martial. However, he is subjected to hypnosis and passes a lie detector test and apparently does not go through a trial. (Nikita A. Schnee, "[Contact Reported near Pyrogovskoye Lake](#),"

Flying Saucer Review 26, no. 6 (March 1981): 6–8; Heikki Vertanen, “[Soviet Contact Case near Pyrogovskoe Lake: The Missing Pages](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 28, no. 3 (January 1983): 20)

- 1978, May 6** — 4:15 p.m. An object crashes into the southern slope of El Taire mountain on the Rio Bermejo along the border of Bolivia and Argentina. It produces a sonic boom that is heard 120 miles away and shatters windows in villages 30 miles away. Argentinian border police search for wreckage, while reporters visit the town of Aguas Blancas, Bolivia, to interview witnesses. Velez Orozco is one of the witnesses to the fall, and he thinks the object was 15 feet in diameter and conical. Border Patrol Cpl. Natalio Farfan Ruiz says the object “made the earth tremble” as it passed over. The Bolivian Air Force dispatches three airplanes and discovers the crash site on its side of the border. One of the flights includes a Bolivian astronomer, who sees a rockslide that may have been caused by the crash. On May 14, police from Tarija, Bolivia, find the object, a dull metallic cylinder 12 feet long with a few dents. A telex is sent by US Ambassador [Paul H. Boeker](#) to the State Department requesting an explanation. In a secret telex on May 18, Secretary of State [Cyrus Vance](#) replies that “appropriate government agencies” have been consulted, but there is no correlation with known re-entries. He refers Boeker to the 1973 Project Moondust order. The US military attaché in La Paz sends a message to Wright-Patterson AFB and USAF headquarters at the Pentagon, claiming that the Bolivian Army has found nothing, but would send two USAF officers to Tarija to investigate. Col. Robert Simmons and Maj. John Heise arrive with a Bolivian Air Force officer. On May 23, three Bolivian Air Force officers and a guide set out on horseback to the mountain, locating the rockslide on May 25. Parallel to the slide is a 325-foot trench, 10–12 feet wide at the top. Some of the large rocks appear burned, and the grass around it is brown and withered. (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 2; ClearIntent, [pp. 201–205](#); Kevin Randle, *The Government UFO Files*, Visible Ink, 2014, [pp. 279–280](#); Michael Hesemann, “[UFO Crash in Bolivia Witnessed by Thousands of People](#)”; Clark IV 1249–1252)
- 1978, May 7** — A squadron of 40–50 UFOs circle dozens of times in formation over San Luis province, Argentina, in the midst of a luminous bluish-green light. (“[50 UFO’s Parade over San Luis](#),” *Buenos Aires (Argentina) Herald*, May 8, 1978, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 108 (July 1978): 15; “[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 2)
- 1978, May 10** — Early morning. Farmer [Jan Wolski](#) is out driving a horse-drawn cart in Emilcin, Poland, when he is jumped by two “short, green-faced humanoid entities” about 5 feet tall. They jump onto Wolski’s cart, sit next to him, and start to speak in a strange language. At first, he mistakes them for foreigners because of their “slanted eyes and prominent cheekbones.” Wolski drives his cart, with the two beings aboard, to a clearing where a large white object is hovering about 16 feet in the air. It is about 15–16 feet high and as long as a bus. Four black objects on the surface generate a humming sound. A platform descends to the ground, and he is taken on board by the two entities, along with two additional ones. There are about 8–10 benches situated around the craft, each for one person to sit in. There are some rooks in front of the door, one of which is moving its legs and wings but seems to be immobilized. Wolski is then examined with a tool that resembles two dishes or “saucers.” After this, he is ordered to get dressed again, and then he notices there are no lights or windows on the craft, only the daylight coming through the door. The entities eat and offer him something like icicles, but he refuses them. The UFO’s interior is black with a grayish tint, similar to that of the creatures’ outfits. Wolski returns home to his family and notifies them of what has happened, urging them to come see the floating craft. He tells his sons, who call to other neighbors, and together they go to investigate the site. The grass where the craft had been shows signs of usage, trodden down and “covered with dew and paths coming in all directions.” Wolski goes home, leaving the rest of the neighbors and family at the site. His sons claim there are footprints left behind by the beings, though they do not describe them well. (Wikipedia, “[UFO w Emilcinie](#)”; “[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 7 (July 1978): 2; “Farmer Wolsky and the Green Men,” *Fortean Times* 33 (Autumn 1980): 30; “[Story of a Polish CE-III](#),” *IUR* 8, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1983): 13–14; Wrocław’s Club of Popularization and Exploration UFO (WCPE-UFO), *Emilcin 1978–1988: A Retrospective Look on CE-III*, May 1988; Wrocław UFO Study Club, “[A Close Encounter with ‘Greenish-Faced’ Creatures In Poland in 1976](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 36, no. 1 (March 1991): 1–7; Antonio Huneeus, “UFO Chronicle: The Wolski Case: A Polish Abduction,” *Fate* 47, no. 9 (September 1994): 17–18, 20; Timothy Good, *Alien Base*, Century, 1998, pp. [362–366](#); Piotr Cielebiaś, “[Unique Interview with Abductee Jan Wolski on the 30th Anniversary of the Emilcin Case](#),” *UFO Digest*, May 2, 2008; “[Abductee Jan Wolski Interviewed 30th Anniversary of Emilcin Abduction](#),” *UFO Casebook*, 2008; Antonio Huneeus, “[Poland’s First Abduction Case Is Monumental](#),” *OpenMinds*, January 11, 2010; “[Relacja Jana Wolskiego \(Emilcin, 1978\)](#),” Projekt NPN YouTube channel, January 28, 2012; Piotr Ogórek, “[Zahipnotyzowany rolnik i UFO w Polsce: Prawda o wydarzeniu Emilcinie wyszła na jaw po 35 latach](#),” *Onet Wiadomości*, May 8, 2015; Poland 35–40; “[Milicja na tropie kosmitów: UFO w PRL](#),” *Fakt24.pl*, September 29, 2015; “[UFO i Kamień: Reportaż o historii spotkania z UFO w Emilcinie z 1981 roku \(Archiwum FN\)](#),” Fundacja Nautilus YouTube channel, May 10, 2016; Bolesław Breczko, “[UFO z Emilcina: Dokładnie 39 lat temu w Polsce wylądowało UFO. Czy naprawdę?](#)” WP

Tech, May 10, 2017; Marek Kępa, "[A Tale Out of This World: Alien Abduction and the Communist Regime](#)," Culture.PL, July 17, 2017; "[UFO Emilcin 1978: Pełna wersja filmu 'Powrót do Emilcina' z udziałem Witolda Wawrzonka FN 1995](#)," Fundacja Nautilus YouTube Channel, May 19, 2018; Marcus Lowth, "[Jan Wolski and the Emilein Alien Encounter](#)," UFO Insight, June 15, 2018; "[The Jan Wolski Case: An Amazing Close Encounter \(Poland, 1978\)](#)," History Disclosure, May 25, 2019; Tomasz Molga, "[UFO w Emilcinie: Były milicjant z wydziału kryminalnego od 41 lat prowadzi śledztwo](#)," WP Wiadomości, June 10, 2019; Misterio Desconocido, "[Incidente Emilcin: El caso más famoso de abducción extraterrestre de Polonia](#)," InfoUno, October 25, 2020; Robert Bernatowicz, "[UFO wróciło do Emilcina! Historia Jana Wolskiego i jego spotkania z kosmitami ma ciąg dalszy](#)," geekweek, May 10, 2022; "[The Emilein, Poland, UFO Encounter and Alien Abduction of Farmer Jan Wolski, May 10, 1978](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, September 2023; Milena Kuchnia, "[Nikt nie mówi, że wierzy w UFO: Wracamy do Emilcina](#)," OKO.press, December 26, 2023; "[Close Encounter with Aliens: Emilein \(Poland\) Re-Visited](#)," Mysteura YouTube channel, May 10, 2024; "[The Dusky Seaside Sparrow, the Wolski Abduction Case, and Consciousness | Ufos #6 Live](#)," Ufo Sunset YouTube channel, June 9, 2024)

- 1978, May 10** — Evening. Numerous people watch a moon-sized oval object with clearly delineated edges, no trail, and an intense white light in Clavarazza, Genoa, Italy. It remains stationary high in the sky for three minutes, pulsates for 7 minutes, then blinks out. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1989): 2)
- 1978, May 13** — 3:32 a.m. Police officer Manuel J. Amparano is on the outskirts of Kerman, California, when he sees a reddish glow ahead. Getting closer, he observes an oval-shaped object, smaller in apparent size than the full moon, hanging silently in the sky. It is a very bright crimson-red color, which despite its brightness does not hurt his eyes. It shoots out a beam of blue light similar to a camera flash, then recedes and is gone. Amparano feels "a tingling sensation" in his body as he drives to the station, but he is not concerned. When he gets out, the 6 witnesses at the station note that he is sunburned "as red as a lobster." His skin shows this condition for about 4 hours before returning to normal, even in areas underneath his uniform. However, no burn is present where the car door is between him and the flash. Also, he has no burn on his back, which is away from the car window as he peers out. Although the redness fades, there are areas where the skin is actually burned (arms, face, neck). These are noted on a visit to Fresno Community Hospital. These burns are visible for 2 days. The day following the encounter, "fever blisters" break out on his face and in places on his arms, and these last a week. Allegedly, doctors at the hospital tell the officer that the burns look like they are caused by microwave radiation. ("[Policeman: 'Illumination' Burns Him Then Turns Blue, Vanishes into Sky](#)," *Fresno (Calif.) Bee*, May 19, 1978, pp. C2, C11; "[Officer 'Burned' by UFO](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 2 (August 1978): 4–5; "[California Policeman Burned by UFO](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 10–11; "[Kerman Fireball Sighting—A UFO?](#)" *Fresno (Calif.) Bee*, February 23, 1979, pp. A1, A12; Tim Printy, "[Old UFO Reports Still Make Good Headlines](#)," *SUNlite* 2, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 2010): 5; Tim Printy, "[May 13th, 1978: Rocket Launch or UFO?](#)" *SUNlite* 2, no. 4 (July/Aug. 2010): 9; "[A Classic CE2P: Kerman, California, 1978](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 11–12; Jason Marzak, "[1978 Kerman UFO Burning: 061401](#)," *Fringe Republic*, June 11, 2014; Kevin D. Randle, "[May 13, 1978: Kerman, California](#)," *A Different Perspective*, June 15, 2015; Kevin D. Randle, "[Kerman, California UFO Case: An Update](#)," *A Different Perspective*, June 20, 2015; Kevin D. Randle, "[Kerman Police Officer Adds His Perspective](#)," *A Different Perspective*, August 26, 2015)
- 1978, May 13** — 4:00 a.m. A 16-year-old student, Jamshid Saiadipour, is staying up late studying for exams in Shiraz, Iran. He looks through his window and sees a glowing, hat-shaped UFO, hovering motionless. He takes a photo of it, which appears in the May 18 issue of *Tehran Magazine*. The article winds up in US Defense Intelligence Agency files and is released through FOIA in 1980. ("[Close Encounter over Iran](#)," *London Evening Standard*, June 27, 1978, p. 11; "[Matching Photo from Iran Found in CUFOs Files](#)," *CUFOs Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 8 (August 1981): 4; "[Sheraz, Iran, October 8, 1978](#)," *Popular Mechanics*, July 1998, p. 64)
- 1978, May 13** — 10:45 p.m. A teen couple are sitting on a porch in Northport, Alabama, when they see an intensely bright pale-yellow light. It is oblong in shape and the size of the full moon. It hovers in the east for about 15 minutes, rocking slightly black and forth. They see three tripod legs on the underside. The girl's mother comes out and notices her daughter is pale and shaking with fear. The object falls a short distance and remains stationary again for a few seconds before moving slowly away beyond trees on the horizon. ("[Case 3-6-29](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 6 (June 1978): 3)
- 1978, May 14** — 10:00 p.m. SK-1 Robert J. Clark, the duty officer at the US Navy Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range in Ocala National Forest, Florida, receives a call from Rocky Morgan reporting an oblong-shaped UFO with an intensely bright, flashing light near Silver Glen Springs. Jacksonville Air Route Traffic Control Center reports no aircraft in the area. Clark and the base air controller, Gary Collison, climb an observation tower and contact external security to alert radar technician Timothy Collins. They watch a cluster of stationary lights at an estimated altitude of 1,600 feet to the west-northwest perhaps 3 miles away. Collins activates the MSQ-102

Radar. After a 20-minute warmup, the radar detects an unidentified blip fluttering over the tower. The tracking computer is put on the target, which is showing very little movement. At 11:20 p.m., his radar locks on to it at treetop level. It seems to be as large as a jetliner. 10–15 minutes later it vanishes from both sight and radar, but at 11:40 p.m. he sees a similar object 15° to the north. Collins tries to train the radar on the object, but it disappears suddenly. Around midnight, another object is seen 3 miles to the northwest. For 5 seconds it moves at 575 mph, then accelerates for 2 seconds, and executes a hairpin turn in one second—a radical reversal of direction. Now the UFO is shooting northward toward the base, slowing to a mere 3 mph. Collins finally locks on this object. Shortly afterward, the target vanishes. A dozen naval personnel visually observe red, green, and white lights from the control tower for more than an hour. The captain of the *Lisa C* on the Apalachicola River also witnesses the lights at 10:30 p.m. (or 1:00 a.m.). (NICAP, “[Radar Confirms Unidentified Lights](#)”; Alyse Lounsberry, “Close Encounters in Ocala Forest,” *Ocala (Fla.) Star-Banner*, May 16, 1978; “[Flying Object Baffles Computer with Maneuvers in Florida Sky](#),” *International Herald Tribune*, May 18, 1978; “[Navy Says Unusual Sighting Was Just an Object Flying Unidentified](#),” *Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel*, May 18, 1978, p. 4-C; “UFO Tracked by Navy Men at Electronic Range in Fla.,” *Pacific Stars and Stripes*, May 19, 1978, p. 6; “[Navy Radar-Visual in Florida, Part I](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 6 (June 1978): 4–5; “[Case 3-7-1](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 7 (July 1978): 3; “[UFO Sighting at Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range](#),” *UFO Investigator*, September 1978, pp. 1–2; Robert Sheaffer, “The Ocala Sighting: Did a UFO Penetrate Restricted Airspace?” *Second Look*, April 1979, pp. 9–11, 14; Allan Hendry, “A Second Look at the Ocala Sighting,” *Second Look*, May 1979, pp. 29–31; [Letters], *Second Look*, October 1979, pp. 1–4, 29; Clark III 829–830; Clark IV 917–918)

- 1978**, May 15 — Evening. Ignacio Sanchez Munoz, 19, is walking along the road between Cuajimalpa borough and Álvaro Obregón, Mexico City, Mexico, after finishing work at a nearby restaurant. He observes a hovering, multicolored, luminous, cube-shaped object that is making a buzzing sound and emitting a yellow beam. He then receives telepathic thoughts telling him that the cube is not occupied, but soon human-like beings will arrive on Earth. After conversing with the voice for about an hour he is told, “soon we shall return to chat with you.” (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 7 (July 1978): 2; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), April 30, 2010)
- 1978**, May 19 — Between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. A large silver UFO shaped like a fountain pen hovers just above the horizon near US Highway 29 outside Greenville, South Carolina. The object moves slowly and remains visible for nearly two hours, causing a traffic jam over at least two miles as drivers stop to watch. One witness describes it as pumpkin-shaped and about the size of a football field. Despite at least 75 people seeing it, the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office reports no official sighting. (*Greer (S.C.) Citizen*, May 31, 1978; D. N. Mansell, “[Selected UFO Reports](#),” *Awareness* 7, no. 2 (Summer 1978): 3, 12)
- 1978**, May 30 — 11:00 p.m. Two witnesses are stargazing with a telescope 5 miles west of Tulsa, Oklahoma, when they see four gray-white ovals in a fixed sword-like formation pass silently overhead in a straight line from the southwest. They are lost behind trees above the northeast horizon. Each oval is about the size of the moon and flying in a 45° angle to the direction of travel. (“[Case 3-7-54](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 7 (July 1978): 3–4)
- 1978**, Summer — Day. Eligio Macchini is taking photos from the rail of a river excursion boat on the Rhine River, Germany. When the film is developed, he notices a dark spot on one print. Years later, he sends it to the Center for UFO Studies, which determines it is not an emulsion defect or processing flaw. (“[Möglicher UFO ist über dem Rhein fotografieren](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 2 (April 1982): 1)
- 1978**, June — [Peter Gersten](#), on behalf of Ground Saucer Watch, files a discovery motion requesting UFO files from the CIA. His motion consists of 635 interrogatory questions, nearly 300 requests for documents, and includes 60 CIA documents attached as exhibits. (Richard Hall, “[Lawsuit Filed against CIA](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 126 (May 1978): 9)
- 1978**, June — GEPAN's Scientific Council meets for the second time. This time, a five-volume report totaling 670 pages is prepared. The first volume is a synthesis written by [Claude Poher](#). Volumes 2–4 contain 10 detailed field investigations and the fifth volume gathers other studies and less detailed cases. The reports are never published. According to [Jean-Jacques Velasco](#), Poher's assistant, the statistical study evaluates 678 reports and classifies them into four categories: perfectly or probably identified (26%), insufficient information (36%), and unidentified (38%). The council asks for a deeper study on statistical methodology, models of propulsion, and the psychology of perception. (“[First Summary of the Work of the French Government's 'GEPAN' UFO Organization](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 10/11 (Oct./Nov. 1978): 22; Gildas Bourdais, “[From GEPAN to SEPR: Official UFO Studies in France](#),” *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 12; Graff 267)
- 1978**, June or July — 10:15 p.m. Graham Niven and friends are listening to the radio in Raeford, North Carolina, when it picks up some strange interference for about 10 minutes. They see a rectangular UFO with rounded edges coming

toward them from the south. ("[One Reporting Witness: Two Reported Sightings.](#)" *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 10 (October 1981): 2–3)

- 1978, June 2** — The *Daily Mail* in England publishes an article announcing a £1 million award for the capture of a visiting spacecraft. The prize is offered by Cutty Sark whisky, which has previously offered a similar prize for proof of the Loch Ness monster. The prizes are never claimed. (Nick Skidmore, "[Capture a Space Craft and Win £1m.](#)" *Daily Mail* (UK), June 2, 1978, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 108 (July 1978): 13)
- 1978, June 2** — 10:00 p.m. A married couple driving toward Hameenlinna, Finland, watch a formation of 7–9 bright lights in the eastern sky. After 8 seconds, they disappear behind trees. ("[Foreign Forum.](#)" *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 2)
- 1978, June 10** — 9:30 p.m. A dark, silent wedge-shaped object with a square formation of white lights in the back and a triangular formation of red and white lights in the front paces a car driven by two students, ages 21 and 19, as they travel east on State Highway 299 near New Paltz, New York (position 3 on the map). The UFO turns south toward them and passes over their car. The male student gets out and runs underneath it, noting it is as large as his outstretched hand at arm's length. It shoots off toward the southwest horizon in a few seconds. Other witnesses at 8:45 p.m. (position 1) and 9:00–9:15 p.m. (position 2) report similar objects. ("[Case 3-7-121.](#)" *IUR* 3, no. 7 (July 1978): 4)
- 1978, June 11** — 10:30 p.m. Capt. Namdar, the pilot of a Boeing 707 flying from Shiraz to Tehran, Iran, is descending to 25,000 feet over Isfahan. He sees a huge, purple form passing below him at amazing speed. The Tehran airport cannot confirm a radar tracking. Suddenly the plane's cabin is flooded with brilliant yellow light radiating from two sources. It feels as hot as "a sunny day in summer in Spain." The purple light continues to follow the plane until a portion of the UFO separates from it and moves toward the southeast side of the witnesses. Then the original object vanishes. ("[Review of Iranian UFO Reports.](#)" *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 2 (Jan./Feb. 1981): 15)
- 1978, June 11** — 11:28 p.m. After hearing reports of unidentified aircraft from two previous sentries, Gunnery Sgt. Brininger and PFC Johnny Johnson go on sentry patrol at Naval Weapons Station Earle in Monmouth County, New Jersey. Standing outside on an 80-foot tower, the two men watch a distinctly outlined, illuminated white ball with a short conical tail approach from the south. Within 5 seconds, the object moves west of their position and 20°–30° up. Brininger estimates that the ice-cream cone shaped UFO is as close as 300 feet away and 200 feet in the air, flying parallel to the fence line. He directs a spotlight at the object, which abruptly makes a sharp turn to the west. It is in sight for 8–10 seconds. ("[Case 3-7-130: Three UFOs over High Security Military Base?](#)" *IUR* 3, no. 7 (July 1978): 4–5)
- 1978, June 15** — Before 3:00 a.m. The Russian motor ship *Novokuznetsk* is departing from the Gulf of Guayaquil, Ecuador. The crew sees from the bow four rapidly departing bright white trails about 66 feet in length. At the same time, two other trails 33 feet long approach the vessel. Later, straight ahead of the ship, a white luminescent sphere rises up from the water, flies around the ship, hovers for a few seconds at an altitude of 60 feet, flies higher, zigzags, and dives back into the water. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 66–67)
- 1978, June 17** — 4:30 a.m. Patrolmen Robert Fiorentino and Anthony Puglio of the Maplewood (New Jersey) Police Department see a soundless triangular UFO, twice the size of the full moon, while on patrol. It has a white light on each tip and red lights in the center. The object circles them twice and shines bright lights down on them. ("[It's Unidentified, Flies, But Doesn't Scare Cops.](#)" *New York Daily News*, June 24, 1978, p. 4JL)
- 1978, June 17** — 1:20 p.m. Photographer Linda Arosema is taking photos of President [Jimmy Carter](#)'s helicopter taking off from Fort Clayton [now closed] near Balboa, Panama. Her final frame shows an oval object that she has not visually noticed. Arosema, who works for the Defense Mapping Agency at Fort Clayton, sends the photo to Carter with an explanation of the circumstances. Brenda Reilly and Sandra Chandler report seeing a similar object on June 16 while fishing at nearby Fuerte Amador. However, the object appears to be a film flaw. ("[Is a UFO Buzzing the President's Helicopter?](#)" *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 10; "[UFOs Breach Presidential Security!](#)" *UFO Update!* no. 2 (Winter 1979): 15, 56; Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 50](#))
- 1978, June 18** — 10:45 p.m. Manford Hammond, a water superintendent in Elsberry, Missouri, watches an object "like two hubcaps put together" that alternately hovers and maneuvers slowly and silently from the vantage point of his home on Black Street. ("[Case 3-8-12.](#)" *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 3)
- 1978, June 19** — 1:30 a.m. Franck Pavia and Jean-Marc Guitard are stopped on the side of a road in Gujan-Mestras, Gironde, France, to repair a turn signal when suddenly all the lights in the town go out. A powerful rumble startles them, and they notice an oval, red object surrounded by white flames flying toward them at an altitude of 11,000 feet. Jean-Marc is unable to breathe and faints. The object then changes direction and shoots away. They knock on the door of a baker named Varisse to tell their story, visibly terrified. At about the same time, a restaurant

manager named Bachère is driving toward Bordeaux when he sees a large orange ball, very bright, hovering above La Réole at about 1,000 feet before disappearing. It reappears at the same spot one minute later. (Jacques Vallée, "[Estimates of Power Optical Output in Six Cases of Unexplained Aerial Objects with Defined Luminosity Characteristics](#)," *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 12, no. 3 (1998): 354–356)

- 1978, June 22 — 1:30 a.m. A woman in Pacific Palisades, California, watches an irregularly shaped oval glow with shifting green-yellow-gray colors like a "TV glow." Moving slowly eastward at first, it speeds up until it recedes to a star size, then arcs back in two minutes and disappears in the northwest. Two other witnesses also see the UFO. ("[Case 3-18-18](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978):3)
- 1978, June 24 — 10:48 p.m. The pilot and passenger of a commercial charter plane flying northwest between Madison and New Lisbon, Wisconsin, see a distant bright light making extremely fast back-and-forth motions. At one point it passes above the plane. The object is tracked on radar by air traffic controllers Glen Wonnacott and Wayne Nurenberg at the Aurora (Ill.) Air Route Traffic Control Center. ("[Radar-Visual in Wisconsin](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 11–15)
- 1978, June 26 or 27 — 11:00 p.m. The 77-year-old mother of a prominent TV commentator is dazzled by a white, rotating globe of light on a rooftop terrace across from her inner house court in Vienna, Austria. The light appears to be breaking into pieces that fall down. Then a spotlight cone moves along the gutter of the terrace from left to right toward the light, and both lights go out. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 10/11 (Oct./Nov. 1978): 2)
- 1978, July — 7:30 a.m. Seamen on the Russian vessel *Yargora* in the Mediterranean not far off the coast from Algiers, Algeria, observe a pearly white flattened sphere moving to the west. On its underside it has three antenna. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 52)
- 1978, July — 1:00 p.m. A witness and his father are driving a U-Haul truck north on Interstate 65 near Ardmore, Alabama. Just after passing the welcome center, they look up and see a large silver ball on the tree line to the east. After disagreeing on whether it is a weather balloon, they stop the truck and get out to look. A door slides open in the bottom of the object and a smaller silver ball emerges and moves to their right, and a second comes out and moves to the left. They both hover for about 5 minutes, then return one at a time to the larger object, which stands motionless a few more minutes before slowly moving away to the northeast. Suddenly it shoots away at great speed. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[Satellite Objects: A Further Look](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 6–7)
- 1978, July 1 — 12:05 a.m. Members of three families northwest of Taos, New Mexico, see a bright orange light outside their homes. Mrs. Elias Vargas hears a crackling noise coming from it. It hovers for 2 minutes above a fuel tank and a pickup truck before moving away to the north. In the morning, a fine powder is found on the roof of the truck. A sample is sent to [Robert Schoenfeld](#) at the Schoenfeld Clinical Laboratories in Albuquerque, for analysis, which shows significant amounts of potassium and magnesium. (Fritz Thompson, "[New Findings Deepen Mystery of Mutilations](#)," *Albuquerque (N. Mex.) Journal*, December 13, 1978, pp. A1–A2; Daniel Kagan and Ian Summers, *Mute Evidence*, Bantam, 1984, p. 57)
- 1978, July 2 — 8:00 a.m. Verlee Carson is sitting in her house in Ely, Nevada, and notices two jets flying overhead to the south. One is followed closely by four white balls and the other is followed by three balls. (Virgil Staff, "[Letter](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1983): 2)
- 1978, July 3 — 9:00 p.m. A Mrs. Jenkinson and a friend are playing tennis in Louth, Lincolnshire, England, when they spot a flat, silver oval in the sky reflecting sunlight and moving in a straight line northward in the western sky. They watch it for 5 minutes. Another object is seen a few minutes later in moving north in the eastern sky. ("[Case 7887](#)," *Northern UFO News* 52 (September 1978): 8)
- 1978, July 4 — 3:15 p.m. A small domed disc, about 3–4 feet in diameter with rotating parts on top, makes a head-on pass at 800 mph toward [Floyd Hallstrom](#) and Keith Sorensen, who are flying a Cessna at 120 mph and 3,500 feet altitude near Santa Paula, California. Its dome is a bright chrome with two protrusions. Hallstrom turns the plane around and the object makes a second pass before disappearing. ("[Case 3-8-80](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 4)
- 1978, July 4 — 3:45 p.m. A 34-year old school principal in Schaumburg, Illinois, watches a distinctly outlined metallic sphere the size of airplane rush in from the east at a speed faster than an aircraft and exceptionally high. The object stops dead over his house and remains stationary for 2–3 minutes. Then it starts rising with a slight veer to the south until it is out of sight. ("[Case 3-8-81](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 4)
- 1978, July 4 — Two Italian Air Force sergeants (Franco Padellero and Attilio di Salvatore), an Italian Navy NCO (Maurizio Esposito), and Antonina di Pietro are driving in the Parco dell'Etna, Sicily, Italy, when they spot a triangular formation of three red pulsating lights above Monte Sona. They stop the car for a better look. One of the lights breaks away from the group and approaches as close as 980 feet before disappearing. They drive in that direction and stop by a ravine to look at a luminous disc that gives off a yellow light about 325 feet away. Five or six very tall entities are standing next to it. Two of them walk up the ravine to within 16 feet of the witnesses.

They are dressed in tight-fitting white coveralls and have shoulder-length hair. The two smile, and one points to the disc, which is radiating multicolored lights. The lights go out temporarily when another car drives by. Duration is 35 minutes. All the witnesses feel a euphoria, even 36 hours afterward. [Richard Hall](#) notes that the witnesses have satisfied their curiosity and drive away without more concern; he indicates that they have been exposed to the lectures of contactee [Eugenio Siragusa](#), although the witnesses seem to be responsible people. (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 2; Good Above, pp. 146–147; Richard H. Hall, “[Italian UFO Wave of 1978](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 153 (November 1980): 12–15; Maurizio Verga, “[La vague italienne de 1978](#),” *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 207 (Aug./Sept. 1981): 33; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), November 12, 2009; 1Pinotti 216–217)

- 1978, July 5** — Many cattle mutilations are occurring on the ranch owned by Manuel Gomez near Dulce, New Mexico. State Police Officer [Gabe Valdez](#), having heard that certain cows might be marked in some way before being mutilated, pens 120 of Gomez’s cattle in a corral and moves them through a squeeze chute under a series of ultraviolet lights. The examination reveals that five of the animals have a “glittery substance on the right side of the neck, the right ear, and the right leg.” Valdez and Gomez remove the substance, along with control samples, and send them to [Robert Schoenfeld](#) at the Schoenfeld Clinical Laboratories in Albuquerque. Schoenfeld finds “highly suspicious” deposits of potassium (70 times above normal), magnesium, calcium, and aluminum. Results seem to match the powder found on July 1 at the Vargas ranch in Taos. (Fritz Thompson, “[New Findings Deepen Mystery of Mutilations](#),” *Albuquerque (N. Mex.) Journal*, December 13, 1978, pp. A1–A2; Tommy Roy Blann, “[UFO Connection in Dulce and Taos, New Mexico?](#)” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 138 (August 1979): 14–15; “[Valdez: Mutilation Ex-Skeptic](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 30, no. 4 (April 1982): 1, 3; Daniel Kagan and Ian Summers, *Mute Evidence*, Bantam, 1984, pp. 49–76; Greg Valdez, [Dulce Base: The Truth and Evidence from the Case Files of Gabe Valdez](#), Levi-Cash, 2013)
- 1978, July 6 or 7** — Between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. The fiancée of Robert Garbaskas is in Sandwich, Massachusetts, taking photos of a ship in the Cape Cod Canal when she sees a small, rust-colored, apparently solid object hovering about 35° in the sky for 3–4 minutes. She snaps a photo of it, which shows a dark object with a yellow arc of light above it. (“[1978 Object with Arc of Light Photographed](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 4 (August 1980): 1)
- 1978, July 7** — At the urging of Grenada Prime Minister [Eric Gairy](#), the Grenada delegation to the United Nations issues a statement calling for “open discussions on the very important subject [of UFOs] ... a matter of great significance at this time for all mankind.” (“[U.N. Background](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 10/11 (Oct./Nov. 1978): 5; Clark III 1189; Clark IV 1364)
- 1978, July 7** — The CIA agrees to let Ground Saucer Watch amend its complaint to include requests for virtually all CIA-related UFO records. The lawsuit opens in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C. (“[Update on the Ground Saucer Watch \(GSW\) Lawsuit Against the CIA](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 7 (July 1978): 8)
- 1978, July 9** — 7:30 p.m. Three witnesses observe a bright light high above the mountains to the northwest of Newell Beach, Queensland, Australia. Through binoculars its shape changes from spherical with a bright white center to an oval with three dark lines across its lower half. A small dark spot seems to be constantly moving across it. At one point it splits into two, then rejoins. The witnesses say the object reappears on July 10, 11, and 20, although they do not pay attention to it. (“Further Sightings Reported from Mossman Region,” *UFO Research FNQ Newsletter*, no. 2, p. 3)
- 1978, July 11** — 11:20 p.m. A man driving alone in a remote area on State Highway 100 three miles south of Waterbury, Vermont, sees a beam of light descend from the trees. It is about 1.5–2 feet in diameter but spreads out into a cone that covers the entire street and moves toward his car, illuminating the interior like “40 flash cameras.” The reflection off the car hood is dazzling. Petrified for 45 seconds, he finally sticks his head out the door and feels considerable heat. The light shrinks and dims, revealing the silhouette of a saucer darker than the sky and about 80–100 feet in diameter. The object is at treetop level and has small steady white lights on each side and a rib-like structure on the bottom. After hovering above the car a few seconds, it moves southwest about 200 yards and then takes off almost simultaneously. (“[Case 3-8-129](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 4)
- 1978, July 13** — [Todd Zechel](#), research director of Ground Saucer Watch and director of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, files a FOIA request with the CIA that includes information about a crashed spacecraft. (“[GSW + FOIA + CIA = 1,000 Pages of UFO Information](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 9)
- 1978, July 14** — Dawn. A Spanish Army unit on an exercise in Mazarrón, Murcia, Spain, watches an unfamiliar group of lights for two hours above a road: a red light that vanishes occasionally, two greenish-white lights that shine sporadically, and four white lights that appear irregularly and fly without any specific formation. Their height over the terrain is estimated at 13–100 feet. The lights oscillate and move forward, leaving the road and moving around obstacles like houses and hills, then coming back to the road in front of the group of soldiers. A

reconnaissance of the area the following night reveals nothing unusual, except the antenna of a meteorological station that probably was not the source of the lights. (Swords 434)

- 1978, July 14 — [Eric Gairy](#), accompanied by ufologists [J. Allen Hynek](#), [Jacques Vallée](#), [David R. Saunders](#), [Leonard H. Stringfield](#), and [Claude Poher](#), meet with UN Secretary General [Kurt Waldheim](#) to organize a steering committee to develop plans for possible UN involvement in UFO research. (“[UFOs in the U.N.](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 9; Clark III 1189; Clark IV 1364)
- 1978, July 16 — Residents sleeping on their terraces in the northern part of Tehran, Iran, spot a “strange glowing object” floating southwest toward Saveh. One witness claims it is hovering directly above him. The control tower at Mehrabad Airport confirms the existence of the light. An air crew reports unusual readings on their instruments. (*Tehran Journal*, July 18, 1978; “[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 2; Good Above, [pp. 321–322, 501–502](#))
- 1978, July 19 — 9:30 p.m. A teacher is driving with his wife through Hudson, New York, when they spot a motionless, amber-colored, curved object in the sky as wide as a full moon. It remains behind them as they drive to a friend’s house, where they join another couple to watch it. The light suddenly goes out, and 30 seconds later they hear a roar that moves off to the southeast. (“[Case 3-9-19](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 6)
- 1978, July 20 — 1:20 a.m. A soldier on duty at the main gate of the military section of the Logroño-Agoncillo Airport in La Rioja, Spain, sees a strange object in the air. A second lieutenant and a corporal get to the gate in time to watch for 5 minutes an object moving slowly and noiselessly east to west some 3,300 feet above the ground. Two of the witnesses describe it as lozenge-shaped, while the other two say it has the shape of a triangle. All agree that there is an intense white light flashing at one-second intervals in the center, while other lights appear in various parts of the dark object. It continues to fly steadily until it disappears from sight. (Swords 434)
- 1978, July 21 — 9:30 p.m. Chloene Bechdolt notices a bright red light near the ground in the north field of her farm near Uniopolis, Ohio. She goes inside and around 10:00 p.m. notices that the light is still there and larger in size. She goes back outside and approaches the light, thinking it might be poachers. She thinks she hears someone talking, so she shouts a warning at it. The object makes a hum and shoots straight up. On July 23, she and her nephew find a 100-foot circular area of cut beans in the field, and the timothy stubble looks like it has been scorched about one inch from the ground. (“[Large Circular Physical Trace: Is It Common?](#)” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 5 (Oct./Nov. 1982): 1–2)
- 1978, July 21 — 10:15 p.m. A retired couple in Davyhulme, Greater Manchester, England, observes a dark disc hovering in the twilight sky. It is surrounded by an aura, from which 30–40 beautiful purple rays shoot out at various angles like spokes from a wheel, extending to about 12 times the diameter of the central disc. After about 90 seconds, the “rays” collapse inward in sequence, and the object slowly extinguishes itself. During the sighting, the couple notice with some puzzlement that the normally busy street is strangely quiet and devoid of people and traffic. (Jenny Randles, [UFO Reality](#), R. Hale, 1983, pp. 98–100; Clark III 866; Jenny Randles, “Rise and Shine with Shaun and Jenny,” *Fortean Times* 412 (December 2021): 29; Clark IV 960)
- 1978, July 22 — 1:15 p.m. A retired couple in Ventura, California, is attracted outdoors by an odd noise and see a silver form moving overhead. It has lines across its surface and is making a noise like a card flapping against bicycle spokes. It flies straight away and disappears in the northeast. (“[Case 3-9-28](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 6)
- 1978, July 22 — 11:15 p.m. Raymond Dawson, his wife Kiriakoula, and daughter are finishing an outdoor meal at a taverna in Chalandri, Athens, Greece. They hear a humming noise above them and see a large dark object with square windows and a red light on top that is nearly touching the TV antennas for the buildings. No one else seems to have noticed the object. The Dawsons leave the taverna, drive around the corner, and see the object again. There is no other traffic about, which seems odd. They stop the car and get out for a better look at the object, which is rocking from side to side and silent. Then it begins changing into different shapes and colors before vanishing. (Jenny Randles, “[UFO over a Greek Taverna](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1979): 31–iii)
- 1978, July 26 — 9:40 p.m. Chinese Air Force flying instructor Sha Yongkao is piloting a plane with a student at an airfield in Shangxi province, China. They are flying at 9,800 feet when they see two glowing objects circle the airport twice before moving off. Yongkao attempts to pursue the objects unsuccessfully and is told no other aircraft are being tracked in the vicinity. (Paul Dong, “[Extracts from Paul Dong’s Feidie Bai Wen Bai Da \(Questions and Answers on UFOs\)](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 29, no. 6 (August 1984): 14)
- 1978, July 27 — 12:45 a.m. [Clara E. Winscher](#) is driving a 1974 Mercury Comet east on US Highway 50 on the east side of Union, Missouri, at about 45 mph. She notices in her rearview mirror a brilliant light approaching from behind at high speed. She feels a “terrific shove” and the rear end of the car lifts up and gets moved along the road for 300 feet, completely out of control. As she approaches a bridge, the car drops down again, and she sees the light rise over the roof and disappear upward to the left. Two dents, 22 inches apart, are found in the upper edge of the

- trunk, but the paint is not fractured. About the same time, 12 miles west in Beaufort, Missouri, [Velma Clines](#) watches a dull red-orange, round UFO fly toward her house before it speeds away. (“[Tailgating UFO under Investigation](#),” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, July 30, 1978, p. 3; “[Case 3-9-59](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 7; Shirley Hoffman, “UFO Grabs Car,” *Fate* 33, no. 10 (October 1978): 44–47; UFOEv II 278)
- 1978, July 27 — 7:46 p.m.** Three men are flying a radio-controlled model airplane in a field in Marshall, Michigan, when they spot a silver cylindrical object with black lines across its surface. It moves eastward from directly overhead to a position 45° up in the east and vanishes. (“[Case 3-9-68](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 8)
- 1978, July 27 — 10:45 p.m.** Two witnesses in Sheffield, Ohio, watch a “silver banana” with a red and blue flashing light about a half-mile away, low in the east. They hear a wavering hum. It approaches their car to within 600 feet; the car’s electrical system fails, and the engine stops and cannot be restarted for another 90 minutes. After about 15 minutes the light shoots away to the west. (“[Case 3-9-65](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 7)
- 1978, July 28 — 8:28 p.m.** Mr. and Mrs. Gruss of Benton Harbor, Michigan, see a long, brightly lit, silver cylinder at about 6,000 feet altitude. It stays stationary for 30 minutes, then moves southwest. (“[Complete Details on the Michigan-Wisconsin Coast Guard Sightings](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 14)
- 1978, July 28 — 11:45 p.m.** The Ludington, Michigan, Coast Guard station gets a phone call from a man whose daughter and boyfriend have seen a strange object over Lake Michigan. Coast Guardsman Don Clark and others see a cluster of white lights, one flashing, and one steady green light near the shoreline. It is very bright, proceeds westerly past the Big Sable Point Lighthouse, and then accelerates silently over the horizon “faster than a plane.” Clark radios the Coast Guard station at Two Rivers, Wisconsin, about the light. (Bill McCulloch, “[Close Encounter?](#)” *Traverse City (Mich.) Record Eagle*, August 4, 1978, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 111 (October 1978): 2; ClearIntent, [pp. 74–76](#); “[Complete Details on the Michigan-Wisconsin Coast Guard Sightings](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 14)
- 1978, July 28 — 11:57 p.m.** Six members of the Two Rivers, Wisconsin, Coast Guard station, including Doug Wangen and Seaman Gary Randall, see a lighted object with flashing white, red, green, orange, and blue lights coming from Lake Michigan and moving toward Rawley Point. It stops abruptly, and Randall snaps 10 photos. The object then “slingshots” to the northwest in seconds. (Larry Yellen, “[UFO Sighting Reported by Area Coast Guardsmen](#),” *Muskegon (Mich.) Chronicle*, July 30, 1978, via *UFO Newsclipping service*, no. 110 (September 1978): 5; “[Complete Details on the Michigan-Wisconsin Coast Guard Sightings](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 14)
- 1978, July 29 — 12:01 a.m.** A second westbound light is seen by Coast Guard at the Ludington, Michigan, station. It has red lights and very bright strobes flashing erratically. The Two Rivers, Wisconsin, station spots an object 3 minutes later, but it is moving north. (“[Complete Details on the Michigan-Wisconsin Coast Guard Sightings](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 14)
- 1978, July 28 — 12:04 a.m.** Personnel at the Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Coast Guard station watch a similar light for 4 minutes moving swiftly from west to northwest. (“[Complete Details on the Michigan-Wisconsin Coast Guard Sightings](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 14)
- 1978, July 29 — 12:25 a.m.** Coast Guard observers at the Grassy Island Range Lighthouse in Green Bay, Wisconsin, report to Two Rivers that they are seeing a UFO heading to the west at high speed with white and red flashing lights. (“[Complete Details on the Michigan-Wisconsin Coast Guard Sightings](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 14–15)
- 1978, July 29 — 12:45 a.m.** Seaman Gary Randall and another witness at the Two Rivers Coast Guard station see another UFO closing in from the southwest. It approaches for 40 seconds then stops for 1 minute. Then it flies northeast and shoots straight up and out of sight in 20 seconds. (“[Complete Details on the Michigan-Wisconsin Coast Guard Sightings](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 15)
- 1978, July 29 — 2:40 a.m.** A Coast Guard vessel in Lake Superior among the Apostle Islands, Wisconsin, sees a large, yellow-white, oblong object that appears and reappears briefly in a slightly different position each time. (“[Complete Details on the Michigan-Wisconsin Coast Guard Sightings](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 15)
- 1978, July 29–30 —** The 1978 MUFON UFO Symposium takes place in Dayton, Ohio. Ufologist [Leonard Stringfield](#) announces that he has collected more than 50 sources with “information relative to the subject of retrievals or storage of alien craft, and/or deceased alien humanoids recovered from the craft.” He presents 17 witness testimonies to the audience as evidence of some 9–10 possible retrievals of crashed or downed UFOs, although his refusal to provide their names embroils him in controversy. This is the first of his seven “status reports” on accounts and rumors about UFO crash/retrievals. [Keyhoe](#) delivers a lecture, “Behind the UFO Secrecy,” opening with his tenet, “The UFO cover-up is the greatest deception in the history of the United States.” (Leonard H. Stringfield, “Retrievals of the Third Kind,” *1978 MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1978, pp. 77–105; Leonard H. Stringfield, “[The UFO Crash/Retrieval Syndrome Status Report II: New Sources, New Data, Part 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 28, no. 2 (November 1982): 3–8; Richard H. Hall, *Uninvited Guests*, Aurora, 1988, [pp.](#)

[75–76](#); Leonard Stringfield, “The Chase for Proof in a Squirrel’s Cage,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 145–147; Clark III 342; John Greenewald, “[The NSA and a 1978 MUFON Conference: More Lost UFO Material](#),” The Black Vault, August 3, 2022; Powell, *Keyhole*, 401; Graff 246–247; Clark IV 378)

- 1978, August — Bank manager Serrano Silva and a Columbian Navy officer suffer temporary paralysis when a flying object buzzes their car on a highway between Tunja and Bogotá, Columbia. The car’s engine and headlights die. (“[South America: Hotbed of Bizarre UFO Sightings](#),” *Windsor (Ont.) Star*, November 14, 1978, p. 20)
- 1978, August 3 — 7:20 p.m. An engineer, his wife, and his daughter are driving toward Nurmijärvi, Finland, when a 6-foot oval with clear black contours and a light-colored center flies silently in front of them, moving from right to left in 5–10 seconds before vanishing. (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 10/11 (Oct./Nov. 1978): 2)
- 1978, August 3 — 10:50 p.m. During a mini-flap of UFO sightings in Lowell, Indiana, a couple watch an oval light that has rising bands of shifting colors hovering above trees to the northwest. The man jumps in the car to drive to it as the woman continues watching and sees a smaller light appear to its right. A third light appears to the left, which swings above the first light and joins the second one. All of the lights vanish. (“[Case 3-9-104](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 8)
- 1978, August 4 — 9:30 p.m. A 12-year-old boy in East Leroy, Michigan, hears a noise and looks out his window to watch a silver cigar drop vertically downward to a position 100 feet away and 15 feet up. It snaps into a horizontal position and hovers for 5–10 seconds. A white, steam-like exhaust emits from a funnel at its rear and steams up the boy’s window. After a few more seconds it zooms off into the sky. (“[Case 3-9-107](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 8)
- 1978, August 5 — 9:50 p.m. A family on the shore of Lake Sorell, Tasmania, watch a glow behind a hill to the south. Within minutes, the whole area lights up and a small white light appears, moving back and forth at tree level. It remains visible 20–30 minutes, then disappears suddenly. Earlier in the day, another group had reported a brown, cigar-shaped object over nearby Lake Crescent. (*Launceston Examiner*, August 12, 1978; “[Interstate Reports](#),” *Australian UFO Bulletin*, August 1978, p. 4; “[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 2)
- 1978, August 5 — 11:15 p.m. A TV director is driving northwest on State Highway 5 about 2 miles southeast of Laurie, Missouri. He and his son watch two red lights rise up about 25 feet off the road to their left to an altitude of 30 feet. They are attached to a triangular object that flies over their car to their right, cut back to the top of a hill, turn around, and approach them again, only to descend behind trees. The rear dimension of the triangle is about 10–15 feet across. (“[Case 3-9-120](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 8)
- 1978, August 7 — 10:00 p.m. A couple is driving west on War Memorial Drive to a First Assembly of God church in Peoria, Illinois when they see a shooting star fly across their view. Five minutes later, they arrive at church and, walking behind it, see a bright white light with flashing red and blue lights hovering about 40 feet in the air for 5–7 minutes. It shoots off to the east in a split second. (“[Case 3-9-132](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 9)
- 1978, August 8 — A group of tourists along the shore of the Sea of Azov near Henichesk, Ukraine, see a flying disc three times larger than the moon. It has protrusions on the top and bottom, two rows of portholes, and is surrounded by a bright orange glow. Every 15 seconds, smaller discs (a total of 15–20) fly out from the lower protrusion, accompanied by a blinding explosion. They hover for a few seconds then depart rapidly to the south. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia’s USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 176)
- 1978, August 8 — 9:40 p.m. Witnesses in Belton, Missouri, and several military personnel at nearby Richards-Gebaur Air Reserve Station [now closed] witness the flyover of a UFO that is also briefly tracked on radar. Joseph Staudinger Jr. sees the object at about 2,800 feet in altitude and looking like two white strobe lights in front and back with three rows of red lights that are rotating around its middle. The encounter lasts 45 minutes. A cattle mutilation has been discovered earlier that day in Elsberry, Missouri. (“[Heavily-Witnessed Radar-Visual Case near Kansas City](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 3–6)
- 1978, August 10 — CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator Gene F. Wilson asks [Todd Zechel](#) of CAUS to suspend his FOIA request until he has a chance to look at the 1,000 pages of documents that are currently under review for release. Most of these files are from the Office of Scientific Intelligence in the 1950s, leading CAUS to suspect that they will mostly consist of Air Force and Navy UFO reports, plus some records of unauthorized CIA investigations. (“[GSW + FOIA + CIA = 1,000 Pages of UFO Information](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 9)
- 1978, August 11 — 10:30 p.m. Junior high school student Dale Wood hears a purring sound in Roosevelt, Utah, looks up, and sees a silver domed object surrounded by a green glow. It moves overhead and hovers, a pattern of body lights visible on its underside and an intense light in the center. When it begins to circle around, Wood runs to his grandmother’s house nearby to tell his brother. There the air conditioners and TV sets quit running, and the dogs are whining and crying. His mother, Larain Wood, comes outdoors in time to see the object circle twice, then take

- off rapidly to the northeast. Mrs. Wood calls the tribal police office in Fort Duchesne and Officer David Murray is dispatched to investigate. He also sees the object take off at high speed and disappear. (UFOEv II 192)
- 1978, August 11 — 11:59 p.m.** A deputy sheriff and four youngsters are driving on Chancellors Run Road in Great Mills, Maryland, when they see a silvery, blimp-shaped light hovering at treetop level above some trailers. It appears larger than a full moon. The deputy shines the cruiser's spotlight toward it and scans the length of the object, yet the beam does not light up the large shape. She drives closer, but the UFO begins to get cloudy on its underside and moves slowly behind the trees. ("[Case 3-9-184](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 9)
- 1978, August 12 — 9:25 p.m.** A young couple in Niceville, Florida, are driving on a dirt road when a lighted object that looks like an eye moves toward them. The center part is like shiny black glass and the body is metallic silver with two antennae on top. It fills half the windshield in angular size as it moves over the roof of the car. They hear no noise and feel no rush of wind. ("[Case 3-9-187](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 9)
- 1978, August 16 —** Air traffic controllers at Gatwick Airport near Crawley, West Sussex, England, see a UFO but decline to say exactly what it is. (Good Above, [p. 72](#))
- 1978, August 17 —** Assistant US Attorney for the District of Columbia William Briggs asks [Peter Gersten](#) of Ground Saucer Watch to identify broadly all categories of UFO documents to enable the CIA to search for all its UFO records. Based on a draft by [Brad Sparks](#), Gersten prepares a stipulation that requests the CIA to conduct a reasonable search of 22 CIA component branches. US District Court Judge [John H. Pratt](#) makes the order a binding one, giving the CIA until mid-December to complete the task. ("[GSW + FOIA + CIA = 1,000 Pages of UFO Information](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 9–10)
- 1978, August 17 — 10:30 p.m.** Radars of the Air Self-Defense Corps at Nemuro Radar Site on Hokkaido, Japan, pick up a target flying from the north to south-southwest at about 40 mph more than a half-mile above Nemuro Channel south of Kunashir Island. It approaches the eastern end of Hokkaido and is later picked up by radars at Cape Erimo. Two F-4EJ Phantom jets are scrambled from Chitose Air Base about 10 minutes later and are guided to the targets, now in the vicinity of Nakashibetsu. But the pilots can see nothing on their airborne radars and return empty-handed. The target persists on ground scopes, moving south toward Kushiro. Twice more, jets are sent up but fail to detect a blip. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 2)
- 1978, August 18 — 11:20 p.m.** A relative staying at the home of UFO researcher Douglas Dains in Port Crane, New York, notices the reception on the television is disrupted shortly before a UFO detector (a magnetic field instrument) starts buzzing. Dains himself is not at home. The relative steps outside and sees a domed UFO with a red light on top of an antenna approach from the northwest to a position 50 feet behind a tree and 45 feet in the air. It hovers there for 30 seconds. It then departs to the southwest, disappearing behind a mountain. ("[The Absent UFO Researcher](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 12 (December 1978): 13)
- 1978, August 20 — 1:30 a.m.** A nurse is sitting in her car on Oberlin Street in Maplewood, New Jersey, when she sees an object shaped like a car fender with four blue lights moving toward her from the east. She gets out of her car as it flies overhead. Then it stays in place, rocking silently back and forth, before taking off to the northeast, making a machine-like noise. ("[A Huge 'Car Fender](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 12 (December 1978): 13–14)
- 1978, August 20 — 7:30 p.m.** A 64-year old security guard is on patrol in downtown Toledo, Ohio, looking at a "large plane" approaching from the north. As it passes overhead at a uniform speed, about 1,500–2,000 feet up, it is seen as a cigar with small brackets. It is dull silver, distinctly outlined, and twice the angular size of the full moon. It then continues its straight path southbound to the horizon. ("[A Daylight Urban 'Cigar](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 12 (December 1978): 14)
- 1978, August 21 — 5:00 p.m.** A witness sketches an oblong UFO over an open area near Banksville, New York. It is at least 150–200 feet long with white and blue colors, two lights in front, and silent. It disappears over a golf course to the northeast. ("[Long Rectangular UFOs: Five Different Cases of Similarly Shaped Objects](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 9 (September 1981): 1)
- 1978, August 21 — 5:30 p.m.** A 33-year old housewife, in the company of her children, 8 and 10, watches a silver Frisbee-like object from their front porch 3 miles north of downtown Indianapolis, Indiana. Standing outdoors, they see the saucer in the southeast, much larger than a full moon would look, perhaps as large as a car. The Frisbee has a sharp outline and metallic appearance. No sound can be heard over the heavy traffic noise. According to the children, it then shoots over to the southwest in two seconds. Finally, it moves straight up out of sight in an instant. Duration is 5–8 minutes. ("[A Daylight 'Frisbee](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 12 (December 1978): 14)
- 1978, August 21 — Night.** The Madagascar Interior Ministry announces that a UFO has crashed and exploded in the marketplace at Fort-Dauphin. Radio Madagascar says that the cigar-shaped object had lit up the ground before plunging downward. Locals rush out of bed to put out the flames. ("[UFO Crash Claim](#)," *Cardiff (UK) Western Mail*, August 21, 1978, via *APCIC Clipping Service* 3, no. 11 (November 1978): 39; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 3, no.

- 10/11 (Oct./Nov. 1978): 2; Valerie Martin, "[Points from the Press](#)," *BUFORA Journal* 8, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1979): 4; "[UFO Crashes](#)," *Australian UFO Bulletin*, February 1979, p. 14)
- 1978, August 22 — 7:03 a.m. Four men are driving in a carpool from Moscow, Pennsylvania, to work at the Tobyhanna Army Depot in Coolbaugh Township on I-380. They watch a small circular "cloud" descend suddenly in the south. It changes to a bright silver and hovers, rocking from side to side. It now looks solid and metallic. It rises slightly and flies off to the southeast at an estimated 800–900 mph. ("[A Daylight 'Cloud'](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 12 (December 1978): 14)
- 1978, August 22 — An oval-shaped translucent object ringed by a halo of light flies silently over the Andes Mountains in Neuquen province, Argentina, in a 300-mile path. ("[Close Encounters Thrill Latins](#)," *Detroit (Mich.) Free Press*, November 22, 1978, p. 6C)
- 1978, August 23 — 8:04 p.m. P. A. Hadden is on board the tanker [MV Ficus](#) in the Indian Ocean [or the South China Sea] 260 miles from the Malacca Strait. He watches an elongated triangle formation of three lights moving in from 60° above the northeast horizon. When they reach 75°, nearly overhead, the lights suddenly stop. He estimates them to be 100 miles high. The light in the right rear continues moving in the opposite direction of the ship and off to its left at great speed, disappearing in the distance; the light in the left rear shifts over to occupy the position in the formation it had occupied. After 5 seconds of remaining still, it shoots back to the left again and departs at high speed. The remaining light rushes forward, following the same path as the first light. Total duration of the sighting is 1 minute 20 seconds. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 10/11 (Oct./Nov. 1978): 2)
- 1978, August 24 — 10:00 p.m. A 54-year old cook is driving north from her brother's house about 10 miles south of Ottumwa, Iowa. She is on Cliffland Road alongside the Des Moines River in a wooded, rural area. A full-moon-sized red-orange light shoots silently from the east to the west in several seconds. As it flies across the front of her car, her windshield fogs up and the car stalls out to a stop. The interference lasts only a few seconds, and the car restarts without her turning the key; the window defogs as quickly as it had steamed up. She last sees the light against a background of trees up ahead, lower than the treetops. ("[Car Interference in Iowa](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 12 (December 1978): 14)
- 1978, August 24 — 11:40 p.m. Two 19-year old girls, driving west near tiny Ginghamburg, Ohio, watch two oddly colored orange lights twice the size of aircraft landing lights. A humming sound can be heard both from the lights and from the car radio. The driver can't get the car to go faster than about 20 mph. The lights are coming from the left, one directly over the other. They look away momentarily and the lights are gone; they look again, and the lights are moving above the car. From the south they have moved to the northwest over a field. A rod or a light beam comes down from one ball of light and shines a light at the witnesses for one second. The driver tries to flash the car lights at it, to no avail. They look away briefly and do not notice how the lights vanish. ("[Car Interference in Ohio?](#)" *IUR* 3, no. 12 (December 1978): 14)
- 1978, August 27 — 1:40 p.m. Arthur Silva is flying a Cessna 150 about 10 miles north of Provincetown, Massachusetts, with Harold Johnson as passenger. Johnson sees a bright reflective object at the same altitude (2,500 feet) directly ahead about 4 miles away. It moves closer, picking up speed and shooting by them at about 600 mph, apparently missing the plane by 1,000 feet. It is a silvery-white, metallic sphere with no wings and about 18 feet in diameter. ("[Daylight Sphere over Massachusetts](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 12 (December 1978): 15)
- 1978, August 27 — 4:45 p.m. A Korean War veteran in Gloucester, Massachusetts, watches a bright yellow cylinder approaching him from low in the north. At an altitude of 2,000 feet, it appears smaller than an F-100 fighter. It moves off to the south, flying faster than a jet. ("[And Then, 3 Hours Later](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 12 (December 1978): 15)
- 1978, August 28 — Six papers are presented at the American Psychological Association Symposium in Toronto, Ontario, relating to the topic of using hypnosis to investigate UFO experiences. The presenters are H. Kent Newman, [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), [James Harder](#), [Alvin Lawson](#), W. C. McCall, and [Michael Persinger](#). ("[Ufologists Meet the Social Scientists](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 10/11 (Oct./Nov. 1978): 19–21)
- 1978, August 30 — 8:45 p.m. A witness is standing outdoors at a suburban shopping center in Nashua, New Hampshire, when she spots a formation of 6–8 white lights arranged in a circle and moving from southeast to north. ("[Meanwhile, a Little Ways North](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 12 (December 1978): 15)
- 1978, August 30 — Late night. Residents of Lisbon, Portugal, see a large round object with bright red and white lights flying about 600 feet above the ground. ("[Portuguese Welcome UFO](#)," *Oshkosh (Wis.) Daily Northwestern*, August 31, 1978, p. 2)
- 1978, August 30 — 11:00 p.m.–midnight. A 38-year-old man is driving a pickup on State Highway 38 a half-mile west of Nisula, Michigan, when a cone-shaped object flies toward him from the east. It has two steady red lights at the ends and one steady white light in the middle. It flies low and silently over the truck, which then stalls for one second. He gets home and he and his wife watch the red lights in the distance, still moving slowly up and down from east to south. ("[Another Vehicle Stalled](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 12 (December 1978): 15–16)

- 1978, August 30 — 11:10 p.m. A man in Gloucester, Massachusetts, looks out his window to see what is causing a loud sound in 5-second bursts. He sees over Ipswich Bay an elongated, fiery red rectangle moving north to south at around 100 mph. One end is dipped down 45°. It stops, hovers for 10 seconds, and moves out of sight behind trees. ([“Again, 3 Hours Later,”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 12 (December 1978): 15)
- 1978, September — GEPAN organizes a large gathering of about 100 people from more than 40 civilian UFO groups, but cooperation does not last. Criticism comes from both skeptics and the conspiratorial-minded. (Gildas Bourdais, [“From GEPAN to SEPRA: Official UFO Studies in France,”](#) *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 12)
- 1978, September — [Chris Rutkowski](#) begins publishing the *Swamp Gas Journal* newsletter in Winnipeg, Manitoba. It continues until summer 1997, with six special issues thrown in. ([Swamp Gas Journal](#), no. 1 (September 1978))
- 1978, September — UFOs are reported around Heathrow Airport in London, England. A spokesman for the Civil Aviation Authority denies that any are tracked on radar, but adds, “It’s in the interest of national security that not too much fuss is made about this sort of thing.” (Good Above, [p. 72](#))
- 1978, September — 2:00 a.m. Soldiers at Guard Post 215 in Port Belgrano Naval Base near Punta Alta, Argentina, receive notice that the base is under attack. Six first responders drive a pickup truck to the area and discover that the outpost is firing numerous rifle volleys at an apparent attack by a UFO in the shape of a flattened carousel. The object silently rises upward and vanishes. ([“Go Capture That UFO’: The Puerto Belgrano CE-2, September 1978,”](#) *Inexplicata: The Journal of Hispanic Ufology*, December 8, 2023)
- 1978, September 1 — After 8:00 p.m. Several villagers in Llanerchymedd, Anglesey, Wales, including some teenagers and a man hunting rabbits, watch a bright white light descend slowly behind a new housing estate. An egg-shaped object is seen hovering and illuminating the trees. Other independent witnesses see a large silvery sphere above a field and watch the cows panic and hear neighborhood dogs start barking furiously. A Mrs. Parry and her young daughter look out from an upstairs bedroom and see three tall men in gray uniforms with caps or helmets attached to their suits walking across a field. Some of the teens run to the village to alert the police, who upon their arrival find the village in an uproar, thinking it has been invaded. At 10:00 p.m., Vivienne Roberts sees a purplish object with a mass of yellow lights above the vicarage. Her horses begin to panic and sweat profusely. Later, UFO investigators triangulate the position of the supposed landing site and find a circular patch of flattened barley and a path leading up to it. (Martin Keatman, [“The Llanerchymedd UFO,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 5 (March 1980): 16–23; Story, [p. 211](#))
- 1978, September 2 — 8:00–8:15 a.m. Roberto Pozzi, 14, hears a noise like ducks and hissing combined in a western suburb of Alessandrio, Piedmont, Italy. He sees an object over a nearby cornfield. It stops making noise, swings laterally, and shoots up into the air. He finds a 22-by-10-foot depressed area of cornstalks bent down halfway up the stalk. Two rows of stalks are bent to the east, a third row to the west. Other sightings take place in the same area around Alessandrio on September 3, 6, 7, and 13. (Paolo Toselli, Gian Mario Ragno, and Roberto Balbi, [“1978: Piemonte e UFO,”](#) *Notiziario UFO* 2, no. 2 (February 1979): 24–27; Paolo Toselli and Edoardo Russo, [“Three Landings in Italy,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 5 (March 1979): 6–9, 13; [“UFO Flap 1978: Italian Style,”](#) *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Sept./Oct. 1979): 14; Maurizio Verga, [“Quarant’anni di Atterraggi UFO in Italia,”](#) *UFO Rivista di Informazione Ufologica*, no. 1 (June 1986): 8, 11; *Pinotti* 217)
- 1978, September 3 — David W. Swift of the University of Hawaii Department of Sociology presents a paper prior to the American Sociological Association meeting in San Francisco, California, on the disconnect among scientists’ support for SETI research and their disdain for UFO research. ([“Scientists’ Selection of New Areas for Investigation: UFOs or ETI?”](#) *IUR* 3, no. 10/11 (Oct./Nov. 1978): 21–22)
- 1978, September 3 — 10:00 p.m. Edilia Cresta Gallo and three other women see a strip of white light descend between a road and a maize field in Alessandrio, Piedmont, Italy. The strip morphs into a bright fireball about 5 feet wide. It disappears and reappears twice more. The women complain of a burning sensation in their eyes. (Paolo Toselli and Edoardo Russo, [“Three Landings in Italy,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 5 (March 1979): 6–9, 13; [“UFO Flap 1978: Italian Style,”](#) *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Sept./Oct. 1979): 14–15)
- 1978, September 4 — 12:15 a.m. A university professor in Gordon, Wisconsin, sees a flashing, pale-yellow ball of light as he is driving north on US Highway 53. It crosses the road in front of him only 50 feet away at an estimated 160 mph. It makes a sharp 90° turn parallel to the road, descending to about 15 feet, and travels parallel to his car at 60 mph about 150 feet west of the road. As he slows down to 20 mph for a better look, the light also slows down. When the light is 250 feet ahead, it goes out. ([“A Professorial Witness,”](#) *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 11)
- 1978, September 6 — 6:45 a.m. Juan O. Perez, 12, goes to gather a herd of horses near Venado Tuerto, Argentina. As he rides his horse, he senses something flying overhead. Several objects appear and begin maneuvering and shooting out beams of multicolored light. His horse panics, and Perez manages to ride home. His father berates him and tells him to go back. When he returns, he finds a large domed object with windows on the ground. A door opens

and a 7-foot-tall being wearing gloves and a cylindrical helmet appears. It seems to be attached to the object by some type of breathing apparatus. It invites Perez inside the craft, so he ties his horse to a ladder protruding from the bottom of the object and climbs in. His horse is panicked again and keeps kicking the object, injuring its leg. Inside, he sees a panel with buttons and some tables. A robot-like entity is cutting some animal bones into pieces. Perez tries touching the tall being and objects inside but is prevented by an invisible barrier. Perez jumps out the door and back to the ground. The tall being follows him outside. Perez asks for one of the giant's gloves as proof of his experience. When it takes off the glove, Perez sees a green, claw-like hand with blue metallic nails. The tall being then pricks Perez's right arm and apparently extracts some blood. As Perez rides home with the glove, two flying objects catch up to him and emit a small slab and sphere that descend and brush by the horse. They pull the glove up with a magnetic force. The wound on Perez's arm stays open for many years and seeps a transparent liquid. A scar remains six years later when Perez has a medical check-up for military service; he is declared unfit because of the story he tells about its origin. After the event, Perez begins having premonitory dreams about unfortunate events. Perez's story is retold in an Argentine documentary feature, "Witness of Another World," directed by Alan Stivelman and released in 2018. (Jacques Vallée, *Confrontations: A Scientist's Search for Alien Contact*, Ballantine, 1990, pp. 153–156; "Jacques Vallée: The Juan Perez UFO Case," Above Top Secret, October 20, 2019; David Metcalfe, "[Witness of Another World: Exploring the Soul of a Phenomenon](#)," Exploring the Outer Edges of Society and Mind, October 21, 2019; Mark Pilkington, "The Gaucho Also Cries," *Fortean Times* 391 (April 2020): 38–40; Internet Movie Database, "[Witness of Another World](#)")

- 1978**, September 6 — Late evening. Two witnesses at the San Michele boarding house in Sassello, Savona, Italy, see two round black objects close enough to form a figure 8. They are making sounds like incomprehensible radio chatter. They depart at great speed, leaving circular imprints behind. ("[UFO Flap 1978: Italian Style](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Sept./Oct. 1979): 15)
- 1978**, September 7 — 1:00 a.m. A college student in Dayton, Ohio, sees two bright orange lights, closely spaced horizontally. They remain stationary for 2 minutes, then dim and begin to move for 2–3 minutes. ("[This One's 50-50](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 11)
- 1978**, September 7 — 8:40 p.m. Many people in the San Michele boarding house in Sassello, Savona, Italy, see a large luminous object hovering above La Carta to the east. The boarding house owner, Piera Viacava, switches on the TV, but the picture is distorted. The light moves south for a few minutes. Franco Viacava drives off in a Fiat with two friends toward the light, but their engine loses power and slows down. The radio and tape player also malfunction briefly. A French woman driving in the area has her car stopped as the object hovers suddenly above her. Her dog barks until the light goes away and the car resumes working. ("[UFO Flap 1978: Italian Style](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Oct./Nov. 1979): 15)
- 1978**, September 9 — 8:35 p.m. Airline pilots flying over the Mediterranean about 88 miles east of Barcelona, Spain, watch some unidentified lights for 35 minutes. Personnel from Barcelona Air Control Center maintain a conversation with the pilots but detect no targets on their radar screens. (Swords 434–435)
- 1978**, September 10 — 8:30 p.m. Richard Renne is flying his single-engine Beechcraft Bonanza at 9,500 feet southeast at 170 mph near Bakersfield, Missouri, when he sees a yellowish-white light descending from 15,000 feet. It follows him behind his right wing, then shoots up to 20,000 feet in a perfectly straight trajectory. It moves back to his 3 o'clock position before it shoots off upward. ("[But This One's Good](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 11)
- 1978**, September 10 — 10:15 p.m. A stationary formation of several dozen lights is seen at Dearborn Heights, Michigan, for 15 minutes before it disappears. ("[Michigan NL](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 11–12)
- 1978**, September 13 — 9:30 p.m. Angelo Ciompi watches a reddish disc moving in the eastern sky above Spinetta Marengo, Italy. It stops abruptly, drops down, and is lost to sight behind some houses. A column of flames rises up from the spot. Ciompi and others rush to the area and see a fire burning in the brushwood-covered wasteland. Firemen put out the blaze, but the area is overflowed by lights in the evening that descend and ascend at the site. (Paolo Toselli and Edoardo Russo, "[Three Landings in Italy](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 5 (March 1979): 6–8, 13; "[UFO Flap 1978: Italian Style](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Oct./Nov. 1979): 15)
- 1978**, September 14 — 6:00 a.m. Hundreds of witnesses all over Italy, from Sicily to Florence, watch a luminous projectile moving northward. Italian ufologists are calling it a UFO rather than a meteor because a few accounts have it moving in a different direction or appearing to stop briefly. Probable meteor. ("[UFO Flap 1978: Italian Style](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Oct./Nov. 1979): 15)
- 1978**, September 15 — 2:30 a.m. A 31-year-old woman is lying in bed awake for 30 minutes at her home in Delano, Tennessee, when a funny feeling makes her look outside. She stands at the south window looking out at fields and sees a bright moon and an object with lights in a long shape, red and pink as if on fire, in the southwest. Two "normal" men dressed in white suits can be seen about 300 feet from the window, but it is too dark for details. They start moving toward the house, but then stop and turn back. The UFO comes in fast at this point very close

to the ground, then leaves quickly, climbing to the west. ("[Tennessee Humanoids?](#)" *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 12; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), May 15, 2010)

- 1978, September 15 — 4:00 a.m. A 26-year-old secretary is awakened in Carpentersville, Illinois, by a whirring sound. She goes to the bedroom window to look outside. The noise stops, but then she sees the figure of a 6-foot tall man. He is dressed in a silvery suit. Several feet away from him she sees a small, silver, domed disc (about 3 feet wide by 2 feet tall) sitting on the edge of the grass. It is opaque and smooth and the source of the whirring sound. The witness then screams at her husband to wake up, and her dog starts barking furiously. They both try to phone the police but the phone is not working. When the police arrive 15 minutes later, both the visitor and the UFO are gone. ("[Stuffing a 6-Foot Ufonaut into a 2-Foot UFO](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 12; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), October 27, 2009)
- 1978, September 16 — 1:30 a.m. Stephen Colclough and his girlfriend are driving through Dilhorne, Staffordshire, England, when they notice a red and white light moving across the sky. Suddenly an enormous black object looms up in front of them, completely silent, and shoots a powerful searchlight beam for at least 3 seconds. ("UFO Shot a Beam of Light at Our Car: Claim," *Stoke-on-Trent (UK) Evening Sentinel*, September 16, 1978; Marler [102](#))
- 1978, September 17 — 8:00 p.m. Hairdresser Rivo Faralli hears an explosion like a rifle shot at Torrita di Siena, Italy. He goes to visit his mother on the other side of town, who has also heard the noise and seen a flash of light that causes the lights and TV to go out. When Faralli is driving home at 9:00 p.m. on the Via Pié agli Orti, the engine and lights of his car die. He feels paralyzed as he watches a domed disc come near and float inches from the ground. The dome opens up and two 3.5-foot-tall beings emerge, floating 4 inches from the ground. They are wearing green one-piece suits; their helmets have clear visors and two small spiraling antennas. Their faces look like green-skinned skulls through the visors. Faralli watches them make a full circle around the car without noise or gesture, then return to the UFO, which rises up several yards, seemingly propelled by three red, orange, and blue-colored beams, and shoots off vertically. The car starts on its own. He returns to the site the following day and finds three burn marks in the unpaved road. Digging into the ground, he finds the earth carbonized to a depth of 8 inches. Soil samples are taken to the European Atomic Energy Community labs at Ispra, which finds that the road material has been burned by a temperature less than 500° Celsius, and not by a bonfire or hydrocarbon fuels. (Roberto Pinotti, "[Landing, E.M. Effects, and Entities at Torrita di Siena](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1979): 3–6; Maurizio Verga, "[Another CEIII Report from Italy](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1979): 6–7; "[UFO Flap 1978: Italian Style](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Sept./Oct. 1979): 15–16; Richard Hall, "[Italian UFO Wave of 1978](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 153 (November 1980): 12, 13; Richard H. Hall, *Uninvited Guests*, 1988, p. [297](#); UFOEv II 495–496; Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 18; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), January 15, 2012; 1Pinotti 220–223)
- 1978, September 18 — 3:30 p.m. Giorgio Filiputti is fishing in the Corno river at the point where the Zumiel irrigation canal runs into it south of San Giorgio di Nogaro, Udine, Italy, when he hears a whistling sound, sees vegetation rustling, and feels a blast of air. Climbing up the riverbank to investigate, he sees a domed disc about 13–16 feet in diameter that is resting on a mudflat 66 feet away. The object is brassy or yellowish metallic with telescopic legs that terminate in flat pads. A figure about 3.5 feet tall appears from behind the dome, walking around the rim. It wears tight-fitting coveralls of scaly, silvery material that sparkles in the sunlight. It wears boots, has two containers at waist level, and white gloves. Its face is dark bronze with almond-shaped eyes and large pupils. The entity stares at the shocked Filiputti. After a few minutes it begins walking again, stoops down, and works on a horseshoe-shaped protrusion on the dome. Finally, it continues walking around to the other side. Filiputti hears a rumbling sound and a piercing whistle as the object begins to rise, withdrawing its landing gear. The underside looks like it has a grid pattern, and it emits a bluish glow like a tongue of flame. When it reaches an altitude of 33 feet, it turns on edge and speeds out of sight to the southwest. He has been watching it for about 6 minutes. Three circular imprints about 20 inches in diameter are found in the dry mud and sand. (Antonio Chiumiento, "[The Little Oriental Airman': Another Remarkable C.E.III Case in Italy](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 28, no. 5 (June 1983): 3–8; UFOEv II 496–498; 1Pinotti 223–230)
- 1978, September 20 — 3:40 p.m. G. W. Schoen is spreading fertilizer on a farm near Westminster, Maryland, when he notices a gray, pear-shaped object tilted at an angle and flying above the edge of a wooded area. He can see plates, girders, cylinders, and other structures on it. Schoen senses that it is exerting a mild "pulling" force on him. It is visible for 30–35 seconds before it passes behind a cloud. He estimates it is 340–350 feet long. ("[Correspondence](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1982): 4)
- 1978, September 20 — 5:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Hundreds of people watch a white, roughly triangular object over Tuscany, Italy. It moves northeast and turns red. Probable balloon. ("[UFO Flap 1978: Italian Style](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Oct./Nov. 1979): 16–17)

- 1978, September 21** — 8:00 p.m. A young man walking near a yard in Cosenza, Calabria, Italy, sees the area illuminated as if by daylight. The surrounding blocks are lost to view. On a hill he sees an oval object and a human shape with two antennae. Frightened, he runs away but falls as four humanoids come closer to him by jumps. He faints, and when he comes to he is surrounded by four entities wearing buttoned jackets, a rucksack, and helmets with antennae. Their hands look like pincers. He faints again and wakes up at 8:30 p.m., but the UFO and entities are gone. (Paolo Fiorino, "[Le Abduction in Italia](#)," *UFO: Rivista di Informazione Ufologica*, no. 5 (June 1988): 35, 36–37; Paolo Fiorino, Gian Paolo Grassino, and Antonio Chiumiento, "[Abductions in Italy](#)," *IUR* 14, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1989): 15; Pinotti 230)
- 1978, September 23** — Around 3:00 a.m. Carlos Acevedo and Miguel Ángel Moya, two Chilean racecar drivers, are driving a Citroën CG on the flat pampas south of Bahia Blanca, Argentina, stragglers on the final leg of a 39-day stock car race. They are driving at about 60 mph, headed north on Highway 3, about 19 miles north of Carmen de Patagones. They notice a yellow and violet light shining in their rear-view mirror, approaching fast. Suddenly, the engine and headlights quit, then the car is lifted 13–15 feet off the road and set down again seemingly one minute later at a considerable distance away. They see a yellow cone of light retreating in the distance; it then changes shape to an oval that continues west and disappears in the distance. Moya's hands are shaking and he has difficulty breathing; Acevedo's legs appear to have gone asleep. At 5:10 a.m., they stop in Pedro Luro to take stock and find that it has taken 2 hours and 20 minutes to travel a distance that should have taken only 1 hour and 15 minutes. Their reserve gasoline tank, recently filled, is completely empty. They report the incident to Inspector Daniel Osimi at the Pedro Luro police station. ("[Car Levitation and E-M Case](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 130 (September 1978): 6; "[UFO Participates in Rally](#)," *Crónica* (Buenos Aires), September 24, 1978, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 112 (November 1978): 15–16; "[Precisions on Another Very Close Encounter](#)," *Crónica* (Buenos Aires), September 25, 1978, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 112 (November 1978): 16; "[El incidente del Rally: ¿Una teleportación?](#)" *UFO Press*, no. 9 (October 1978): 32–42; *San Diego (Calif.) Union*, November 14, 1978; "[Close Encounters Thrill Latins](#)," *Detroit (Mich.) Free Press*, November 22, 1978, p. 6C; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 2; Guillermo C. Roncoroni, "[The Rally Incident: A Teleportation?](#)" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 140 (October 1979): 8–11; Richard H. Hall, *Uninvited Guests*, 1988, pp. 49–52, 297–298; UFOEv II 225; Dwight Connelly, "[Teleportation Event a Part of Several UFO Cases](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 404 (December 2001): 6, 8; Patrick Gross, "[URECAT: UFO Related Entities Catalog](#)," October 4, 2009; "[Ecuador: UFOs at the 1978 Rally?](#)" *Inexplicata: The Journal of Hispanic Ufology* blog, March 16, 2010; "[Expediente policial del incidente OVNI del Rally de 1978](#)," *Visión OVNI*, January 26, 2014; "[Argentina: Police Report Documents 1978 UFO Teleportation](#)," *Inexplicata: The Journal of Hispanic Ufology* blog, January 30, 2014; "[OVNIs: Caso de los pilotos abducidos en un rally](#)," *Están Aquí* YouTube channel, August 1, 2018; "[Archivo OVNI: Caso pilotos del Rally en Argentina abducidos en 1978, Parte 1](#)," *El Viajero Dimensional* YouTube channel, May 11, 2020; "[Archivo OVNI: Caso pilotos del Rally en Argentina abducidos en 1978, Parte 2](#)," *El Viajero Dimensional* YouTube channel, May 11, 2020; "[El misterio de los pilotos de rally transportados por un ovni en Pedro Luro](#)," *El Orden* (Coronel Pringles, Argentina), October 19, 2020; Javier Zamorano, "[¿OVNI o trampa maestra?: La Historia de los pilotos chilenos 'abducidos' que conmocionó al Mundo Rally](#)," *Radio Bío-Bío* (Chile), December 31, 2022; Jackson Camargo, "[O Fantástico Caso Pedro Luro](#)," *Portal Fenomenum*, January 30, 2023)
- 1978, September 23** — 1:28 p.m. A man is driving past a cattle lot 2 miles north of Dexter, Iowa, when he sees a silver cigar-shaped object 150 feet above the ground. He jumps out of his truck and tries to get underneath it as it hovers, but it moves off to the northeast and is gone in less than a minute. ("[Another Daylight Cigar](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 12)
- 1978, September 23–24** — Around 12:00 midnight. Two cable car technicians at the Bâlea Lake resort, Romania, are awakened by a red light visible through dense fog. It is apparently coming from an object some 30 feet outside their window. The light disappears. At the same time, at a military barracks on the site where soldiers have been assigned work duties, Cpl. Ioan Dörr gets up and goes outside for a drink of water from a tap at the corner of the building and sees a dark, motionless silhouette only a few feet away. It persists for at least another 5 minutes. The next evening at 11:45 p.m., Sgt. Ion Radu notices a dark figure about 8 feet tall moving slowly on a mound some 65 feet away. Noticing that something had broken open the shutters of their barracks windows, some of the soldiers begin throwing stones at it. Radu approaches to within 4 feet of the figure and raises a club to hit it, but he feels a hot blast and falls backward into the snow. Two other soldiers with him remain paralyzed for a few seconds. The entity moves away with kind of a floating motion. Radu remains unconscious for about 10 minutes as the soldiers try to resuscitate him. Five soldiers see a "wreath of lights" at the spot where the figure had stood and others hear mysterious scratching at the window shutters. The next morning they find four parallel scratches

on the shutters about 4 inches apart. The soldiers all decide to spend the next night at a nearby resort. (Romania 130–132)

1978, September 24 — 5:30 p.m. Two witnesses see a silver oval moving from east to west in Vineland, New Jersey. (“[Daylight Oval](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 13)

1978, September 26 — 12:05 a.m. A 19-year-old grocery worker is driving on Lunn Road in Strongsville, Ohio, when she sees on her left a flat-domed disc edge on. She stops her car, and the object moves closer. When it is right in front of her car over the road, her FM radio gets lost in static for 10–15 seconds and her headlights flash off for one second. Then the object slowly rises up and flies off out of sight to her right. (“[Another EM Story](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 13)

1978, September 27 — 8:00 a.m. Katarzyna Kolińska is on her way to school in Przyrownica from Magnusy, Poland, when she sees a bright flash of light near a mountain. The children who arrive at the school before classes go to a small nearby grove of trees to play. There they encounter a strange man, 5.5 feet tall with a green face and dark costume, who is walking through the forest 30 feet away. He turns to face the children, and they panic and run back to school, one child losing his shoe in the rush. The teacher returns with some of the children to the spot, but student Anna Jarocińska goes in the wrong direction and meets only 480 feet from the school a being whose face is a “featureless mask.” (Poland 43–45; “[Bliskie spotkanie w Przyrownicy w 1978 roku](#),” UFO-Relacje.pl, February 8, 2020; “[Spotkania z UFO w Przyrownicy i Golinie: To powinien być kolejny dowód w sprawie Emilcina \(1978\)](#),” Fundacja Nautilus, July 3, 2021, and [[case documents](#)])

1978, September 27 — 1:00 p.m. Henryk Marciniak is picking mushrooms in the forest near Golina, Poland. He notices a strange landed object standing on four legs about 330 feet away in a clearing. When he rides over to investigate, a door opens and two small beings with unpleasant faces and greenish skin emerge, walking down some steps that have appeared. They approach him, one poking at the motorcycle and the other holding a device like a camera. The first one takes his bag of mushrooms. Marciniak shakes hands with them and tries to indicate the mushrooms are edible and the bike is for riding. Suddenly a buzzing sound comes from the object. The two entities go back inside and the object takes off and disappears. Many years later Marciniak denies the story, possibly because he wants to be left alone. (Poland 45–46; “[Bliskie spotkanie w Golinie w 1978 roku](#),” UFO-Relacje.pl, February 8, 2020; “[Spotkania z UFO w Przyrownicy i Golinie: To powinien być kolejny dowód w sprawie Emilcina \(1978\)](#),” Fundacja Nautilus, July 3, 2021, and [[case documents](#)])

1978, September 27 — 7:25 p.m. Two witnesses see a formation of lights above a suburban forest preserve in Gurnee, Illinois. One steady red light is on top, two steady yellow lights are below them, and one blue flashing light is seen briefly. It suddenly drops halfway to the ground and back up again in 5 seconds before moving off to the north. (“[Illinois NL](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 13)

1978, September 28 — 2:00 a.m. Two women driving south through a residential area of Omaha, Nebraska, see a dark cone-shaped object approaching her from the right. It has three bright white lights on the bottom. The object slows down, flying low, and the witnesses pass by it. A pre-recorded tape in the car’s player gets completely erased as this happens, even though other tapes in a box are not affected. (“[A ‘Zapped’ Cassette](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 13)

1978, September 28 — 7:20 p.m. A man in Kettering, Ohio, spots a grayish cigar reflecting the light of the setting sun. Flying silently with its long dimension in the direction of travel, it seems to be 10,000 feet or lower. (“[What’s Going on in Ohio? Another Daylight Cigar!](#)” *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 13)

1978, September 29 — A resident Indian woman sees a disc-shaped object take off from the Groendal Nature Reserve near Uitenhage, Eastern Cape, South Africa. (Cynthia Hind, “[The Groendal Reserve Affair](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 131 (October 1978): 5–10)

1978, October — John Acuff’s mismanagement of NICAP (destruction of the reporting network, loss of members, paying himself a \$20,000 contractor’s fee) leads to his resignation as director. Acuff remains on the board and keeps the case files in his personal possession. He is replaced by Alan Hall, a retired CIA employee who accepts the position after a number of other ex-CIA men are offered the job. Support for Hall on the NICAP board comes from Charles Lombard, an aide to Sen. [Barry Goldwater](#) and a former covert CIA employee. Lombard and John Fisher are voted onto the board. (ClearIntent, [p. 207](#); Richard H. Hall, “[The Quest for the Truth about UFOs: A Personal Perspective on the Role of NICAP](#),” in *1994 MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1994, pp. 185–201; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 397)

1978, October? — 12:00 noon. Two Chilean F-5 aircraft piloted by Capt. Hernán Gabrielli Rojas and Danilo Catalán Fariás are on a training mission near Mejillones, Chile. Both pilots see a radar target that gives a return equal to 10 aircraft carriers. Ground radar at Cerro Moreno airport [now Andrés Sabella Gálvez International Airport] in Antofagasta picks up the object and confirms its large size. The pilots continue to fly south between 30,000–

35,000 feet. At a distance of 20 miles, they see an object “like a plantain banana” swathed in smoke. They approach it cautiously with their gun cameras on, but the UFO disappears at a huge speed to the west, heading toward Easter Island, vanishing from all three radar screens. Duration is 5 minutes. (Martin Shough and Wim van Utrecht, “[Antofagasta, Chile: October 1978](#),” *Caelestia*, October 31, 2018)

- 1978, October 2 — 11:15 a.m. Four students, ages 12–16, from Despatch, Eastern Cape, South Africa, are hiking in the Groendal Nature Reserve when they see a silver object on the ground. About 900 feet to the west of it are two beings in silver suits that seem to glide without walking. A third being joins them, holding a silver “suitcase,” and they glide along a fence along a steep incline a short way before vanishing. The silver object disappears too. Later, three forest workers find 7-inch oval footprints about one mile from the site. On October 18, three South African police officers and two trackers visit the encounter site and find a large area of depressed grass with 8 symmetrical marks around its perimeter and 4 marks within the oval area. (Cynthia Hind, “[The Groendal Reserve Affair](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 131 (October 1978): 5–10; Cynthia Hind, “[An In-Depth Examination of Recent South African UFO Reports](#),” *Southern UFO News*, no. 8 (July 1979): 3–6; “[South African CE III](#),” *IUR* 5, no. 1a (January 1980): 7; Cynthia Hind, *UFOs: African Encounters*, Gemini, 1982, pp. 138–152; Cynthia Hind, “[UFOs through Innocent Eyes](#),” in John Spencer and Hilary Evans, eds., *Phenomenon: From Flying Saucers to UFOs: Forty Years of Facts and Research*, Avon, 1989, pp. 355–358; Cynthia Hind, “[Editorial](#),” *UFO Afrinews*, no. 22 (July 2000): 2–4)
- 1978, October 6 — 3:00 a.m. Two witnesses driving west on US Highway 87 halfway between Capulin and Des Moines, New Mexico, see an octagonal object several times larger than the moon with light shining through sections of it. As it passes above their car, it seems to be metallic. (“[The Octagonal Tank](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 14)
- 1978, October 7 — A woman is driving with her 13-year-old nephew near San Cataldo, Sicily, Italy, when one of her tires has a blow-out. She repairs the tire but cannot start the car again. Above at an altitude of 50 feet, she sees a silver object resembling a plate turned upside down, about 65 feet in diameter. It emits a strong light, and the bottom has a transparent door through which she can see three or four shadows passing behind it. The UFO leaves quickly with a humming sound after 5–10 minutes. (Maurizio Verga, “[La vague italienne de 1978 \(Deuxième Partie\)](#),” *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 210 (December 1981): 32; Patrick Gross, *URECAT*, November 17, 2009; Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#),” *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 20)
- 1978, October 7 — 6:30 p.m. Two truck drivers on US Highway 224 near Lodi, Ohio, see a tight formation of pink/red lights flashing on and off floating toward them to the north. They both stop to get out and look. All four lights break formation and move off in different directions, disappearing in seconds. (“[Intriguing Ohio NL’s](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 14)
- 1978, October 8 — 7:00–9:00 a.m. A very small object is seen resting in a field 300 feet from the [Marlett Sturgell](#) farmhouse near Jenkins, Missouri. For 2 hours it is watched intermittently by his wife [Dora](#), son Norman, son-in-law, and two others, all members of the Sturgell family. At 9:00 a.m., it ascends and moves off to the northwest. The witnesses then notice a larger, more distant object, wingless, hovering in the sky. The small object heads directly toward it and either flies under it or enters into it. It moves away rapidly and disappears. (“[Physical Trace Case in Missouri](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 12 (December 1978): 11–13; Donald L. Seneker and George M. Koch, “[Missouri Landing-Trace Case](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 135 (May 1979): 3–7; Herbert S. Taylor, “[Satellite Objects: A Further Look](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 26)
- 1978, October 8 — 10:30 a.m. Teenager Franklin Youri takes a photo of an unusual object behind his home near Lake Urmia, Iran. It appears just above the line of the roof, and its shape is similar to the May 13 Iranian photo. (“[Interesting Newly Discovered Photo from Iran](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 7 (July 1981): 1, 3; “[Sheraz, Iran, October 8, 1978](#),” *Popular Mechanics*, July 1998, p. 64)
- 1978, October 8 — 5:11 p.m. A couple in Huntington Park, California, watch a huge black disc at a high altitude moving toward the Sierra Madre Mountains in the northeast. (“[Who Else Saw This Monstrous Disc?](#)” *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 14)
- 1978, October 8 — 7:10 p.m. A student takes a photo of a distant daylight disc from his home, 2 miles east of Anderson, South Carolina. (“[UFO Photo](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 14–15)
- 1978, October 8 — 10:40 p.m. Elfed Williams is driving south on the A5025 near Penysarn, Anglesey, Wales, when he sees an orange light that passes overhead and hovers in the southwest. He stops at a friend’s house in the village and they continue to watch the light, which increases in size and is still hovering silently at about 200 feet. At first it looks like two saucers joined at the rims by a black band, but when it begins approaching the witnesses, it takes on the shape of an orange-hued triangle. It moves away then shoots off at a fast speed, (Kevin Babbs, “[Expanding UFO over Anglesey](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1979): 23–24)
- 1978, October 8 — 11:30 p.m. A Mr. and Mrs. Trantor are driving along the A580 near Lowton, England, when their headlight beams catch a figure standing in the grassy strip between the two lanes. It is well over 6 feet tall and

- dressed in a silver-foil reflective suit. It is immersed in orange light. Stunned, they drive past it. ("[Close Encounter of the Third Kind \(?\)](#)," *Northern UFO News*, no. 55 (December 1978): 8; Jenny Randles, "[Fake Photographs, Real Sightings](#)," *IUR* 11, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1986): 8–9; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), April 26, 2012)
- 1978, October 10** — 6:35 a.m. A chemistry professor in Agoura Hills, California, goes outside to observe Jupiter and sees another bright object to the south of it. It is moving slowly and soon splits into two lights, one brighter than the other. They spread apart and move away at different speeds. ("[Another Nocturnal Light That Split Up](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 15)
- 1978, October 10** — 9:30 p.m. A Mrs. Grime and her two sons, 15 and 21, see a silvery disc ringed by flashing white lights near their home in Leigh, England. They can see three bumps on its underside. It makes a faint humming sound as it moves overhead. (Jenny Randles, "[Fake Photographs, Real Sightings](#)," *IUR* 11, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1986): 9)
- 1978, Mid-October** — Around 7:30 a.m. A witness is taking photographs of eagles by the Peña Palomera road (A-1501) at the entrance of a canyon near Jaraba, Zaragoza, Spain. He hears a faint buzzing, begins to feel uneasy, and notices that his camera and watch are warm. He turns around and sees an oval object surrounded by small antennas about 65 feet away. He estimates it is about 16 feet in diameter. He also sees two humanoids about 6 feet tall wearing blue-gray suits. One is bent over a tube in the ground, and the other carries a box above which a sphere seems to float. The buzzing noise stops and the tube carrier gesture to the witness, who approaches and feels a sensation of heat. He asks if they need help, but he hears his own voice as "distorted." The other entity pulls the tube out of the ground, and they both go inside the object. The buzzing begins again, louder, and the object rises in the air. He takes 2–3 photos before it speeds away and the buzzing stops. He notices a small, funnel-shaped hole in the ground where the tube had been. A metallic taste in his mouth persists for 2 days. The photos do not develop and the film appears fogged. (F. Louange and J. L. Casero, "[Unusual Encounter in Jaraba, Spain](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 2 (August 1980): 4–5)
- 1978, October 20** — Dusk. Kate Chmurny, an archaeologist at Plymouth State College in New Hampshire, watches a triangular object flying at 30 mph northward along Interstate 93 at a height of 100 feet above the Pemigewasset River floodplain in Campton, New Hampshire. It is about 20 feet wide and completely silent, moving by raising and lowering one side. The object has a single bright white light on the underside and rows of red and greenish lights along the edges that reflect against a metallic surface. (Joseph K. Long, "[Letter](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 2 (April/May 1983): 5–8)
- 1978, October 21** — 7:06 p.m. Australian pilot [Frederick Valentich](#), 20, is on a 145-mile training flight in a Cessna 182L light aircraft over Bass Strait between Moorabbin, Victoria, and King Island. He radios Melbourne air traffic control to report that an unidentified aircraft is following him at 4,500 feet. He is told there is no known traffic at that level. Valentich can see a large, unknown aircraft that appears to be illuminated by four bright landing lights. He is unable to confirm its type but says it has passed about 1,000 feet overhead and is moving at high speed. Then he says the aircraft is approaching him from the east, thinking that the other pilot might be purposely toying with him. The other aircraft is "orbiting" above him. It has a shiny metal surface and a green light on it. Then he begins experiencing engine problems. Asked to identify the aircraft, Valentich radios, "It's not an aircraft." His transmission is then interrupted by unidentified noise described as being "metallic, scraping sounds" before all contact is lost. A sea and air search is undertaken that includes oceangoing ship traffic, an RAAF Lockheed P-3 Orion aircraft, plus eight civilian aircraft. The search encompasses more than 1,000 square miles. Search efforts cease on October 25 without result. A Department of Transport investigation into the disappearance is unable to determine the cause, but it is "presumed fatal" for Valentich. In 1983, an engine cowl flap is found washed ashore on Flinders Island. In July 1983, the Bureau of Air Safety Investigation asks the Royal Australian Navy Research Laboratory about the likelihood that the cowl flap might have traveled to its final position from the area where the aircraft disappeared. The bureau notes that "the part has been identified as having come from a Cessna 182 aircraft between a certain range of serial numbers." which includes Valentich's aircraft. At least 15 other UFOs are reported between midday and 9:00 p.m., six in Victoria, one on King Island, and others further away. Roy Manifold, vacationing at Crayfish Bay, Cape Otway, Victoria, inadvertently takes two photos of peculiar black objects just 20 minutes before Valentich reported his sighting. (Wikipedia, "[Disappearance of Frederick Valentich](#)"; "[Missing Pilot Reported UFO 'Playing with Cessna'](#)," *Canberra Times*, October 23, 1978, pp. 1, 3; "[Fred Valentich: The Missing Australian Pilot](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 12 (December 1978): 2–10; Bill Chalker, "[The Missing Cessna and the UFO](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 5 (March 1979): 3–5; Richard F. Haines, "[Results of Sound Spectrum Analysis of the Metallic Noises of a Tape-Recorded Radio Transmission between Cessna VH:DSJ and the Flight Service of Melbourne, Australia](#)," *Journal of UFO Studies*, orig. ser. 3 (1983): 14–23; Bill Chalker, "[Vanished? The Valentich Affair Re-examined](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 30, no. 2 (December 1984): 6–12; Richard F. Haines, [Melbourne Episode: Case Study of a Missing Pilot](#), L.D.A. Press, 1987; Good Above, [pp.](#)

[175–182, 461–463](#); Keith Basterfield, Vladimir Godic, and Pony Godic, “[Australian Ufology: A Review](#),” *JUFOS* 2 (1990): 31–32; ClearIntent, [pp. 93–96](#); Bill Chalker, *The Oz Files*, 1996, pp. 168–171; UFOEv II 138–140; Kean, [pp. 54–58](#); Richard F. Haines and Paul Norman, “[Valentich Disappearance: New Evidence and a New Conclusion](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 14, no. 1 (2000): 19–33; Clark III 1208–1212; “[Guido Valentich on the Disappearance of His Pilot Son Frederick after Reporting a UFO, 1978](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, August 5, 2022; “[Roy Manifold Took a Photo of a ‘UFO’ Moments before Pilot Frederick Valentich’s Disappearance, 1978](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, May 31, 2023; “[Leaked ATC Audio: Real Voice of Pilot Frederick Valentich, Who Disappeared after Reporting a UFO](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, June 26, 2024; Clark IV 1384–1388)

- 1978, October 23** — 6:30–8:30 p.m. Some 200 people involved in 67 sighting reports watch a lighted delta-shaped UFO slowly circling over Leicestershire and Warwickshire, England. East Midlands Airport confirms they have nothing on radar, but affirms that the crew and passengers of an inbound Air Malta flight landing around 7:26 p.m. have reported a UFO with three large spotlights. (“[Dozens Report ‘UFO’ Sighting](#),” *Nuneaton (UK) Evening Tribune*, October 25, 1978, via *APCIC Clipping Service* 4, no. 2 (February 1979): 34; “[200 Report Seeing UFO](#),” *Leicester (UK) Mercury*, October 30, 1978, via *APCIC Clipping Service* 4, no. 2 (February 1979): 34; “[Is There Anybody out There?](#)” *Leicester (UK) Mercury*, April 28, 1982, via *APCIC Clipping Service* 7, no. 6 (June 1982): 8–9; “[Throwing a Light on UFO](#),” *Leicester (UK) Mercury*, December 2, 1985, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 199 (February 1986): 12; “[New Projects](#),” *UFO Times*, no. 42 (July/Aug. 1996): 15; Marler [103, 120](#); Jenny Randles, “Return of the Silent Vulcan,” *Fortean Times* 418 (May 2022): 27)
- 1978, October 23** — 10:04 p.m. Chinese Air Force pilots are attending an outdoor film screening at Lintao Air Base, Gansu province, China, when an elongated object with two searchlights and a glowing tail appears in the sky moving to the west. Chinese Air Force pilot Zhou Qingtong says it is large and close to the ground. They watch it for 2–3 minutes as it circles above them. A report in the CIA files indicates it is flying at 20,000 feet, varying from witness reports. (“[UFO Report from China](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 2 (February 1981): 5; “[A Close Encounter with Unpleasant Consequences](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 28, no. 4 (March 1983): 25; Wendelle Stevens and Paul Dong, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archives, 1983, pp. 119–120; Good Above, [pp. 213–214](#))
- 1978, October 25** — 5:00 a.m. Giuseppe di Giovanni, a 51-year-old farmer, is in search of a stray cow in the hills of San Donato di Tagliacozzo, Abruzzo, Italy, when he comes to an open field and spots a large light-brown object shaped like a shoeshine box on the ground. Lighted windows surround the craft. He approaches to within 3 feet and sees 6–7 humanoid beings inside. They are small and humanlike, both male and female. The women are blonde and have beautiful pink skin. They smile at him. The men are uglier, have darker skin, and appear elderly. They ignore him. Frightened, he runs behind a bush. When he looks out again, the object is gone. (“[UFO Flap 1978: Italian Style](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Sept./Oct. 1979): 17–18; 1Pinotti 238–239)
- 1978, October 25** — The US Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act creates a “secret federal court” (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court) for issuing wiretap warrants in national security cases. This is in response to findings from the Watergate break-in, which allegedly uncovers a history of presidential operations that has used surveillance on domestic and foreign political organizations. (Wikipedia, “[Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act](#)”)
- 1978, October 26** — Night. RCMP Constable James Blackwood receives a report about a UFO hovering above Random Island across from Clarendville, Newfoundland. He heads down to the waterfront and sees an object about 200 feet above the sound. He observes it for nearly two hours with binoculars and a high-powered scope. It is soundless, oval, and has a fin on its tail. When Blackwood flashes the lightbar on his cruiser, the object mimics it by flashing some lights of its own. (“[ICYMI: Story of UFO Sighting in Newfoundland Town Is in Mint Condition](#),” Saltwire, October 8, 2020)
- 1978, October 28** — 10:45 p.m. Joyce Blackburn is putting out milk bottles on the step of her bungalow on the south side of Warrington, England. She sees a strange light hovering above the Fiddler’s Ferry Power Station. Her husband and two children also watch the UFO until it starts pulsating and moving away. Its glow is so bright that their eyes hurt in looking at it through binoculars. It vanishes, then reappears heading toward them at an angle. They can see it is a disc with a dome on top, tilted slightly toward them. As it passes over their heads, they hear a faint humming noise and can see three orange bumps in a triangular formation on its underside. It moves away to the northeast toward another power station. Total duration is 7 minutes. (Jenny Randles, “[Fake Photographs, Real Sightings](#),” *IUR* 11, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1986): 10–11)
- 1978, October 29** — 11:15 p.m. Janet Fletcher is stopped at a traffic light in Woolston, Cheshire, England, when she gets static on her radio for a few seconds. She sees a bell-shaped object to the east hovering above a rail line. It has a bright light on top and rings of light circling the base, which has three glowing inset lights or bumps. After 30 seconds, it tilts at an angle and begins to move away, apparently descending. She moves forward when the light

changes, but she does not see it again. (Jenny Randles, "[Fake Photographs, Real Sightings](#)," *IUR* 11, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1986): 9)

1978, October 30 — 6:30 p.m. Two teenagers see a triangular UFO over a field in Sherman, Texas. The object shoots a blue light at the witnesses, temporarily blinding them. ("[Sherman Youth 'Sights' UFO](#)," *Denison (Tex.) Herald*, October 31, 1978, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 114 (January 1979): 1)

1978, November 1 — A new civilian UFO "initiative group" holds its inaugural seminar at Moscow University in Russia. It is directed by former navy officer and ufologist [Vladimir G. Azhazha](#) with the assistance of Nikita A. Schnee. Launched under the auspices of the A. S. Popov Scientific and Technical Society for Radio, Electronics, and Communications, members include [Lev M. Gindilis](#) of the Sternberg State Astronomical Institute in Moscow, Vice Admiral M. M. Krylov, space technician Y. G. Nazarov, and cosmonaut [Yevgeny Khrunov](#). At the seminar, some individuals storm into the auditorium and disrupt the meeting; university officials ask the group to leave. Schnee claims that [Felix Ziegel](#) is responsible for the disruption in order to thwart the activities of civilian researchers. (Nikita A. Schnee, "[Ufology in the USSR](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 1 (June 1981): 8–10)

1978, November 1 — The Air Force decides to produce an F-117A stealth fighter based on the mostly successful tests of Have Blue aircraft at Tonopah Test Range in Nevada. The contract goes to Lockheed's Skunk Works. ("[Lockheed F-117 Nighthawk](#)")

1978, November 1 — 7:45 p.m. [Jenny Randles](#)'s father is getting static on his VHF radio channel at their home in Irlam, Greater Manchester, England. Shortly afterward, they both hear a loud roar. She looks out the window and sees a row of four white lights that drift slowly past from west to east. An hour later, Randles goes outside and talks to 9 children who have been playing outside. They have seen the object too. It is diamond shaped and framed by lights that do not flash. Some report three lights or bumps on the underside. (Jenny Randles, "[Fake Photographs, Real Sightings](#)," *IUR* 11, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1986): 9–10)

1978, November 7 — 9:30 p.m. A witness traveling west on US Highway 20 near South Bend, Indiana, notices a bright light in the sky, much larger than a star. Suddenly it moves directly to the south of her location at a fast rate of speed. As it approached, it disappears and she hears a tremendous roar that shakes the ground. Suddenly, an object banks directly in front of her car about 90 feet away and no more than 20 feet above the ground, making a slow, deliberate turn, then hovering or moving slowly and silently in front of her, then passing behind her car. It is ringed with small windows and has alternating and flashing blue and red lights near each window. She turns around but loses sight of it. ("[Recently Received Sighting Reports](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 4 (April 1981): 6)

1978, November 8 — 5:30 p.m. While fishing in the Adriatic Sea off San Benedetto del Tronto, Marche, Italy, on board the *Exodus*, three fishermen—Flaviano Mattiucci, Gennaro Mattiucci, and Dino Focaracci—see, at low altitude and for a few seconds, a red and yellow spherical light. After emerging from the sea, it seems to return into it, after rising and falling from the sky. About one hour later, the radar of another fishing boat, the *Andrea Padre*, reports a moving submerged object, which appears to follow the vessel. (NICAP, "[Ship Tracks Submerged Object / Boat Observes Light](#)")

1978, November 9 — The CIA contacts the NSA with a referral of 15 UFO documents for review for possible declassification through the GSW lawsuit. (ClearIntent, [p. 181](#))

1978, November 10 — A cylinder-shaped UFO "bigger than a jumbo jet" with a large dome and flashing lights appears over the northern oil fields of the Kuwaiti Oil Company at Umm al-Aish, Kuwait, causing the pumping station to automatically shut down. It lands and remains on the ground for seven minutes. When the UFO vanishes, the pump starts working again. There are seven witnesses, one of them an American. This and other sightings compel the government of Kuwait to appoint a committee of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research to investigate the reports. An Institute representative, Ratib Abu Id, tells US Embassy officials that he has rejected the idea of espionage devices. (NICAP, "[Major UFO/E-M Incidents over Kuwait](#)"; "[Oil Crew Reports UFO in Kuwait](#)," *Detroit (Mich.) Free Press*, November 14, 1978, p. 3; "[UFOs over Kuwait](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 7 (January 1979): 1; "['UFO' Sightings Cause Security Concern in Kuwait](#)," US State Dept. cable, January 29, 1979; "[Kuwaiti Landing](#)," *IUR* 5, no. 1a (January 1980): 6; James McCampbell, "[UFOs: More Engine Effects](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 203 (March 1985): 5; ClearIntent, [p. 90](#); Clark III 662; Clark IV 738)

1978, November 12 — 7:30 p.m. Pilots and control tower personnel see some lights and a circular object with an orange-red light flying above Fiumicino Airport in Rome, Italy, for about 30 seconds. (Stefano Innocenti, "[Ufo nei cieli dell'aeroporto di Fiumicino: Il caso del 1978](#)," *Il Faro* (Fiumicino, Italy), February 19, 2022; Stefano iNNOCENTI, "[Un cold case ufologico di Fiumicino arriva dal passato e ci porta altri interrogativi](#)," *Il Faro* (Fiumicino, Italy), April 8, 2024)

- 1978**, November 13 — 4:00 p.m. Elizabeth McKibben, a British nurse at the Inuit settlement of Black Tickle, Labrador, sees a red-orange light to the west hanging motionless at 1,000 feet above some houses for 30 minutes. A second light appears suddenly and moves underneath the first, and both begin a slow descent and disappear. Several young students also see the object and make drawings of it. A fire had broken out 2 miles west on the tundra about 3 hours before the sighting, apparently caused by “fireballs” hitting the ground. Teacher Stephen MacDonald goes to help put out the fires at Martins Pond, where the tundra is burning in patches [methane outgassing?]. ([“Canadian Trace?”](#) *IUR* 5, no. 1a (January 1980): 6)
- 1978**, November 15 — Four military aircraft are flying over eastern Washington State when an unknown object is detected on radar at 13,000 feet some 40 miles away. One of the jets is ordered to approach the object. The pilot gets a visual confirmation but cannot lock on with his in-flight radar. The interceptor comes within 8 miles of the object but is forced to turn away by low fuel. (Bob Gribble, [“Pilot Sightings and Radar Trackings, Part II,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 186 (August 1983): 11)
- 1978**, November 20 — 9:30 p.m. A female medical technician, her sister, daughter, and two housemaids experience a power failure in their home in a northern suburb of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. They see a bright light in the sky that shoots out bright blue rays. It moves off behind a hill, and two small lights, one yellow, the other reddish, approach from the same hill. The witnesses run upstairs and watch from a window. The lights stop next to a road, the Avenida de los Martires, as a car comes along and illuminates them with its headlights. The women now see that the lights are attached to the abdomens of two flying entities, which appear to be cone-shaped, twice as tall as a normal-sized man, and wearing white translucent sheets. Three silhouettes cross the car’s headlights, and all the lights (including the car’s) go out. The witnesses hear a metallic noise like a garage door. Then the two lights turn on again and fly off. The power in the house returns. The episode lasts 45 minutes. ([“Foreign Forum,”](#) *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 2; Leonte Obijo, [“Los seres de Los Rios, Rep. Dominica,”](#) *Stendek*, no. 38 (December 1979): 20–22; Leonte N. Obijo and Richard W. Heiden, [“Humanoids in the Dominican Republic,”](#) *APRO Bulletin* 30, no. 1 (January 1982): 5, 6; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), December 3, 2009)
- 1978**, November 21 — 5:30 a.m. A UFO appears over a Kuwaiti oilfield at Al-Sabriyah near the Iraqi border. An employee of the company takes photos of it as it passes a water tower and then hovers over the site for 30 minutes. Long-distance communications cease functioning. The internal phone system works, however, and workers are able to alert their boss, who steps outside and sees the object. ([“UFOs over Kuwait,”](#) *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 7 (January 1979): 1, 3; Richard H. Hall, [“UFOs in Arab Nations,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 133 (January/February 1979): 5; [“Kuwaiti Landing,”](#) *IUR* 5, no. 1a (January 1980): 6; UFOEv II 163–164; Clark III 663; Clark IV 738)
- 1978**, November 22 — 5:30 p.m. Elsie Oakensen is driving home to Church Stowe, Northamptonshire, England, on the A5 when she passes beneath a hovering object shaped like a dumbbell with red and green lights. As she turns onto Main Street, her foot is flat on the accelerator but there is no sound from her engine and her car coasts to a halt. Her car lights fail as circles of light dance around the road, illuminating a nearby farmyard. The car restarts, but she only drives about 300 feet when it stops again. She claims the “natural light” disappears and she is enveloped in pure darkness. Then suddenly a white circle of light approximately 3 feet in diameter shines on the road, as if someone has pressed on a switch, the normal light returns, and she drives the car normally. She estimates she has about 15 minutes of missing time. Later, at 7:10 p.m., she feels a tightening sensation around her forehead, one that she remembers having felt just prior to the encounter. At 7:20 p.m., four young women driving through the nearby village of Preston Capes see red and green lights and beams shooting out from clouds as their car engine temporarily loses power. After trying hypnosis with minimal results, Oakensen tries creative visualization at the scene and recovers some abduction memories. (R. Percy, [“Strange Encounter at Church Stowe,”](#) *BUFORA Journal* 8, no. 2 (April 1979): 15–17; [“Car Stop in Northamptonshire,”](#) *Northern UFO News*, no. 63 (August 1979): 5; [“English Woman Encounters a UFO, Which Causes E-M Effects,”](#) *UFO Research Newsletter* 6, no. 10 (Feb./Mar. 1980): 5–6; Jenny Randles, *Alien Abductions: The Mystery Solved*, Inner Light, 1988, [pp. 190–194](#); Elsie Oakensen, [“A Letter to Ufology,”](#) *BUFORA Bulletin*, 2nd ser., no. 8 (Jan./Feb. 1999): 24–25; Elsie Oakensen, [“The Daventry Event: A Personal Perspective,”](#) *BUFORA Bulletin*, 2nd ser., no. 9 (March 1999): 7–14; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), November 13, 2011; Jenny Randles, “Much More Than Marsh Gas,” *Fortean Times* 311 (March 2014): 27; [“UFO Case: Elsie Oakensen, nr Daventry, Northamptonshire,”](#) Cabinet of Shadows, March 31, 2014; [“Elsie Oakensen Talks about Her UFO Encounter and Alien Abduction Experience, Northamptonshire, 1978,”](#) Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, February 2023; [“1978 GB #UFOB Case Elsie Oakensen on Her Sighting Abduction,”](#) Robert G UFO YouTube channel, November 22, 2023)
- 1978**, November 24 — 11:45 a.m. Angelo d’Ambros, 61, is out gathering firewood in a copse near Gallio, Vicenza, Italy, when he comes across two entities just a few feet away from him. One is about 4 feet tall, the other about 8 inches shorter. They are suspended in the air about a foot off the ground. They are extremely thin and have a yellowish

skin that is stretched tightly over their bones. Their heads are bald, and at the sides are enormous ears that rise vertically and end in points. Their eyes are large and white, without eyelids. Their large noses extend down to the lower lip of a sizable mouth from which extend two tusks. They wear tight-fitting coveralls. The smaller one starts moving back and forth from right to left in very quick jerks. Its motion causes a stir in the air, and vegetation rustles as the tips of its ears touch the lower branches of nearby trees. Incomprehensible grumblings come from the mouth of the shorter entity. The taller being reaches one of its long hands to take away d'Ambros's pruning knife. D'Ambros holds on to it tightly, but he feels a strong electric shock. He grabs a large branch and takes a swipe at them as they take flight. D'Ambros runs after them, and he watches them make for a domed UFO resting in a clearing 100 feet away on four landing pods. The entities climb aboard, and the object takes off horizontally at a dizzying speed in absolute silence and disappears behind high fir trees. The next day he returns to the clearing and finds a nearly circular area about 12 feet in diameter in which the grass appears black, pressed, and whirled in a counterclockwise direction. D'Ambros discovers two U-shaped traces about 8 inches long.

(Antonio Chiumiento, "[Gallio: Faccia a faccia con due ufonauti](#)," *Notiziario UFO* 3, no. 4/5 (April/May 1980): 4–9; Antonio Chiumiento, "[Umanoidi a Gallio, Seconda Parte](#)," *Notiziario UFO* 16, no. 99 (May/Dec. 1981): 16–19; "[Weird Humanoids Seen in Northern Italy](#)," *Earthlink*, no. 13 (1983): 16–17; "[Two Humanoids in Gallio](#)," *IUR* 8, no. 3 (May/June 1983): 8–11; IPinotti 241–250)

1978, November 27 — [J. Allen Hynek](#), [Jacques Vallée](#), [Stanton T. Friedman](#), Lawrence J. Coyne, and Grenada Ambassador at Large Wellington Friday speak before the UN Special Political Committee. Grenada seeks to interest the UN in a three-member panel to initiate a formal UFO study program, but its efforts are unavailing. ("[United Nations Committee Supports UFO Study](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 131 (October 1978): 3–5; J. Allen Hynek, "[Ufologists and the United Nations: A Novel Moment in the History of UFO Research](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 10/11 (Oct./Nov. 1978): 3–18; United Nations General Assembly, 33rd Sess., [Summary Record of the 35th Meeting, Special Political Committee](#), November 27, 1978; United Nations General Assembly, 33rd Sess., [Summary Record of the 36th Meeting, Special Political Committee](#), November 27, 1978; Charles Bowen, "[UFOs Debated at the United Nations](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 6 (April 1979): 5–11; "[United Nations 1978 UFO Session](#)," *Journal of UFO History* 2, no. 4 (Sept./Oct. 2005): 11–12; Antonio Huneus, "[Rare Footage of Famous 1978 UN UFO Hearing Found](#)," *OpenMinds*, May 13, 2011; Clark III 1190; Clark IV 1364)

1978, December — Alan N. Hall, a retired CIA employee, officially becomes president of NICAP among baseless charges that a sinister CIA conspiracy has undermined the organization. He operates out of his home without access to the files. ("[To Our Readers](#)," *UFO Investigator*, April 1979, p. 3; Richard H. Hall, "[The Quest for the Truth about UFOs: A Personal Perspective on the Role of NICAP](#)," in *1994 MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1994, pp. 185–201)

1978, December 1 — President [Jimmy Carter](#) establishes the Information Security Oversight Office through Executive Order 12065, "National Security Information." The office is under the jurisdiction of the National Archives and Records Administration, and its mission is to provide for an informed American public by ensuring that the minimum information necessary to the interest of national security is classified and that information is declassified as soon as it no longer requires protection. (Wikipedia, "[Information Security Oversight Office](#)")

1978, December 2 — A civil servant takes a photo of a UFO as he is walking along a beach in Kuwait. It shows a domed disc with a self-luminous tube protruding from the bottom. Other witnesses also see the UFO. ("[UFOs over Kuwait](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 7 (January 1979): 3; Clark III 663; Clark IV 738)

1978, December 4 — The CIA passes on three other UFO documents to the NSA for declassification review. (ClearIntent, [p. 181](#))

1978, December 6 — 11:30 p.m. While patrolling at Marzano, near Torriglia, a village northeast of Genoa, Italy, 26-year-old night watchman Piero Fortunato Zanfretta notices four lights moving in a courtyard. He gets out of his car holding his pistol and flashlight, moving cautiously along a house wall. Something pushes him forward and he falls. When he gets up, his head hits something and he points his flashlight upward to see a 6-foot-tall creature with an ugly face. Terrified, he runs to the car and is blinded by a yellow, triangle-shaped object taking off from behind the house. He calls for help on the radio. When his colleagues arrive at 1:00 a.m., they find him lying in a nearby lawn in a confused state of mind. On December 23, Zanfretta is hypnotized by a medical doctor. An abduction scenario emerges in which he is taken to a bright room by giant entities who put a hot and painful helmet on his head. The humanoids are green-skinned and have yellow triangular eyes, red veins on their heads, pointed ears, and rounded fingers. Further abductions and memories emerge over time, finally ceasing in 1980. (Wikipedia, "[Zanfretta UFO Incident](#)"; "[UFO Flap 1978: Italian Style, Part Two, December](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 5 (November 1979): 13–15; Luciano Boccone, "[Italian Night-Watchman Kidnapped by UFO](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 1 (June 1980): 4–9; Paolo Fiorino, Gian Paolo Grassino, and Antonio Chiumiento, "[Abductions in](#)

- [Italy](#),” *IUR* 14, no. 4 (July/Aug.1989): 15–16; “[The Pier Fortunato Zanfretta’s Hypnosis Made by Dr. Mauro Moretti on Jan. 7, 1979 \(English subtitles\)](#),” Rino Di Stefano YouTube channel, November 7, 2011; “[Il salvataggio di Zanfretta: Parlano i testimoni Cassiba e Pesci \(1979\)](#),” Rino Di Stefano YouTube channel, August 21, 2013; Rino Di Stefano, [The Zanfretta Case: Chronicle of an Incredible True Story](#), The Author, 2014; Jason Charbonneau, “[Zanfretta Abductions, 1978–1981](#),” Think Anomalous, May 6, 2017; 1Pinotti 253–258; “[Il Caso di Pier Fortunato Zanfretta](#),” Catania Soft YouTube channel, November 29, 2022; “[Zanfretta Case: In the Wrong Place at the Wrong Time? Feat. Pier Fortunato Zanfretta](#),” Michy Mistery YouTube channel, September 8, 2023; “[Zanfretta UFO Incident](#),” Pinnso YouTube channel, December 10, 2023)
- 1978**, December 8 — The United Nations meetings on UFOs conclude, resulting in UN Decision 33/426 relating to the “establishment of an agency or a department of the United Nations for undertaking, coordinating, and disseminating the results of research into unidentified flying objects and related phenomena.” Beyond newspaper publicity, the meetings have no impact and no other nation backs Grenada. (“[Grenada UFO Item](#),” WikiLeaks, [telegram], December 8, 1978)
- 1978**, December 8 — 11:00 p.m. Two young men walking along a mountain slope near Milanere, Torino, Italy, see a blue-white light among the trees. One of them walks toward it, but he disappears. A few minutes later the light takes off into the sky. The other man goes for help and a group of people comes to search for the missing man. He is found in a different direction, unconscious, cold, and weak. Both witnesses suffer from conjunctivitis for several days. The one who vanished has a strange scar on his leg. He only remembers approaching a pear-shaped light when he sees 3–4 human shapes with pumpkinlike heads silhouetted against the light. He becomes paralyzed and can vaguely remember being touched and raised. (Paolo Fiorino, Gian Paolo Grassino, and Antonio Chiumiento, “[Abductions in Italy](#),” *IUR* 14, no. 4 (July/Aug.1989): 15)
- 1978**, December 10 — The weekly *Parade* magazine carries a story by Michael Satchell summarizing the UFO events at Loring, Malmstrom, Wurtsmith, and other Northern Tier bases. (Michael Satchell, “[UFO’s vs. USAF: Amazing \(But True\) Encounters](#),” *Parade* magazine, December 10, 1978, pp. 8–11; ClearIntent, [p. 54](#))
- 1978**, December 12 (or January) — Night. Police Sgt. [Tony Dodd](#) and Constable Alan Dale are driving near Cononley, North Yorkshire, England, when the road in front of them lights up. They stop the patrol car, look up, and see an object about 100 feet away and moving silently at 40 mph. It has three large spheres below it, portholes around the perimeter, and a dome on top. The object passes overhead and seems to land in a wood on a distant hillside. (Good Above, [pp. 116–117](#); “[Sgt. Anthony Dodd & Constable Alan Dale’s 1978 UFO Encounter near Skipton, North Yorkshire, England](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, November 18, 2023)
- 1978**, December 14 — As a result of the Ground Saucer Watch lawsuit, the CIA releases some 340 of its own UFO-related documents, 900 pages in all. The letter, signed by CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator George Owens, states that 57 documents are being withheld for national security purposes. Also, 196 other documents originating from other agencies are forwarded to them for response to GSW. The CIA had faced a deadline of December 1977 to produce the documents but were granted an extension by US District Court Judge [John H. Pratt](#). (“[The GSW vs. CIA Lawsuit](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Sept./Oct. 1979): 20–22; Good Above, [pp. 327–328](#))
- 1978**, December 16 — 8:00 p.m. Radar detects a UFO at 10,000 feet in the region around Calama, Chile. Three F-5Es are sent from Antofagasta to intercept it and they see a large triangular object some 50 times the size of their planes. (“[\[UFO Sighted by Chilean Pilots\]](#),” *La Prensa* (Buenos Aires, Argentina), May 30, 1979, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 121 (August 1979): 12; “[Spectacular UFO Encounters Baffle Chilean Air Force](#),” *The SBI Report* 1, no. 11 (1979): 36–49; “[Chile Jets Chased Huge UFO](#),” *New York News World*, December 12, 1981, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 151 (February 1982): 12; “[Chilean Jet UFO Chase](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 30, no. 7 (July 1982): 4–5; “[Select Triangular UFO Cases](#),” Bob Pratt Files)
- 1978**, December 20 — 12:00 midnight. Many people standing on the shore at Bellaria, Rimini, Italy, see a blinding object in the water about one mile off the coast. Some compare the sight to a ship on fire. Photographer Elia Faccin takes some photographs that are published in the newspaper. While taking the first picture, the shutter on Faccin’s Olympus camera jams. Roberto Mantovani and Sandro Manaresi look at the object through a telescope and describe it as an overturned dish with a tower on top showing an opening. The object is lit by a greenish and yellowish-orange light, which becomes dimmer toward the outside of the dish. It moves slowly, leaving behind a small wake. Other witnesses see 12 lights with a much brighter light in the center. (“Che Ufo fotogenico!” *Panorama*, September 1, 1979, pp. 42–44, partially reprinted in [Notiziario UFO](#) 2, no. 2 (February 1979): 8, and in Nicola Gambetti, “[Che UFO Fotogenico!](#)” *Rimini Sparita*, August 24, 2023)
- 1978**, December 20 — 5:10 a.m. Yiannakis Iounnou and his wife are driving between Paphos and Limassol, Cyprus, when he notices an object in the sky. The object is extremely bright and rectangular shaped, about the size of a car. The object seems to expand while emitting bright-orange rays of light. It stays in view for roughly 30 minutes

while they continue their drive, then it is lost to sight. Possible star or planet? (Omiros Karajas, "[The Thessaloniki Earthquake of 1978](#)," *Awareness* 20, no. 3 (1995–1996): 27, 30)

- 1978, December 20 — US Rep. [Samuel S. Stratton](#) (D-N.Y.) expresses concern to his Armed Services Investigations Subcommittee about the "alleged ability of unknown aircraft to penetrate airspace and over above SAC bases, their weapons storage areas, missile sites, and launch control facilities, and the inability of Air Force equipment and personnel to intercept and identify such aircraft." Stratton sends a letter to USAF Maj. Gen. [Charles C. Blanton](#) requesting incident reports. (ClearIntent, [p. 54](#))
- 1978, December 21 — 12:30 a.m. Capt. [John B. Randle](#) is flying an Argosy cargo plane from Blenheim to Christchurch, New Zealand, when he notices white lights in the sky above the mouth of the Clarence River at Waipapa Bay. He contacts Wellington Air Traffic Control, which confirms that it has five oscillating objects on its scopes. The lights are also seen on the ground. ("[The New Zealand UFO Films, Part I](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 3; Clark III 799; Clark IV 876)
- 1978, December 21 — 3:30 a.m. Wellington Air Traffic Control contacts Capt. Vern Powell, pilot of a freight aircraft about to make the Blenheim to Christchurch run, New Zealand, alerting him to the position of the objects, which have stayed in position. He ascends to 7,500 feet and sees one white light, tinged with red, through the clouds. It follows Powell's plane, and Wellington radar tracks it for 12 miles before it disappears. As they near Christchurch Airport, Powell and his copilot Ian Pirie notice a return on their onboard radar. By the next sweep it has moved one mile closer, moving at about 8,000 mph. They cannot confirm anything visually, but the radar indicates the object has streaked off to the left and disappears. Then Powell and Pirie see a flashing light in front of them. ("[The New Zealand UFO Films, Part I](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 3–4; Clark III 799; Clark IV 876)
- 1978, December 22 — [Peter Gersten](#) of CAUS files a request with the NSA for copies of the 18 UFO-related documents the CIA has referred to it. NSA's Chief of Policy Roy R. Banner later declines their release on the basis of national security. (ClearIntent, [p. 181](#))
- 1978, December 24 — 6:50 p.m. Benito Franchi, 45, is working in the power station at Pietracamela, Terama, Italy, in a room with two AC generators, one connected to power and the other disconnected, when he suddenly feels ill and faint. The working generator's dial hands register an overload on the network, and the dial hands on the disconnected generator are also waving. This continues for about one minute, leaving the dials badly out of calibration. Franchi feels paralyzed and falls to the ground. Suddenly everything stops, and out of the window he sees three or four bright flashes coming from a ball of brilliant red light that hurts his eyes. The object takes off and disappears to the southwest. Franchi suffers from severe conjunctivitis, and the generator dials must be calibrated again. Shortly afterward, a large luminous UFO is seen hovering above the Gran Sasso massif to the southwest. (1Pinotti 259)
- 1978, December 25 — Peruvian fishermen observe a fleet of six UFOs over the Caynarachi River, San Martín department, Peru. They first notice a brightly illuminated rhomboid object moving from south to north. It is followed by five additional objects flying in formation. The UFOs emit yellow, amber, and violet lights, prompting the frightened fishermen to flee the scene. ([["Peruvians Scared by UFO Fleet."](#)] *Crónica* (Buenos Aires, Argentina), December 26, 1978, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 117 (April 1979): 13)
- 1978, December 26 — 4:25 a.m. Aldo Devoto, a 50-year-old truck driver, his son Mario, and his mother-in-law, Maria Cavagnaro, 75, are asleep in their room in Cigagna, Genoa, Italy, when a loud noise awakens them. It sounds "as if someone is dragging a stick along the bars of the terrace of their house." Immediately afterward, the room lights up with two beams of light. Devoto leans out of the window and sees an object hovering close to the ground, as large as a Fiat 127, approximately 18–21 feet away. The object appears flat on its lower side and "wavy" on its upper side. At its front are two iron claws, each 20 inches long—one pointing skyward and the other toward the ground. Two circular protrusions are visible in the back. After two minutes, it emits two intense flashes of light, blinding Devoto, before it heads south and leaves behind two or three "fire trails." The next day, Devoto consults a doctor due to redness in his eyes, while Maria Cavagnaro recalls only seeing the very bright light illuminating the room. (Gian Paolo Grassino and Paolo Mercuri, "[Casistica Italiana il 1978: Un anno di avvistamenti](#)," *Notiziario UFO* 3, no. 2 (February 1980): 45, 48; Maurizio Verga, "[La vague italienne de 1978: Phénomènes du 1^{er} type \(5\) \(Suite de la 2^{me} partie\)](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 215/216 (May/June 1982): 37, 39)
- 1978, December 28 — 4:30 a.m. Three employees of the Provincial Power Board—Orlanda Corizo, Severiano Brunetto, and his son Daniel Omar—are about to cross a bridge near Arroyito, Córdoba, Argentina, in their truck when they see an object hovering a short distance from the ground. One of the men exchanges signals with the occupants of the craft. Suddenly, they find themselves in the middle of the road, 9 miles away, with no sense of crossing the bridge or traveling along the road. They are still holding their cigarettes in their hands, just as they did before attempting to cross the bridge. ("[Three Men Are 'Tele-Transported' by Córdoba UFO](#)," *Buenos Aires (Argentina) Herald*, December 29, 1978, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 115 (February 1979): 12; [["UFO in Córdoba."](#)]

- Crónica* (Buenos Aires), December 29, 1978), via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 117 (April 1979): 14; Richard H. Hall, *Uninvited Guests*, Aurora, 1988, [pp. 302](#); Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), January 2, 2008)
- 1978**, December 30 — 7:30 a.m. Erwin Vitelli sees a steely-blue object hovering in the southern sky above Zuchwil, Solothurn, Switzerland. It appears in the shape of three globes merging with one another, each one with a light source directed downward. The object is visible for about one minute. (“[Early Morning, Late December, Swiss Sighting](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 1 (Feb./March 1983): 1, 3)
- 1978**, December 31 — 12:10 a.m. [Quentin Fogarty](#), a reporter for Melbourne’s 0/10 Network assigned to do a story on the Vern Powell sighting 10 days earlier, has chartered an Argosy cargo plane, piloted by Capt. William Startup and First Officer Robert Guard. While flying from Wellington to Christchurch, New Zealand, with David Crockett and his wife Ngaire as camera crew over the Cook Strait near the site of the Powell sighting, Startup and Guard see 6–7 bright, pulsating lights like Chinese lanterns above the sea off Kaikoura. They fade and disappear, then return to view. Crockett starts filming. Wellington is tracking a target a mile behind the aircraft that stays on the screen for about one minute without moving. Another, stronger target appears to the right of the plane. Fogarty manages to crack, “Let’s hope they’re friendly!” Twice, Startup vainly attempts a 360° turn to get a glimpse of the object. After landing at Christchurch, Startup invites the passengers to accompany him back to Blenheim. Fogarty, Crockett, and another journalist, Dennis Grant, agree to do so. The plane flies out at 2:15 a.m., and within 2 minutes aircraft radar picks up a target 37 miles away. Startup turns toward it, but it moves to the right and vanishes almost immediately. Other radars pick up targets intermittently. The object returns in view of the plane, moving toward it, then drops out of sight to the right. Afterward, Fogarty notices a strange light that seems to be coming from the cargo hold. Two pulsating white lights soon appear on the port side of the plane. One settles into a rolling, turning pattern and falls at an incredible speed. This sequence Crockett captures on film. [Bruce Maccabee](#) spends 10 days in New Zealand and Australia interviewing witnesses and analyzing the film, which he concludes does not have any mundane explanation. (Wikipedia, “[Kaikoura lights](#)”; “[NZ Air Force Hunts UFOs](#),” *Canberra Times*, January 3, 1979, p. 8; [[Kaikoura documents](#)] in Declassified New Zealand UFO Documents, Internet Archive, January 1979, pp. 7–30; Bruce Maccabee, “[New Zealand Film](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 8 (February 1979): 1–6, continued in Bruce Maccabee, “[New Zealand](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 9 (March 1979): 5–8, and in Bruce Maccabee, “[New Zealand](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 10 (April 1979): 6; “[The New Zealand UFO Films, Part I](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 1 (July 1979): 4–8; “[The New Zealand Film Analysis, Part II](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 3–6; Bruce S. Maccabee, “[Photometric Properties of an Unidentified Bright Object Seen off the Coast of New Zealand](#),” *Applied Optics* 18 (1979): 2527–28; W. Ireland and M. K. Andrews, “[Photometric Properties of an Unidentified Bright Object Seen off the Coast of New Zealand: Comments](#),” *Applied Optics* 18 (1979): 3889–3890; Bruce Maccabee, “[Photometric Properties of an Unidentified Bright Object Seen off the Coast of New Zealand: Author’s Reply to Comments](#),” *Applied Optics* 19 (1980): 1745–1746; Story, [pp. 392–395](#); W. C. Chalker, “[A Re-Viewing of the Great Nocturnal Light](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 1 (June 1980): 12–18; Kevin R. Berry, “[The Kaikoura Controversy](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 2 (August 1980): 13–15; Quentin Fogarty, “[The N.Z. Film: A Reply to the Debunkers](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 2 (August 1980): 16–19; Quentin Fogarty, “[A Skyful of UFOs](#),” *Fate* 33, no. 12 (December 1980): 38–47; Quentin Fogarty, *Let’s Hope They’re Friendly!* Angus and Robertson, 1983; Bruce Maccabee, “[Analysis and Discussion of the Images of a Cluster of Periodically Flashing Lights off the Coast of New Zealand](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 1, no. 2 (1987): 149–190, slightly [revised](#) in January 2002; Bruce Maccabee, “[Atmosphere or UFO? A Response to the 1997 SSE Review Panel Report](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 13, no. 3 (1999): 431–443; “[The Kaikoura UFOs: 1978](#),” Marlborough Video Vault YouTube channel, May 13, 2000; Clark III 799–801; “[How the 40-Year-Old Mystery of a UFO in New Zealand Lives On](#),” News.com.au, December 19, 2018; Coulthart 2023, pp. 9–11, 77–80; “[The 1978 Kaikoura, New Zealand, UFO Lights Incident Was Caught on Camera and Radar](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, October 2023; Clark IV 876–878)
- 1978**, December 31 — 4:00 a.m. Bobby Hines wakes up at her home in Demopolis, Alabama, because her dogs are barking outside. She sees a large, bright object hovering above the trees 1,800 feet from the house and wakes her husband. The UFO is the size of a small house and triangular in shape. It approaches the witnesses, moving in a zigzag pattern and hovering 50 feet off the ground for 30 minutes. Two police officers respond to their call and watch the UFO as well, which finally moves off to the southeast making a funny noise. (“[UFO Spotted near Demopolis](#),” *Montgomery Alabama Journal*, January 2, 1979, p. 10; *Demopolis (Ala.) Times*, January 4, 1979; Marler [103–104, 172](#))
- 1978**, December 31 — 7:00 p.m. Hundreds of people in the United Kingdom see a bright light with a long trail behind it streak across the heavens from northwest to southeast. RAF Fylingdales in the North York Moors, England, quickly identifies it as the reentry of a booster rocket that launched a Russian satellite, Kosmos 1068, into orbit on December 26. Jenny Randles examines reports of the reentry, which in general accurately reflect the event, and

compares them to UFO reports, concluding that it is unlikely that all UFOs are IFOs in various degrees of exaggeration. (“[That December 31st ‘UFO,’](#)” *Northern UFO News*, no. 57 (February 1979): 2; “[Cosmos 1068...And All That,](#)” *Northern UFO News*, no. 59 (April 1979): 8; “[Cosmos 1068: Again,](#)” *Northern UFO News*, no. 63 (August 1979): 2; J. B. Delair, “[Aerial Phenomena over Britain on Dec 31, 1978: A Preliminary Survey,](#)” *BUFORA Journal* 10, no. 1 (February 1981): 11–21; J. Bernard Delair, “[Guest Editorial: The Cosmos 1068 Debate,](#)” *Northern UFO News*, no. 87 (August 1981): 1–2; T. R. Dutton, “[The Events of December 31st, 1978,](#)” *BUFORA Bulletin*, no. 4 (May 1982): 11–13; J. B. Delair, “[The Events of December 31st, 1978: A Reply,](#)” *BUFORA Bulletin*, no. 4 (May 1982): 14–17; “[A Case of Faulty Memory?](#)” *Northern UFO News*, no. 103 (July/Aug. 1983): 12; Jenny Randles, *UFO Reality*, Robert Hale, pp. 44–49, 59; Jenny Randles, “[The Case Against the IFO,](#)” *IUR* 10, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1985): 4–6; Jenny Randles, “[Jenny Randles Replies,](#)” *IUR* 10, no. 3 (May/June 1985): 8–9, 15; “[Putting a Rocket Up Stockport,](#)” *Northern UFO News*, no. 184 (Summer 2000): 10–11; UFOFiles2, [pp. 98–99](#); Jenny Randles, “The Twelve UFOs of Christmas,” *Fortean Times* 374 (Christmas 2018): 29; [Kosmos-1068](#), [RocketLaunch.Live](#))

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- 1979 — British science fiction author [David Langford](#) publishes an allegedly nonfiction novelette, *An Account of a Meeting with Denizens of Another World, 1871*. It is an account of a UFO encounter, as experienced by a man in Buckinghamshire, England; in its framing story Langford claims to have found the manuscript in an old desk (the story’s narrator, [William Robert Loosley](#), is a genuine ancestor of Langford’s wife). But no ufologists take it seriously. (David Langford, *An Account of a Meeting with Denizens of Another World, 1871*, David and Charles, 1979; David Langford, “Myths in the Making,” *New Scientist*, May 26, 1988, p. 78; David Langford, “Confessions of a UFO Hoaxer,” *Fortean Times* 86 (May 1996): 47; Clark III 599–600; Clark IV 659)
- 1979 — Jacques Bonabot founds the Studiegroep voor Vreemde Luchtverschijnselen in Antwerp, Belgium, as the Flemish counterpart to the Groupement pour l’Étude des Sciences d’Avant-Garde in Bruges. It publishes *SVL Tijdschrift* from January 1982 to October 1987. (*SVL Tijdschrift* 1, no. 1 (January 1982))
- 1979 — Gérard Barthel and Jacques Brucker publish *La grande peur martienne*, in which they reexamine the 1954 French wave and determine that many of the cases were hoaxes or misidentifications. They deem many of the newspaper reports unreliable and that UFOs probably do not exist. The book causes the psychosocial hypothesis to become the French UFO theory of choice. (Gérard Barthel and Jacques Brucker, *La grande peur martienne*, Nouvelles Editions Rationalistes, 1979; Clark III 942–943; Clark IV 1053)
- 1979 — Patrick Geoffroy founds the Association Dijonnaise de Recherches Ufologiques et Parapsychologiques in Ruffey-lès-Echirey (later in Quetigny), Côte-d’Or, France. It begins publishing *Vimana 21*, a journal that continues until early 1989. (*Vimana 21*, no. 1 (1979))
- 1979 — The first Greek UFO magazine, *UFO: Iptameoi Diskoi*, is published. (Orestis Lazanakis, “[UAP in Greece,](#)” UAP Check, July 27, 2024)
- 1979 — The Argentine Air Force creates another group to study UFOs within the Comisión Nacional de Actividades Espaciales. It lasts until 1987. (Milton W. Hourcade, “[Argentina: UFO Declassification,](#)” UAPSG–GEFAI, July 29, 2020)
- 1979 — The Uruguayan Air Force creates CRIDOVNI, a special commission to investigate all UFO sightings within the country. It includes freelance ufologists but seems to have disbanded in the mid-1980s. (Willy Smith, “UFOs in Latin America,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, p. 100)
- 1979 — Ananda L. Sirisena and other interested people begin publishing the English-language *Sri Lanka UFO Register* in Weligama, Sri Lanka, reporting on UFO sightings in that country as well as India and the Philippines. It changes its name to *Kalpa-Nava* in 1982 and continues through at least 1988. (*Sri Lanka UFO Register*, no. 2 (Oct./Dec. 1979); Eghigian, *After*, p. 228)
- 1979, January — In an article in *Just Cause*, researcher [Todd Zechel](#) claims that [Keyhoe](#)’s National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena has long been riddled with CIA-friendly or covert board members and staff, among them [Joseph Bryan III](#), [Karl T. Pflock](#), Stuart Nixon, John Acuff, and [Roscoe Hillenkoetter](#). Because of NICAP’s current acute financial crisis, he concludes that if the CIA had wanted to “destroy the leading anti-secrecy organization of the 1960s, they couldn’t have done a better job.” [Richard H. Hall](#) disputes this analysis. (Todd Zechel, “[NI-CIA-AP or NICAP?](#)” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 133 (January/February 1979): 6–9)
- 1979, January — *UFO Newsletter (UFO Research (NSW))* changes its title to *Australian UFO Researcher*, which continues until November 1979. (Clark IV 1271)

- 1979, January** — [Axel Ertelt](#) begins publishing *Mysteria*, a journal of UFO and ancient astronaut information, in Halver, North Rhine–Westphalia, Germany. It continues through at least April 1987. ([Mysteria](#), no. 1 (1979))
- 1979, Early January** — About 6:00 p.m. A1C John W. Mills III is with a second lieutenant conducting a below-ground azimuth alignment procedure at the Ellsworth AFB Delta-3 missile site southwest of Cottonwood, South Dakota, when the security guard bangs on the ladder and tells them to come up. Going topside, they hear a loud, low-frequency hum permeating the launch facility. The guard leads them out of the gate where they see a dark object with straight edges in the sky. It seems to be shaped like a parallelogram, but they can't tell how high it is. The guard is upset, but the other two men are oddly calm, even though they are not supposed to be outside the gate, and they return to the missile and descend the ladder to continue the alignment. Then the lights go off, the truck engine stops running, the radio goes out, and the missile site goes off alert. The hum is gone, but they can still see the dark object. Some 10 minutes later the lights come back on and they notice the object is gone. Targeting teams from two other launch sites report similar experiences. (Nukes 377–387)
- 1979, January 1** — 5:00 a.m. Former USAF UFO spokesman [Albert M. Chop](#) and his wife and daughter watch a triangular UFO moving slowly eastward over the mountains southeast of Palm Desert, California. It is about 10 times as bright as the background stars. It is in sight for about 45 minutes, by which time it has become a small, distant light in the eastern sky. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 61](#))
- 1979, January 4** — Just after 12:00 midnight. Meagen Quezet and her son André go looking for their dog that has just run barking away from their home in Krugersdorp, Gauteng, South Africa. Driving along a remote country road, they find the dog standing 60 feet away from a lead-colored, egg-shaped object with landing gear. Five or six dark-skinned entities are standing in front, wearing white or pink suits and shoes. One with a beard bows to Quezet and says something unintelligible. André runs to get his father, whereupon the beings enter the craft, which takes off making a purring sound. Quezet undergoes hypnotic regression by [Bernard Levinson](#) on June 21, where she remembers the “leader” cajoling her to come on board, which she does with her son, seeing lights, panels, chairs, and a table. They jump out again, protesting that they can't go. (Cynthia Hind, “[Mystery at Mindalore](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 134 (March/April 1979): 3–8; Cynthia Hind, “[Mindalore Case Follow-Up](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 140 (October 1979): 5–7; “[Another South African CE III](#),” *IUR* 5, no. 1a (January 1980): 7–8; Cynthia Hind, “[Editorial](#),” *UFO Afrinews*, no. 21 (January 2000): 4–5; UFOEv II 498)
- 1979, January 4** — Morning. Jean Hingley waves her husband off to work on Bluestone Walk, Rowley Regis, West Midlands, England. As she turns to go back indoors, she sees a large orange sphere hovering above the carport. Three small figures shoot past her into the house, making a high-pitched buzzing noise. Each figure is about three-and-a-half feet tall and dressed in a silvery tunic with buttons down the front. The heads are covered in “goldfish-bowl” shaped helmets, through which eyes set in wide, white faces glitter “like black diamonds.” Each has a pair of large, transparent wings covered in small dots. Their limbs taper to points, and they hover and fly with their arms clasped over their chests and their legs hanging stiffly down. Each is surrounded by a halo. The entities head directly into the living room, where two of them begin shaking the Christmas tree. At one point, two of them fly over to the sofa and bounce on it like children. When Hingley asks them to stop, they shine a beam of light at her forehead that blinds and burns her. The entities accept a plate of mince pies that Hingley offers them. When she speaks to them, the beings press the buttons on their tunics and reply in gruff, masculine voices. Eventually, they fly out the back door and return to the UFO, a sphere with a scorpion-like tail at the rear. The object takes off, leaving a trail of inch-wide, parallel lines in the snow. On January 6, the Christmas tree vanishes from the Hingleys' living room. It reappears on January 8 in the back garden, minus its decorations and in several pieces. The decorations reappear just outside the garden at intervals over the next few days. (Eileen Morris, “[The Winged Beings of Bluestone Walk](#),” *Earthlink* 3, no. 2 (Spring 1979): 12–18; Eileen Morris, “[The Winged Beings of Bluestone Walk](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1979): 24–27; Albert Budden, “[The Rowley Regis Case \(Part One\)](#),” *UFO Brigantia*, no. 28 (Nov./Dec. 1987): 22–25; Albert Budden, “[The Rowley Regis Case \(Part Two\)](#),” *UFO Brigantia*, no. 29 (Jan./Feb. 1988): 16–24; Albert Budden, “The Mince-Pie Martians: The Rowley Regis Case,” *Fortean Times* 50 (Summer 1988): 40–44)
- 1979, January 5** — 6:20 p.m. Anmarie Emery is driving near Auburn, Massachusetts, when she notices three, red-glowing, triangular objects flying over woods to her left. As she rounds a corner, she sees them hovering above the road directly in front of her. The radio goes dead, the car slows to a stop (although the engine continues to run), and she feels completely paralyzed. The closest object is only 30 feet away. She feels heat on her face and smells an unpleasant odor. When another car approaches, the three objects shoot straight up, one at a time, and everything returns to normal. When she returns home to Cambridge, Massachusetts, she notices her face is reddened. She develops a rash and peeling skin the next day. (Raymond E. Fowler, “[Close Encounters with E-M and Physical Effects](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 134 (March/April 1979): 8–9; Raymond E. Fowler, *Casebook*

of a UFO Investigator, Prentice-Hall, 1981, [pp. 70–74](#); Richard H. Hall, *Uninvited Guests*, Aurora, 1988, [pp. 302–303](#))

- 1979, January 6 — 10:30 a.m. A journalist aboard the Japanese icebreaker [Fuji](#) in Antarctic waters sees an object resembling a bluish-white kite moving silently at a high rate of speed. Witnesses guess the altitude as 2–3 miles, with differences of opinion on whether its course is straight or zigzag. The crew reports further sightings of a similar object. (*Asahi Shinbun* (Osaka), January 23, 1979; “[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 2)
- 1979, January 13 — 11:50 a.m. Marcos Rafael Suarez, 12, is by himself in a small schoolroom in Loreto, Santiago del Estero, Argentina, when he hears a cardboard box fall on the floor. He turns and sees a aluminum-colored rectangular object floating in the room about 8 inches above the floor. Its dimensions are 2 feet wide by 4.5 feet high and 3 feet long, and it has a horizontal black portal on it through which part of the interior can be seen. It is making a noise like an electric fan. Suddenly two doors open on each side and two small beings about 32 inches high and dressed in shiny coveralls and helmets emerge from either side. One of the beings grabs the boy’s arm and he hears a voice telling him to sit down and be still. He does and seems to be unable to move. A being turns on a red beam on the object that blinds the boy and makes his eyes water so that he loses consciousness. When he wakes up, the object and beings are gone. (Heriberto Janosch, “[Schoolroom ‘Landing’ in Loreto, Argentina](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1979): 21–22)
- 1979, January 14 — The *New York Times* gives brief coverage to Ground Saucer Watch’s attempt to obtain UFO documents from the CIA. (“[C.I.A. Papers Detail U.F.O. Surveillance](#),” *New York Times*, January 14, 1979, p. 23)
- 1979, January 16 — Gen. Emiliano Alfaro Arregui, chief of staff of the Spanish Air Force, writes to the Ministry of Defense to say that whenever a UFO sighting is reported to the authorities, an Informing Judge is appointed by the corresponding Air Region to proceed with a proper investigation. Some reports are caused by natural phenomena, while others are unidentified. (Swords 424, 513)
- 1979, January 18 — 7:07 p.m. [Brinsley Le Poer Trench](#), Lord Clancarty, has put down a motion for debate in the House of Lords on the official policy of the UK government on UFOs. He begins the debate by launching into a history of UFOs and stresses the international character of the phenomenon. He concludes with a request for the [Minister of Defence](#) to be interviewed on national TV. [Lord Trefgarne](#) rejects the proposal on the grounds that there are many things that can masquerade as UFOs, plus the Bible has nothing to say about extraterrestrials. [Lord Kimberley](#) agrees that a parliamentary group should be set up. [Lord Oxfuird](#) and [Lord Davies](#) agree there should be future investigations to settle the question. The [Bishop of Norwich](#) expresses concern that a UFO cult could compete with Christianity. [Lord Gladwyn](#) deems the evidence inconclusive, but [Lord Kings Norton](#) favors an investigation. [Lord Rankeillour](#) states emphatically that UFOs exist, and they might be dangerous. [Lord Gainford](#) relates a personal sighting of a nocturnal light over Argyll, Scotland, the previous December 31. The [Earl of Halsbury](#) provides a list of natural causes for UFOs, and [Lord Hewlett](#) paraphrases debunking arguments. The [Earl of Cork and Orrery](#) lashes out at Trefgarne’s skepticism. [Lord Strabolgi](#) firmly rejects the request for an official investigation on the grounds that all UFO reports can be explained conventionally. Clancarty winds it up by saying, “Nothing is impossible in this world or this universe. It is just that the seemingly impossible takes a little time to come about.” (“[Unidentified Flying Objects](#),” Hansard Lords Debate, vol. 397, cc1246–1316, January 18, 1979; [Charles Bowen], “[House of Lords Debate](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 6 (April 1979): 1–4; Robert K. G. Temple, “House of Lords Debate UFOs,” *Second Look* 1, no. 6 (April 1979): 17–25, 28; John Michell, ed., *The House of Lords UFO Debate*, Open Head Press, 1979; Allan Hendry, [[House of Lords UFO Debate](#)], *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 9–11; Good Above, [pp. 73–75](#); UFOFiles2, [pp. 99–104](#); Clark III 616–618; Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024; Clark IV 675–677)
- 1979, January 18 — 11:30 p.m. A car driven by a 42-year-old woodcutter stops abruptly in Lusiana, Vicenza, Italy. Its lights go out and the doors open by themselves. An orange ball is sitting in the road ahead, and two 3-foot-tall, copper-colored humanoids emerge from a door. They are wearing metallic-looking, scaled coveralls. Their hands are long and end in pointed nails. They invite him on board by gestures and he follows them into a small room with electronic-looking gadgets and a screen. They begin undressing him, but he resists. The wall opens and an overall garment is shown to him. He refuses to wear it and he implores them to let him go. One of the beings gives him a small box with writing on it. A door opens and the man leaves. Suddenly the orange light disappears and his car lights come on again. (Paolo Fiorino, Gian Paolo Grassino, and Antonio Chiumiento, “[Abductions in Italy](#),” *IUR* 14, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1989): 14)
- 1979, January 20 — The Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research committee releases its report on eight UFO sightings in Kuwait from November to December 14, 1978. The report rejects the idea that the UFOs are espionage devices, but it remains equivocal about whether they are extraterrestrial. The committee recommends that the government take all measures to protect the country and its oilfields. (“[‘UFO’ Sightings Cause Security Concern in Kuwait](#),” WikiLeaks, [telegram], January 29, 1979; ClearIntent, [p. 90](#))

- 1979, January 20** — At least 10 people in Kuwait see another UFO, and a photographer for the *Arab Times* takes some photographs that show blobs of light. The object seems to be rotating, changing from circular to a more triangular form as it hovers. It disappears to the northeast at great speed. Front-page newspaper stories of about this appear the day after the committee's report. (Richard Hall, "[UFOs in Arab Nations](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 133 (Jan./Feb. 1979): 5; ClearIntent, [p. 90](#))
- 1979, Late January** — The *Setka-AN* group of the USSR Academy of Sciences publishes a skeptical article in the weekly publication *Nedelya* that tries to show that all UFOs are natural phenomena that UFO enthusiasts are popularizing through their inept investigations as anomalous. *Setka-AN* hopes to have a solution to the UFO problem "in a few months." The USSR State Committee for Hydrometeorology (Goskomgidromet) takes an active part in the Soviet *Setka-AN* program around this time, asking all meteorological stations and field studies to fill out report forms on any anomalous sightings. (Nikita A. Schnee, "[Ufology in the U.S.S.R.](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 1 (June 1981): 8; Good Above, [p. 237](#))
- 1979, January 26** — 8:45 p.m. Keith Jones is about to enter the Brookhouse Mill Restaurant on Ruthin Road in Denbigh, Wales, when he sees a lighted object passing overhead about 150 feet up. It has a clear dome with a rapidly revolving, brilliant white light, flashing at one-second intervals. He brings another witness, John Mace, out from the restaurant, who also sees the UFO, which is now alternately hovering and shooting off to another location. They watch it for another 15 minutes until it moves off in the distance. (Janet and Colin Bord, "[Impressive Corroboration for CE1 in Clwyd](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1979): 3–5; "[Low Level Object in Welsh Valley](#)," *Northern UFO News*, no. 61 (June 1979): 6)
- 1979, January 29** — [Peter Gersten](#) appeals the NSA's decision to withhold the 18 UFO-related documents forwarded to the NSA by the CIA but is again denied. (ClearIntent, [p. 181](#))
- 1979, February** — Mississippi House Resolution No. 14, proposed by Rep. [Horace Buckley](#) of Jackson and calling for a complete US Senate investigation of UFO sightings, dies in committee. ("[CAUS Notes](#)," *Just Cause* 1, no. 7 (January 1979): 13; Allan Hendry, "[UFOs and Government: 1979](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 7–9)
- 1979, February** — 8:30 p.m. A woman and her aunt in Shelby, Ohio, are just sitting down to watch television when a bright light shines outside their window. It is hanging in the air behind their dog kennel. When the woman goes out to investigate, two more lights appear and enter the original one. Then that light disappears and is replaced by red and green lights that resolve into a large number of lights of both colors on an object. As she approaches, the UFO begins to move toward her and passes overhead. It is as big as a jetliner, with bolts on its base as large as volleyballs. Her dog begins whining and cowering, and she gets a severe pain in her head that causes her to fall on her knees. As the object moves away with a soft whirring noise, she gets back on her feet. She estimates she was only outside for 5 minutes, but she and her aunt cannot account for an additional 45–50 minutes. Her headache persists for several weeks. (Michael D. Swords, "[Unusual Experiences from the Timmerman Files](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 22)
- 1979, February 5** — 9:50 p.m. A man is driving on the Lyell Highway near Lawitta, Tasmania, when his car radio stops. Seconds later, an intense white light envelops the car, and he cannot see beyond the hood. The car's lights and motor fail at the same time. The next thing he knows, he is getting stopped in Hobart by police for driving his car without headlights. The police find that he does not know his name, where he has come from, or where he is going. He is taken to the hospital and examined, where he is found to be in a state of shock. It is only at the Royal Hobart Hospital that his memory of the preceding events returns. His vehicle, a Ford Cortina 71TC, is inspected and found to have a dead battery and low oil level. The cut-off switch on the alternator needs replacing, as does some wiring, especially for the headlights. Radiator water is also found to be low. ("[Sightings](#)," *TUFOIC Newsletter*, no. 27 (May 1979): 2)
- 1979, February 9** — [Joseph J. F. Clark](#), associate director, Legislative Liaison for the Air Force, responds to Rep. [Samuel S. Stratton](#) (D-N.Y.) saying that "permanent" UFO files are not maintained, but includes some memos, messages, and log entries from the Northern Tier cases that have already been released through FOIA requests. Stratton fails to follow up. (ClearIntent, [p. 55](#))
- 1979, February 9** — 9:00 p.m. Peter Hathaway is driving on the Bruce Highway north of the Liverpool Creek bridge near Cowley Beach, Queensland, when he sees a "little white light" sitting on the edge of the asphalt. As he approaches within 100 feet, he notices a dark beehive-shaped object behind it, which now rises vertically off the surface about 3 feet. Hathaway is momentarily blinded by a flash of light. Opening his eyes, he sees that his car headlights and engine have stopped. He coasts to a truck rest stop, where his lights come back on and the engine starts perfectly. ("[1979](#)," Australian UFO Research Network; Keith Basterfield, "[Two Vehicle Effect Cases from Australia](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 142 (December 1979): 5–6; Richard H. Hall, *Uninvited Guests*, Aurora, 1988, [pp. 304–305](#))

- 1979, February 16** — New Mexico State Police Officer [Gabe Valdez](#) informs the FBI that cattle in New Mexico are “being shot with some type of paralyzing drug and the blood is being drawn from the animal after an injection of an anti-coagulant.” In some cases, the animal’s legs have been broken, perhaps by clamps being placed on them. Helicopters without any identifying numbers are seen in the area of these mutilations. Valdez tells the FBI that he thinks it is a clandestine operation either by the CIA or the Department of Energy (although in 1980 he tells journalist [Linda Moulton Howe](#) that he thinks aliens are responsible). (Federal Bureau of Investigation, [[cattle mutilation documents](#)])
- 1979, February 16** — [Peter Gersten](#) again files a FOIA request with the NSA, this time requesting all documents in its possession or under the control of the NSA relating to UFOs. (ClearIntent, [pp. 181–182](#))
- 1979, February 22** — 4:00 p.m. Two 14-year-old girls, Lynsey Tebbs and Susan Pearson, are tobogganing down the slopes that surround their housing complex in Meanwood, Leeds, England. They are startled by a loud whining noise coming from an object that is descending nearby. After it lands, the noise changes to a hum, which then fades as it rests on the snow. It is gray and egg-shaped, with two fins on either side, and is the size of a small car. Frightened, the girls run up the hill but pause to take another look. The object rests on the ground for about 3 minutes, then starts humming and approaches the girls, landing again on the slope about 80 feet away. After another few minutes, it wobbles and takes off. Investigators from the Yorkshire UFO Society visit the site on February 25 and find odd indentations in the snow in two places. (Mark Birdsall and Graham Birdsall, “[Landing and Possible Traces near Leeds](#),” *Northern Ufology*, no. 62 (July 1979): 9–10; Good Above, [pp. 72–73](#))
- 1979, February 25** — 2:00 a.m. Both Circulación Aérea Militar Operativa (CAMO) radar and radar at the W-8 military station detect an unidentified target 52 miles to the southeast of Gran Canaria, Canary Islands, flying at an altitude of 14,400 feet. An Iberia airliner in the area is alerted, and the pilot reports an intense, elongated light above his position. The W-8 local radar detects a transponder signal. (Swords 435)
- 1979, Late February** — 9:10 p.m. Chinese Air Force flight instructor Sha Yangkao is flying a night fighter over Houma, Shanxi, China, when he sees a bright luminous object shoot across the sky from south to north, apparently flying supersonically at an altitude of 3,300 feet. (Paul Dong, “[Extracts from Paul Dong’s Feidie Bai Wen Bai Da \(Questions and Answers on UFOs\)](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 29, no. 6 (August 1984): 14)
- 1979, March** — [John F. Schuessler](#) and several other NASA-associated scientists and engineers have set up Project VISIT (Vehicle Internal Systems Investigative Team) in Houston, Texas, to extract potentially useful technical information from the testimony of close encounter eyewitnesses. (John F. Schuessler, “[UFO Tech Note: Project VISIT Data Needs Defined](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal* 134 (Mar./Apr. 1979): 15; “[Better Understanding of Unidentified Space vehicles by Reviewing Identified Space Vehicles](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 26, no. 6 (December 1979): 6–8)
- 1979, March** — 9:00 a.m. Two Republic of Korea Air Force F-4D Phantom II jets, piloted by Lt. Col. Seungbae Lee and Col. Byungsun Lim, are flying at 15,000 feet while returning from the annual Team Spirit military exercise to Daegu Air Force Base, South Korea. Near Palgong Mountain in the Taebaek Range, a star-like, stationary object appears in the distance that grows in size as the jets approach. Neither the aircraft nor the base can register the object on radar. When they reach within 15 miles of the light, it shoots away to the east and hovers again. The disc is as big as a jumbo jet and radiates bright golden light from top to bottom. Red and blue lights sparkle from its rim. After the jets circle twice above the object, it speeds away to the east. (Good Need, [p. 310](#))
- 1979, March 2** — Early morning. Witnesses in Rivera, Uruguay, see an oval-shaped object with portholes. One witness, Ernesto Fagundez, watches the UFO circle a transmitting tower he is working on then stop. Through the portholes he can see entities with large heads that are wearing transparent helmets. The object dives over a truck carrying farm workers before it rises into the air, leaving a fiery trail and a column of smoke. (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 2 (Aug. 1979): 2)
- 1979, March 3** — The Spanish Joint Chiefs of Staff meet and decide to formally define UFO information as classified, rather than confidential. The reason is that the civilian UFO group Centre d’Estudis Interplanetaris in Barcelona had solicited King [Juan Carlos I](#) in January to provide access to UFO information collected by the Spanish armed forces. (Swords 424, 514)
- 1979, March 5** — Dusk. Many residents of the Canary Islands are captivated with the sight of a strange sunset. Multicolored concentric rings or bright zigzag trails are seen on the horizon towards the west, forming an enormous cloud. A few minutes after 8:00 p.m., a point of light is seen to ascend, leaving a luminous jet that appears to expand, developing into a huge, bright dome. Independent sets of clear photos are obtained from distant points of view. The phenomenon is even seen from Safi, Morocco. Maj. Pedro Ortega García and Capt. José Juan Abad Cellini investigate for the Spanish Air Force and conclude that the luminous cloud was 320 miles in diameter at an altitude of 40 miles. They again reject the missile hypothesis, but the US Navy has launched four

Poseidon missiles from the [USS Kamehameha](#) around the same time that probably account for the phenomena. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Ricardo Campo Pérez, "[Navy Missile Tests and the Canary Islands UFOs](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 4–5)

- 1979, March 6** — 7:30 p.m. [Ben Chastain](#) watches a round, luminous object about 12 feet in diameter skimming low over treetops in Westminster, South Carolina, arousing the dogs. At one point the object comes within 150 feet, its glow illuminating the area. Oconee County Deputy Sheriff [Jimmy Roach](#) and his wife see the object from a distance. About 8:00 p.m., Bill Osborne watches a larger object (80 feet long and 25 feet wide) that sweeps the area with a light beam. ("[UFO Sightings Reported in Oconee](#)," *Seneca (S.C.) Journal and Tribune*, March 12, 1979, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 118 (May 1979): 2; "[UFO Sightings Reported Throughout S.C. Piedmont](#)," *Westminster (S.C.) News*, March 14, 1979, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 118 (May 1979): 2; Iris Harrelson Maack, "[Press Reports](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 12 (June 1979): 7–8; "Occupant, E-M Effects, Photo Highlight Reports," *UFO Research Newsletter* 6, no. 6 (June/July 1979): 7–8; Bob Gribble, "[Looking Back](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 251 (March 1989): 19; UFOEv II 226)
- 1979, March 13** — 11:00 a.m. An uncorrelated radar target is detected over the Mediterranean Sea north of Algeria by radar in the Pegaso control room at Torrejón Air Base in Madrid, Spain. It is traveling at 970 mph on a northwest course toward Spain. Three minutes later a scramble is ordered, and a Dassault Mirage III fighter takes off from Manises Air Base [now Valencia Airport] to identify the target, but the track soon vanishes from the radar. It has moved about 71 miles in that time. Four minutes later, the target reappears in another position, this time motionless. The Mirage is vectored toward the new position. When the fighter is about 9 miles from the target, it moves in a northwest direction, accelerating to 840 mph and climbing to more than 15 miles. Six minutes later, it changes course to the northeast, and in two minutes it is gone. The Mirage never gets a visual contact. (Swords 435–436, 527)
- 1979, March 13** — While Grenada Prime Minister [Eric Gairy](#) is at the United Nations, the New Jewel Movement led by [Maurice Bishop](#) launches an armed revolution and overthrows the government. Gairy stays in exile in the US until 1983.
- 1979, March 28** — 4:00 p.m. Reactor number 2 of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, suffers a partial meltdown, resulting in a radiation leak. The accident begins with failures in the non-nuclear secondary system, followed by a stuck-open pilot-operated relief valve in the primary system, which allows large amounts of nuclear reactor coolant to escape, contaminating the containment building with thousands of gallons of radioactive water. The staff has no choice but to vent radioactive gases directly into the atmosphere. The mechanical failures are compounded by the initial failure of plant operators to recognize the situation as a loss-of-coolant accident due to inadequate training and computer interface oversights relating to ambiguous control room indicators. In particular, a hidden indicator light leads to an operator manually overriding the automatic emergency cooling system of the reactor because the operator mistakenly believes that there is too much coolant water present in the reactor and causing the steam pressure release. No one is harmed by the released radiation, which is contained entirely in a cloud of short-lived isotopes of inert gases that drift out over the Atlantic Ocean. (Wikipedia, "[Three Mile Island accident](#)"; Mike Gray and Ira Rosen, *The Warning: Accident at Three Mile Island*, Norton, 1982; Grace Halden, *Three Mile Island: The Meltdown Crisis and Nuclear Power in American Popular Culture*, Routledge, 2017)
- 1979, Spring** — UFO investigator [Raymond E. Fowler](#) publishes *The Andreasson Affair*, introducing the story of [Betty Andreasson](#), a Massachusetts housewife who recounts a 1967 abduction encounter with short humanoids having large heads and eyes. (Raymond E. Fowler, *The Andreasson Affair*, Prentice-Hall, 1979)
- 1979, April 9** — Two Apache tribal officers on patrol near Dulce, New Mexico, see a round, silent craft hovering 50 feet above the ground, with a searchlight aimed downward on cattle below. (Wikipedia, "[Cattle mutilation](#)")
- 1979, April 12** — Early evening. A family is driving home from the grocery store at Brockton, Massachusetts. They see a piano-shaped object with lights all over it. A spotlight is beaming down, and there is one red light on top. They lose sight of the object, but suddenly all four car windows go down and back up; then they go down halfway and back up. The same thing happens when they stop at a red light. They see the object again, which is now following them. They park near their house, and the UFO hovers across the street. The man shuts off the engine and the windows act up again as the UFO moves directly overhead. The father and son get out of the car, and the UFO shoots a beam down at each of them in turn. It then moves down the street and away. (Michael D. Swords, "[Messing Around with the Force](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 4 (March 2008): 17)
- 1979, April 13** — Night. Jocelino de Mattos and his younger brother Roberto are walking along the Maringá–Astorga road outside Jardim Alvorada, a suburb of Maringá, Paraná, Brazil, when they see an approaching object. They lose consciousness and Jocelino later remembers floating into the UFO and taken to a "medical room" where

- humanoids take a semen sample from him. A woman enters and he has sex with her. Afterward she tells him, "Perhaps the seed will come alive." The other beings assure him of their peaceful intentions and let him and his brother go. (A. J. Gevaerd, "[The Abduction at Jardim Alvorada: Investigation under Hypnotic Time-Regression](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 30, no. 2 (December 1984): 17–25; Clark III 1062–1063; Clark IV 1178)
- 1979, April 19** — 11:30 p.m. John Milroy and his mother are driving from Ardersier to Croy, Inverness, Scotland, when he sees headlights in the distance. The lights get larger and rise above the road. Thinking it is an airplane crash, they get out of the car and experience an abnormal silence; they can no longer hear the car engine or the door slam when they flee. Everything reverts to normal when they reach a ditch. The mother is so excited she needs to be sedated the next day. ("[UFO Scare for Mother and Son](#)," *Aberdeen (Scotland) Evening Express*, April 20, 1979, via *UFO Newscipping Service*, no. 119 (June 1979): 11; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 2)
- 1979, April 20** — Former astronaut and US Sen. [Harrison Schmitt](#) (R-N.Mex.) and US Attorney [R. E. Thompson](#) convene an informal public hearing on cattle mutilations in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Its goal is to show that criminal activity is taking place involving many states and it requires federal action. About 200 people attend, including *Fort Worth (Tex.) Star-Telegram* reporter [Jim Marrs](#). Thompson warns law enforcement officers not to reveal any evidence that might be used at a later trial. (FBI records, "[Animal Mutilation Part 04](#)"; "[Cattle Mutilation Probe Will Begin on April 20](#)," *Albuquerque (N.Mex.) Journal*, March 21, 1979, p. 20; "[Conference Targets Cattle Mutilations](#)," *Albuquerque (N.Mex.) Journal*, April 19, 1979, p. 8; Fritz Thompson, "[FBI to Scan Mutilations](#)," *Albuquerque (N.Mex.) Journal*, April 21, 1979, pp. 1, 3; "[Santa Fe DA to Coordinate Cattle Mutilations Probe](#)," *Albuquerque (N.Mex.) Journal*, April 25, 1979, p. 3; Fritz Thompson, "[The Cattle Mutilation Mystery Revisited](#)," *Impact: Albuquerque Journal Magazine*, May 22, 1979, pp. 12–15; Thomas P. Deuley, "[Mutilation Hearings Held in New Mexico](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 137 (July 1979): 8–9; Christopher O'Brien, *Stalking the Herd: Unraveling the Cattle Mutilation Mystery*, Adventures Unlimited, 2014)
- 1979, April 21** — Late night. A helicopter pilot and a mechanic are returning by car to their unit in the Blonie area, Poland. A light descends rapidly and silently over the road, resolving itself into 4 large lights attached to a solid object more than 100 feet long. It stops and hovers at 300 feet and then shoots upward instantaneously. (Poland 68–69)
- 1979, April 25** — Retired FBI agent [Kenneth M. Rommel Jr.](#) begins a major investigation of cattle mutilations. Financed by grants from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and the Santa Fe, New Mexico, District Attorney's office (which has been designated as the coordinating state investigative agency for cattle mutilations), the inquiry focuses on New Mexico cases, though it pays some attention to incidents in other states. (Wikipedia, "[Cattle mutilation](#)"; Thomas Day, "[Santa Fe DA to Coordinate Cattle Mutilations Probe](#)," *Albuquerque (N.Mex.) Journal*, April 25, 1979, p. 3; Fritz Thompson, "[The Cattle Mutilation Mystery Revisited](#)," *Albuquerque (N.Mex.) Journal*, May 22, 1979, *Impact* magazine, pp. 12–15; Thomas P. Deuley, "[Mutilation Hearings Held in New Mexico](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 137 (July 1979): 8–9; Kenneth M. Rommel Jr., *Operation Animal Mutilation*, Report of the District Attorney, First Judicial District, State of New Mexico, June 1980; Clark III 133; Clark IV 160–161)
- 1979, April 29** — 10:45 p.m. A couple at Makapu'u Beach, O'ahu, Hawaii, spot a huge triangular UFO with many lights at about 2,000 feet elevation. It moves at an estimated 100 mph and emits a humming sound. The object maneuvers over a residential section and then moves toward Koko Head before flying away out to sea. (Iris Maack, "[UFOs Abound in Hawaii](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 11 (May 1979): 1)
- 1979, May** — [Victor Marchetti](#), former special assistant to the Deputy Director of the CIA and author of the 1974 book *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence*, writes an article in *Second Look* on "How the CIA Views the UFO Phenomenon." He asserts that "we have, indeed, been contacted—perhaps even visited—by extraterrestrial beings, and the US government, in collusion with other national powers of the Earth, is determined to keep this information from the general public." He claims that the CIA does not discuss UFOs openly because they are deemed "sensitive activities," but he has heard rumors of crashed UFOs and extraterrestrial signals picked up by the National Security Agency. Attempts by the government to deny the reality of UFOs have all the hallmarks of a classic coverup, he writes. (Victor Marchetti, "[How the CIA Views the UFO Phenomenon](#)," *Second Look* 1, no. 7 (May 1979): 2–7; Robert Hastings, "[Ex-CIA Official Says Stories of Crashed UFOs and Little Gray Men 'on Ice' Discussed at a High-Level](#)," *UFOs & Nukes* blog, March 2, 2015; *Nukes* 490–491)
- 1979, May** — The China UFO Research Organization is founded in Wuhan, China, by Sun Shili. By 1983 it has 500 members and 30 regional chapters, three of which are publishing their own newsletters. By 1988, it supposedly has 50,000 members and becomes affiliated with the state-run Qigong Science and Research Society. (Eghigian, *After*, p. 229; Clark IV 1327)

- 1979, May 1** — 4:00 a.m. YPF company engineers at the Vizcacheras oil fields in a remote area of Argentina's Mendoza province accessible only to employees are awakened by goats bleating in a corral. When they go outside to investigate, they see a UFO hovering silently about 230 feet from the encampment and 65 feet above the ground. They wave a lantern and the UFO seems to respond by blinking a light, then slowly lands nearby. More light signals are exchanged, then the UFO takes off and disappears toward the Andes mountains at 4:35 a.m. After the sighting, the goats (about 1,500) refuse to return to their corral. The engineers go to inspect the landing spot and find a large circle in which the sand has been petrified or hardened into chunks. Soil samples are taken to a Professor of Literature [Victorio Corradi](#) for analysis. Corradi, identified as director of the Institute for Extrahuman Studies, says the samples are being analyzed by the Office of Mining. Corradi remarks that the "permanent presence of the UFOs over the uranium mines of La Pintada and Cuesta de los Ternereros in San Rafael and now in Vizcacheras, is not a coincidence." (Richard H. Hall, "[Extraterrestrial Psychology](#)," 1988; "[Argentine Oil Field Landing](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 139 (September 1979): 6; "[Vizcacheras, Mendoza: Aterrizaje en campo de petróleo \(1 de mayo de 1979\)](#)," *Orbita Cero: Mendoza, Argentina*, February 17, 2013; Luis Emilio Annino, "[Adiós al Prof. Victorio Corradi, pionero y decano de la Ufología mendocina](#)," *Orbita Cero: Mendoza, Argentina*, February 10, 2022)
- 1979, May 3** — 9:00 p.m. Mrs. Ragna Karlsson is gathering firewood in a birch copse about 160 feet from her house in Undenäs, Västra Götaland, Sweden, when a vivid blue-white flash from the cloudless sky startles her. Looking up, she sees an object about 8–10 feet long moving through the trees just below treetop level, roughly 100–130 feet away. Frightened, she runs across a meadow toward her home. At the end of the meadow, she pauses and looks back to see the object, now resembling a transparent bowl filled with multicolored pulses, hovering over a pile of logs. After a few seconds, the object shoots up into the sky, leaving behind a spiral-shaped cloud. Many people across central Sweden witness this cloud. Two dull explosions "like sonic bangs" are heard. (Acke Svensson, "[The Swedish UFO 'Like Halley's Comet'](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 29, no. 2 (December 1983): 5–7)
- 1979, May 7** — 10:00 a.m. Two witnesses on an airliner about one hour south of Chicago, Illinois, notice two bright-white rectangular objects slightly higher than the airplane. They gradually fade from view. ("[Long Rectangular UFOs: Five Different Cases of Similarly Shaped Objects](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 9 (September 1981): 2)
- 1979, May 9** — Early morning. A fleet of 10–15 UFOs alarms people in Choconta, Colombia. Eight of the objects have lights that change from red to blue to orange and yellow. An electrical blackout takes place, and dogs, chicken, and cattle get disturbed and run away. The objects examine the Telecom satellite tracking station before ascending rapidly and disappearing in the clouds. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 2)
- 1979, May 16** — 10:30 a.m. Arlindo Gabriel dos Santos is hunting with two friends in a forest near Baependi, Minas Gerais, Brazil, when he becomes separated from the others. He sees an object descend towards the ground in a clearing. He approaches to within 600 feet and sees that the object is shaped like a telephone booth about 3 feet tall. He takes a photo of the object before it abruptly disappears in plain sight. He walks to the clearing and sees another object shaped like a toy top and a little larger than the previous object, descending swiftly. It has a small propeller on top and a long, pointed protrusion on the bottom. As he tries to photograph the second object, he hears a whooshing sound, and the craft is quickly enveloped in smoke. He notices a third craft descending overhead. This one is barrel-shaped and hovers for a bit before landing. It also has a large propeller at one end and is covered with red stripes. It vanishes when he tries to approach. Dos Santos finally sees a huge, white, egg-shaped object descend. It has a pointed top and fin-like protrusions on each side. Next to the fins are several windows. As it descends it makes a horrific noise like a choking motor and puts out four landing pods. He approaches and tries to take another photograph, but there is a sudden flash that temporarily blinds him and leaves his eyes irritated. Frightened, he drops the camera and runs, but is only able to get about 30 feet before he is can no longer move. Behind him he notices two men wearing helmets with transparent visors and gloves. They grab him, each taking one arm. He begs them to let him go in the name of God, but they answer, "In the name of God, we are all brothers; we don't harm anybody." The voice comes from a box-like apparatus on their backs. He is taken toward the landed UFO. As he gets near, he can feel an intense cold surrounding it. Another helmeted figure stands by a ladder extending from the craft, looking from side to side. The man asks dos Santos if he has seen a "Zurca." Dos Santos thinks he is referring to one of the smaller objects. The man extends a gloved hand and pulls dos Santos inside the craft through a square doorway. The atmosphere inside the craft is pleasant and cool, and there is a smell like "baby powder" in the air. Other men wearing dark, tight-fitting outfits are sitting on seats. The men have large slanted eyes, thin noses, and large mouths, and they are operating some type of machinery. They stand up and begin conversing in an unknown language. Suddenly, a heavyset woman emerges from another room. She wears a white uniform, gloves, but no helmet. Dos Santos describes her as good looking, tanned, with long light fine hair. The woman and one of the men then take him into a corridor. He enters a room where he sees

a square object in the middle. The man pushes a button on the wall and the object rises. It resembled a large piece of marble. The woman takes out a long wand and points it at the object. On the object dos Santos sees an image of the planet Earth and other planets. At this point, the man removes his helmet revealing short, light-colored hair. When dos Santos leaves the craft, he is told to cover his eyes and not look as the object leaves. He follows these instructions and does not see the object depart. (NICAP, "[May 16, 1979: Near Baependi, Minas Gerais State, Brazil](#)"; "[Grandes Manobras Extraterrestres na Fazenda do Sobrado, Baependi, MG](#)," *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 132–135 (Jan./Aug. 1980): 28–71; Jackson Luiz Camargo, "[O Caso do Embornal](#)," Portal Fenomenum, June 15, 2016; Brazil 258–266)

- 1979, May 19** — 2:27 a.m. Tailor Mike Sacks and his brother Ray are on the moors near Stacksteads, Lancashire, England, looking for the UFO that Mike had already seen twice the previous winter. They have staked out the hills with a camera and suddenly hear a muted howling noise echoing through the night. The noise is coming from a white, glowing light falling toward them. The glowing mass slows down and the howling stops. Now directly overhead, the object is hovering just feet above a stream. They see a dome on top that emits electric blue sparks, a middle section, and a rim with a translucent metallic glow. The object tilts to reveal intricate detail on its underside, then accelerates and disappears. The men take a dozen photos, but they only show black sky when processed. (Jenny Randles, "The House on Haunted Moor," *Fortean Times* 322 (January 2015): 23)
- 1979, May 20** — 8:00 a.m. A scientist, Ron Kruppa, sees a large UFO emitting smaller objects in Davao City, Philippines. ("[Stretching the Truth in the Philippines](#)," *IUR* 5, no. 1a (January 1980): 7)
- 1979, May 22** — 10:00 p.m. A man walking in a park in Piastów, Poland, sees two bright yellow beams of light coming from a dark object about 10 feet wide floating just above the ground. Walking to within 10 feet of the object, he can see a third beam of light below it. Green geometrical shapes appear and vanish along the side of the UFO. A blinking red light shines out on the upper surface, in between the vertical bars of an H-shaped sign taking up almost the entire top. Suddenly the object shines with a white-blue light, and the man's face feels like it is burning. Frightened, he runs away and does not look back. The next morning, he feels as if something heavy is pressing on his head; two weeks later, sores containing dried blood break out on his face. (Bronislaw Rzepecki, "[UFOs and Ufologists in Poland](#)," *IUR* 11, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1986): 15–16; Bronislaw Rzepecki, "UFOs in Poland," *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, p. 124)
- 1979, May 26** — 12:05 a.m. Jim Gallagher, the pilot of a private airplane flying at about 10,000 feet near Hailey, Idaho, spots five orange objects flying in a horizontal line. They tilt, spread out, and regroup in a vertical formation. As they pass to his left, his magnetic compass and direction finder begin spinning, the radio is filled with static, and the engine sputters. One of the objects approaches at high speed, and the pilot begins a climb and loses sight of the UFOs. (NICAP, "[Compasses, Radio, Engine Affected on Aircraft](#)"; Bob Gribble, "[Looking Back](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 253 (May 1989): 19; Richard F. Haines, *Project Delta*, 1994, pp. 154–155; UFOEv II 140–141)
- 1979, Summer** — Long-time Ohio ufologist [Allen H. Greenfield](#) writes an editorial in his *Ufology Notebook* newsletter stating that he has become increasingly skeptical about the reality of anomalous UFOs. (Allen H. Greenfield, "[Confessions of a Ufologist](#)," *MUFOB*, new ser., no. 15 (Summer 1979): 7–8, 13; Eghigian, *After*, p. 253)
- 1979, June** — In *Messengers of Deception*, [Jacques Vallée](#) claims that a shadowy human group, some of whom have infiltrated UFO organizations like NICAP and CUFOS, is manipulating UFO myths for its own purposes, while the UFO phenomenon operates as a control system—manifested in "intense activity followed by quiet periods—intended to lead human consciousness into a new concept of reality." On the other hand, he argues that the UFO phenomenon is ancient and that the message has changed with the times. He claims the current concept of flying discs originated in Germany in the 1930s, with the unknown private group gaining control of them after World War II. Contactees are manipulated by human programmers. Many ufologists think Vallée has gone too far in his anti-ETH approach and is conspiracy mongering. (Jacques Vallée, *Messengers of Deception: UFO Contacts and Cults*, And/Or, 1979; Vincent White, "[A Critique](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 12 (June 1979): 3–5; Clark III 881, 1214; Clark IV 976, 1390)
- 1979, June** — 3:00 a.m. A woman doctor is in the TV room of her parents' home in Boardman, Ohio, suffering from insomnia. She sees something flashing outside the window, illuminating the entire area outside. A cylinder-shaped light comes through the closed window and passes three feet from her face. It then comes to look more like a paperclip that flashes on and off, meandering about, apparently not interested in her. She runs into the bedroom and does not see it again. (Michael D. Swords, "[A Trick of the Light](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 9)
- 1979, June 10** — 4:40 p.m. A family in Milford, Connecticut, watches a disc "like two plates put together" approach from the south. It is silver on top and dark on the bottom and seems to have a band around the edge and triangular markings. After it passes silently behind the trees to the north of them after 1 minute, they jump into a car and drive after it. It seems to be traveling at 20–25 mph, and they are able to overtake it flying parallel to the road. It

seems to be flying at an altitude of 1,000 feet, and disappears to the north. ([“Case 4-1-40,” IUR 4, no. 1 \(July 1979\): 10](#))

1979, June 12 — 8:45 p.m. Members of a rock band practicing in a barn in Pine Ridge, near Hartsville, South Carolina, step outside to watch an unusual form hovering low over the containment building and smokestack of the H. B. Robinson Nuclear Generating Station one half mile away to the northeast. An ovoid-shaped object, seen primarily by its lights, shines two bright yellowish-white beams of light. After hovering motionless for 2–5 minutes, all the lights fade except a blue light. The UFO moves off and is gone almost instantly. After about 5 minutes, a second object is seen hovering for 2–5 minutes to the right of the plant and directing a beam of light at it. It flies off toward the northwest. No one at the nuclear plant reports seeing anything unusual. ([“Case 4-1-47,” IUR 4, no. 1 \(July 1979\): 10](#))

1979, June 14 — 8:30 a.m. A woman in St. Petersburg, Florida, sees an object with a long transparent trail. ([“Case 4-1-51,” IUR 4, no. 1 \(July 1979\): 10](#))

1979, June 17 — 10:00 p.m. A witness in North Prairie, Wisconsin, watches a star, slightly dimmer than Jupiter, move silently across the sky from east to west, passing overhead. It suddenly makes a 90° turn to the north and is lost in the cloud cover. Ten minutes later, he and his family watch a similar light transit the sky, again from east to west, in 10–15 seconds. ([“Wisconsin NL,” IUR 4, no. 2 \(August 1979\): 13](#))

1979, June 18 — 11:30 a.m. Pilot Giancarlo Cecconi, attached to the Italian 14 Group Second Air Force Fighter Wing, is returning to Treviso Air Base, Veneto, Italy, in his G-91R fighter, and is above the area between Rovigo and Abano Terme after carrying out a reconnaissance mission. The Istrana Air Base radar center registers the presence of an intruder and gives Cecconi directions to approach the target that is within a prohibited area. As he approaches the target at 7,000 feet, the Treviso control tower warns him that the object is discharging an odd “blue trail.” The UFO begins making up and down movements and ascends to 13,000 feet. Cecconi makes 7–8 passes and takes a total of 82 gun camera photos. Cecconi can see a “gas tank” of matte black on the object and a small white dome. As he is about to make a final pass, the Istrana radar center tells him that the object has disappeared suddenly. Treviso confirms the lost target. The photos show a cylindrical dark object estimated to be 26 feet long. ([“UFO Storici: Il caso del Maresciallo Cecconi,” Noi e gli extraterrestri, September 26, 2014; John Greenewald, “The UFO Case of Maresciallo Cecconi, June 18, 1979,” The Black Vault, June 10, 2021](#))

1979, June 19 — 12:30 p.m. A middle-aged couple, Allan and Maila, are sitting in their living room in Rauma, Finland, when they see an object that is hovering above a rock some 200 feet away. Curved on top and flat on the bottom, the UFO is emitting a blue-black beam that sweeps the nearby woods horizontally with an undulating motion. After a minute, the beam disappears suddenly. Maila goes outside and walks up to the object, which is about 3 feet wide, about knee-high, and resting on tiny legs. Inside the transparent top part she can see two creatures sitting on small chairs in front of a console with levers and dials. They have crooked, hawk-like beaks, and their skin is flecked with green-brown spots. Their eyes and mouths are large, their chins are long, and their ears pointed. They are wearing helmets with antennae, a black garment, and black gloves. She reaches out to touch the object, but one of the creatures motions to her with its left hand and she feels “electricity in her eyes.” Momentarily blinded, she staggers briefly and the object takes off. She develops a severe headache. Allan sees the craft take off but doesn’t witness the beings. The incident lasts 10 minutes. Maila later describes being especially frightened by the humanoid’s stare and suffers from disturbing dreams afterward. (Juhani Kyröläinen and Pekka Teerikorpi, [“CE-III Report from Rauma, Finland,” Flying Saucer Review 27, no. 3 \(November 1981\): 3–7](#); Pekka Teerikorpi, [“CE-III Report from Finland \(Part II\),” Flying Saucer Review 29, no. 3 \(March 1984\): 26–28](#))

1979, June 19 — 10:02 p.m. A witness in Clarksville, Tennessee, is walking his dog when he sees a metallic egg-shaped object, surrounded by a glow, approaching from the west. It appears to be at 8,000 feet altitude. It comes to a stop for 30 seconds, then picks up speed slowly for 7 seconds, and blasts off with a shower of sparks trailing behind it, disappearing in the southeast. ([“Rocketing ‘Egg’ over Tennessee,” IUR 4, no. 2 \(August 1979\): 13](#))

1979, June 26 — 3:00 a.m. A 77-year-old man in Wheeling, Illinois, is awakened by his border collie and goes outside. When he opens the back door he sees a uniformly glowing “balloon,” 6–7 feet in diameter and sharply outlined. His dog steps forward and watches it as it hovers rock-steady at 60 feet up and 100 feet away or less. After 4–5 minutes it moves slowly behind the trees to the southwest. Running to the front of his house, he sees an identical form 70 feet up and moving silently to the northwest. It goes behind trees in 3–4 minutes. Duration is 10–13 minutes. ([“Two Glowing Globes,” IUR 4, no. 2 \(August 1979\): 13](#))

1979, June 26 — 3:20 p.m. A sharply outlined “mushroom” is seen moving out of the south by a group of eight neighbors in the northeast section of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It is smaller than the full moon, but at one point they can detect four “domes” on its rotating underside. The object is illuminated with colors ranging from burgundy to silver. At one point it makes a 90° turn and circles around completely, becoming a minty green color. It continues slowly north and disappears. ([“An ‘Adamski’ Mushroom?” IUR 4, no. 2 \(August 1979\): 13](#))

- 1979, June 28** — Security guard Antônio Carlos Ferreira is allegedly abducted from his workplace, a furniture factory in Mirassol, São Paulo, Brazil. He is approached by three humanoid figures who tranquilize him and take him aboard a small ship that ferries him to a larger craft further away. There he is put in front of a large TV screen and presented with a variety of images before being forced to mate with a female alien. He is tranquilized again and returned to the ground. The aliens are approximately 4 feet tall with pointed ears, slanted eyes, and human-like mouths. They lack eyebrows or eyelashes and speak in a language that superficially resembles Japanese. Some have dark skin and red curly hair, while others have light skin and straight black hair. The ship is spherical with three legs protruding from the bottom, and the interior is lit by bright red and green lights. Ferreira states that he encountered the aliens again in 1982, with the craft supposedly landing close enough for him to see the female alien and a childlike alien observing him from a distance. He experiences a third encounter later in 1982 in which he is taken into the hangar of an alien craft by a green beam of light before being injected with a yellow substance. He is then taken to meet the two aliens once more, the younger of whom he is led to believe is his own child. Other encounters follow, to a total of 16 or 20 between 1979 and 1989. (Wikipedia, "[Caso Mirassol](#)"; Ney Matiel Pires, "[3-Sexto Contato com Ufonautas de Antônio Carlos Ferreira](#)," *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 158–161 (May/Dec. 1984): 14–54; Walter K. Buhler, Guilherme Pereira, and Ney M. Pires, *UFO Abduction at Mirassol*, UFO Photo Archives, 1985; Aileen Garoutte, "[Contact at Mirassol](#)," *UFOexperiences*, May 22, 2005; Clark III 764–765; Brazil 277–280; "[Mirassol UFO Incident](#)," *Exodata*; Clark IV 845–846)
- 1979, July** — Day. A woman is driving with her 4-year-old son in a rural area near Sarnia, Ontario. Her son keeps asking what something outside is, and she looks and sees a silver-colored object hovering above the car. It has a cylindrical body with round balls at each end. It follows the car around a bend and across a bridge. She drives about a quarter mile before she can stop the car. When she gets out, the object rises silently and moves out of sight. (Powell, *Scientist*, 52)
- 1979, July 1** — 3:40 p.m. A factory supervisor and his wife are driving in Crystal Lake, Illinois, when they see an aluminum-colored ellipse hovering in the north-northeast at an estimated 1,000 feet. It moves with jerky movements to the east-southeast, drops down to 500 feet, and remains stationary over a stand of trees about one mile away for 2–3 seconds. It ascends and descends about five times. ("[Daylight Disc in Illinois](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 2 (August 1979): 13)
- 1979, July 4** — 1:30 a.m. A Swedish man is walking along a dark road after leaving a tavern not far from Monastiri Beach, Poros, Greece. He hears a powerful buzzing or shushing noise overhead. Not more than 25 feet above the trees on the uphill side of the road is a black, disc-shaped object, about 25 feet wide, that is blocking out the light of the stars. Within seconds a bright light beams down at him from the center of the object. He feels an electrical sensation and a general lightness. The light blinks out and the man begins running away, but the disc is descending and following him. The beam of light blinks on again when it is 50–60 feet above him. Two backpackers witness this and come running to aid him. The light blinks out again and four blinking red and green lights appear at the edge of the disc, which moves ahead another 150–200 feet. The UFO then rises to 400–500 feet and flies steadily until it disappears behind a hill. ("[High Adventure in Greece](#)," *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 6 (Jan./Feb. 1982): 15–16)
- 1979, July 17** — 6:00 a.m. A couple in a rural area northeast of Des Moines, Iowa, are fixing breakfast when through their window they see a small, circular light source to the northeast. It hovers silently for 5 minutes. It starts moving slowly upward at a 70° angle, then breaks into two smaller objects that shoot out of sight. ("[Iowa UFO Splits in Two](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Sept./Oct. 1979): 10)
- 1979, July 17** — In Moscow, Russian ufologist [Vladimir G. Azhazha](#) is elected president of a new section of the A. S. Popov Scientific Society for Radio, Electronics, and Communications titled *Bliznih Poisk Vnezemnykh Tsvilzatsiy s Pomoshch'yu Sredstva Radioelektronika* (Search for the Extraterrestrial Civilizations in the Neighborhood of the Earth by Means of Electronics). Although the department is disbanded on December 12, its members, which also includes [Lev M. Gindilis](#) and Nikita A. Schnee, attempt to establish an official investigation of the UFO phenomenon. (Nikita A. Schnee, "[Ufology in the USSR](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 1 (June 1981): 8–10)
- 1979, July 17** — Sen. [Harrison Schmitt](#) (R-N.Mex.) adds language to the annual Justice Department appropriations bill mandating that the FBI investigate cattle mutilations. (Harrison Schmitt, [[Press release](#)], July 17, 1979)
- 1979, July 25** — 11:30 a.m. Farmer Federico Ibáñez Ibáñez, 54, leaves the village of Turís, Valencia, Spain, to gather grapes from his vineyard. He finds an egg-shaped, white, metallic object resting on two feet in the access road to his field. Two small beings run from behind a carob tree on his left and enter the craft. They are wearing white outfits "puffed up with air" with protruding black tubes. The UFO suddenly ascends at great speed, stirring up a whirlwind. The case is investigated in depth in 1979 and reinvestigated in 2008. It features unique shapes for both

the landed craft and its occupants. The one witness is apparently credible. Ground traces are found as circumstantial evidence. Spanish investigator [Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos](#) concludes: “My considered impression is that the witness sincerely believes in the tangible reality of his experience, and I have not found any reasonable evidence of a lie or episode of fantasy, nor any proof that he embellished his account.” Ballester Olmos’s latest thought is, “Did the witness invent or hallucinate the event under the influence of the current publicity for the *Star Wars* movie?” (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, “[Imagination or Reality? The Landing at Turis, Revisiting a 1979 Spanish CE3](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 1 (March 2010): 3–7, 22–24 ; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, “[Imagination or Reality? The Landing at Turis](#),” Academia.edu, [2013])

- 1979**, July 27 — 11:10 p.m. Gary Hull is on the patio of his in-laws’ home in Stamford, Connecticut, when he sees an orange light in the northwest. He calls his wife Kathleen and others, and they watch it move silently across the sky at treetop level. After 5 minutes, it stops and hovers. Four or five white flashes erupt from its right side, followed by 4–5 faint sounds like firecrackers. At 11:19, a commercial jet flies overhead and under the UFO, which accelerates almost straight up in 5–10 seconds, diminishing to a pinpoint. Other witnesses 3.5 miles to the north and a few miles to the west watch similar objects. (“[Independent Witnesses in Connecticut](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Sept./Oct. 1979): 10)
- 1979**, July 28 — 9:50 p.m. Pattie Ong watches a huge triangular UFO with numerous lights descend rapidly in Wenona, Illinois, before stopping abruptly. She estimates it is about 200 feet long and a half-mile away. It descends again and the lights start blinking, while lines of lights protrude from the underside and start pulsing like a strobe. Within seconds, the display fades away. (William Retoff, “[Low-Flying Triangle in Illinois](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 4 (November 1980): 25–27)
- 1979**, August — Harry Griesberg and David Seargent form the Australian Centre for UFO Studies from the CUFOS Australian Co-Ordination Section. (Keith Basterfield, Vladimir Godic, and Pony Godic, “[Australian Ufology: A Review](#),” *JUFOS* 2 (1990): 28)
- 1979**, August — Dusk. A witness in Halifax, Nova Scotia, watches through a telescope a round object with 12–18 lights around its base approaching from the southeast. It hovers for about 30 seconds. He calls to his wife to verify the observation, which has now moved directly overhead. The lights give off constant beams downward. (“[Correspondence](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1982): 3)
- 1979**, August — Evening. A resident of Czluchów, Poland, is rowing his boat on a lake when he sees a “dark oblong object” moving rapidly and soundlessly along the surface of the water without disturbing it. It disappears behind some lakeside vegetation. Another witness on shore sees it apparently land, so he calls his two dogs and heads toward the spot. About 65 feet from the shore he can see two entities in dark suits walking toward the forest. The dogs run toward them and they stop and turn around. The dogs stop in their tracks, bark, and retreat in terror. The witness watches the entities as they continue walking. They are about 5 feet tall and sealed in diving outfits. At the level of their eyes is a glass plate through which they can apparently see. Their hips are unnaturally wide and each has a hump between the back of the neck and the shoulders. The witness calls out to them, but they begin running into the trees. A luminous rectangular object floats up from the treetops about 325 feet away and hovers 100 feet from the ground. A blue-green light is along its sides, shading away into white in the middle. The UFO speeds away, leaving no findable landing traces. The witness claims his dogs’ front legs become paralyzed 6 months later and he has to put them to sleep. (Bronislaw Rzepecki, “[UFOs and Ufologists in Poland](#),” *IUR* 11, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1986): 16; ; Bronislaw Rzepecki, “UFOs in Poland,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 124–125)
- 1979**, August 1 — 1:35 a.m. Westchester County police officer William Shaughnessy sees apparently the same white ball of light at the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, New York, as that reported by several citizens of Lewisboro the same night. It passes southeast directly over his car, at 600–800 feet altitude. It stops above some treetops, makes a complete right turn, and disappears to the west. 12 minutes later, it comes flying back, hovers, shoots over his car again, and is gone quickly. During this time, Shaughnessy cannot reach his station by either low-band FM or portable radio. (“[Patrolman Spots UFO in the Early Morning at Local Reservoir](#),” *Mount Kisco (N.Y.) Patent Trader*, August 2, 1979, via *APCIC Clipping Service* 4, no. 8 (August 1979): 23–24; “[UFO Was Spotted Twice](#),” *White Plains (N.Y.) Reporter Dispatch*, August 2, 1979, p. 3; “[County Cop Says He Sighted UFO](#),” *Mt. Vernon (N.Y.) Daily Argus*, August 2, 1979, p. 2; “[Cop Ridiculed for NL Sighting in New York](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Sept./Oct. 1979): 10–11; Vincent Mangiamiele and Charles Taylor, “[A Special Report](#),” *SBI Report* 1, no. 7 (1979): 11–15; Richard Schwartzberg, “[Are UFOs Trying to Contact Police Officers?](#)” *Beyond Reality*, no. 43 (June 1980): 34–37, 58)
- 1979**, August 1 — US Air Force Intelligence is redesignated the Electronic Security Command. (Wikipedia, “[Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency](#)”)

- 1979, August 1** — The Fund for UFO Research is established as a nonprofit corporation in the District of Columbia to raise money to support scientific UFO research and public information projects. It remains active through 2011. ([Fund for UFO Research Quarterly Report](#), Oct./Dec. 1983; Clark III 520; Clark IV 569–570)
- 1979, August 1** — Astronomer [Allan Hendry](#) publishes *The UFO Handbook*, a harshly pessimistic assessment of his investigative experience with the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois. The first part covers IFOs, showing how normal objects can be misinterpreted as UFOs. The remainder of the book covers techniques that can be used by UFO investigators. (Allan Hendry, *The UFO Handbook*, Doubleday, 1979; Clark III 569; Clark IV 627)
- 1979, August 2** — Morning. A teen who mows the lawn finds a strange design on the lawn of an 8-acre estate about 8 miles north of Chagrin Falls, Ohio. The owner waits a week before reporting it to the police, who alert the Center for UFO Studies, which investigates the marking on August 22. The trace is visible as flattened, yellowed grass in a semicircle between two straight lines forming a 120° angle. An analysis of the soil sample indicated nothing unusual in the chemistry, and no herbicides or petroleum. (“[1979 Ground Mark Remains Unidentified](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 2 (June 1980): 1–2)
- 1979, August 2** — 11:30 p.m. Multiple witnesses watch a triangular object flying from south to north over Herndon and Atwood, Kansas; and Culbertson and McCook, Nebraska. [Wilma Tongish](#) and her daughter Dawn are riding their bicycles near their farm in Herndon when they see a strange light hovering to the south. They return to the farmhouse to get some binoculars and alert her husband [Denis](#) and two other children. The object appears to be three-sided, about 50 feet long, and a metallic color, with red lights at each corner and one in the middle. It seems to be 500–800 feet in altitude. It hovers silently, but as it moves away they hear the faint sound of a motor. Other families in the vicinity also watch the object. (“[More Residents Report Seeing ‘Strange Light,’](#)” *McCook (Nebr.) Gazette*, August 4, 1979, via *APCIC Clipping Service* 4, no. 8 (August 1979): 22; “[Strange Object Seen by Kansas Residents](#),” *McCook (Nebr.) Gazette*, August 7, 1979, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 122 (September 1979): 4; “[A Bird? A Plane? No, It’s...\(?\)](#),” *McCook (Nebr.) Gazette*, August 9, 1979, via *APCIC Clipping Service* 4, no. 9 (September 1979): 9; “[Flying Object Seen North of Culbertson](#),” *McCook (Nebr.) Gazette*, August 10, 1979, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 122 (September 1979): 10; “[What Was Up August 2?](#)” *McCook (Nebr.) Gazette*, August 11, 1979, via *APCIC Clipping Service* 4, no. 9 (September 1979): 11; “[Hovering Light Still a Mystery](#),” *McCook (Nebr.) Gazette*, August 17, 1979, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 122 (September 1979): 7; Marler [104–106](#))
- 1979, August 4** — 10:35 p.m. Maria Artura and her grandson see a domed, disc-shaped object approach from the west over Canoga Park, Los Angeles, California. Two humanoid beings with oversized heads are visible inside. The object stops and hovers above an apartment building on the other side of the street. It tilts to one side, returns to horizontal, then flies behind a tree, stops, and tilts the other way. Finally, it flies away to the west. (“[California Humanoids?](#)” *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Sept./Oct. 1979): 11; Ann Druffel, “[California Report: An Urban Problem: Very Close Encounters with UFOs](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 166 (December 1981): 13–15; Richard H. Hall, “[Dyad ‘Scout Craft,’](#)” *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 25; UFOEv II 463–464; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), December 25, 2007)
- 1979, August 5** — 7:00 p.m. A man driving 20 miles north of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, sees five large red lights suddenly appear in front of his car. They are in a V-formation, four in one row, the fifth forming the other. They move downward toward the horizon, where they vanish. (“[Strange Formation in Wisconsin](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 3/4, Sept./Oct, 1979): 11)
- 1979, August 10** — Two large metallic spheres are found in Bolivia, one near Enconada and another near Buen Retiro, just hours after reports of a fireball in Bolivia and northern Chile. Newspaper reports at the time focus on the reentry of a satellite or rocket stage as the possible cause, suggested by Col. [Ariel Coca](#), director of the Bolivian Air Force Academy. The Defense Attaché of the US Embassy in La Paz promptly informs the US Defense Intelligence Agency via telexed Moon Dust reports, which include translations of two Bolivian newspaper reports. Moon Dust is the unclassified name of a cold war USAF program to obtain Soviet space hardware that survives reentry. In 2014, amateur satellite tracker [Ted Molczan](#) presents strong circumstantial evidence that the spheres are debris from the reentry of the Delta rocket second stage 1979-072B that launched [Westar 3](#) from Cape Canaveral, Florida, the same day. (“[Moon Dust, Object Found near Santz Cruz *U*](#),” August 17, 1979; “[Moon Dust, Additional Object Reportedly Found near Santa Cruz *U*](#),” August 21, 1979; Ted Molczan, “[Re-Entry Sightings and Debris Recovery of 1979-072B, Bolivia: 1979 August 10 UTC](#),” Visual Satellite Observer, July 30, 2014; Ted Molczan, “[Bolivia: Spheres Found August 1979, La Prensa Article](#),” Visual Satellite Observer; Good Above, [pp. 322–323](#))
- 1979, August 10** — 9:00 p.m. Two witnesses are on the shore of a lake near Czluchow, Poland, when they see an object gliding swiftly along the surface and vanishing behind some vegetation on the bank. One witness collects his dogs

and approaches the spot, but before he gets there, he encounters two entities dressed in black who are moving toward the woods. The dogs run toward them barking, but the entities turn to face them and the dogs stop barking and go back. The beings are dressed in coveralls. They have wide hips, a lump at the base of their necks, and curved forearms, and they are gliding rather than walking. They vanish, and while searching for them the witness sees a rectangular object hovering about 300 feet away and flashing beams of white and blue-green light. It vanishes suddenly. (Bronislaw Rzepecki, "[UFO Reports from Poland](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 33, no. 1 (March 1988): 5–6; Poland 46–48)

- 1979**, August 11 — Three purple blobs resembling "smooth whipped cream" appear on the front lawn of Martin and Sybil Christian in Frisco, Texas. The evening before, a neighbor had seen a bright light descend nearby. One of the blobs dissolves, and the other two are frozen and shipped off for analysis, where they are identified as industrial waste. (Ted Schultz, "Blobs from Space?" *Fate* 34, no. 12 (December 1981): 85–92; Clark III 1102; Clark IV 1228)
- 1979**, August 11 — 9:41 p.m. A graduate student and a friend are taking an evening drive in a semi-rural area in Northfield Township, Michigan. They notice two white stationary lights about 300 feet from the road and 500 feet in the air. They turn the car around and see another formation of white lights and a flashing red light to the west. A total of three sets of lights appear heading south. They follow one group, which hovers above some power lines. The couple continues to pursue and be pursued by the similar formations of lights for 30 minutes. At the intersection of Joy and Whitmire Lake Road, one set of lights flies directly above them at 1,000–1,500 feet altitude, making a noise like a jet or the wind. ("[Scientists Chase Michigan UFOs?](#)" *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Sept./Oct. 1979): 11–12)
- 1979**, August 11 — 11:00 p.m. Two 18-year-olds, a male college student and a female telephone company employee, are sitting in a car near Bergen Park, Colorado, looking at the homes at the base of a small mountain on Soda Creek Road off Interstate 70. They see a white light about two-thirds of the way up the mountain. It grows bigger, four times the brightness of the houselights at the base of the mountain. It seems to become a cluster of four lights with a dark space in the middle. After 3 minutes, the light silently rises over the mountain, hovers for 3 seconds, and drops down behind it. A glow remains over the mountain. ("[Colorado Landing](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Sept./Oct. 1979): 12)
- 1979**, August 12 — 2:00 a.m. Engineer Y. Podvyazniy and two companions are on the shore of the Black Sea west of the microdistrict of Khosta near Sochi, Krasnodar Krai, Russia. They notice a brightly illuminated object approaching erratically from the sea. Suddenly it skips to within one mile of the witnesses, who take 9 photos, estimate its size as 165–330 feet, and notice four glowing lights that look like portholes. The object is only 16–65 feet above the water when it slowly moves away to a distance of 9 miles. A patrol boat uses its searchlight to illuminate the object, which appears to be spherical. When the object lights up and dims, the searchlight and the patrol boat's lights also dim. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 133–134)
- 1979**, August 12 — 10:00 p.m. Two teenage brothers are driving 9 miles west of Rolla, Missouri, in an undeveloped area. A red light and a blue light appear over the car, apparently circling each other. The two lights seem to blend into one, forming a soft white color. Sparks shoot out, and the single light source arcs upward and vanishes in the western sky. Both feel strange sensations of both pressure and floating as this occurs. These effects, along with involuntary body movements and trouble speaking and breathing, last 10 minutes. ("[Teens Claim Bizarre Effects](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Sept./Oct. 1979): 12)
- 1979**, Mid-August — Night. Hospital administrator Jon Linnell and his wife are driving home from Northwood, North Dakota, to Warren, Minnesota, when they see bright lights over a field to the left. 15 seconds later the lights come toward them and hover above their car. Linnell slows the car down and the object takes off to the north. It is silent and too bright to look at. ("[Deputy's UFO Story Evokes Other Tales](#)," *Minneapolis Star*, September 11, 1979, pp. 1, 5; Clark III 716)
- 1979**, August 16 — 4:22 a.m. A male nurse is driving south on US Highway 19 seven miles south of Washington, Pennsylvania. Ahead of him on the left is a large, luminous object that looks like a football. It appears to be 60 feet up as he drives underneath it. It remains stationary as he drives away. ("[Pennsylvania 'Football'](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 4)
- 1979**, August 16 — 4:30 p.m. A silver, pan-shaped object flies past an eastbound truck near Providence, Kentucky, at 2,000–3,000 feet altitude. It tumbles in flight, turning over sideways before disappearing behind a hill. ("[Kentucky Daylight Saucer](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 4)
- 1979**, August 17 — 9:00 p.m. Elma l'Abbe is flying above Saint-Jovite, Quebec, in a Piper PA-28 Cherokee Warrior piloted by a friend. She looks out the window and notices that both wings are turning red. The pilot says his controls are jammed, but both feel the aircraft being pulled upward. They then see a large red ball of energy nearly 300 feet in diameter and 50 feet thick close to the right wing. It speeds away rapidly and appears to have a

white light on its tail end. The aircraft falls about 1,000 feet and levels out at 4,000 feet. The object disappears into a cloud, where it rotates, showing red on one side and white on the other. The ball of light disappears into the orange sky of the sunset. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 92–95)

- 1979**, August 19 — Evening. A mother and her two children, a teenage girl and a 5-year-old boy, are collecting wildflowers in some fields adjacent to the River Mersey in East Didsbury, Manchester, England, when they see an object like a flying gondola landing just above the water meadow. They run toward it as it descends on its curved base. The children recall seeing a strange look in their mother's eyes, as if she is being drawn toward it. The next thing they remember is running back toward the river. On arriving home, they are surprised to find that it's an hour later than they expect. Over the next few days, the mother and daughter develop bruises on their legs, which fade after a few more days. The young boy has nightmares of men with heads "shaped like raindrops" coming for him. (Jenny Randles, "River of Time," *Fortean Times* 438 (December 2023): 29)
- 1979**, August 19 — 10:20 p.m. A witness at his home 16 miles southeast of Dallas, Texas, sees a shimmering light with amber portholes silently darting around near some radio towers. ("[Texan NL](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 4)
- 1979**, August 20 — 7:30–9:00 p.m. Some 119 people in northern and eastern Poland observe several different types of cylindrical or spherical UFOs. Reports come from Sopot, Jurata, Gdańsk, Bydgoszcz, Malbork, Jastrzębie, Olsztyn, Świecie, and Warsaw. Vacationers in Sopot and Jurata see a cigar ejecting a smoky trail and flames. In Gdańsk, the objects are cigar-shaped or oblong changing into a sphere. Bogdan Śmiech from Malbork watches 9–10 balls of light 3–4 miles above the ground. (Poland 72–73)
- 1979**, Late August — 10:00 p.m. Mrs. H. M. Dickinson and another witness see a small, transparent object shaped like a lightbulb moving west to east just outside the window of her home in Surry, Maine. Inside it is an entity sitting on a box and facing what seems to be a control panel. The object is lighted from within and blinks out after 5 seconds. ("[Seated Occupant in Light-Bulb-Shaped 1979 Maine CE-III](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 2 (April/May 1984): 1, 3)
- 1979**, August 23 — 8:15 p.m. Two fishing boats belonging to the Szomborg family, the Hel-125 and Hel-127, are in the Baltic Sea some 46 miles off the Hel peninsula, Poland, when their radar malfunctions and the TV set reception fails. Lucjan Szomborg on the Hel-127 notices two bright-red lights in the air less than a mile away. Suddenly another larger, pulsating light appears about 1,500 feet in front of the boat and the original two lights, which are apparently attached to a dark object, move silently toward it. A white light emerges from the two smaller lights, which then disappear in the distance. The pulsating light begins flashing erratically, emitting strong vibrations, and Szomborg steers his boat closer. The red light places itself directly in the Hel-127's path three times, matching the boat's course changes. The crew members begin to get nervous, some getting severe headaches, chest pains, and nausea. The navigator, Henryk Elwardt, is gripped with pain, affected by the pulsing vibrations. Szomborg, feeling symptoms of paralysis and temporary blindness, manages to change course and warn his father on the Hel-125 of danger. All the on-board equipment has suddenly stopped working. After 20 minutes, Szomborg notices that the red sphere has moved further away. The boats safely return to Hel by 4:00 a.m., and the equipment is working again. Doctors, neurologists, and psychiatrists examine the crew and find nothing physically wrong, but they are prescribed sedatives and the Polish Navy prohibits them from going out to sea for 3 weeks. (Poland 122–124; "[UFO nad Bałtykiem 23 sierpnia 1979 r.](#)," *UFO-Relacje.pl*, August 4, 2019)
- 1979**, August 25 — 3:30 p.m. Three witnesses in a boat at Balsam Lake, Wisconsin, watch an object with a metallic surface move downward in an oscillating manner and maneuver for 6–7 minutes. ("[Wisconsin DD](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 4)
- 1979**, August 27 — 1:40 a.m. Deputy Sheriff [Val Johnson](#) is on duty in the west end of Marshall County, Minnesota, driving on County Highway 5 west of Stephen when he sees a light through his side window. The light is to his south, shining from a grove of trees standing along State Highway 220 near the Red River. He thinks it might be from a downed drug-smuggling airplane. He turns south on 220, accelerates to 65 mph, and moves closer. The light moves toward him, traveling so fast that it crosses the 1.5 miles separating them almost instantaneously. It makes no sound and still looks just like a blinding light. Johnson hears glass breaking and sees the inside of the patrol car light up. After the light hits, he loses consciousness. When he wakes up, his head is resting on the steering wheel and his eyes are staring at the red "engine" light on the dashboard. He looks out the window and sees the car has skidded sideways across the northbound lane and now faces eastward. The front tires are touching the gravel on the shoulder. He can see only with difficulty and feels like he is moving in slow motion. At 2:19 a.m., he radios headquarters and asks for assistance. Deputy Greg Winskowski arrives on the scene shortly. Johnson is still inside the car with a red bump on his forehead, so he calls an ambulance. At the hospital, Dr. W. A. Pinsonneault examines Johnson's eyes, but the probe light hurts so much that Johnson cannot stand it more than a few seconds at a time. Pinsonneault suspects corneal flash burns and covers his eyes with bandages. Sheriff Dennis Brekke drives Johnson's 1977 Ford LTD patrol car back to the garage. The inside light on the driver's

side is smashed. On the hood, 4 feet 4 inches behind the smashed light and close to the windshield, is a flat-bottomed, circular dent, half an inch in diameter. A crack in the windshield on the driver's side about 18 inches behind the dent runs top to bottom, with four apparent impacts; it looks as if a cluster of small objects, stones perhaps, have done the damage. The car's battery-powered clock, set correctly at 7:00 p.m. when Johnson came on duty, is 14 minutes late. So is Johnson's wind-up wristwatch, set at the same time. The red plastic lens covering the roof light on the driver's side shows a triangular puncture, and the lens is dislodged from the housing. A radio antenna shaft is bent over at a 60° angle. The large "bubble" lamp just inches in front of the antenna is unscathed. The trunk antenna for CB radio is bent at 90°. Brekke, after calling the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, takes Johnson to Grand Forks, North Dakota, at 11:00 a.m. for an eye examination by ophthalmologist Leonard Prochaska, who finds that Johnson's problems have cleared up. [Allan Hendry](#) of CUFOs determines that the car damage is inconsistent with anything an airplane could have caused. Meridan French, a windshield expert with the Glass Division of Ford Motor Company, concludes that a flat-ended object had made a forceful impact with the hood and then tilted toward the windshield. A team of engineers at Honeywell's materials testing laboratory indicates that flying particles were responsible for the damage to the headlight glass and lamp plastic. (Wikipedia, "[Val Johnson incident](#)"; NICAP, "[Val Johnson Case](#)"; "[Deputy's UFO Story Evokes Other Tales](#)," *Minneapolis (Minn.) Star*, September 11, 1979, pp. 1A, 5A; "[Minnesota CEII: The Val Johnson Story](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 3/4 (Sept./Oct. 1979): 4–9; "[Minnesota CEII: The Val Johnson Story, Part Two, Laboratory Analyses and Conclusion](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 5 (November 1979): 4–11; Chris Rutkowski, "[Special Report: Stephen, Minnesota; Not Proof, But...](#)" *Swamp Gas Journal* 1, no. 6 (April 1980): 1–4; Allan Hendry, "UFO Bangs up Police Car," *Fate* 33, no. 5 (May 1980): 55–64; Mark Rodeghier, "[UFO/Vehicle Very Close Encounters](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 25; "[That's Incredible!—Val Johnson Case](#)," Paranormal Videos You May Have Missed YouTube channel, November 4, 2015; Clark III 713–716; Clark IV 781–785)

- 1979, August 27** — 2:30 p.m. Flying instructor Laurie Adlington has just left Blackbushe Airport in Yateley, Hampshire, England, with Lt. James Plastow from Sandhurst Military College for his pilot's license test in a Cessna 150. They are at 2,000 feet heading toward Basingstoke when Adlington suddenly grabs the controls and throws the Cessna into a steep bank and descent to avoid a collision. An object suddenly speeds past the front of the aircraft, coming within a few feet of the windshield. The rotating object is about 12 inches in diameter, shaped like a doughnut, reflects light with a silvery glow "like a blob of mercury," and has a honeycombed surface. They can make out the hint of an aerial on one side. The object begins flying around the plane for a short time before it flies underneath it and then streaks upward and away to about 3,000 feet. Possible early use of a drone. (Omar Fowler, "[Mini-Disc over Blackbushe](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 1 (June 1980): 18–19)
- 1979, August 27** — 11:00 p.m. A family in Smithtown, New York, watches a round object with a band around its equator and many small orange lights fly toward them from the north. They remain outside after it disappears, hoping it will return, and it does, flying from west to east and rising up sharply and silently. ("[New York NL Appears Twice](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 5)
- 1979, August 28** — 11:15 p.m. Harry Joe Turner is driving a 1974 Kenworth tractor-trailer loaded with mustard and ketchup on US Highway 17 two miles from Warrenton, Virginia. His CB radio starts acting up, giving out a noise that gets louder and louder. Something grabs him tightly on his left shoulder. He sees a large object looming over his cab and hears two thumps. Even though he is going 70 mph, he sees a figure standing outside. When it throws open the door, Turner grabs his .32 automatic pistol and fires 8 rounds at it with no effect. He then blacks out. Turner wakes up in the passenger seat at 3:00 a.m. at his destination in a Fredericksburg warehouse but can't remember how he got there. The odometer indicates he has only traveled 17 miles, not 80, yet he has used 114 gallons of fuel. The top 2 inches of the CB antenna are melted off, and 30 inches of the AM/FM antenna has broken off. A filmy substance covers the truck. He drives back home but is confused and his eyes are overly sensitive to light. Turner wakes up in a Winchester hospital diagnosed with a broken blood vessel in his left eye. He begins to remember more about the experience and recalls his truck being lifted into a UFO piloted by two humanlike figures dressed in white shirts and pants, one of whom is named Alpha La Zoo Loo. He seems to take a trip in space to a planet beyond Alpha Centauri. On September 3, after taking valium, Turner is arrested for speeding. He thinks aliens are chasing him. Turner continues to undergo anxiety attacks. [Allan Hendry](#) and Fred Whiting from the Center for UFO Studies are unable to corroborate Turner's story, and the two antennas appear to be deliberately altered. (Iris Maack, "[Truck, Rig, Abducted \(?\)](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 28, no. 6 (December 1979): 1–3; Fred Whiting, "[The Abduction of Harry Joe Turner](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal* 145 (March 1980): 3–7; Clark III 1139–1141; Clark IV 1296–1298)
- 1979, August 29** — 2:00 a.m. Russ Johnson is driving on Highway 50 on the western outskirts of Vermillion, South Dakota, when he spots a blinding headlight in front of him. It is stationary for 2 seconds, then it streaks toward him and engulfs his car. Johnson closes his eyes and hits the brakes, skidding the car to a stop, spinning sideways

until it faces east. He opens his eyes and sees the light heading away west. The next day, the still-shaken Johnson goes to the site with Robert Adams at the University of South Dakota, who sees the skid marks. (Debra Stone, [“Deputy’s UFO Story Evokes Other Tales,”](#) *Minneapolis (Minn.) Star*, September 11, 1979, pp. 1A, 5A; [“Case 4-5-2,”](#) *IUR* 4, no. 5 (November 1979): 11; Clark III 716; Clark IV 784–785)

1979, August 29 — 8:00 a.m. A woman is in her alfalfa field 10 miles north of Pasco, Washington, when she sees what appears to be a post sitting a half-mile away. It is about 4–5 feet tall. About 10 minutes later she sees that the object is now in the air, flying slowly in a horizontal position, land bullet-shaped, looking black on its flat end and silver on its rounded end. A neighbor also sees the object before it disappears in the west. ([“A Flying Fence Post in Washington State,”](#) *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 5)

1979, August 29 — 7:30 p.m. A married couple is taking their dog on a duck hunt between Dżiki and Ernestowo, Poland, when they notice a “strange orange ball” coming from behind a hill about 3 miles away. The husband studies it through binoculars, estimating its speed as about 95 mph. The ball proves to be the front of a huge steel-colored cigar-shaped object, which stops 1,300 feet away and hovers above some buildings for about 10 seconds. They can see five large, square windows with rounded corners; the three in the front glow with orange light, while the other two seem covered by a shade. The object moves forward about 40 feet and stops. Half a minute later, sparks shoot from the rear and the UFO vanishes over the horizon. An orange glow remains behind. Alojzy Pawlik sees the same object in Łaskowice at about the same time. (Bronisław Rzepecki, [“Encounters in Poland,”](#) *IUR* 12, no. 3 (May/June 1987): 17)

1979, August 29 — 10:00 p.m. A 47-year-old housewife sees the lower corner of a gigantic “mothership” outside her living room window in a southwest suburb of Chicago, Illinois. The blimp-like UFO is so huge she can’t see the whole length or height. It extends the whole block of houses at treetop level. She reports four different kinds of humanoid creatures (7 in all) visible through the hull, which is luminous and yellow in color. She hears a loud humming sound. The duration is 45 minutes. ([“Two That Got Away,”](#) *IUR* 5, no. 1 (January 1980): 5)

1979, August 29 — 10:30 p.m. Charles Weeden and his father see an orange light moving erratically in the sky to the west over Sycamore, Illinois. They call the police, and Deputy Berna Van Vlerah looks outside the station 2.5 miles west of the Weedens and sees the orange light to her southeast, low above the horizon. Using binoculars, she sees a flat-bottomed orange dome shape within the light. She watches it for 5 minutes, then drives to the Weedens and watches it there to the west. (Terry Farley, [“Dome-Shaped Flying Object Reported over County,”](#) *DeKalb (Ill.) Chronicle*, August 30, 1979, p. 1; [“And One Sighted near DeKalb,”](#) *Rockford (Ill.) Register Star*, August 31, 1979; Paul Gross, [“Sycamore Pair Believe We Are Not Alone,”](#) *Arlington Heights (Ill.) Herald*, September 2, 1979; [“Orange NL in Illinois?”](#) *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 5; Richard Schwartzburg, [“Weird Shaped UFOs Crowd Our Skies,”](#) *UFO Update*, no. 8 (Fall 1980): 42, 45; William Retoff, [“Unearthly Visitors Terrify Residents in Central Illinois,”](#) *UFO Update*, no. 10 (Spring 1981): 28–31)

1979, August 30 — 2:30 a.m. A student camping out at Slip Bluff County Park near Lamoni, Iowa, is awakened by her dog barking. She sees a formation of lights on an oval object about a city block away. It moves away horizontally, still close to the ground. ([“Landing in Iowa?”](#) *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 6)

1979, August 30 — 4:00 p.m. During a thunderstorm, three passengers and the driver watch a 2-foot yellow and green ball of light rush down from the north only 5 feet in front of a Metropolitan Transit Commission bus on the southwest side of Minneapolis, Minnesota. It hits the pavement and erupts into a shower of sparks and smoke with a loud explosion. The shocked bus driver runs over the point of impact as the vehicle is shaking. No lasting effects can be found in the pavement after the storm. ([“Case 4-5-3,”](#) *IUR* 4, no. 5 (November 1979): 11)

1979, September — Citizens Against UFO Secrecy is losing momentum due to lack of money and public support. Search fees have become prohibitive: In response to a CAUS request for data on UFO trackings, NORAD informs them that it will require 18,383 hours and \$294,157. (Larry W. Bryant, [“UFO Secrecy Update,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 140 (October 1979): 13; ClearIntent, [pp. 9–10](#))

1979, September 3 — 7:30 p.m. Two witnesses watch an “aluminum oil drum with wings” flying silently above Oroville, California, in a straight line. ([“California Flying Drum,”](#) *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 6)

1979, September 3 — 7:45 p.m. A man is hunting with his daughter near Ogden, Utah, when he is alerted to a sound similar to that of a screaming, tumbling artillery shell. In the southwest, he briefly watches a dark, roundish “chunk” dropping straight down, landing in the brush 1,500 feet away with a thud. Five seconds later, he hears the same sound and watches a second white form land in a swampy area 3,000 feet downhill from his position. He spends all day searching the area with his children, but cannot find the projectiles. ([“Strange Falls in Utah,”](#) *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 6)

1979, September 3 — 9:30 p.m. Two couples in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin, see a red disc hovering in the western sky as they are driving from their cottage. The dashboard and engine lights fail, so the driver pulls over. The lights come

back on but go off again when the car moves forward again. This happens again 5–6 times in less than a minute. Once their view of the light is blocked, the lights come back on. The object moves on to the southwest at incredible speed. (“[Car Interference Case](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 6)

1979, September 3 — 10:40 p.m. Two witnesses in Cape Charles, Virginia, see a bright light zigzagging in an unusual manner for one minute in the northeast. (“[Virginia NL](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 6)

1979, September 4 — 7:45 p.m. Three men are driving north along Richmond Township Road A near New Richmond, Wisconsin, when they see a silver disc 500 feet to the west over some treetops. It moves toward the road and crosses it at 10 mph behind their pickup, then pausing to hover above a field 10 feet up. They jump out to watch the UFO wobbling about 300 feet away. Two more cars stop to watch. The object moves off to the east, still wobbling. (“[DD and Independent Witnesses](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 7)

1979, September 4 — 8:15 p.m. Two boys in Ashland, Wisconsin, watch a cone-shaped object with a slightly curved bottom flopping around and tumbling in the sky. They chase it on their bicycles but it outdistances them. (“[Tumbling Cone in Wisconsin](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 7)

1979, September 5 — 3:40 a.m. Dr. Barbara Anackowska-Piazza, a driver, and a stretcher bearer are taking a pregnant patient in an ambulance from Żuławka Sztumska to the hospital at Sztum, Poland. As they are passing through Tropy Sztumskie, they notice a large orange-red ball on their left that seems to parallel them as they turn toward Kalwa. At one point it looks so close that the driver fears it will block their way. It seems to have two dark, horizontal bands across it. They turn back to a railway crossing and alert the guards to the object, which is now less bright and soon turns dark. The observation lasts 20 minutes. Although there are some discrepancies in the accounts of its movement, Wim van Utrecht and others are certain that the object was the full moon setting. (Emma Popik, “[Under Intelligent Control?](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 6 (March 1981): 2–4; Poland 55–57; Stanislaw Barski, “[Incident Sztumski: Czerwona Kula Blokuje Ddrogę Ksretce Pogotowia](#),” April 22, 2010; “[UFO nad miejscowością Tropy Sztumskie 5 września 1979](#),” UFO Relacje.pl, December 29, 2018; Wim van Utrecht, “[Lunar Terror in Poland: A Doctor’s Dilemma](#),” CENAP UFO-Forschung, October 31, 2020, [reprinted](#) in Vicente-Juan Ballester-Olmos and Richard Heiden, eds., *The Reliability of UFO Witness Testimony*, UPIAR, 2023, pp. 205–219)

1979, September 5 — 10 :45 a.m. Lawrence Hogan is driving on County Road MM one mile east of Dresser, Wisconsin. A black dot moves over the trees ahead of him about 50 feet up, slowing down 600 feet away and descending below the tree line. He stops his truck to watch it move east. He sees that the object is metallic and silent. He chases it, alternately moving and hovering, for 5 minutes. (“Investigator Comes to Dresser to Probe UFO,” *Polk County (Wis.) Ledger*, September 20, 1979; Iris Maack, “[Sighting Summary](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 28, no. 6 (December 1979): 3; “[Then, the Next Day](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 7–8)

1979, September 9 — 4:30 a.m. A driver sees a bright amber light through her windshield to the west in Streamwood, Illinois. It approaches, then moves back to the west, dipping left and right. It approaches again, floating downward and growing brighter. Red and yellow spikes of light emanate from a bright white center. When she feels her face growing hot, she pulls sharply onto another street. Looking through her rear-view mirror, she sees the light make an abrupt turn to the left and disappear in the north in a few seconds. By noon, her face is sunburned and sore; the skin flakes off the next day and she quickly recovers. (“[Case 4-5-4](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 5 (November 1979): 12)

1979, September 9 — 7:30 p.m. A salesman and some customers are outside in Richfield, Minnesota, when they notice a silver form shaped like a truck tire with a flat underside moving to the south. It hovers for 4–5 seconds before moving off only 80–90 feet away from them. (“[Minnesota Daylight CE I](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 8–9)

1979, September 11 — 5:40 p.m. Donald Schultie watches a blue-gray object approach him from the east in Millsboro, Delaware. His son and councilwoman Dorothy Grey also see it. The UFO is an oblate sphere with a flashing white light. He estimates it is 10 feet wide. It hovers 300–500 feet away in a nearby field for 5 minutes then moves up and away to the northwest. (“[Delaware DD](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 9)

1979, September 12 — 8:45 p.m. A complete power failure takes place in Huaihua, Hunan, China. At 9:00 p.m., a bright object appears overhead, emitting a vertical stream of white rays. It flies upward at an angle and vanishes soundlessly a minute later, leaving two masses of hemispherical luminous clouds about 328 feet across. (Paul Dong and Wendelle C. Stevens, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archives, 1983, p. 132)

1979, September 12 — 11:00 p.m. A fire lookout at the Satus Peak tower on the Yakama, Washington, Indian Reservation sees a large orange ball of light between the Goat Rocks Wilderness Area and Mount Adams. It remains below the skyline for the most part, slowly moving in a number of different directions before fading from view. An hour and 15 minutes later, two more orange balls appear in the area of Simon Butte, moving erratically. They are joined by a third light, and all fade away after 45 seconds. The third ball apparently makes another appearance 5 minutes later and is visible for 45 seconds. (“[More NLs in Yakima](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 9)

- 1979**, Mid-September — 4:30 a.m. Teenagers Holly Travis and Debbie LaRose wake up at the Travis house in Sanford, Maine, and see through a window a huge, orange, round object whose underside is clearly visible as it slowly (10–15 mph) passes overhead, gently spinning on its axis, at about 500 feet elevation. It slowly descends behind the roof of the neighbor's house. (Richard Sigismond, "[Four Huge Orange Discs and the Case for the UFO](#)," *IUR* 8, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1983): 6–7)
- 1979**, September 16 — Night. Curtis Olson is mowing hay on his farm near Lake City, Minnesota, when he finds a circle of flattened corn 50 feet in diameter. The stalks are flattened in a pattern radiating from the center of the circle, and some are charred. He finds a path leading to another circle 18 feet away. At first, he thinks lightning caused it, but then he considers the possibility of a UFO. County Extension Agent [Matt Metz](#) thinks it might have been a combination of wind and decay. In 1987, Curtis's uncle David Olson admits to creating the circles as a practical joke, using his burlap-covered feet and a posthole tamper. ("[Farmer Says UFO Caused Field Damage](#)," *Minneapolis Tribune*, September 19, 1979, pp. 2B, 4B; "[Ground Traces in Minnesota](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, September 1979, p. 1; "[Not Everyone in Lake City Accepting Prankster's Confession in UFO Mystery](#)," *Minneapolis Star and Tribune*, April 8, 1987, pp. 1B, 6B; Clark III 602; Clark IV 662)
- 1979**, September 17 — 9:00 p.m. A witness driving in Portsmouth, Virginia, sees a large star approaching her until it is only 30 feet up and less than a block away. She says it seems as large as a three-story house and looks like a gigantic faceted wedding cake with three layers. She hears a muffled sound of a motor. One small green light is on the object's side, while the underside floods the ground with light. After 2 minutes, it moves slowly off to the left. ("[A Faceted Wedding Cake?](#)" *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 9–10)
- 1979**, September 19 — [Peter Gersten](#), on behalf of Ground Saucer Watch, meets with CIA attorneys and Judge [John H. Pratt](#) at US District Court for the District of Columbia. The CIA has moved for summary judgment, asserting that the GSW requests for UFO files are an "undue burden" and that the papers released so far are of little importance. Pratt gives GSW 60 days to provide a written response to the CIA motion. (Larry W. Bryant, "[UFO Secrecy Update](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 140 (October 1979): 13)
- 1979**, September 20 — 5:30 a.m. A woman is driving in Poplar Grove, Illinois, when a pear-shaped blue light, surrounded by a white haze, engulfs her van in blinding light. Her AM radio is racked with static. She floors the accelerator to get away but can't get past 40 mph. She recalls a sense of lightness as if she and the van are floating. The next thing she remembers is driving almost 6 miles further ahead at the intersection of Beaverton and Poplar Grove Road. She stops a police car for help, and her husband comes to pick her up. She sleeps abnormally and exhibits bouts of hysteria for a while after the event. ("[Case 4-5-5](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 5 (November 1979): 12)
- 1979**, September 26 or 27 — 8:45 p.m. Pat Gagliardo and another woman watch a single, blinking white light moving above the treetops near Norwich, Connecticut. They drive home to get two binoculars and another witness, then see the light approaching them from the east, now visibly attached to a boomerang-shaped object with the concave side toward them. It stops, tumbles end over end, and moves toward them again, slowly passing overhead, then shoots off to the east. ("[Connecticut NL](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 10)
- 1979**, September 29 — 8:45 a.m. A screenwriter sees two bright silver spheres moving above Hollywood, California. Each is somewhat smaller than a full moon and are revolving counterclockwise around a common axis between them. ("[A Different Kind of Hollywood Spectacle](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 10)
- 1979**, Fall — *MUFOB* changes its name to *Magonia*, with a nod to [Jacques Vallée](#)'s book *Passport to Magonia*. The editors become major proponents of the psychosocial hypothesis and introduce English subscribers to the views of French ufologists. It continues until April 2009. (*Magonia*, no. 1 (Autumn 1979); Clark III 706; "[History of Magonia](#)," Magonia Archive; Eghigian, *After*, p. 250; Clark IV 772)
- 1979**, October — Construction for an F-117A Nighthawk support facility begins at Tonopah Test Range inside Area 52, Nevada. The facility at Area 51 serves as a model for the Tonopah project. (Jacobsen, *Area 51*, [p. 343](#))
- 1979**, October — In a remote area near Melville, Saskatchewan, a CUFOS investigator is looking into a cattle mutilation when his truck begins swerving uncontrollably. He stops and gets out as he hears a low humming noise in the nearby bush. Walking toward it, he feels sharp pains in his back and his knees collapse. The hum becomes louder as he crawls back to the truck and drives away. He loses his sense of direction and hears a rapid clicking noise. The speedometer needle fluctuates wildly between 10 and 85 mph. Suddenly his disorientation leaves and he drives home. ("[Two CE-IIs in Western Canada](#)," *CUFOS Bulletin*, Summer 1980, pp. 6–7)
- 1979**, October — Day. Cornel Alexandru Olteanu is gathering mushrooms in a forest near Valea Berii near the source of the Teleajen River in the Ciucaș Mountains, Romania. He notices a gray object like a car in a clearing under a high cliff about 320 feet away. He walks toward it and sees it looks more like a metallic disc with a turret and is sitting on 3–4 legs. Nearby are two little men about 4 feet tall who seem to be working on something. They have large eyes, bald heads, and yellowish skin, and they are dressed in a one-piece suit. Noticing him, they turn

toward Olteanu, who is suddenly unable to move. The men turn around and climb up a ladder into the object. Flashing white lights come on and the object takes off into the sky and over some trees, which bend over as if they are going through a hurricane. After it is gone, Olteanu can move again. He notices a yellowish stain at the landing site. (Romania 132–133)

- 1979, October 4 — 12:00 noon. A sales manager watches a silver, domed-shaped object with a black flat bottom from a 38th-floor window on Madison Avenue and 26th Street in New York City. It is seen by three others on the same floor and two others on the floor immediately below. It moves north and makes a sharp turn before apparently hitting the Empire State Building. It clears the Pan Am building and flies off along the Hudson River at a high altitude. (“[The UFO That Almost Hit the Empire State Building](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 10–11)
- 1979, October 6 — 7:30 p.m. A couple driving south on County Road 46 near Amery, Wisconsin, see two red, luminous globes, each as large as the full moon, hovering above the southeast horizon. They drive on another 2–3 miles watching them before the two objects join together and hovers 250 feet above the field to their left, bathing it in a pinkish glow. (“[Red Globes in Wisconsin](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 11)
- 1979, October 6 — 9:30 p.m. A couple are driving on Interstate 35 east of Barnum, Minnesota, when they see a ball of light 3–6 feet in diameter approaching low over some trees. It rolls and bounces silently over the top of the car in about 10 seconds. After driving another 500 feet, the car’s engine dies and the headlights malfunction. The battery is so dead that it can’t be jump-started. The alternator also has to be replaced. The mechanic who does the repair work says that the interior looks like a fire has gone through it (though not the exterior). (“[Case 4-5-6](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 5 (November 1979): 12; Mark Rodeghier, “[A Summary of Vehicle Interference Reports and a Description of a Possible Natural Phenomenon Causing Some Events](#),” *The Spectrum of UFO Research*, CUFOS, 1988, p. 165)
- 1979, October 11 — Space journalist [James Oberg](#) writes an article in *New Scientist* pointing out that ufology is less a science than a “movement” that is too reliant on spurious rumors and unfalsifiable claims. (James Oberg, “[The Failure of the ‘Science’ of Ufology](#),” *New Scientist*, October 11, 1979, pp. 102–105)
- 1979, October 14 — Writer [Patrick Huyghe](#) breaks the news about the Northern Tier intrusions of 1975 for the first time in the *New York Times*, along with an update on the FOIA requests for UFO documents from the CIA and FBI. (Patrick Huyghe, “[U.F.O. Files: The Untold Story](#),” *New York Times Magazine*, October 14, 1979, pp. 106–111)
- 1979, October 16 — 6:10 p.m. Two witnesses on the east side of Saint Paul, Minnesota, near Interstate 694 see a silvery domed disc with a flat bottom traveling toward the southwest, moving up and down and drifting about. (“[Another Minnesota DD](#),” *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 11)
- 1979, October 20 — 12:30 a.m. A 15-year-old boy in a farmhouse in Baldwin, Wisconsin, sees two intense white lights circling counterclockwise over a hayfield about 1,200 feet away. He goes outside for a closer look, but the lights disappear. Three days later, the family finds a 30 foot-by-45 foot triangular area of brown and dried vegetation in the hayfield. (“[Wisconsin CE II?](#)” *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 11)
- 1979, October 25 — 5:56 p.m. A young man and his sister are driving through Westmont, Illinois, and see a flat-bottomed object. Bright luminous white in the middle, its outer edge is more yellow. It moves back and forth, somersaults, and disappears. (“[Illinois Flipping Disc?](#)” *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 11–12)
- 1979, October 27 — 6:15 a.m. Lou Blackburn takes three photographs of his friends’ fishing boat coming out of the Motunau River on the South Island of New Zealand. After it is developed, one of the slides shows a cluster of about 19 blue-white lights in the sky. (Fred and Phyll Dickeson, “[The Motunau, New Zealand, UFO Photograph](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 6 (June 1981): 1, 3–4)
- 1979, October 27 — Three Russian aircraft approaching Khatanga, Krasnoyarsk Krai, Russia, encounter a large UFO about 850 feet long and only a half-mile away with three spheres attached to it. Each sphere has three portholes. The pilot of an Antonov An-26 transport cannot get his compass to work properly unless it is directed at the object, which paces the aircraft, flying over and around it. A similar object is seen shortly afterward at Alykel Airport near Norilsk, and the Messoyakha Gas Field. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia’s USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 95)
- 1979, October 29 — In *Hayden v. National Security Agency/Central Security Service* the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit rules that the records of the National Security Agency are so sensitive to national security that they are afforded a “special dispensation” from adversarial scrutiny through FOIA. ([Hayden v. National Security Agency / Central Security Service](#), US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, October 29, 1979)
- 1979, November — During rocket tests at the Kapustin Yar site, Astrakhan Oblast, Russia, a Col. Gen. Sapkov and other officers see a bright-green elliptical object, occasionally changing hues, hover over the range for 30 minutes. Sapkov claims to see the same phenomenon in 1986 and is assured by officers that this is a common occurrence.

(Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, p. 51)

- 1979**, November 8 — 7:00 p.m. Five teenage girls in West Palm Beach, Florida, watch a round object with multiple lights, a door, and a bubble roof descend to the east and hover there for 5 minutes. It rises again, flies over a store near the witnesses and disappears over the southern horizon. ("[Palm Beach Puzzle](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 13)
- 1979**, November 9 — 10:30 a.m. [Robert Taylor](#), a 61-year-old forestry worker, is out one night working in the Dechmont Woods near Livingston, Scotland. Taylor and his dog are on duty when he spots a UFO hovering completely motionless and silent above the ground. Described as approximately 20 feet across and 12 feet high, the strange object is made of a "dark gray metallic material." Taylor thinks the UFO is possibly going transparent from time to time in order to disguise itself. A ring or platform encircles the object with spikes topped with propellers. Two more small spiky spheres come from the craft and make a sound as their spikes move across the ground. Taylor is then grabbed by these two smaller objects and dragged to the UFO. As this is happening, he can smell a strong, sickening odor. Soon after this, he loses consciousness and remains passed out about 20 minutes. He is woken up by his dog, which is running around and barking in a panic. He hears a kind of hissing sound and realizes that the craft is beginning to leave. Seconds later the UFO disappears. Taylor is unable to walk or talk properly after the event. He suffers from a headache, sickness, and pain in his chin for some hours afterward. Authorities are appointed to investigate the site and find tracks where Taylor says the smaller spheres were dragging him. Patricia Hannaford, founder of the Edinburgh University UFO Research Society and a qualified physician, suggests that Taylor's collapse is an isolated attack of temporal lobe epilepsy with hallucinations. Symptoms such as Taylor's history of meningitis, his report of a strong smell that no one else can detect, his headache, dry throat, paralysis of his legs, and period of unconsciousness indicate an epileptic episode. (Wikipedia, "[Robert Taylor incident](#)"; NICAP, "[Taylor Incident](#)"; Steuart Campbell, "[Close Encounter in Scotland](#)," *Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena* 1, no. 2 (March 1980): 43–46; Martin Keatman and Andrew Collins, "[Physical Assault by Unidentified Objects at Livingston, Part I](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 6 (April 1980): 2–7; Martin Keatman and Andrew Collins, "[Physical Assault by Unidentified Objects at Livingston, Part II](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 1 (June 1980): 25–28; "[The Scottish Landing Case](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 29, no. 1 (July 1980): 1–3; "[A Scottish Abduction?](#)" *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 2, no. 5 (July/Aug. 1980): 15–16; Martin Keatman and Andrew Collins, "[Physical Assault by Unidentified Objects at Livingston, Part III](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 3 (September 1980): 1–4; Steuart Campbell, "[Close Encounter at Livingston](#)," ed., Charles F. Lockwood and Leslie W. Bayer, BUFORA Case History No. 1, July 1982; Patrick Gross, "[Dechmont Woods, Scotland, November 9, 1979](#)"; Gary Heseltine, "The Livingston Case Revisited," *UFO Magazine*, March 2003, pp. 34–38; David Slater, "[Spaceships, Spheres, and the Devil's Herb: A Possible Explanation of the Livingston UFO Incident](#)," *Musings on Anomalous Culture*, May 30, 2010; Hamish MacPherson, "[Scot's Close Encounter with UFO at Dechmont Law Still Baffles](#)," *The National* (Scotland), May 15, 2023; "[Robert Taylor Talks He Was Attacked by a UFO in Dechmont Woods, Livingston, Scotland, 1979](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube Channel, June 25, 2023)
- 1979**, November 11–12 — 11:00 p.m. Flight JK-297, a TAE Supercaravelle outbound from Salzburg, Austria, has just made a refueling stop on Mallorca, Balearic Islands, Spain, before setting course toward Las Palmas in the Canary Islands. Pilot Francisco Javier Lerdo de Tejada and his crew notice a set of red lights that are fast approaching the aircraft. They appear to be on a collision course, alarming the crew. The captain requests information about the lights, but neither the Pegaso Defense Radar Center in Torrejón Air Base, Madrid, nor the flight control center in Barcelona can provide any explanation. In order to avoid a possible collision, the captain changes altitude. However, the lights mirror the new course and stay about 1,600 feet away from the plane. Since the object is violating all elementary safety rules and the crew considers an evasive maneuver impossible, the captain decides to go off-course and make an emergency landing at the Manises airport in Valencia. The lights abandon the pursuit just before the aircraft lands. However, three new UFO targets are detected by the radar, each one with an estimated diameter of 650 feet. The objects are seen by several witnesses. One of the UFOs passes very close to the airport runway, and emergency lights are lit by the land crew in case the object happens to be an unregistered flight experiencing difficulties. Because the object answers no attempts to communicate, a Mirage F-1 takes off at 2:10 a.m. from the nearby Los Llanos Air Base in Albacete to intercept the object. The pilot, Spanish Air Force captain Fernando Cámara, has to increase his speed to 920 mph just to achieve visual contact with what he sees as a truncated cone-shaped object. Despite his initial efforts, the object quickly disappears. Cámara is told of a new radar target, indicating that another object might be near Sagunto. When he is close enough, the object accelerates and disappears again. This time, though, the UFO seems to respond, and the Mirage has its electronic flight systems jammed. At last, and after a third intercept attempt, the UFO finally disappears, heading for Africa. After 90 minutes of pursuit, the pilot is forced to return to the base with no results. However, a close examination by

Spanish engineer Juan Antonio Fernández Peris identifies the two red lights as gas burn-off flares from a nearby oil refinery that are distorted by a temperature inversion in place that evening. The lights seen by the ground crew can be traced to stars and planets. Some family problems of the airliner pilot predispose him to an overanxious reaction when the Barcelona air traffic control fails to provide a conventional solution. The EM interference reported by the fighter pilot results from the electronic countermeasures of a US Navy ship in the Mediterranean that is operating under a heightened state of alert as the Iranian hostage crisis unfolds. (Wikipedia, "[Manises UFO incident](#)"; NICAP, "[Spanish Radar Visual Case? Probably Not](#)"; "[Spanish Radar Visual Case](#)," *IUR* 4, no. 6 (December 1979): 14–15; Juan José Benítez, "[Jetliner 'Intercepted' by UFO near Valencia](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 5 (March 1980): 13–15; J. J. Benítez, *Incidente en Manises*, Plaza y Janés, 1982; Good Above, pp. 156–157; J. Plana Crivellén, "[Encounters in Spanish Air-Space between Aircraft and UFOs](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 34, no. 1 (March 1989): 22–23; "[The Anomaly Foundation Solves the 'Manises' UFO Case: 20 Years of Mystery Are Over](#)," Fundación Anomalía, 1999; Juan Antonio Fernández Peris, *El Expediente Manises*, Fundación Anomalía, 2000; Miguel Ángel Ruiz, "[El Expediente Manises: Un análisis crítico](#)," Informe OVNI 2009; "[1979 ES #UFOB \[Case\] Impression of the Manises Incident Spain](#)," UFOB | Your UAP Library YouTube channel, October 3, 2022; Jackson Camargo, "[O Incidente Manises](#)," Portal Fenomenum, April 23, 2024; "[El caso Manises ovni en Valencia](#)," *El Valenciano*, April 26, 2024; "[1979 ES #UFOB \[Case\] The Manises Incident in Spain](#)," UFOB | Your UAP Library YouTube channel, August 29, 2024; "[Bibliografía caso Manises \(#6215, 11/11/1979\)](#)," Proyecto CUCO, November 11, 2024)

- 1979**, November 14 — 8:10 p.m. A witness near Killaly, Saskatchewan, sees a white light land in a field about a quarter mile to the south of her house and then go out. Her dogs keep snarling and barking all night long. The next morning her husband passes the field and notices that it is emitting a dense cloud of smoke. He finds a ring of smoldering grass some 30 feet in diameter, but with snow still visible in the center. The unburnt grass next to it is flattened. ("[Two CE-IIs in Western Canada](#)," *CUFOS Bulletin*, Summer 1980, pp. 6–7)
- 1979**, November 15 — 5:00 p.m. A group of children playing in Chiraleș, Romania, see a milky-white object that looks like a mace head with protuberances moving silently from north to south about 50 feet from the ground. It appears to be 3 feet in diameter and lands at a nearby mound. The children run toward the mound but stop when they see two glowing objects land on it with tripod legs. Two little men 2.5 feet tall, dressed in metallic costumes with antennae, come out of one of the objects through a door and walk around with a bouncing motion. The children keep approaching, so the men run back into the craft, which takes off in a burst of red-orange flames. Small circular impressions are found, although they get disturbed by curious onlookers. (Romania 134–135)
- 1979**, November 15 — 9:00 p.m. Two teenage boys in Gadsden, Alabama, see a domed disc the size of a house approach them from the south until it is 900 feet away and 750 feet in the air. The light underneath it is so bright that it illuminates the entire object. It makes a U-turn and passes overhead as it moves south with a jerky motion. ("[Alabama Saucer](#)," *IUR* 5, no. 1 (January 1980): 4)
- 1979**, November 17 — 2:30 p.m. A 13-year-old boy is walking home from school through a clearing in the woods in Pound Ridge, New York, when he sees what looks like a solid, 3-foot-tall maple tree surrounded by an electric glow. It hovers for 3 seconds only 12 feet away from him, then shoots straight up into the sky, changing color from green to red. ("[A Flying Tree in New York?](#)" *IUR* 5, no. 1 (January 1980): 4)
- 1979**, November 17 — 4:20 p.m. The underground Pegaso Defense Radar Center at Torrejón Air Base in Madrid, Spain, detects an unknown target some 25 miles south of Motril, Grenada, and a Mirage F1 is scrambled from Los Llanos Air Base in Albacete, Castilla-La Mancha. By the time the jet arrives in the vicinity, the target has disappeared. At 6:16 p.m., the pilot is heading back to Los Llanos when he sees three powerful red-yellow lights in the shape of a triangle about 12 miles away. They do not register on radar. In spite of chasing the lights at 720 mph, the Mirage cannot close the gap. During his descent into Los Llanos, some childish, laughing voices break into the UHF-1 channel linking him to Pegaso: "Hello, how are you? Hello, hello," they say in Spanish. The interference lasts 30 seconds. ("[El OVNI que sobrevoló la ciudad de Motril](#)," OVNI: ¿Mitología o Realidad?, May 24, 2019)
- 1979**, November 18 — 1:15 a.m. A man in Antioch, California, watches a bright red light flying from east to the northeast. It stops for 3–5 seconds and changes to purple then pale blue and moves off. ("[Fast NL in California](#)," *IUR* 5, no. 1a (January 1980): 4)
- 1979**, November 26 — 5:00 a.m. A phone call to police in Pontoise, Val d'Oise, France, brings officers to the apartment of Jean-Pierre Prevost, 25, a clothing seller, who has claimed that a colleague, Franck Fontaine, has been abducted by a UFO. Fontaine reappears on December 3, claiming to remember only that a luminous fog had descended on his car and he woke up later in a cabbage field. GEPAN investigates and finds the story problematic. On July 7, 1983, Prevost confesses that the story was a hoax intended to promote a spiritual message. ("[Un O.V.N.I. apparaît ... un jeune homme disparaît](#)," *Sud Ouest* (Bordeaux, France), November 27,

- 1979; “[On recherche toujours le jeune homme enlevé par un O.V.N.I.](#),” *Sud Ouest* (Bordeaux, France), November 28, 1979; “[O.V.N.I. kidnappeur: Le mystère s’épaissit.](#),” *Sud Ouest* (Bordeaux, France), November 29, 1979; “[Un ‘boule de feu’ sur la route du boucher d’Annot \(04\).](#),” *Le Provençal* (Marseille, France), December 3, 1979; “[L’aventure extra-terrestre de Franck Fontaine: Les gendarmes s’obstinent.](#),” *Sud Ouest* (Bordeaux, France), December 5, 1979; “[Franck Fontaine.](#),” *Sud Ouest* (Bordeaux, France), December 6, 1979; “[French Abduction: ‘Travis Walton’ Style.](#),” *IUR* 5, no. 1 (January 1980): 3; “[‘Enlèvement’ par OVNI égale affabulation.](#),” *Sud Ouest* (Bordeaux, France), June 6, 1980; *Enquête GEPAN 79/07: A propos d’une disparition*, Note Technique no. 6, Groupe d’Étude des Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non-identifiés, Centre Nationale d’Étude Spatiales, March 31, 1981; Hilary Evans and Michel Piccin, “Who Took Who for a Ride?” *Fate* 35, no. 10 (October 1982): 51–58; Jacques Bonabot, “[1979 Fontaine Case in France Now Admitted to Be a Hoax.](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 190 (December 1983): 10; “[Cergy-Pontoise Hoax.](#),” *Encyclopedia of Occultism and Parapsychology*; Clark III 230–232; Clark IV 270–273)
- 1979**, November 27 — A 13-year-old girl (“Christelle”) in France is terrorized by the landing of a UFO and the sight of one of its crew. GEPAN investigates the landing traces. Grass is flattened for several days after the incident, and samples are taken to Paul Sabatier University in Toulouse for analysis. Prof. André Touzé of the university’s Center for Plant Physiology says there is no “unequivocal evidence of chemical or biological disturbance of the samples.” (*Enquête GEPAN no. 79/06*, Note Technique no. 8, Groupe d’Étude des Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non-identifiés, Centre Nationale d’Étude Spatiales, October 26, 1981; Peter A. Sturrock, *The UFO Enigma*, Warner, 1999, pp. 97–98; Clark III 547; Clark IV 605)
- 1979**, November 27 — 4:25 p.m. Yvette Godfrey is assistant manager of a spa in the Barker Shopping Plaza off State Highway 82 near the Connecticut Turnpike in Norwich, Connecticut. She sees a cigar-shaped object hovering at an angle directly above the Norwich Sheraton Motor Inn about 30 feet above the Sheraton sign on the roof. Other women at the spa observe it too. It moves a bit to the south and stops again for a minute before turning west into the clouds. (“[Connecticut Cigar.](#),” *IUR* 5, no. 1 (January 1980): 4)
- 1979**, November 30 — 8:00 p.m. At Playa el Combate beach outside Pole Ojea, Puerto Rico, Radamés Torres and his wife Tita are watching television when they see a bright light hanging at a height of 100 feet above the sea about 900 feet from their house. After about 30 minutes it moves down toward the sea, flares up, and goes out. Torres goes back to the TV set, but after 15 minutes the light returns, this time shining brightly through the window. The light is on a platform floating on the sea only 130–140 feet away, approaching at about 8 mph, and they can see a small man on it about 4 feet high wearing silvery-white coveralls and a big helmet. Suddenly the platform reverses and the light goes out. (Scott Corrales, *Flashpoint: High Strangeness in Puerto Rico*, Amarna, 1998, pp. 55–56; Jorge Martín, “[A Small Alien Being Seen in Puerto Rico.](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 44, no. 3 (Autumn 1999): 21–22)
- 1979**, December — The Moscow City Committee of the Soviet Communist Party forbids all activities of the BVPTS civilian UFO group, but it persists into the 1980s. (Nikita A. Schnee, “[Ufology in the USSR.](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 1 (June 1981): 8–10; Nikita A. Schnee, “[Comments.](#),” *AFU Newsletter*, no. 27 (Jan./Dec. 1984): 21)
- 1979**, December 1 — The US Strategic Air Command assumes control of the ballistic missile warning system and all Space Surveillance Network facilities from the deactivating Aerospace Defense Command, with data streams continuing to flow to NORAD. NORAD retains the radar networks and operates many radar sites jointly with the FAA as Semi-Automatic Ground Environment. (Wikipedia, “[Strategic Air Command](#)”)
- 1979**, December 3 — 7:45 p.m. Chris and Ralph Smith of Shag Harbour, Nova Scotia, see a shiny, semicircular object with red and yellow fire beneath it hover for 5 minutes before it disappears into the sea. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 102–103)
- 1979**, December 3 — 10:20 p.m. Former Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer John Pushie takes 7 photos (four of which turn out) of a bright light from his home 7 miles west of Sydney, Nova Scotia. The light hovers in one spot then moves quickly away at one point. He shows them to the commanding officer of CFS Sydney Radar Base [now closed] in Lingan Road, who says he wants to send them to the National Research Council. One month later they are returned with a note saying that Pushie had photographed the star Vega. (“[Former RCMP Officer Photographs UFO near Sydney N.S.](#),” *Journal UFO* 2, no. 4 (March 1981): 13–14)
- 1979**, December 4 — 5:00 p.m. Two witnesses are driving on State Highway 32 near Mansfield Depot, Connecticut, when they see a bright, football-shaped “cloud” hovering low over the trees to the north, turning slowly. The driver stops just north of the intersection with US Highway 44. The object is now seen to have a complex shape with multiple lights as it hovers above some power poles to the west. It starts moving slowly to the south. The witnesses try to follow it but lose sight of it. (“[Six Days Later in Connecticut.](#),” *IUR* 5, no. 1 (January 1980): 4–5)

- 1979, December 5** — 5:55 p.m. Norma White watches a bright star from her restaurant in Ansted, West Virginia. It remains stationary for 15 minutes at a height of 2,000 feet over the mountains to the north. Then it approaches her, passing overhead at 100 mph. It hurts her eyes to look at it. Then the light goes out, allowing her to see a Y-shaped object emitting a dull green light. Clusters of red lights are at the three points of the Y. It silently turns and flies off to the east. Other lights appear in the sky (18 or so) and are observed by police officers Charles Crosier and Dan Cohenour. ([“The Mini-Flap of West Virginia,”](#) *IUR* 5, no. 1a (January 1980): 4)
- 1979, December 6** — 6:29 a.m. An Archuleta County deputy sheriff is driving west on US Highway 160 in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, when he sees an orange-gold light in the western sky. It quickly grows to the size of a fuzzy full moon in 2–3 seconds. Holding its position, it vanishes without a sound. ([“Colorado UFO: Head On?”](#) *IUR* 5, no. 1 (January 1980): 5)
- 1979, December 7** — 10:10 p.m. A couple sees a milky-white object while driving through Madison, Connecticut. They pull over on Bishop Lane and watch it make abrupt changes of direction for a few minutes before it fades from sight. ([“Connecticut Disc,”](#) *IUR* 5, no. 1a (January 1980): 4–5)
- 1979, December 9** — 9:15 a.m. French Air Force Capt. Jean-Pierre Fartek and his wife observe an oscillating UFO hovering near the ground in front of a row of apple trees at his home in a village near Dijon, Côte d’Or, France. It looks like two “reversed saucers pressed against each other,” gray-metal above and dark blue below, with no lights or portholes. He describes the sighting to Gen. [Denis Letty](#), who includes the case in the 1999 COMETA report. ([“1979: Air Force Captain Jean-Pierre Fartek Spots UFO,”](#) UFO Casebook, September 14, 2010; Kean, [pp. 124–126](#))
- 1979, December 9** — 9:45 p.m. US Coast Guard Storekeeper 1st Class Michal Williams sees a stationary white light above the Mississippi River near the dam in Keokuk, Iowa. It lights up the river below it. The light moves straight up at high speed, changing from white to red and coming to an abrupt stop. The light goes out. Williams and a radioman see it again in the northeast and view it through binoculars. It has two red lights and a white light flashing irregularly. It flies around the dam and into the west-northwest in a matter of seconds. ([“Coast Guard Sighting in Iowa,”](#) *IUR* 5, no. 1a (January 1980): 5)
- 1979, December 11** — 11:45 a.m. Flight instructor Leslie Groves is tutoring a pupil aboard a Cessna 150 flying at 4,500 feet south of Bolton, Greater Manchester, England, when he spots something strange that appears to come out of a cloud above Winter Hill. It is clearly a solid ball of white light that is passing in and out of the clouds. He asks the student to bank in order to minimize any risk of a collision. By now the object is pulling away in an arc described as a “well-controlled swooping motion” at about 2,500 feet. (Ron Sergeant and Jenny Randles, [“Aircraft in Encounters over Bolton,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 1 (June 1980): 19–21)
- 1979, December 13** — 4:00 a.m. Two truckers (Wang Dingyuan and Wang Jianming) are driving separate vehicles on the Lanxi-Xin’angiang Highway near Longwangmiao, Zhejiang, China, when they see a bright beam of light ahead. When the lead driver sees two “unusual human beings” standing on the highway, he stops. They are short, perhaps 4.5 feet tall, and wear what look like spacesuits. The second driver also stops but does not see the beings, which soon vanish. The drivers decide to switch vehicles. A few miles down the road, the new lead driver sees the same entities, and the men again stop the trucks. The drivers turn their lights off and on, but the beings remain. When one of the drivers emerges with a crowbar, they disappear. (Paul Dong and Wendelle C. Stevens, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archives, 1983, pp. 140–141; Good Above, [pp. 214–215](#))
- 1979, December 20** — 4:30 a.m. A pilot and two other witnesses are driving near Therien, Alberta, when they see an elongated object drop from 1,000 feet to 200 feet, turning red as it descends, for about 5–10 minutes. It crashes into the ground not too far away from their car. They can feel the impact. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 103)
- 1979, December 23** — 3:30 p.m. A salesman exiting the Orange Freeway at Riverside in Northeast Anaheim, California, sees an object silently pass over him at 300 feet up. The front part is octagonal and the rear is a rectangle. ([“A California ‘Whatsit,’”](#) *IUR* 5, no. 1a (January 1980): 5)
- 1979, December 27** — 11:15 a.m. Two construction workers are driving south on Knott Street in Coquille, Oregon, when they see a bright flash in the southern sky. It is caused by a reflection off a thin, metallic, domed object wobbling nearby. It is about 40–50 feet in diameter and 6–7 feet thick. The object descends to about 1,000 feet. The witnesses try to drive closer and look at it through inexpensive binoculars as it flies down the valley before it disappears to the south. ([“Daylight Disc in Oregon,”](#) *IUR* 5, no. 1a (January 1980): 5)
- 1979, December 27** — Night. A car factory worker at Halewood, Merseyside, England, is walking home when he senses something behind him. Turning around, he sees a floating white sphere, several feet in diameter, heading silently toward him. He watches it pass, and the tingling at the back of his neck intensifies. When it is about 20 feet ahead, it stops and shoots to the southwest at a 45° angle. The man’s hair remains charged with static for two days. (Jenny Randles, “The Twelve UFOs of Christmas,” *Fortean Times* 374 (Christmas 2018): 29)

1979, December 30 — After presenting his findings to the GEPAN Scientific Council, [Claude Poher](#) resigns as director. His position is not made public, but it meets with strong opposition from the media. Poher then takes a one-year leave of absence from CNES to sail around the world with his family in a boat he has built himself. Mathematician [Alain Esterle](#) replaces Poher as GEPAN director, remaining until 1983. Under his direction, GEPAN is productive, issuing a series of detailed technical notes on cases. (J. Allen Hynek, “[GEPAN: France’s Official UFO Agency](#),” *IUR* 5, no. 1 (January 1980): 6–8; Gildas Bourdais, “[From GEPAN to SEPRA: Official UFO Studies in France](#),” *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 12–13; Clark III 546; Clark IV 604)

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- 1980** — [Ann Druffel](#) and [D. Scott Rogo](#) publish *The Tujunga Canyon Contacts*, a report on their investigations into a series of abductions and UFO-related events in California involving several women over a period of 25 years. (Ann Druffel and D. Scott Rogo, *The Tujunga Canyon Contacts*, Prentice-Hall, 1980; Clark III 415)
- 1980** — [Richard F. Haines](#), an aerospace psychologist at NASA’s Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California, publishes *Observing UFOs*, a technical book on analyzing UFO reports. (Richard F. Haines, *Observing UFOs: An Investigative Handbook*, Nelson-Hall, 1980)
- 1980** — [Alejandro Agostinelli](#) and Juan Carlos Zabalgoitia establish the Centro de Estudios de Fenómenos Aéreos No Convencionales in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and publish three issues of a boletín informativo. ([CEFANC Boletín Informativo](#), no. 1 (Jan./March 1980))
- 1980** — [Roberto Enrique Banchs](#) and Richard W. Heiden publish an analysis of 54 reported CE-3s in Argentina. Focusing on the 22 most reliable reports, they find that 47.6% of the witnesses are driving a vehicle at the time of the encounter; in only two cases are they inside their home. The entities rarely appear alone and often appear preoccupied with carrying out tasks. (Roberto Enrique Banchs and Richard W. Heiden, “[The Humanoids in Argentina](#),” *Journal of UFO Studies* 2 (1980): 58–71; Eghigian, *After*, p. 266)
- 1980** — Ufologist Ahmad Jamaludin begins publishing the *Malaysian UFO Bulletin* in Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia. It persists until at least 1983. Jamaludin has also compiled a summary of UFO occupant encounters in Malaysia since 1950 and notes that most of the entities “came in a standard size of 6 inches or less.” He concludes that the UFO occupants are the same as Islamic jinn. ([Malaysian UFO Bulletin](#), no. 2 (November 1980); Ahmad Jamaludin and Robert Bartholomew, *UFOs over Malaysia and Southeast Asia*, The Authors, 2022; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 228–229)
- 1980** — UFO Research (NSW), also known as UFOIC, joins forces with the cooperative publishing venture *UFO Research Australia Newsletter*, edited by Vladimir Godic. (Clark IV 1271)
- 1980** — An All-Russian Research Public Organization is launched informally by Russian science-fiction writer [Alexander Kazantsev](#), aerospace engineer [Vadim Chernobrov](#), astronaut [Georgy Beregovoy](#), and other enthusiasts to explore the mysteries of the universe and nature, research new ways of space technology development, and collect information about UFOs and anomalous events in the Soviet Union. (Wikipedia, “[Kosmopoisk](#)”)
- 1980** — Donald Goldsmith and Tobias Owen publish *The Search for Life in the Universe*, an open-minded textbook on SETI. (Donald Goldsmith and Tobias Owen, [The Search for Life in the Universe](#), Benjamin/Cummings, 1980; Michael D. Swords, “[SETI/ETI and UFOs](#),” *JUFOS* 5 (1994): 147–151)
- 1980** — During interception exercises, seven MiG-12s from the Mierzęcice Air Base [now Katowice Airport], Poland, notice a saucer-shaped object with flashing lights approaching them. It has a blue-gray cupola on top and is three times bigger than any of the aircraft. It flies to each of the MiGs and maneuvers around them. (Poland 65)
- 1980**, January — The Gemeinschaft zur Erforschung unbekannter Phänomene (later Gesellschaft zur Erforschung des UFO-Phänomens) publishes the first issue of *Journal für UFO-Forschung* in Lüdenscheid, North Rhine–Westphalia, Germany, which is still in operation in 2024. ([Journal für UFO-Forschung](#), no. 1 (January 1980); [Journal für UFO-Forschung website](#))
- 1980**, January — 11:00 p.m. A Brazilian electronics businessman and 9 others see a disc-shaped object shine a light down on the water near the eastern bank of the Rio Tapajós 30 miles south of Santarém, Brazil. The man, his family, and some relatives are camping at a beach. Several teenagers are still awake, lying in hammocks and talking, when they see the UFO come across the river, stopping about 30 yards from the beach and shining a light on the water 60 feet below. The UFO hovers briefly then begins moving north, parallel to the shore. It travels more than half a mile, with the spotlight shining straight down before it disappears. The light beam leaves a trail of luminescence for several hundred yards. (Bob Pratt, *UFO Danger Zone: Terror and Death in Brazil—Where*

Next?, Horus House, 1996, [pp. 146–147](#); Carl W. Feindt, “[Beam of Light into a Body of Water](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 3 (December 2010): 22–23)

1980, January 10 — The NSA’s Roy R. Banner releases two UFO-related documents to [Peter Gersten](#), but states that the original 18 he has requested are exempt from release because of national security, adding that the NSA is reviewing 79 other documents originating with other federal agencies. (ClearIntent, [pp. 182–187](#))

1980, January 13 — 9:00 p.m. Brenda Simanski and Janine Mattson quit their shift at the Seminary Nursing Home on Pioneer Road in Red Wing, Minnesota. Standing in the parking lot, they see a star making a bizarre zigzag pattern. It moves above them and they see it is a triangle 15 feet wide and 20 feet long with two white lights in front, blue lights in two of the corners, and a red light between the blue ones. Three other witnesses come out of the building and also watch the object, which leaves slowly and silently to the north-northwest. (“[5 Watch Tree-Hovering UFO for 6 Minutes, ‘Won’t Say It’s from Space.’](#)” *Red Wing (Minn.) Republican Eagle*, January 15, 1980, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 128 (March 1980): 3; Joe and Doris Graziano, “[Press Report Summary](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 28, no. 9 (March 1980): 7–8; “[UFOs Enter the New Decade](#),” *UFO Research Newsletter* 6, no. 11 (April/May 1980): 1–2)

1980, January 13 — 5:00 p.m. Songwriters Steve Glen and Mike Burns are driving on Hendon Way in London, England, followed in another car by the band The Toys, when they see a massive object in the sky. They turn off Finchley Road to West Heath Road and stop just below Leg of Mutton Pond to get a better look. The gray-brown object is right above them and emits an orange cloud that surrounds it. After a short period of time, several small gray-brown winged objects shoot out of the cloud and descend toward the witnesses. Glen runs to a nearby telephone booth and calls the Army first, which is dismissive, then the police. Officers soon arrive and they observe the large object. After a total of 40 minutes, the UFO shoots silently into the sky and disappears. Glen and Burns later discuss the sighting, thinking there was no doubt about their seeing a UFO. They write the song “No Doubt about It,” which becomes a hit in May for the pop group Hot Chocolate. (“[Sky’s the Limit for UFO Disc.](#)” *Probe Report* 1, no. 1 (June 1, 1980): 9; “[Close Encounter of a Hit](#),” *Barnet and Potters Bar Times* (UK), March 17, 2011, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 502 (May 2011): 15; Philip Mantle, “No Doubt About It,” *Fortean Times* 420 (July 2022): 51)

1980, January 14 — 6:05 a.m. Truck driver William Barrett is on an early delivery run from Burnley to Todmorden, West Yorkshire, England, when he hears a deep humming sound. Looking ahead, he sees a machine with flames underneath hovering at a lay-by off the roadside. He slows his truck to a near crawl and moves past the object, which looks like a “toast rack” with curved sides and three red glows emerging from the edge to create a misty fuzziness obscuring the base. Now only 25 feet away, he sees that it has a bell- or tortoiseshell shape with a metallic sheen and a tube sticking up from the top. The red glows emerge from under a rim that runs around the lower part of the object. He can now see two figures standing in front of the object, one standing erect and wearing a uniform with a peaked cap, and the other crouched forward, wearing a silvery-gray jump suit. As he passes, the arc lights on the object start flickering like a disco. His headlights go out, and his mind gets hazier and he loses consciousness. He experiences missing time until he jerks awake sometime around 8:30 a.m. (Jenny Randles, “[Close Encounter in UFO Alley](#),” *IUR* 26, no. 1 (Spring 2001): 3–8, 28–29)

1980, January 17 — 10:30 p.m. Chilean astronomer [Fernando Noël](#) is at his home in the eastern suburbs of Santiago, Chile, when he sees a luminous point of light at 20° elevation moving from southwest to west. It is silent and resembles a satellite. He calls two other witnesses, during which time the object disappears. At 10:45 p.m., he sees a bright light moving slowly toward the zenith. Looking more closely, he sees it is actually a group of 30 objects in a V-formation. Each individual light of the group is pale white with a slight tint of yellow. The formation moves from 20° above the western horizon to about 20° above the eastern horizon before disappearing gradually. The duration is approximately 2 minutes. (“Unidentified Atmospheric Phenomena Observed by an Astronomer,” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 7, no. 4 (1993): 439–441)

1980, January 21 — 11:40 p.m. Seven women are driving home in two cars from a bridge game near Council Bluffs, Iowa. The first car with six witnesses, including Marilyn Anderson, sees a cluster of lights in the western sky as they are driving on Pioneer Trail. The lights are hovering about 200–300 feet above a bluff less than a city block away. When they stop the car to get out for a closer look, the lights speed away to the southwest. The seventh woman, in a separate car behind them, does not see the lights, but Anderson tells her about them when she pulls up. She continues driving home, but when she gets to Longview Drive, her car stalls, and the radio and lights go out. She restarts the car, but it stalls out another quarter-mile away. A bright orange light appears in a cornfield about 900 feet away with an intensity that hurts her eyes. Scared, she locks herself inside the car and passes out. When she wakes up, her car is turned sideways across the road, but she is able to drive it home. She can still see the orange light from her kitchen window, but she has some blotches and redness on her skin that fades by 4:20 a.m. (“[Possible Abduction in Iowa](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 2, no. 5 (July/Aug. 1980): 13–14)

- 1980**, January 23 — [Peter Gersten](#) files an appeal with the NSA to release more UFO material. (ClearIntent, [p. 187](#))
- 1980**, January 24 — 1:00 p.m. A. Golotikin is working as a mechanic aboard the *Brilliant*, a Russian fishing trawler operating 20–30 miles off the coast of Western Sahara. He and the rest of the crew see a black, cigar-shaped object moving slowly toward the ship in complete silence. They watch it for 5–7 minutes through binoculars, then it disappears as it gets closer to the ship. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 15–16)
- 1980**, February — The Australian Centre for UFO Studies begins publishing the *Journal of the Australian Centre for UFO Studies*, edited by Harry Griesberg and [Keith Basterfield](#), until at least November 1985. ([Journal of the Australian Centre for UFO Studies](#) 1, no. 1 (February 1980))
- 1980**, February 7 — 9:50 p.m. Daryl Browne, a ranch hand at the Glenalta horse ranch near Stirling, South Australia, is watching TV when he hears dogs howling and timber crashing outside. His two guard dogs are howling in fear. Outside he sees a yellow half-moon-shaped object about 25–30 feet long. It is 100 feet up in the branches of a 230-foot-tall cypress tree, branches bending under its weight. The trunk shows large gouges. Browne calls the police, but the object is gone by the time they arrive. For 2 days, Browne's dogs refuse to go near the tree. ("[Mystery 'Craft' Smashes Tree](#)," *Adelaide (S.A.) News*, February 8, 1980, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 128 (March 1980), p. 14; "[UFO Smashes Tree in Australia](#)," *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 2, no. 5 (July/Aug. 1980): 16; "[Phil Tindale on Witnessing a 'Battle' between 2 Hostile UFOs; 1 Crashed into a Tree, Stirling, 1980](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, August 12, 2024)
- 1980**, February 21 — 11:15 a.m. An 11-year-old girl getting ready for bed in Stamford, Connecticut, looks through a window and sees a large white oval of light low in the west-northwest sky, apparently four times the size of the moon. Her grandmother joins her and watches the object, which is swinging with a pendulum motion. It is still visible about 30 minutes later. The family's German shepherd dog barks continually at it while it is visible and for 20 minutes after it is last viewed. (Allan Hendry, "[Unusual Backyard Visitor](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 2 (June 1980): 3)
- 1980**, February 25 — 2:30 p.m. Oil worker Rusty Pennington is watching a pump a quarter mile west of Youngsville, Pennsylvania. Suddenly he hears an explosion that lasts only a split second and sees a domed disc to the left of his truck. He estimates the object is 20 feet wide and 6–8 feet high. Flying at treetop level, it streaks silently downward from southwest to northeast and disappears in the distance. ("[Daylight Disc in Pennsylvania](#)," *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 2, no. 5 (July/Aug. 1980): 14)
- 1980**, February 28 — The *National Enquirer* runs an article, "Former Intelligence Officer Reveals 'I picked up wreckage of UFO that exploded over U.S.'," that includes a portion of a December 1979 interview by [Bob Pratt](#) with [Jesse Marcel Sr.](#) as a pre-publication teaser for [Berlitz](#) and [Moore](#)'s forthcoming book. (Patrick Gross, "[Roswell 1947: First Ufologists Investigations](#)")
- 1980**, March — Nanotechnologist [Robert A. Freitas Jr.](#) advocates searching for alien probes or artifacts on planets, satellites, and asteroids because it is more cost-effective than looking for distant radio signals. (Robert A. Freitas Jr., "[Interstellar Probes: A New Approach to SETI](#)," *Journal of the British Interplanetary Society* 33 (1980): 95–100)
- 1980**, Early March — 9:45 p.m. Fred Wirth Jr. steps outside his home in Bulverde, Texas, and sees a large orange glow 45° up in the northern sky about 100 feet above his property, lighting it up with an orange glow. After hovering silently, it shoots up in the air and stops, now appearing as a red, blinking dot. His wife joins him but instantly becomes nauseous and throws up. He starts sweating profusely. ("[Strange Reactions to Huge Glow](#)," *IUR/Probe*, September 1980, pp. 74–75)
- 1980**, March 7 — 12:10 a.m. Former Navy pilot Larry Crawford sees a star-like light moving 700–800 mph at 30,000 feet above Memphis, Tennessee. While he is watching it move for 10 seconds, it executes a hairpin turn. ("[Pilot: 'No Human Could Have Survived Turns Like That!'](#)" *IUR/Probe*, September 1980, pp. 75, 78)
- 1980**, March 12 — 12:45 a.m. At least 10 witnesses, including city police and county sheriff deputies, watch an odd light maneuvering, climbing, and descending in the sky above Gladstone, Michigan. ("[Much Ado about Little?](#)" *IUR/Probe*, September 1980, p. 78)
- 1980**, March 13 — 7:50 p.m. A subcontractor on a job is driving near Haselor, Warwickshire, England, when he sees a white, cigar-shaped object with a steady red glow on either end pass in front of his windshield. The steering wheel instantly becomes hot, causing him to lift his hands off the wheel. He maneuvers the car off the road until it cools enough to steer. (Tony Green, "[Witness Burned by Passing UFO](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 5 (January 1981): 32–33)

- 1980, March 15** — 8:00 p.m. A couple in Bannock, Ohio, Spot a bright light in the southwestern sky. They watch it for 20 minutes before it approaches their home. The light is a spotlight attached to a large cigar-shaped object with red and blue lights along its length. The spotlight switches off as it passes overhead and moves to the northwest. ([“Chief Investigator Allan Hendry Reports: Huge Cigar UFO in Ohio.”](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 4 (August 1980): 5)
- 1980, March 22** — [Stringfield](#) meets with two new sources in Erie, Pennsylvania, who show him three photos allegedly showing an alien cadaver encased in glass in Wright-Patterson AFB near Dayton, Ohio. He is suspicious and tries to verify them. (Leonard H. Stringfield, [“Status Report on Alleged Alien Cadaver Photos.”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 154 (December 1980): 11–16)
- 1980, March 22** — 10:00–11:00 p.m. Burlington (Vermont) International Airport radar tracks three small objects that join with a larger, brighter object then separate again. They are apparently over Malletts Bay. Speeds of up to 1,500 mph are recorded, and the objects quickly disappear to the west. Traffic controller Donald Kernan says the lights “did a kind of dance.” (NICAP, [“Satellite Objects on Radar”](#); Bob Gribble, [“Looking Back.”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 263 (March 1990): 22; UFOEv II 246)
- 1980, March 24** — The NSA issues a general denial of releasing all of its UFO materials to the public as requested by [Peter Gersten](#). (ClearIntent, [p. 187](#))
- 1980, March 24** — 7:30 p.m. When his dog starts barking furiously, James Balkcom notices a bright light moving along the railroad tracks in James, Georgia, at treetop level. It comes to a stop and hovers above the home of Benton Evans. The Evanses go outside to watch the light, which has colored lights blinking inside it. After 5–10 minutes, it begins moving along the tracks again with a pulsing “shh-shh” noise. ([“Low-Flying Georgian Globe.”](#) *IUR/Probe*, September 1980, pp. 78–79)
- 1980, March 25** — 10:15 p.m. Debbie Harris and Sheri Gustafson are driving on the Dayton–Xenia Road three miles east of Dayton, Ohio, when Harris notices bright, beaming lights in the sky. They assume it is an illuminated tower, but when they pull over, it appears to be about 25 feet above the ground and 210 feet away. The lights seem to come from an airplane-sized object with a green light, a red light, and crossed white beams. After hovering to their north for about 2 minutes, it shoots off rapidly to the northeast and disappears behind a hill. ([“Ohio Close Encounter.”](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 3 (July 1980): 3)
- 1980, April** — A farmer in Milam County, Texas, is walking through his pasture to check on a cow that is about to give birth. Instead, he sees two nonhuman creatures carrying a calf between them, each holding one of its limbs. They are about 4 feet high and light yellow-green in color. He runs away and does not return to the location for two days, whereupon he finds the carcass of the calf. It looks as though it has been turned inside out, and only the head, feet, and hide remain. Researcher [Tom Adams](#) says the farmer is extremely reluctant to discuss the incident any further. (Thomas R. Adams, “Animal Mutilations: A Decade of Mystery,” *MUFON 1984 UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1984, pp. 45, 51–52; Linda Moulton Howe, *An Alien Harvest: Further Evidence Linking Animal Mutilations and Human Abductions to Alien Life Forms*, Howe Productions, 2d ed., 2014, [pp. 85–86](#); Clark III 136; Clark IV 163–164)
- 1980, April 6** — 9:00 p.m. William Meara and his wife Brenda are driving on I-84 just south of its intersection with I-90 in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, when they see a red blur above a road sign. The blur resolves into a disc about 30 feet in diameter with smaller discs surrounding it. The object passes silently above their car, moving northeast. The duration is 3 minutes. When Meara tries to start his car 30 minutes later at home, it acts completely dead but works again normally the next morning. ([“Connecticut Close Encounter.”](#) *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 2, no. 6 (Sept./Oct. 1980): 14)
- 1980, April 9** — 10:35 p.m. Steven Dayman-Johns and his wife Julie are driving along Ridgeway Lane southwest of Frome, Somerset, England, when Julie points out a white object moving left to right at high speed. It comes to a complete stop, and Daymon-Jones stops the car and gets out to get a good view, and he sees it has a definite outline with a black ring at the top. The object moves away and they lose sight of it but can see its glow in the distance. They continue driving and encounter the object again about two or three fields away on their left. It has a vertical beam of white light slowly coming from its base, descending in a similar way as a solid object being lowered. Daymon-Jones begins walking toward it and the light beam retracts in about 3 seconds. They resume driving to get a bit closer and at another vantage point they see another light beam coming from its center and pointing downward. Soon it moves toward them and passes over their car. The object had been in view for 30 minutes. (Martin Shipp, [“UFO-Car Chase near Frome.”](#) *Probe Report* 4, no. 2 (October 1983): 11–14; Clark IV 1218–1219)
- 1980, April 10** — A businessman driving on the Philadelphia Church Road near Lincolnton, North Carolina, sees a red, disc-shaped object approach and hover above his car. It directs a light toward the ground. When he stops his car

and rolls down the window, he hears an intense humming sound. He watches it for about 5 minutes until it takes off at a 30° angle and heads south, leaving a thin exhaust trail. ("[Those Funny Lights in the Sky](#)," *Hickory (N.C.) Focus*, May 1, 1980, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 130 (May 1980): 7)

- 1980, April 11** — 7:15 a.m. Personnel at the La Joya Air Base [part of the Mariano Melgar Airport], Arequipa, Peru, see a strange object flying in the vicinity. The base commander orders a Sukhoi Su-22 fighter-bomber to destroy the target, assumed to be a Chilean balloon. Lt. Oscar Santa María Huertas commands the scrambled aircraft. As soon as the object is in his sights some 1,800 feet above the ground, he fires 64 rounds from his 30mm guns at it. The bullets seem to hit the object without causing any damage. The UFO then hurls skyward at tremendous speed. Huertas follows, putting the Sukhoi into Mach 1.2. As he approaches, the object makes a sudden stop and the Sukhoi flies past it at 36,000 feet. Further maneuvering takes place, and Huertas finds the object chasing him at one point at 62,000 feet. He abandons the mission 52 miles away from the base. After he lands 22 minutes later, the object reappears at the base and remains visible nearly 2 hours. A Department of Defense information release gives an erroneous date of May 9, 1980. (Good Above, [pp. 324–325, 503–504](#); Kean, [pp. 93–98, 150–151](#); Dolan II 214; Yohanan Díaz Vargas, "[Peru: La Joya AFB, the Perfect UFO Case \(1980\)](#)," *Inexplicata*, November 14, 2016; "[Peruvian Fighter Pilot Oscar Santa Maria Huertas Talks Chasing and Shooting at a UFO on April 11, 1980](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, August 28, 2024)
- 1980, April 13** — A witness is driving on the eastern outskirts of Halifax, Nova Scotia, when he sees an unusually bright light. As he drives 5–6 miles closer, it resolves into two lights side by side. After driving another 20 miles closer, he sees the two lights are attached to one object. When directly underneath, it appears to be 1,000–1,200 feet long and cigar-shaped with lights on the front and back and one side. A truck driver has also pulled over to watch the UFO. ("[Correspondence](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1982): 2–3)
- 1980, April 17** — Day. Michael Romanowski, 8, sees a white boomerang-shaped object in Buffalo, New York. ("[Crescent Reports from New York and Illinois](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 4 (August 1980): 4)
- 1980, April 20** — 5:30 a.m. [Richard A. Jokinen](#), an electrical engineer, is driving north on I-280 in San Mateo, California, on a fishing trip with his 18-year-old son. They see five bright, apparently metallic, Saturn-shaped objects flying very fast in formation at low altitude. The objects are traveling about 500 feet above the Crystal Springs Reservoir and are visible against trees of the coastal mountains west of the reservoir. The sighting lasts about 5 seconds, during which the objects cross 120° of viewing angle. (Allan Hendry, "[Five 'Saturns' in California](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 5 (September 1980): 3; "[Brief Reports](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 151 (September 1980): 12; UFOEv II 164–165)
- 1980, April 20** — 8:20 p.m. Sam Puccinelli is parking his car in his garage in Palatine, Illinois, when he sees a crescent-shaped, gray-black object with flashing white lights. He looks at it with his binoculars with his 13-year-old son for 7 minutes before it disappears. ("[Crescent Reports from New York and Illinois](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 4 (August 1980): 4)
- 1980, April 20** — 9:00 p.m. A group of nine family members are on their front lawn in Hyderabad, India, and see a bell-shaped cloud forming at about 2,000–3,000 feet altitude. It remains stationary and they look away, but soon they see three smaller bell-shaped clouds forming evenly spaced below the first and forming an equilateral triangle. The smaller clouds then merge with the larger one and form an orange ball bright enough to throw a shadow on the roof near them. It shoots off at great speed toward the airport, then disappears after breaking into four smaller orange balls of light. The duration of the sighting is 15 minutes. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[Mystery Clouds and the UFO Connection](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 18–19)
- 1980, April 22** — 10:00 p.m. Police Officer Manuel Medina and dispatcher Sedilla of Springer, New Mexico, are parked on a traffic watch when one of them notices a bright star in the west at about 45° moving like a balloon with a start-stop motion. Medina shines his car's spotlight on the object, which drops to a lower elevation. He turns the light off and the object ascends again. He turns the red cruiser light on, and the object seems to respond with a reddish hue. The light disappears over the Cimarron Mountains 20 miles away at 11:10 p.m. (Allan Hendry, "[Familiar Description](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 2 (June 1980): 3)
- 1980, April 26** — 11:00 p.m. Two witnesses in Holton, Indiana, watch a luminous flashing form in the northwest sky. Golden-colored and triangular in shape, it appears larger than the full moon. The object hovers, then shoots straight up in seconds. It zigzags before vanishing in the northwest. ("[Golden Triangle in Indiana](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 5 (September 1980): 3)
- 1980, May** — Citizens Against UFO Secrecy's attorney [Peter Gersten](#) brings a lawsuit against the National Security Agency to compel it to release 135 documents it has withheld from FOIA requests. The suit also includes the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Federal Aviation Administration (which it claims conducted an inadequate search for its UFO records). (Fred Whiting, "[CAUS Goes to Court](#)," *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 2, no. 6 (Sept./Oct.

1980): 18; [“Citizens Against UFO Secrecy Founder Peter Gersten on the Release of Withheld Secret UFO Documents,”](#) Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, October 25, 2023)

- 1980, May** — Early afternoon. Thousands of base personnel and their families are congregating at Ellsworth AFB in Rapid City, South Dakota, to watch an SR-71 Blackbird take off after a refueling stop. A1C John W. Mills III and a few other airmen are on top of the barracks for a view. They see an odd, triangular object above the B-52 Alert Pad about half a mile away. It begins to move down the flight line, and they see it is a gray-black delta shape at an altitude of 500 feet. For some reason it is not visible through the pair of binoculars they have. It makes a right turn and suddenly disappears above a parachute-rigging building. The SR-71 does not take off. Later in the day, an official “flash” message goes out to base personnel telling them not to talk to the press in case they had seen anything. (Nukes 387–392)
- 1980, May** — The Chinese UFO Studies Association is established under the auspices of Wuhan University, with branches in Beijing, Shanghai, and the provinces of Guangdong, Sichuan, Shanxi, Hubei, and Guangxi. It is headed by Cha Leping, a 26-year-old astrophysics student. The association later is incorporated into the China UFO Research Organization as an official branch of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. (Paul Dong, [“Letters,”](#) *IUR* 7, no. 2 (March 1982): 3; Good Above, [p. 206](#))
- 1980, May** — Late afternoon. Two witnesses are driving through Manlius, New York, when they catch a glimpse of a disc-shaped object the size of a football field hovering above a patch of trees. The driver stops the car and steps outside. Yellow, red, and green lights are rotating around its perimeter. A commercial aircraft and news helicopter are also visible in the sky. The object is still not moving and soundless. Then two jet fighters, apparently scrambled from Griffiss AFB [now the Griffiss Business and Technology Park] in Rome, New York, fly toward the object, which takes off like a bullet and disappears. (Dolan II 211)
- 1980, May 2** — 10:15 a.m. A Santa Clara County park ranger and another county employee are in the hills east of San Jose, California, when they see a shiny, mirror-like spherical object moving north to south. They take turns studying it through binoculars. The object has a blue-green band in the center and is orange at the bottom. It makes rapid up-and-down motions as it moves forward and spins faster as its speed diminishes. The object stops and spins toward Lick Observatory to the east of their position for 10 seconds. Then it accelerates rapidly and speeds away to the south. The sighting duration is 3–4 minutes. (UFOEv II 226)
- 1980, May 5** — As she is driving home from Oklahoma to Eagle’s Nest, New Mexico, Myrna Hansen and her 6-year-old son see several UFOs in a field near Cimarron, New Mexico, after which they suffer confusion and a 4-hour loss of time. [Paul Bennewitz](#), an Albuquerque, New Mexico, owner of humidity equipment company Thunder Scientific and a UFO investigator, on May 11 brings psychologist [R. Leo Sprinkle](#) in to meet Hansen. He hypnotizes them and gets a detailed abduction story from the mother, who also remembers watching the aliens mutilate a calf. Hansen also remembers being taken by the UFO to an underground area in New Mexico (leading Bennewitz to suspect it is the Manzano Weapons Storage Area at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque) where she sees tanks of water with cattle body parts, as well as a human arm. (Linda Moulton Howe, [An Alien Harvest: Further Evidence Linking Animal Mutilations and Human Abductions to Alien Life Forms](#), Howe Productions, 1989, pp. 112–116; Linda Moulton Howe, *Facts and Eyewitnesses*, The Author, 1993, pp. 234–245; Greg Bishop, *Project Beta*, Paraview, 2005, pp. 15–28; Clark III 136, 359–360; Marcus Lowth, [“The Chilling and Bizarre Abduction Encounter of Myrna Hansen,”](#) *UFO Insight*, May 19, 2018; Eghigian, *After*, p. 260; Clark IV 163)
- 1980, May 6** — [Leonard Stringfield](#) finds an article in *UFO Sightings* by David McCarthy titled “The Quest for Teleportation,” which features a photo of an alien cadaver similar to the ones he was given in March. (David McCarthy, [“The Quest for Teleportation,”](#) *UFO Sightings* 1, no. 1 (July 1980): 40–45; Leonard H. Stringfield, [“Status Report on Alleged Alien Cadaver Photos,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 154 (December 1980): 11–16)
- 1980, May 7** — Day. X-ray technician Ruth Weaver experiences interference on her car radio while driving near Valdese, North Carolina. It blacks out completely and she sees a huge object move beneath the cloud cover directly ahead of her car. It makes a U-turn, then it banks, revealing the shape of an upside-down soup bowl with a dome on top. A red triangle is on the underside. It looks like a Stetson hat as it moves away. ([“Brief Reports,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 151 (September 1980): 12; George D. Fawcett, [Human Reactions to UFOs Worldwide \(1940–1983\): What We Have Learned from UFO Repetitions](#), The Author, 1986, p. 16; UFOEv II 452)
- 1980, May 7** — 3:50 p.m. A Dutch KLM airliner is flying just over 30,000 feet above the Dachstein Mountains in the Austrian Alps. The pilot sees a gray spherical object flying overhead, which he reports to the Air Control Center in Vienna, which contacts the Austrian Air Force. Maj. Karl Schwarz orders three Saab 105 aircraft to intercept. Once they make visual contact, two of the jets attempt the intercept while the third takes film footage. The UFO’s erratic movements, however, make it impossible to follow, and the object is soon out of sight. At 5:50 p.m., a German Lufthansa airliner comes in close contact with a similar object, Schwarz orders two more fighters to scramble. The Saab 105 pilots think the object’s variable speed means it is playing with them. It is flying some

- 9,800 feet above them, but they cannot maneuver well enough to catch it. (Terry Hooper, "[UFO Interceptions Attempted](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 4 (November 1980): 21)
- 1980, May 9** — 9:00 p.m. A woman is driving home with her daughter in Bargersville, Indiana, when bright red flashes of light illuminate the inside of her truck and the surrounding area. The flashes are caused by red balls of light about the size of lemons in the empty fields around them. The balls blink on and off in succession, climbing up one telephone pole, moving down, and crossing the road to perform the same motion on another pole. They approach the truck, forcing her to back up the truck. Finally, the phenomenon ceases and she drives home. When they get there, her German shepherd dog starts whining and barking. Her husband steps outside to see what's going on. Suddenly, their two daughters start screaming as small red balls of light move across their mother's back and behind her hair. She does not feel anything, but the dog runs to the barn and stays there all night. ("[Allan Hendry Reports: A Spooky Experience in Indiana](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 6 (October 1980): 3)
- 1980, May 14** — 3:30 a.m. Howard and Julia Pickrel are driving on US Highway 49 through Simpson County, Mississippi, when they see a glowing disc high in the sky. A beam of light from the disc makes a spot of light on the ground as wide as their car. As they drive through the light beam, their lights go on and off 7–8 times. After they are out of the beam's path, the lights do not flicker again. ("[Dallas Couple Caught in UFO Spotlight](#)," *Biloxi-Gulfport (Miss.) Daily Herald*, May 14, 1980, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 130 (May 1980): 6; Richard H. Hall, *Uninvited Guests*, Aurora, 1988, pp. 307–308)
- 1980, May 14** — 9:15 p.m. John Ray spots three dark discs while he is driving in the rain through a rural area near Mars Hill, Maine. Each is larger than the full moon and has numerous white lights on the bottom. They pass silently above his car and hover ahead of him in close formation about 500 feet up. Suddenly they take off and disappear. ("[Close Encounter in the Rain](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 7 (November 1980): 2)
- 1980, May 16** — 3:00 p.m. A civilian pilot is flying a Pirat glider near a cement mill in Działoszyń, Poland, when he notices an object maneuvering across the fumes from factory chimneys below. Seconds later it moves in front of the glider, and he takes evasive action. It is an isosceles triangle shape with a side length of 30 feet and a dull brownish-green. At one point it turns up one of its corners at an angle of 45° in an apparent attempt to correct its flight. Then it changes orientation to the horizontal, shrinks in size, and disappears. A similar object is seen the same day near Wielun. (Poland 69)
- 1980, May 22** — 11:05 p.m. The Air Transit Control Center at Gran Canaria Airport in the Canary Islands detects some unidentified traffic toward the southwest moving at 685 mph. A few minutes later, an aero-taxi pilot reports a bright object passing to his left and descending toward the ocean. A Spanish Air Force officer investigates and concludes the object is unknown, even though its position observed by the pilot matches that of Venus. A false radar echo is also possible. (Swords 436, 528–529)
- 1980, May 23–25** — The first Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation, organized by psychologist [R. Leo Sprinkle](#) to bring contactees together, is held in Laramie on the University of Wyoming campus. Barely 20 people show up, but Sprinkle notes they are average, normal people, though highly susceptible to hypnotic suggestion. Most claim some psychic abilities, and many report a feeling of being monitored or experiencing continuing contact with UFO entities. They feel anxiety about the state of the human race and worry about a coming cataclysm. The conferences continue to at least 1996, attracting as many as 200 attendees. (R. Leo Sprinkle, "[Psychotherapeutic Services for Persons Who Claim UFO Experiences](#)," *Psychotherapy in Private Practice* 6, no. 3 (1988): 151–157; Clark III 300–301; Eghigian, *After*, p. 277; Clark IV 340–341)
- 1980, May 28** — Denver KMGH-TV investigative journalist [Linda Moulton Howe](#) releases *A Strange Harvest*, a documentary that suggests unusual wounds found on cattle are the work of extraterrestrial beings who harvest body parts required for their survival or research, and that the US government is complicit. The documentary wins a Regional Emmy award in 1981. She interviews Denver surgeon [Arlen Meyers](#) on excising tissue with a laser; and [Lou Girodo](#), chief investigator for the District Attorney's Office in Trinidad, Colorado. The show also features a hypnotic regression session by [R. Leo Sprinkle](#) on Judy Dorarty, who says she witnessed a mutilation outside Houston, Texas, in May 1973; under hypnosis, she describes seeing a calf drawn up in a pale yellow beam of light into a UFO. (Internet Movie Database, "[A Strange Harvest](#)"; "[Alta Loma 1973](#)," Texas UFO Museum and Research Library, February 1, 2003; Clark III 136, 363; "[A Strange Harvest: A UFO Documentary](#)," Nobad_78 Dailymotion channel, March 14, 2024; Clark IV 163)
- 1980, May 30** — The CIA moves for summary judgment in [Peter Gersten](#)'s lawsuit for UFO documents. The court grants it, despite the 57 remaining UFO documents the CIA admits it is withholding. CAUS appeals on June 24. ("[CAUS Update](#)," *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 1 (Nov./Dec. 1980): 15–16)
- 1980, Early summer** — Two women see a green, miniature airplane outside a house in Matsbo, near Hedemora, in central Sweden. (Clas Svahn, "[Green Miniature Airplane Hovers in Front of a House](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 3 (Fall 2004): 6–7)

- 1980, June** — NICAP is disbanded after the last issue of the *UFO Investigator* is published, and its files are eventually turned over to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois. ([UFO Investigator](#) 11, no. 6 (June 1980); Clark III 794; Clark IV 874)
- 1980, June** — Citizens Against UFO Secrecy is reorganized after the departure of [W. Todd Zechel](#), with [Peter Gersten](#) as director and Lawrence Fawcett as assistant editor. (Clark III 240; Clark IV 281)
- 1980, June** — [Kenneth Rommel](#) releases *Operation Animal Mutilation*, a long report that devastatingly debunks popular theories. The animals have died of natural causes, he contends, and the mysterious aspects can be explained prosaically. He cites ornithologist Kenneth Sager: “The larger the animal, the more difficult it is for the scavenger to gain access to the food supply below the tough surface. [Thus they attack the] softer points of entry, namely the eyes, anal openings, and the soft underbelly areas, especially the udders of female bovines.” L. D. Kuttner of the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine says that many scavengers can make as clean a cut as “might be done by a surgeon with a knife.” (Wikipedia, “[Cattle mutilation](#)”; Kenneth M. Rommel Jr., [Operation Animal Mutilation](#), Report of the District Attorney, First Judicial District, State of New Mexico, prepared for the US Criminal Justice Department, 1980; Federal Bureau of Investigation, Animal Mutilation documents, 1974–1980, [part 1](#), [part 2](#), [part 3](#), [part 4](#), [part 5](#); Clark III 133)
- 1980, June** — [Leonard H. Stringfield](#) publishes *The UFO Crash/Retrieval Syndrome: Status Report II, New Sources, New Data*, presenting the accounts and rumors he has heard of crashed UFOs retrieved by the military. He has contacted four different military sources claiming to have seen a movie film depicting a crashed saucer and small alien bodies. (Leonard H. Stringfield, “The UFO Crash/Retrieval Syndrome Status Report II: New Sources, New Data,” *Flying Saucer Review* 28, no. 2 (November 1982): [3–8](#); 28, no. 3 (January 1983): [6–15](#); 28, no. 4 (March 1983): [4–10](#); 28, no. 5 (June 1983): [9–12](#); Leonard Stringfield, “The Chase for Proof in a Squirrel’s Cage,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, p. 147)
- 1980, June 2** — [Stringfield](#) receives eight more prints showing an alien cadaver encased under glass. One photo shows a hand with four fingers and claw-like nails. His source claims they were obtained from a secret study conducted at the University of Pennsylvania. (Leonard H. Stringfield, “[Status Report on Alleged Alien Cadaver Photos](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 154 (December 1980): 11–16; Leonard Stringfield, “The Chase for Proof in a Squirrel’s Cage,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 147–148; Jason Colavito, “[Examining Vintage 1970s Ancient Astronaut Material from ‘Ancient Astronauts’ Magazine](#),” Jason Colavito, August 31, 2014)
- 1980, June 3** — [R. Leo Sprinkle](#) arrives at [Paul Bennewitz](#)’s house in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for another hypnotic session with Myrna Hansen. Bennewitz, now very paranoid, meets him at the door with a gun, saying he needs to protect himself from aliens. A strained and brief hypnosis session follows, after which Sprinkle returns to Wyoming. (Greg Bishop, *Project Beta*, Paraview, 2005, pp. 24–25)
- 1980, June 11** — An unknown cigar-shaped object passes close to a commercial aircraft near Venice, Italy. (Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, [p. 162](#))
- 1980, June 14** — Evening. Many residents of Moscow, Russia, see a huge, reddish-orange, horseshoe-shaped object accompanied by swirling luminous gases. Some 250 miles to the west, Lt. Col. Oleg Karyakin hears a low-frequency booming noise and sees a bright object less than 500 feet away. He runs toward it, feels some resistance, but continues until he is about 150 feet away. It gives off a high-pitched sound and briefly emits three white rays, then ascends rapidly, hovers for 2 seconds, then moves to the northwest and vanishes. Shortly afterward, he sees a large, reddish UFO above some treetops. Another bright object is accompanying the first, flying horizontally and leaving a fiery trail. Some 30 others witness this event. Soviet investigators conclude that the objects were the launches of two communications satellites, a [Gorizont](#) and [Kosmos 1188](#). (Gordon Creighton, “[Dr. Felix Zigel’ and the Development of Ufology in Russia, Part II](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 4 (January 1982): 13–19; Pekka Teerikorpi, “[Soviet ‘UFOs’ Identified As Satellite Launchings](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 6 (June 1982): 9–11; James Oberg, “[Giant UFO over Two Continents](#),” *Fate* 36, no. 1 (January 1983): 44–52; Good Above, [pp. 238–241](#); Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, pp. 58–59)
- 1980, June 14** — 7:00–8:00 p.m. A flurry of UFO sightings by numerous witnesses takes place in Córdoba, Jorge Newbery and Ezeiza airports in Buenos Aires, and Rosario, Argentina, including airport personnel and meteorologists, with extensive newspaper coverage. Objects appear singly and in “fleets” and are described variously as “luminous oval-spherical,” “spinning top,” spindle-shaped, and a sphere that emits “an intense luminous ray that illuminated the surface of the river.” At Pajas Blancas Airport in Córdoba, a UFO causes operations to be stopped for several minutes after it follows the landing pattern of aircraft into the airport. Sightings occur around the same time in Uruguay, Brazil, Chile, and Paraguay. CUFOS suspects many of the observations might be due to a high-altitude barium cloud produced by a rocket launch. (“[The UFO ‘Flap’ in](#)

[South America](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 2, no. 6 (Sept./Oct. 1980): 15–16; James Oberg, “[Giant UFO over Two Continents](#),” *Fate* 36, no. 1 (January 1983): 44–52)

- 1980, June 15 — 2:00 a.m. A 70-year-old woman in Oak Park, Illinois, sees an object like a white half-moon with a serrated edge. At first she thinks it is the moon, but it begins moving to the east and disappears in 5 minutes. (“[Allan Hendry Reports: A Lunar Impostor](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 4 (August 1980): 2)
- 1980, June 15 — 2:30 a.m. Security Policeman Charles P. Wagner and two others at RAF Bentwaters [now closed], near Woodbridge, Suffolk, England, watch a 2-foot diameter spherical object maneuver above several A-10 aircraft parked at the base. Moments later, the orb suddenly splits into three smaller spheres, all of which vanish in a flash of light. (Robert L. Hastings, “[New Bentwaters UFO Witness Goes on the Record](#),” *UFOs & Nukes*, November 22, 2015)
- 1980, June 15 — 11:30 p.m. Students Kevin Smith and Jill Harper are walking along Hidden Beach in Rio Del Mar, California, when a 4-foot-long, 10-inch-wide cigar-shaped object passes about 30 feet above them moving southwest over the water and landing in the ocean without a splash. As it bobs about, a light comes on in the interior. Smith yells at it and the light goes out. (“[Romance under a UFO](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 2, no. 5 (July/Aug. 1980): 14)
- 1980, June 17 — 11:00 p.m. Two women driving with four young children north on Interstate 75 near Grayling Army Airfield in Grayling, Michigan, when they see two lights moving from right to left in front of their car. Two minutes later, three more lights (two blinking, one steady) appear to the right and pace the car at 85 mph, moving closer until they are about 100 feet directly above them. They are completely silent and possibly attached to an oblong-shaped object. (“[Michigan Close Encounter](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 3 (July 1980): 2)
- 1980, June 20 — 9:00 p.m. While descending through 15,000 feet for a landing, a senior Kuwait Airways pilot and crew observe a huge, brightly illuminated hemispherical object with a flat base moving steadily eastward over Kuwait City at a slightly lower speed than his aircraft. “When I turned north at Wafra, the phenomenon was still clearly visible and remained so until we descended below the haze layer and started to approach the runway.” The crew of another airline flight 90 miles away reports sighting the same phenomenon. Radar does not detect the object. (American Embassy, Kuwait, “Investigation of Unusual ‘Light Phenomenon’ Seen in Kuwait’s Skies,” telex, July 1980, in “[U.S. State Department ‘UFO’ Documents, Reviewed and Released 7 Feb 2000](#)”)
- 1980, June 21 — 1:30 a.m. Janet McLeod notices two large, orange, domed discs circling low about four blocks west of her home in Assumption, Illinois. They stop and hover at treetop level. The top one gradually fades out from top to bottom. The lower one turns on its side and shines a beam toward the ground for 5 minutes. Then it goes back to the horizontal and fades out in the same way. When she steps outside 5 minutes later, she notices it is dead quiet, the natural sounds resuming after 2 minutes. (“[Twin Domed Discs in Illinois](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 2, no. 5 (July/Aug. 1980): 14)
- 1980, June 28 — Two civilian pilots, José L. Maldonado Torres and José A. Pagán Santos, are flying an ERCO Ercoupe 415-D at 1,500 feet over the Mona Passage between Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. They send out a mayday message saying they are looking at a “weird object” that makes them change course three times. Their plane disappears and no wreckage is found. (Aviation Safety Network, “[Occurrence #9407, Saturday 28 June 1980](#)”; Jorge Martín, “[A ‘Valentich Type’ of Case off Puerto Rico](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 43, no. 4 (Winter 1998): 6–10; Timothy Good, *Unearthly Disclosure: Conflicting Interests in the Control of Extraterrestrial Intelligence*, 2000, [pp. 34–39](#); Good Need, [pp. 312, 320](#))
- 1980, July — AFOSI special agent Sgt. [Richard Doty](#) writes an anonymous letter to APRO claiming that a Civil Air Patrol cadet named Craig R. Weitzel had seen and photographed a UFO landing near Pecos, New Mexico. Weitzel takes photos and is debriefed at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque. An alien, a man in a dark suit from Sandia Laboratories, and crashed UFOs stored at the Manzano Nuclear Weapons Storage Facility are also mentioned. But the letter is disinformational bait to see whether the [Lorenzens](#) might prove to be “useful idiots.” Weitzel admits to investigator [William Moore](#) and, later, Benton Jamison in 1985 that he had seen a UFO in 1980, but it was a classic daylight disc and took place in the southeast, not New Mexico. Much later on, Doty admits to Moore that he had composed the letter as disinformation. ([Richard Doty], [Craig Weitzel letter](#), July 1980; Good Above, [pp. 406–408](#); Greg Bishop, *Project Beta*, Paraview, 2005, [pp. 54–57, 64–66](#); Clark III 361–362; Clark IV 405–406)
- 1980, July 12 — 11:00 p.m. A professor and his wife are getting ready for bed in Urbandale, Iowa, when they notice three round light spots in a triangular formation high in the southern sky. The lower two are like bright stars, while the upper ones seem larger. The smaller lights are zig-zagging and coming together under the larger light for 20 minutes until all three abruptly disappear. (“[Meandering Lights in Iowa](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 6 (October 1980): 5)

- 1980, July 21** — Farmer John Scull discovers a circular swathe of flattened oats in his field near the Westbury White Horse in Wiltshire, England. He discovers a second circle on July 31 and informs the media on August 13. (UFOFiles2, [p. 117](#); Terry Wilson, “[Case Study 1: Westbury 1980](#),” Men Who Conned the World, December 24, 2018)
- 1980, July 26** — 6:50 p.m. The crew of the tugboat *Caiobá Seahorse* notice a light moving over the water in front and to the right of their vessel, which is approximately 24 miles off Pititinga, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil. First Mate Fernando Fanguero watches the object with binoculars for a few minutes until it stops and hovers about 32–50 feet above the water. Another sailor describes the object as oval, about half the size of the full moon, with a white light on top. The crew slows the tugboat, as it is directly in its path, and stops about 130 feet away, just as another light in the water shines brightly for 20 seconds and goes out. The light seems to be connected to a gray object on or just below the surface of the sea. The commander of the vessel, Captain José da Silva, goes to the bridge and describes the object as saucer-shaped and about twice the size of the moon. It emits blue and orange lights and at one point shines a beam of intense light downwards. Another light beam is directed at the tugboat for about 2 seconds. Da Silva radios the maritime service in Natal, Brazil, and reports the sighting. The *Teche Seahorse*, a speedboat following the *Caiobá*, detects one object at the location with its radar. The *Teche*’s engineer, Atilio Scarpatti, and another crewman see the object as an unusual white light that is difficult to look at. Around 7:20 p.m., the object quickly moves away to the northwest, then shoots upward and disappears. The crew reports the sighting to the Navy, the Port Authority, and the Brazilian Air Force. (Jackson Camargo, “[O Caso do navio Caiobá Seahorse](#),” Fenomenum, July 17, 2024)
- 1980, August** — Another set of photos allegedly showing part of an alien cadaver is released by Charles Wilhelm and Dennis Pilichis, who receive them through UFO researcher Willard McIntyre, apparently from an anonymous US Navy source. William Spaulding of Ground Saucer Watch analyzes them and suggests they show a monkey used in early rocket tests. (Leonard H. Stringfield, “[Status Report on Alleged Alien Cadaver Photos](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 154 (December 1980): 11–16; Leonard H. Stringfield, “[The Puzzling Case of the Cadaver Photos](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 163 (September 1981): 15–19; Juan-Vicente Ballester-Olmos, “[The Tomato Man in Retrospective](#),” UFO FOTOCAT Blog, March 13, 2022)
- 1980, Early August** — Thousands of witnesses see UFOs for several days in a row over Tianjin, China, and the Bohai Sea. One large object keeps appearing and vanishing like a will-o’-the-wisp. Occasionally objects are tracked on radar. (Paul Dong, “[Extracts from Paul Dong’s Feidie Bai Wen Bai Da \(Questions and Answers on UFOs\)](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 29, no. 6 (August 1984): 18)
- 1980, August** — 10:00 p.m. Two students at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, see a brilliant oval object in the sky near the Summer Palace. It has several lights that flash on and off 2–3 times per second. The object itself is shaped like “two straw hats placed brim to brim” with a brilliant center line. It stops hovering and ascends vertically, disappearing in 3–4 seconds. (“[The Chinese Connection...and Some Wholesome Chinese Philosophy](#),” *IUR* 7, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1982): 13)
- 1980, August 8–9** — Before 12:00 midnight. Three security policemen—S/Sgt Stephen Ferenz, Airman 1C Martin W. Rist, and Airman Anthony D. Frazier—on the eastern side of the Manzano Weapons Storage Area adjacent to Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, New Mexico, see a bright light descend in a restricted area about 3 miles to the north-northeast. It travels quickly and stops suddenly over Coyote Canyon. At 12:20 a.m., a Sandia guard observes a disc-shaped object with a bright light hovering behind a building. He approaches it with a shotgun and attempts to use his radio, but it has stopped working. The object shoots straight up. These and other incidents result in a report being filed with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations at Kirtland. The incident is subsequently investigated by agent [Richard Doty](#), who files a preliminary report on the incident. The document is leaked to [William Moore](#) in January 1982 and obtained in a subsequent FOIA request by [Barry Greenwood](#). Moore and [Bruce Maccabee](#) both interview Doty, who says there are most likely other documents including a longer report that he had written up. However, after Noah Lawrence at AFOSI Headquarters tells Maccabee there are no other documents on file, Doty begins to backtrack. Maccabee also meets Russ Curtis inside the Manzano area who says that the incident never took place (which contradicts Curtis’s statement to Moore in 1982). (Harry Lebelson, “[Who’s Watching Us?](#)” *Pursuit* 19, no. 1 (Spring 1986): 27, 29–31; Good Above, [pp. 405–406, 522–523](#); Bruce Maccabee, “[UFO Landing near Kirtland AFB: Welcome to the Cosmic Watertgate](#),” 2000; Good Need, [pp. 322, 329](#); Robert L. Hastings, “[UFOs Filmed Hovering over U.S. Air Force Nuclear Weapons Storage Area](#),” *UFOs & Nukes*, May 13, 2012; Clark III 362; Clark IV 406)
- 1980, August 15** — UFO skeptic [Philip Klass](#) sends a letter to A. G. McNamara of the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics in Ottawa, Canada, which serves as a repository for Canadian UFO reports for the Canadian National Research Council. Klass characterizes New Brunswick ufologist [Stanton Friedman](#) as a snake oil salesman and UFO guru

whose lectures are filled with falsehoods, disparaging his credentials, his ego, and his modus operandi. He warns McNamara that the astronomers at the institute will soon be the targets of Friedman's coverup accusations. (Dolan II 221–222)

- 1980, August 17** — 1:15 a.m. Security guard [Phil Battle](#) is driving his truck in the parking lot of the Teledyne-Ohio Steel plant in Lima, Ohio, and sees an unusual bright light in the sky. He steps out and watches a round, silvery form about 270 feet away. It has little holes on the surface, a flashing yellow light, and white floodlights all around it. It hovers for about 5 minutes, moving back and forth. Battle's CB radio does not work when he tries to alert others. Suddenly a yellow light shoots out at Battle, knocking him back against his truck, scarring his knee and hurting his back and kidneys. The beam also reddens his left eye. The UFO then takes off. He and other guards look for the object and see a light about 1,200 feet to the north, slightly larger than the moon, which drifts westward after 15–20 seconds. ("[Pair Probe Encounter with UFO in Area](#)," *Lima (Ohio) News*, August 26, 1980, pp. 1, 4; "[Knocked Back by a Light Beam](#)," *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 2, no. 6 (Sept./Oct. 1980): 14; "[Correspondence](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 1 (January 1981): 2–3)
- 1980, August 20** — 10:30 p.m. A college student is driving on a rural road about 5 minutes east of Mossy Head, Florida, when he becomes aware of an array of lights hovering above a hill ahead of him. They move low over the area from right to left, 300–600 feet ahead of him. It disappears, but another cluster of lights rushes by him on his left side with a quiet whoosh sound. Inadvertently he begins driving more slowly, slumped over the steering wheel. He continues driving to Jacksonville, where he notices his bare feet are red and inflamed. The redness fades away by the evening of the following night, leaving only some apparent bites marks that are sore to the touch. ("[A CE I—or II—or III in Florida](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 7 (November 1980): 5)
- 1980, August 22** — Three other security policemen at Manzano Weapons Storage Area in New Mexico see the same aerial phenomena as the witnesses on August 8–9. An object lands in Coyote Canyon. (Harry Lebelson, "[Who's Watching Us?](#)" *Pursuit* 19, no. 1 (Spring 1986): 27, 31)
- 1980, August 24** — 4:08 a.m. Three tourists camping out in the Changping District near the Juyong portion of the Great Wall of China take a photo of an unusual object. The photo reportedly looks like three stars in an inverted T shape with a surrounding halo of light. ("[World Round-Up](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 5 (January 1981): 5–6; "[Will Martians Finally Appear—in Mao Jackets?](#)" *St. Louis (Mo.) Globe-Democrat*, March 5, 1981, via *UFO Newscipping Service*, no. 140 (March 1981): 12; "[First UFO Spotted in China](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 3 (March 1981): 4; "[Chinese UFO Study](#)," *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 3 (March/April 1981): 14; Wendelle Stevens and Paul Dong, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archives, 1983, p. 174)
- 1980, September** — [Charles Berlitz](#) and [Bill Moore](#) publish *The Roswell Incident*, the first major review of the 1947 Roswell crash, based largely on [Stanton Friedman](#)'s research. (Charles Berlitz and William L. Moore, *The Roswell Incident*, Berkley, 1980; Clark III 320; Graff 247–248; Clark IV 357)
- 1980, September 1** — NSA attorneys move for a summary judgment in the CAUS-initiated lawsuit, asserting that the 135 documents are being justifiably withheld. ("[CAUS Update](#)," *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 1 (Nov./Dec. 1980): 16)
- 1980, September 3** — 3:00 p.m. Margaret Lambert and her family are parked at a scenic overlook along Skyline Drive in Shenandoah National Park in Virginia when they notice a bright reflection. She is taking a photo of her son and the reflection seems to be pulsating as she focuses her camera. It appears as a small round light behind her son's head in the photo. ("['Glowing Object' Photographed on Virginia Hillside](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 5 (May 1981): 6)
- 1980, September 4** — 1:15 p.m. Flight instructor Lloyd List is flying northbound at 138 mph in a Cessna 172 at 6,500 feet about 5 miles south of the airport in Red Bluff, California. His passenger, a school official, calls his attention to a shiny object ahead of them. For the first 5–6 seconds, the object grows larger in angular size. Then it stops getting larger, as if it has adopted the Cessna's speed and direction. They close in on the object and watch it shoot right by the airplane's left wingtip only 30 feet away. It looks like a metallic football no larger than 3 feet in size. It is silent and the surface has a mirror finish. It exhibits no wobble as it passes through the plane's turbulence. List descends to 6,000 feet and turns to the south to look for it but cannot find the object. ("[Plane's Near Collision with Mini-UFO](#)," *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 1 (Nov./Dec. 1980): 11–12)
- 1980, September 6** — UFO proponents and debunkers square off at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., for a day-long debate on the merits of UFO sightings. The proponents include [Bruce Maccabee](#), [J. Allen Hynek](#), and [Allan Hendry](#); the debunkers are [Philip J. Klass](#), [James E. Oberg](#), and [Robert Sheaffer](#). The debate is moderated by [Frederick C. Durant](#). The most heated exchanges occur between Klass and Hendry over the [Val Johnson](#) close encounter case of 1979. ("[Smithsonian UFO Symposium, September 6, 1980](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 4 (August 1980): 5; Stuart Rohrer, "[Tempest in a Saucer](#)," *Washington Post*, September 8, 1980, p. B-1;

Robert Sheaffer, "[Prepared Talk for the Smithsonian UFO Symposium, Sept. 6, 1980.](#)" The Debunker's Domain; J. Allen Hynek, "[Encounter at the Smithsonian.](#)" *CUFOS Bulletin*, Fall 1980, pp. 6–10; Richard Hall, "[Smithsonian UFO Symposium.](#)" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 152 (October 1980): cover, 3–4; Jerome Clark, "Phil Klass vs. the 'UFO Promoters,'" *Fate* 34, no. 2 (February 1981): 56–67; Keith Basterfield, "[More on the Little Known 1980 Smithsonian Institution UAP Symposium.](#)" Unidentified Aerial Phenomena—Scientific Research, September 18, 2014; Clark III 1081–1082; Clark IV 1197–1198)

- 1980,** September 6 — 9:15 p.m. Ufologist [Jenny Randles](#) and a friend are riding a motorcycle north on the M4 after attending the Farnborough Airshow in Hampshire, England, when they see three lights that appear one after another then line up in a triangular formation hovering above a distant hilltop. As they drive past, one light blinks out, leaving two side by side. (Ian Mrzyglod, "[M4 UFOs.](#)" *The Probe Report* 2, no. 1 (June 1981): 3–4; Jenny Randles, "Mass Market Media Saucery," *Fortean Times* 361 (Christmas 2017): 29)
- 1980,** September 8 — After doing a radio show in Albuquerque, New Mexico, [Bill Moore](#) is contacted by phone from someone at Kirtland Air Force Base. He meets the man he calls "Falcon" (described as elderly and gaunt) later at a restaurant, beginning a long-running relationship between Moore and 10 members of a shadowy group connected with military intelligence and supposedly opposed to the coverup of UFOs. The story soon emerges that the Roswell incident involved alien bodies and that in 1949 another alien, this one still alive, was found and housed at Los Alamos until its death in the early 1950s. It is called an Extraterrestrial Biological Entity (EBE) and is the first of three that the government would have in its custody. Moore decides to cooperate with these AFOSI sources and provide them with information. They tell him there is considerable interest in [Paul Bennewitz](#) and that he is to spy on Bennewitz and APRO as well, inundating them with disinformation that [Richard Doty](#) and others will supply. (Greg Bishop, *Project Beta*, Paraview, 2005, pp. 59–63; Clark III 360; Eghigian, *After*, p. 261; Clark IV)
- 1980,** September 8 — [Doty](#) writes and signs a fake two-page AFOSI complaint form, titled "Kirtland AFB, NM, 8 Aug–3 Sept 1980, Alleged Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Lights in Restricted Test Range," which describes several UFO sightings at Manzano and at the Coyote Canyon section of the Department of Defense Restricted Test Range, as well as an alleged report of a UFO landing on August 10 by a New Mexico state patrolman. (Clark III 362; Clark 406)
- 1980,** September 9 — 8:00 p.m. Barbara Kaisler is driving home with her daughter in Portsmouth, Virginia, when they see a dark disc some 5–6 stories higher than the rooftops in the north. When they stop at an intersection, they can see the disc tumbling end over end, now climbing at a 30° angle. It disappears in clouds to the northeast. ("[Dark Disk in Virginia.](#)" *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 3 (March/April 1981): 14)
- 1980,** September 11 — 4:20 a.m. Jerry McAlister is awakened in his bedroom in Anderson, South Carolina, by a loud screech. He goes to the window and sees a round object about 70 feet wide hovering above his backyard trees 110 feet away. Hundreds of steady bright white lights surround its perimeter, rotating in a clockwise direction. A row of square white windows is also visible. McAlister wakes up his wife Faye, who also watches the object, which, after tilting on its side, is now receding to the east-northeast at a good rate of speed. The UFO settles into place as a distant white light source that persists until dawn at 7:05 a.m. McAlister claims his ears ring for another 3 days from the initial noise. ("[UFO Sightings 'Nothing New' in Anderson.](#)" *Anderson (S.C.) Independent Daily Mail*, September 14, 1980, p. 1; "[More UFOs: Broadway Residents See Two More.](#)" *Anderson (S.C.) Daily Mail*, September 16, 1980, p. 1; "[South Carolina's Giant UFOs.](#)" *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 2, no. 6 (Sept./Oct. 1980): 11–13; "['Close Encounter' Brings Fame to Andersonian.](#)" *Anderson (S.C.) Independent*, November 24, 1980, pp. 1A, 5A; "Burned by a UFO," *National Enquirer*, December 9, 1980, p. 3; Pete Mazzola, "The McAlister South Carolina UFO Encounter," *Saga UFO Report*, February 1981; Doris and Joe Graziano, "[Press Reports.](#)" *APRO Bulletin* 29, no. 4 (April 1981): 5–6; Donald Roberts, "[The Anderson Event.](#)" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 158 (April 1981): 5–7)
- 1980,** September 11 — 8:05 a.m. Larry Garrett is working on his car in Easley, South Carolina, when he hears a sound like a swarm of bees. Looking north, he sees a large metallic UFO with black, square windows. He guesses it is 80–100 feet in size. It hovers above a hill then drifts off to the north behind some trees. ("[UFO Sighted in Easley.](#)" *Easley (S.C.) Progress*, September 17, 1980, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 136 (November 1980): 2; "[South Carolina's Giant UFOs.](#)" *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 2, no. 6 (Sept./Oct. 1980): 13–14; Doris and Joe Graziano, "[Press Reports.](#)" *APRO Bulletin* 29, no. 3 (March 1981): 8)
- 1980,** September 11 — 9:25 p.m. [Milton Shippee](#) and his family are driving south on State Highway 32 near I-84 in West Willington, Connecticut, when they see a "pancake"-shaped object in the southeast. It is tilted on one side as it moves about 50 mph. ("['Domed Pancake' over Connecticut.](#)" *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 1 (Nov./Dec. 1980): 12)

- 1980, September 12** — A bright, round object radiating red and white colors from all sides is reported south of Bojnord, North Khorasan, Iran. It moves very quickly for one hour above the city. ("[Review of Iranian UFO Reports.](#)" *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 2 (Jan./Feb. 1981): 15)
- 1980, September 13** — 2:30 a.m. Herb Van Gundy and three other people camping at Hamilton Pool Preserve, Travis County, Texas, wake up when their tent is lit up with a yellow glow. Outside is a loud humming sound and above them at no more than 125 feet is a triangular object. The underside is grayish or greenish, and two lights appear at each tip of the triangle—yellow and white, red and green, and blue and white. The object is moving north very slowly but stops for about 10 seconds and begins to pulsate, almost sounding as if it will stall. It starts up again, heads north, and is gone after about one minute. Thirty minutes earlier, the group had heard a loud explosion, and some of them saw sparks above the top of a hill. (Robert E. Morgan, "[Triangular UFO: Preliminary Report.](#)" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 155 (January 1981): 6; Dennis Stacy, "[S.A.'s Fly-by-Night Encounters.](#)" *San Antonio (Tex.) Express and News*, June 6, 1982, via *APCIC Clipping Service* 7, no. 7 (July 1982): 1–4)
- 1980, September 21** — 7:00 p.m. A witness is driving west on a county road near Lima, Ohio. She looks up and sees a square opening in the clouds that looks like a picture frame. A vivid orange or red object that looks like the bottom of an Army tank with runners on two sides appears in the opening, remaining stationary for a few seconds before disappearing back into the opening, which then fills up with clouds. ("[Army Tank in the Clouds in Ohio.](#)" *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 7 (November 1980): 2)
- 1980, September 22** — 3:43 a.m. Pan Am Flight 440, flying at 39,000 feet and piloted by Capt. Dave Garber, nearly collides with an unidentified blue-green cigar-shaped object over the Caribbean Sea south of Haiti. The UFO has a horizontal row of 5–6 steady lights, which the flight crew presumes are windows. The distance between the Pan Am flight and the UFO at its closest approach is less than a mile. The estimated length of the UFO is 50 feet. It changes course when the plane flashes its landing lights. The event is witnessed independently by the crew of two other airliners in the area. ("['Chiles-Whitted' Revisited: UFO Sighting Confirmed by Three Flight Crews.](#)" *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 1 (Nov./Dec. 1980): 12–14)
- 1980, September 26** — 4:30 a.m. Susan Southerland, Debbie Riley, and Kim Conolty are driving in Washington, Indiana, when they see a streetlight-shaped light source slightly above the treetops. It begins moving toward them. Even after their car turns, the light stays on their left side. They drive to the police station and ask officers Tim Roark and Don Grannon to look at it through binoculars, and they are convinced it is something unusual. ("[UFOs Shake Area Viewers.](#)" *Washington (Ind.) Times-Herald*, September 27, 1980, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 136 (November 1980): 4; Doris and Joe Graziano, "[Press Reports.](#)" *APRO Bulletin*, March 1981, p. 8; "[UFO Mini-Flap in Southern Indiana.](#)" *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 3 (Mar./Apr. 1981): 11)
- 1980, September 26** — 2:26 p.m. A woman watches a Saturn-shaped object approach her home in Blythe, California, from the east and pass overhead for 2–3 minutes and shoot straight up out of sight. ("[Daylight 'Saturn' over California.](#)" *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 1 (Nov./Dec. 1980): 14)
- 1980, September 28** — *Cosmos: A Personal Voyage* debuts as a 13-part TV series written by [Carl Sagan](#), [Ann Druyan](#), and [Steven Soter](#), with Sagan as host. It covers a wide range of scientific subjects, including the origin of life and a perspective of our place in the universe. Owing to its bestselling companion book and soundtrack album using the title, *Cosmos*, the series is widely known by this title. It is the most widely watched series in the history of American public television at the time, and as of 2009, it is still the most widely watched PBS series in the world. The series is notable for its groundbreaking use of special effects, which allow Sagan to seemingly walk through environments that are actually models rather than full-sized sets. (Wikipedia, "[Cosmos: A Personal Voyage](#)"; Graff 287–291)
- 1980, September 30** — 1:00 a.m. George Blackwell, a farmer near Rosedale, Victoria, Australia, is awakened by a noise and his disturbed livestock. Getting up, he goes outside and sees a 24-by-15-foot sphere passing by, some 6–9 feet off the ground and 450 feet distant. It stops above a water tank, then settles to the ground. Blackwell rides a motorcycle to the spot and stops 45 feet from the landed object. It is making a loud whistling sound. After 3 minutes, the UFO emits a louder noise, gives off a blast of air, and moves off to the east. A 30-foot doughnut-shaped ring is found where the object rested, and Blackwell experiences health problems the next week. The 10,000-gallon water tank is mysteriously drained of water. (NICAP, "[Rosedale, Victoria, Australia: September 30, 1980](#)"; Pat Gildea, "[The White-Acres Encounter.](#)" *Australian UFO Bulletin*, December 1980, pp. 6–7; Keith Basterfield and Bill Chalker, "[Rosedale, Victoria: A Close Encounter.](#)" *UFO Research Australia Newsletter* 2, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1981): 17–22; Keith Basterfield and Bill Chalker, "[The 30th September 1980 Rosedale, Victoria Event.](#)" *ACUFOS Journal* 2, no. 1 (February 1981): 7–10; Keith Basterfield and Bill Chalker, "[Rosedale-Victoria, Update.](#)" *UFO Research Australia Newsletter* 2, no. 2 (March/April 1981): 10; Bill Chalker and Keith Basterfield, "[The Rosedale Landing with Physical Traces.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 6 (March 1981): 4–5; "[Physical Trace in Australia.](#)" *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 3 (March/April 1981): 14–15; Pat Gildea, "[The White-Acres](#)

- [Encounter](#),” *Australian Annual Flying Saucer Review*, June 1981, pp. 9–10, 14–15; “[From Foreign Lands](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 5 (July/Aug. 1981): 17; Bill Chalker and Keith Basterfield, “[Landing with Physical Traces near Rosedale, Victoria, Australia](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 29, no. 12 (December 1981): 3–5; Keith Basterfield and Bill Chalker, “[Rosedale Victoria: A Close Encounter](#),” 1989; Keith Basterfield, Vladimir Godic, and Pony Godic, “[Australian Ufology: A Review](#),” *JUFOS* 2 (1990): 31; UFOEv II 62–63)
- 1980**, September 30 — UFO researcher [William Moore](#) meets for the first time with AFOSI officer [Richard Doty](#) (whom Moore refers to as “Sparrow”). Doty is the middleman for an Air Force colonel (later called “Falcon” by Moore) who Moore first contacted on September 5. (The identity of the colonel has not been established, but it may possibly be Doty’s superior officer, Col. [John Barry Hennessey](#).) Doty claims that [Stanton T. Friedman](#) and [Brad Sparks](#) know him personally and will vouch for him (untrue). (Brad Sparks and Barry Greenwood, “[The Secret Pratt Tapes and the Origins of MJ-12](#),” in *MUFON 2007 International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 2007, pp. 92–159)
- 1980**, October — [Leonard Stringfield](#), who now has about 20 first-hand informants to various crash/retrievals, begins to encounter resistance and silence from some of them, who are apparently under increased suspicion and surveillance. (Leonard H. Stringfield, “[Status Report on Alleged Alien Cadaver Photos](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 154 (December 1980): 11–16)
- 1980**, October — James W. Allen, 14, is photographing Ben Vrackie mountain in Perthshire, Scotland. As he is walking home he hears a weird humming noise, sees a disc-shaped object, and takes a photo of it. Analysis of the photo points to a hoax photo of a helium-filled balloon. (“[Young Scottish Photographer Sends Photograph](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 10 (October 1981): 1, 6; Steuart Campbell, “[Investigation Report on 1980 Photograph at Pitlochry, Scotland](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 6, no. 1 (Feb./March 1985): 1–2)
- 1980**, October or November — Ground-based radar at RAF Neatishead, near Norwich, England, tracks an aerial object executing aerial maneuvers that “defied all convention.” A very bright light is seen by the pilot of an RAF F-4 Phantom II aircraft. It vanishes as quickly as it has appeared. (Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, p. 136)
- 1980**, October 1? — A group of people go to Lucky Point, east of Monroe City, Indiana, to look for UFOs. High in the eastern sky they notice a dark triangle, as large as the full moon and possibly surrounded by a light glow. As it moves overhead, they hear a voice announce, “the time is now.” It changes direction slightly and accelerates to the northwest. The group reports a tingling sensation and a humming noise on their FM scanner radios. (“[UFO Mini-Flap in Southern Indiana](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 3 (Mar./Apr. 1981): 12)
- 1980**, October 5 — 3:00 a.m. Five off-duty metalworkers at the Dagang Oilfield, Tianjin, China, see a cone-shaped, red, glowing object that lights the area below. Workers feel a scorching heat as it flies by and disappears over Bohai Bay. (Paul Dong and Wendelle Stevens, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archives, 1983, p. 190)
- 1980**, October 6 — 5:50 p.m. A retired man is resting on his sundeck in Ipswich, Massachusetts, when he sees a silver object tumbling end-over-end. He grabs binoculars and watches as it passes overhead and continues, appearing to descend as it disappears behind trees toward the Sagamore Hill Solar Radar Observatory [now relocated to Millstone Hill, Westford] in South Hamilton. (“[Tumbling Daylight UFO](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 2 (Jan./Feb. 1981): 11)
- 1980**, October 7 — 11:30 p.m. Witnesses near Yelm, Tenino, and Offutt Lake, Washington, report a large object shaped like a triangle or diamond with red and green lights. (“[Thurston County Logs Some Mysterious Night Sightings](#),” Olympia (Wash.) *Daily Olympian*, October 9, 1980, p. 1)
- 1980**, October 8 — 10:15 p.m. A private investigator is driving south on Alberta Highway 2, returning to Calgary from Red Deer. Just south of Olds, he notices a bright light about a mile ahead. The light forms an inverted V pattern illuminating a 300-foot stretch of the highway. He slows down, along with other drivers, despite seeing no emergency vehicles. The light intensifies, illuminating a half-mile section for about 30 seconds before it suddenly goes out. A stationary light resembling a landing light remains for another 30 seconds before moving rapidly westward, disappearing after traveling 40–50 miles. Once home, he shares the incident with his family and contacts Calgary International Airport, where the staff confirms they had received similar reports and that no aircraft were in the area at the time. (“[Light Phenomena in Canada](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 30, no. 2 (February 1982): 1–2)
- 1980**, October 15 — 11:30 p.m. A Knox County, Indiana, deputy sheriff stops by the side of a road to stretch his legs. Out of the east comes a black triangular form, as big as a house and 10 times the angular size of the full moon. He estimates it is 250 feet away and 200 feet up at its closest. Five figures are visible from the waist up through a long window on one side of the triangle. Large slanted unblinking eyes, white skin, and a straight-line mouth are visible on their elongated heads. He thinks they look afraid, so he tries to telepathically assure them not to be

afraid. They respond by asking him, “Why do you hate the Iranians?” The object draws closer the speeds away to the northeast. During the sighting, his police radio displays intermittent interference and his patrol car’s engine and headlights pulsate. The deputy feels light-headed and sluggish, and his eyes water. (“[UFO Mini-Flap in Southern Indiana](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 3 (Mar./Apr. 1981): 11–12)

- 1980,** October 15–20 — According to analyst [Gary Sick](#), meetings are allegedly held in Paris, France, between emissaries of the Reagan/Bush campaign, with future CIA Director [William J. Casey](#) as a key participant, and “high-level Iranian and Israeli representatives” to make a secret deal with Iran to delay the release of the American hostages until after the election. In return for this, the United States purportedly arranges for Israel to ship weapons to Iran. Sick is never able to prove his claims, but the evidence suggests that the [Reagan](#) administration ships arms to Iran, both through Israel and directly, from 1981 to 1987 as payment for Iranian cooperation. (Wikipedia, “[October Surprise theory](#)”; Gary Sick, [October Surprise: America’s Hostages in Iran and the Election of Ronald Reagan](#), Times Books, 1991)
- 1980,** October 16 — Evening. Operators at Tianjin Binhai International Airport, China, are observing the movements of Flight 402 on radar when an unexplained echo shows up. When the airliner is about 6,500 feet from the runway, the plane’s blip disappears for 7 seconds. The mystery target gives a strong, distinct return, and it seems to cause strong radio interference as the airliner touches down. Other anomalous targets show up later that night, but none are seen visually. (Paul Dong, “[Extracts from Paul Dong’s Feidie Bai Wen Bai Da \(Questions and Answers on UFOs\)](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 29, no. 6 (August 1984): 18; Good Above, [pp. 215–216](#))
- 1980,** October 19 — 7:50 p.m. Donald Shive, his wife Star, and two children are driving west near Albion, Michigan, when they see an object with two white lights on the sides and a red and blue light on the front and back. It is moving at about 25 mph at an altitude of 200–500 feet when it moves over the car at an intersection. The car stalls and the lights go out briefly. (“[UFO Stalls Van in Michigan?](#)” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 1 (Nov./Dec. 1980): 14)
- 1980,** October 21 — 8:35 a.m. Betty Long and a friend see a formation of three egg-shaped objects in the northern sky over San Diego, California. The bright sun makes them seem uniformly white and featureless. After moving to the right for three minutes, they turn 90° to the left and move away from the witnesses. The formation retains its triangular shape throughout the sighting. (“[Daylight ‘Eggs’ over California](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 8 (December 1980): 5)
- 1980,** October 23 — 8:55 p.m. Randall Rogers and Larry Mortensen, employed at the Phelps-Dodge Corporation’s copper smelting site at Morenci, Arizona, go outside to pick up three other employees for an evening meal break. They notice a boomerang-shaped object approaching the north smokestack at 1,500–2,000 feet altitude and a very slow speed. It stops and hovers briefly, then comes down to 700–1,000 feet, just above the stack. A brilliant light erupts from the forward angle and shines directly down into the interior of the stack. 10 seconds later it goes out and the object moves south to hover above the south stack and shine the bright light inside. It then moves off at 5–10 mph to the south, then suddenly takes off at great speed to the southwest. A very short time later, it returns and hovers above the slag dump. The object is seen as dull black and perhaps 1,320 feet from wingtip to wingtip. Eight reddish lights are on each wing about 75 feet apart and connected by a white tube of light. Greenlee County Sheriff Ralph Gomez also observes the object, as do about 100 members of the Morenci High School band. (“[UFO over Copper Smelter](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 29, no. 7 (1981): 1–3; UFOEv II 40)
- 1980,** October 26 — [Paul Bennewitz](#) over a number of months has become convinced that he has uncovered evidence of aliens controlling humans through electromagnetic devices, and furthermore claims that UFOs are regularly flying near Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque and the nearby Manzano Nuclear Weapons Storage Facility and Coyote Canyon Test Area. He is also convinced there is an alien base beneath Archuleta Peak northwest of Dulce, New Mexico. After failing to convince APRO (who considers him deluded), Bennewitz contacts AFOSI special agent Sgt. [Richard Doty](#) at Kirtland Air Force Base, who meets with him at his home today along with Jerry Miller, Kirtland’s scientific advisor for the Air Force Test and Evaluation Center. (Greg Bishop, *Project Beta*, Paraview, 2005, pp. 34–35, 135–137; Robert L. Hastings, “[UFOs Filmed Hovering over U.S. Air Force Nuclear Weapons Storage Area](#),” *UFOs & Nukes*, May 13, 2012; Alejandro T. Rojas, [[Bennewitz/Kirtland AFB documents](#)]; Clark III 141, 359; Alejandro T. Rojas, “[Ex–Air Force Law Enforcement Agent Claims He Hoaxed Major UFO Mythologies](#),” June 29, 2019; Dolan II 225–229; Coulthart 2023, pp. 132–133; Clark IV 168)
- 1980,** October 26 — 7:00 p.m. An oddly shaped UFO is observed by a husband and wife on their farm 2 miles southeast of Bloomfield, Indiana. The object looks like two full moons spaced about 12 feet apart with a flashing red light in back like a lopsided triangle. Each white light is about 3 feet in diameter, and the white is intense but nothing around lights up. The object is at treetop level and passes to the right of a security light. There is no reflection of metal anywhere. The woman gets the impression that the lights are connected to something huge, saying: “The object passed about 20 feet above the barn making no sound and lights making no light. When it was over the

barn roof, the sows with baby pigs in the barn jumped up and began wild grunting and knocking about in their pens. They settled down immediately after the object cleared the roof. The object is now coming very slowly towards the front of our house and yard. My husband had gone back into the house to watch from the front windows, my children are crying, and I am on the back porch having the time of my life.” The UFO disappears behind the roof line of the house. (“[Tractor-Chasing Saucer](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 5 (July/Aug. 1981): 14–15; “[October UFO in Indiana Reported](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 8 (August 1981): 6; “[Greene County, Indiana, 1980 CE II](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 6, no. 2 (April/May 1985): 1, 6, 8; John P. Timmerman, “[Greene County Close Encounter](#),” *IUR* 28, no. 1 (Spring 2003): 10–12)

1980, October 31 — Day. The airport control tower at Canoas, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, detects a UFO on its radar. An F-5 squadron has just landed, with the exception of one plane, whose pilot requests authorization to pursue. He sees a bright gold object right in front of him and accelerates to approach, but the object immediately speeds up. The control tower loses the object on its radar. The pilot continues to pursue for 2 minutes before the UFO speeds off over the ocean. (Clark III 206–207; Brazil 555–556; Clark IV 247)

1980, November 2 — 12:42 p.m. A couple driving westbound on US Highway 50 some 20 miles east of Montrose, Colorado, notice a silver, oblong object in the distance. As the highway starts to curve, it is seen against a background of mesa. They stop the car for a better look for another 10 seconds. It banks like an aircraft to the right and its shape changes to an oval. It disappears by shooting up over the top of the mesa toward the northeast. (“[Daylight Disc in Colorado](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 3 (March/April 1981): 14)

1980, November 2 — 3:00 p.m. Mike Clampett and his wife are stepping out of a Toyota showroom on Solano Avenue in Vallejo, California. They see a group of people looking at the sky where a Piper Cub seems to be on a collision course with a cigar-shaped object. The plane is moving north to south while the UFO flies silently from high in the east to the west. The object is rotating or spiraling about once every second. It takes nearly 10 minutes for the object to reach nearly overhead, dropping in altitude all the while. It remains stationary in the zenith about 5 minutes then moves to the south at a higher altitude. (“[A Spiralling Daylight Cigar](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 2 (Jan./Feb. 1981): 11–12)

1980, November 5 — 8:45 p.m. A private pilot named Dennis is flying a Piper PA-32R-301T Turbo Saratoga SP at 8,000 feet near Lake Berryessa, California. He spots an orange, bullet-shaped light that is keeping even with him at 212 mph. The light brightens and begins to pulse with an increasing frequency, then shoots forward and makes a perfect right-angle turn upward. Five minutes later, it reappears behind him and performs a similar maneuver. The sighting is corroborated by a commercial airliner. (“[A Twin ‘Déjà vu’ Sighting?](#)” *IUR* 7, no. 1 (January 1982): 5)

1980, November 6 — [Peter Gersten](#) files a reply to the NSA’s September request for summary judgment. (“[CAUS Update](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 1 (Nov./Dec. 1980): 16)

1980, November 6 — 7:55 a.m. Nancy Parker is a passenger on a Western Airlines flight passing over Monterey Bay, California. She takes three photos of the scenery below, but when she develops the film, a bright, disc-shaped object appears on the second photo. Probable reflection or lens flare. (“[Reflection or Object? Photo from Airliner Being Studied](#),” *CUFOS Associates Newsletter* 2, no. 3 (March 1981): 1)

1980, November 10 — [Paul Bennewitz](#) visits with a small group of officials—including Brig. Gen. [William Brooksher](#), base AFOSI head Maj. Thomas Cseh, and scientists from the USAF Phillips Weapons Lab—at Kirtland AFB in New Mexico to present his film, photos, and electromagnetic findings. (Greg Bishop, *Project Beta*, Paraview, 2005, pp. 41–44; Alejandro T. Rojas, [[Bennewitz/Kirtland AFB documents](#)]; Clark III 141, 359; Clark IV 168–169)

1980, November 10 — 9:00 p.m. A man observes a stationary white light some 30° up in the western sky near the intersection of State Highway 30 and Interstate 270 in Sunset Hills, Missouri. A second object, orange in color, silently circles it for several minutes before taking off to the west. (“[Orbiting Lights near St. Louis](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 8 (December 1980): 5)

1980, November 11 — 6:40 p.m. Seven commercial aircraft—four Iberia Boeing 727s, a British airliner, an air-taxi, and a Transeuropa aircraft—encounter an unusual green object over Barcelona, Maella, Palma de Mallorca, and other points in northeastern Spain. Spanish journalist [Juan J. Benítez](#) investigates and determines that either 7 identical UFOs are involved or a single object is responsible, one capable of traveling hundreds of miles within minutes. Comandante Ramos, one of the Iberia pilots, says that the object is “like an enormous soap bubble” that is coming straight for his aircraft. He puts it into an evasive dive. When it passes close to the plane, they see a second smaller ball. (Juan J. Benítez, “[Anniversary Aerial Encounters](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 6 (March 1981): 12–14; Good Above, [pp. 157–159](#))

1980, Mid-November — 4:30 p.m. A man doing research on UFOs at a university library (possibly the University of Pennsylvania) is approached by a thin, dark-complected man with black hair and wearing a dingy dark suit and

string tie. He chats briefly in a foreign accent about flying saucers, then gets very agitated about the subject before calming down and leaving. (Peter M. Rojcewicz, "[The 'Men in Black Experience and Tradition: Analogues with the Traditional Devil Hypothesis.'](#)" *Journal of American Folklore* 100 (Apr./June 1987): 148–160; Clark III 733; Clark IV 813–814)

1980, November 17 — Sgt. [Richard Doty](#) tells [Bennewitz](#) that AFOSI has decided against any further investigation of his claims. The same day, Doty forges a communication (later called the "Aquarius document") from AFOSI headquarters at Bolling AFB in Washington, D.C., to the Seventeenth District AFOSI office at Kirtland and gives it to [Bill Moore](#). It mentions, briefly and cryptically, analyses of a UFO film apparently taken in October. It also mentions MJ-12 and a government UFO investigation "outside official intelligence channels" called the Aquarius Project. Bill Moore calls it a retyped version of a real AFOSI message with a few spurious additions. Doty tells Moore to pass it on to Bennewitz, which he does eventually. In 2005, Doty tells radio host [Art Bell](#) that AFOSI's interest in Bennewitz has nothing to do with aliens; rather, it is to protect the technologies and activities at Kirtland AFB. (Good Above, [p. 528](#); Greg Bishop, *Project Beta*, Paraview, 2005, pp. 43, 120–129; "[Greg Bishop and Richard Doty, Coast to Coast AM with Host Art Bell, Interview Transcript.](#)" February 27, 2005; Clark III 362; "['Mislead the Public' Ep. 3 Official Clip | UFO | Showtime Documentary Series.](#)" Showtime YouTube channel, August 25, 2021; Clark IV 406)

1980, November 18 — For the resolution of *CAUS v. NSA*, the National Security Agency creates two affidavits to explain why UFO information is to be withheld from the public. The affidavits are written by the chief officer of policy for the NSA, [Eugene F. Yeates](#). The first of the two is the "unclassified, softened-down" version released to CAUS and the public. The affidavit says that it is in the NSA's direct interests not to have the documents published, as they can compromise national security because they contain sensitive intelligence regarding the interception of foreign communication; and no meaningful amount of information can be declassified without giving foreign intelligence information regarding US time and methods of information interception. The second affidavit is for Judge [Gerhard A. Gesell](#) only, classified "top secret," which the judge can read with an "in camera" clearance. The judge sides with the NSA after reviewing the affidavit (released to CAUS through an FOIA request with 95% redactions, later released in 1997 with only 25% redacted, and in 2014 with a bit less missing). Gesell states that "the public interest in disclosure is far outweighed by the sensitive nature of the materials and the obvious effect on national security their release may well entail." CAUS fashions an appeal to the US Supreme Court. (Wikipedia, "[Citizens Against UFO Secrecy](#)"; Eugene F. Yeates, [In Camera Affidavit](#), *Citizens Against Unidentified Flying Objects Secrecy v. National Security Agency*, US District Court for the District of Columbia, October 9, 1980; J. Allen Hynek, "[A Cosmic Watergate?](#)" *IUR* 9, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1984): 10–12; ClearIntent, [pp. 187–188](#); Good Above, [pp. 417–419, 535–539](#); John Greenewald, "[UFOs: The National Security Agency \(NSA\) Collection.](#)" The Black Vault, September 10, 2016)

1980, November 18 — 7:30–11:00 p.m. Many people living in northern Missouri and northeastern Kansas, from Edina, Missouri, to Fairview, Kansas, report a formation of unusual lights traveling slowly and noiselessly. An airport and the police department in Kirksville, Missouri, receive 25 calls or so. The basic description is a triangular formation with two bright headlights. Rick Hull, a 20-year-old photographer from Trenton, Missouri, watches the lights pass overhead four different times; the underside shows a diamond-shaped array of white lights with a steady red beacon in the middle. There are also two bright headlights and an apparent dome with seven green lights around it. He manages to photograph the array only once out of several attempts. Most people provide an estimated altitude for the lights as 300–400 feet, but a Trenton witness puts it at 1,000–1,500 feet, and Missouri Highway Patrolman Bob Lober guesses 1,500–1,800 feet in Edinburg, Missouri. The lights change direction frequently. Radar technician Franklin West, located at a remote radar station of the Kansas City Air Route Traffic Control Center at Sublette, Missouri, finds a radar target in the same direction and distance as visual reports that local witnesses alert him to. It passes through the Kirksville area 4–5 times in a 2–3 hour period. He estimates its speed at 45 mph. A pilot landing at the Olathe, Kansas, Air Route Traffic Control Center says he recognizes the UFO as a refueling tanker with jets following it, which matches an established refueling track in the area. The Center for UFO Studies confirms that Altus AFB in Oklahoma, flew a huge C-5A cargo aircraft behind a KC-135 tanker from Grissom AFB in Peru, Indiana, that evening. The two planes flew in tandem at 20,000 feet at an indicated air speed of 250 knots beginning at 8:00 p.m. and ending around 11:00 p.m. However, there are a few discrepancies with the reports. ("[North Missourians Report Strange Lights in Night Sky.](#)" *Chillicothe (Mo.) Constitution-Tribune*, November 19, 1980, pp. 1, 12; Bob Pratt, "Hundreds Spot Gigantic UFO As It Cruises over 2 States," *National Enquirer*, February 3, 1981; "[Radar-Visual Light Form Seen by Independent Witnesses.](#)" *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 3 (March/April 1981): 12–14; Joe and Doris Graziano, "[Press Reports.](#)" *APRO Bulletin* 29, no. 5 (June 1981): 6; Marler [109–112](#))

- 1980**, November 19 — 11:45 p.m. A couple is driving home to Longmont, Colorado, from Denver when they hear a loud “whish” and a beam of blue light strikes their car. Their headlights begin to dim and the radio emits static before fading out. The back wheels of the car leave the pavement and the car rises at an angle into the air. They lose consciousness and wake up as the car is resuming its 50 mph journey down the road. More than one hour of time is missing. The next day, the woman finds a rectangular mark on her abdomen and soon has vivid dreams of a craft and an entity. She develops a nearly fatal case of pneumonia and finds out she is pregnant. The man discovers a melanoma on his legs, but it improves. Under hypnosis they recall seeing a hovering domed craft, a luminous entryway, and a humanoid with a large head, gray skin, thin fingers, and shiny golden garb. (Richard Sigismond, [“CE-III: New Dimensions in Investigations,”](#) *IUR* 7, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1982): 9–15, reprinted in [Flying Saucer Review](#) 29, no. 2 (December 1983): 21–26; Richard Hall, *Uninvited Guests*, Aurora, 1988, [pp. 311–312](#); Martin Kottmeyer, [“This One’s a Keeper,”](#) *REALL Newsletter* 4, no. 8 (August 1996))
- 1980**, November 24 — Around 10:00 p.m. A teenager in New Lenox, Illinois, sees two green light sources from his bedroom window. They move back and forth in the southern sky and disappear briefly when a plane flies below them. ([“UFOs—or IFOs over Joliet?”](#) *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 2 (Jan./Feb. 1981): 12)
- 1980**, November 25 — Early morning. Policemen in New Lenox, Manhattan, Joliet, and Ellwood, Illinois, watch a bright white light that fluctuates in brightness and mostly remains stationary. Probable sightings of Venus. ([“UFOs—or IFOs over Joliet?”](#) *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 2 (Jan./Feb. 1981): 12)
- 1980**, November 25 — 6:40 a.m. A glowing orange ball is seen maneuvering around the Ninian Northern oil platform in the North Sea. It is large enough to be seen by workers at the Brent oil platform 12–15 miles away. An RAF Hawker Siddeley Nimrod aircraft is sent to the area, but no public conclusions are reached about its nature. (Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, [p. 136](#))
- 1980**, November 26 — [Doty](#) receives a call from former astronaut Sen. [Harrison Schmitt](#) (R-N.Mex.) who asks him about AFOSI’s role in [Bennewitz](#)’s claims. Doty tells him they are not investigating. But Doty later admits what he tells Schmitt is not true. AFOSI has told him to make Bennewitz believe there is an impending alien invasion because Bennewitz is actually observing secret Air Force projects. According to Doty, the Air Force wants to discredit Bennewitz so no one will figure that out. However, Doty claims that in doing so, he created hoaxed documents that are given to Bennewitz and other UFO researchers, and that he broke into Bennewitz’s house and office. (Mark Pilkington, *Mirage Men: A Journey in Disinformation, Paranoia, and UFOs*, Constable and Robinson, 2010; Alejandro T. Rojas, [“Ex-Air Force Law Enforcement Agent Says He Hoaxed Major UFO Mythologies,”](#) *Huffington Post*, May 13, 2014; Clark III 359–362; Clark IV 403–406)
- 1980**, November 29 — 5:00 a.m. While checking reports of cattle wandering around a local council estate in Todmorden, West Yorkshire, England, Police Constable [Alan Godfrey](#) allegedly sees a bright light ahead on Burnley Road that appears to be a hovering, rotating object. He sees twigs and leaves swirling around beneath it. He experiences missing time of approximately 25 minutes, during which he splits a boot and acquires an itchy, red mark on his foot. Via hypnotic regression, he recalls being medically examined by alien creatures. In May, Godfrey had investigated the death of [Zigmund Adamski](#), who had been missing for five days before his body was found on top of a coal pile. According to the coroner, Adamski died of a heart attack. Godfrey tells reporters at the time that he believes it possible that Adamski was abducted by aliens and placed on the coal pile “by someone or something.” Godfrey self-publishes *Who or What Were They?* in 2017, a book that includes his speculations regarding the Adamski case, abduction claims by [Travis Walton](#), and his own UFO sighting. In 2014, a partial witness to the event surfaces, a bus driver on Burnley Road who around 4:55 a.m. experiences one of the physical effects Godfrey describes—an oddly localized whirlwind buffeting debris and leaving a swirled road surface beneath. (Wikipedia, [“Alan Godfrey”](#); Jenny Randles, [“The Alan Godfrey Abduction, November 28, 1980,”](#) UFO Casebook; [“Alan Godfrey,”](#) Northern Ontario UFO Research and Study; Jenny Randles, *The Pennine UFO Mystery*, Granada, 1983, [pp. 122–135, 147–168](#); Good Above, [pp. 118–119](#); UFOEv II 561–562; [“PC Alan Godfrey 1980,”](#) Andy Bell YouTube channel, March 29, 2009; Jenny Randles, “Flappy Valley: Part One,” *Fortean Times* 325 (April 2015): 27; Jenny Randles, “Flappy Valley: Part Two,” *Fortean Times* 326 (May 2015): 27; Jenny Randles, “Flappy Valley, Part 3,” *Fortean Times* 327 (June 2015): 29; Jenny Randles, “Flappy Valley, Part 4,” *Fortean Times* 328 (July 2015): 28–30; Alan Godfrey, *Who or What Were They?* The Author, 2017; Jenny Randles, “Twister Time in Todmorden,” *Fortean Times* 442 (March 2024): 29; [“Policeman Alan Godfrey on Witnessing a Diamond-Shaped UFO and Being Abducted by Aliens, Nov 28, 1980,”](#) Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, September 19, 2024)
- 1980**, November 29 — Mechanic Granger Taylor, 32, of Duncan, British Columbia, a man obsessed with aliens and UFOs to the point of building his own full-size model in his backyard, announces to his friends and parents that he is going to board an alien spacecraft and take a 42-month interstellar voyage. He is never seen again. In 1986, truck fragments and bones are found at a blast site on Mount Prevost. Though DNA testing is not in common use

at the time, pathology work by the coroner attributes the adult human bones to Taylor. Fragments of clothing found amid the decayed material are from a shirt owned by Taylor, as confirmed by his mother. Representatives from the auto division of the RCMP confirm the truck is his. A report by the B.C. Coroners office officially declares Taylor dead. A CBC-TV documentary about Taylor, *Spaceman*, is released in 2019 but fails to come up with a likely explanation. (Tyler Hooper, “[The Man Who Went to Space and Disappeared](#),” Vice, July 1, 2016; Mike Taylor, “[What Happened to Granger Taylor?](#)” *Vancouver (B.C.) Times Colonist*, February 3, 2019; CBC-TV, “[Spaceman](#),” 2019)

- 1980**, December — Army Lt. Col. [John B. Alexander](#) discusses in *Military Review* how psychotronic weapons could be developed by studying the paranormal. He discusses the remote-viewing studies of [Russell Targ](#) and [Harold E. Puthoff](#) and their potential military applications. As for psychotronic weapons, he sees much potential, saying, “with development, these weapons would be able to induce illness or death at little or no risk to the operator. Range may be a present problem, but this will probably be overcome if it has not been already.” As an example, he cites work by the Soviets, who have “examined the effects of electromagnetic radiation on humans and have applied those techniques against the US Embassy in Moscow.” (John B. Alexander, “[The New Mental Battlefield: ‘Beam Me Up, Spock!’](#)” *Military Review* 60, no. 12 (December 1980); John B. Alexander, *UFOs: Myths, Conspiracies, and Realities*, Thomas Dunne, 2011, pp. 15–17)
- 1980**, December 3 — 8:30 p.m. On State Highway 57 about 10 miles south of McLain, Mississippi, Robert and Janice Lowrey [or Lawrey?] see a luminous, blue-white ball of light to the east. The FM radio of their car quits, the car’s headlights dim, and the car heater quits when light comes briefly over the right side of the hood. They estimate the light to be about a foot in diameter and only 3 feet away. The seat belt alarm also comes on during the encounter. The light just vanishes. (“[Vehicle Affected by Mini-UFO?](#)” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 2 (Jan./Feb. 1981): 12–13)
- 1980**, December 4 — 8:38 a.m. Graham Moyle and other controllers at the Perth, Western Australia, airport report watching “silver tumbling discs” two or three times through 11:00 a.m. Danielle Russell, 12, sees four objects with lights that change color from red to blue to green moving quickly north to south at 11:00 a.m. There is a reported paint on the radar 7 miles distant at a speed of 138 mph and a height of 5 miles. The target is lost in the radar’s cone of silence. The RAAF scrambles a Macchi jet, but it cannot find the objects. At 1:20 p.m., a target is detected on the radar at 21 miles, due south. The tower tracks an object high above one of the runways. Five minutes later, the radar returns another target. (“[Jet Hunt for Australian UFOs](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 2 (Jan./Feb. 1981): 14)
- 1980**, December 4 — 6:15 p.m. UFO researcher [Ray Stanford](#) allegedly shoots 25 seconds of a film through the window of a Braniff airliner flying over Mexico that seems to show faraday rings around a domed UFO. (Douglas Dean Johnson, “[Gravity Waves and Faraday Rings—Or Imaginary Things?](#)” *Mirador*, April 4, 2024)
- 1980**, December 5 — 10:00 p.m. Two teenagers parked next to a swimming pool in a subdivision of Normal, Illinois, see a stationary bright white light about half the size of the full moon in the western sky. Suddenly it splits into two smaller halves that rejoin, growing small and fuzzy, then brighten and enlarge. Three small lights shoot out and snap back in again. They watch the display for about one hour. During the last 15 minutes, their ears begin to hurt simultaneously. The pain shifts from their right ears to their temples, and they both feel a pea-shaped lump under their skin. They return home. The next day the lumps are gone but they have headaches. On December 8 at 8:45 p.m., the boy returns to the same spot alone and sees another light for about one minute. When he calls his girlfriend again to tell her, both regain the painful lumps in their temples. (“[Youths Link Pain with UFO](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 2 (February 1981): 6)
- 1980**, December 6 — 12:45 a.m. A man is driving westbound a few miles north of Edwardsville, Illinois, when a disc-like object cuts across his view from the south about 100 feet away. It seems to be 40 feet in diameter and 9–13 feet thick. Five intense, steady, blue-white lights illuminate its dark shape. He sees windows at the center. The witness tries to drive toward the object, but his car engine fails for 1–2 minutes. The object zips off after a few minutes. (“[Current Sighting Reports](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 3 (March 1981): 6)
- 1980**, December 6 — 9:01 a.m. Jean Findlay of Poole, Dorset, England, is waiting for a bus and feels the urge to look up. She sees a disc-shaped, domed UFO hovering above nearby trees. Feeling “spellbound” and experiencing a sensation of “peace, calm, and warmth,” she watches the object emit a beam of light, rotate once, and fly away at a great rate of speed. She looks at her watch and sees that 4 minutes have elapsed, seemingly in the space of a few seconds. Even though it is rush hour, she sees no one else around. (Leslie Harris, “[A Warm and Peaceful Experience](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 3 (November 1981): 15–16, 27; Jenny Randles, *UFO Reality*, R. Hale, 1983, p. 73; Clark III 866; Clark IV 960–961)

- 1980, December 13** — 5:47 p.m. James Garrigus sees an oblong, pulsating orange glow descending at a 30° angle in the northeast as he is driving in Lima, Ohio. Suddenly it curves back upward in a backwards “J,” continuing to move in the same direction. The light increases speed, still bobbing and spinning, and finally shoots upward. (“[Nocturnal Light in Ohio](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 2 (February 1981): 6)
- 1980, December 15** — 3:00 p.m. About 40 witnesses at the Orpington Hospital redevelopment site in London, England, watch a UFO that alternately hovers, moves slowly, shoots across the sky, and finally divides into three and disappears straight up at 4:15 p.m. The object is an elongated triangular shape with a reddish-orange nose, silvery body, and diamond-blue rear section, with its nose pointing southeast. Peter McSherry, clerk of works for Lovell (Southern) Ltd estimates its height at 50,000 feet. A video of the object is taken in the presence of other witnesses at Seal Chart near Sevenoaks, Kent, and although it shows only a point of light in a cloudless sky, it does corroborate the sighting. (Good Above, [pp. 76–79](#))
- 1980, December 25** — 9:00 p.m. Soviet spy satellite Kosmos 749 (launched July 4, 1975, from Plesetsk) re-enters the Earth’s atmosphere, breaks into several pieces, and creates a spectacular fireworks display over northwest Europe. Police stations, coast guards, and the RAF receive hundreds of calls reporting four or five “comet-like objects leaving bright trails.” Astronomers also record three fireball meteors the same night, the largest and brightest appearing at 3:00 a.m. (John Mason and Howard Miles, “[Re-Entry of ‘Cosmos 749’ Rocket on 1980 December 25](#),” *Journal of the British Astronomical Association* 91 (1981): 561–566; UFOFiles2, [p. 105](#))
- 1980, December 26** — 3:00 a.m. A series of reported sightings of unexplained lights near Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, England, have become linked with claims of UFO landings. The events occur just outside RAF Woodbridge [now MOD Woodbridge], used at the time by the United States Air Force. USAF personnel, including deputy base commander Lieutenant Colonel [Charles I. Halt](#), claim to experience a UFO event. A security patrol (A1C [John Burroughs](#) and S/Sgt Budd Steffens) near the East Gate of RAF Woodbridge sees lights apparently descending into nearby Rendlesham Forest. These lights are attributed by astronomers to a piece of natural debris seen burning up as a fireball over southern England at the time. The observers initially think it is a downed aircraft but, when others (S/Sgt [James Penniston](#), Burroughs, and A1C [Edward Cabansag](#)) enter the forest to investigate they see, according to Halt’s memo, a glowing object, metallic in appearance, with colored lights. As they attempt to approach the object, it appears to move through the trees, and “the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy.” Penniston later claims he and Burroughs encountered a “craft of unknown origin” while in the forest, which he photographs and touches, although there is no publicized mention of this at the time and no corroboration from other witnesses. (Burroughs only reports a blinding white light.) Shortly after 4:00 a.m., local police are called to the scene, but they report that the only lights they can see are those from the Orfordness Lighthouse, a few miles away on the coast. After daybreak, Burroughs and Penniston return to a small clearing near the eastern edge of the forest and find three small impressions on the ground in a triangular pattern, as well as burn marks and broken branches on nearby trees. At 10:30 a.m., the Suffolk Constabulary are called out again, this time to see the impressions, which they think could have been made by an animal. [Georgina Bruni](#), in her book *You Can’t Tell the People* (2000), publishes a photo of the supposed landing site taken on the morning after the first sighting.
- 1980, December 27** — 9:30 p.m. Construction workers skating in Yantan Park, Lanzhou, Gansu province, China, notice a red triangular object moving slowly in the eastern sky. It moves above them and they notice it has a misty circle surrounding it and a dark red center. It also has a gray protuberance that shines a brilliant light, and the outer edge emits regular flashes of yellow light. They watch it for 7 minutes until it disappears in the northwest. (“[The Chinese Connection...and Some Wholesome Chinese Philosophy](#),” *IUR* 7, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1982): 13)
- 1980, December 28** — 1:48 a.m. RAF Woodbridge Deputy Base Commander [Charles Halt](#) visits the alleged December 26 landing site with 20–30 servicemen (including [John Burroughs](#), Sgt. Adrian Bustinza, Sgt. Bobby Ball, and Sgt. Monroe Nevels). They take radiation readings in the triangle of depressions and in the surrounding area using an AN/PDR-27, a standard US military radiation survey meter. Although they record 70–100 microR/hr at the landing site, in other regions they detect only 30–40 microR/hr, around the background level. Furthermore, they detect a similar small “burst” over half a mile away from the landing site. Halt records the events on a microcassette recorder, the “Halt tape,” released to UFO researchers in 1984 by Col. Sam Morgan, who has succeeded [Ted Conrad](#) as Halt’s superior. The tape chronicles Halt’s investigation in the forest in real time. During this investigation, a flashing light is seen across the field to the east, almost in line with a farmhouse, as the witnesses had seen on the first night. The Orfordness Lighthouse is visible further to the east in the same line of sight. Later, three star-like lights are seen in the sky, two to the north and one to the south, about 10° above the horizon. The brightest of these hovers for 2–3 hours and seems to beam down a stream of light from time to time. Astronomers have explained these as merely bright stars. In June 2010, retired Col. Charles Halt signs a notarized affidavit, in which he again summarizes what happened, then states he believes the event to be extraterrestrial and covered up by both the UK and US military. Contradictions between this affidavit and the facts as recorded at the

time in Halt's memo (dated January 13, 1981) and tape recording (made December 28) have been pointed out. In 2010, base commander Col. Ted Conrad provides a statement about the incident to UFO researcher [David Clarke](#). Conrad states that "We saw nothing that resembled Lieutenant Colonel Halt's descriptions either in the sky or on the ground" and that "We had people in position to validate Halt's narrative, but none of them could." In an interview, Conrad criticizes Halt for the claims in his affidavit, saying "he should be ashamed and embarrassed by his allegation that his country and Britain both conspired to deceive their citizens over this issue. He knows better." Conrad also disputes the testimony of Sgt. [James Penniston](#), who claims to have touched an alien spacecraft; he had interviewed Penniston at the time and he had not mentioned any such occurrence. Conrad also suggests that the entire incident was a hoax.

1980, December 28 — 5:30 p.m. Ohio County, Kentucky, Sheriff Deputy [Frank Chinn](#) is leaving his home in Echols, Kentucky, to report for his shift when he notices six objects following the same flight path out of the southwestern sky. He calls for verification from the state police. Trooper Don Beemer arrives in time to witness one of the objects leaving. Chinn sees two more UFOs later in the evening. Chinn meets up with Deputy John Cooper at a gas station in Centertown, Kentucky, where they watch one of the objects through a telescope set up on the premise. Chinn compares the bottom of the UFO to a faceted diamond. "The difference was that in each facet or plane of the surface, there was a bright spotlight sending off a brilliant white light," Chinn notes. "And in the center of the craft there were three rotating, flashing lights colored red, green and yellow." The sheriff's department receives 14 calls from local residents who also report sightings. ("[Sightings of UFOs Reported](#)," *Owensboro (Ky.) Messenger-Inquirer*, December 30, 1980, p. 11; "[Officials Offer No Reason for Apparent UFO Sightings](#)," *Owensboro (Ky.) Messenger-Inquirer*, December 31, 1980, p. 21)

1980, December 28–29 — Around 12:00 midnight. USAF A1C [Larry Warren](#) claims he is on patrol at RAF Woodbridge with other servicemen who are bringing lighting equipment to a large clearing called Capel Green. At 12:30 a.m., he is directed into the woods to "investigate a disturbance." They soon come to a large field where about 40 military personnel are gathered. They are ordered to surround what appears to be a bright fog or mist. When his group enters the field, Warren sees it is a glowing, yellow-green, circular object not more than 12 inches in height. Two officers walk around it with Geiger counters, someone takes photos, and another operates a movie camera. He hears shouts of "Here it comes!" and sees a small red light that quickly approaches his group at 1:30 a.m. The basketball-sized object makes a downward arc and hovers at 20 feet above the ground. It then explodes in a blinding flash that gives off no heat. Instantly, about 25 away, Warren claims he sees a large, pyramid-shaped object topped by a glowing red light. Covering the entire surface are what look like boxes and pipes. An officer orders Bustinza and Warren (now feeling nauseous) to approach within 10–15 feet of the object. Before long they are ordered further back. A staff car arrives, carrying Col. [Gordon Williams](#) and his staff. From far behind the object comes a bright bluish ball of light. Warren claims he can see large-headed beings inside. He sees Col. Williams approach the beings and stare at them. Warren arrives back at Security Control at 4:30 a.m. Most ufologists find Warren's account unreliable, and the book he coauthored, *Left at East Gate*, is withdrawn by the publisher, Cosimo, in 2017 after finding "inaccurate or embellished" testimony. In 2010, [Jenny Randles](#), who first reported the Rendlesham case in the *London Evening Standard* in 1981 and coauthored with local researchers the first book on the case in 1984, *Sky Crash: A Cosmic Conspiracy*, emphasizes her previously expressed doubts that the incident was caused by extraterrestrial visitors. While suggesting that an unidentified phenomenon might have caused parts of the case, she notes: "Whilst some puzzles remain, we can probably say that no unearthly craft were seen in Rendlesham Forest. We can also argue with confidence that the main focus of the events was a series of misperceptions of everyday things encountered in less than everyday circumstances." The most plausible skeptical explanation is that the sightings are due to a combination of several factors. The initial sighting on December 26, when the airmen saw something apparently descending into the forest, coincides with the appearance of a bright fireball over southern England; such fireballs are a common source of UFO reports. The supposed landing marks are identified by police and foresters as rabbit diggings. According to the witness statements from December 26, the flashing light seen from the forest lay in the same direction as the Orfordness Lighthouse. When the eyewitnesses attempted to approach the light, they realized it was further off than they thought. Timings on [Halt](#)'s tape recording indicate that the light he saw, which lay in the same direction as the light seen two nights earlier, flashed every five seconds, which was the flash rate of the Orfordness Lighthouse. The star-like objects that Halt reported hovering low to the north and south are thought by some skeptics to have been misinterpretations of bright stars distorted by atmospheric and optical effects. No evidence has emerged to confirm that anything came down in the forest. However, [Nick Redfern](#) in *The Rendlesham Forest UFO Conspiracy* alleges that the events were created by US and UK military as part of a series of top-secret experiments involving ball lightning and the "use of sophisticated holograms and hallucinogens" to test the reactions of the personnel exposed to them. (Wikipedia, "[Rendlesham Forest incident](#)"; NICAP, "[Rendlesham](#)

[Forest Encounter / Halt Case](#)"; Brenda Butler, Dot Street, and Jenny Randles, *Sky Crash*, Grafton, 1984; Jenny Randles, "[Mystery at Rendlesham](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1984): 10–11, 15; "[A Flashlight in the Forest](#)," *The Guardian* (UK), January 5, 1985, p. 9; Robert H. Coddington, "[An Analysis of the Rendlesham Forest Incident Tape](#)," *IUR* 10, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1985): 9–13; Jenny Randles, "[The Cover-Up in England](#)," *IUR* 12, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1987): 9–12, 20; Good Above, [pp. 79–96, 456](#); Jenny Randles, "[A Fire in the Forest: New Light on the Rendlesham Landing](#)," *IUR* 13, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1988): 4–17, 21; Jenny Randles, "[Rendlescam](#)," *IUR* 14, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1989): 16–18; Jenny Randles, *From Out of the Blue: The Incredible UFO Cover-Up at Bentwaters NATO Air Base*, Global Communications, 1991; [Michael Aspel], "Strange But True: Rendlesham Forest UFO Incident," [part 1](#), [part 2](#), [part 3](#), [ITV Meridian, December 9, 1994], Zoromes YouTube channel, January 12, 2009; Nick Pope, *Open Skies, Closed Minds*, Simon & Schuster, 1996, [pp. 141–165](#); Larry Warren and Peter Robbins, *Left at East Gate: A First-Hand Account of the Bentwaters-Woodbridge UFO Incident, Its Cover-Up, and Investigation*, Marlowe, 1996; Jenny Randles, *UFO Crash Landing? Friend or Foe? The Full Story of the Rendlesham Forest Close Encounter*, Blandford, 1998; Jenny Randles, "[Seeing the Forest for the Trees: New Twists in the Bentwaters Case](#)," *IUR* 23, no. 2 (Summer 1998): 16–19, 29–30; Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneeus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, [pp. 105–111](#); Georgina Bruni, *You Can't Tell the People*, Sidgwick & Jackson, 2000; Jenny Randles and Richard Hall, "[The Rendlesham Forest Case: Point/Counterpoint](#)," *IUR* 25, no. 3 (Fall 2000): 8–15, 30; UFOEv II 99–108; Jenny Randles, "[Rendlesham Forest: The British MoD File](#)," *IUR* 26, no. 3 (Fall 2001): 21–25, 30–32; Ian Ridpath, "[The Rendlesham Forest UFO Case](#)," Ian Ridpath, February 28, 2003; "[Rendlesham: UFO Hoax](#)," Inside Out: BBC, June 30, 2003; Dave Cosnette, "[The Bentwaters Rendlesham Forest Incident](#)," January 2005; Michael D. Swords, *GrassRoots UFOs: Case Reports from the Timmerman Files*, Fund for UFO Research, 2005, pp. 145–146; Kean, [pp. 169–173, 179–188](#); UFOFiles2, [pp. 105–115](#); Nick Pope, with John Burroughs and Jim Penniston, *Encounter in Rendlesham Forest*, Thistle, 2014; Jenny Randles, "Rendlesham Forest Genesis: Part One," *Fortean Times* 336 (February 2016): 24–25; Jenny Randles, "Rendlesham Forest Genesis: Part Two," *Fortean Times* 337 (March 2016): 28–29; Jenny Randles, "Rendlesham Forest Genesis: Part Three," *Fortean Times* 338 (April 2016): 26–27; Jenny Randles, "Rendlesham Forest Genesis: Part Four," *Fortean Times* 339 (May 2016): 26–27; Jenny Randles, "Rendlesham Forest Genesis: Part Five," *Fortean Times* 340 (June 2016): 28–29; Andrew Pike, *The Rendlesham File: Britain's Roswell?* Flying Disk Press, 2017; Nukes 403–443; Clark III 950; Matt Salusbury, "Rendlesham Revisited," *Fortean Times* 387 (Christmas 2019): 28–29; Jim Penniston and Gary Osborn, *The Rendlesham Enigma: Book 1, Timeline*, The Authors, 2019; "[Col. Charles Halt Returns to Woodbridge, Suffolk, UK, Sept. 8th 2019](#)," David Young Paranormal Dimensions Radio Presenter YouTube channel, October 6, 2019; Nick Redfern, *The Rendlesham Forest UFO Conspiracy*, Lisa Hagan, 2020; Jim Penniston and Gary Osborn, "[The Full Report](#)," The Rendlesham Forest Incident Official Website; Jim Penniston and Gary Osborn, "[Witness Statements](#)," The Rendlesham Forest Incident Official Website; Jim Penniston and Gary Osborn, "[Others Involved](#)," The Rendlesham Forest Incident Official Website; Center for UFO Studies, [[Rendlesham case documents](#)]; George Wingfield, *The Rendlesham Forest UFO Mystery*, Squeeze Press, 2022; Coulthart 2023, pp. 81–82; "[John Burroughs and the Government's Unprecedented Acknowledgment](#)," *Roswell (N.Mex.) Daily Record*, May 7, 2023; Gary Heseltine, *Non-Human: The Rendlesham Forest UFO Incidents, 42 Years of Denial*, The Author, 2023; Randle, 1973, pp. 175–189; Graff 284–286; Jackson Camargo, "[O Caso da Floresta de Rendlesham](#)," Fenomenum, December 20, 2023; "[Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton on the UFO Landing at Rendlesham Forest near RAF Bentwaters](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, July 18, 2024; Clark IV 1064; "[Eyewitness John Burroughs' Hypnosis Session Concerning the 1980 Rendlesham Forest UFO Encounter](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, February 14, 2025; "[Landed UFO Closely Observed by Jim Penniston, Missing Time Experienced; Took Notes on the Spot, 1980](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, May 3, 2025)

1980, December 29 — 9:00 p.m. While driving through the Piney Woods of East Texas near Huffman, about 40 miles northeast of Houston, [Betty J. Cash](#) and her two passengers notice a bright light ahead. As they draw within about 130 feet, they are confronted by a fiery diamond-shaped object, emitting flames down toward the road. What happens after that is mind-boggling. Betty Cash and [Vickie](#) and [Colby Landrum](#) suffer apparent radiation illness after watching a flame-spewing UFO and mystery helicopters. Eventually, Cash and Landrum contact their US Senators, [Lloyd Bentsen](#) and [John Tower](#), who suggest that the witnesses file a complaint with the Judge Advocate Claims office at Bergstrom Air Force Base [now Austin-Bergstrom International Airport]. In August 1981, Cash, Landrum, and Colby are interviewed at length by personnel at Bergstrom and told that they should hire a lawyer and seek financial compensation for their injuries. With attorney [Peter Gersten](#) taking on the case pro bono, the case winds its way through the US courts for several years. Cash and Landrum sue the federal government for \$20 million. On August 21, 1986, US District Court Judge [Ross N. Sterling](#) dismisses their case, noting that the plaintiffs have not proved that the helicopters are associated with the government and that military

officials have testified that US armed forces do not have a large, diamond-shaped aircraft in their possession. Although there is no doubt that the incident occurred, it is now considered by many to be a non-UFO case. In December 2018, [Brian Dunning](#) investigates the case and reports his findings on the Skeptoid podcast. He finds that the notes taken by Cash's cardiologist, [Vasudev B. Shenoy](#), attribute her hair loss to the autoimmune disease alopecia areata, that her other symptoms could be caused by illnesses that started before the incident, and that Landrum's only documented illness is developing a cataract in one eye. He suspects that "Cash and Landrum wrongly, but honestly, placed the blame for their health problems onto whatever they saw; and even pushed the truth a bit trying to get the Air Force to pay for it." (Wikipedia, "[Cash-Landrum incident](#)"; NICAP, "[Cash/Landrum Case](#)"; "[Burns Follow UFO Incident](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 29, no. 8 (1981): 1–4; "[Physical Effects, Helicopters, and a Fiery UFO](#)," *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 4 (May/June 1981): 13–14; ClearIntent, [pp. 106–108](#); Harry Lebelson, "[Diamond Fire: A Close Encounter of the Military Kind](#)," *Pursuit* 18, no. 1 (Spring 1985): 18–21; John F. Schuessler, "Cash-Landrum UFO Case File: The Issue of Government Responsibility," in Walter H. Andrus Jr. and Richard H. Hall, eds., *MUFON 1986 UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, pp. 175–182; John Schuessler, "[Cash-Landrum Case Closed?](#)" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 222 (October 1986): 12, 17; Good Above, [pp. 303–305](#); John Schuessler, "[Medical Injuries Resulting from a UFO Encounter](#)," *The Spectrum of UFO Research*, CUFOS, 1988, pp. 58–69; John F. Schuessler, *The Cash-Landrum Radiation Case*, Project VISIT, 1998; Project VISIT, [[case articles and clippings](#)]; UFOEv II 226–229; "[Huffman 1980](#)," Texas UFO Museum and Research Library, December 11, 2006; Good Need, [pp. 335–337](#), [345–346](#); Michael D. Swords, "[Can UFOs Cause Physiological Effects? Part 2](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 4–5; Curt Collins, "[Report on the Cash/Landrum New Caney CEII Case by Allan Hendry](#)," Blue Blurry Lines, November 19, 2013; Curt Collins, "[Who's Who in the Cash-Landrum UFO Case](#)," Blue Blurry Lines, February 26, 2014; Robert Sheaffer, "[Between a Beer Joint and a Highway Warning Sign: The 'Classic' Cash-Landrum Case Unravels](#)," *Skeptical Inquirer* 38, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 2014): 28–30; Clark III 226–228, 951; Brian Dunning, "[The Cash-Landrum UFO Incident](#)," Skeptoid Podcast, no. 652, December 4, 2018; Curt Collins, "[The Cash-Landrum Case UFO Document Collection](#)," Blue Blurry Lines, October 3, 2019; Curt Collins, "[The Cash-Landrum UFO: 1980s Recording of Witnesses Interviews](#)," Blue Blurry Lines, October 7, 2022; Curt Collins, "[The NSA Cash-Landrum UFO Document](#)," Blue Blurry Lines, December 14, 2022; Randle, 1973, pp. 189–196; Gary P. Posner, "[The Legendary Cash-Landrum Case: Radiation Sickness from a Close Encounter?](#)" in Vicente-Juan Ballester-Olmos and Richard Heiden, eds., *The Reliability of UFO Witness Testimony*, UPIAR, 2023, pp. 166–179; Coulthart 2023, pp. 82–83, 256; "[The Cash-Landrum Incident: Traumatized & Physically Ill after Terrifying UFO Encounter, Dec 29, 1980](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, October 2023; Curt Collins, "[The Cash-Landrum UFO Encounter of 1980](#)," Blue Blurry Lines, December 14, 2023; "[Vickie Landrum's Original Phone Report & Hypnosis Session of the Terrifying Piney Woods UFO Incident](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, December 17, 2023; Curt Collins, "[Cash-Landrum UFO Questions](#)," Blue Blurry Lines, December 26, 2024; Clark IV 266–268, 1064–1065)

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- 1981** — New York artist [Budd Hopkins](#) publishes *Missing Time*, which first describes his research into abductions that show they are far more plentiful than anyone suspects, biological in purpose, and perhaps lifelong in scope. Hopkins also shows that a period of unexplained missing time is a typical aspect of the abduction experience. The information comes primarily from hypnotic regression performed by licensed psychologist Aphrodite Clamar, who also conducts psychological tests on the abductees. (Budd Hopkins, *Missing Time: A Documented Study of UFO Abductions*, R. Marek, 1981; Graff 329–330; Eghigian, *After*, p. 280; Clark IV 19)
- 1981** — Center for UFO Studies researcher [Mark Rodeghier](#) publishes *UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference*, a comprehensive catalog and analysis of 441 cases where UFOs seem to affect cars or motorcycles. He finds that most of these cases occur in the late evening or early morning hours, and that in 35% of the cases, witness estimate they are within 100 feet of the object. Rodeghier also notes a high concentration of four characteristics: the presence of a light beam, loss of control of the vehicle, a physiological effect on the witness, and the UFO chasing the vehicle. (Mark Rodeghier, *UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference*, CUFOS, 1981)
- 1981** — A husband and wife are sleeping in their farmhouse near Newark, Ohio, when their dogs start barking loudly. They can hear people talking outside their window in a "foreign" language. They do not investigate, but in the morning they find three sets of footprint-like traces outside. They look like elongated scratch marks about 12 inches long, are uniform in shape, and go all the way to the fence line and through it. The couple begins to see a "perfectly round white circle of light," about 1.5 inches in diameter, moving slowly around in their bedroom each

night. The light is seen for about a month, no matter how the blinds and curtains are arranged. Sometimes it would stop moving for hours. (Michael D. Swords, "[A Trick of the Light](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 9)

1981 — The Norsk Institutt for Vitenskapelig Forskning og Opplysning in Trondheim, Norway, begins publishing the *NIVFO Bulletin*, edited by Gunnar Bertelsen and Kilbjørn Stenødegård. It continues through spring 1995. ([NIVFO Bulletin](#), no. 1 (1981))

1981 — The first Ukrainian scientific meeting on UFOs is held in Kyiv, with 12 PhD's and 40 doctoral candidates participating. The group produces a resolution to study anomalous phenomena "in the interests of the sciences and practical activities of human society." The Ukrainian Academy of Science, especially academician G. S. Pisarenko, lends support to the effort. (V. S. Troitsky, ["UFOs: Myth or Reality?"], *Nauka i Religiya*, 1982, no. 10; Mikhail Gershtein, "[A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union](#)," UAP Check, July 6, 2024)

1981, January — A. Bindas observes a radiant object above the city of Khatanga, Krasnoyarsk Krai, Russia, during the polar night. It disappears and reappears abruptly, hovers, and directs a wide beam of light on the ground. After 5–7 minutes it zooms off in a spiral-shaped trajectory. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, p. 97)

1981, January 8 — 5:00 p.m. A well-documented case of physical effects from a UFO takes place in Trans-en-Provence, Var, France. Renato Nicolai, a gardener, hears a strange whistling sound while doing agricultural work on his property. He then sees an object in the shape of two saucers, one inverted on top of the other, about 8 feet in diameter and about 150 feet away at a lower elevation. It has a thick band around the middle section, two circles that look like trapdoors, and two feet that extend about 8 inches below the body of the machine. The object takes off almost immediately, rising above the tree line and departing to the northeast. The case quickly comes to the attention of the police and is soon investigated by GEPAN, the French government's scientific team of UFO investigators. The physical traces include evidence of vegetation and soil heating, skid marks, and circular ground marks. The chemical analysis reveals that the soil has been heated to 300°–600° C. [Jean-Jacques Velasco](#) thinks that the object could have weighed between 4 and 5 tons. Trace amounts of phosphate and zinc are found in the sample material, and an analysis of wild alfalfa near the landing site shows chlorophyll levels 30%–50% lower than expected. The police report says that the trace, which appears on an active road, looks like one made by a car tire. This explanation is dismissed by GEPAN because of Nicolai saying otherwise. (Wikipedia, "[Trans-en-Provence Case](#)"; NICAP, "[Disc Leaves Extensive Ground Traces](#)"; M. Julien, "[Atterrissage d'un engin non identifié à Trans-en Provence \(Var\)](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 207 (Aug./Sept. 1981): 11–18; [Enquête 81/01: Analyse d'un Trace](#), Note Technique no. 16, Groupe d'Étude des Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non-identifiés, Centre Nationale d'Étude Spatiales, March 1, 1983; François Lagarde, "[Enfin ! La science s'intéresse à l'environnement des traces, laissées par 'quelque chose' sur le lieu allégué d'un atterrissage d'ovni](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 231/232 (Sept./Oct. 1983): 3–6; "[Phénomène d'ovni à Trans en Provence](#)," Institut National de l'Audiovisuel, from Côte d'Azur Actualités, March 1, 1984; Michel Bounias, "[Biochemical Traumatology As a Potent Tool for Identifying Actual Stresses Elicited by Unidentified Sources](#)," *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 4, no. 1 (1990): 1–18; Jean-Jacques Velasco, "[Report on the Analysis of Anomalous Physical Traces: The 1981 Trans-en-Provence UFO Case](#)," *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 4, no. 1 (1990): 27–48; Jacques Vallée, "[Return to Trans-en-Provence](#)," *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 4, no. 1 (1990): 19–25; Michel Bounias, "[Further Quantification of Distance-Related Effects in the Trans-en-Provence Case](#)," *JUFOS* 5 (1994): 109–121; Eric Maillot and Jacques Scornaux, in Hilary Evans and Dennis Stacy, *UFOs: 1947-1997: Fifty Years of Flying Saucers*, John Brown Publishing, 1997, pp. 151–159; Éric Maillot, "[Trans en Provence: Le mythe de l'OVNI scientifique](#)," Zetetic, [ca. 1997]; Peter Sturrock, *The UFO Enigma*, 1999, pp. 257–297; UFOEv II 63–65; Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneeus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, pp. 112–120; Swords 443–445; GEIPAN, "[Trans-en-Provence \(83\) 08.01.1981](#)," July 16, 2018; Clark III 547, 1131–1132; 2Pinotti 53–56; Graff 267–268; Clark IV 605, 1282–1284)

1981, January 12 — Citizens Against UFO Secrecy files an appeal against the *CAUS v. NSA* decision. (ClearIntent, [p. 188](#))

1981, January 15 — 9:30 p.m. People in Terre Haute, Indiana, begin reporting a string of about a dozen lights in the sky to a local television station. The lights are stationary then disappear by shooting straight up. ("[UFO Mini-Flap in Southern Indiana](#)," *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 3 (Mar./Apr. 1981): 12)

1981, January 15 — 10:15 p.m. Three sets of witnesses in Prairieton, Indiana, driving past two different fields on the same road, see 7–11 four-foot-tall humanoids that appear to be searching for something. Some witnesses think they are naked; others report they are wearing "tight-fitting suits." Most witnesses are within 20 feet of the creatures, usually watching for 15–20 seconds before racing off. At 10:30 p.m., two women in a different area of town get a

- fleeting glimpse of a 6–7-foot tall creature with fur and luminous red eyes. (“[UFO Mini-Flap in Southern Indiana](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 3 (Mar./Apr. 1981): 12)
- 1981**, January 17 — 10:00 a.m. A witness at a construction site near Virginia Beach, Virginia, sees two silver cigars moving northbound in the eastern sky. Each has distinct outlines, a surface like aluminum, and pointed ends. They are flying with a slight up/down motion but horizontally at about 1,000–2,000 feet. (“[Current Sighting Reports](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 3 (March 1981): 6)
- 1981**, January 22 — Many witnesses see a brilliant triangular object with multiple red lights descending swiftly above the treetops just southeast of Jesup, Georgia. It is only visible for a few seconds. (Marler [171–172](#))
- 1981**, January 25 — 3:30 p.m. Some 20–30 people in a two-block area of Chatsworth, California, see a white object like an elongated cigar inclined at a 10°–20° angle from the horizontal. Witnesses in several locations take still photos, slides, and 8mm color films as the object hovers and moves around the sky for 45 minutes. Most of the photos have trees or other landmarks in the foreground. The object appears to be many miles distant. Finally the object appears to roll up in a ball, dart around, and shoots straight up out of sight. Those who watch it through telescopes and binoculars see a pattern of pink-red lights moving from left to right along the edge of the object. One witness sees a domed disc with two rows of blinking lights around its edge. (UFOEv II 294–295)
- 1981**, February 7 — *The Larry King Show* carries a three-hour program on UFOs with a panel consisting of [Richard H. Hall](#), [Bruce S. Maccabee](#), and [Don Berliner](#). The first hour consists of [Larry King](#) interviewing the panelists; then he takes phone calls for two hours. (“[MUFON Featured on Nationwide Broadcast](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 157 (March 1981): 3)
- 1981**, February 9 — Day. Gary Rounds and Charles Shackelford are flying a rented Cessna 150, making touch-and-go landings at the San Jose (Calif.) International Airport. As they are climbing away from the runway after one of their passes at about 500 feet, they see ahead and above them a bright, round red light. They change course to avoid it. The object approaches them head on, then instantly reappears behind the plane. Air traffic controllers Randy Blount and Rich Gutterud observe the performance from the tower and watch the object make tight turns, hover, then accelerate away at a high rate of speed. (UFOEv II 46; Powell, *Scientist*, 67)
- 1981**, February 12 — 12:23 p.m. About 25–30 people on an interstate highway in Flagstaff, Arizona, see a cigar-shaped object like a blimp, white in color with dark veins. A small white object is at one end. After 2 minutes, the small object takes off at a high rate of speed and disappears. Meanwhile, a fog surrounds the blimp and it drifts away. (National UFO Reporting Center, “[NUFORC Sighting 09731](#),” November 20, 2002; Herbert S. Taylor, “[Cloud Cigars: A Further Look](#),” *IUR* 30, no. 3 (May 2006): 12–13)
- 1981**, February 28 — The Center for UFO Studies can no longer afford to keep [Allan Hendry](#) on as a full-time investigator, so his affiliation ends. It closes its Evanston, Illinois, office and moves to [Allen Hynek](#)’s home. (Clark III 569; Clark IV 627)
- 1981**, March — The Centro Ufologico Nazionale begins a newsletter to supplement its official journal, *Notiziario UFO*, edited by [Roberto Pinotti](#). Titled *Quaderni UFO*, it is edited by Gianfranco Neri in Bologna, Italy, and continues through at least May 1983. (*Quaderni UFO* 1, no. 1 (Mar./Apr. 1981))
- 1981**, March — The China UFO Research Organization led by Bo and Xhu Fuzheng in Beijing and Paul Dong in Oakland, California, begins publishing the bimonthly *Journal of UFO Research*. The magazine covers UFOs in China and elsewhere, aerospace, cosmogony, evolution, ancient Chinese civilization, psychic powers, and religion. By 1983, it claims a circulation of more than 300,000. (Paul Dong, “[Letters](#),” *IUR* 7, no. 2 (March 1982): 3; Gordon Creighton, “[Bad News for CSICOP in China](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 29, no. 2 (December 1983): 19–21; Eghigian, *After*, p. 230)
- 1981**, March — 4:30 a.m. A witness is driving toward a pancake house in Memphis, Tennessee, for a cup of coffee when she sees three shining objects in the sky. She is so engrossed in watching that she passes by the restaurant. Suddenly the objects disappear into what look like puffs of smoke. A minute later, one reappears directly over the street in front of her. She turns into the Admiral Benbow Inn parking lot and alerts the night watchman, who sees the object hovering above her car and then rise above the inn. (“[UFOs in a Puff of Smoke](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 5 (July/Aug. 1981): 15–16)
- 1981**, March 6 — 1:00 a.m. A registered nurse living on West Granville Avenue on the north side of Chicago, Illinois, watches a triangular array of three white lights outside her south-facing window. The lights seem to be connected by “spokes.” The array is rotating in a clockwise direction. (“[Nocturnal Triangle in Chicago Night Sky](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 6 (Dec. 1984/Jan. 1984): 8)
- 1981**, March 17 — 4:03 a.m. Sgt. Russell Yokum of the St. Helens, Oregon, police is on patrol on US Highway 30 on the edge of town when he sees a bright light apparently above the Columbia River. He goes to the Columbia County

Courthouse for a better view, where he is joined by other police, but the object is no longer visible. Meanwhile, they are conversing via CB radio with Donald Atkins, who is in nearby Ridgefield, Washington, and watching a stationary light over the river. Atkins transmits a faint humming sound the object is making through his CB radio to officer Ricky Cade, who captures it on a cassette recorder. Yokum and Cade look to the south and see a bright orange-red light about 80–100 feet above the river, apparently the same one that Atkins is watching. (“[An Orange\(!\) Ball at St. Helens for St. Patrick](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 4 (May/June 1981): 11–13; Mark Rodeghier, “[St. Helens Revisited](#),” *IUR* 7, no. 3 (May/June 1982): 12–14; J. Allen Hynek and Howard R. Schechter, “[Narrow-Band Acoustic Analysis of a Recorded UFO Sound](#),” *The Spectrum of UFO Research*, CUFOs, 1988, pp. 1–12; Greg Long, “[What Was That Light and Sound over the Columbia River?](#)” Pacific Harbor Publishing, 1996; Wendy Connors, “Cops and Saucers: Law Enforcement and UFO’s, 1957–1981 Guide,” November 20, 2013, audioclips [38](#), [39](#); “[1981 Columbia River UFO Incident: UFO Sound Recorded](#),” QUFOSR YouTube channel, December 12, 2016; Julie Thompson, “[The Strange Case of the St. Helens UFO](#),” *St. Helens (Oreg.) Chronicle*, October 11, 2017; “[Sgt. Russell Yokum Recorded the Sound of a UFO Hovering over the Columbia River, St. Helens, OR, 1981](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, September 16, 2022)

1981, March 18 — NORAD becomes the North American Aerospace Defense Command. (Wikipedia, “[North American Aerospace Defense Command](#)”)

1981, March 20 — 9:30 p.m. Larry Tilman is on Neil Road southwest of London, Ohio, hoping to get a UFO photo. He notices a small orange light over the city moving in a zig-zag fashion. It moves closer to his location, so he takes a time exposure photo as the light blinks out. (“[Nocturnal Lights, March 20–21, 1981, London, Ohio](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 2 (April/May 1984): 4)

1981, March 21 — 7:00 p.m. Larry Tilman again takes time-exposure photos of orange balls of light east of London, Ohio, near Madison Lake State Park. One appears to be the size of a car. (“[Nocturnal Lights, March 20–21, 1981, London, Ohio](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 2 (April/May 1984): 4–5)

1981, March 21 — 11:35 p.m. A friend is driving Alba Dunlap home northbound on Runnymede Road in Toronto, Ontario. They see a disc-shaped object directly ahead and above them that has a red light on a central dome and white flashing lights around its perimeter. It seems to be 30–40 feet in diameter. They watch it for 2 minutes, then it moves slowly west and disappears. (“[Correspondence](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 6 (June 1981): 2)

1981, March 30 — 10:00 p.m. A huge bright light hovers over trees for 10 minutes in Alton, Illinois. The UFO moves towards two witnesses at about 10 mph. Frogs stop croaking and dogs begin barking excitedly. The object appears oval and is black except for lights on the circumference. A large circular opening is visible in the bottom of the black disc. Inside the opening the witnesses see “this churning motion of bright white light with yellow and orange colors in it...like gases rolling around in there.” After about 20–30 minutes it takes off rapidly. Shortly thereafter a jet flies over. Another UFO is seen coming across the trees a good 5 minutes later with the same results. (“[Another World](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 5 (July/Aug. 1981): 16)

1981, April 3 — 9:30 p.m. Some 50 people driving on National Route 35 north of Santa Rosa, La Pampa, Argentina, watch an object hovering about 300 feet directly over the Escuela Agrotécnica de Santa Rosa for several minutes. It is a saucer-shaped craft about 100 feet in diameter that is radiating light over its circumference due to an intense white light at its center. It speeds away to the west and disappears. (“[A Group of Car Drivers from La Pampa Marveled at Seeing a Concert of Lights from a UFO over the Skies of Santa Rosa](#),” *La Razón* (Buenos Aires, Argentina), April 4, 1981, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 142 (May 1981): 15; “[A New Radio Link](#),” *CUFOS Bulletin*, Spring 1981, p. 3)

1981, April 8 — 3:00 a.m. A private pilot named Dennis is flying a Piper PA-28-181 Archer II near the San Luis Reservoir, California, when a bullet-shaped object pulls alongside the airplane. Simultaneously, Dennis’s distance-measuring equipment, navigation and communications radios, and transponder go out. The object shoots ahead of the plane by about 1,500 feet and executes some erratic motions. Then, slowly drifting back, it paces him. The object is glowing orange and has a whirling bluish ring around it. The object pulsates and shoots forward about 4–5 miles ahead of the plane, and makes an instantaneous right-angle turn upward, in somewhat of a repeat of his November 5, 1980, sighting. (“[A Twin ‘Déjà vu’ Sighting?](#)” *IUR* 7, no. 1 (January 1982): 6)

1981, April 12 — 1:30 p.m. Civil engineer R. E. Schenk and his wife are driving south on State Highway 58 in Goodhue, Minnesota, when they see an aluminum-colored disc about 2 feet in diameter hovering a few feet above the road about 40 feet away, sunlight reflecting off its surface. Schenk turns and drives back to investigate. He and his wife then see the object at an estimated 2,000–4,000 feet altitude and climbing rapidly to the northwest. They watch it disappear high in the sky. (Richard H. Hall, “[Car Pacing, Pilot Sighting, Buzzing UFO](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 164 (October 1981): 6–7; UFOEv II 165)

- 1981, April 15** — 7:30 p.m. Walking through the parking lot of the P&C grocery store in Windsor, Vermont, Linda Kingsbury and Lucy Slothower notice two bright lights in the sky moving toward them. They are part of a dark, triangular object with additional blue and yellow lights on the underside. As it passes overhead, they hear a heavy humming. ("[UFO Cruises Windsor.](#)" *White River Junction (Vt.) Valley News*, April 17, 1981, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 142 (May 1981): 4; "[Two Women Report UFO in Windsor.](#)" *Burlington (Vt.) Free Press*, April 17, 1981, p. 1; Joe and Doris Graziano, "[Press Reports.](#)" *APRO Bulletin* 29, no. 8 (August 1981): 7)
- 1981, April 16** — 9:30 p.m. Engineer [Eugene A. Fucci](#) is driving southeast on Interstate 89 in Grantham, New Hampshire, when he notices two bright stars, one of which descends to just above the horizon. Shortly afterward, a huge triangular-shaped object with colored lights on the underside and a bright white light on top flies over his car. He estimates the object is about the size of five B-52s and moving at 2,000 feet altitude at 200 mph. It appears to be all metal and black in color. It passes to the west-southwest. ("[Mount Sunapee UFO Supports Area Sightings.](#)" *West Lebanon (N.H.) Valley News*, April 22, 1981, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 143 (June 1981): 4; "[Triangular UFO, April 16, 1981, at Grantham, N.H.](#)" *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 2 (April 1981): 2, 4; Joe And Doris Graziano, "[Press Reports.](#)" *APRO Bulletin* 29, no. 9 (September 1981): 7)
- 1981, April 25** — 7:00 a.m. Du Shengyuan notices a curious object circling in the sky above Beijing, China. After unsuccessfully calling media outlets, he goes back outside and finds the object is now directly overhead at more than 6,500 feet. Through binoculars he can see it is bullet-shaped and varies its speed, sometimes hovering. The middle part is white, and the bottom is luminous green. It moves out of sight at 7:25 a.m. Some 20 other people also watch the UFO. (Paul Dong and Wendelle Stevens, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archives, 1983, pp. 216–218; Good Above, [pp. 217, 470](#))
- 1981, Early May** — Merle Shane McDow is attached to the US Navy Atlantic Command Support Facility in Norfolk, Virginia, when a UFO is tracked moving at high speed on at least five radar scopes up and down the Atlantic coast. The UFO sets off a Condition Zebra alert in the Naval Command Center, and Adm. [Harry D. Train II](#) gives the order to force down the object and recover it. US jets chase the UFO for more than an hour as far north as Greenland, sometimes confirming it visually, but it evades them. During the event, KH-11 reconnaissance satellites take photos of the object. The object moves from Nova Scotia to Norfolk in one sweep of the radar. Eventually it moves off at tremendous speed. (Good Need, [pp. 337–338](#); Steven M. Greer, *Disclosure: Military and Government Witnesses Reveal the Greatest Secrets in Modern History*, Crossing Point, 2001, [pp. 238–245](#); "[Condition Zebra: UFOs Overhead, Merle Shane McDow.](#)" Abundance of Energy YouTube channel, October 7, 2013; Stephen Erdmann, "[Dr. Greer's Greatest UFO Query.](#)" *UFO Digest*, June 1, 2018)
- 1981, May 4** — 2 :00 p.m. As he is pulling up to his home in Danville, Pennsylvania, on a motorcycle, William F. Hummer notices "cobwebs" hanging over houses, telephone wires, and parked cars. Wispy material is falling from the sky. He sees something moving around in the sky and goes in to get binoculars. He and another man watch several flying discs as they dart overhead in groups of twos and threes. One pauses and he can see it is round and metallic with a dome and "kind of peak on it." His sister joins them and says they can see big masses of material floating around for 30 minutes. ("[Were 'Fuzzies' Really from UFOs?](#)" *Sunbury (Pa.) Daily Item*, May 5, 1981, p. 8; Joe and Doris Graziano, "[Press Reports.](#)" *APRO Bulletin* 29, no. 9 (September 1981): 7; Bob Pratt, "[Saucer' Spotted by Guard.](#)" *Battle Creek (Mich.) Enquirer and News*, December 28, 1981, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 152 (March 1982): 1; "[Many Report Sighting UFOs Locally.](#)" *Danville (Pa.) News*, February 26, 1988, Special Report, pp. 3–4; Clark III 126; Clark IV 152–153)
- 1981, May 5** — 6:00 p.m. Russian cosmonaut [Vladimir Kovalyonok](#) is orbiting in the [Salyut 6](#) space station over South Africa and moving toward the Indian Ocean. After doing some gymnastic exercises, he notices through a porthole an elliptical object resembling a "melon" with two clouds like a "barbell," moving in the same direction as the Salyut in a suborbital path. Then a "kind of explosion happened, very beautiful to watch, of golden light." One or two seconds later, a second explosion follows, and two golden spheres appear. Soon the Salyut enters the Earth's terminator and he cannot see them any longer. [James Oberg](#) speculates that the object could have been a South African test of an Israeli Jericho-class solid-fuel missile from the Denel Overberg Test Range near Arniston, Western Cape. (Pegasus Research Consortium, "[Russian Cosmonaut Sees UFO While in Orbit Aboard Salyut-6 Space Station.](#)" 2002; Mori, "[The Amazing Story of the Salyut-6 UFO Encounter.](#)" *forgetomori*, April 16, 2011; James Oberg, "[Have Cosmonauts Seen Launches?](#)" December 18, 2016)
- 1981, May 5** — 9:30 p.m. The Earl Richards family in Tewksbury, New Jersey, notices lights moving outside after their television goes off and the electric lights dim. Earl Jr. sees dozens of green, blue, and red lights buzzing in the southern sky, apparently accompanying an enormous flying object covered with hundreds of lights. It is elongated and he can see an outline of wings. ("[UFO Reported in Tewksbury.](#)" *Hunterdon County (N.J.) Democrat*, May 14, 1981, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 143 (June 1981): 6)

- 1981, May 14** — Cosmonauts [Victor Savinykh](#) and [Vladimir Kovalyonok](#), aboard the [Salyut 6](#) space station, supposedly observe a strange spherical object with 8 windows and well-lit inside. At first it is 1/2 mile away but it eventually approaches to 300 feet. Inside, the cosmonauts see three brown-skinned beings with slanted bright blue eyes, straight noses, and bushy eyebrows. At a distance of 100 feet, they resemble mechanical robots. Their facial expressions remain emotionless. They seem to be requesting closer contact with the Soviet craft. The object shifts around erratically and from time to time it vanishes, but then reappears in an instant. It seems to be metallic, but it has no doors, no solar batteries, no optical systems, no antennae, and no marks or writing of any kind. The cosmonauts also notice normal-looking armchairs, some devices, and walls inside the craft. Using a pair of powerful binoculars, the cosmonauts see the beings showing them what appears to be a star map. Allegedly the cosmonauts film the event and the film is later shown to party leaders by cosmonaut [Georgy Beregovoy](#). (Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, pp. 67–68)
- 1981, May 16** — 2:30 p.m. A man is fishing in the Thompson River near Kamloops, British Columbia, when the water about 300–450 feet away starts bubbling up. A 15–20-foot UFO rises out of the water and slowly approaches the witness at a 45° angle, passes directly above him, accelerates upward, and speeds away. Pellets from the UFO, apparently from the object, fall around him. (“[A Submarine UFO](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 5 (July/Aug. 1981): 13–14)
- 1981, May 20** — 1:30 a.m. A witness is driving south on Shawnee Road southwest of Lima, Ohio, when he notices lights on his left less than a mile ahead. He sees an object hovering silently about 150–200 feet away and 75–100 feet in the air. He watches it from his car for 3 minutes. It has a glowing lavender-colored area around its outer edge and a dim white light radiating from the center of its flat base. The object moves to the northeast and accelerates. He loses interest and drives away, but another object begins moving parallel to his car about 300 feet to his left. He speeds up, but it maintains its pacing until it veers to the southwest. (“[Recent Close Encounter with UFO in Ohio](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 7 (July 1981): 6)
- 1981, May 22** — Evening. Several hundred people in Florida, Uruguay, watch a drum-like UFO with red lights on the rear and green and red lights on each side. Its appearance coincides with an electrical blackout due to a power overload in the area. (“[A New Radio Link](#),” *CUFOS Bulletin*, Spring 1981, pp. 2–3)
- 1981, Summer** — [William Moore](#) gives [Paul Bennewitz](#) an altered version of the Project Aquarius document from 1977. Moore had seen the original in November 1980 and has had his own copy since February 1981. He gives Bennewitz this document on behalf of Air Force Intelligence, knowing it has been altered, in order to retain his access to inside information. The document is the first time that the term MJ-1 makes its appearance. According to Moore, the original said that the NSA had altered Bennewitz’s photos and incidentally found them to be authentic. In the altered memo, NSA becomes NASA. (Greg Bishop, *Project Beta*, Paraview, 2005, pp. 120–123)
- 1981, Summer** — Chinese UFO researcher Paul Dong (Moon Wai), a resident of Oakland, California, and the editor of the China UFO Research Organization’s *Journal of UFO Research*, goes on a month-long lecture tour all over China. He collects hundreds of UFO cases from the period 1978–1981. In the next few years, hundreds of other cases (some dating back to 1940) are published in the journal. Many of them are published in *UFOs over Modern China*, by Wendelle C. Stevens and Paul Dong, 1983. (Paul Dong, “[Letters](#),” *IUR* 7, no. 2 (March 1982): 3; Gordon Creighton, “[Bad News for CSICOP in China](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 29, no. 2 (December 1983): 19–21; Good Above, [pp. 206–207](#))
- 1981, June 5** — 10:00 p.m. Ding Shiliang and other students at Xi’an University, Shanxi, China, see a luminous flying object that splits into two parts, then three, then four. Shortly afterward, two of the units on either side vanish, leaving the other two segments still in position. Another UFO appears and the objects merge into one, splitting into two again later. It vanishes 20 minutes later. (Paul Dong and Wendelle Stevens, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archives, 1983, pp. 219–220)
- 1981, June 10** — 12:15 a.m. An Indian couple on the Yakama Indian Reservation in Washington State are driving west when the immediate area around their vehicle is illuminated. Overhead they see a large “badge-shaped” object about 35 feet in the air. Its periphery is marked by small, multicolored flashing lights. There are three large pale-yellow lights, one on each side and one centered between these. The object follows them for about one mile and then ascends vertically at a rapid speed and disappears into a cloud-like mist of its own making. (“[Yakima Reservation Report](#),” *IUR* 8, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1983): 11)
- 1981, June 10** — 5:19 p.m. A worker at Sandia Laboratories is in the back yard of his home on the east side of Albuquerque, New Mexico, when he sees an object flying west at a high altitude, 20,000–30,000 feet. It begins to tumble erratically. A second object with a bright light appears slightly above it, moving 2–3 times faster than a

commercial airliner. The witness can hear no sound. The duration is 5 minutes. ([“What the Bombardier Saw,”](#) *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 6 (Jan./Feb. 1982): 12)

- 1981, June 12** — Farmer Chen Kang and his wife watch an object with twinkling lights in southern Taiwan. After hearing a strange sound, they look up and see a crystal object shaped like a reversed cone gliding downward. It lands behind a tree and continues whirling like a top and emitting fog. It flies off after about 10 minutes without leaving any traces. (*South China Morning Post*, June 14, 1981; [“UFO Lands in Taiwan,”](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 7 (July 1981): 3)
- 1981, June 12** — 2:10 p.m. Truck driver Robert Gomez sees a brilliant white domed disc hovering in the sky above Alice, Texas, a dark ring around its center. The truck slows, apparently lifted just off the road, and the radio stops playing. After the object disappears into clouds, everything returns to normal. Later Gomez discovers that about 165 gallons of water are missing from his tank. (James M. Hill, [“South Texas Vehicle Effects Cases,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 167 (January 1982): 8; UFOEv II 278)
- 1981, June 18** — The first YF-117A stealth fighter makes its maiden flight at Groom Lake, Nevada. The aircraft remains a tightly held secret for much of the 1980s. (Wikipedia, [“Lockheed F-117 Nighthawk”](#))
- 1981, July 4** — 4:45 p.m. Captain Phil Schultz is flying TWA Flight 842, a Lockheed L-1011 TriStar commercial airliner, east at 37,000 feet over south-central Lake Michigan not far from Muskegon, Michigan, when a silvery disc darts into view ahead and above it. Expecting a mid-air collision, they brace themselves for impact. The object then moves rapidly in an arc down to the left and rolls, presenting a side view with six evenly spaced black portholes along the edge. It then disappears to the north. Schultz estimates the disc is moving at 1,000 mph. (Richard F. Haines, [“Commercial Jet Crew Sights Unidentified Object: Part 1,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 4 (January 1982): 3–6; Richard F. Haines, [“Commercial Jet Crew Sights Unidentified Object: Part 2,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 5 (March 1982): 2–8; UFOEv II 141–142; Kean, pp. 59–61)
- 1981, July 11** — 10:30 p.m. A camp director at Girl Scout camp headquarters [probably Shabonee Camp about a mile south of town] near Port Byron, Illinois, suddenly hears his dog barking in a warning manner. Through the trees that screen the camp swimming pool, he sees bright lights. He moves to an unobstructed view of the pool and notices the pool lights are not on. Instead, directly above the pool, and higher than the regular lights, is a brilliant light. Suddenly the lights go out. He hears a whirring noise that rises in pitch as it apparently rises into the sky. When he turns on the lights, he notices the pump is not running and the water level is down three feet, meaning some 30,000 gallons of water are gone. ([“Encounter at the Pool,”](#) *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 6 (Jan./Feb. 1982): 11–12)
- 1981, July 12** — 12:50 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Thew are driving east along a back road from Pleasant Point to Temuka, New Zealand, with their three young daughters when they are confronted by a brilliant, bright green, gold, and red object coming from the opposite direction. It stops abruptly about 600–900 feet away, then changes direction and begins silently pacing the car. Mrs. Thew, who is driving, becomes frightened and speeds up to 65 mph in an effort to reach a lighted area of town. The UFO keeps pace and moves closer, allowing the witnesses to see more details, such as two slots like vertically elongated rectangles and a row of square portholes. After a while it shoots away to the east. When they arrive home in Temuka at 1:20 a.m., they are surprised to see the object about 1,000 feet overhead. It remains visible another 40 minutes. (UFOEv II 49–50)
- 1981, July 15** — 10:55 p.m. Four witnesses, three of them fire control lookouts, on the Yakama Indian Reservation in Washington State, see a large, bright-white object make two passes over the reservation. One witness sees a rocketlike flame coming out of the object. On a second pass, the object is moving south when it makes an almost right-angle turn and disappears to the west. ([“Yakima Reservation Report,”](#) *IUR* 8, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1983): 11, 14)
- 1981, July 15** — 2:30 p.m. Robert H. Nelson is flying a kite on the west side of Westfield, Massachusetts, when he notices a white rectangular object motionless in the southeast. After 20 seconds it emits swirls of vapor along its entire length that gradually dissipate. Another similar object appears in the north at the same altitude and also emitting vapor or smoke. (Robert H. Nelson, [“Letter,”](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1983): 3–4)
- 1981, July 16** — Before midnight. Two teenage boys are driving south on Highway 2A past CFB Penhold [now Red Deer Regional Airport]. A cube-shaped object 100 feet long with flashing lights approaches them from the front, stops about 15 feet off the ground, circles their car, and moves out of sight. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 227)
- 1981, July 19** — 8:27 p.m. Malcolm Smith is traveling on a boat up the Mahakam River in Borneo, Indonesia, when he sees an odd star that begins to blink, move in an arc, fade, and go out. It reappears 2 minutes later, moving and blinking more frequently, then it veers away and fades out. (Malcolm Smith, [“Enigmatic Objects,”](#) *IUR* 20, no. 5 (Winter 1995): 30)

- 1981, July 19** — Around 11:45 p.m. Chrystal Jackson and her son Chris are driving north on State Highway 17 near Sugar Camp, Wisconsin, when they see a large, reddish-orange, elliptical object hovering near some pine trees less than 500 feet away on their right. One minute later, their car's speed unaccountably reduces from 55 to 30 mph. The car seems to be dragging, even with the accelerator pressed to the floor. The object keeps the same distance from the car for 10–15 minutes and another 10 miles when they turn west on State Highway 70, although it appears to be stationary. The car regains engine power after another 2 miles. A mechanic later finds that the two fuses controlling the brake lights and tail lights have blown, and the battery is leaking. A few days later, they discover that the thermostat in the engine is broken. (Mark Rodeghier, "[Two People, a Car, and a Strange Object](#)," *CUFOS Bulletin*, Summer 1981, pp. 9–10, 2)
- 1981, July 22** — 3:10 a.m. Al Wagner, toll booth operator at the Norbert F. Beckey Bridge over the Mississippi River in Muscatine, Iowa, goes out to feed some wild rabbits that hang around the bridge, when he notices six of them lying flat as though paralyzed with fear. Wagner sees an orange, nearly spherical object rising from behind the trees on the Illinois side of the river. It is about 30 feet in diameter and is glowing with an internal yellow light, which goes out as the object approaches. The object clears the highest part of the bridge by about 10 feet, making a wheezing sound. At its closest, it is 150 feet above the ground and 750 feet away from Wagner. It disappears above a small hill to the west. ("[The Case of the Paralyzed Rabbits](#)," *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 6 (Jan./Feb. 1982): 13)
- 1981, July 23** — 8:45 p.m. [Louise Betulius](#) is fishing in a lake near Evansville, Indiana, when she sees the reflection of a large object in the water. It is a large sphere about 10–12 feet in diameter and moving silently west to east. Shortly afterward, it returns over some trees to the east, moving slowly toward the lake. It comes down about 3 feet off the ground and hovers 4–5 feet from the edge of the water, then moves slowly back to the east. ("[Correspondence](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 5 (Oct./Nov. 1982): 2–3)
- 1981, July 23** — 10:30 p.m. James L. McCabe is sitting outside his home on Highland Avenue in Dover, New Jersey, looking for satellites with binoculars. Suddenly, two flashing white lights appear above the southern horizon. Their flashes become more frequent when their speed increases. One speeds away, but the other approaches, slipping in and out of the clouds for 20 seconds. He estimates it is at 1,500 feet when overhead, has a flat bottom, a strange raised center section, and a flat metallic color. Its top has a rippled appearance. The upper section has two windows. ("[Cast Metallic Object Reported over Dover, New Jersey](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 2 (April/May 1983): 4–5)
- 1981, July 30** — Sen. [Pete Domenici](#) (R-N.Mex.) meets briefly with Sgt. [Richard Doty](#) at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, New Mexico, about AFOSI investigations into [Paul Bennewitz](#)'s claims. He then dashes off to talk to Bennewitz. However, he soon loses interest and drops the matter. (Alejandro T. Rojas, [[Bennewitz/Kirtland AFB documents](#)]; Clark III 359; Clark IV 403)
- 1981, July 30** — 8:30 p.m. Jennifer Lindsey and her three children are driving near Berwick, Mississippi, when they notice an object with bright lights moving back and forth across the sky. As they arrive home, the object is moving at a low altitude above the house. It is bigger than an airplane, shaped like an arrowhead, and appears to be metallic. Behind it is a red light traveling in tandem. It passes over the house again 30 minutes later, moving west, without the trailing red light. ("[UFO Is Seen in Area](#)," *McComb (Miss.) Enterprise Journal*, August 4, 1981, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 147 (October 1981): 2; Doris and Joe Graziano, "[Press Reports](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 30, no 1 (February 1982): 8)
- 1981, July 31** — An interview with Russian UFO expert [Felix Ziegel](#) appears in the Italian weekly magazine *Gente*, followed by a second part in the August 7 issue. Ziegel claims he has 50,000 UFO reports on file in the Moscow Aviation Institute and has compiled eight volumes of research material that are still unpublished. He believes there are three basic types of UFO occupants: spacemen (tall beings), humanoids (human-like), and aliens (short and like the "greys"). He says that UFOs carry crews of androids that possess the ability to appear and disappear at will and "seem to be deliberately constructed in order to confound all our notions of space, matter, time, and dimension." (Good Above, [pp. 240–241](#))
- 1981, July 31** — 8:50 p.m. Two men in a motorboat on lake Mönninginselkä near Pielisjärvi, Finland, see a dark spot in the sky. Four lights suddenly appear above them, and a fog forms in front of the boat. They lose the ability to move and soon lose consciousness. When they wake up, they are differently placed in the boat, the time is 4:10 a.m., and the boat is drifting. They go back ashore to their cottage, their heads begin to ache, and they feel very sleepy. Their hands tremble for nearly 2 weeks afterward, and their sense of balance is disturbed. ("[The Pielinen Event](#)," *UFO Research of Finland Annual Report*, 1981, p. 10)
- 1981, July 31** — 9:15 p.m. A husband and wife are driving along a bumpy road near Kinston, North Carolina, when their headlights and dash lights go out and the engine stops. They open the doors and get out to push the car to the side of the road (noticing later that it is odd that they can see the road on a moonless night) and the lights suddenly

come on again. They start the car up again and drive the short way home. Mechanics tell them they don't know why a car would do that, so they assume there was a UFO involved. ("[Cars That Go Stop on the Night](#)," *IUR* 7, no. 1 (January 1982): 9–10)

- 1981**, July or August — 11:00 p.m. A man is camping with the Red Cross in a small town to the southeast of San José, Costa Rica. He sees a well-lit, triangular object about 1,200 feet away and perhaps 1,000 feet above the ground. It is completely silent. After hovering, the object turns, moves, makes a sharp angular turn, and then another to draw a triangular path in the sky. Then it moves rapidly high, then low, back to its original location. A second triangle approaches, and they hover in close proximity to each other for 30 minutes. Then they split up and disappear rapidly. (Michael D. Swords, "[Timmerman's Triangles](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 15–16)
- 1981**, August — Three mysterious flattened circles appear in a cornfield within a natural amphitheater known as The Devil's Punchbowl at Cheesefoot Head near Winchester, Wiltshire, England. The central circle is 55 feet in diameter; two smaller circles are arranged on either side. Ufologist [Pat Delgado](#) examines the field and is struck by the sharply defined edges of the circles and the manner in which the cornstalks are flattened in a clockwise swirl. He suspects UFO activity. (Pat Delgado, "[Cheesefoot Head Mystery Rings](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 5 (March 1982): 13–15; Pat Delgado and Colin Andrews, *Circular Evidence*, Guild, 1989, pp. 20–21; Pat Delgado, "[1981: Cheesefoot Head Triplet](#)," *The Croppie*, July 11, 2016)
- 1981**, August 8 — 6:15 p.m. A witness is on the beach with some friends at Chalupy on the Hel peninsula, north of Gdynia, Poland. He leaves them briefly to go back to a camping area and sees, 500 feet in front of him, "two boys in dark suits" dashing into the bushes on his right. A moment later they reappear, standing on the path in front of him. They are 5 feet tall, wear green suits, and have green faces with big, almond-shaped eyes and slits for mouths. He can see dark boxes, violet and yellow cables, and tapes and spirals hanging from belts on the entities. He notices a silvery object and receives a telepathic message to "not be afraid." He walks closer to them and hears another message: "Keep walking. Don't stop." The witness has the curious sensation of "passing through the interior of a ball." He walks past them, looks back, and they have disappeared. On his right, the silvery disc, 6 feet high and 16–20 feet long, is hovering only 3 feet above the ground. Investigators later find seven odd oval marks where the object had been. (Bronislaw Rzepecki, "[Encounters in Poland](#)," *IUR* 12, no. 3 (May/June 1987): 18, 21; Bronislaw Rzepecki, "[UFO Reports from Poland](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 33, no. 1 (March 1988): 6–7; "[Bliskie spotkanie w Chałupach w 1981 roku](#)," *UFO-Relacje.pl*, February 10, 2020; Poland 48–50)
- 1981**, August 10 — 3:30 a.m. Russell Matson is driving west on 150th Street in Apple Valley, Minnesota, when just west of Pilot Knob Road he sees a hexagonal object nearly overhead, at perhaps a distance of 500 feet. It has two green, two red, and white lights on its corners. It is 60–90 feet across. The object pivots, making a 90° turn while stationary, then descends and approaches the witness. It makes a soft whooshing sound as it passes, like gas escaping from a propane tank. ("[The Investigator's Dilemma](#)," *IUR* 7, no. 1 (January 1982): 13–14)
- 1981**, August 12 — 2:15 a.m. Rupert Pring is several miles outside of Anderson, Indiana, taking time-exposure photographs of the Perseid meteor shower with a camera attached to a tripod. He notices a distant light flashing like a strobe far to the south; it is soon joined by a second strobing light, and both move northeast in a straight line. The lights are as bright as a "halogen automobile headlight at 50 feet." They stop moving briefly twice near the star Eta Tauri, then make a sharp right turn to the southeast. When Pring first notices the lights, he gets out of his car for a better sight, but freezes abruptly, "like something heavy was pushing down on my head and shoulders." He experiences nausea for three days afterward and has a temporary, day-long memory loss. Meanwhile, the camera has captured much of the 6-second flight path of the lights in an 8-minute time exposure. Further investigation prompts Pring to reveal that he and his wife had an abduction experience with missing time later that morning. As for the photo, the lights were most likely caused by Pring failing to close the shutter of his camera as he removed it from the tripod and thus picked up two mercury-vapor lights at a farmhouse about a half-mile away. ("[A Nocturnal Light Close Encounter](#)," *IUR* 7, no. 2 (March 1982): 5–7; Mark Rodeghier, "[March-April Cover Photo Mystery Solved](#)," *IUR* 7, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1982): 4–5)
- 1981**, August 15 — 6:00 p.m. Twenty workers returning from the fields at the Forestry Commission Station of La Rochelle, 5.5 miles northeast of Mutare, Zimbabwe, see a ball of light moving around at a low level. Clifford Muchena is in charge of the group, and he watches the 5-foot fireball maneuver around the grounds then move up to an observation tower, entering through the top window before it bursts into flame. As Muchena is ringing a warning bell, he sees the fireball come back down the tower, go past him, and burst into flame again at an outbuilding. Muchena goes to douse the fire but stops when he sees three men wearing silver coveralls. The light is too bright to see clearly, and after it goes out the beings are gone. Women in the compound have seen the fireball and the entities and run out into the bush, thinking they are ghosts. (Cynthia Hind, "[Entities at La Rochelle](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 183 (May 1983): 6–10; Cynthia Hind, "UFOs and the African Tribal

System,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 94–96; Cynthia Hind, *UFOs over Africa*, Horus House, 1996, pp. 16–20)

- 1981**, August 16 — A huge object approaches the island of Cyprus. Radar at a Sovereign British Base, either Akrotiri or Dhekelia, track it at 30,000 feet going 900 mph. It comes to a sudden stop and hovers above the base for 45 minutes. Witnesses take many photos of a bright white triangle more than 700 feet long. Allegedly, the Ministry of Defence had sent an encrypted message to the base prior to the sighting, ordering a “complete stand-down of aircraft in the event that any strange ‘aerial phenomena’” are sighted. On August 17, a man and woman arrive at the base, stay for 6 hours, then leave with all the photos and other evidence. Shortly afterward, according to an informant, US and UK Air Force personnel meet at RAF Lakenheath in England to discuss the case. (Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, [pp. 157–158](#))
- 1981**, Late August — 5:00 p.m. Three men and two women are driving just east of Hamilton, Ontario, when they see a red domed disc about 50 feet in diameter approach their car and cross the road in front of them to the left. Yellow lights are shining from its base. It slows down and drops slowly into the water of Lake Ontario. As it submerges, the lights slowly fade out. (Carl Feindt, “[UFO Observed Entering Water](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 430 (February 2004): 12–13; Covert 44)
- 1981**, August 30 — 10:35 p.m. A computer engineer is driving through El Cajon, California, when he sees an object directly ahead. As he drives closer, his car interior becomes brightly illuminated and the car stops. The witness becomes frightened and confused and cannot account for a period of time. He feels that he has been outside the car but has no concrete memory of what has happened. As he drives away, a light circles the car. Still frightened, he fires six pistol shots out the car window at the object and flees at high speed. Later he finds red dots like puncture marks on his wrists. (UFOEv II 166)
- 1981**, September — The Association d’Étude sur les Soucoupes Volantes renames its *AESV Bulletin* as *OVNI Présence* and moves its publishing operation to its Swiss office in Vevay, Switzerland. Yves Bosson takes over as chief editor. The magazine continues until February 1995. (*OVNI Présence*, no. 18 (September 1981))
- 1981**, September 10 — 11:15 p.m. Denise Bishop, 23, is returning to her home in Weston Mill, Plymouth, England, when she sees some lights behind the house. As she goes to the back of the bungalow, she sees an enormous metallic-gray UFO hovering above houses on top of a hill. Six or seven broad shafts of light are shining down on the rooftops beneath it. As she grabs the doorknob to go inside, a lime-green pencil of light comes from the object and hits the back of her hand and she cannot move. The light remains for 30 seconds; when it switches off, she opens the door and goes inside. The UFO then lifts into the sky and moves away. An hour or so later, she notices a burn mark on her hand. The next day she visits Bob Boyd, an investigator with the Plymouth UFO Research Group, who takes photos of her hand, which has a patch of shiny dermis with spots of blood and bruising. On September 12, Boyd visits her with a nurse, who persuades her to see a doctor. Scab tissue forms on September 15, followed by a scar that is still visible in July 1982. (Good Above, [pp. 98–101](#))
- 1981**, September 18 — 8:45 p.m. Six members of a family in Simi Valley, California, watch a light approach and see a triangular object with five bright white lights on the front and sides. The unlit center portion appears to be like brushed aluminum with a grid pattern. As it passes overhead, they hear a low-pitched hum. A blinking, red-orange light is at the rear. Two or three smaller lights are following in its path. (UFOEv II 229)
- 1981**, September 18 — 9:15 p.m. John Sharwath and Randy Bandurant are driving north on the Moorpark Freeway north of Thousand Oaks, California, when they notice three bright lights like floodlights on the horizon to the north. As they approach the end of the freeway in Moorpark, the light resolves into five separate lights, three in a row above and two below. When they pass nearly under the lights, they notice two triangular bodies that the lights are associated with. At 9:25 p.m., Cherie Thompson and Joyce Bandurant are driving on the Moorpark Freeway some distance behind the other car, and they see two triangular lighted objects. The lowest passes over their car at 50–100 feet altitude near the Olsen Road interchange. They stop along the freeway to watch, but the objects are disappearing behind the hills. (William Hassel, “[Multiple Sightings of Triangular UFOs](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 167 (January 1982): 9–12; UFOEv II 229–231)
- 1981**, September 25–27 — The Center for UFO Studies holds a second conference in Chicago, with talks by [J. Allen Hynek](#), [Budd Hopkins](#), [Bruce Maccabee](#), and [Mark Rodeghier](#). Presented papers are printed in *The Spectrum of UFO Research*. (“[CUFOS Symposium in Chicago Well-Attended](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 11 (November 1981): 1, 6; Mimi Hynek, ed., *The Spectrum of UFO Research*, CUFOS, 1988; Ron Westrum, [\[review\]](#), *JUFOS* 1 (1989): 172–174)
- 1981**, September 26 — Mountaineers [Reinhold Messner](#) and [Doug Scott](#) watch a UFO the size of the full moon for nearly 3 hours during an unsuccessful attempt on the main peak of Mount Chamlang in the Himalayas near Makalu in Nepal. The object at first is moving slowly southward, then shifts to the east, northwest, and finally north, making

irregular movements before it disappears somewhere over Tibet. ("[Top Climber: I Spotted UFO](#)," *Montreal (Quebec) Gazette*, October 10, 1981, p. 26; "[From the Heart of Asia: Two UFOs, a Half Century Apart](#)," *IUR* 7, no. 1 (January 1982): 10)

- 1981**, September 28 — Hungarian-American filmmaker and UFO hobbyist [Colman VonKeviczky](#), founder of the Intercontinental UFO Galactic Spacecraft Research and Analytic Network, writes a five-page letter to President [Ronald Reagan](#), claiming that UFOs are an extraterrestrial task force that will destroy earth unless world leaders collaborate. It is the third time he has written, and he includes 17 documents that illustrate the "potential threat of the UFO forces." In response to VonKeviczky's letter to Reagan, Maj. Gen. [Robert L. Schweitzer](#), White House chief military advisor, writes: "The President is well aware of the threat you document so clearly and is doing all in his power to restore the national defense margin of safety as quickly and prudently as possible." VonKeviczky shows the letter to the Associated Press, which contacts Schweitzer, who says the letter is a mistake and thought the threat refers to the Soviets. Schweitzer is fired on October 21 for making unauthorized belligerent statements about Russia. (presidentialufo.com, "[Ronald Reagan, 40th President, January 20, 1981–January 20, 1989](#)"; "[A Top General Talks of War, Is Reassigned](#)," *Boston (Mass.) Globe*, October 21, 1981, pp. 1, 8)
- 1981**, October — NORAD refuses to waive fees for FOIA requests from Citizens Against UFO Secrecy because of "cumulative and recurring" requests. (ClearIntent, [p. 10](#))
- 1981**, October — USAF Airman Simone Mendez, 21, trained as a telecommunications specialist, is working at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas, Nevada, with a top-secret clearance. One of her coworkers gives her a top-secret message with a copy of a classified document stating that NORAD has been tracking UFOs entering the Earth's atmosphere. She holds on to it until January 1982 when she attempts to return the document to Nellis. She is told that the document must be destroyed. One thing leads to another, and Mendez finds herself under interrogation by the FBI and AFOSI. This includes polygraph tests, which she fails because she finds them very distressing. This leads to an emotional breakdown, hospitalization, and medication. There are more interrogations over the next few months, and another hospitalization. Eventually, the Air Force clears her of criminal charges, but her security clearance is stripped, and she is transferred to another base. ("[The Simone Mendez Case](#)," Alien Expanse, September 18, 2018; Paul Carr, "[Conversation 18: Simone Mendez](#)," Aerial Phenomena Investigations, September 23, 2018)
- 1981**, October 1 — 8:00 p.m. A young couple are traveling west along State Highway 20 about 4 miles west of Hesperia, Michigan, when they notice a distant lime-green glow in the sky. In less than 10 seconds it comes directly at them, the green light engulfing their pickup truck and blocking their view of anything outside. They are terrified, but suddenly they are driving along at the same speed as if nothing has happened. They watch the green oval object fly off to the southwest and into the sky. When they reach home about 3 miles away, it is 9:00 p.m., and are missing some time. (National UFO Reporting Center, "[NUFORC Sighting 67734](#)"; Powell, *Scientist*, 102–103)
- 1981**, October 2 — Around 9:30 p.m. Grant Breiland, while walking his elder sister to her car in the driveway in front of their home in Victoria, British Columbia, glances up and notices an unusually large and bright object in the clear night sky, which he initially mistakes for a star. His mother, sister, and a passerby on a bicycle are all unable to spot the object. Grant uses his CB radio to contact a witness, N.B., who is on Mount Tolmie three miles away. N.B. confirms he can see a big white light that he describes as "like a star that is about to shoot" and then reports seeing through binoculars a large red light pointing directly at him. Grant then uses his camera and tripod to photograph the object, which appears to be an object with a inverted dome-like structure, with a moving small diamond-shaped red light at its center. Surrounding the central object are four larger white lights that move with it and seem to have dark dots, possibly windows, around their edges. The UFO performs movements similar to the gestures of a priest making the sign of the cross. At 10:00 p.m., the UFO suddenly vanishes. Later that night, Victoria experiences an unusual thunderstorm, and the street light opposite Breiland's house malfunctions but gradually comes back on. Both Breiland and N.B. later experience headaches during a visit to discuss the sighting. (P. M. H. Edwards, "[M.I.B. Activity Reported from Victoria B.C.](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 4 (January 1982): 7–12)
- 1981**, October 5 — Afternoon. Grant Breiland goes down to the business district in Victoria, British Columbia, to meet a friend. When the friend does not show, Breiland calls him up from a pay phone. Immediately afterward, he sees two men watching him. Dressed in dark suits, they have suntanned, expressionless faces and unblinking eyes. When they speak, their lips do not move. The first one asks his name, then the second asks for his address and phone number. He does not respond, and after 5 seconds, the men leave through the main door and walk in perfect synchronization to a nearby roadway. Breiland follows them and sees them enter a muddy plowed field some 80–90 feet across. Three-quarters of the way across, the men vanish, leaving no footprints behind. During the entire time the men are visible, no other human beings are in view and no cars pass by. (P. M. H. Edwards, "[M.I.B.](#)

[Activity Reported from Victoria B.C.](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 4 (January 1982): 7–12; Clark III 733; Clark IV 814)

- 1981**, October 8 — 11:00 a.m. Hannah McRoberts is taking photos with her family at a rest area some 30 miles north of Kelsey Bay, Vancouver Island, British Columbia. She snaps a color photo of one of the mountains to the west that has an interesting cumulus cloud above it. When the photo is developed, it shows a silvery disc to the right of and above the peak. UFO researcher [Richard F. Haines](#) examines the original and determines that the image shows an unknown three-dimensional object positioned at least 30 feet away from the camera. (NICAP, “[Daylight Disc Photo](#)”; Richard F. Haines, “[Analysis of a UFO Photograph](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 1, no. 2 (1987): 129–147; UFOEv II 295)
- 1981**, October 15 — 7:30 p.m. Many citizens of Hällefors, Sweden, observe a huge cigar-shaped object “as large as a truck” that appears suddenly in the north gliding along just above the treetops. Four oblong windows are apparent, through which a blue-white light shines, and a red light is in the rear. A clear and piercing engine noise is evident as it slowly moves south for more than an hour. Former Chief Constable Björn Fagrell describes it as like two connected railway cars. The object makes a slow clockwise turn around the village, after which a flame comes out of the rear of the object. (“[‘Flying Truck’ Seen over Hällefors for 75 Minutes!](#)” *Nordic UFO Newsletter*, 1982, no. 1, pp. 6–8; Stig Aggestad, “[The Hällefors Incident Continues to Grow: Giant UFO Still Unidentified](#),” *Nordic UFO Newsletter*, 1983, no. 1, pp. 2–3; Christer Nordin, “[The UFO over Hällefors: A Smuggled-In Airship, Says ‘Magasinet,’ a Channel 2 TV Program](#),” *Nordic UFO Newsletter*, 1983, no. 1, pp. 3–5)
- 1981**, October 19 — Sen. [Barry Goldwater](#) (R-Ariz.) responds to constituent Lee M. Graham asking about rumors of alien technology and bodies at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio. He writes: “I have long ago given up acquiring access to the so-called blue room at Wright-Patterson.... this thing has gotten so highly classified, even though I will admit there is a lot of it that has been released, it is just impossible to get anything on it.” (“[The Color Blue and UFO’s](#),” Above Top Secret forum, March 30, 2011; Nick Redfern, “[UFOs and Senator Barry Goldwater](#),” *Mysterious Universe*, May 1, 2014)
- 1981**, October 28 — An appeal of the *CAUS v. NSA* case is heard by a three-judge panel ([J. Skelly Wright](#), [Roger Robb](#), and [Norma Holloway Johnson](#)) of the US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia. In a brief decision issued barely a week after oral arguments, the judges uphold the lower court’s decision without comment. (“[Suit Seeks to Lift Secrecy Veil from Agency’s Documents](#),” *Washington Post*, December 3, 1981; William A. Moore, “[CAUS vs. NSA Lawsuit Goes to US Supreme Court](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 30, no. 1 (February 1982): 2–3)
- 1981**, November — Residents of the Hessdalen valley, Norway, begin reporting frequent sightings of unusual lights that hover (sometimes for as long as an hour) and sometimes streak off at speeds that render them all but invisible. On many occasions the lights are below the horizon, either just beneath the tops of nearby mountains or not far from the ground or the rooftops of nearby houses. The lights come in various shapes, but three predominate: a bullet or cigar, a sphere, and an “upside-down Christmas tree.” They are usually yellow or white. Sometimes a small red light appears in front of the others, the various lights maintaining a fixed position, leading observers to suspect they are all attached to a single, dark object. More often than not, they are seen at night moving from north to south; but daylight sightings also occur, usually during the winter. Anomalous sounds are sometimes reported. Especially frequent activity occurs between December 1981 and mid-1984, when the lights are seen 15–20 times per week, attracting many tourists. (Wikipedia, “[Hessdalen lights](#)”; “[Project Hessdalen: The Colored Lights of Norway](#),” *IUR* 8, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1983): 6–8; “[Project Hessdalen](#),” *IUR* 10, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1985): 14; J. Allen Hynek, “[Tracking the Hessdalen Lights](#),” *IUR* 10, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1985): 10–11; Clark III 571; Clark IV 629)
- 1981**, November 3 — The US District Court for the District of Columbia issues a *per curiam* judgment that denies an appeal of the CAUS case against the NSA. (“[Federal Court Upholds Decision Against CAUS](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 12 (December 1981): 6; ClearIntent, [p. 188](#))
- 1981**, November 12 — 6:00 p.m. Air traffic controllers at the Greek-American NATO base in Chortiatiss, Greece, pick up unidentified targets on their radar screens. Six pursuit aircraft are scrambled, but the UFOs disappear as soon as the planes approach. At 6:45 p.m., luminous objects appear over Edessa, Greece, and maneuver for 30 minutes. Other objects are spotted at Kalochori, Michaniona, Giannitsa, Larissa, Ptolemaida, and Lagyna. (“[The Hide-and-Seek of the UFOs and the Six Jets That Went after Them](#),” *IUR* 7, no. 1 (January 1982): 11–12)
- 1981**, November 24 — 9:30 p.m. Power company employee [Dale Spurlock](#) sees a red pulsating domed disc at treetop level while driving just north of Darco, Texas, on the Darco Cutoff Road near a small lake and some power lines. It has four colored lights—a row of red, blue, green, and amber lights—at the base of the dome. It makes no sound as it passes left to right just above the tress, and then hovers. The object tilts and two headlights from the front of the UFO shine directly down on Spurlock’s pickup truck. The object is revolving counterclockwise and moves off to the east. The truck’s electrical system (alternator and battery) is damaged. (Richard H. Hall, “[Typical](#)

[1981 UFO Reports.](#)” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 170 (April 1982): 6; “[Nocturnal Rural Encounters.](#)” *IUR* 7, no. 3 (May/June 1982): 5–8; “[1977 Sketch/Sighting and 1981 Sketch Similarity: Another One.](#)” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 5 (Oct./Nov. 1983): 1; UFOEv II 231–232)

- 1981**, December — A triangular object appears between Royton and Oldham in Greater Manchester, England. The UFO has a light on each corner; one of the lights detaches and flies off. (Marler [137](#))
- 1981**, December 4 — President [Ronald Reagan](#) issues Executive Order 12333 extending the powers of US intelligence agencies. It is regarded by the American intelligence community as a fundamental document authorizing the expansion of data collection activities and later is employed by the National Security Agency as legal authorization for its collection of unencrypted information flowing through the data centers of internet communications giants Google and Yahoo! It repeats a prohibition against state assassinations. (Wikipedia, “[Executive Order 12333](#)”)
- 1981**, December 8 — 7:30 p.m. Alma Hobbs is driving with her two children on State Highway 12 three miles southwest of Reserve, New Mexico. An enormous UFO shaped like an orange ball, estimated to be 750 feet in length, makes a number of turns in the sky. They arrive at a restaurant near the intersection of State 12 and US Highway 180, where Dan Luscomb and Rosie Tafoya also see the object, which executes a 90° turn near Luna Mountain as a jet aircraft chases the UFO out of sight. (“[Hunting Old and New UFOs in New Mexico.](#)” *IUR* 7, no. 2 (March 1982): 13–14; “[Update on the Reserve, N.M. ‘Tube-Like’ UFO.](#)” *IUR* 7, no. 3 (May/June 1982): 15)
- 1981**, December 15 — After sunset. Ali Ozel sees an extremely bright light hovering at a distance of 650–980 feet above his car in Aksaray, central Anatolia, Turkey. It performs some maneuvers and disappears to the southwest. (“[‘Mysteries of Turkey’: UFO Activity Revealed.](#)” *IUR* 8, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1983): 9)
- 1981**, December 20 — 7:00 p.m. Journalists [Nils Kåre Nesvold](#) and Per Holden see a shiny, spherical object at Vongraven, Norway, the apparent size of a large star. It is steady and intense with no halo. It is flying nearly 3 miles distant and about 3,300–6,500 feet above a mountain. Its speed is irregular, and it changes both course and altitude. Suddenly it disappears as though it is switched off. (Kim Hansen, “UFO Casebook,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 89–90)
- 1981**, December 21 — Captain O. Celen and other people in Aksaray, Turkey, see a huge, glittering, silent, egg-shaped object shedding a greenish light over the building site of the Aksaray Engine Factory. It is hovering at 800–1,000 feet and shoots away to the southwest. (“[‘Mysteries of Turkey’: UFO Activity Revealed.](#)” *IUR* 8, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1983): 9)
- 1981**, December 28 — 10:30 a.m. G. W. Schoen and two others are talking outside a stable on a farm south of Westminster, Maryland, when they see a grayish-black object flying east to west against the wind and below the clouds at 1,000 feet. It is shaped like a lightbulb, with visible ribs and dark black lines. It climbs slowly and gradually disappears from sight. (“[Correspondence.](#)” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1982): 4)
- 1981**, December 29–30 — [William Moore](#) meets twice with AFOSI officer [Richard Doty](#) in a restaurant in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Doty provides Moore with copies of three documents, one of which is a “fake” to test Moore. Another is the one-page Aquarius teletype. (Brad Sparks and Barry Greenwood, “[The Secret Pratt Tapes and the Origins of MJ-12.](#)” in *MUFON 2007 International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 2007, pp. 92–159)
- 1981**, December 31 — The Center for UFO Studies finalizes the agreement to purchase NICAP’s assets, including its extensive case files, and absorb the NICAP organization into CUFOS. (John L. Acuff to John P. Timmerman, [Letter], December 9, 1981, [page 1](#), [page 2](#); Powell, *Keyhoe*, 402–403)

1982

- 1982** — [Richard Mingu](#) is coordinating security operations for Livermore in the Area 6 section of the Nevada Test Site when, just as an unsecured, live nuclear weapon is being lowered into an 800-foot-deep shaft prior to testing, an alert goes off that the facility is under attack. It turns out that Wackenhut Security has decided to conduct a mock helicopter attack on an access point to Area 51 to test the system for weaknesses but neglects to inform the Department of Energy beforehand. (Jacobsen, *Area 51*, [pp. 333–338](#))
- 1982** — The National Security Agency, through the Department of Justice, covertly misappropriates a Prosecutors Management Information System (PROMIS) developed by private firm Inslaw to aid prosecutors in tracking cases. Inslaw claims that the feds withheld payments on the software, then pirated it, making modifications to allow it to monitor intelligence operations, then giving or selling it to Israel and 80 other countries through [Earl W. Brian](#), a man with close personal and business ties to President [Ronald Reagan](#) and then-presidential counsel [Edwin Meese](#). The NSA uses it to covertly conduct real-time electronic surveillance of the flow of money

to suspected terrorists and other perceived threats to US national interests. [Fabrizio Calvi](#) and Thierry Pfister in 1997 claim that NSA has been “seeding computers abroad with PROMIS-embedded SMART (Systems Management Automated Reasoning Tools) chips, code-named Petrie, a Trojan horse capable of covertly downloading data and transmitting it, using electrical wiring as an antenna, to US intelligence satellites” as part of an espionage operation. (Wikipedia, “[PROMIS \(software\)](#)”; Ryan Gallagher, “[Dirtier Than Watergate.](#)” *New Statesman*, April 20, 2011)

- 1982** — CIA officer [Christopher \(Kit\) Green](#) hires a retired senior USAF officer who is a physician to work on a science board at the CIA. The man tells Green “the stories about alien incursions, recoveries, and information are true” and that he will clear him for the programs, but this never happens. Even during Green’s retirement while at General Motors, the officer still insists he will get him cleared. Green never names the individual, but it is later revealed he passed away in 1997. Later evidence shows this is likely former Brig. Gen. [Donald D. Flickinger](#), who was a director of “human factors” for the USAF’s plan to put a man into space, a consultant for NASA and the CIA, and familiar with the fields of bio-astronautics and life sciences. (Keith Basterfield, “[Kit Green’s USAF ‘UFO’ Mentor.](#)” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, August 29, 2019)
- 1982** — Audits and Surveys, in a report sponsored by Merit Report, finds that 49% of Americans definitely or probably think extraterrestrial UFOs have visited Earth. (Robert J. Durant, “[Evolution of Public Opinion on UFOs.](#)” *IUR* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 13)
- 1982** — British UFO researcher [Paul Devereux](#) writes *Earth Lights*, describing his theory that luminous UFOs are generated by geological forces and correlating UFO sightings with proximity to fault lines. Instead of piezoelectricity as the cause of luminance, he suggests triboluminescence as a more likely candidate. Although resembling the tectonic strain theory of Michael Persinger, the earthlight theory restricts “earth energy” effects on human systems to distances less than one kilometer. Devereux follows this book up with *Earth Lights Revelation* in 1989. (Paul Devereux, [Earth Lights: Towards an Understanding of the UFO Enigma](#), Turnstone, 1982; Paul Devereux, [Earth Lights Revelation](#), Blandford, 1989; Clark III 429–431; Clark IV 475–477)
- 1982** — Brazilian ufologist [Irene Granchi](#) founds the Centro de Investigação sobre a Natureza dos Extraterrestres in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The group is eventually taken over by her daughter Chica Granchi. (Claudio Tsuyoshi Suenaga, “[A Grande Pioneira da Pesquisa Ufológica no Brasil.](#)” Portal UFO, January 10, 2008)
- 1982** — The Royal Australian Air Force grants permission to UFO researcher [Bill Chalker](#) to examine its UFO files. Chalker visits the archives in Canberra, A.C.T., and reviews more than 1,000 reports in 53 RAAF files through 1984, allowing him to compile a detailed summary covering the years 1950 to 1980. He concludes that the existence of some interesting cases in the files is not suggestive of an RAAF coverup. (Keith Basterfield, Vladimir Godic, and Pony Godic, “[Australian Ufology: A Review.](#)” *JUFOS* 2 (1990): 33; Danielle O’Neal and Piia Wirsu, “[How Bill Chalker Became One of the First Civilians to Access the RAAF’s UFO Files.](#)” Australian Broadcasting Corporation, December 6, 2024; Bill Chalker, “[The Tully UFO UAP Legacy.](#)” TheOzFiles, December 12, 2024)
- 1982, January 2** — Writer [Bob Pratt](#) flies out to Arizona to meet [William Moore](#), who has called him to propose a non-fiction book project about UFOs. Moore tells him about MJ-12, Project Aquarius, and other alleged revelations. Pratt secretly tapes his conversations with Moore, which reveal his contacts with [Richard Doty](#) and other agents of disinformation. (Brad Sparks and Barry Greenwood, “[The Secret Pratt Tapes and the Origins of MJ-12.](#)” in *MUFON 2007 International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 2007, pp. 92–159)
- 1982, January 3** — Two Brazilian Air Force F-5 fighters flying at about 5,000 feet over Passo Fundo, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, see a dark metallic-looking object about 66 feet long, 55 feet high, and 3,000 feet away. The control tower cannot see anything in the vicinity. The F-5s get closer, but the object ascends and stays above them. They stay in this position for 30 seconds and then the UFO accelerates and disappears. (Clark III 205; Brazil 552; Clark IV 246)
- 1982, January 5** — The Society for Scientific Exploration is founded by [Peter A. Sturrock](#) at a meeting held at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C., in order to study phenomena “generally regarded by the scientific community as being outside their established fields of inquiry.” (“[Professors Join in UFO Study Forum.](#)” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1982): 1, 3; Clark III 1082–1083; Clark IV 1198–1199)
- 1982, January 9** — 8:20 p.m. Carl (Eddie) Cox III steps outside his rural home near Washington, North Carolina, to photograph the rising full moon with a new 35mm camera using high-speed color film. He sees and takes 8 photographs of a strange, tubular object moving from the northeast. The photos show a double tube with varying configurations of white and red-orange lights. The final photo shows the tops of nearby trees and distant condensation trails. Analysis suggests that the sighting is due to a distant aircraft passing through a condensation

trail. ("[Tubular UFO Photographed, January 9, 1982](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 3 (June/July 1982): 1, 4; "[Up-Date on UFO Photographs Taken January 9, 1982](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1982): 1; "[January UFO Photos Become Identified FOs](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 6 (Dec. 1982/Jan. 1983): 5–6)

1982, January 15 — 7:05–11:35 p.m. Three sightings occur one after the other in Turkey. An object resembling a tray is seen at 7:05 p.m. over Nigde in central Anatolia. At 9:35 p.m., two UFOs are reported at Havsa, Edirne, accompanied by reported malfunctioning TV sets in the town. Around 11:30 p.m., a reported UFO causes the citizens of İzmir, western Anatolia, to panic. When the UFO hovers above the Buca forest it takes on a flaming appearance, causing fire brigades to rush to the scene, keeping watch over the object for 45 minutes until it vanishes. ("['Mysteries of Turkey': UFO Activity Revealed](#)," *IUR* 8, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1983): 8–9)

1982, February — [William Moore](#) receives a plain envelope from one of the intermediaries of "Falcon." Inside are Air Force documents signed by [Richard Doty](#) regarding unexplained lights over Kirtland AFB and Manzano in New Mexico from 1980. Moore and [Bruce Maccabee](#) examine the documents and conduct a detailed on-site investigation, finding no contradictions. (Greg Bishop, *Project Beta*, Paraview, 2005, p. 209)

1982, February 2 — 8:00 p.m. Susanne Anderson, 18, is jogging in Skövde, Sweden, when she notices two intense blinking lights that seem to be coming toward her. She hears no sound and gets frightened. After speeding up to a full run, she turns around and sees a metal-blue, saucer-shaped object with a blinking red light on the bottom. Terrified, she hides in a school building. ("[A Short Tale of a Swedish CE-1](#)," *IUR* 7, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1982): 14)

1982, February 8 — Capt. Gerson Maciel de Britto, piloting a Boeing 727 for VASP Flight 169, notices an intense light source while flying over Petrolina, Pernambuco, Brazil, on a southern course. It starts accompanying the aircraft in a parallel course, keeping the same distance. But the object soon begins changing its speed, moving ahead of the plane and then allowing it to catch up. As it approaches Belo Horizonte, the object approaches the plane, allowing crew and 150 passengers to view its lenticular form. At this point, the light emanating from the UFO penetrates the interior of the cabin and illuminates it with a bluish tint. The UFO is still in clear view as the aircraft begins landing at Galeão Airport in Rio de Janeiro. Some witnesses on the Rio-Niterói Bridge also see the object. ("[The Climactic UFO Case of the Winter 1982 Brazilian 'Flap'](#)," *IUR* 7, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1982): 11–13; Luiz Augusto da Silva, "[Unidentified Aerial Phenomena: The VASP-169 Flight Brazilian Episode Revisited](#)," *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 27, no. 4 (2013): 637–654; Patrick Gross, "[UFO-Aircraft Encounters](#)"; Clark III 198–200; Brazil 537–541; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, "[Analysis of the VASP-169 Flight UFO Sighting and Photographs by L.A.L. da Silva](#)," academia.edu, August 2022; Clark IV 238–241)

1982, February 10 — 11:35 p.m. Tammy Utt and two other 17-year-old girls are driving in a car on I Road and 18th Road near Riverland, west of Escanaba, Michigan, when they encounter a low-flying domed disc. The mist from the rear of the object looks like "lit up snowflakes." The rim around the bottom of the UFO has red windows all the way around it, and a red light shines through the windows. The sighting lasts seven minutes. ("[Six UFOs Reported](#)," *Green Bay (Wis.) Press-Gazette*, February 21, 1982, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 152 (March 1982): 5; "[Nocturnal Rural Encounters](#)," *IUR* 7, no. 3 (May/June 1982): 8–11; Kenneth C. Schellhase, "[A Unique Triad of CE-I Sightings](#)," *IUR* 7, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1982): 4)

1982, February 12 — 5:45 p.m. Civil engineer Robert A. Sproat is driving south on Gouger Road just south of County Road 7 in Lockport, Illinois, when he sees a light similar to an aircraft landing light over the Lockport locks and dam. It begins a smooth banking turn to the left at about 1,000 feet, and he can make out a structure about 40 feet square. (Robert A. Sproat, "[Letter](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 3 (June/July 1983): 2)

1982, Mid-February — 9:00 p.m. Aubre Brogden is driving along Vermont Highway 36 near Bakersfield, Vermont, when she sees a lighted triangular object in the sky approaching her. As she pulls into her driveway, it hovers above her backyard about 25 feet away then silently moves directly above her. She estimates it is as large as a football field. The object moves away noiselessly. ("[Recurrent Sightings on Vermont Highway](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 31, no. 7 (July 1983): 4–5)

1982, February 19 — 4:54 p.m. A strange radiance is noticed in the sky above the frozen Lake Onega, from Petrozavodsk in the Republic of Karelia, Russia. The glow is pale blue and is shaped like a cloud, inside of which is an elliptical bright spot. After a few minutes, the bright spot disappears behind the forest, but the luminescent cloud remains in the sky for a time. Around 5:00 p.m., two more spots appear, moving together. One of them resembles the first object but is smaller. The other is a luminous sphere moving in a spiral. As it moves, it leaves a hazy trail that quickly disappears. At 5:15 p.m., a bright arrow-shaped object flies directly above the city a great speed, leaving a trail. None of the objects make any sound. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 152)

- 1982**, February 24 — 5:15 a.m. Neillsville, Wisconsin, police officer Chuck Urban is patrolling 12 miles west of town when a bright light approaches him on his left. He stops his squad car, turns off his headlights, grabs a camera, and takes a picture that turns out poorly. He hears no sound from the object. The light follows him as he returns to Neillsville. The light is so bright he can see the road plainly. At one point the light crosses the road ahead of him for a few miles, then recrosses to the other side. He loses sight of it as he enters town. (“[Nocturnal Rural Encounters](#),” *IUR* 7, no. 3 (May/June 1982): 11; “[Neillsville Revisited: The Cop and the Light That Turned Night into Day](#),” *IUR* 7, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1982): 14–15)
- 1982**, March 4 — [Brinsley Le Poer Trench](#), the Earl of Clancarty, asks in the House of Lords how many UFO reports the Ministry of Defence has received in the past 4 years, [Viscount Long](#) replies that there were 750 sightings in 1978, 550 in 1979, 350 in 1980, and 600 in 1981. Clancarty thinks the totals must be higher, but Long explains that not all reports reach the MoD. The [Earl of Kimberley](#) asks how many of those remain unidentified, and Long replies that he does not have those figures as they “disappeared into the unknown before we got them.” [Peter Hill-Norton](#) asks whether all UFO reports received by the MoD before 1962 were destroyed because they were of “no defense interest,” and if so, who decided that. Long says that all reports have been preserved since 1967. (“[Unidentified Flying Objects: Sightings](#),” House of Lords [Hansard], March 4, 1982, vol. 427, cols. 1370–1371; Good Above, pp. 101–102; Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1982**, March 6 — Night. A cylindrical object passes above the Stadium Morenã in Campo Grande, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, during a soccer game attended by more than 24,000 people. (“[UFO Flyover in Campo Grande](#),” *O Dia* (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), March 8, 1982, via *UFO Newscipping Service*, no. 152 (March 1982): 14; Brazil 290–293; Jackson Camargo, “[O Caso do OVNI do Morenã](#),” *Fenomenum*, May 25, 2024; Clark IV 572)
- 1982**, March 8 — [Peter Gersten](#)’s 84-page petition (filed in early 1982) for the Supreme Court to hear an appeal of *CAUS v. NSA* is dismissed by the US Supreme Court, which declines to hear the case because releasing the files “could seriously jeopardize the work of the agency and the security of the United States.” (ClearIntent, pp. 188–189)
- 1982**, March 8 — 8:15 p.m. Two highly technically trained people separated by more than a mile observe a silent object near Bethel, Connecticut. (“[The Case of the Rumbling Leviathan](#),” *IUR* 7, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1982): 8–10)
- 1982**, March 17–20 — The Project Hessdalen team manages to take four photos of oblong lights passing in front of Finnsåhøgda and Fjellbekkhøgda mountains near Hessdalen, Norway. (“[Project Hessdalen: The Colored Lights of Norway](#),” *IUR* 8, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1983): 7–8)
- 1982**, March 21 — 8:30 p.m. Karl Stewart is driving eastbound on the Ohio Turnpike in northwest Ohio when he sees what appears to be a jet aircraft to the south at about 500 feet altitude. Its lights are much brighter than normal landing lights, and there are no airports in the vicinity. Pulling over to watch it, he sees it has three arms, small windows, and red and green strings of running lights. It gains altitude before banking north over the highway. (“[A New Model UFO?](#)” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 1 (Feb./March 1983): 3)
- 1982**, March 23 — 2:00 a.m. Tim Miron, 18, is driving north on I Road northwest of Escanaba, Michigan, when he sees an orange-red light, which gets bigger and begins flashing red beams from its underside after he turns on I-5 Lane. The object keeps moving closer and he sees it directly behind a telephone pole to his left 125 feet from the road, hovering 10 feet above the ground. Miron arrives at his family’s farm, jumps out, and sees the UFO moving directly toward him. He wakes up his mother and the two of them watch the object for the next 30–45 minutes as it maneuvers over a wide area around the farm, finally disappearing behind some trees. (Kenneth C. Schellhase, “[A Unique Triad of CE-I Sightings](#),” *IUR* 7, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1982): 5–7)
- 1982**, March 26 — Leading investigators from UFO-Norge hold a town meeting in Ålen, Norway, near Hessdalen. Of the 130 residents who attend, 17 say they have seen a yellow spherical light, 12 a cigar-shaped object, and 6 an oblong object with one red and two yellow lights. Later in the week, two officers from Værnes Air Station in Trondheim interview some witnesses and conclude that Hessdalen residents have been seeing these lights since 1944 and their accounts are credible. (Kim Hansen, “UFO Casebook,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 89, 90; Clark III 571; Clark IV 629)
- 1982**, March 30 — 11:15 p.m. Nanette Morrison is driving home in Charlottesville, Virginia, when she spots a large, brilliant light in the sky hovering several hundred feet in the air and a quarter mile away. It approaches as she makes a turn and flies right over her car, later pacing her as she drives the remaining 15 blocks. She pulls up to the curb, and the UFO stops and hovers above a house across the street less than 400 feet away. The object reverses direction and moves away as she runs up to her house. However, the object may have been a large airliner, possibly a 737, landing at the airport. (“[Mother, Daughter Claim UFO Sighted](#),” *Charlottesville (Va.) Daily Progress*, April 2, 1982, p. 1; Jimmy Smith, [Letter] “[That Flying Object May Have Been a 737](#),” *Charlottesville (Va.) Daily Progress*, April 14, 1982, p. 4; J. Allen Hynek, “[A Remarkable Double Encounter](#),” *IUR* 8, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1983): 4–5; “[Double Encounter Questioned](#),” *IUR* 9, no. 2 (March/April 1984): 15; Carle

Hodge, "[Never Mind: 'UFO' Report Dogs Expert](#)," *Phoenix Arizona Republic*, October 1, 1984, pp. B1, B6; Manfred Cassirer, "[The Strange Case of a 'Remarkable Double Encounter](#)," *BUFORA Bulletin*, no. 20 (January 1986): 14–17)

- 1982**, April 1 — 7:15 p.m. Three men are repairing a jeep in Petrolia, Pennsylvania, when one of them notices a bright object with a flashing red light just above the trees. A few minutes later they see it has risen much higher. After they turn on the jeep's headlights, the bright object moves toward them. When they turn the lights off again, the object backs away. The lights go on again, and the UFO passes over their heads at 250 feet. Its bright lights go out, and its triangular shape becomes clear, as well as its gun-metal color and the luminescent mist surrounding it. A red light is on the front, with white and amber lights on the other angles. Two bright lights shoot away from the triangle, one going north and the other south. When a jet approaches from the east, the object stops and becomes bright. Then it rises straight up until it is out of sight. For several days, the witnesses have severe headaches, and one has diarrhea. Other triangular UFOs are seen in the Pittsburgh area from March 22 to May 19. (Stan Gordon, "[Pennsylvania Low-Level UFO Sightings](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 172 (June 1982): 3)
- 1982**, April 1 — 11:30 p.m. Nanette Morrison looks out her front window and sees a bright, fluorescent object hovering a few hundred feet above the tree line and a short distance away from her home in Charlottesville, Virginia. She tells her mother to come and look. As she does, the object flares up brightly and zips away at an incredible speed. ("[Mother, Daughter Claim UFO Sighted](#)," *Charlottesville (Va.) Daily Progress*, April 2, 1982, p. 1; J. Allen Hynek, "[A Remarkable Double Encounter](#)," *IUR* 8, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1983): 5, 15; "[Double Encounter Questioned](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 2 (March/April 1984): 15; Manfred Cassirer, "[The Strange Case of a 'Remarkable Double Encounter](#)," *BUFORA Bulletin*, no. 20 (January 1986): 14–17)
- 1982**, April 2 — President [Reagan](#) issues Executive Order 12356, which eliminates response time limits on FOIA requests. Searches for UFO documents show significantly more delays of 2 years or more, and search fees rise dramatically. (Wikisource, "[Executive Order 12356](#)")
- 1982**, April 3 — 3:00 a.m. A woman schoolteacher in Bolingbrook, Illinois, is awakened by a high-pitched sound "like a blender running in a box." She looks outside and sees a bright blue, domed, disc-shaped object land next to some power lines. It lifts off and then lands a second time. The UFO has blue lights around the rim and is only about 150 feet away. The blue lights illuminate the area as bright as day. A streetlight goes out. The police receive calls of power outages and blue flashes at the same time. (Fred Merritt, "[A Blue Domed-Disc for Bolingbrook](#)," *IUR* 7, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1982): 6–8)
- 1982**, April 7 — The [Earl of Cork and Orrery](#) asks in the House of Lords how many of the 2,250 sightings of UFOs reported to the MoD in 1978–1981 are still classified. [Viscount Long](#) says none are and there is no reason why anyone could not come and look at the reports in the MoD archives. (Good Above, [pp. 102–104](#); Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1982**, April 8 — 11:50 p.m. Angie Parrotta and Nancy Hanson, both 18, are driving south on County Road 533 west of Escanaba, Michigan. They notice a bright star to the southwest, which soon becomes two huge yellowish-white "headlights" attached to an object. It descends and moves toward them. They speed up but the object keeps pacing them on their right. They become frightened when they see a blinking red light on the craft. They watch the UFO move swiftly toward Escanaba in the east and quickly lose sight of it. (Kenneth C. Schellhase, "[A Unique Triad of CE-I Sightings](#)," *IUR* 7, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1982): 7–8)
- 1982**, April 22–23 — Night. A group of Polish Air Force pilots during missions over northwest Poland in the area from Elbląg to Ostróda and Olsztyn encounter a weird light at 47,500 feet that does not appear on their radar. It looks like a cloud with the central part a raised-up cupola and is emanating beams of light from the underside. Around it is some kind of vapor. (Poland 66)
- 1982**, April 23 — 5:15 a.m. Officials at the Head Office of Meteorology in Ankara, Turkey, observe two UFOs that are maneuvering over the city for an hour. They are elliptical and disappear in the direction of the Eskişehir Highway around 6:15 a.m. ("['Mysteries of Turkey': UFO Activity Revealed](#)," *IUR* 8, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1983): 10)
- 1982**, April 27 — Citizens Against UFO Secrecy files a request with the National Security Agency for all legal documents used to prepare its case in *CAUS v. NSA*, especially any portion of the top-secret [Yeates](#) affidavit of November 1980. (ClearIntent, [p. 189](#))
- 1982**, May 9 — 1:30 p.m. Yoriaki Tsuda, 17, a student and member of his high school's photography club, goes outside to photograph his house in Asahikawa, Hokkaido, Japan. He spots a black object slowly scouting the sky. Acting quickly, he snaps a photo with his Canon camera, equipped with a 35–70mm zoom lens. The resulting image captures a UFO with a dome and four visible portholes. (Hachiro Kubota, "[George Adamski the Cosmic Man](#)," *UFO Contactee*, no. 1 (May 1985): 1, 3)

- 1982, May 14** — Afternoon. Tom Powers, his son Tony, Guy Lindstrom, and Barry Thomas are standing outside a gas station in Townsend, Wisconsin, when a bright object suddenly appears, hovering 3–4 feet above an old railroad right of way. Thinking it might be a helium balloon, Tom tells Tony to run across Route 32 and “catch that thing.” But by the time Tony gets across, the object quickly zooms northward. All four men agree the object is round, shiny, and shaped like “two pie pans or bowls glued together.” Tony estimates its size at about 2½ feet across. Thomas adds, “It looks about the size of a fairly big tire. It’s extremely bright and metallic, like chrome.” The object occasionally rises a foot or so, then settles back to the 3-foot level. As it nears the town garage, it suddenly rises to treetop height and shoots out of sight. ([“Strange Object Seen in Sky over Townsend,”](#) *Oconto (Wis.) Reporter*, May 26, 1982, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 157 (August 1982): 1; Doris and Joe Graziano, [“Press Reports,”](#) *APRO Bulletin* 30, no. 11 (December 1982): 7)
- 1982, May 18** — NSA Director of Policy [Eugene Yeates](#) releases a highly redacted portion of his 21-page affidavit used in the *CAUS v. NSA* lawsuit. An unredacted section reveals that the NSA holds 79 UFO documents referred by other agencies as well as 160 documents originating with the NSA, four of which have already been released. (ClearIntent, [pp. 189–190](#))
- 1982, May 22** — 11:00 p.m. Liberty County Deputy Sheriff John McDonald notices two bright lights above tall pine trees near Cleveland, Texas. He points his spotlight toward them as they sink out of sight, but they reappear and pass over his head at about 1,000 feet. He shines his spotlight again and sees a diamond shape with four rounded corners. The object is large, silent, and grayish in color. Seconds later he hears a high-pitched whine as it quickly departs. (John F. Schuessler, [“Policeman Encounters Diamond-Shaped UFO,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 182 (April 1983): 3)
- 1982, May 24** — 10:15 p.m. An orange-colored light is seen by many tourists moving at a slow speed at an altitude of 4,900–6,500 feet toward Marmaris, Muğla, Turkey. It hovers for about 5 minutes over the sea, moves to the south, speeds up, and ascends. ([“‘Mysteries of Turkey’: UFO Activity Revealed,”](#) *IUR* 8, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1983): 10)
- 1982, June** — [Leonard H. Stringfield](#) issues his third status report, *UFO Crash/Retrievals: Amassing the Evidence*. (Leonard H. Stringfield, *UFO Crash/Retrievals: Amassing the Evidence, Status Report III*, The Author, 1982)
- 1982, June 1** — Two UFOs allegedly hover above the Baikonur cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, for 14 seconds, one of them directly above launch pad number 1. On June 2, bolts and rivets are found that supposedly have been sucked out of the support towers, and welded sections have come apart. The other UFO hovers above the adjacent housing complex, knocking out thousands of panes of glass or making fine holes in them. The cosmodrome is said to be put out of action for two weeks. (Gordon Creighton, [“Russia: Naughty Henry Gris Says It Again! ‘Soviet Space-Centre Knocked Out by UFOs,’](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 28, no. 6 (August 1983): 27–28)
- 1982, June 3** — Night. The examining magistrate and bailiff at Demirköy, Kırklareli, Turkey, watch an object with orange lights at an altitude of 160–200 feet. It has two lighted hemispheres with a dark rectangular mid-section. The poplar trees underneath it are shaking violently. ([“‘Mysteries of Turkey’: UFO Activity Revealed,”](#) *IUR* 8, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1983): 10)
- 1982, June 10** — Three witnesses in Madbury, New Hampshire, see a wedge-shaped object with bright white lights and smaller blue-green-red body lights hovering about 50 feet above the Bellamy Reservoir, its lights reflecting on the surface of the water. As they try to move to a better viewing location, the object moves away, almost instantly. They see it again hovering above a house with an oscillatory motion. A red light beam shines down on the house and then on the car. After a while the object approaches the car from behind and passes above it by about 30 feet. (UFOEv II 40–41; Powell, *Scientist*, 67)
- 1982, June 12** — Everyone on board a British aircraft sees a large translucent object 500 feet long flying at 41,000 feet altitude over Dinkelsbühl, Bavaria, Germany. It has the form of a “double rectangle surmounted by a globe (egg-shaped) crowned by a silver one.” (Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, [p. 162](#))
- 1982, June 18** — 9:10–10:53 p.m. Five Chinese Air Force pilots are flying on patrol over the northern military frontier in Hebei province, China. At 10:06 p.m., a large yellowish-green object appears in the northern sky, whirling fast and creating rings of light. After 10 seconds, the center of the ring explodes “like a hand grenade.” It grows larger than the apparent size of the full moon, and black spots appear near its center. The aircraft lose their communications and navigational systems and are forced to return to their base. (NICAP, [“5 Chinese Pilots Encounter Object / EME”](#); Paul Dong and Wendelle Stevens, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archives, 1983, pp. 243–245; Good Above, [pp. 217–218, 471](#); Richard F. Haines and Dominique F. Weinstein, [A Preliminary Study of Fifty Seven Pilot Sighting Reports Involving Alleged Electro-Magnetic Effects on Aircraft Systems](#), NARCAP Technical Report no. 3, April 5, 2001, p. 32)

- 1982**, June 25 — 2:30 a.m. Kathy Freeman watches a bright star that makes two right-angle turns near Libertyville, Illinois. (“[Correspondence](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1982): 5)
- 1982**, June 27 — Following a screening of *E.T.: The Extraterrestrial* at the White House, President [Reagan](#) leans over to director [Steven Spielberg](#) and comments, “You know, there aren’t six people in this room who know how true this really is.” (presidentialufo.com, “[Ronald Reagan, 40th President, January 20, 1981–January 20, 1989](#)”)
- 1982**, July — 4:30 a.m. A 15-year-old-boy sets out on his bicycle for his summer job at a kindergarten in Odense, Denmark. He notices a bright object like two saucers piled on top of each other hovering over a field about 165–195 feet away. It seems to be about 6 feet in diameter. As he gets closer, he can see two small, humanoid creatures no larger than 2 feet tall with large heads and narrow hips. (“[Dänische Luftwaffe öffnet geheimes UFO-Archiv](#),” *grenzWissenschaft-aktuell.de*, January 30, 2009)
- 1982**, July 1 — The Center for UFO Studies discontinues its toll-free 1-800 number distributed to police offices across the country. (“[Discontinue 800 #, Report Quality Low](#),” *IUR* 7, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1982): 13)
- 1982**, July 6 — 7:30 p.m. A man driving alone near Hampshire, Tasmania, finds that his car is gradually losing power and stops. He turns off the ignition and the lights, then gets out of the vehicle when he notices a stationary, noiseless object that looks like a large army helicopter about the size of a bus. It is blue-black in color and seems to be gradually moving to the west for about 90 seconds. He starts the car’s engine and leaves the area. An inspection of the car finds nothing to account for its behavior. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 19)
- 1982**, Early August — A man is in a meadow near a forest on the shore of the Vistula River a few miles northwest of Warsaw, Poland. Suddenly he hears a sound like an electric motor and sees a rectangular, black, domed object above the treetops that rises and sails slowly beyond the river. Windows in the dome cast a flickering light (Bronislaw Rzepecki, “[Encounters in Poland](#),” *IUR* 12, no. 3 (May/June 1987): 17)
- 1982**, September — Rosalind Reynolds-Parnham and her boyfriend Philip are driving through the northwestern outskirts of Sudbury, Suffolk, England, when they see an object with an oval mass of orange lights moving through some pylons and causing sparks. They can smell a noxious odor. They drive on, and when they are near Cavendish on the A1092 some lights approach them from behind and the car loses power. When they arrive at their destination, they realize they have lost four hours of time. Rosalind begins to recall an abduction experience, aided by some disturbing dreams and odd scars on her abdomen. (Jenny Randles, “[Abduction and Physiological Effects](#),” *IUR* 20, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1995): 4–6, 23; Carl Nagaitis and Philip Mantle, *Without Consent: A Comprehensive Study of Missing Time and Abduction Phenomena in the United Kingdom*, Ringpull, 1994; “[Aliens Cost Me My Boyfriend and Kids](#),” *London Express*, August 24, 2016)
- 1982**, September 2 — 7:15 p.m. John T. Sery notices an object following a Cessna aircraft at an altitude of 1,500 feet above Minneapolis, Minnesota. It matches the pace of the airplane until it reaches a point about 4 miles away when it descends. His two daughters also view the UFO. The bottom and top of the object are jet black, and it has an equatorial band that is silvery metallic with a hint of rainbow reflections. (“[Minnesota Flying Black Hamburger](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 6 (Dec. 1984/Jan. 1985): 6–7)
- 1982**, September 9 — A partial meltdown occurs at Chernobyl nuclear power plant Unit One in Pripyat, Ukraine. Officials deny that an accident has taken place, but radioactive contamination reaches the town and spreads as far as 9 miles from the plant. It includes iodine-131, fragments of uranium dioxide fuel, and hot particles containing zinc-65 and zirconium-niobium-95 consistent with partial destruction of the reactor core. Contaminated areas around the plant are simply sluiced with water and covered with soil and leaves. Lenin Square is discreetly covered with a new layer of asphalt. (Adam Higginbotham, *Midnight at Chernobyl*, Simon & Schuster, 2019, pp. 69–70)
- 1982**, September 17 — 9:00 p.m. Capt. Stefan Freitag and the crew of the Romanian cargo ship *Bosca* are steaming 200 miles off the coast of Brazil in the South Atlantic when they see an object like a full moon, accompanied by a smaller, star-light object, which grows brighter and larger in size. Both objects disappear, leaving behind a shiny cloud. Then another moon-like object appears, during which a silent explosion takes place and an orange object is ejected. A fourth moon appears and approaches the ship, causing the crew to panic and the ship’s dog to howl. A fifth object appears briefly, leaving a glow that persists for 30 minutes. A Geiger counter indicates a radiation level of 5–7 rads on the ship. A similar phenomenon is seen by another ship in the general area at 11:03 p.m. and on the following night. (Gerhard Cordier, “[Adventure under the Equator](#),” *UFO Research Australia Newsletter* 4, no. 3 (Nov./Dec. 1983): 3; “Unidentified Phenomena,” *Marine Observer* 53 (July 1983): 132)

- 1982**, September 18 — 3:00 p.m. Villagers in Suchowola, Poland, see a triangular UFO with lights at its tips. (Poland 75–76)
- 1982**, September 30 — 1:30 a.m. A man and his son finish picking fruit in their orchard on Wolicka street near Czerniaków Hill in Warsaw, Poland. It is well after curfew, so they make their way toward home stealthily. Near the Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych building they smell smoke and see a strange object 20 feet in diameter hovering 3 feet above the ground. A faint orange glow is emanating from its base, causing the grass to smolder. Two thin beings are near the object. One has a device that projects an orange glow. The witnesses leave the scene carefully. (Poland 51; “[Bliskie spotkanie w Warszawie w 1982 roku](#),” UFO-Relacje.pl, February 12, 2020)
- 1982**, September 30 — 10:15 p.m. Four women, all management personnel of New England Bell Company, are returning to Exeter, New Hampshire, after a trip to a county fair to the north. They are riding in a Mercedes owned by the driver, Mary Ann Poland. She and the passengers (Rose Messina, Mary LaMontagne, and Nicky LeClair) see a low-flying bright light approaching. Poland pulls the car over and they all jump out, as if the object has a compelling influence on them. The object is egg-shaped with swirling red lights around its equator and a white beam of light coming down from the side. After a few minutes it sinks down behind the tree line. (“[The Hampton Encounter](#),” *Atlantic News and Advertiser* (Hampton, N.H.), November 23, 1982, p. 1, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 163 (February 1983): 3; “[Exeter Revisited](#),” *IUR* 8, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1983): 4–7)
- 1982**, October — A generator explodes at Reactor Number One of the Metsamor Nuclear Power Plant in Armenia. The turbine hall burns down, and an emergency team is airlifted from the Kola Peninsula in northwest Russia to help save the core. (Adam Higginbotham, *Midnight in Chernobyl*, Simon & Schuster, 2019, p. 70)
- 1982**, October 2 — 8:00 p.m. The North Arkansas Community College volleyball team (and their coach Sue McDonald) is returning from a game in Kansas and are near Springfield, Missouri, when they see an object with two brilliant white lights and a blinking red light. It hovers 100–150 feet nearly above the bus. The underside is in full view and about 40–50 smaller lights are plainly visible. (“[CE-I for a Volleyball Team](#),” *IUR* 8, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1983): 12–14)
- 1982**, October 4 — 4:00–8:00 p.m. Russian Army Lt. Col. Vladimir Plantonev witnesses an hours-long UFO sighting near an IRBM missile base outside the village of Belokorovichi, Ukraine. It looks “just like a flying saucer,” but with no portholes and a smooth surface. It soundlessly makes a turn on its edge. Suddenly, an unspecified number of nuclear missiles spontaneously go into an automated launch sequence by themselves, proceeding to a countdown of 15 seconds before aborting and returning to standby status. (NICAP, “[Russian Base Loses Control of Nuclear Missiles](#)”; Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, p. 81; J. Antonio Huneus, “Incident at Usovo: From the Soviet and Russian Military UFO Dossier,” *The Anomalist* 7 (Winter 1998/1999); Robert L. Hastings, “[Remarkable Reports from the Missile Field](#),” *IUR* 32, no. 1 (August 2008): 25–26; Antonio Huneus, “[Soviet Nukes and UFOs](#),” *Open Minds*, January 26, 2010; Nukes 445–452)
- 1982**, October 12 — Nova presents the documentary *The Case of the UFO's*, which is criticized as a biased perspective. The participants on the US version of this BBC production include skeptics [Philip Klass](#), [James Oberg](#), and [Michael Persinger](#), with only brief appearances by [Bruce Maccabee](#) and [Allan Hendry](#). (*Nova: The Case of the UFO's*, Time-Life, 1982; J. Allen Hynek, “[Nova and UFOs](#),” *IUR* 7, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1982): 3–5; J. Allen Hynek, “[An Editorial Apology](#),” *IUR* 8, no. 3 (May/June 1983): 3)
- 1982**, October 14 — 2:00 a.m. Four residents of Alta, Troms og Finnmark, Norway, see three points of light appear above the mountains to the south-southeast. Each point of light is made up of several smaller lights bunched close together. They move in a northerly direction at a great speed, apparently about 43–50 miles in 5 seconds, or about 35,000 mph. Suddenly light rays flash down toward the ground simultaneously from all three objects. The rays are made up of cones with an opening angle of about 15°. Their color is a powerful white with a bluish hue, especially at the sides. After 20–25 seconds, the rays begin to widen just as the light begins to diminish in strength. In 2–3 seconds the cones become “an ocean” of light with an opening angle of some 180°. Then they move off one by one with a separation time of one second. At the same moment as the lights go out there appears an ellipsoid object that gives off a faint light, but nevertheless is distinctly visible. Its color is pink with a deeper color tone that becomes gray just underneath the object. It is motionless, hanging in the sky for 30 minutes, then it suddenly disappears. All of the observers feel a strange, dead silence during the entire observation. (Elbjørg Feldbjørg, “[Extraordinary Observation from Alta](#),” *Nordic UFO Newsletter*, 1983, no. 2, pp. 15–18)
- 1982**, October 15 — 1:35 p.m. A witness at the Diamond Shamrock plant at Lamar [now Botham Jean Boulevard] and Lenway Street in Dallas, Texas, sees a domed, metallic disc that apparently has risen up from the Trinity River bottom and is heading east. He estimates it is 60 feet wide and flying at 3,000–4,000 feet. It has bright red lights on top. (“[Letter](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1983): 2)

- 1982, October 18** — 7:50 p.m. A couple is driving along Quinpool Road near Armview Avenue in Halifax, Nova Scotia, when they see an object about 8 times the size of the full moon traveling silently south to north at about 50 mph and 300 feet altitude. It is cigar-shaped with a steady green light in front and a flashing green light in back. They have it in sight for 15 seconds. ([“Correspondence,”](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 1 (Feb./March 1983): 2)
- 1982, October 19** — Night. A US Air Force RC-135 reconnaissance aircraft monitoring Soviet military activity is buzzed by a huge object (larger than the RC-135) over the eastern Mediterranean Sea. British personnel at RAF Troödos on Cyprus listen to the radio calls of the American crew for 90 minutes as the encounter unfolds at 35,000 feet. The UFO, described as a multitude of lights flashing 20 at a time, is picked up on the aircraft’s radar as it approaches from the south about 2 miles away. It circles around the plane and closes in. Two US Navy F-14 fighters are scrambled from an aircraft carrier, and an RAF Phantom is diverted from a night flying exercise to intercept the object south of Cyprus. As the three interceptors approach, the RC-135 crew sees the object depart to the south. The fighter pilots can see nothing. Following the incident, British authorities launch a secret investigation, the results of which (including a transcript of the RC-135 crew’s conversation with ground controllers) are sent to the US Department of Defense in November. One senior RAF official strongly suspects that the object is a mirage effect from lights on the coast of Israel or Lebanon. (David Clarke, “A Cold War Close Encounter,” *Fortean Times* 357 (September 2017): 17)
- 1982, October 21** — 12:35 p.m. An oval object about 3 feet in diameter descends into a garden in Nancy, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France, and hovers about 3 feet off the ground. After 20 minutes the object takes off silently. The witness, a cellular biologist, reports that when the UFO rises up, the grass under it stands up straight. In the afternoon, the witness notes that two amaranth plants located near the UFO have desiccated, withered leaves. The witness calls the Gendarmerie, who inspect the garden and take some samples of the amaranth plants. The analysis of the samples made by GEPAN finds that the plants are dehydrated, but there is no evidence of radiation. ([Enquête 86/06: L’Amarante](#), Note Technique no. 17, Groupe d’Étude des Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non-identifiés, Centre Nationale d’Étude Spatiales, March 21, 1983; Swords 445–446; Éric Maillot and Jean-Michel Abrassart, [“Very Close Encounter with a UAP in Levitation,”](#) in Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Richard Heiden, eds., *The Reliability of UFO Witness Testimony*, UPIAR, 2023, pp. 94–106; Clark III 547; Clark IV 605)
- 1982, October 24** — 9:20 a.m. Pilot Michael Davis and his father (a student pilot) are flying a 1968 Piper PA-28 Cherokee 140 about 10 miles southeast of Lowell, Indiana. Just after reaching their cruising altitude of 2,300 feet, they encounter an object they at first think is a malfunctioning parachute. At one point, the UFO flicks across their nose, veering to its left and missing the aircraft’s right wingtip by no more than 10 feet. It has no exhaust trail. At the instant that it passes, the vortex hits them so hard that the plane’s airframe groans in protest, and the altimeter goes “wacky.” It continues to curve to the left, still accelerating and eventually beginning to climb until it finally disappears into the distant haze. (NICAP, [“Pilots Encounter Object over Indiana / EME”](#); Mark R. Remaley, [“An Incredible Close Encounter from Credible Pilots,”](#) *IUR* 8, no. 3 (May/June 1983): 4–7)
- 1982, October 27** — Early evening. Bonnie McCrory and her father, Maurice Smith, are driving south on the Richardson Highway near Summit Lake, Alaska, when their pickup stops with a frozen gas line. After about 20 minutes, they notice a huge ball on the ridge to the east. It is silver-colored and looks like a geodesic dome. Within the next hour it changes color from silver to yellow to orange to fiery red-orange. It slowly moves up the ridge until it moves out of sight. Possibly the full moon. (Richard Sigismond, [“Alaska Close Encounter,”](#) *IUR* 9, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1984): 8–9; Hobart Gregory Baker, [“Sail Along, Silvery Disc,”](#) *IUR* 10, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1985): 16, 20; Richard Sigismond, [“Sail Along, Silvery Disc: A Response,”](#) *IUR* 11, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1986): 20)
- 1982, November** — After 12:00 midnight. A man and his wife are camping in Davies Valley, Imperial County, California, when they are awakened by a surge of static electricity. A huge object shaped like a manta ray 200 feet across is hovering above them. It makes a humming sound as it slowly passes over them, heading east. (Doris and Joe Graziano, [“Press Reports,”](#) *APRO Bulletin* 31, no. 8 (August 1983): 8)
- 1982, Early November** — 6:15 p.m. Rachel Morton is waiting for a bus in Whitby, North Yorkshire, England, when a triangular-shaped object with a domed covering passes noiselessly overhead. Two small white lights are at the front and three lights at the top. (*Whitby (UK) Gazette*, November 12, 1982; Marler [114](#))
- 1982, November 2** — 10:50 a.m. Capt. Júlio Miguel Guerra is flying a DHC-1 Chipmunk in the region of Serra de Montejunto and Torres Vedras, Portugal, near Ota Air Base [now Military and Technical Training Center of the Air Force] in Ota, Alenquer, Portugal. He encounters a metallic disc at 4,900 feet that engages in evasive maneuvers and circles his plane. The object is 7 feet in diameter and its lower hemisphere is reddish. A circular dark area is visible on the bottom and something looking like a grid encircles its middle. The pilot of another Chipmunk trainer sees the same object at 11:05 a.m. The object continues circling between the two aircraft for 10

minutes, when it makes a pass at the second plane and speeds off to the southwest. (José Sottomayor and Antônio Rodrigues, "[Close Sighting by Portuguese Air Force Pilots \(November 1982\)](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 32, no. 5 (August 1987): 12–13; UFOEv II 108–109; Júlio Miguel Guerra, "[Circled by a UFO](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 3 (December 2010): 3, 21; Kean, pp. 47–51; "[Pilot Júlio Miguel Guerra's Plane Was Circled by a UFO during the 1982 Ota Air Base Incident](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, May 28, 2025)

- 1982**, Late November — Senior Coastguard Bernard O'Reilly watches a lighted triangular object hovering silently for several minutes over Skegness, Lincolnshire, England. It moves away to the southeast. (*Lincolnshire (UK) Daily Echo*, December 1, 1982; Marler [114](#))
- 1982**, November 25 — Day. US Army Military Policeman Christopher Grooms is on guard duty in Tower 5 at the Army Special Weapons Depot at Kriegsfeld, a nuclear weapons storage and maintenance site in Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany. He watches for over 10 minutes a dark triangular-shaped craft fly slowly in a straight line from the southwest, over the valley, over the town of Gerbach, and directly over his watchtower, flying toward the northeast. After approaching for about 7 minutes, it flies directly overhead and Grooms steps out onto the tower landing with M-16 in hand and looks straight up at the object. It is completely silent and has no markings. As it passes over, the object rotates 360° nose down, pointing directly at him, then rotates back into its original position. Grooms has "the overwhelming feeling that it was acknowledging my presence with this maneuver or was 'checking me out' as it did it." (Robert L. Hastings, "[Triangular UFO above a U.S. Army Nuclear Weapons Depot Performs a 360-Degree Roll](#)," *UFOs & Nukes*, January 26, 2015)
- 1982**, November 27 — 5:00 a.m. A luminous object with brilliant lights brightly illuminates a police patrol car driven by Cmdr. Michael McDonald near the intersection of West Northwest Highway and Smith Street in Palatine, Illinois. Two other officers (Ron Roszak and Dennis Somsel) in two other patrol cars on Lincoln Avenue see a domed, disc-shaped object 30 feet in diameter, which emits a light beam toward the ground, then changes direction when pursued. The white disc is later seen to the east, with a light beam extended toward the ground, as it descends behind the tree line, seemingly landing in Busse Woods (Ned Brown Forest Preserve). The entire episode lasts about 12 minutes. (Mark Rodeghier, "[A Police Puzzler from Palatine](#)," *IUR* 8, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1983): 10–14)
- 1982**, November 29 — 1:50 a.m. João Valéria da Silva goes outside his home in Botucatu, São Paulo, Brazil, and encounters a bright, dazzling light. A human figure appears and pushes him to a device inside the light, which hoists him up into a "vestibule" where there is another being. They are wearing suits that cover everything except their eyes and mouths. After examining him and speaking to him in an unknown language, they step outside, passing through the walls. Soon a beautiful, dark-skinned woman enters and places a Y-shaped device against his cheek. He loses consciousness and is found by his family around 5:00 a.m., nude and covered with oil. There are marks on his chest and lesions on his penis. His watch has stopped at 4:30 a.m. (Robert Marsland, "[Two Claimed Abductions in Brazil](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 31, no. 10 (November 1983): 1–2; Irene Granchi, "[Abduction at Botucatu](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 30, no. 1 (October 1984): 22–25; Clark III 1063; Clark IV 1178)
- 1982**, December — During naval exercises in the Black Sea near the port of Sevastopol in the Crimea, Russia, an unidentified target is detected over the Balaklava District at a low altitude. It has a sharp nose and sparks coming from its tail section. The object does not respond to attempts at communication, so jet interceptors are scrambled. The object descends into the water when they approach. Soviet naval ships cannot detect it underwater. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 133–134)
- 1982**, December 8–12 — The Third International Congress of Extraterrestrial Science is held in Rosario, Argentina, with representatives from Spain, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, and the US, as well as Argentina. ("[Third International Congress of Extraterrestrial Science](#)," *IUR* 8, no. 3 (May/June 1983): 3, 7, 13)
- 1982**, December 10 — 7:55 a.m. Stephen Eric Alexander is waiting for a school bus with his daughter in Rosedale, Queens, New York City, when he sees an object among a flock of birds. The birds disperse and leave the object alone, drifting silently at 25 mph. After 15 seconds, it tilts and veers to the southwest and disappears. He estimates the object is 11 feet wide and 5 feet tall, 150 feet away from him, and 210 feet above the ground. Its ends pointed slightly downward. ("[1977 Photograph/Sighting and 1982 Sketch Similarity](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1983): 1–2)
- 1982**, December 21 — A witness driving from Échallens to Orbe, Vaud, Switzerland, notes a red globe 5–6 inches in diameter closely following his car. The light spreads inside the car as the object apparently settles down on the rear seat. He experiences about 8–10 minutes of missing time. ("[Newspaper Item from Bern, Switzerland, January 12, 1983](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1983): 4)
- 1982**, December 31 — Around 11:50 p.m. An off-duty police officer and his family see a boomerang-shaped object drift slowly over their home near Kent Cliffs, New York. They can see a solid structure with roughly 15 red, green, and white lights anchored to its underside. It maintains a constant altitude of about 490 feet, moves at a gentle

walking pace, and makes only a faint hum. As it passes over, he feels a deep vibration in his chest. At one point, the lights go out and three blinding white lights in the shape of a triangle appear in their place. About 5 seconds later, the colored ones return, and the object drifts out of sight. Warehouse foreman Edwin Hansen, 55, sees what appears to be the same object as he is driving down Interstate 84, just moments later. Hansen, among others, stops on the side of the road after spotting a boomerang-shaped formation of lights that project a bright beam of light to the ground. It is so large that it fills the sky in front of him, and it makes slow, tight circles in the air. Just as he thinks he'd like to get a closer look, the object moves in his direction. He panics as it approaches, but then hears a voice in his head that tells him not to be afraid. At the same time, the object turns away and the beam goes out. Hansen says that he "felt thoughts that weren't [his] own," and believes that he has received a telepathic communication from the UFO. (NightSieve 6–9; Clark III 1277; Clark IV 1460)

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- 1983** — Since 1966, some 6,700 Ummo communications have been received. The early ones are written in Spanish, but over time they are composed in French, though certain grammar and punctuation oddities indicate that Spanish, not French, is the writers' first language. Other analyses indicate a British origin. (Wikipedia, "[Planetary objects proposed in religion, astrology, ufology, and pseudoscience](#)"; Wikipedia, "[Ummo](#)"; Jacques Vallée, *Revelations: Alien Contact and Human Deception*, Ballantine, 1990, pp. 90–121; Bob Rickard, "The Ummo Mystery," *Fortean Times* 149 (September 2001): 34–35; Reinaldo Manso, *Ummo: Un Historia de un Obsesión*, Megustaesscribirlibros, 2015; Reinaldo Manso, "Were the Ummites British?" *Fortean Times* 336 (February 2016): 58–59; Clark III 1185–1186; Clark IV 1359)
- 1983** — [Philip J. Klass](#) writes *UFOs: The Public Deceived* for Prometheus Press, claiming that all significant government documentation has been released and that UFO reports are nothing but hoaxes, misidentifications, and distortions. He personally attacks [Hynek](#), [Maccabee](#), [Richard Hall](#), and others. (Philip J. Klass, *UFOs: The Public Deceived*, Prometheus, 1983)
- 1983**, January — The first issue of *Cuadernos de Ufologia*, edited by José Ruesga Montiel and featuring case investigations by many Spanish ufologists, is published in Seville, Spain, by the Colectivo Cuadernos (and beginning in 1997 by La Fundación Anomalía). It continues through April 2012. (*Cuadernos de Ufologia*, no. 1 (January 1983))
- 1983**, January 10–11 — CAUS director and attorney [Peter Gersten](#) has two meetings with [Richard Doty](#) in New Mexico. During the first meeting, with [Bill Moore](#) in attendance, Doty is guarded in his comments. At the second meeting with Gersten alone, he speaks openly about the 1977 Ellsworth AFB "incident" that he claims AFOSI and the FBI are investigating. He tells Gersten that the US government knows why UFOs appear in certain places and that "beyond a doubt they're extraterrestrial" and come from 50 light years away. He mentions Project Aquarius, which he says is the government's top-secret involvement in communications with aliens. He speaks of documents that tell of agreements between the US government and extraterrestrials under which the aliens are free to conduct animal mutilations and land at a certain base, in exchange for information about advanced UFO technology. (Clark III 363; Clark IV 407)
- 1983**, January 12 — 4:30 p.m. A man and his two sons encounter a short entity in a gray "wetsuit" uniform holding a glowing L-shaped object in a swampy area near their house in Pine Township, Porter County, Indiana. Both are floating 2–3 feet above the ground. A second being is peering over a fence at them. The encounter lasts about 5 minutes, and no UFO is seen. (R. A. Busse, "[An Indiana CE-III](#)," *IUR* 8, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1983): 6–9)
- 1983**, January 14 — 5:54 p.m. Amateur astronomer [Todd Lohvinenko](#) in Winnipeg, Manitoba, observes a "perfectly black orb" traversing the Sun in 3 seconds. (Todd Lohvinenko, "[A Mysterious Object](#)," *National Newsletter of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada* 77, no. 2 (April 1983): L19)
- 1983**, January 14 — 7:53 p.m. A bright object appears in the sky above Adana, Turkey, and many people stop their cars to look at it. Soon the object is joined by two US Air Force jets from Incirlik Air Base. One of the jets flies in tight circles around the UFO, which dwarfs it in size and is described as a disc with a dome on the underside. The object accelerates and disappears over the Mediterranean Sea with the jets in pursuit. Only one jet returns to base, although the other could have been lost during an unrelated search-and-rescue mission. (Good Need, pp. 312–313)
- 1983**, January 19 — 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. South Wales police begin to receive reports of UFOs. Two detectives in Swansea observe a silent, triangular object with three pulsating lights at 1,000 feet altitude. Carole Griffiths and her husband are driving home in Cardiff when they see a large triangular object in the sky and pull over to watch.

It has 11 lights around it. Similar objects are seen in Porthcawl and other Welsh localities. (“[What Carole Saw over Cardiff](#),” *South Wales Echo* (Cardiff), January 20, 1983, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 163 (February 1983): 16; “[UFOs? It’s Not Us, Say RAF Rescue Flight](#),” *South Wales Echo* (Cardiff), January 21, 1983, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 164 (March 1983): 13; “[Meteors! Never Say All the UFO Spotters](#),” *South Wales Evening Post* (Swansea), January 21, 1983, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 165 (April 1983): 13; “[That Triangle Is No ‘Plane’—Expert](#),” *South Wales Echo* (Cardiff), January 24, 1983, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 166 (May 1983): 11; “[Was There Close UFO Encounter?](#)” *South Wales Evening Post* (Swansea), January 26, 1983, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 166 (May 1983): 11; “[Support for UFO Spotters](#),” *South Wales Echo* (Cardiff), January 27, 1983, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 164 (March 1983): 13; Marler [114–117](#); “[How Hundreds Witnessed UFOs during South Wales’ ‘Night of the Triangles’](#),” Higgypop, September 12, 2024)

1983, January 27 — 7:00 p.m. Peggy Iery sees a large central white light with two flanking lights over some power lines as she is returning home 2 miles north of Marquette, Michigan. Suddenly it appears over her car and seems so huge that it blocks out the sky. Its shape is a perfect pentagon with a small white light at each of the corners; the bottom is silvery and flat. She drives home quickly, and she and her husband see four lights nearby, which gradually recede beyond the trees. (Kenneth C. Schellhase, “[The Marquette Pentagon](#),” *IUR* 8, no. 3 (May/June 1983): 11–13)

1983, February 7 — 8:19 p.m. A witness in Coffeen, Illinois, sees a triangular object with bright lights. A similar object is seen by a police officer 10 miles southwest of Brighton, Illinois, around 8:27 p.m. (“Report UFO,” *Alton (Ill.) Telegraph*, February 8, 1983, p. B-4; Marler [209](#))

1983, February 11 — The Parisian newspaper *Le Figaro* cites unnamed specialists who say that GEPAN exists only because it reflects the enthusiasm of former President [Valéry Giscard d’Estaing](#) and that it costs too much, even though it is only a small percentage of the CNES budget. (Clark III 547; Clark IV 605)

1983, February 26 — 8:30 p.m. Monique O’Driscoll and her 17-year-old daughter are driving near the frozen White Pond in Putnam County, New York, when they see a silent, multicolored, boomerang-shaped object about 200–300 feet wide. It has many lights, which seem to respond to their thoughts. It has a crisscross lattice structure and tubes on its underside. Their CB radio just has static. Another independent witness, Rita Rivera, probably sees the same object, a V-shaped array of 50 lights with amber, red, and blue colors. (Philip Imbrogno, George Lesnick, and Chris Clark, “[Boomerang Update](#),” *IUR* 8, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1983): 8–9; NightSiege 9–14)

1983, Spring — 10:00 p.m. A woman hospital employee is driving to work near New London, Connecticut, when she sees a light flick by quickly in the sky ahead. It stops above the treetops and shines a searchlight-like beam down on the woods. She pulls over to watch. Abruptly the object moves directly in front of her. There is no other traffic, although the road is usually busy. The object is round and has blue, yellow, red, and white lights flickering in a circle. She blacks out for a short time and finds that the engine, lights, and radio have been shut off. The window has been rolled down. The car stalls when she tries to start it, but the engine finally catches and she drives to work, where she arrives uncharacteristically late at 11:05. (Michael D. Swords, “[Unusual Experiences from the Timmerman Files](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 23)

1983, March 8 — President [Ronald Reagan](#) delivers a speech to the National Association of Evangelicals in which he refers to the Soviet Union as an “evil empire” and the “focus of evil in the modern world.” He asserts that the Cold War is a battle between good and evil. (Wikipedia, “[Evil Empire speech](#)”)

1983, March 11 — [Reagan](#) authorizes National Security Decision Directive 84, which substantially increases governmental control over federal employees, particularly their relationships with the media. It mandates that all employees with access to sensitive information are now subject to lifetime censorship of their writings and speeches on these topics. (“[Safeguarding National Security Information](#),” National Security Decision Directive 84, March 11, 1983; Frederick W. Whatley, “[Reagan, National Security, and the First Amendment: Plugging Leaks by Shutting Off the Main](#),” CATO Institute Policy Analysis no. 37, May 8, 1984)

1983, March 11 — Richard Mull finds a large star-shaped hole in his bean field west of Wauseon, Ohio, around which the dirt is mounded up. It has six long points 19 feet long and four shorter points 9 feet long. In the center is a depression 8 feet in diameter and 8 inches deep, and at the center of this depression is a small hole 2 inches in diameter that goes down to a depth of 6 feet. (“[Two Physical Trace Cases in Northwest Ohio Unexplained](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 6, no. 3 (June/July 1985): 4–5)

1983, March 15 — 5:00 p.m. An unidentified target is tracked by USAF radar at RAF Upper Heyford [now closed], Oxford, England, until 9:15 p.m. Sgt. Byrd Cormier says they do not have radio contact with it. A slow, brilliant white light is seen by some civilians in Berkshire. Cpl. Candellin at RAF Brize Norton, Oxford, claims that RAF

- radar cannot pick up the object. ("[UFO Alert As Mystery Light Passes over Berks.](#)" *Reading (UK) Evening Post*, March 16, 1983, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 165 (April 1983), p. 13; Good Above, [pp. 104–105](#))
- 1983**, March 17 — 7:00–10:00 p.m. Hundreds of people see a boomerang-shaped object moving slowly and hovering over I-84 near Brewster, New York. (Philip Imbrogno, "[Boomerang over Three Counties.](#)" *IUR* 8, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1983): 11; Philip Imbrogno, George Lesnick, and Chris Clark, "[Boomerang Update.](#)" *IUR* 8, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1983): 9–10; R. Perry Collins, "[The Westchester Wing, Part II.](#)" *Pursuit* 18, no. 4 (Winter 1985): 166, 167; NightSiege 18–25; Patrick Gross, "[The Hudson Valley UFO Flap](#)")
- 1983**, March 23 — In what later becomes known as his "Star Wars" speech, President [Ronald Reagan](#) announces his plans to develop an anti-missile capability to counter the threat of Soviet ballistic missiles and to make these nuclear weapons "impotent and obsolete." This paves the way for a Strategic Defense Initiative as an alternative to a proliferation of missiles under the concept of mutual assured destruction. SDI is derisively nicknamed by Senator [Ted Kennedy](#) (D-Mass.) as "Star Wars," after the 1977 film by [George Lucas](#). By the early 1990s, with the Cold War ending and nuclear arsenals rapidly reduced, political support for SDI collapses. SDI officially ends in 1993, when the administration of President [Bill Clinton](#) redirects the efforts towards theatre ballistic missiles and renames the agency the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. BMDO is renamed the Missile Defense Agency in 2002. (Wikipedia, "[Strategic Defense Initiative](#)")
- 1983**, March 23 — Night. Russian Major V. Gorsky is stationed in the Altai Mountains of Mongolia when he sees, along with two of his commanding officers, a silvery disc at an altitude of 1,300 feet and 1–2 miles away. Its colors seem to be changing constantly, and it is surrounded by a blue halo. A narrow beam of light descends from it, illuminating the area. More than 30 other soldiers witness the display. It studies the area another 4 minutes, then the beam disappears, the halo vanishes, and the object is gone instantly. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 127–128)
- 1983**, March 24 — 7:30 p.m. A corporate executive in Bedford, New York, sees a half-circle of lights hovering behind some trees near a commuter-bus station. There is no sound. After watching for 5 minutes, he goes inside his house to alert his family, but when they come outside, the lights are gone. (NightSiege 29; Clark III 1277; Clark IV 1460)
- 1983**, March 24 — 8:00 p.m. Four persons in Carmel, New York, see a half-circle of red and white lights and the vague outline of a larger object to which they are attached. The lights are hovering above trees several hundred yards away. They drift to the east and are lost to view, but almost immediately a family living a quarter mile away sees them drift into view. Through binoculars they can see a "huge object" with a dull-green metallic color connecting the lights. When the UFO turns slightly, they see it has a V shape. At that moment a brilliant beam of white light shoots down from the center of the object, and in it a small reddish object descends then shoots off "very, very fast toward the north." The beam is shut off and the object turns and heads slowly east. (Clark III 1277; Clark IV 1460)
- 1983**, March 24 — 8:30 p.m. Police officers in Yorktown, New York, say that their switchboard is flooded with calls reporting a large, boomerang-shaped UFO with red, blue, and green lights. Police in the nearby villages of Millwood and New Castle receive a flood of calls as well, describing an object as large as a football field. William Hele, a meteorologist for the National Weather Corporation, sees an asymmetrical V-shaped object about 1,300 feet long, with 6–7 lights as he is driving south on the Taconic Highway. The object descends from about 2,000 to 980 feet altitude and slows as it approaches. Hele realizes that the lights are all changing colors at different times, as if lit by a rotating prism within the structure. Suddenly, all the lights go out, leaving nothing in their place, as if whatever object was supporting them has simply disappeared. The lights reappear 30–40 seconds later, and a few seconds after that, the object turns to the north and flies away, as the lights change to a slime green. At the same time, people 15 miles north in Putnam County see a smaller object exhibiting similar behavior. Ruth Holtsman describes a silent object that hangs motionless in the sky. While it is in view, a driver pulls up and stops almost directly underneath it. The lights start to flash in a wild sequence up and down its "wings." The driver jumps into his car and speeds away. Then the UFO approaches Holtsman's car, which is bathed in a blinding white light as it speeds under the boomerang. John Miller sees the object hovering above a pond near his home in Brewster, New York. It is aiming two very bright searchlight beams over the surface of the water. He hears a faint whooshing sound. (Philip Imbrogno, "[Boomerang over Three Counties.](#)" *IUR* 8, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1983): 10–11; Philip J. Imbrogno and Chris Clark, "[Boomerang Saga Continues.](#)" *IUR* 9, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1984): 4–6; Michael Vitez, "[UFOs Amaze Experts, Chill State Residents.](#)" *Hartford (Conn.) Courant*, August 16, 1984, pp. A1, A18; Philip J. Imbrogno, "[Westchester Boomerang: March 24, 1983.](#)" *IUR* 9, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1984): 9–12; R. Perry Collins, "[The Westchester Wing: A Closer Look.](#)" *Pursuit* 18, no. 1 (Spring 1985): 6–7; R. Perry Collins, "[The Westchester Wing, Part II.](#)" *Pursuit* 18, no. 4 (Winter 1985): 166, 167; NightSiege 15–17, 29, 31–37, 39–42; Marler [117–119](#); Clark III 1277–1278; Clark IV 1460–1461)

- 1983**, March 24 — 8:45 p.m. Several dozen diners at a ski-resort restaurant near Stormville, New York, see white lights in a boomerang shape hovering over a utility pole 600 feet away. Three other people driving near the pole stop by it. The driver, a corrections officer, gets out and studies the object about 200 feet above him. It is silent, and the structure that holds the lights is dark and nonreflective. After watching it for 20 minutes, he heads back to his jeep, at which time the UFO moves down the road. He follows it to Interstate 84 and all the lights go out, allowing him to see the boomerang shape. The lights come back on and he follows the object for more than an hour, clocking it speed at 20 mph. (Chris Clark, "[Boomerang!](#)" *IUR* 9, no. 3 (May/June 1984): 10; NightSieve 41, 61–69; Clark III 1278; Clark IV 1461)
- 1983**, March 24 — 10:00 p.m. The last sighting of many this night is by Robert Golden, an IBM executive who sees a lighted object "larger than a 747" hovering over pine trees near his home in Danbury, Connecticut. (NightSieve 49–50; Clark III 1278; Clark IV 1461)
- 1983**, March 28 — Radar at the airport at Gorky [now Nizhny Novgorod], Russia, tracks an unidentified target flying at 110–125 mph at an altitude of 1,310–1,970 feet. Flight Controller A. Shushkin sees the cigar-shaped object, which is similar to an aircraft in size but has no wings and is metallic. It is in view for only 10 seconds. (Good Above, [p. 243](#); Paul Stonehill, "[Pilot and Cosmonaut Pavel Popovich and UFOs](#)," *Open Minds*, June 12, 2014)
- 1983**, April — French physicians Daniel Mavrakis and Jean-Pierre Bocquet publish the results of their examinations of six claimed abductees. They conclude that five of them suffered from paranoid delusions that are immune from criticism and reasoning. (Daniel Mavrakis and Jean-Pierre Bocquet, "[Psychoses et objets volants non identifiés](#)," *Canadian Journal of Psychiatry* 28, no. 3 (April 1983): 199–201; Eghigian, *After*, p. 294)
- 1983**, April 9 — [Linda Moulton Howe](#) flies to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to interview Sgt. [Richard Doty](#) for an HBO series she is working on, *UFOs: The ET Factor*, but Doty does not show. She calls Jerry Miller, chief of reality weapons testing at Kirtland AFB, whom she knows from an earlier conversation about [Paul Bennewitz](#)'s claims. Miller drives her to his home and calls Doty, who arrives promptly. Doty's attitude is defiant and nervous, but Howe asks him about the alleged 1971 Holloman AFB landing. Doty says [Robert Emenecker](#) got the date wrong and that it was actually April 25, 1964, shortly after the Socorro landing. Transferring to his office at Kirtland, Doty is reluctant to talk about the 1977 Ellsworth landing. He shows her a bogus, undated document, *A Briefing Paper for the President of the United States on the Subject of Unidentified Flying Vehicles*. The document lists UFO crash/retrievals and states that UFOs are piloted by extraterrestrials from a nearby solar system and have been on earth for many thousands of years. Through genetic manipulation, they have influenced the course of human evolution and helped shape our religious beliefs. Roswell and the 1949 living alien are mentioned, as well as Projects Snowbird (retro-engineering a crashed UFO), Aquarius (umbrella project involving all ET contacts), Sigma (an ongoing electronic communications effort with aliens), and the defunct Garnet (investigation of ETs on human evolution). Doty promises Howe thousands of feet of film of crashed discs, bodies, EBE-1, and the Holloman landing for her documentary. He says that a similar release of data through Emenecker and [Allan Sandler](#) was halted because "political conditions were not right." When she tells her HBO contacts about this, they ask her to secure a letter of intent from the US government with a legally binding commitment to secure the promised film footage. HBO wants the film, but Doty now stalls. In June, Doty tells her he is officially off the project. Further contacts up to March 1984 are fewer. In 2008, Doty claims that the intelligence community targeted Howe to find out who her inside sources were. (Good Above, [p. 425](#); Linda Moulton Howe, *An Alien Harvest: Further Evidence Linking Animal Mutilations and Human Abductions to Alien Life Forms*, Howe Productions, 1989, pp. 143–156; Dolan II 299–307; Clark III 363–365; Clark IV 407–409)
- 1983**, April 10 — 8:30 p.m. Two drivers near Ross, Ohio, see a large, bright, oval object that seems to land. The property owner at the location also sees a white light on a hillside behind his home and watches the object ascend slowly before moving away at speed. The drivers' car lights flicker, and the engines nearly stall. The landowner reports flickering houselights and TV problems. Investigation of the landing site indicates that a heavy circular object about 50 feet in diameter has landed, producing a 3-foot burn mark in the center. (NICAP, "[Ross, Ohio: April 10, 1983](#)"; Charles J. Wilhelm, "[Ross, Ohio Landing Case](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 186 (August 1983): 3–7; UFOEv II 65)
- 1983**, April 26–27 — Day. For two days, a UFO is seen above Nuremberg, Germany. Amateur astronomer Walter Schwarz takes a photo that apparently shows a balloon. A local radio station hires a Lear jet to approach it, reaching 12,300 feet, but it is still too far away to identify it. Eckard Pohl, the astronomer at the Nuremberg Observatory, tracks it and says that it looks like a deformed pyramid with a pointed top and estimates it is flying at an altitude of 14.3 miles. The object is later identified as a balloon launched from eastern Europe. (Hans-Werner Peiniger, "['UFO' bei Nürnberg aufgeklärt](#)," *Journal für UFO-Forschung*, no. 27 (May/June 1983): 68–69; Hans-Werner Peiniger, "[UFO über Köln identifiziert](#)," *Journal für UFO-Forschung*, no. 28 (July/Aug. 1983):

- 99–100; “[Excitement Chasing a Mysterious Flying Object](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 6 (Dec. 1983/Jan. 1984): 3; “[Nurnberg UFO Becomes IFO](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 1 (Feb./March 1984): 4)
- 1983**, April 27–May 2 — Divers see an object like a submarine conning tower in Husnesfjorden, Hordaland, Norway. By 1:00 p.m., a search team from Norwegian Defense is at the site, consisting of the corvette [KNM Sleipner](#), two submarines, and one Orion aircraft equipped with antisubmarine weapons. The next day the [KNM Oslo](#) and two more frigates join the search. At 4:55 p.m., the *Oslo* has a first sonar contact south of Leirvik on Stord island. At 5:21 p.m., it fires a Terne rocket as a warning. On April 29, a possible sonar contact is recorded in Selbjørnfjord. On the afternoon of April 30, the *Oslo*, after another sonar contact, fires a Terne rocket and drops a mine. Five minutes later it launches four more rockets, but then the sonar contact is lost. Around 4:00 p.m., five Terne rockets are fired at nearby Halsenøy. Near midnight, a sonar contact south of Leirvik results in another rocket firing. On May 1, at 4:20 p.m., another sonar contact takes place and six Terne rockets are fired. They hit the water and plunge deep before detonating. Immediately afterward, an Orion aircraft drops a mine at the same spot in Skåneviksfjorden. At 5:20 p.m., the *Oslo* again attacks with six rockets. Five minutes later it launches four more rockets, and the sonar contact is lost. At 8:30 p.m., an Orion aircraft has the last sonar contact. The aircraft drops mines at the entrance to the Høylandssundet. On May 2, mines are dropped in the Selbjørnfjord. (Ole Jonny Brønne, “[Observations of Unidentified Submarine Objects in Norway](#),” *IUR* 20, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1995): 13)
- 1983**, May 4 — 3:50 a.m. Police officer James Philips sees a silent, yellowish-orange ball of light over the outskirts of Lawrence, Kansas, hovering 350 feet over a power line pole. It flies away toward the northeast slowly at 30–40 mph. The sighting lasts three minutes. (“[A ‘Yorg’ in Kansas](#),” *IUR* 8, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1983): 14)
- 1983**, May 12 — 1:50 a.m. Three police officers on the Warrenville Heights, Ohio, police force see four dim lights moving silently in a wedge formation from south to north. They smoothly transition to a diamond formation as they near the constellation of Ursa Major. They shift into another formation again before speeding off in two different directions. (“[Multiple Witness: Multiple UFO Sighting](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1983): 5–6)
- 1983**, May 20 — Sam Meadows and another ranch hand discover a perfect circle of disturbed grass in a pasture on the Teas Ranch in Hemphill County near Canadian, Texas. The circle is 29 feet in diameter, with an outer circle of much shorter and greener buffalo grass that is 4 inches wide. This is a characteristic of new grass that comes up after a fire has burned the old grass. A prickly pear cactus pad is found at the edge of the ring; the side closest to the ring is devoid of spines, while all the spines facing away from the ring are undamaged. No UFO is seen. (W. Clark Ellzey, “[A Ring on a Panhandle Ranch, and Others](#),” *IUR* 8, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1983): 10–11)
- 1983**, May 23 — 7:30 p.m. A high school art teacher and his daughter watch a disc-shaped object with a black top, blue sides, square windows, and a reddish golden metallic bottom maneuvering over trees in McHenry, Illinois. It then rocks violently, levels out, and flies off following the contour of the land. (“[I Know What I Saw...But I Don’t Know What I Saw](#),” *IUR* 10, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1985): 7–8)
- 1983**, May 23 — Night. Farmer Alcineu Sousa is aboard his twin-engine airplane returning from a visit to a farm near Corumbiara, Rondônia, Brazil. As he is about to land on his farm near Porto Velho, Rondônia, he sees an opaque light about 30 feet in diameter on his left that begins to approach and shine more brightly. His airplane instruments start to go haywire. He pulls the plane sharply to the right, but the UFO does the same but more moderately. A few seconds later, the light disappears over the horizon. (Clark III 200–201; Brazil 541; Clark IV 241)
- 1983**, May 24 — 6:00 p.m. A schoolboy is in his parents’ backyard in Jüchen, Germany, when he sees a red ball shoot down and hover above a nearby electric power line. It ejects a pyramid-shaped array of colored lights toward the ground. A few minutes later, the array disappears from the object downward to the ground. The object then speeds away into the sky toward its point of origin. Wim van Utrecht suspects that the object was actually the Moon shining through clouds with crepuscular rays creating the pyramid shape. (Hans-Werner Peiniger, “[CE 2–Fall in Jüchen](#),” *Journal für UFO-Forschung*, no. 30 (Nov./Dec. 1983): 161–168; “[CEII Case in Jüchen, West Germany](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 1 (Feb./March 1984): 1–2; Wim van Utrecht, “[Solid Light or Lunar Light? The 1983 Jüchen Case Revisited](#),” *UFO Fotocat Blog*, June 15, 2024)
- 1983**, Summer — [Richard Haines](#) founds the short-lived North American UFO Federation, an effort to unite MUFON, CUFOS, and other groups (except APRO) to standardize UFO investigations, educate the public, and resolve the UFO mystery. Insufficient funding dooms the effort to failure. (Walt Andrus, “[Financing the North American UFO Federation](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 187 (September 1983): 15)
- 1983**, June 3 — Norwegian and Swedish ufologists launch Project Hessdalen under the directorship of [Leif Havik](#), Odd-Gunnar Røed, [Erling Strand](#), Håken Ekstrand, and Jan Fjellander. They secure technical assistance from the

universities of Oslo and Bergen, as well as cameras with grating filters, a seismograph, Geiger counter, radar, infrared viewer, laser, magnetograph, and spectrum analyzer. Their purpose is to set up the equipment in the Hessdalen valley in central Norway where odd nocturnal lights have been observed repeatedly since December 1981. (“[Project Hessdalen: The Colored Lights of Norway](#),” *IUR* 8, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1983): 6–8; Kim Hansen, “UFO Casebook,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, p. 90; Clark III 572; David Clarke, “Spooklights: A Survey of Transient Luminous Phenomena,” *Fortean Times* 422 (September 2022): 44; Erling P. Strand, “[Project Hessdalen, Part 1: From 3 June 1983 to 24 March 1994](#),” Society for UAP Studies, January 4, 2024; Clark IV 630)

- 1983, June 5** — 5:00 a.m. Retired restaurant manager Mario Claretto wakes up because his dogs are barking outside his home at Varzi, Pavia, Italy. He sees a shining object with an orange headlight on a hill across the road from his house. It is hovering low above an alfalfa field. Its upper portion is slowly rotating, showing a silver section, a dark section, then the orange light. After finishing some work in the kitchen, Claretto goes outside for a closer look. He sees another person walking toward the object; after approaching very near, the person runs away, escaping down the road. Claretto points the object out to a neighbor, Bruno Stafforini, who has also woken up because of the dogs. The UFO rises after skimming the grass for a few feet, its dome recedes, and it emits a vapor. It seems to change its form to cigar-shaped. Suddenly it speeds off to the south-southwest. (Antonio Chiumiento, “[Un U.F.O. a Varzi](#),” *Notiziario UFO*, no. 101 (Sept./Oct. 1983): 4–10; Antonio Chiumiento, “[Close Encounter at Varzi](#),” *IUR* 9, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1984): 4–5, 13; Antonio Chiumiento, “[A Landing at Varzi in Northern Italy](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 30, no. 6 (August 1985): 2–9; Antonio Chiumiento and Paolo Toselli, “[L’atterrissage de Varzi \(Italie\)](#),” *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 257/258 (Nov./Dec 1985): 32–37; 2Pinotti 61–68)
- 1983, June 6** — 9:30 p.m. Warren Eggé, Lou Burlingame, and their wives are sailing to Bermuda on the two-masted ketch *Beluga*. When they are about 150 miles due east of Cape May, New Jersey, Eggé notices a two-tone blob of blue light with a trail approaching from the west. He and Burlingame watch as it passes overhead for about 7–9 seconds. Within 10–15 seconds after it disappears, a second blue blob approaches from the same direction, followed by at least a dozen more objects over the next 10–15 minutes. Some of the objects travel in clusters of three and four but in different sizes. The last object is seen about 45° above the horizon past the boat’s stern. (Robert C. Warth, “[A Train of UFOs](#),” *Pursuit* 16, no. 2 (Summer 1983): cover)
- 1983, June 20** — Sen. [Barry Goldwater](#) (R-Ariz.) replies to UFO researcher [William S. Steinman](#) regarding government knowledge of UFOs: “I have no idea of who controls the flow of ‘need-to-know’ because, frankly, I was told in such an emphatic way that it was none of my business that I’ve never tried to make it my business since.” (Kean, [p. 243](#))
- 1983, June 22–27** — At the International Symposium on Multiparticle Dynamics at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, the Los Alamos National Laboratory puts forward a proposal for a 3,500-square-foot (with plans for extending it to 6,000 square feet) National Underground Science Facility beneath the Nuclear Test Site in Nevada. (Michael Martin Nieto, “[Physics at the Proposed National Underground Science Facility](#),” Los Alamos National Laboratory, June 1983)
- 1983, July** — Statistician [Jean-Jacques Velasco](#) replaces [Alain Esterle](#) as director of GEPAN. Esterle is dismissed, apparently because of potential scandal about GEPAN’s apparent collaboration with the French Army on magnetohydrodynamic propulsion experiments, done without the knowledge of GEPAN’s resident expert, [Jean-Pierre Petit](#), who has suggested such a project. (Wikipedia, “[Groupe d’études des phénomènes aérospatiaux non identifiés](#)”; Gildas Bourdais, “[From GEPAN to SEPRA: Official UFO Studies in France](#),” *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 12–13)
- 1983, July** — Morning. Farmers Ron and Paula Watson see a shiny, flickering object in one of their faraway pastures near Springfield, Missouri. Through binoculars, they can see a green, cone-shaped craft, with a door and platform on the side. Standing next to it is a bipedal, lizard-like creature with big eyes. They then notice two small, white-skinned humanoids in silver suits who are bending over a cow, which they cause to float up into the craft. (Linda Moulton Howe, “Further Evidence Linking Animal Mutilations and Human Abductions to Alien Life Forms,” in Walter H. Andrus Jr., ed., *MUFON 1991 International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1991, pp. 133–1247; Clark III 136–137; Clark IV 164)
- 1983, Early July** — [Debbie Jordan-Kauble](#) (using the pseudonym of “Kathie Davis”) and her mother see a light about 2 feet in diameter moving around the family pool house in Indianapolis, Indiana. Some days later they notice a section of their backyard has turned brown, a circular area about 8 feet in diameter. She contacts [Budd Hopkins](#), who speaks with Debbie and her family and uncovers a pattern of events that have affected them for years. It appears that Debbie, her mother, and two of her children have been abducted at different points of their lives. Debbie and her mother have identical scars on their lower legs from apparent childhood abductions, and Hopkins believes that Debbie and her son have implants inserted near their brains, one through the nasal cavity and another

through the ear. Hopkins conducts numerous hypnotic regression sessions, revealing apparent pregnancies induced by aliens. (Budd Hopkins, [*Intruders: The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods*](#), Random House, 1987; Debbie Jordan and Kathy Mitchell, *Abducted! The Story of the Intruders Continues*, Carroll and Graf, 1994; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 281–282)

- 1983**, July 2 — The primary scientific arguments against ETH are summarized by astronomer [J. Allen Hynek](#) during a presentation at the 1983 MUFON Symposium, where he outlines seven key reasons why he cannot accept the ETH: (1) Failure of sophisticated surveillance systems to detect incoming or outgoing UFOs, (2) gravitational and atmospheric considerations, (3) statistical considerations, (4) elusive, evasive and absurd behavior of UFOs and their occupants, (5) isolation of the UFO phenomenon in time and space (the Cheshire Cat effect), (6) the space unworthiness of UFOs, and (7) the problem of astronomical distances. According to Hynek, points 1 through 6 could be argued, but point 7 represents an “insurmountable” barrier to the validity of the ETH. (J. Allen Hynek, “The Case against E.T.,” in Walter H. Andrus and Dennis W. Stacy, eds., *MUFON 1983 UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1983, pp. 118–126)
- 1983**, July 7 — An unauthorized target appears on the radar screens at Darłowo Airport, Poland, corresponding to a rotating, oblong object with a steel-colored covering flying at 11,000 feet. Polish Air Force Captain Praszczatek and another pilot go up to intercept it and get within 660 feet. He sees a solid hull, 50 feet long and 6 feet across. Just after they are ordered to shoot it down, the object shoots up to 30,000 feet, too high to pursue. (Poland 64–65)
- 1983**, July 12 — 9:30 p.m. A police officer answers a call at a location southeast of Danbury, Connecticut, where several people are standing outside looking at a circular pattern of lights that are flashing red, blue, and green. The lights appear to be attached to a silent object 300 feet in diameter and less than 500 feet in altitude. The officer shines a spotlight on it, and the object projects a brilliant flash of white light downward. It then moves quickly to the north and is lost behind trees. At 10:55 p.m., Danbury Police Chief Nelson Macedo, his brother-in-law Charles Yacuzzi, his son Michael, and retired policeman Jim Lucksky are boating on Candlewood Lake north of Danbury. They notice a circular gray object silently hovering high in the sky. 20–30 bright blue, red, orange, and green lights moving in a circular pattern are visible on the object. The men turn off the boat lights and the object shuts off its own lights. After several minutes, Yacuzzi turns the lights on again, and the UFO switches on bright lights and moves off behind the mountains. (NightSight 108–112; Richard Haines, *CE-5: Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind*, Sourcebooks, 1998, pp. 132–133)
- 1983**, July 22 — 12:40 a.m. Police constables Raymond Ellens and Peter Ferguson are on car patrol east of Melton, Melbourne, Victoria, when they see a bright, stationary light over the center of the town. As they approach, they discern that it is composed of two lights. The object turns west and hovers about 200 feet above the Melton Regional Shopping Centre. Soon the object flies off to the southeast, making a high-pitched humming sound. After rising to about 500 feet, the UFO moves off to the north and is lost to sight. The UFO is picked up on radar at Tullamarine Air Traffic Control in Melbourne. The constables see it again at 2:40 a.m. when it appears to be on the ground at the rear of the Toolern Vale stables (they inspect the paddock but find no traces), then it is lost to view until 4:30 a.m. when they are again at the shopping mall. At some point police Sgt. Barry Harman and Chief Inspector Hickman also see the UFO above the shopping center. The constables follow the object, this time with more lights visible. Between their position and the object is the Australian Army Rockbank Receiving Station, and it seems to be headed directly toward the antenna array. Before reaching it, the object turns and arcs again to the north. Ellens and Ferguson lose sight of it at about 6:00 a.m. Their written report states that over time the UFO flew in a triangular pattern bounded by Melton, Rockbank, Sydenham, and Diggers Rest in a counterclockwise path between 200 and 1,600 feet in altitude. The Australian Signal Intelligence facility at Rockbank is alerted that its security has been breached. (Bill Chalker, “[The Australian Government and UFOs](#),” *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 21–22; Keith Basterfield, *UFOs: A Report on Australian Encounters*, Reed Books, 1997, pp. 84–86)
- 1983**, July 25 — 5:15 a.m. Tom Jackson is getting ready for work in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, when he sees a bright light outside his bathroom window. He opens it and sees a huge object hovering above pine trees about 750 feet away. It is metallic gray, possibly 300 feet long, and elongated but with the front and back ends dropping down. It has two rows of evenly spaced windows. After 5 minutes it moves toward the town’s sewage plant. Other residents report a brilliant orange light over the sewage plant. Still others hear a loud, high-pitched sound so intense that it causes headaches and disturbs neighborhood dogs. (Stan Gordon, “[Pennsylvania Flap Is Biggest Since 1973](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 188 (October 1983): 9–11)
- 1983**, July 25 — Night. For 2–3 minutes, four witnesses in Flushing, Michigan, watch a disc-shaped object that silently approaches within a few hundred feet of them. The object has two oversized bright white lights, each about 2 feet across, but the lights do not hurt their eyes and do not appreciably illuminate the surroundings. (Powell, *Scientist*, 96)

- 1983**, August 1 — 12:15 a.m. Terry Conner is at the intersection of West County Line Road and South Ashland Avenue about 1.5 miles southwest of Beecher, Illinois, when he sees a cluster of red flashing lights. They are coming from an object in a farmer's field about 450–600 feet away. It appears to be 30 feet tall with 40–50 continuously flashing red lights in the shape of a vertical U. After 2 minutes, two large steady red lights appear to rise until they are even with the top of the U. After 10 seconds, all the lights go out at once. ([“Beecher, Illinois, Nocturnal Lights Remain Unexplained,”](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 5 (Oct./Nov. 1984): 1)
- 1983**, August 2 — 4:50 p.m. Christopher W. Pepo and his 8-year-old son see two silver-white, metallic discs slowly traveling north to south along the coastline at Point Pleasant, New Jersey. They are visible for about 3 minutes before they disappear into a cloud. (Christopher W. Pepo, [“My Fortean Vacation: A Comprehensive Report on a UFO Sighting,”](#) *Pursuit* 16, no. 4 (Winter 1983): 147–149)
- 1983**, August 9 — 7:30 p.m. Julio Platner has parked his truck and is opening a gate to a farmhouse along Highway 35 near Eduardo Castex, La Pampa, Argentina, when he sees a bright light approaching him at high speed. He raises his arm to shield his face, then finds himself seated inside a room with beige walls and glass cases illuminated by a soft white light. Around him stand four humans, three men and one woman, about 5 feet 5 inches tall, bald, with large and lidless eyes, and wearing close-fitting jumpsuits. He tries to speak but cannot make a sound, but he gets a mental message to remain calm. They apparently anesthetize him and draw some blood with a transparent instrument. Afterward he gets up and tries to walk but suddenly finds himself back in his truck with his hands on the steering wheel, but some miles from his original location on an unimproved road. Returning to the farmhouse, he finds the gate still open, so he closes it. He looks at his left arm and sees a scab on the inside of his elbow. He returns to his home in Winifreda and tells his wife about the incident. (Scott Corrales, [“CE-3 at Winifreda: Julio Platner's Experience \(1983\),”](#) *UFO Digest*, April 14, 2011; Clark IV 698–700, 1015–1016)
- 1983**, August 12 — Around 1:00 a.m. Alfred Burtoo is fishing along the Basingstoke Canal in Aldershot, Hampshire, England, when a disc-shaped UFO lands nearby. Two humanoid beings approach him. They are 4 feet 6 inches tall, dressed in green overalls, and wear helmets with visors. They gesture at Burtoo to follow them, and he goes up a stairway into the craft. He is made to stand under an amber light. The beings speak to him in broken English, telling him that he is too old and infirm for their purposes. They then let him go. (Good Above, [pp. 106–112](#); Marcus Lowth, [“The Bizarre Ordeal of Alfred Burtoo: The Abduction That Wasn't,”](#) *UFO Insight*, August 7, 2017)
- 1983**, August 12 — 11:10 p.m. In the Maraponga neighborhood of Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil, João de Lira Pessoa Neto is riding his motorcycle with his friend Plínio Couto de Alencar Júnior to a party. The cycle breaks down, so they push it home and head back on foot to the party. They pass the train tracks and the Cavan poles factory, where they notice that a transformer that always buzzes is silent. Stray dogs do not bark, and the lights on the poles are blinking intermittently. A strong light blinks near them and they see a disc-shaped object about 325 feet above the Lagoa da Maraponga, its shape reflected in the dark water. The object moves, and the two witnesses run off. Party hosts Roberto de Lira Pessoa Neto and his wife Rejane, Rejane's sister, and a sailor named Cal are intrigued and decide to return to the site together. They look around and see the UFO landing on the lake shore. The disc has large round windows and a brightly lit interior. Inside they see human-looking beings moving about and looking out the windows. Roberto sees three humanoid figures beside the UFO. They seem to be covered in a plastic cloak and have a wobbling gait. Plínio thinks the object disappears and reappears like a mirage. The witnesses begin running away when another similar UFO appears above them and causes a gale. It disappears, and everything returns to normal, with dogs barking and the transformer buzzing. Later at home, João has a strong urge to return to the scene. The object is still there, and he has a compulsion to meet the occupants. He suddenly gets dizzy and nauseous and falls to the ground unconscious. He revives 2 hours later and finds himself in a soccer field and cannot remember how he got there. He goes home, but his behavior changes, becoming ruder. On May 21, 1989, João drowns under mysterious circumstances in a lagoon in Uruoca, Ceará, Brazil. (Reginaldo de Athayde, [“Seqüestro por ETs no Nordeste e reavaliado,”](#) *Portal UFO*, December 1, 1995; Clark III 710–712; Brazil 297–303; Clark IV 777–779)
- 1983**, August 21 — Evening. R. Perry Collins views a huge, wing-shaped object with three red, green, and blue lights from his residence near St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Its lights go off and on as it slowly moves at a low altitude to the east. He watches it for 20–30 seconds until the lights blink out. (R. Perry Collins, [“The Westchester Wing: A Closer Look,”](#) *Pursuit* 18, no. 1 (Spring 1985): 6–9; R. Perry Collins, [“The Westchester Wing, Part II,”](#) *Pursuit* 18, no. 4 (Winter 1985): 166, 167–168)
- 1983**, August 26 — 4:00 a.m. A Mrs. Zurawski is awakened by brilliant white flashes of light reflecting off the trees to the east of her house in Cedar Lake, Indiana. She gets up, thinking a thunderstorm is approaching, and she sees the screen on the front door flooded with intense light. Her husband is also awake by now, and he describes the light as yellowish. Through a picture window, Mr. Zurawski sees an object hovering 4–5 feet off the ground in

- their yard. Mrs. Zurawski hears a swoosh and a crackle and notices a ribbon of light moving southeast. Five days later, they discover in their yard a ring of dead grass in a perfect circle 13 feet in diameter. (Mark Remaley, "[The Light and the Ring](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1984): 4–6)
- 1983**, August 27–29 — The British UFO Research Association holds its Third International UFO Congress in High Wycombe, London, England. ("[3d International UFO Congress, August 1983](#)," *BUFORA Bulletin*, no. 11 (November 1983): 8–21; "[3d Bufora International UFO Congress](#)," *IUR* 8, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1983): 9, 16)
- 1983**, September — British ufologist [Jenny Randles](#) publishes *UFO Reality*, in which she defines the "Oz Factor," the "sensation of being isolated, or transported from the real world into a different environmental framework." She suggests that this feeling, often reported by UFO witnesses, "is almost suggestive of the witness being transported temporarily from our world into another, where reality is but slightly different." (Jenny Randles, [UFO Reality: A Critical Look at the Physical Evidence](#), R. Hale, 1983; Clark III 866; Clark IV 960)
- 1983**, September 1 — GEPAN is reorganized by transferring it to a smaller department in CNES. The seven members of its scientific council are given different assignments, leaving [Jean-Jacques Velasco](#) in sole charge with no scientific advisers. GEPAN's resources and personnel are drastically reduced. During the following years, the scientific council no longer meets, despite repeated demands by one of its members, [Christian Perrin de Brichambaut](#), general inspector of the National Meteorology Office. A last meeting of the council takes place in 1987. (Gildas Bourdais, "[From GEPAN to SEPRA: Official UFO Studies in France](#)," *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 12–13; Clark III 547; Clark IV 605)
- 1983**, September 1 — Korean Air Lines Flight 007 is shot down by a Soviet interceptor over the Sea of Japan near Moneron Island (just west of Sakhalin island) while flying over prohibited Soviet airspace. All 269 passengers and crew aboard are killed, including Rep. [Larry McDonald](#) (D-Ga.) and president of the anticommunist John Birch Society. (Wikipedia, "[Korean Air Lines Flight 007](#)")
- 1983**, September 3 — Day. Wiesław Machowski, his daughter, and a friend are fishing in a coastal lake near Wicie, Poland. They notice an orange sphere with another object below it and keep their eyes on it for 30 minutes or so. The larger light emits a smaller one that stops and returns to the bigger one; the sequence keeps repeating. When they return to their boarding house, they see it again but much closer to the coast. Machowski grabs a camera and takes three photos that shows the large object looking like a hat standing on its brim, and the object disappears shortly afterward. (Poland 57–58)
- 1983**, September 23 — 11:00 p.m. Three high-school girls and one adult watch a large, kite-shaped object with four steady, glowing lights (two red, two blue) above Sandy Hook, Connecticut. They estimate the object is flying low above Highway I-84. (R. Perry Collins, "[The Westchester Wing: A Closer Look](#)," *Pursuit* 18, no. 1 (Spring 1985): 6, 9–10)
- 1983**, September 26 — Midnight. The Soviet orbital missile early warning system (SPRN), code-named Oko, reports a single intercontinental ballistic missile launch from the United States. Lt. Col. [Stanislav Petrov](#), who is on duty during the incident, correctly dismisses the warning as a computer error when ground early warning radars do not detect any launches. Part of his reasoning is that the system is new and known to have malfunctioned previously; also, a full-scale nuclear attack from the US would involve thousands of simultaneous launches, not a single missile. Later, the system reports four more ICBM launches headed to the Soviet Union, but Petrov again dismisses the reports as false. The investigation that follows reveals that the system indeed has malfunctioned, and false alarms are caused by a rare alignment of sunlight on high-altitude clouds underneath the satellites' orbits. (Wikipedia, "[1983 Soviet nuclear false alarm incident](#)")
- 1983**, October — Odd-Gunnar Røed begins publishing the *Project Hessdalen Bulletin* in Duken, Norway, in English. It updates readers on the latest sightings of nocturnal lights around Hessdalen, Norway. It continues through April 1985. ([Project Hessdalen Bulletin](#) 1, no. 1 (October 1983))
- 1983**, October — *Flying Saucer Review* editor [Gordon Creighton](#) writes an essay on his beliefs about UFOs, which he thinks are piloted by Islamic jinns. (Gordon Creighton, "[A Brief Account of the True Nature of the 'UFO Entities](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 29, no. 1 (October 1983): 2–6; Clark III 499; Clark IV 547)
- 1983**, October — 6:45 p.m. Paula E. Green, 12, undergoes her first abduction experience as she is walking through Judy Woods in Bradford, England, with a 14-year-old friend. It is the first of some 52 further incidents. (*Daily Star Sunday*, May 9, 2021; Nigel Watson, "Fifty-two Shades of Grey: Paula's Story," *Fortean Times* 407 (July 2021): 30–31)
- 1983**, October 10 — The Soviet space probe Venera 15 reaches the orbit of Venus. The spacecraft is inserted into Venus orbit a day apart from Venera 16, with its orbital plane shifted by an angle of approximately 4° relative to the other probe. This makes it possible to reimage an area if necessary. Together with Venera 16, the spacecraft

images the area from the north pole down to about 30°N latitude (approximately 25% of the planet's surface) over the eight months of mapping operations. (Wikipedia, "[Venera 15](#)")

- 1983**, October 15 — 8:30 p.m. Catherine Burk is driving to her home in Altoona, Pennsylvania, when she sees a large, silvery disc pass about 30 feet above her car. The force of the UFO lifts the right side of her car briefly off the road, causing her lights to blink out and the engine to stall. She suffers hearing loss in her right ear, has severe headaches, and develops problems with her shoulder, chest, and spine. Local police investigate and find her "visibly shaking." ("[UFO Lifts Car Up on Its Side](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 189 (November 1983): 3–4; UFOEv II 232)
- 1983**, Late October — Evening. Villagers in Hollesley, East Suffolk, England, witness a triangular object with three powerful white lights on its base that illuminate the ground below it. Ron Marco says the lights form a triangle and remain perfectly still, until it moves above his head and other witnesses. Debbie Foreman and Pauline Osborne report headlight and engine trouble when the UFO appears. (Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, pp. 160–161; Stacia Briggs and Siofra Connor, "[Weird Suffolk: Hollesley, the UFO Hotspot](#)," *East Anglian Daily Times* (Ipswich), April 13, 2018)
- 1983**, October 24 — In response to a question by MP [Patrick Wall](#), Minister of State for the Armed Forces [John Stanley](#) tells the House of Commons that his department has received 1,400 UFO reports since 1980. He is aware of the Rendlesham case, but he knows of no sightings that are a defense concern. (Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1983**, October 25–29 — The US and a coalition of six Caribbean nations attack the island nation of Grenada. Codenamed Operation Urgent Fury, the intervention results in an American victory in a matter of days. It is triggered by the strife within the People's Revolutionary Government that results in the house arrest and execution of the previous leader and second Prime Minister of Grenada [Maurice Bishop](#), and the establishment of the Revolutionary Military Council with [Hudson Austin](#) as chairman. The invasion results in the appointment of an interim government, followed by democratic elections in 1984, and serves as a tune-up for the US military, which has been out of action for 10 years. (Wikipedia, "[United States invasion of Grenada](#)")
- 1983**, October 26 — 9:00 p.m. David Keener is driving on US Highway 321 northeast of Hickory, North Carolina, when a diamond-shaped object, red in front, bright green in the rear, hovers low over his car and then rises up again. The observation lasts about 5 minutes and the object is silent throughout. He reports the incident to the sheriff's department. ("[Recent Sightings in North Carolina](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 194 (April 1984): 8)
- 1983**, October 28 — 2:15 a.m. Biomedical engineer Jim Cooke is driving by the Croton Falls Reservoir on his way back to Mahopac, New York, when he sees "aircraft lights" approaching and dropping very fast. Oddly, they seem to hover for a while, then blink out. Cooke gets out of his car, walks toward the shoreline, and spots a triangular object hovering less than 15 feet above the water and 200 feet away. After a few minutes, 9 red lights come on from its sides and a red beam of light from the underside probes the water. The UFO moves to four locations above the reservoir, each time shining the red light on the water and remaining at a steady altitude. Each time a car drives by, its lights go out. Cooke estimates the object is 100 feet long at the base and 30 feet at the apex. After 10–15 minutes, it lifts upward at a 30° angle and disappears. (NightSieve 1–4)
- 1983**, October 28 — 10:00 p.m. Two men are driving in the countryside near Ithaca, New York, looking for signs of deer in order to plan their hunting activities. They see a lighted area low in the sky ahead of them. Through binoculars, they see that the light is cast by a round object with three rows of lighted window panels and an illuminated rotating dome that is bright enough to reflect off the low clouds. They estimate it is 15–25 feet in diameter. It stays visible for about 5 minutes as it moves slowly and noiselessly over the ridge of a hill. (CUFOS case file)
- 1983**, November — The Project Hessdalen team goes to Hessdalen, Norway, and explains their project to the locals. (Clark III 572; Clark IV 630)
- 1983**, November — The captain and crew of the Russian diving support vessel *Sprut* are in Kola Bay, northern Russia, when they observe an ellipsoid object slowly moving over the surface at an altitude of 1,640–3,280 feet for 90 minutes. The object separates into three parts, each of which increases in speed and flies to the west. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 145)
- 1983**, November 7–11 — NATO carries out a command post exercise code-named Able Archer 83. Its purpose is to simulate a period of conflict escalation, culminating in the US military attaining a simulated DEFCON 1 coordinated nuclear attack. Coordinated from the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) headquarters in Casteau, Belgium, it involves NATO forces throughout Western Europe. The Soviet leadership is concerned that this could be a ruse for an actual US nuclear strike and moves to a high alert. Historians such as [Thomas Blanton](#), director of the National Security Archive, and [Tom Nichols](#), a professor at the Naval War College, argue that Able Archer 83 brought the world close to a nuclear war. (Wikipedia, "[Able Archer 83](#)")

- 1983**, November 18 — The National Endowment for Democracy is founded in Washington, D.C. It is managed by such individuals as [Henry Kissinger](#), [Sally Shelton-Colby](#), [Barbara Haig](#), and others. Although furnished with \$80 million in funding from Congress, its private status keeps it safe from FOIA requests. Among its programs are: destabilizing [Ferdinand Marcos](#) in the Philippines and [Manuel Noriega](#) in Panama; supporting the Nazi PAN party in Mexico; channeling money to the Contras; and supporting operatives in the Medellín drug cartel. (Wikipedia, “[National Endowment for Democracy](#)”)
- 1983**, November 27 — 2:30–7:30 p.m. Diego Illi, 7, is climbing a tree with a friend outside an abandoned house on Calle 600 in the Villa Montoro neighborhood of La Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina, when they see several small, green-skinned beings. His friend runs away, but Diego stays and plays with them for several hours. They have wrinkled faces, long nails, little boots, and green caps. Over the next few weeks, other children and teens report seeing and interacting with the little humanoids. A parapsychologist named Oscar Avendaño claims to receive telepathic messages from the beings. (“Habrían visto ‘enanitos verdes’ en Villa Montoro,” *La Gazeta de la Tarde* (La Plata), December 1, 1983, p. 8; Scott Corrales, “[The Little Green Men of La Plata: The Villa Montoro Case](#),” *UFO Digest*, July 29, 2014; Franco Ferreyra, “[El mito más grande de La Plata: La noche que llegaron los extraterrestres a Villa Montoro](#),” *Periódico Sin Limites*, October 11, 2024; Clark IV 1404–1406)
- 1983**, November 28 — 8:40 p.m. A woman in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, notices a ball of light approaching her. She goes inside to get her boyfriend and two children. They watch the light approach to within 400 feet, where it hovers at treetop level. It appears to be half the size of the house. Three smaller objects come from behind it and travel southeast, apparently landing in a swampy area near a manufacturing plant. The woman and children run toward the object on foot, while the boyfriend jumps in a car to pursue it. At one point he sees the object hovering above a small lake less than 200 feet away. But within seconds it vanishes. All four witnesses later experience eye irritation, and the boyfriend’s face and hands turn red and feel sore. (“[Recent Sightings in North Carolina](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 194 (April 1984): 8)
- 1983**, November 29 — [Robert Sarbacher](#) replies to a query by UFO researcher [William S. Steinman](#) about crash-retrievals in the late 1940s. He confirms he was “invited to participate in several discussions associated with the reported recoveries” of UFOs, although he was unable to attend the meetings. He described the retrieved saucer material as “extremely light and very tough,” and he had heard that the aliens “were constructed like certain insects we have on Earth.” ([Letter](#) from Robert Sarbacher to William Steinman, November 29, 1983; Good Above, [pp. 525–526](#); Dolan II 320; Clark III 1030–1031; Clark IV 1145–1146)
- 1983**, December — A witness walking his dogs at Sherlocks Farm in Groombridge, East Sussex, England, sees a triangular UFO with an orange light at each apex. It makes a low droning sound as it passes by. (Marler [137](#))
- 1983**, December 7 — 9:00 p.m. A woman and her son and daughter stop at the Pioneer Road exit off I-43 near Cedarburg, Wisconsin, to watch a brightly lit object silently move toward them, getting brighter as it approaches. It descends slowly “like a feather” and stops directly in front of their car about 600 feet away at a height of two telephone poles. At one point it disappears, then reappears as hundreds of smaller lights apparently attached to an object that looks something “like a cooking wok” with a dark area in the middle. It floats around for 5–6 minutes then suddenly disappears. (Bob Gribble, “[UFO Hotline Reports](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 1 (Feb./March 1984): 5; Richard Heiden, Jeffrey Paul, and Donald Schmitt, “[CE-I with an ‘Orgy’ of Lights](#),” *IUR* 9, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1984): 8–9, 15)
- 1983**, December 12 — 6:30 p.m. Mike and Jeff Goodwin and Robert Blanchard are driving in Byron, Illinois, when they see a triangular “falling star” that starts moving horizontally at treetop level. At one point it seems to nearly collide with a similar object. They both have blinking red and white lights. (Doris and Joe Graziano, “[Press Reports](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 32, no. 6 (September 1984): 8)
- 1983**, December 14 — 8:00 p.m. Realtor Antônio Nelso Tasca is driving about 4 miles north of Chapecó, Santa Catarina, Brazil, when he feels compelled to turn onto a dirt road. After about 5 minutes he encounters a white and green object like a bus about 33 feet long and 10 feet high in the road ahead. He stops 100 feet from it, turns off the headlights and engine, and walks toward it. It has 10 squarish windows and is floating just above the ground. A few feet away he begins to feel heat and decides to return to his car. Suddenly a beam of white-red light strikes him and somehow pulls him toward the object. He wakes up inside the UFO and an abduction scenario takes place, complete with sex with a light-haired alien female who says her name is Cabala. She gives him a message warning that continued deployment of nuclear weapons will lead to bad things for Earth. Tasca wakes up around 6:00 a.m. at a different spot from where he had the encounter. A medical examination reveals a strange burn on his ribs and other odd marks on his backbone. The narrative is somewhat similar to the Antonio Vilas-Boas case of October 1957, also in Brazil. (Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), March 15, 2007; Brazil 303–311)

- 1983**, December 27 — 10:30 p.m. A small disc-shaped object with eight green lights lands in an open field across the street from the home of a witness in Indianapolis, Indiana. After 10 seconds, the lights go out. The witness continues to watch from her home for an hour before retiring. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 1 (Feb./March 1984): 5)
- 1983**, December 30 — 6:30 p.m. Four witnesses are driving along Illinois Highway 70 near Eddie Road about 8 miles northwest of Rockford, Illinois, when a red domed-shaped object emerges from what looks like an explosion and moves to the south. It vanishes when it reaches an unusual configuration of parallel stars. ("[Letter](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1984): 2)

1984

- 1984** — [Daniel Kagan](#) and [Ian Summers](#) publish a 500-page book titled *Mute Evidence*, arguing that animal mutilations are a made-up mystery. Only veterinary pathologists, not regular veterinarians, are truly qualified to determine the cause of an animal's death, they write. They do admit there are some real mutilations of two kinds: copycat incidents where pranksters cut up the bodies of already dead cattle, and ritualistic killings by cult members. The latter incidents occur mostly in Idaho. (Daniel Kagan and Ian Summers, *Mute Evidence*, Bantam, 1984; Clark III 140–141; Graff 283–284; Clark IV 167–168)
- 1984** — UK researcher [Hilary Evans](#) publishes *Visions, Apparitions, Alien Visitors*, which equates a wide range of entity experiences, including UFO events, and explains them all as psychosocial manifestations because percipients psychologically need them for some reason. He follows up with a sequel in 1987, in which he argues that psychological factors predispose some individuals to become abductees and that dreams or hallucinations add fantastic content to other abductee accounts. (Hilary Evans, *Visions, Apparitions, Alien Visitors*, Aquarian, 1984; Hilary Evans, *Gods, Spirits, Cosmic Guardians*, Aquarian, 1987; Clark III 943–945; Clark IV 22, 1054–1056)
- 1984** — UFO Research Australia is formed as an informal information-exchanging network. (Keith Basterfield, Vladimir Godic, and Pony Godic, "[Australian Ufology: A Review](#)," *JUFOS* 2 (1990): 34)
- 1984** — University of York doctoral student Shirley McIver explores the beliefs of British UFO groups in her dissertation. She examines newsletters and publications, surveys the BUFORA membership, interviews members of other organizations, and corresponds with lapsed members. She divides UFO enthusiasts into researchers and seekers, but both groups of people often have a direct or indirect personal experience that prompts them to study the mystery. BUFORA largely attracts the researchers, with 80% of them male, most between 21 and 40, white-collar workers, and with a relatively high level of education; reading plays a pivotal role in their lives. Seekers are drawn to spiritual or contactee organizations, which have a much more diverse membership than BUFORA; the term most often used to refer to their activities is "metaphysics." (Shirley McIver, *A Sociological Study of Unidentified Flying Object Groups*, Ph.D. diss., University of York, 1984; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 243–244)
- 1984** — A Hispanic male living in the Reseda neighborhood of Los Angeles, California, encounters odd lights in his house and missing time. Although not his first abduction experience, his memories are uncovered through hypnosis sessions conducted by parapsychologist [D. Scott Rogo](#), who gives him the pseudonym of "Sammy Desmond." The case is significant for the marks on the witness's body and the many sexual elements of the story. (D. Scott Rogo, "[The Abduction of Sammy Desmond](#)," *IUR* 12, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1987): 4–13)
- 1984** — The F-117 completes testing at Tonopah Test Range in Nevada and begins formal operations under the 4450th Tactical Group. The 4450th is absorbed by the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing in 1989. In 1992, the entire fleet is transferred to Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, under the command of the 49th Fighter Wing. (Wikipedia, "[Lockheed F-117 Nighthawk](#)")
- 1984** — 9:45 p.m. Brazilian Air Force Col. Marcelo Hecksher of the 1st Squadron of the 10th Aviation Group (Poker Squadron) is flying back to Santa Maria Air Force Base from Rio de Janeiro. When he begins descent preparations over the city of Passo Fundo, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, he notices a strong, slightly bluish light on his right. Radar in Curitiba and Santa Maria do not have it on their scopes. The light then accelerates forward, rises, and disappears. (Clark III 207–208; Brazil 557–559; Clark IV 248–249)
- 1984** — An anti-aircraft defense system near Astrakhan, Russia, tracks a spherical object flying along the Caspian Sea coast at 6,500 feet. It does not respond to radio contact. Two fighters are scrambled but they fail to catch up with it. When the pilots fire at the UFO, it descends to 325 feet. When it approaches Krasnovodsk [now Türkmenbaşy], Turkmenistan, a helicopter gunship is scrambled to make another attempt to shoot the object, which then ascends to a height beyond the copter's capabilities. The UFO then heads for the Caspian Sea and disappears from sight. (Vadim K. Ilyin, "[KGB's 'Blue Folder' Reveals Shootings, Landings in USSR](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 403)

(November 2001): 8; [“KGB Blue Folder,”](#) Above Top Secret forum, November 1, 2005; Good Need, [pp. 353–354](#))

- 1984, January** — Project Hessdalen sends out a report form to 3,300 households in and around Hessdalen valley, Norway.
- 1984, January** — Seven oil field workers in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, see a silvery disc flying at a high altitude. (*Stars and Stripes*, January 28, 1984; [“U.S. Armed Forces Publication Tells of Lebanon UFO,”](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 2 (April/May 1984): 8)
- 1984, January** — A luminous triangle preceded by a flashing light passes over Guildford, Surrey, England, silently moving to the east. (Marler [137](#))
- 1984, January 3** — 4:14 a.m. A woman wakes up in her home near Port Washington, Wisconsin, when a bright light shines through the bedroom window. She sees a strange object with three circular lights in a fixed position about 50 feet from the shore of Lake Michigan. The center light, as bright as a searchlight, rotates north, casting an illumination on the water, which is seen to be turbulent. All three lights are rotating clockwise around a 30-foot body. She wakes up her husband, who suggests that it is a Coast Guard helicopter. But the object is completely silent. After a short time, a smaller object also with three lights appears over the first one, hovers a few minutes, then disappears. The searchlight periodically shines directly in the window. The object moves about 20–30 feet then hovers there another 10–15 minutes. At 5:15 a.m., it moves away and disappears to the southeast. The woman goes back to bed, but soon feels a powerful electric shock penetrate her body with a buzzing sound. (Donald R. Schmitt and Richard W. Heiden, [“People Who Live in Glass Houses...See UFOs,”](#) *IUR* 9, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1984): 3, 16)
- 1984, January 8** — 3:15 a.m. Three people are traveling southeast in a van at mile marker 236 on I-80 southeast of Cozad, Nebraska, when the highway lights up and they see a huge disc as big as a baseball diamond 75–100 feet above and slightly to the right of the road. Bright lights are evenly spaced around the rim, most of them white, but others pink or blue. As the car passes it at a slow speed, they can detect no motion and can hear no sound. They attempt to communicate by Citizens Band radio, but the radio picks up strange interference like an “intermittent bleeping.” (J. Allen Hynek, [“Nebraska Close Encounter,”](#) *IUR* 9, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1984): 10–12; [“Addendum to Nebraska Encounter,”](#) *IUR* 9, no. 3 (May/June 1984): 3)
- 1984, January 9** — 10:30 p.m. Two witnesses driving on State Highway 208 near Hawthorne, New Jersey, see an object with lights descend then move away from their car. After driving another 300 feet they spot another object over the road. They drive directly under the object, which is moving slowly at an altitude of 200 feet. The driver pulls over, and the object moves toward the first UFO. (Bob Gribble, [“UFO Hotline Reports,”](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 1 (Feb./March 1984): 5)
- 1984, January 21** — 9:30 p.m. A mother and two children are driving near Jasper, New York, when they see a large, gold, oval object that seems to be pacing their car. It lands on a nearby ridge and after a few seconds ascends into the sky. It repeats this maneuver several times, speeding up and slowing down when she does the same. (Bob Gribble, [“UFO Hotline Reports,”](#) *IUR* 9, no. 2 (March/April 1984): 7)
- 1984, January 21–February 26** — Project Hessdalen sets up three fieldwork stations, the primary one on Aspaskjolen mountain, and two smaller ones at Hersjøen and Litlefjellet, Norway. This group secures technical assistance from the Norwegian Defense Research Establishment, the University of Oslo, and the University of Bergen. Over the course of one month, investigators see numerous lights, take photos of many of them, and track them instrumentally. On three occasions, lights are seen visually and tracked on radar simultaneously, casting a reflection on the radar screen so strong that a Norwegian defense expert later says that if that is not a solid object, then it must be a “strongly ionized gas.” One of the lights is tracked moving at 19,000 mph. On another occasion, a light under constant visual observation shows up on radar only on every second sweep. In most instances (33 in all), when radar shows something, the eye or a camera sees nothing. On two occasions the researchers direct a laser beam on passing lights. Out of a total of nine times, the lights respond all but once in a curious way, changing from a regular flashing light to a double-flashing light. The total number of sightings in this period is 188, although some may be attributable to passing aircraft. Only four of the photos taken through the special lens grating come out well enough to show light spectra, and only two of these are useful for analysis. Changes in the magnetic field are recorded in 40% of the sightings, but the Geiger counter and infrared viewer prove unhelpful. Researchers categorize the phenomenon into three different types: a white or blue-white flashing light, high in the air; a yellow light with a red light on the top, sometimes flashing; and a slow-moving, yellow or white light that maneuvers, stops for an hour or more, and continues maneuvering. ([“Project Hessdalen”](#) website; [“Description of the Phenomena,”](#) Project Hessdalen; Erling Strand, [“Project Hessdalen 1984: Final Technical Report,”](#) Project Hessdalen, January 5, 1985; [“Hessdalen: 18 February 1984,”](#) Project Hessdalen; [“Project Hessdalen: 1984,”](#) Project Hessdalen; [“Norway Lights Continue: Update on Project Hessdalen,”](#) *IUR* 9, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1984): 9,

12; Kim Hansen, "UFO Casebook," *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Times, 1987, p. 90; UFOEv II 295–296; Clark III 572–573; David Clarke, "Spooklights: A Survey of Transient Luminous Phenomena," *Fortean Times* 422 (September 2022): 44; Etienne Caron and Pouya Faridi, "[To Investigate or Not to Investigate? Researchers' Views on Unexplored Atmospheric Light Phenomena](#)," *Frontiers in Earth Science* 4 (February 24, 2016); Erling P. Strand, "[Project Hessdalen, Part 1: From 3 June 1983 to 24 March 1994](#)," Society for UAP Studies, January 4, 2024; Calrk IV 630–631)

1984, January 22 — 7:09 a.m. A witness in Huntington, West Virginia, observes a brilliant orange ball of light about 900 feet hovering above a neighbor's house. Its glow illuminates the ground. After a minute, it speeds away to the west. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 2 (March/April 1984): 7)

1984, January 22 — 7:25 a.m. The cabin crew of United Flight 729 is flying westbound 30 miles east of Toledo, Ohio, at 43,000 feet. They see a blurry, bright-red object the size of a DC-9 move from northeast to southwest for a few seconds. It leaves a contrail that they pass through. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 2 (March/April 1984): 7)

1984, January 22 — 7:00 p.m. A young couple parking near Waycross, Georgia, spot a large object approaching their car at treetop level. It crosses a logging road near their car, goes across an open area to a stand of trees, then turns around. The driver begins speeding away, but the object moves directly over the car. It has an L-shaped light pattern on its underside with two red lights and one green light. The glow from the red light illuminates the car interior. The object follows them for about 75 feet down a county road before it moves away at high speed. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 2 (March/April 1984): 7)

1984, January 22 — 7:00 p.m. Two witnesses in a car in Arnold, Missouri, see a circular object with three brilliant white lights and a corona of white light surrounding it. As it approaches the car, the driver makes an evasive turn, only to have the object pace them within 150 feet for 3 minutes. A vertical shaft of light comes from the top of the object. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 2 (March/April 1984): 7)

1984, January 27 — 5:40 a.m. Four witnesses at Valley Center, California, see five stationary white lights in the northern sky about 2 miles away. Four are in a diamond formation while the fifth is in the center. After watching the display for several minutes, they notice smaller white lights maneuvering around the larger ones. They seem to increase to as many as 100. Suddenly the formation, small lights as well, moves away to the northwest and the witnesses can hear a soft humming sound. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 2 (March/April 1984): 7)

1984, January 27 — 6:15 a.m. Two boys delivering papers in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, see a circular object with lights around its edge hovering above houses about two blocks away. After a few seconds it ascends at a 45° angle. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 2 (March/April 1984): 7)

1984, January 28 — 6:30 p.m. A young couple in Flemington, New Jersey, notice an orange ball descending through the cloud layer and appear to land on a ridge behind the tree line. At 6:50 a.m., the husband sees a bright object ascend from the same ridge, pause in mid-air, then move away horizontally in the distance. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 2 (March/April 1984): 7)

1984, January 30 — 9:00 p.m. Nine men working on an oil platform in the Big Cypress National Preserve about 40 miles west of Miami, Florida, see a bright orange object descending at a high rate of speed about five miles away. At about 10,000 feet, it comes to an instant stop. The orange glow fades and they can see an object with a chrome dome and dozens of flashing lights on the underside. All witness estimate it to be at least 200 feet in diameter. It remains stationary for 10 seconds, turns orange again, and speeds away to the east. Witnesses in Jensen Beach and the Miami area also see the object. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 2 (March/April 1984): 7)

1984, February — The Commission for the Investigation of Anomalous Atmospheric Phenomena is established in Moscow, Russia, although its announcement in the West is delayed until May. Affiliated with the Committee for the Protection of Natural Environment of the All-Union Council of Scientific Technical Societies, the commission is headed by scientist V. S. Troitsky, with the assistance of N. Zheltukhin, G. S. Pisarenko, and former cosmonaut [Pavel Popovich](#), who tells the trade union newspaper *Trud* that there have been hundreds of reports in Russia each year, most of which can be explained away. The commission intends to collect raw reports from the public and perform on-site investigations. (Good Above, [p. 243](#); Mikhail Gershtein, "[A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union](#)," UAP Check, July 6, 2024)

1984, February — The Centro Ufologico Nazionale begins a newsletter, *Notizie C.U.N.*, to replace *Quaderni UFO*. It is edited by Gian Paolo Grassino in Turin, Italy, and continues until September 1985. ([Notizie C.U.N.](#), no. 0 (February 1984))

1984, February — Night. The commander of a group of soldiers in the 103rd Regiment guarding warehouses at Przasnysz Airfield, Poland, sees a light silently coming in his direction. It is attached to a huge oval object 70–100 feet

across that is moving soundlessly 150 feet above the ground. He and his assistant feel unexplained terror and paralysis, remaining rooted to the spot. Noticing a light at its rear end, he considers taking an AK-47 and shooting it out, but receives a mental command not to do so or he would be paralyzed. (Poland 67)

- 1984**, February 7 — 4:00 a.m. A witness in Atco, New Jersey, awakes to a loud humming sound and finds his room illuminated by a bright light. He goes to the window and sees a bright circular object with a hump on top in a stationary position about four feet above his neighbor's yard and 200 feet away. It is about the size of a small car. A human-like "image" is standing next to it, but that vanishes and the object ascends in a zigzag pattern, then moves away at a high rate of speed. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 2 (March/April 1984): 7)
- 1984**, February 19 — 3:30 a.m. A driver in Everett, Washington, near the Boeing plant sees a huge, silvery green, egg-shaped object moving toward his car from a wooded area. Within a few seconds it bounces from one side of the road to the other, passing over his car. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 194 (April 1984): 6)
- 1984**, February 20 — 6:12 p.m. [Leif Havik](#) is standing in the snow outside the Project Hessdalen headquarters on Aspaskjolen, Norway, when a red light flies around his feet and disappears. It is also witnessed by Age Moe. (Kim Hansen, "UFO Casebook," *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Times, 1987, p. 90)
- 1984**, February 22–23 — Night. Witnesses in Flushing, Michigan, see objects with triangular lighting patterns that shine beams of light to the ground. The lights approach the car of one witness who sees they are part of a cigar-shaped object 100 feet above the ground. A jogger reports a light so intense that it hurts his eyes. Another witness sees an object with triangular-shaped lights hovering less than 200 feet above the ground, illuminating the area behind her house and panicking her cats. Two more objects pass above her house. Investigator [Shirley Coyne](#) locates 12 people who have seen the lights, but only three will fill out a report. (Shirley Coyne, "[12 See UFOs in Michigan](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 194 (April 1984): 5–6)
- 1984**, February 23 — 4:00 p.m. Five witnesses, all with PhDs, report an upside-down-ice-cream-cone-shaped object over the Ohio State University campus in Columbus, Ohio. It seems to be surrounded with a fog, but it changes its appearance about every 60 seconds, at one point looking rectangular. It is seen for 20 minutes, heading in the direction of Port Columbus Airport [now John Glenn Columbus International Airport]. (Irena Scott, "[Description of an Aerial Anomaly Viewed over Columbus, Ohio](#)," *Ohio Journal of Science* 88, no. 2 (1988): 23; Irena Scott, "[UFO Studies in the Scientific Literature](#)," *IUR* 15, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1990): 18)
- 1984**, February 29 — 9:00 p.m. A woman in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, sees a dark, diamond-shaped object approach her at no more than 50 feet above the ground. White lights are at the front and back, blinking red lights at the sides, and smaller lights between each of the four points. It is "longer than a tractor trailer and wide as two tractor trailers." It wobbles and passes over trees to the southwest. (Stan Gordon, "[Diamond-Shaped UFO in Pennsylvania](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 194 (April 1984): 7–8)
- 1984**, March 4 — The UK Ministry of Defence, for the first time ever, releases UFO reports to the public. Sixteen reports, most of which are severely redacted and missing key data, are sent to the British UFO Research Association. When he is asked about possible landing cases, such as the 1980 Rendlesham incident, Defence Undersecretary for Procurement [John Lee](#) replies that these are not distinguished from other reports of aerial phenomena. In any event, he says, "none of these reports was of any defence significance." (Good Above, pp. 112–113; Nick Pope, *Open Skies, Closed Minds*, Simon & Schuster, 1996, [Appendix 1](#))
- 1984**, March 6 — 10:00 p.m. Two police officers, Tom Jensen and Gary Myers, watch a large boomerang or U-shaped UFO west of Norris, South Dakota, after having been alerted by a citizen 10 minutes earlier. At its closest approach, Myers sees it as a pattern of lights in an inverted L pattern. As it passes, it blocks out the sky and stars. ("[Bennett County Families, Officials Report Unidentified Flying Object](#)," *Rapid City (S.Dak.) Journal*, March 8, 1984, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 177 (April 1984): 5; "[Unidentified Lights Bring Attention to Rural Area](#)," *Bennett County (S.Dak.) Booster*, March 9, 1984, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 177 (April 1984): 1; "[Officers Encounter Strange Lights in S.D. Sky](#)," *Minneapolis (Minn.) Star and Tribune*, March 9, 1984, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 178 (May 1984): 1; "[UFO Hunt Yields No Close Encounters of Any Kind](#)," *Rapid City (S.Dak.) Journal*, March 9, 1984, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 177 (April 1984): 4; "[Officers Unable to Get Second Look at UFO](#)," *Minneapolis (Minn.) Star and Tribune*, March 10, 1984, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 177 (April 1984): 4; Ron Bender, "[Weekender](#)," *Rapid City (S.Dak.) Journal*, March 10, 1984, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 177 (April 1984): 5; J. Allen Hynek, "[A CE-I, a Lonely Road, a Starry Night](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 3 (May/June 1984): 6–9; Linda Moulton Howe, "[Focus on South Dakota](#)," *Stigmata*, no. 22 (1985): 25–28)
- 1984**, March 9 — MP [Patrick Wall](#) asks in the UK House of Commons that the Secretary of State for Defence provide statistics on UFO landings, unexplained cases, and radar sightings for 1980–1983. [John Lee](#) responds that there

were 350 UFO reports in 1980 (dodging the question of whether or not the MoD could identify them), 600 in 1981, 250 in 1982, and 390 in 1983. (Good Above, [p. 113](#); Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)

- 1984, March 11** — After 12:00 midnight. A mother and her daughter see a large cylindrical object just a few feet away through the window of their home in Wolcott, Connecticut. For 7 minutes it hovers about 7 feet above the ground, then moves away silently. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 194 (April 1984): 6)
- 1984, March 13** — MP [Patrick Wall](#) again asks about statistics on UFO landings and unexplained cases in the House of Commons. Secretary of State for Defence [John Lee](#) responds that landings are not separated out from UFO reports and that none of these are of "defence significance." (Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1984, March 21** — 7:45 p.m. A truck driver driving on Interstate 87 near Woodbury, New York, sees a boomerang-shaped UFO about 100 feet altitude that looks larger than a Boeing 747. It has red, white, and green lights. It paces his truck for five minutes then vanishes. (NightSight 71–73)
- 1984, March 21** — 8:00 p.m. A mother and daughter driving south on Perry Road near Claxton, Georgia, notice an unusual light through the trees. As they top a hill, they slow the car to a near stop when they see three boomerang-shaped objects, with wings pointing downward, hovering above a field. Each has two bright lights in the top center and a row of small, multicolored lights that blink in rapid sequence. One object is larger (at least 40 feet wide) than the others and moves over their car in perfect silence. Its underside appears dark metallic. ("[Local Woman, Daughter Report 'Close Encounter'](#)," *Claxton (Ga.) Enterprise*, March 29, 1984, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 177 (April 1984): 6)
- 1984, March 24** — 5:50 a.m. Five nuns at the Sainte-Marie Cistercian Abbey in Boulaur, Gers, France, see a bright oval object about 16 feet long and 6.5 feet tall from the first-floor balcony. It is hovering at first, then starts moving up and down and right and left "at the speed of lightning." It stops about 100 feet above the cemetery and 325 feet away from the witnesses. There is no sound. Then it takes off in the direction it came from. (Groupe d'Études et d'Informations sur les Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non-identifiés, "[Notes d'Enquête, Boulaur \(32\) 24.03.1984](#)," June 30, 2014; Swords 447)
- 1984, March 25** — 8:55 p.m. A driver in Santa Monica, California, sees a bright red ball of light, about 10 inches in diameter, maneuvering around her car with a bouncing motion. It approaches to within a foot of her car, lighting up the hood and windows for one minute. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 194 (April 1984): 6)
- 1984, March 25** — Night. Hundreds of people see low-flying lights over the Taconic State Parkway near Peekskill, New York. The lights seem to be attached to a slow-moving, boomerang-shaped object with six intense white lights and a green light in the center. A photographer estimates the object is about 300 feet long and flying at 30 mph. It moves over some water and the lights go out. He videotapes the incident, but nothing shows up on the tape. (NightSight 77–81)
- 1984, Spring** — A Soviet pilot in a MiG-23 is scrambled to intercept an object flying at supersonic speed from north to south over the Mikha Tskhakaya Airfield south of Senaki, Georgia. The MiG-23, flying at 16,400 feet in full afterburner at Mach 1.2, is unable to close in on the object. By the time the interceptor is approaching the coastline of the Black Sea, it is flying at Mach 1.6. The pilot activates his infrared search and track system when he is 7.5 miles away from the target and sees the largest "bloom" he has ever encountered. By the time he reaches Mach 2, he has to break off due to lack of fuel, never having acquired a visual target. (Good Need, [pp. 352–353, 365](#))
- 1984, April 10** — Night. While driving down a country road near Rhinelander, Wisconsin, two witnesses see a stationary, cigar-shaped object about 225 feet from the roadway. It has a row of lighted windows, and several spokes protrude from the surface. Each spoke has a white light on the tip. While hovering at treetop level, the object pivots 360° and then stops. After observing it for 4 minutes, the witnesses drive past it and go home. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 3 (May/June 1984): 16)
- 1984, April 12** — 2:10 a.m. Air traffic control radar at Grantley Adams International Airport in Barbados tracks a large group of unknown targets moving at about 100 mph in "loose but distinct formation" 30 miles southeast of the island. Authorities notify Prime Minister [Tom Adams](#), the Barbados Defense Force, and the police commissioner. The BDF is put on Red Alert. By 2:20 a.m., the formation is 14 miles off the coast when two targets veer off to the island's west side, two others move to the east, while the remainder keep on moving north. Police are deployed to the beaches. At 3:30 a.m., the BDF launches a patrol boat and scrambles a Cessna but does not find anything. Radar is still tracking objects at 4:00 a.m. over the northern part of the island. By 4:10 a.m., they

disappear to the west. A temperature inversion is a possible cause. ("[1984: UFOs Place Barbados Defence Force on Full Alert, This Really Happened](#)," Notes from the Margin, March 13, 2008)

- 1984**, April 13 — 10:00 p.m. While boating on a lake near Gainesville, Florida, two witnesses see a stationary oval-shaped object at an altitude of 100 feet about 300 feet away from their boat. The object shines a cone of bright white light onto the surface of the water. After about 3 minutes, it hovers out of sight behind some trees. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 3 (May/June 1984): 16)
- 1984**, April 15 — 12:00 midnight. Some 20 witnesses (farm workers, a police officer, venture scouts) at Llangernyw, North Wales, see a pink-orange ball that drifts to the ground and explodes in a shower of purple sparks. Out of the shower emerges a white disc that appears to land out of sight behind a ridge. A large army helicopter and two military trucks apparently perform a search of the area beginning at daylight. (Jenny Randles, "[Anatomy of a UFO Wave](#)," *IUR* 11, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1986): 4–5)
- 1984**, April 18 — 9:30 p.m. A married couple is driving on a road near RAF Lakenheath in Suffolk, England, when they come upon a huge rectangular object straddling the road ahead. It has at least 60 lights arrayed in rows on its frame. Red and green lights are at its edges, but the majority are white. The object remains absolutely still and silent about 100 feet in the air. They are anxious to get home, so they do not see the object leave. (Jenny Randles, "[Anatomy of a UFO Wave](#)," *IUR* 11, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1986): 5)
- 1984**, April 19 — 8:05 p.m. Melinda Cook and her four daughters in Lone Grove, about 8 miles northeast of Llano, Texas, watch a huge dome-shaped object pass over their house at an altitude of only 200 feet. It has a row of red lights around it that are pulsating. One of the girls thinks it has an arrow-shaped pattern on its base. A jet aircraft appears to be pursuing it. Cook says she can hear a low-frequency humming sound coming from it. Soon the red lights change to red, blue, and green. The object turns north, then makes another turn to the west, the jet following this maneuver. The girls watch the object continuously for 4 minutes. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 3 (May/June 1984): 16; Walt Andrus, "[Llano Light Puzzle](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 198 (October 1984): 8–9)
- 1984**, April 20 — 10:04 p.m. Four people in a car in Beaverton, Oregon, see a large, pulsating, yellow light high in the sky. The driver stops, and a small, bright-blue object comes into view, moving toward the yellow object at high speed. Suddenly, a "fast red thing" shoots out of the blue object and knocks the yellow object in half, one part disintegrating and the other part falling to the ground. Two other objects, yellow and blue, appear with the blue object chasing and apparently shooting down the yellow object. The blue object then climbs at a high speed vertically and vanishes in the clouds. The observation lasts 20 minutes. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 3 (May/June 1984): 16)
- 1984**, April 22 — 10:10 p.m. A woman and her mother are watching TV at a trailer park in Saltfleet, Lincolnshire, England, when they see a dome-shaped object with circle of white lights, a small group of red lights above, and a brilliant white light on top. It is hovering nearby and about 500 feet in the air. More lights turn on and the object begins to revolve. As its speed increases, the colors blend into one another. The object moves away to the south, but over the next hour it circles the trailer park in wide loops that take it several miles out to sea before returning over their heads. It switches a searchlight beam off and on. The woman's two dogs are looking fearfully at the UFO. At one point the object drops to 100 feet and hovers in absolute silence above the witnesses. The searchlight comes from two headlight beams projecting forward. The UFO has a "smoky glass" dome on top. Dogs are howling for miles around. The object switches off all but four of its lights and climbs vertically before heading out to sea to circle for a few more minutes. ("[The Saltfleet Encounter](#)," *Northern UFO News*, no. 113 (May/June 1985): 10–11; Jenny Randles, "[Anatomy of a UFO Wave](#)," *IUR* 11, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1986): 7)
- 1984**, April 25 — 6:00 p.m. A woman is in her garden at Blairgowrie, Scotland, working on a tapestry when her dog leaps up and runs indoors. A ball of light appears in the air and seems to enter her body. She is blinded for a few seconds but feels calm. A white cloud rises from her head and hovers above some bushes. It blinks twice and climbs into the sky toward a large silvery object shaped like a house key. The cloud moves along the length of the key, flashing and lighting up bits in turn. She calls her son, who arrives just as the UFO sways from side to side and vanishes in a sudden pink flash. (Jenny Randles, "[Anatomy of a UFO Wave](#)," *IUR* 11, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1986): 7–8)
- 1984**, April 25 — 9:55 p.m. Three witnesses driving on American Canyon Road south of Napa, California, see a huge triangular object the size of a football field hovering 100 feet above the road. They drive beneath it, and after 5 minutes the object moves out of sight. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 195 (May/June 1984): 10, 11; Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 3 (May/June 1984): 16)
- 1984**, April 26 — On a visit to the 6513th Test Squadron, Red Hats at Groom Lake, Nevada, USAF Lt. Gen. [Robert M. Bond](#) requests to fly a MiG-23 BN fighter-bomber, a newly acquired supersonic Soviet aircraft flown for testing. Instead of the usual 2 weeks of training, Bond is given a cursory briefing while sitting inside the cockpit with an

instructor. Just as he is flying at 40,000 feet and over Mach 2 speed, a hydromechanical inhibitor activates, preventing him from disengaging the afterburner. Bond loses control, makes a distress call, and is killed while ejecting. The MiG-23 crashes on Jackass Flats in Area 25, still contaminated from NERVA rocket testing. Bond's body is discovered by a USAF sergeant on his way to work, who removes the rank insignia from Bond's flight suit with a pocketknife before going to get help. The USAF does not confirm or deny that Bond was flying a MiG when he died and states that he was flying "an Air Force specially modified test craft," but it leaks the information on the MiG testing program to journalist Fred Hoffman. There are fears that the publicity will also lead to the exposure of the F-117 program, still secret and also based at Tonopah, but this does not happen. (Wikipedia, "[Robert M. Bond](#)")

- 1984**, April 26 — 9:45 p.m. Terri West spots an odd light in the sky from her home on Belmont Lane, Stanmore, Greater London, England. At 10:15 p.m., she joins her neighbors Ruth and Bruno Novelli to watch the light, which is moving back and forth and constantly changing colors from blue to green to pink. Soon it emits a large ball of light that shoots toward the ground. The witnesses call the police at 10:22 p.m. A team of police arrives and watches the object for about 2 hours. Police Constable Richard Milthorp says the light is originally at 45° but after 15 minutes it moves up and to the right. He draws a sketch of the object, which is circular in the middle with a dome above and below. It has different colored lights on the top and bottom. One of the officers takes photos, but they do not come out well. Some others chase the UFO by car, but it is already fading from view. (Good Above, [pp. 114–115](#); UFOFiles2, [p. 130](#))
- 1984**, April 27 — 9:45 p.m. Linda Braga and her daughter Piper see a starlike object that follows their car along West Ridge Road in Cornville, Maine. About 35–45 feet in diameter, the red and yellow object comes almost within touching distance. When they reach their driveway, it backs off and hovers above a field, then moves around to the other side of the house. It disappears in the distance. ("[Recently Received Sighting Reports](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 5 (Oct./Nov. 1984): 4)
- 1984**, May 2 — Australian Minister of Defence [Gordon Scholes](#) announces that the RAAF will fully investigate only those UFO sightings that "suggest a defence or national security implication." ("[RAAF Resets UFO Targets](#)," *Canberra Times*, May 3, 1984, p. 3; Bill Chalker, "[The North West Cape Incident: UFOs and Nuclear Alert in Australia](#)," *IUR* 11, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1986): 11; Good Above, [p. 182](#); Swords 408–409)
- 1984**, May 4–6 — The Centro Ufologico Nazionale holds its Third International Congress in Genoa, Italy. Speakers include [J. Allen Hynek](#), [Roberto Pinotti](#), and [Antonio Ribera](#). (Roberto Pinotti, "[Italian Report](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1984): 3, 16; 2Pinotti 70)
- 1984**, May 5 — 2:55 a.m. A witness in Piedmont, South Carolina, hears a loud pulsating sound and looks out the window in time to see a large metallic object passing above his house at about 750 feet. Described as bigger than an Air Force C-5A transport, the object is shaped like a flattened football. A car stops along the road, and the driver gets out to watch it. All of the dogs in the neighborhood are howling as it is in view for 2 minutes. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 3 (May/June 1984): 16)
- 1984**, May 5 — 7:30 p.m. An ultrasensitive orbiting US Defense Support Program spy satellite detects the entry of an unknown object that passes 15 miles in front of it only 1.8 miles away, and then flies below it over the Indian Ocean. The encounter lasts 9 minutes. An alert is triggered at NORAD. The object is moving at 22,000 mph, changes course, and flies back into outer space. Probable classified NRO [Vortex satellite](#) 1984-009A launched on January 31, 1984. (NICAP, "[DSP Satellite Tracks Fast Walker](#)"; David Kauble, "[A UFO the Military Tracked](#)," Deb's UFO Research Information Clearinghouse, January 10, 1997; Ronald S. Regehr, *How to Build a \$125 Million UFO Detector*, 1998, pp. 27–28, 84; Jeffery Richelson, *America's Space Sentinels: DSP Satellites and National Security*, University Press of Kansas, 1999, [pp. 106–107](#); "[Fast Walker Mystery Solved](#)," Unexplained-mysteries.com Forum, August 3, 2006)
- 1984**, May 5 — 9:45 p.m. Five workers on a garbage truck are near the Rio Seco, Tucumán, Argentina, when they see a strange light like a fireball. The truck stops, and later it is found that the fuses have burnt out. The upper part of the object is giving off a red light and the lower part a blue light, and it hovers above the truck for 20 seconds. It then moves away silently and disappears. Residents of Rio Seco also see the light, which illuminates the village. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 19)
- 1984**, May 6 — 10:30 p.m. A 13-year-old boy is washing out dog pens in Williston, Florida, when he hears a humming sound behind him. The dogs start whimpering and running around the pens. Suddenly, the area turns red and looking up, the boy sees a bright red circular object that hovers for about 5 seconds at only 20 feet altitude before it shoots across a field and stops again. He goes inside to get his mother, who sees the object moving across the field before vanishing. The dogs remain agitated afterward. (Bob Gribble, "[UFO Hotline Reports](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 3 (May/June 1984): 16)

- 1984, May 29** — [J. Allen Hynek](#) gives a presentation on “Properties of the UFO Phenomenon” at a special session on “The Edges of Science” of the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in New York City. He presents a summary of 400 UFO cases by responsible witnesses, “some of whom were independent of each other but observed the same event (and sometimes in daylight) which defied both common sense and common physical sense.” (J. Allen Hynek, [“The UFO Phenomenon,”](#) *IUR* 9, no. 4 (July/August 1984): 3–5, 16)
- 1984, May 29** — A huge disc with a flat base and two vast searchlights passes silently over Fairy Cottage, near Laxey, Isle of Man. (Jenny Randles, [“Mysterious Island: The UFO Legacy of the Isle of Man,”](#) *IUR* 29, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 14)
- 1984, May 31** — 8:15 p.m. A V-shaped formation of 15 lights, estimated to be the size of a Boeing 747 airliner if all are connected to one object, passes directly over the home of John Burdett, an IBM engineer in Hawthorne, New York. It makes no sound as it passes overhead except for a faint humming. All lights simultaneously turn blue and then it makes a tight 180-degree turn and flies off to the north. At 8:30 p.m., the object is seen from Route 117 in Pleasantville, New York, and follows a car down the Taconic State Parkway. At 8:45 p.m., David Boyd in Yorktown, New York, sees a V-shaped formation of lights turn and fly away to the west. (Philip J. Imbrogno, [“More Nocturnal Lights,”](#) *IUR* 9, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1984): 6–8)
- 1984, Summer** — Day. A Mrs. Danuta takes her 2-year-old son to a playground in the Podwisłocze district of Rzeszów, Poland. A green-metallic object with a bright cupola 8 feet tall approaches, brushing a tree, and the woman picks up her son and hides behind a tree. It is making a loud noise and hovering 30–50 feet above the ground. It then moves toward some nearby apartments, shoots up, and disappears. (Poland 59)
- 1984, June 14** — 10:15 p.m. New York State Power Authority security police at the Indian Point Nuclear Plant near Buchanan, New York, watch 10 or more bright lights arranged in a boomerang pattern hovering for about 15 minutes a quarter mile away. Behind them is a dark mass about 300 feet long that blocks out the lights of a plane that flies behind it. (Philip J. Imbrogno, [“Incident at Indian Point,”](#) *UFO Evidence*; NightSight 162–164; Clark III 1278; Clark IV 1461)
- 1984, Mid-June** — 4:10 p.m. Seaman Alexander Globa and mate of the watch Sergey Bolotov are beginning their watch on board the Russian tanker *Gori* in the Mediterranean Sea 20 nautical miles east of Gibraltar. They see what seems to be an airplane with its landing lights on and flying toward them at an altitude of 4,920 feet about 2 miles away. It is shaped like a “frying pan turned upside down” with a shiny, metallic surface. It emits bright, irregular flashes of light. In two minutes it reaches the ship’s position, turns south, and keeps pace with the ship, gyrating for 3 minutes. The object is perfectly round and about 75 feet in diameter. There is a round, black spot on the bottom, and a cylindrical “tailpipe” is seen at the junction of two segments that are rotating in opposite directions. At 4:20 p.m., another ship approaches to the left, and the object flies quickly toward it and hovers above it. Capt. Sokolovsky contacts the vessel, an Egyptian dry cargo ship enroute to Greece, and it confirms the presence of the UFO. After 90 seconds it quickly moves back to the *Gori*, ascends at an angle of 40°–45°, veers to the right, and eventually disappears. Total duration of the sighting is 12 minutes. (Sergey Romanav, [“Disk with Rotating Cupola Observed near Straits of Gibraltar by Russian Ship in 1984,”](#) *IUR* 18, no. 3 (May/June 1993): 17–18; Paul Stonehill, [“Questions about a Russian Case,”](#) *IUR* 18, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1993): 21; Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia’s USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 69–70)
- 1984, June 21** — 9:30 p.m. Investigators Dick Ruhl and Richie Petracca are on Interstate 84 in Dutchess County, New York, when they see a brilliant white wedge-shaped object floating and turning in the sky. The lights suddenly turn red, and as the object continues to turn, they see red, green-blue, and white lights. They stop and get binoculars out, then notice another object on the left. Both objects glide slowly and maneuver, constantly changing from white as they approach, and to red as they turn away. They finally form up into a boomerang shape. Ruhl and Petracca suspect they are seeing the “Stormville pilots,” so they drive to the Stormville airport. After waiting in the snack bar a short time, people see lights in the direction of the Green Haven Correctional Facility. It turns out they are six Cessna Skyhawks, apparently with mufflers on the engines, and they land one by one on a nearby runway. Ruhl photographs the serial number of one of the planes, N76106. ([“Probe of Mysterious V Shape Widens,”](#) *Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal*, June 28, 1984, p. 15; Dick Ruhl, Richie Petracca, Sal Giamusso, and Gerry Arena, [“The Westchester Sightings,”](#) *APRO Bulletin* 32, no. 6 (September 1984): 1, 5–6; Philip J. Imbrogno, [“The Hudson Valley Sightings: A Reply to Dick Ruhl and APRO,”](#) *IUR* 10, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1985): 16)
- 1984, June 21** — 9:44 p.m. Witnesses see unidentified lights over the Wanaque Reservoir in New Jersey for more than two hours. The manager of a tavern on Ringwood Avenue in Haskell sees an egg-shaped object moving faster than a blimp. ([“E.T. Circling Area?”](#) *Wayne (N.J.) Today*, July 4, 1984, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 181 (August 1984): 7)

- 1984, June 25** — Night. A huge, slow-moving object with many lights is seen near Bethel, Connecticut, for 20 minutes. It looks like a big Ferris Wheel on its side. (NightSiege 98)
- 1984, July** — Prentice-Hall publishes *Clear Intent* by Lawrence Fawcett and [Barry J. Greenwood](#), a history of Air Force, FBI, and CIA involvement in UFO investigations and secrecy, including many FOIA-released recent reports and documents. The book immediately sells out and is unavailable for most of the summer. A second printing in late August also sells out immediately. (Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood, [Clear Intent: The Government Coverup of the UFO Experience](#), Prentice-Hall, 1984; George M. Eberhart, “[‘Clear Intent’ Reviewed](#),” *IUR* 9, no. 4 (July/August 1984): 6–7, 16)
- 1984, July 10** — Four members of the Italian Parliament—[Giancarlo Abete](#), [Publio Fiori](#), [Alessandro Scajola](#), and [Martino Scovacricchi](#)—present a question to the government on whether it would consider involving private and civilian experts as future consultants on UFOs. Minister of Defence [Giovanni Spadolini](#) emphasizes the role of the Italian Air Force in UFO investigations and denies the necessity to involve outsiders, although it does not rule out cooperation with Italy’s National Research Council. (2Pinotti 71)
- 1984, July 13** — 4:30 p.m. A mysterious object comes into view above Rzeszów, Poland, remaining stationary for a long time. A flight controller from Rzeszów-Jasionka Airport estimates it is at 6,500 feet and is slowly moving to the northwest. Mielec Airport air traffic controller Kasimierz Lubertowicz scrambles an Iskra jet trainer on a scouting mission. As pilot Henryk Bronowicki approaches the object at 24,600 feet, he realizes it is not a weather balloon and is moving away from him. He gives up the chase, but the object descends and he approaches it again, failing to reach it as it retreats. (“[Całe Podkarpacie widzi UFO: Czyli sprawa, którą chciano zataić \(1984\)](#),” Portal Infra, September 20, 2013; Poland 74–75; Arek Miazga, “[Pilot kontra UFO nad Mielcem 13.07.1984](#),” Spotkania z Nieznanym, June 1, 2019)
- 1984, July 19** — 10:00–11:00 p.m. Police in Danbury, Bethel, Brookfield, and New Fairfield, Connecticut, receive reports of a low-flying, slow-moving object “as large as a football field.” It directs intense beams of light toward the ground and gives off heat felt by those beneath it. It has white lights in a circular pattern. (“[Area Police Get Reports of UFOs](#),” *Danbury (Conn.) News-Times*, July 20, 1984, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 181 (August 1984), p. 1)
- 1984, July 24** — 9:00 p.m. Security police at Indian Point Nuclear Plant at Buchanan, New York, again see a UFO with a semicircle of lights. The lights first flash yellow, then white, then blue. Far to the rear is a blinking red light. The dark mass behind the lights blocks out the stars as it approaches steadily. The plant’s movement-detecting sensors and alarm systems fail, as does the computer responsible for security and communications. By the time it gets to 500 feet away, the police can see an ice-cream-cone-shape and a solid body the length of three football fields. As it passes over the Unit 3 reactor, at one point getting as close as 30 feet, it is moving so slowly that the police can keep up with it by walking. An officer inside the plant watching security monitors is instructed to film the object using a camera atop a 95-foot pole; the camera has to pan almost 180° to cover the entire length of the object. One officer notices two hollow spheres or portals in the bottom. The UFO takes 5 minutes to pass over them. By the time the security police call Camp Smith, a National Guard base 10 miles away, and ask for an armed helicopter, the UFO is gone. Many other people in the area also report seeing the UFO over the plant. Police in Peekskill receive quite a few calls that evening. Police Sgt. Hoffman goes out to investigate and sees a giant UFO with more than a dozen white lights in a V formation slowly move toward the power plant. On July 25, the security guard supervisor tells them to forget what happened. Video and audio records of the event are removed, and in the next two days representatives of the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission oversee a shakeup of the plant’s security operations. (“[UFOs: Did Aliens Buzz Indian Point?](#)” *White Plains (N.Y.) Reporter Dispatch*, January 12, 1985, pp. 1, 8; “Nuke Plant Guards Report Hovering UFOs,” *Nyack (N.Y.) Journal News*, January 12, 1985; R. Perry Collins, “[The Westchester Wing, Part II](#),” *Pursuit* 18, no. 4 (Winter 1985): 166, 168–169; Harry Lebelson, “[Who’s Watching Us?](#)” *Pursuit* 19, no. 1 (Spring 1986): 27, 29–30; Philip J. Imbrogno, “[Incident at Indian Point](#),” *UFO Evidence*; NightSiege 164–168; Clark III 1278; Clark IV 1461–1462)
- 1984, July 24** — 10:20 p.m. Electronics executive [Bob Pozzuoli](#) shoots a videotape of a large object with a ring of 6 lights in the sky over Brewster, New York. It moves behind a pine tree then emerges as a string of rotating multicolored lights and a flashing red light in the rear. The video also shows airplanes flying in formation. The tape is analyzed by [Lew Allen](#) at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, who is apparently unable to explain it adequately. (NightSiege 122–124)
- 1984, August** — [J. Allen Hynek](#) moves to Scottsdale, Arizona, from Evanston, Illinois, under the influence of entrepreneurs [Tina Choate](#) and [Brian Myers](#), who introduce him to wealthy Englishman Jeffrey (or Geoffrey) Kaye with the promise of funding a new UFO organization (the International Center for UFO Research in

Phoenix), publications, and a TV series about Hynek's life. The CUFOS office moves to Glenview, Illinois, where Sherman J. Larsen operates it. ("[UFO Expert Moving to Arizona](#)," *Chicago Tribune*, August 21, 1984, Sec. 2, p. 1; Keith Basterfield, "[Why Did J. Allen Hynek Move to Scottsdale?](#)" *Unidentified Aerial Phenomena—Scientific Research*, October 8, 2017)

1984, August — Researcher [Antonio Ribera](#) finds that in Spain, 90% of alien abductees are young people, most of whom are male, and they tend to report being given a mysterious mission by their captors, along with a cryptic message. (Antonio Ribera, "[Do Abductees Fit into a Certain Pattern?](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 29, no. 6 (August 1984): 20–22; Eghigian, *After*, p. 292)

1984, August 20 — 9:00 p.m. Irene Lunn and her daughter are driving near Deer Trail Drive in Mahopac Falls, New York, when they notice triangle-shaped UFO with an unusual L-shaped tailpiece. They stop to observe it more carefully. The object has one red light, one green light, and eight white lights, and is moving south when it makes a sudden 90° turn and slowly moves toward them. They drive the short way home where they retrieve some binoculars. She can clearly see a dark, metallic object, which moves off to a neighbor's yard and hovers. A rectangular object with white lights in each corner comes into view and moves in front of the first UFO for 5 seconds, then vanishes. The triangular object continues to hover, then silently moves off out of sight. ("[Multiple Sightings in New York](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 32, no. 11 (May 1985): 1–2)

1984, August 23 — Afternoon. Military radar at Otopeni Airport [now Henri Coandă International Airport] near Bucharest, Romania, picks up a target flying above Alexeni Air Force Base [now closed] east of Urziceni at 13,000–14,700 feet. The target, the size of a small plane or helicopter, appears out of nowhere and is tracked by 4–5 different radars in separate locations on different frequencies. After 15 minutes, the object is spotted visually. Through a telescope it appears oval, metallic and shiny, and about 9 feet long. During its appearance, the base notices a strong interference on VHF and short wave radios. The target climbs and descends about 7–8 times to altitudes ranging from 6,500 feet to 34 miles as it moves west at speeds up to 7,450 mph, making zigzagging movements and turning at sharp angles. It is under observation for 40 minutes and is lost at a height of 62 miles as it disappears into space at 620 mph. (Romania 104–105)

1984, August 25 — [Philip Imbrogno](#) and [Peter Gersten](#) convene a public meeting on the Hudson Valley sightings in a middle school in Brewster, New York, and 1,500 people show up. [Hynek](#) attends, as well as news media, various people from the FBI, Air Force officers from Pease AFB [now Pease Air National Guard Base], and a mysterious man who has met with Imbrogno and claims to be from the National Security Agency. The [Pozzuoli](#) videotape is shown and 900 people fill out UFO sighting reports. ("[Strange Sights Brighten the Night Skies Upstate](#)," *New York Times*, August 25, 1984, p. 25; Larry W. Bryant, "[UFO Town-Hall Meeting: A Case Study](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 198 (October 1984): 5; NightSight 135–147)

1984, Late summer — 8:00 p.m. Kazimierz Lubertowicz, chief of air traffic control at Mielec airfield, Poland, reports that a pilot and 30–40 airfield workers and military personnel are watching a motionless red-orange light for 2 hours. It is actually floating very slowly to the southeast at an altitude of 1,300–1,600 feet. (Poland 68)

1984, September — Lawrence Fawcett and [Barry Greenwood](#) launch a new series of *Just Cause* newsletters to continue their documentation of government involvement in UFOs discussed in *Clear Intent*. The newsletter continues until November 1997. (*Just Cause*, new series, no. 1 (September 1984))

1984, September — Marc Leduc begins publishing *Bulletin d'Information Ufologique* in Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, Quebec, until June 1986. (*Bulletin d'Information Ufologique* 1, no. 1 (September 1984))

1984, September 2 — 7:28 p.m. Physicist [Bruce Maccabee](#) is standing near the Light Street Pavilion in the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Maryland, when he sees a black spot in the air to the southeast. Its most noticeable characteristic is its extreme blackness. It moves slowly north for 7 minutes at a steady rate until it disappears. Maccabee rules out a bird, a kite, an aircraft, and a balloon. (Bruce Maccabee, "['Black Hole' over Baltimore](#)," *IUR* 10, no. 2 (March/April 1985): 6–9)

1984, September 7 — 4:10 a.m. While approaching Minsk, Belarus, the pilots of a Soviet Aeroflot Tu-134 airliner are startled to see a strange, brightly glowing shape that appears to their right and follows their path closely for several minutes. The glowing object changes shape repeatedly, appearing first as rays, then concentric circles, then as a cloud, and finally as an amorphous mass. While copilot Gennady Lazurin sketches the object, Captain Igor Cherkashin contacts air traffic officials, who report that radar shows a strange "double" object, believed to be the airliner and the unidentified object. Years later, reports surface of a second flight crew traveling in the opposite direction who also had seen the glowing object. Lazurin's sketches of the object closely parallel sketches made by other witnesses at rocket launches. A missile launch from a Russian submarine in the Barents Sea is a likely explanation, according to [James Oberg](#). ("[Soviet Airliner Given 'Escort' by UFO](#)," *Houston (Tex.) Chronicle*, January 31, 1985, pp. 1, 10; Richard H. Hall, "[Soviet Sky Spectacular](#)," *IUR* 11, no. 4 (July/Aug.

1986): 11–14; Good Above, [pp. 243–247](#); Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, pp. 88–89; James Oberg, “[The Minsk UFO Case: Misperception and Exaggeration](#),” *Skeptical Inquirer* 33, no. 1 (January/February 2009): 35–41; Dmitry Sudakov, “[USSR’s Most Renowned UFO Sighting Linked to Ballistic Missile Launch?](#)” *Pravda*, August 9, 2009)

- 1984**, September 14 — Between 9:00 and 10:00 p.m. A woman is driving on a deserted road outside of Goshen, Connecticut, when she sees a long string of white lights on the side of the road paralleling her car. She slows to look and the lights move directly above her, changing in formation to a horseshoe. After hovering for 2 minutes, they “uncoil” and form a V shape, which then moves rapidly away to the north. Within an hour, witnesses in Southington and Southbury, Connecticut, report similar lights. (R. Perry Collins, “[The Westchester Wing, Part II](#),” *Pursuit* 18, no. 4 (Winter 1985): 166, 168)
- 1984**, Late September or early October — 9:00 p.m. Militia Capt. Boris Ivanovich Vladimirov is riding in the right seat of a patrol vehicle with another policeman in Bairamgulovo, Chelyabinsk Oblast, Russia, when they notice an unusual triangular pattern of colored lights about 80 feet away on the right side of the road in a freshly plowed field. There are 11 lights on the left and right sides of the object and 13 lights up the center. The lights on the edge flash sequentially like a theater marquee. After a bit, all the lights turn off. The next day, Vladimirov returns to the field and finds three round depressions in the soil about 10 inches deep and 36 inches in diameter. They are at the corners of an equilateral triangle 26 feet apart. (Richard F. Haines, “[CE2 in the Eastern Urals](#),” *IUR* 17, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1992): 11–13)
- 1984**, October — Jenny Randles writes in *Magonia* that ufology should take seriously the “quasi-conscious experiences” that often accompany UFO close encounters in which the observer enters a dream-like state that she calls the “Oz factor.” As this state unfolds, “the witness believes he is perceiving reality exactly as before, unaware that he has slipped into another niche on the spectrum, where he is now subjectively dramatising received data and superimposing this on the UAP.” (Jenny Randles, *UFO Reality*, Robert Hale, 1983; Jenny Randles, “[Not the E.T.H.](#),” *Magonia*, no. 17 (October 1984): 3–6; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 257–258)
- 1984**, October — 11:45 p.m. Five witnesses, including missile technician Shamil Yuaihetov, see a metallic cigar-shaped object slowly descending at a 45° angle near the Kattakurgan tactical nuclear missile base in Uzbekistan. It emits a hissing sound. The next day, three apparent landing-gear marks in an equilateral triangle pattern are found in a nearby vineyard in an area of damaged vines measuring 100 by 260 feet. Each depression is 20 inches deep. The case is investigated by S. P. Kuzionov of the Russian Geographical Society. (Ted R. Phillips, “[Physical Traces Associated with Unidentified Flying Objects](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 445 (May 2005): 5; Nukes 452–453)
- 1984**, October 5 — 1:00 a.m. Science teacher and UFO investigator [Philip J. Imbrogno](#) and Fred Dennis are returning from an interview with witnesses in Peekskill, New York, on US Highway 9 when they see, near Ossining, New York, a large half-circle of 6 bluish-yellow lights connected to a partially illuminated structure. Suddenly it flips on its side and turns like a Ferris wheel. After 30 seconds, it is lost behind some trees. (Philip J. Imbrogno, “[Incident at Indian Point](#),” *UFO Evidence*; Clark III 1277; Clark IV 1460)
- 1984**, October 8 — 7:40 a.m. Giuseppe Coccozza goes into his alfalfa field near Prato di Principato Ultra, Avellino, Italy, to get some fodder for his cow. On the beaten-earth path to the field he encounters an entity about 4 feet tall, wearing a blue helmet on its head and carrying a blue box on its back that features tubes running into the helmet and the entity’s back. Its body is covered with long, dark-brown hair, and it appears to be using a T-shaped instrument to explore the ground. There is a wide, aluminum-colored slit around its eyes. After noticing Coccozza, the entity moves toward a clearing among some hazel bushes, emitting small bluish flames from its sides. The witness backtracks and loses sight of it, but sees a UFO ascend at an angle from the bushes, turn, and shoot away toward a mountain range. Coccozza returns with a shotgun and finds some hoof-like footprints and holes left by the strange instrument, as well as landing marks apparently caused by the object. (Umberto Telarico, “[Rencontre du 3e type à Prato di Principato Ultra \(Italie\) le 8 octobre 1984](#),” *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 261–262 (March/April 1986): 20–29; Umberto Telarico, “[Close Encounter at Prato di Principato Ultra \(Italy\), October 1984](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 32, no. 1 (December 1986): 9–18; 2Pinotti 72–83)
- 1984**, October 9 — 3:30 a.m. A beam of light coming in through a window wakes up Isidoro Ferri in his residence on the Via della Tessaia in Polcanto, northeast of Florence, Italy. He sees that it is coming from the forehead of a dark figure on a nearby hill across the road. Suddenly the figure and light vanish, and Ferri sees a stationary ink light with three jets projecting downward. After several minutes, this light disappears and an extremely bright white light approaches and floods the area. Ferri gets up and approaches the window but finds himself paralyzed for a few seconds. The light then withdraws, and he finds he can move again. The white light is replaced by a red lens-shaped light that hurts his eyes then moves on to the northwest. Ferri’s dog has not barked through the entire encounter, refuses food for the next several days, and stays in its doghouse for 2 weeks. Three circular holes 4

inches in diameter and 1 inch deep are found in an area of somewhat flattened grass. (Edoardo Russo, "[Italian Update 1984](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 30, no. 4 (May 1985): 26; Edoardo Russo, "[Ufologie italienne: Le point sur 1984](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, nos. 255–256 (Sept./Oct. 1985): 39–41; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), February 1, 2007; 2Pinotti 84–92)

- 1984, Fall** — The UK Ministry of Defence is reorganized, making the group Sec. AS (2a) its main focal point for receiving public UFO reports. Its mission is to “determine whether or not UFOs present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom.” It has no other budget than minor staff costs and its records are unclassified. However, [Timothy Good](#) uncovers evidence that the U.K. Provost and Security Services at RAF Rudloe Manor [now MOD Corsham] northeast of Bath, England, are conducting more serious and secret UFO investigations. More recent declassified files have revealed that RAF Rudloe Manor was a filter center for UFO reports in the 1950s. The British Police Force’s elite Special Branch in 1997 opens files on two UFO researchers in the UK who are collecting data on the Rudloe Manor operations—Robin Cole and Matthew Williams. (Good Above, [pp. 70, 121–126](#); Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, [pp. 193, 203, 210](#); “[Churchill Ordered UFO Cover-up, National Archives Show](#),” BBC News, August 5, 2010; Nick Redfern, *The Roswell UFO Conspiracy*, Lisa Hagan, 2017, pp. 35–37)
- 1984, November** — *Discover* magazine publishes a cover story on the Westchester County sightings, which claims that the UFOs are actually a group of pilots from Stormville, New York, who fly ultralight aircraft in a tight formation and use their lights in such a way as to create boomerang or circle patterns. The author, [Glenn Garelik](#), notes that single-engine planes, even when directly overhead, are barely audible at ground level when they are flying above 3,000 feet. However, it fails to disclose that many witnesses are much closer to the object than that, nor does it mention the hovering for extended periods. In his 1987 book *Night Siege*, [Philip J. Imbrogno](#) lists 12 reasons for rejecting the explanation of the Stormville pilots. On those occasions when witnesses see both a plane and a UFO, the plane is clearly audible and the UFO is not, even if it is much closer. The UFO also appears on nights when the Stormville pilots are not in the air. The UFO’s maneuvers simply are beyond the capacity of most aircraft, and the power and intensity of the lights is far beyond the power capacity of small planes. (Glenn Garelik, “The Great Hudson Valley UFO Mystery,” *Discover* 5 (November 1984): 18–24; Thomas Burch, “[Bad Science, Bad Journalism: Discover Magazine Scolded for Article on Hudson Valley UFOs](#),” *Pursuit* 18, no. 3 (Fall 1985): 130–132; *NightSiege* 51–60, 244–248; Clark III 1278–1279; Clark IV 1462)
- 1984, November** — British UFO researcher [Timothy Good](#) interviews astrophysicist [Pierre Guérin](#) on the future of GEPAN. Because it is under the aegis of CNES, which is ill-disposed toward UFOs, Guérin says, it is doomed. (Good Above, [pp. 136–139](#))
- 1984, November 14** — As the space shuttle *Discovery* approaches the dysfunctional satellite Westar VI on the [STS-51-A](#) mission, its video camera records for 2 seconds a gray blob that seems to materialize near the top center of the frame and move in a curved path across the right side of the frame. [Bruce Maccabee](#) says the blob could be a “reflection of something in a window or a small nearby particle.” (“[UFO Appears during NASA STS-51-A Mission November 1984](#),” Real UFO Files Disclosed YouTube channel, July 10, 2020)
- 1984, December** — [Bob Gribble](#), who operates the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington, discontinues sending UFO reports to MUFON and sends them to Michael Hart’s Compufon for posting on the Usenet bulletin board. (Walt Andrus, “[Director’s Message](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 210 (October 1985): 18)
- 1984, December** — Night. A married couple are up late watching TV in Trafford, Pennsylvania, when they hear a tapping on the window. They see a red ball of light about as big as a basketball that moves away from the window. They turn on the outside lights to watch the ball, which has black marks among the red and gives off beams and sparks. It floats over a neighbor’s house. They go back to watching TV, but the red light taps on the window once more before going away. (Michael D. Swords, “[A Trick of the Light](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 10)
- 1984, December 11** — North Hollywood, California, film producer [Jaime Shandera](#) receives an unmarked package in the mail containing an undeveloped roll of 35mm film with the faked 1952 Eisenhower briefing document and the 1947 Truman MJ-12 memo. He tells researcher [William Moore](#), and they have the roll developed. Postmarked Albuquerque, New Mexico, the package is most likely sent by individuals in AFOSI at Kirtland AFB, including special agent Master Sgt. [Richard Doty](#), to plant disinformation in William Moore’s UFO research. They wait until 1987 to release the document. (Good Above, [pp. 545–551](#); Howard Blum, *Out There: The Government’s Secret Quest for Extraterrestrials*, 1990, [pp. 240–242](#); Michael Hesemann and Philip Mantle, *Beyond Roswell*, Marlowe, 1997, [p. 90](#); Clark III 365–366; Graff 313–314; Clark IV 409–410)
- 1984, December 27** — Allan Hills 84001, a fragment of a Martian meteorite, is found in the Allan Hills in Antarctica by a team of American meteorite hunters. In 1996, a group of scientists found features in the likeness of microscopic

fossils of bacteria in the meteorite, suggesting that these organisms also originated on Mars. The claims immediately made headlines worldwide, culminating in US president [Bill Clinton](#) giving a speech about the potential discovery. These claims are controversial from the beginning, and the wider scientific community ultimately rejects the hypothesis once all the unusual features in the meteorite have been explained without requiring life to be present. (Wikipedia, "[Allan Hills 8401](#)"; "[President Clinton Statement Regarding Mars Meteorite Discovery](#)," August 7, 1996; "[Online Document: Clinton Calls for Intensified Search for Life on Mars](#)," *Deseret News*, August 8, 1996; David S. McKay, et al., "[Search for Past Life on Mars: Possible Relic Biogenic Activity in Martian Meteorite ALH84001](#)," *Science* 273 (August 16, 1998): 924–930; Graff 366–372)

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- 1985** — Near the town of Krasnovodsk [now Türkmenbaşy], Turkmenistan, a radar station under the command of Captain L. Valuev tracks a disc-shaped object at an altitude of 60,000 feet and apparently more than one-half mile in length. The object is stationary, and some time later a small disc about 16 feet in diameter flies out of it and then lands on a lengthy spit on the Caspian Sea. Patrol boats rush to that area, but when they reach a distance of 325 feet from the object, it takes off and flies more than one-half mile away. This happens five times. Then the object ascends at a huge speed and reaches the larger disc, which rises up and disappears. (Good Need, [p. 354](#); Vadim K. Ilyin, "[KGB's 'Blue Folder' Reveals Shootings, Landings in USSR](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 403 (November 2001): 8; Alexander Dremin, "[Soviet Army Fought UFOs](#)," *Pravda*, January 2004)
- 1985** — French sociologist [Bertrand Méhuést](#) publishes *Soucoupes volantes et folklore*, demonstrating parallels between stories about hostile encounters with aliens and folkloric tales involving otherworldly creatures. (Bertrand Méhuést, *Soucoupes volantes et folklore*, Mercure de Paris, 1985; Eghigian, *After*, p. 249)
- 1985** — [Ademar José Gevaerd](#) launches the magazine *Ufologia Nacional & Internacional* in Brazil. It is published through 1986. (Clark IV 572)
- 1985**, January — [Jerome Clark](#) begins to take over as editor of the *International UFO Reporter* as [Hynek](#) distances himself from operations at the Center for UFO Studies. (Clark III 628; Clark IV 690)
- 1985**, January — A Roper Organization poll finds that 25% of Americans think that UFOs come from somewhere else in the universe. (Robert J. Durant, "[Evolution of Public Opinion on UFOs](#)," *IUR* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 13, 20)
- 1985**, January 10 — US physicist [Bernard Eastlund](#) files a patent on a "Method and apparatus for altering a region in the earth's atmosphere, ionosphere, and/or magnetosphere," that proposes a 40-square-mile radio transmitter using Alaskan natural gas to generate current to create electromagnetic radiation to excite a section of the ionosphere. The patent speculates on "possible ramifications and potential future developments" including magnetotelluric surveys, local weather modification, and missile defense. Eastlund later claims that HAARP is built using his patents, prompting [Nick Begich Jr.](#) to charge in 1995 that HAARP is capable of secretly controlling the weather. According to HAARP program manager [John L. Heckscher](#), "HAARP certainly does not have anything to do with Eastlund's thing, that is just crazy. What we have here is a premier scientific research facility with military applications." (US Patent, "[Method and Apparatus for Altering a Region of the Earth's Atmosphere, Ionosphere, and/or Magnetosphere](#)," granted August 11, 1987)
- 1985**, January 13 — Journalist [James Bamford](#) reveals the existence of the still-secret National Reconnaissance Office in a *New York Times* article. (James Bamford, "[America's Supersecret Eyes in Space](#)," *New York Times Magazine*, January 13, 1985, Sec. 6, p. 39)
- 1985**, January 14–February 26 — Project Hessdalen II is launched to study the recurring lights of Hessdalen, Norway, with the participation of [J. Allen Hynek](#), who arrives on January 26, but little light activity is noted. The phenomenon ceases in 1986. Investigators disagree on what the Hessdalen lights are. Odd-Gunnar Røed thinks they have some complex natural cause. [Erling Strand](#) finds it odd that the lights are so localized in time and space and must be an unknown phenomenon. [Paul Devereux](#) is convinced that they are earthquake lights resulting from seismic activity (even though the seismograph recorded no tremors). University of Oslo physicist Elvand Thrane says the lights remain a mystery. (J. Allen Hynek, "[Tracking the Hessdalen Lights](#)," *IUR* 10, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1985): 10–11; "[Projekt Hessdalen, Teil II](#)," *Journal für UFO-Forschung* 48 (Nov./Dec. 1986): 164–170; Kim Hansen, "UFO Casebook," *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 90–92; Gerson S. Paiva and C. A. Taft, "[Hessdalen Lights and Piezoelectricity from Rock Strain](#)," *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 25, no. 2 (2011): 265–271; Clark III 573; G. Pascoli, "[Are Hessdalen Lights a Reality, an Illusion, or a Mix of the Two?](#)" *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 35, no. 3 (2021): 590–622; Erling P. Strand, "[Project Hessdalen, Part 1: From 3 June 1983 to 24 March 1994](#)," Society for UAP Studies, January 4, 2024; Clark IV 631)

- 1985, February** — 2:35 a.m. Freight train #1702, consisting of 70 empty cars and a locomotive, is paced by a strange object for 31 miles from Essoyla station through Suoyarvi, Karelia, Russia, for 1 hour and 20 minutes. It comes from the side and crosses the railway about 100–160 feet ahead of the train. The men feel as if hypnotized and stare at an object about 13 feet in diameter that moves silently above the ground as if drifting. When the train is approaching the Novye Peski station, Engineer Sergei Orlov switches on his portable radio and contacts a woman on duty who goes out to meet the approaching train. She is surprised to see the shining ball followed by the vibrating object looking like an “upturned basin.” The train appears, moving at about 37 mph. She thinks the ball might hit the station, but right before the switch, it suddenly separates from the locomotive and passes around the building. When it returns, the object moves again toward the train, which speeds up as if the UFO is pulling it. The train manages to stop only near the Zastava station and the ball disappears behind the forest. The crew has to wait for a train coming from the opposite direction toward Petrozavodsk. Conductor Mironov gets out of the cab to examine the wheels, and as soon as he walks around the locomotive he feels a strange force press him against the train. He cannot move, but eventually it lets up; he reaches the cab and the train starts off as if it is waiting for him to take his seat. The train keeps moving for some time until the ball disappears behind trees. Automatic recorders on the locomotive and other official documents corroborate the testimony. The shining ball is noticed earlier at the Kutizhma station even before it is spotted by the train. (NICAP, “[Objects Pull Train](#)”; Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, p. 95)
- 1985, February 1** — The SETI Institute officially launches in Mountain View, California, with two employees, [Jill Tarter](#) and [Thomas Pierson](#). Its mission is to explore, understand, and explain the origin and nature of life in the universe, and to use this knowledge to inspire and guide present and future generations, sharing knowledge with the public, the press, and the government. For its first project, it builds a multichannel spectrum analyzer to aid in the hunt for anomalous signals in space. (Wikipedia, “[SETI Institute](#)”; Graff 296)
- 1985, March** — Noon. At a military shooting range at Mălina, west of Galați, Romania, Doru Voloșeniuc is sent to collect compasses from a military vehicle when he sees a flat, silvery object hovering about 5 feet above the ground. It becomes shrouded with a blue-green mist as it increases its rotation. He hears an unusually strong and penetrating ringing sound and he is lifted off the ground more than 12 inches and slams into the road face down. Looking up, he sees the object is no longer there. (Romania 93–94)
- 1985, March 7** — 11:40 a.m. A witness is driving south on North Stevens Street between 12th and 16th streets in Tacoma, Washington, when he sees a long, glowing, oval object to his left less than 2 miles away. The object, the width of four full moons, begins banking to the northeast. At a traffic light, the witness is able to take three photographs of the distant object, and he drives another mile toward the UFO, taking a fourth photo before it shoots straight up and out of sight. The photos only show a blur of distant light. A day later, the witness develops a rash on his face. (“[Sighting Report from Tacoma](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 6, no. 3 (June/July 1985): 6–7)
- 1985, March 20** — 9:00 p.m. [Philip Imbrogno](#) and his team of investigators (Sheila Sabo, [George Lesnick](#), and R. Perry Collins) see a UFO immediately after leaving the University of Bridgeport, Connecticut, where they took part in a call-in TV show about the Hudson Valley sightings. They see a circular structure ringed in 7 brilliant lights hovering over a 15-story building, watch it turn in the sky, and chase it down Interstate 95. The object glides effortlessly across the sky. The FAA later tells them that the sighting involves pilots flying in an illegal formation. (R. Perry Collins, “[The Westchester Wing, Part II](#),” *Pursuit* 18, no. 4 (Winter 1985): 166, 170; NightSight 189–194; Clark III 1277; Clark IV 1460)
- 1985, May** — Hachiro Kubota begins publishing *UFO Contactee*, an English-language newsletter in Tokyo, Japan. It focuses on the experiences of [George Adamski](#) and other contactees and continues through 1998. Kubota has translated all of Adamski’s books into Japanese. His Get-Acquainted Program group, which he formed as early as 1961, holds monthly meetings that attract students who explore Adamski’s philosophy. (*UFO Contactee*, no. 1 (May 1985); Eghigian, *After*, p. 228)
- 1985, May 20–25** — Army Col. [John B. Alexander](#) ([Howard Blum](#) gives him the pseudonym “Harold Phillips”), director of advanced concepts at the US Army Laboratory, forms a UFO working group titled Advanced Theoretical Physics Group made up of scientists and officers throughout the defense and intelligence community. His intent is to credibly gain access to actual deep-black military programs on UFOs or provide consultants for them. It meets for the first time this week, with only three other meetings: August 6–7, 1985; April 24, 1986; and November 18, 1987. They meet at BDM McLean Secure Facility in Virginia, and the last time at the Pentagon. This first meeting’s attendees include [Robert M. Wood](#) (McDonnell Douglas), Lt. Col. [Ronald F. Blackburn](#) (Air Force),

Milt Jansen (or Janzen), Don Keuble (Lockheed), [Harold E. Puthoff](#) (SRI), Ed Speakman (Army Intelligence), [Howell McConnell](#) (NSA), [William S. Wilkinson](#) (CIA), and others. The group's effort appears to be connected to an engineering project under retired Adm. [Bobby Ray Inman](#). Wood says the meetings are top secret, but he hears "nothing that was truly classified." Wood gives a presentation on UFO propulsion. Other people supposedly connected to the group are Maj. Gen. [Albert Stubblebine](#), [Jack Houck](#) (Boeing), and remote viewer [Ed Dames](#). Alexander states that one of ATP's goals is: "Study of the UFO data could provide a potential for a leap in technology. This would not require access to a craft, but could be derived from scientific examination of the reports determining the theoretical physics required to achieve such results." The group dissolves in 1988, since no government agency wants to openly fund it. (Howard Blum, [Out There: The Government's Secret Quest for Extraterrestrials](#), Simon & Schuster, 1990; Good Need, pp. 340–341; Dolan II 382–384; John B. Alexander, *UFOs: Myths, Conspiracies, and Realities*, Thomas Dunne, 2011, pp. 15–27; Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science* 3, Anomalist, 2017; Curt Collins, "[The US Government's Cash-Landrum UFO Investigations, Part Two](#)," Blue Blurry Lines, March 7, 2019; Keith Basterfield, "[The Advanced Theoretical Physics Project: Documents from Their First Meeting](#)," Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, June 24, 2019; Graff 305–307)

1985, May 23 — 10:35 p.m. A Soviet bomber regiment carrying out a scheduled mission spots an oval, orange object over the Khabarovsk Krai, Russia. Radar does not track it, but observers estimate it is traveling close to 350 mph. A light halo surrounds it. The sighting lasts 13 minutes, during which time the object occasionally descends and remains motionless. Two hours later, a similar object is seen at high altitude for 10 minutes, emitting beams of light. (Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, p. 76)

1985, Summer — Midnight. Biochemist [Kary Mullis](#) (who in 1993 won a Nobel Prize for his work on the polymerase chain reaction) is outside his cabin in Mendocino County, California, when he sees a glow next to a fir tree. Pointing his flashlight in that direction, he sees that the glow is coming from a raccoon with black eyes. The raccoon speaks to him, saying, "Good evening, doctor." He gives a friendly reply, and a moment later it is suddenly morning and he is walking on a road uphill from the cabin with no idea how he has gotten there. His clothes are clean and dry. Mullis goes back to the cabin for some sleep. Later, he returns to the area near the fir tree and experiences an irrational panic. In 1987, he sees the cover of [Whitley Strieber](#)'s *Communion* and feels a vague sense of recognition. His adult daughter Louise, who has also experienced missing time at the cabin, has the same reaction. Mullis has no memory of seeing a UFO or having an abduction experience, but he insists the experience is real. (Kary B. Mullis, *Dancing Naked in the Mind Field*, Pantheon, 1998, pp. 130–136; Bill Chalker, "[An Interesting Aside](#)," 1999; Bill Chalker, "[The Raccoon and the Nobel Prize](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 420 (April 2003): 6–7)

1985, June 11 — 10:40 p.m. A Chinese Boeing 747 airliner encounters a UFO on its flight from Beijing to Paris that almost forces the captain to make an emergency landing. Flight CA 933 is over Lanzhou, Gansu province, China, when Captain Wang Shuting and his crew first observe the object. The UFO crosses the path of the airliner at an altitude of 33,000 feet at a very high speed. The object illuminates an area of 25–30 square miles and is huge, with an apparent diameter of 6 miles. It is elliptical in shape and has an extremely bright spot in the center, with three horizontal rows of bluish-white lights on the perimeter. The sighting lasts for 2 minutes. Passengers do not see the object. ("[Translation from China of June 11th UFO over Dung Kou](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 6, no. 3 (June/July 1985): 6; Good Above, p. 218)

1985, June 27 — During startup of the first reactor at the Balakovo Nuclear Power Plant, Saratov Oblast, Russia, a relief valve bursts and superheated steam at 572° F. escapes into the annular compartments surrounding the reactor well. Fourteen men are possibly boiled alive. The incident is covered up by Soviet authorities. (Adam Higginbotham, *Midnight at Chernobyl*, Simon & Schuster, 2019, pp. 70–71)

1985, July — 3:00 p.m. As a pilot is flying a Grumman AA TR-2 toward the Port Columbus International Airport [now the John Glenn Columbus International Airport] in Ohio, the airport gives him authorization to investigate a "second sun" about two-thirds the size of a football field a few miles to the northwest. It is not tracked on ground radar. As he approaches, he sees it is a huge bright light that switches off as he gets closer, revealing a gray sphere. The object apparently consists of "millions" of clearly visible, pentagon-shaped, partially translucent crystals. The pilot estimates they are 6 inches in diameter, all spaced identically about 12 inches apart. He decides to penetrate the mass with his left wing, hoping he can knock some to the ground. As his wing slices through, he hears what sounds like a hailstorm on a tin roof and he sees hundreds of crystals breaking along the wing. The aircraft turbulence does not disturb the small objects, but their impact on the wing nearly destabilizes him. Later,

he looks for fragments embedded in the wing, but does not find any. (George Filer, "[Filer's Files](#)," #12-2005, March 16, 2005)

- 1985**, July 14 — 12:56 a.m. Brian McMullan Sr., Brian McMullan Jr., and a third member of the rock band C.E.IV (because of their interest in UFOs) are in the garden outside the home of their bass player in a northern suburb of Glasgow, Scotland, when they see an amber ball skipping along the sky. It crosses the sky in 25 seconds, slowly changing color to red. They estimate it is about 60 feet across and vanishes toward Fenwick Moor. The band remembers being "paralyzed with awe" for several minutes after the sighting. (Jenny Randles, "Cosmic Rock," *Fortean Times* 397 (October 2020): 31)
- 1985**, July 18 — [Jaime Shandera](#) and [William Moore](#) discover the unsigned, carbon-copy 1954 Cutler-Twining memo in Box 189 of Record Group 341 in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., between two file folders.
- 1985**, July 22 — 5:45 p.m. Two Hawk jets of the Zimbabwe Air Force piloted by C. Cordy-Hedge and T. R. Van Rooyen are scrambled from Thornhill Air Base in Gweru, Zimbabwe, following sightings in Bulawayo and five other cities in Matabeleland South. The object is seen and tracked on radar at Bulawayo Airport. It looks orange and round with a short cone on top. When the jets arrive at Bulawayo, the object is hovering at 7,000 feet, but it suddenly accelerates to a height of above 70,000 feet in less than a minute. The Hawks level off at 31,000 feet and return to Thornhill, where the object is seen for a few moments before disappearing horizontally at high speed. Air Commodore [David Thorne](#) states: "As far as my Air Staff is concerned, we believe implicitly that the unexplained UFOs are from some civilization beyond our planet." UFO researcher [Cynthia Hind](#) speaks to some Bulawayo witnesses who think the object is a balloon coated with reflecting material, but radar operators say it is clear it is no balloon. (Cynthia Hind, "[African Report](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 211 (November 1985): 3–5, 19; Cynthia Hind, "[Report on the UFO Sighting in Zimbabwe: July, 1985](#)," *BUFORA Bulletin*, no. 21 (May 1986): 5–9; Good Above, [pp. 433–434](#))
- 1985**, August — Several dozen Chinese scientists gather in Dalian, Liaoning, China, to exchange views on UFO research for the first time. Some 40 papers are presented and 17 of them are selected to be published in the proceedings. An article in *China Daily* reports that there is an enormous interest in UFOs in China and that the China UFO Research Organization has a membership of 20,000. The organization's chairman, Liang Renglin of Jinan University in Guangzhou, says that more than 600 reports were made in the past 5 years. ("UFO Conference Held in Dalian," *China Daily*, August 27, 1985; Good Above, [pp. 219, 472](#))
- 1985**, August 5 — 8:15 p.m. Antiaircraft batteries open fire on a UFO that is flying from west to east over northeastern Tehran, Iran. They apparently miss. The batteries believe the object is an Iraqi warplane. ("[Iran Fires on Shining Object in Sky](#)," *Newport News (Va.) Daily Press*, August 7, 1985, p. 12)
- 1985**, August 10 — The Russian nuclear submarine *K-431* is refueling at the Chazhma Bay naval facility near Vladivostok, Primorsky Krai, Russia. A reactor tank lid is improperly replaced, which quickly results in a thermal explosion. There are 10 fatalities, and 49 other people suffer radiation injuries. The explosion releases a massive amount of radioactivity and contaminates large areas of land and water. The disaster is kept secret for many years. (Wikipedia, "[Soviet submarine K-431](#)")
- 1985**, August 15 — 4:05 p.m. Greek Olympic Airways Flight OA 132, piloted by Christos Stamulis, is flying from Zürich, Switzerland, to Athens and is just passing the Swiss-Italian border at 25,000 feet when a wingless projectile passes 200–500 feet below them from left to right. The object is about 6 feet long, dark brown or black, and is coming from the Italian side of the border. Italian and Swiss military deny any tests. (Clas Svahn and Anders Liljegren, "[Close Encounters with Unknown Missiles](#)," *IUR* 19, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1994): 12)
- 1985**, August 17 — Afternoon. For several hours, witnesses throughout central Chile see distinct, luminous spots in the sky, sometimes motionless, sometimes moving slowly. Television crews film the objects, astronomers in Santiago photograph them, and the Arturo Merino Benítez International Airport tracks them on radar. Early explanations by the Chilean Air Force center on weather or research balloons, but a Chilean Civil Aeronautics report states that the sightings remain an enigma. (J. Antonio Huneus, "[A Chilean Overview](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 218 (June 1986): 5–6)
- 1985**, August 18 — Four civilian pilots are flying a Cessna on a southerly course at 3,200 feet altitude near Söderhamn, Gävleborg, Sweden, when they spot a missilelike object, some 20 feet long, going in the opposite direction. They see it is a metallic missile with steering fins in the back. It occasionally changes its course according to the terrain. The pilot dives down a bit to follow it, but they can't keep up. The Swedish military spends 6 months trying to identify it. (Clas Svahn and Anders Liljegren, "[Close Encounters with Unknown Missiles](#)," *IUR* 19, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1994): 12; Swords 369–370)

- 1985, September** — *Contact*, a novel by astronomer [Carl Sagan](#), is published by Simon and Schuster. It deals with the theme of contact between humanity and a more technologically advanced, extraterrestrial life form. The novel mixes science, religion, and philosophy with somewhat fictionalized anecdotes, experiences, and personalities from across Sagan's career, including a Russian character resembling [Iosif Shklovsky](#) and a female protagonist based on [Jill Tarter](#). (Wikipedia, "[Contact](#)"; Graff 291)
- 1985, September 9** — 12:05 p.m. British pilot David J. Hastings is flying a Cessna 337 Super Skymaster with his instructor, US pilot David Patterson, south of Las Vegas, Nevada, with the Mojave Desert in California just coming into view, when they nearly collide with an oblong-shaped object that suddenly appears directly in front of them. They duck beneath the instrument panel. When they get up, they sense something moving on the port side of the plane, so Hastings takes two photos in that direction. When the film is developed, one shot shows a blurry image of a UFO. (David J. Hastings, "Across the USA in a Cessna Skymaster," *Pilot*, June 2000, pp. 56–59; Good Need, [pp. 399–400](#); UFOFiles2, [pp. 132–133](#))
- 1985, September 12** — 9:00–10:30 p.m. An unusual object, studded with lights, flies low over New York City and surrounding areas of Yonkers and New Rochelle. Some witnesses report a V shape; others say the lights vary in appearance. Some can see a dark object occulting the background stars as the lights pass overhead. (R. Perry Collins, "[The Westchester Wing, Part II](#)," *Pursuit* 18, no. 4 (Winter 1985): 166, 171)
- 1985, September 13** — The US P78-1 Solwind solar observation satellite is destroyed in orbit at an altitude of 326 miles by an ASM-135 ASAT missile launched from a USAF F-15 Eagle fighter aircraft. The test results in 285 cataloged pieces of orbital debris. (Wikipedia, "[Solwind](#)"; Wikipedia, "[ASM-135 ASAT](#)")
- 1985, September 27** — Two police officers in Long Clawson, England, are the latest witnesses of a triangular-shaped object that has been seen multiple times in the area around Leicester since August. ("[Throwing a Light on UFO](#)," *Leicester (UK) Mercury*, December 2, 1985, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 199 (February 1986): 12)
- 1985, Autumn** — 8:30 p.m. A father and son are driving in Cannock Chase toward Rugeley, Staffordshire, England. As they round a bend in the road, they see a large, black, triangular object stationary 150 feet in the sky about 100 feet away. A bright light appears at each point of the triangle. After a short time, it shoots away at incredible speed. ("[Tale of a Chase Hi-Tech Triangle](#)," Wolverhampton (UK) *Cannock Chase Post*, December 21, 2000, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 383 (June 2001): 13)
- 1985, October** — The Russian motorship *Baltiysky-35* is in the Baltic Sea bound from Lübeck, Germany, to Riga, Latvia, when the crew observes a bright dot in the sky emanating concentric circles of a light-green color. Researcher Konstantin Khazanovich considers this to be the result of a Soviet ballistic missile launch from the Murmansk area. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 172)
- 1985, October 5** — Afternoon. UFO researcher [Ray Stanford](#) allegedly takes a Super 8 color movie of something in the afternoon sky over Corpus Christi, Texas. In his accounts, eight non-human craft move in progression across the sky, several of them providing singular and awe-inspiring displays of astonishing unknown technologies. (Douglas Dean Johnson, "[Plasma Beam—or Fever Dream?](#)" *Mirador*, April 29, 2022; Douglas Dean Johnson, "[The Ray Stanford UFO–Alien Legacy](#)," *Mirador*, April 8, 2024)
- 1985, October 17** — Evening. An estimated 2,000 witnesses see a dark object with lights over Bridgeport, Fairfield, and Danbury, Connecticut. Several witnesses see the lights change from a V to a straight line and back to a V formation. It moves very slowly, rotates on its axis, and accelerates rapidly. Some describe it as larger than an airliner at low altitude. (R. Perry Collins, "[The Westchester Wing, Part II](#)," *Pursuit* 18, no. 4 (Winter 1985): 166, 171–172)
- 1985, November** — GEPAN has received 1,615 UFO reports from the Gendarmerie in France dating as far back as 1974. (Clark III 546; Clark IV 604)
- 1985, November 3** — 8:30 p.m. Two men in a small vessel in the waters off Vladivostok, Primorsky Krai, Russia, notice a high-altitude object in the north looking a bit larger than a star, rapidly moving toward them. It sends a beam of light to earth at a sharp angle, although the beam does not reach the ground. As the UFO approaches the boat its engine stops. The captain restarts the engine, but it dies again when the object is overhead. The UFO moves off toward the city and disappears. The men use oars to return to shore. (Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, pp. 77–78)
- 1985, November 16** — [Mark Rodeghier](#) is named deputy scientific director of the Center for UFO Studies. ("[To Our Readers](#)," *IUR* 10, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1985): 18)
- 1985, November 19** — At the 1985 Geneva Summit between President [Ronald Reagan](#) and Soviet General Secretary [Mikhail Gorbachev](#), Reagan remarks during a toast that if the people of the world were to find out that there was some alien life form that was going to attack the Earth approaching on Halley's Comet, then that knowledge

would unite all the peoples of the world. In a private talk with Gorbachev, Reagan asks what Russia would do if the US were suddenly attacked from outer space. “Would you help us?” he asks. Gorbachev responds, “No doubt about it.” (presidentialufo.com, “[Ronald Reagan, 40th President, January 20, 1981–January 20, 1989](#)”; Jimmy Orr, “[Reagan and Gorbachev Agreed to Fight UFOs](#),” *Christian Science Monitor*, April 24, 2009)

1985, November 19 — 11:00 p.m. A woman is returning to her home in Madison, Wisconsin. Suddenly she sees three lights above a row of trees descending toward a house near the East Madison Baptist Church on the north side of Milwaukee Street. She pulls over to the curb and sees the lights make a sharp, 90° turn toward her car. Then it rises several feet in front of the car avoiding the power lines. Triangular and black, the object is the size of a large car with a light on each side. Sweeping to the north, the triangle stops and hovers directly over a house. She leaves and calls the Madison police department. (“[Oh, Oh, UFO: Two Are Sighted Here](#),” *Madison Wisconsin State Journal*, November 26, 1985, Sec. 4, p. 1; Don Schmitt, “[The Belleville Sightings, Part Two](#),” *IUR* 13, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1988): 17–18; “[Upfront](#),” from Madison newspaper, October 1992, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 283 (February 1993): 19; Marler [163](#))

1985, November 22 — [Hynek](#) writes a letter to *International UFO Reporter* Editor [Jerome Clark](#), effectively resigning as editor-in-chief, citing health reasons. He also states that his connection with [Tina Choate](#), [Brian Myers](#), and the ICUFOR operation in Phoenix, Arizona, is “null and void.” Funding from the British investor Kaye has fallen through, and Choate and Myers are more interested in the commercial aspects than UFO research. (“[Dr. Hynek Resigns](#),” *IUR* 10, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1985): 20; O’Connell, 2017, pp. 332–338)

1985, November 22 — After 5:00 p.m. A Wisconsin state employee is driving north on County Highway CV near DeForest, Wisconsin, when he notices three white lights hovering 20–30 feet above a farmhouse. He exits the highway for a closer look. The UFO is roughly triangular, dull gray, 40 feet across, and its bottom is sloped into contours. It is hanging stationary over a 60-foot-high tree as the witness pulls his car past it. He gets out of his car about 200 feet away, and the object moves closer toward him to about 100 feet over the road. Smoothly and quickly it moves away to the west. (Don Schmitt, “[The Belleville Sightings, Part Two](#),” *IUR* 13, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1988): 18)

1985, December — Some members of the Centro Ufologico Nazionale, including [Paolo Toselli](#), Gian Paolo Grassino, and [Edoardo Russo](#), are dissatisfied with its administration and priorities. They break off and form the Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici. The newsletter *Notizie C.U.N.* becomes *Notizie UFO* with the same editor, Gian Paolo Grassino, in Turin, Italy. It changes the name in February 1998 to *UFO Notizie* and is now published as *Notizie CISU*. ([Notizie UFO](#), no. 11 (December 1985); [UFO Notizie](#), no. 57 (February 1998); Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici, “[Notizie CISU](#)”; 2Pinotti 96–97)

1985, December 23 — 3:10 a.m. The merchant ferry [Manuel Soto](#), owned by Transmediterránea Company, is sailing from Las Palmas to Arrecife in the Canary Islands when the third officer on duty sees a light on the horizon ahead. Initially he identifies it as the star Antares but soon realizes the position is wrong. He takes measurements of its height and azimuth. It remains in the same spot for 15 minutes, after which it begins moving quickly. Other crew members see the light approaching the ship and reaching the zenith 2 minutes later. The object’s outline does not resemble an airplane or helicopter, and it has an intense white light at its center, a weaker red light near it, and another soft light set apart. The object is flying low and silently. (Swords 436)

1985, December 26 — Night. Novelist [Whitley Strieber](#) undergoes a bizarre UFO abduction in his cabin in upstate New York. After he is awakened by a peculiar noise, he opens his eyes to see a small, inhuman creature rushing toward his bed. The next thing he knows it is morning, and he is feeling disoriented and angry but can’t tell why. Later, the full story of missing time, terrifying flashbacks, and intrusive examinations by entities he calls the “visitors” unfolds under the direction of [Budd Hopkins](#) in hypnosis sessions by [Donald F. Klein](#) of the New York Psychiatric Institute beginning in March 1986. Strieber tells the story in his 1987 book *Communion*. (Whitley Strieber, *Communion: A True Story*, Avon, 1987; Nick Redfern, “[Whitley Strieber’s Communion at 30](#),” *Mysterious Universe*, March 2, 2017; Clark III 1112–1113; Graff 331–332; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 288–289; Clark IV 1238–1239)

1986

1986 — NORAD technical intelligence works on 813 initial Unknown targets this year (whittled down quickly from an even greater number of Uncorrelated Targets). Nearly two-thirds are pursued by fighter interceptors and more than one-third of the scrambled cases are successfully intercepted and identified. Almost half of the total are identified by further Air Traffic Control correlation, leaving 123 Remaining Unknowns at the end of the year.

This is reduced further in early 1987 to 87 “Not Identified” REMs by additional intelligence correlation analysis, leaving roughly 10% of the initial amount unidentified. (Clark III 801; Clark IV 893)

- 1986** — Night. Dissident Chinese writer [Ma Jian](#) has escaped from custody and is making his way through dangerous terrain in Lancang Lahu Autonomous County in southern Yunnan, China. Suddenly, a ball of light the size of a cantaloupe appears in the darkness. It rises from a stream and floats through the trees, then stops by some branches 30 feet away. It drops to his eye level and he follows it through the forest, guiding his way for 12 miles until dawn. (Ma Jian, *Red Dust: A Path through China*, Pantheon, 2001, [p. 279](#); Clark III 652–653; Clark IV 728)
- 1986**, January — Jimmy Goddard begins publishing *Amskaya*, a newsletter of the contactee-oriented STAR Fellowship, in Weybridge, Surrey, England. It continues through July 2018. ([Amskaya](#), no. 1 (January 1986))
- 1986**, January 1 — The Usenet bulletin board service ParaNet is launched, managed by James J. Speiser in Arizona. It quickly develops into a thriving community where a full range of researchers, skeptics, and cranks can post articles. Dale Goudie takes over the online information service Computer UFO Network. Operating out of Mercer Island, Washington, it functions as a UFO bulletin board using a voice and data line connected to an IBM personal computer. CUFON receives most of its reports from [Bob Gribble](#) of the National UFO Reporting Center. In Seattle. By late 1986, Goudie has more than 1,700 members and is receiving many calls per day, mostly IFOs. (Walt Andrus, “[Director’s Message](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 214 (February 1986): 20, 19; Walt Andrus, “[Director’s Message](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 223 (November 1986): 19, 18; Dolan II 380–381)
- 1986**, January 7 — A UFO emitting beams of light toward the ground is seen in Butler, Pennsylvania. In Pittsburgh, 20 minutes later, a silver-gray disc is seen hovering. Mist forms around it, the object tilts, and it moves out of sight. (Stan Gordon, “[Pennsylvania Wave](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 224 (December 1986): 7)
- 1986**, January 9 — 9:00 p.m. Multiple cars stop along Interstate 84 in Hartford, Connecticut, to watch a silent boomerang-shaped object, estimated to be the size of a Boeing 747, with white, red, blue, and green lights. It moves low through the sky then hovers for 15 seconds before heading off to the west. The boomerang is also seen by dozens of witnesses in Torrington, Connecticut. A family sees the UFO, with 10 white lights, hover directly over their house, engulfing their home in a brilliant white light. They are so frightened they flee to the basement. The building inspector for Torrington sees a “cigar with square windows” near Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks. The FAA claims the object is a blimp, although there are no blimps flying in the area. (Tracy Gordon and Deborah Peterson, “[UFO Sighting Sends Theories Flying](#),” *Hartford (Conn.) Courant*, January 11, 1986, pp. B1, B4; NightSight, 5–6, 194)
- 1986**, January 29 — 7:50 p.m. Inhabitants of Dalnegorsk, Primorsky Krai, Russia, see a reddish ball about half the size of the full moon. The ball is flying soundlessly parallel to the ground. It is later determined that its speed is approximately 34 mph and that it is about 2,300–2,625 feet in altitude. When the object reaches Height 611 (also known as Mount Izvestkovaya) it starts to descend and then crashes into the hill. All witnesses but one agree there is no sound when the object reaches the ground. Some say the object falls with a flash and is not visible after that; others claim it oscillates at altitude above the hill, radiating light of varying intensity as it goes up and down. The light given off by the object is described by some as a forest fire, which lasts for approximately one hour. A scientific team led by [Valery Dvuzhilny](#), head of the Far Eastern Commission for Anomalous Phenomena, arrives on the site on February 3. Some rocks at the impact site have drops of silvery metal, which are later determined to be lead. The type of lead found on Height 611 is different from lead found in local lead deposits. Also, black, glassy, drop-shaped beads and mesh fragments are found at the site. In all, approximately 70 grams of lead, 5 grams of mesh fragments, and 40 grams of beads are discovered. The radiation level of the landing ground is normal. Photos of the site using two different cameras all develop as blank. Chemical analyses of the beads show they are mostly composed of lead, silicon, and iron. Some of the drops contain significant amounts of zinc, bismuth, and rare earth elements. An analysis of the soil, rocks, and burned wood taken from the landing ground shows that the chemical composition is similar to the composition of samples taken from the site of the 1908 Tunguska event. The mesh fragments are also analyzed; the material does not dissolve in strong acids and organic solvents, even when exposed to high temperatures for prolonged periods of time. One of the mesh fragments is discovered to be composed of scandium, gold, lanthanum, sodium, and samarium. An analysis of another mesh fragment shows gold, silver, and nickel. After that fragment is heated in a vacuum, the analysis no longer shows these elements; however, molybdenum and rhenium are detected. The concentration of gold found in one of the mesh fragments is equivalent to 1,100 grams per metric ton. This is much higher than gold deposits in the region, which become economic to extract when the concentration of gold reaches 4 grams per metric ton. There are no gold deposits in Dalnegorsk that contain gold at concentrations high enough to extract. (StealthSkater Archives, [\[Dalnegorsk articles\]](#); “[USSR: Media Report Multitude of UFO Sightings](#),” CIA Foreign Broadcast Information

- 1986**, February — A poll conducted by the Public Opinion Laboratory shows that 43% of Americans agree that some UFOs are space vehicles from other civilizations. (“[Poll Indicates Technologically Confused U.S. Public](#),” *El Paso (Tex.) Times*, February 14, 1986, p. 1)
- 1986**, February — 11 p.m. A couple are riding a motorcycle south on US Highway 23 near Franklin, North Carolina, when they see three red lights in the shape of a triangle flying silently at a height of 300 feet. The lights appear to be about 300 feet apart. As it moves slowly away, the lights reposition themselves and begin spinning off to the east. (“[North Carolina Huge Triangular Craft](#),” Filer’s Files, #25-2006, June 21, 2006; Covert 25)
- 1986**, February 4 — 3:00 a.m. A woman in Reseda, California, wakes up with a sinus headache. She hears animals in the neighborhood barking, growling, and howling. Looking outside, she sees above a power line a black object hovering with a peculiar vibrating motion. It is “like a black mirror with a small, white fluorescent aura around it.” After 3–4 minutes, it emits orange bands of light. She wakes her husband, who manages to see a thin, white mist floating away. A strong wind comes up for 5 minutes afterward. (Mark Rodeghier, “[From the CUFOS Files: 1986 Reports](#),” *IUR* 11, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1986): 14)
- 1986**, February 6 — 8:30 p.m. [Valery Dvuzhilny](#) reports that two yellow globes appear in the north and approach the Dalnegorsk crash site, circle it four times, and disappear in a flash. (StealthSkater Archives, [[Dalnegorsk articles](#)])
- 1986**, February 7–8 — The First All-Union Seminar on Technical Methods of Anomalous Phenomena Research takes place in Nizhny Novgorod in central Russia. (Mikhail Gershtein, “[A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union](#),” UAP Check, July 6, 2024)
- 1986**, February 8 — 7:00 p.m. Matthew Woodard, 16, and Melinda Hays, 17, are driving toward Lima, Ohio, from the west on State Route 117. As they are crossing the bridge over the Ottawa River, they see a large, dark object about 50–60 feet long hovering above some trees on the right side of the road. It parallels them as they turn left on Seriff Road. It has a rectangular upper section with a single steady white light on top and sloping sides with a red and blue light on the lower left. The object eventually disappears in the distance behind trees and houses. (John P. Timmerman, “[A Giant Triangle](#),” *IUR* 11, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1986): 9)
- 1986**, February 12 — 12:33 a.m. A woman who lives on the northwest edge of Lima, Ohio, is awakened by a loud sound. She looks out and sees a “strange dark object” in the southeast sky. It is triangular in shape, has white lights in the two lower corners and a red light in the top corner, and is hovering about 250 feet away. She goes to wake her husband, but when she returns the object is gone. (John P. Timmerman, “[A Giant Triangle](#),” *IUR* 11, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1986): 10)
- 1986**, February 26 — 7:30 p.m. [Charles, the Prince of Wales](#) [later King Charles III] is returning to London, England, after a tour of Dallas, Texas. While flying over the Irish Sea, the pilot of his Vickers VC10 observes a bright red flash in the sky. Charles does not see it, but several other aircraft in the vicinity also report a reddish ball of fire with a tail (undoubtedly a meteor or space debris reentry). (Jenny Randles, “[Nonencounter with a non-UFO](#),” *IUR* 11, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1986): 7–8)
- 1986**, February 28 — 11:30 p.m. Multiple witnesses in New Castle, Pennsylvania, watch a 50-foot-long lighted object, with two apparent legs for landing, hovering and moving up, down, and sideways. A dog becomes completely agitated. (Stan Gordon, “[Pennsylvania Wave](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 224 (December 1986): 8)
- 1986**, March 18 — Two triangular objects flying one behind the other with their points forward are seen near Newport, South Wales. The first is covered with multicolored lights, while the second has three lights at each point. Both are a few hundred yards long. (Marler [138](#))
- 1986**, March 26 — 8:00 p.m. Some 500 witnesses in Kingston, New York, see an object “like a giant Ferris wheel” the size of a football field. It makes a humming sound and has intensely bright lights, mostly white but also red, yellow, green, and blue. A dark mass behind the lights blots out the sky. Suddenly the object flips on its side before moving away. A police officer who sees the UFO says it cannot be “a bunch of guys flying in planes.” (NightSieve 196–198)
- 1986**, April 22 — After 10:00 p.m. Medical technicians taking an injured man in an ambulance to Debrecen, Hungary, see a huge, luminous, orange sphere flying silently above the right side of the road at Hajdudorog and moving along with them. It is about 325 feet away from them, floating at 100–130 feet. The sphere is surrounded by a ring, and flames appear on its surface from time to time. Two flames blaze on opposite sides, while another moves to and fro along its middle. The sighting lasts for 15 minutes for a distance of nearly 12 miles. When the ambulance reaches Hajdúböszörmény, the object speeds up, stops above a forest, and slowly descends while radiating a

bright light that illuminates the trees. It goes out shortly afterward. On the return from Debrecen, the huge sphere returns over Józsa, this time with 6–7 flames instead of 3. It speeds over the village and “waits” on the other side for the ambulance, following it again to the north. The perplexed technicians decide to stop the ambulance. The UFO slows down, but does not stop, moving over a power line and illuminating the cables below. The ambulance recommences its journey, with the object following for another 10 minutes. A short time later, covering the same route, the technicians notice that the forest where the sphere landed is on fire. They find the grass all wet, with 5-foot flames (natural gas?) emanating from the ground. (Karoli Hargitai, “[The UFO Phenomenon in Hungary](#),” *IUR* 14, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1989): 14)

- 1986, April 22** — 11:00 p.m. Two people are driving on the Via Flaminia near Pesaro, Italy, when their car engine stops. After hearing a strange sound, they see 3 discs 65 feet in diameter with domes and tripods standing on the left of the road. They have white and blue lights. After hovering for 20 seconds, the discs emit a strong whistle, accelerate, and disappear. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 19)
- 1986, April 25** — 9:05 p.m. A private pilot sees a V-shaped configuration of approximately 12 spherical nocturnal lights for about 15 seconds in Memphis, Tennessee. He estimates they are moving at 300 knots at an altitude of under 1,000 feet. (Mark Rodeghier, “[From the CUFOS Files: 1986 Reports](#),” *IUR* 11, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1986): 14)
- 1986, April 26** — 1:23 a.m. The Number 4 nuclear reactor in the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant at Pripyat, Ukraine, has a power surge during a backup generator test. Flawed reactor design and inadequately trained personnel lead to the fuel rods overheating, causing an explosion and meltdown, necessitating the evacuation of 300,000 people from the area. Around 5% of the core is released into the atmosphere, dispersing radioactive material across Europe. The reactor explosion kills two of the reactor operating staff. In the emergency response that follows, 134 firemen and station staff are hospitalized with acute radiation syndrome due to absorbing high doses of ionizing radiation. Of these 134 people, 28 die in the days to months afterward, and approximately 14 suspected radiation-induced cancer deaths follow within the next 10 years. Among the wider population, an excess of 15 childhood thyroid cancer deaths are documented as of 2011. The United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation at multiple times reviews all the published research on the incident and finds that at present, fewer than 100 documented deaths are likely attributable to increased exposure to radiation. Determining the total eventual number of exposure-related deaths is uncertain based on the linear no-threshold model, a contested statistical model that is used in estimates of low-level radon and air pollution exposure. (Wikipedia, “[Chernobyl disaster](#)”; Adam Higginbotham, *Midnight at Chernobyl*, Simon & Schuster, 2019)
- 1986, April 26** — About 4:30 a.m. During the nuclear disaster at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, Mikhail Varitsky and other technicians observe a fiery sphere, similar in color to brass, within 1,000 feet of the damaged Unit 4 reactor at the height of the fire. Two bright rays shoot out from the object, directed at the reactor. It hovers in the areas about 3 minutes, then the rays vanish as the UFO moves slowly away to the northwest. Radiation levels taken just before the UFO appears read 3,000 milliroentgens/hour; after the rays, the readings show 800 milliroentgens/hour. (Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, pp. 68–69; “[UFO Prevents Blast at Chernobyl Nuclear Plant](#),” *Pravda*, September 16, 2002)
- 1986, April 27** — [J. Allen Hynek](#) dies in Scottsdale, Arizona, from a malignant brain tumor. (“[J. Allen Hynek, Astronomer and UFO Consultant, Dies](#),” *New York Times*, May 1, 1986, p. D27; Mark Rodeghier, “[Good-bye, Allen](#),” *IUR* 11, no. 3 (May/June 1986): 3, 12)
- 1986, May** — June O. Parnell writes her Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Wyoming on a psychological study of more than 200 contactees or abductees who have attended the Rocky Mountain Conferences hosted by Leo Sprinkle. She finds no detectable psychological differences between contactees and “normal” persons. (June O. Parnell and R. Leo Sprinkle, “[Personality Characteristics of Persons Who Claim UFO Experiences](#),” *Journal of UFO Studies* 2 (1990): 45–58)
- 1986, May 6** — Several witnesses are driving from Worthing to Billinghamurst in West Sussex, England, when they see a trapezium-shaped object with two square lights in front, and two green and one red light in the rear. Making a dull humming sound, it hovers above the road then zigzags behind their car. After they step out of their vehicle, the object comes straight at them, turns, and proceeds to the north. (Marler [138](#))
- 1986, May 8** — UFO researcher Lee M. Graham, who has met several times with [Bill Moore](#) and received documents about Project Snowbird and Project Aquarius, writes to the Defense Investigative Service about Moore’s contacts. Moore had sported an ID badge that is identical to other DIS badges Graham has seen. Moore says his superior was named “Richard,” which probably indicates USAF intelligence agent [Richard C. Doty](#). (Robert Hastings,

[“The MJ-12 Affair: Facts, Questions, Comments,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 254 (June 1989): 3–11; Dolan II 406–407)

- 1986,** May 19 — 6:30 p.m. 2ndSgt Sergio Mota da Silva, airport flight controller for São José dos Campos, São Paulo, Brazil, sees two luminous objects about 6,500 feet above the city and 9 miles away. Through binoculars, the objects have distinct borders and intense multicolored flashing lights in the lower part. At 7:00 p.m., flight controllers at Brasília and São Paulo confirm three primary radar targets above São José dos Campos. Around 7:30 p.m., da Silva sees more lights, predominantly red, but changing to yellow, green, and orange.
- 1986,** May 19 — 7:40 p.m. Visual UFO sightings continue over São José dos Campos, with objects remaining motionless for long periods of time. By 8:00 p.m., CINDACTA radars in Brasília track 8 unidentified targets on their screens.
- 1986,** May 19 — 9:00 p.m. A Xingu light airplane piloted by Col. [Ozires Silva](#), an aeronautical engineer and a manufacturing CEO for Petrobras, is preparing for a landing at São José dos Campos. His copilot Cmdr. Alcir Pereira da Silva receives a call from CINDACTA in Brasília asking them to confirm some unidentified targets. They look and see bright red or red-orange lights “not at all like stars or planes.” Aborting the landing, they attempt to pursue one of the objects, which blinks on and off irregularly, appearing in a new location each time as if changing position rapidly. After about 30 minutes, they give up the chase and land. The Xingu makes three other attempts to land, but each time is diverted toward looking at other unidentified lights and targets.
- 1986,** May 19 — 10:23 p.m. By this time, the Air Defense and Air Traffic Control Center is on full alert, radar screens showing numerous unidentified targets. Three F-5E fighter jets are scrambled from Santa Cruz Air Force Base near São Paulo. One of the pilots, Capt. Marcio Brisola Jordão, is able to approach within 12 miles of an unidentified target, visible to him as a strong, constant light that is changing colors continuously from white to green. He breaks off contact when the object moves away out to sea. Another F-5E, piloted by Lt. Kleber Caldas Marinho, chases a very intense red light that changes to white, then green, then red again. Running low on fuel, he has to return to base. Both ground and airborne radar are tracking the objects. After the F-5E pilots make visual contact, more jets are scrambled from Anápolis Air Force Base, Goiás, about 10:50 p.m. This second flight consists of three Mirage III fighters equipped with Sidewinders and Martra missiles. One of the pilots, Capt. Armindo Sousa Viriato de Freitas, is vectored toward 10–13 unidentified targets at a distance of 20 miles. Radar controllers see the objects surrounding his plane, 6 stationed on one side and 7 on the other, and later following his plane at a distance of two miles, but only see them visually once when they are climbing vertically. During the night, a total of 21 luminous objects, apparently spherical and ranging in size from 165 to 330 feet in diameter, are seen, captured on radar, and pursued by jet fighters. Activity ceases around 11:20 p.m. The Air Force Minister, Brig. Gen. [Octávio Júlio Moreira Lima](#), makes the events public at a press conference and allows the pilots and radar officers to submit to news media questioning in Brasília. (NICAP, [“Brazilian Aircraft / UFO Encounter / Radar-Visual”](#); Wikipedia, [“Noite dos discos voadores”](#); “Jatos da FAB perseguem 21 discos voadores,” *Folha de S. Paulo*, May 22, 1986; “Aeronáutica detecta 21 OVNI’s no céu do país,” *Folha de S. Paulo*, May 22, 1986; Willy Smith, [“The Brazilian Incident,”](#) *IUR* 11, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1986): 4–6; Fred Bobb, [“The Astounding UFO Invasion of Brazil,”](#) *Pursuit* 19, no. 2 (Summer 1986): 82–83; Walt Andrus, [“UFOs over Brazil,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 221 (September 1986): 3, 11; Willy Smith, [“More on Brazilian OVNI’s,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 221 (September 1986): 4–5, 11; J. Antonio Huneeus, [“UFO Alert in Brazil,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 223 (November 1986): 6–7, 9, 15; Willy Smith, [“UFO Chase in Brazil \(May 1986\),”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 32, no. 1 (December 1986): 6–8; Willy Smith, “UFOs in Latin America,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 111–113; Good Above, [pp. 427–428](#); Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneeus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, [pp. 121–127](#); UFOEv II 109–111; Kean, [pp. 199–202](#); Clark III 830–835; Brazil 417–441; André Bernardo, [“A noite em que 21 óvnis invadiram o espaço aero brasileiro e foram perseguidos por caças da FAB,”](#) BBC News Brasil, January 14, 2022; Jackson Camargo, [“Noite Oficial: Os Documentos Oficiais,”](#) Portal Fenomenum, April 22, 2022; Patrick Gross, [“Jets Chase UFOs over Brazil in 1986”](#); Jackson Camargo, [“Os 37 Anos da Noite Oficial dos OVNI’s,”](#) Portal Fenomenum, May 19, 2023; Clark IV 918–923)
- 1986,** June — The Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici in Turin, Italy, begins publishing its official journal *UFO–Rivista di Informazione Ufologica* through autumn 2017. ([UFO–Rivista di Informazione Ufologica](#), no. 1 (June 1986))
- 1986,** June 26 — 9:49 p.m. A husband and wife see two objects traveling from southwest to northeast, about as bright as Venus, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They move on parallel paths below a scattered cloud cover. After a minute, they appear to begin rotating, then stop and move out of sight. (Mark Rodeghier, [“From the CUFOs Files: 1986 Reports,”](#) *IUR* 11, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1986): 14)

- 1986, July 11** — A Lockheed F-117 Nighthawk stealth attack aircraft crashes in Sequoia National Forest, California, killing pilot Maj. [Ross E. Mulhare](#) and starting a fire. The Air Force establishes restricted airspace around the site. Armed guards prohibit entry, including firefighters, and a helicopter gunship circles the area. All F-117 debris is replaced with remains of a F-101A Voodoo crash stored at Area 51. (Jeffrey T. Richelson, “[When Secrets Crash](#),” *Air Force Magazine*, July 1, 2001)
- 1986, July 15** — 12:00 midnight. A single witness walking home from the bus station in Watertown, Massachusetts, is watching airliners land at Logan Airport when he sees a string of three bright-orange lights. They are moving along the same glide path as the incoming jets but seem to slow down, come to a dead stop, then vanish instantly. (Mark Rodeghier, “[From the CUFOS Files: 1986 Reports](#),” *IUR* 11, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1986): 13)
- 1986, July 18** — Royal assent is granted to the Outer Space Act, an Act of Parliament that implements the UK’s international obligations with respect to space launches and operations by people connected to the country. The Act does not come into force until August 1, 1989. The Act specifies that anyone who launches a space object or carries out any activity in outer space must obtain a license before doing so. It also requires citizens to inform the Secretary of State of the arrival of any spacecraft on their property. In its preamble, the legislators specifically state that the Act applies to any activity in outer space. (Wikipedia, “[Outer Space Act 1986](#)”; Ted Harrison, “Abiding by the Outer Space Act,” *Fortean Times* 414 (January 2022): 55)
- 1986, July 21** — [Ben Rich](#), executive vice president and general manager of Lockheed’s Advanced Development Projects, replies to a letter from researcher John Andrews about man-made and extraterrestrial UFOs, saying “Yes, I’m a believer in both categories. I feel everything is possible. Many of our manmade UFOs are Un Funded Opportunities.” (Keith Basterfield, “[Which Aerospace Company Is Hiding a UAP Black Project?](#)” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, August 28, 2021)
- 1986, August** — 2:00 a.m. Meteorologist Ion Lazeanu is making routine radar observations at the National Meteorological Administration in Bucharest, Romania, when he picks up a stationary target that appears to be above the city of Sofia, Bulgaria, at an altitude of 18.6 miles. It suddenly disappears and relocates 3 miles lower down. After a short while it relocates to its original position. Over the next 3–4 weeks, he detects the same target every night he is on duty for periods of 3–20 minutes. He discovers another target above Cluj-Napoca, Romania. In February 1988 it reappears above Sofia, and in March 1988 he tracks it moving horizontally toward Varna, Bulgaria. At one point he locks the radar directly on the target and the system is temporarily disabled. He estimates that the target has a length of at least 4,920 feet. (Ion Lazeanu, “[Unusual Phenomenon Observed with Radar Device in Romania](#),” *European Journal of UFO and Abduction Studies* 1 no. 1 (March 2000): 33–34)
- 1986, August 11 (approximately)** — 6:00 p.m. A retired factory worker and his wife are sitting in their driveway in Lima, Ohio, when they see a rotating, diamond-shaped object about 20 feet in diameter pass nearby. They watch it for less than 2 minutes. It is flying low, passing behind several trees as it moves from west to northeast and out of view. (Mark Rodeghier, “[From the CUFOS Files: 1986 Reports](#),” *IUR* 11, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1986): 13)
- 1986, August 12** — 12:00 midnight. A single witness in Cridersville, Ohio, sees two UFOs, one while watching the Perseid meteor shower, and the other 7 hours later while driving to work. The first object is a white ball of light seen for about 60 seconds; the second is a circular bluish object in the western sky seen for 1–2 minutes. (Mark Rodeghier, “[From the CUFOS Files: 1986 Reports](#),” *IUR* 11, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1986): 13)
- 1986, August 13** — 7:50 p.m. A family of three observes a metallic, hamburger-shaped object through a sixth-floor hospital window in Indianapolis, Indiana, for 4–5 minutes. It passes above an airliner going in the opposite direction. The object tips on its edge at one point, and it has a haze of pale green along one side. (Mark Rodeghier, “[From the CUFOS Files: 1986 Reports](#),” *IUR* 11, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1986): 13)
- 1986, August 15** — 11:00 p.m. A married couple on vacation in Calalzo di Cadore, Belluno, Italy, are sitting near a wood outside town when they see a bright light descend. It soon becomes a disc-shaped, domed object, blue in color and luminescent. They see it land, then their awareness ceases until two hours later. By this time the object has disappeared, and only a dark circular trace is left on the ground where grass is bent and blackened for a diameter of 30 feet. Strange dreams and difficulty sleeping, as well as the memory of two humanlike beings in coveralls, persuade them to be hypnotized on August 23–24 by a physician in Pordenone. They relate that a being had come out of the disc and took them on board without touching them. Inside they are laid down and given a medical examination of some kind. The entities have long, oval-shaped heads with phosphorescent eyes, pointed ears, and narrow mouths. (Paolo Fiorino, Gian Paolo Grassino, and Antonio Chiumiento, “[Abductions in Italy](#),” *IUR* 14, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1989): 16)
- 1986, August 31** — 2:30 a.m. A man is driving home when his car engine stops in Manzuno, Italy. He gets out to find out what happened, hears a sharp whistle and dogs barking, and sees two bright lights. The objects descend and remain visible for more than 15 minutes. He sees their shape as rectangular with a luminous trail. The engine

comes back on as the objects disappear. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1.](#)" *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 19)

- 1986**, September — [Vicki Ecker](#) and Sherie Stark launch a newsstand magazine, *California UFO*, which becomes one of the most widely read periodicals in ufology. It soon changes its name to just *UFO*, varying its frequency from quarterly to bimonthly, to erratically with the final issue of 158 appearing in 2012. (Wikipedia, "[UFO Magazine](#)"; Clark III 1155; Clark IV 1310)
- 1986**, September — [George M. Eberhart](#) publishes *UFOs and the Extraterrestrial Contact Movement*, a comprehensive, two-volume bibliography of all UFO literature known up to this time. (George M. Eberhart, *UFOs and the Extraterrestrial Contact Movement: A Bibliography*, Scarecrow, 1986, [vol. 1](#) and [vol. 2](#); Clark II 358)
- 1986**, Fall — USAF Lt. Col. Ernie Kellerstrass (Hawk), who works at the Foreign Intelligence Division at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, invites several individuals—[Harold E. Puthoff](#) (Partridge), [John B. Alexander](#) (Chickadee), [C. B. Scott Jones](#) (Hummingbird, an aide to Sen. [Claiborne Pell](#), D-R.I.), USAF Capt. [Robert M. Collins](#) (Condor), [William Moore](#), and [Jaime Shandera](#)—to his home in Beavercreek, Ohio, to discuss UFOs, extraterrestrials, and Area 51. Kellerstrass claims to know USAF Lt. Col. [Robert R. Hippler](#) (allegedly an officer in a top secret Air Force UFO study), physiological studies of actual aliens, and the presence of an alien base on Area 51. The group meets several times. Moore and Shandera become concerned that their telephones are being monitored, so they decide to assign a bird name to anyone they discuss UFO military activities with. Others in the "Aviary" are forensic medical doctor and CIA officer [Christopher \(Kit\) Green](#) (Blue Jay), Defense Intelligence Agency officer [Dale E. Graff](#) (Owl), CIA agent [Harry Rositzke](#) (Falcon, according to Greg Bishop), and USAF OSI agent [Richard C. Doty](#) (a Falcon substitute). Another, only known as Raven (alleged to be DIA scientist Jack Verona, [Richard Helms](#), or possibly [Henry Kissinger](#)), appears to be the most connected. (Robert M. Collins and Richard Doty, *Exempt from Disclosure: The Disturbing Case about the UFO Coverup*, Peregrine, 2005, pp. 8, 86; Bruce Maccabee, "[Hawk Tales](#)," June 2005; Dolan II 384–386, 466)
- 1986**, Fall — Night. A group of five lights maneuver at high speed above the Malmstrom AFB Alpha-01 missile alert facility southeast of Belt, Montana. Air Force Security Policeman Joseph C. Pscolka watches them make sharp-angled turns and stop at the same time instantly. Other launch control facilities in the same sector call in to report the lights. Soon five more lights descend from the clouds to join the others. They stop momentarily, then all 10 dart around "like crazy fireflies" for a minute before moving close to the ground. They zip off at high speed in all directions. (Nukes 396–397)
- 1986**, October 10 — 1:30–2:00 a.m. Witnesses see strong lightning-like flashes in the sky northeast of Fürjes, near Békéscsaba, Hungary. The flashes do not go lower than some 700 feet from the ground. The flashes are vertical, yet 5 times "thicker" than lightning. The flashes stop and a shining, metallic-blue, misty phenomenon appears and floats about for 5–6 minutes until it gradually fades away after breaking into several parts, each about 30–80 feet long. The display is followed by an unusual odor that persists for 20–30 minutes. (Karoli Hargitai, "[The UFO Phenomenon in Hungary](#)," *IUR* 14, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1989): 13)
- 1986**, October 14 — 11:00 p.m. A couple driving north on US Hwy 45 near Bristol, Wisconsin, sees red and white lights flickering on the road ahead. They drive cautiously forward and see a large, triangular object hovering 30 feet above the pavement. The lights are running along its outer edges. They pull up almost directly underneath it, park, and step out of the car. They see a grid structure on its lower surface. Two minutes later the UFO drifts slowly toward the southeast and vanishes. (Don Schmitt, "[The Belleville Sightings, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 13, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1988): 18–19; Clark III 247; Clark IV 287)
- 1986**, October 28 — UK researcher [Jenny Randles](#) receives a call from a British military man who refuses to give his name or phone number. He says his commanding officer has given him her phone number and suggests she might want 600 pages of UFO reports that have come into his possession. One document appears to be a report from 1948 that uses the term "befabs" to describe "beings from alien objects." Another file, from Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio in 1977, is titled "Elimination of Non-Military Sources." Randles is suspicious but intrigued. The two speak again on October 30 and agree to meet at a local pub a couple hours later. She brings along a colleague, Peter A. Hough. The informant ("John") is in his late 20s and a former member of the Royal Army Corps. In 1983, his commanding officer had befriended a USAF computer technician at Wright-Patterson AFB who had accidentally tapped into UFO files. The British officer copied many of the files but is arrested for being in a secure area without permission. During questioning, the technician withholds the fact that he still has copies of the files and manages to tell the British officer where they are and request he take them out of the US. For 2 years, his commanding officer shows "John" some of these reports until he leaves active duty in 1985. In August 1986, "John" returns for a reservist training camp, and his former commander gives him a key to where the documents

are stored and tells him to take them, read them, and offer them to Randles. The pub meeting ends with an agreement for “John” to deliver the files the next time they meet on November 7. “John” never shows up but writes a letter to Randles saying that he has been detained at a base and interrogated about the documents, which he is informed was the “creation of an educated prankster.” He apologizes for letting her down, and she never hears from him again. (Jenny Randles, “[The Cover-Up in England](#),” *IUR* 12, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1987): 9–12, 20)

- 1986**, November — Brilliant Pebbles, a non-nuclear system of satellite-based interceptors designed to use high-velocity, watermelon-sized, teardrop-shaped projectiles made of tungsten as kinetic warheads, is conceived by physicist [Lowell Wood](#) at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Livermore Director [John Nuckolls](#) describes the system as “the crowning achievement of the Strategic Defense Initiative.” Though regarded as one of the most capable SDI systems, the Brilliant Pebbles program is canceled in 1994 by the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. (Wikipedia, “[Brilliant Pebbles](#)”)
- 1986**, November 16 — 9:00 p.m. Between Nocera Umbra and Valtopina, Perugia, Italy, two witnesses see a dark disc, 26 feet in diameter with a blue dome, fly over their car. The car stops and restarts after the object goes away. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 19)
- 1986**, November 17 — 5:10 p.m. Japan Air Lines Flight 1628, a Boeing 747 cargo plane with a crew of three, is in the vicinity of Fort Yukon, Alaska, on its way to Anchorage. The jet is carrying a cargo of French wine and is flying at 35,000 feet through darkening skies, a red glow from the setting sun lighting one horizon and a full moon rising above the other. Capt. Kenju Terauchi and First Officer Takanori Tamefuji, along with Flight Engineer Yoshio Tsukuda, see two small objects and one huge Saturn-shaped object visually and on radar for more than 30 minutes. The objects follow the airplane for about 350 miles. The pilot changes course and altitude several times, with FAA permission, in an effort to identify the objects. Two rectangular-appearing objects sparkling with arrays of lights suddenly loom directly in front of them, one above the other. After a few minutes they abruptly change position and appear side by side. They move quickly, stop suddenly, and swing from side to side in unison, as if linked together. VHF radio communications are occasionally garbled at this time and cease when the two objects move away to the left of the aircraft. Two flat white lights continue to pace the airplane, then drop back and are lost from view both visually and on radar. About 5:30 p.m., while in the vicinity of Fairbanks, Terauchi checks a white light behind the plane and sees “a silhouette of a gigantic spaceship.” It is walnut-shaped, symmetrical above and below, with a central flange. He says, “It was a very big one—two times bigger than an aircraft carrier.” At its closest point, the large object casts such a bright light that it illuminates the cockpit, and Terauchi can feel heat on his face. Radio communications again became garbled during the close approach. The crew becomes frightened by the large object and requests permission to change course. After the course change, they look back and see the object still following them. Increasingly fearful, they request a descent to get away from the UFO (“We had to get away from that object”). After they descend and turn again, the object disappears. The FAA at first confirms that several of its radar traffic controllers had tracked both the 747 and the large object, and that USAF radar has also done so. Later official statements back away from this and try to ascribe the radar targets to weather effects. On December 29, the FAA issues a report stating, “We are accepting the descriptions of the crew, but are unable to support what they saw.” (Wikipedia, “[Japan Air Lines Cargo Flight 1628 incident](#)”; NICAP, “[Fantastic Flight of JAL 1628](#)”; Walter Andrus, “[Strange Alaskan Encounter](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 226 (February 1987): 3–8; Bruce Maccabee, “[The Fantastic Flight of JAL 1628](#),” *IUR* 12, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1987): 4–23; Marguerite del Giudice, “[The UFO That Can’t Be Explained](#),” *Philadelphia (Pa.) Inquirer Magazine*, May 24, 1987, pp. 14–17, 24–27; Good Above, pp. 432, 532; Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneeus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, pp. 128–132; UFOEv II 142–144; Kean, pp. 218–229; Swords 342; Good Need, pp. 400–401; “[JAL Flight 1628 over Alaska](#),” *UFO Evidence*; Clark III 630–632; Coulthart 2023, pp. 83–85; Powell, *Scientist*, 17–18; Clark IV 692–694)
- 1986**, November 24 — 11:00 p.m. Dale Goretske is driving in Waukesha, Wisconsin, when he notices some flashing red lights in the sky to the southeast about 450 feet away. They are attached to a flattened triangle about 75 feet wide with pairs of flashing red lights at each corner. On the sides are pairs of steady white and red lights. The object is rotating silently. He tries to approach it in his car, but it moves away and is lost to sight. (“[City Man Spots UFO](#),” *Waukesha County (Wis.) Freeman*, November 26, 1986, pp. 1, 3; Joe and Dorie Graziano, “[Press Reports](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 33, no. 7 (September 1987): 8)
- 1986**, November 25 — Afternoon. Civil and military personnel in Magadan Airport, Russia, notice an unidentified radar target. Since there is another aircraft in the vicinity, air traffic control asks the pilot to be aware of an unknown object. The plane and UFO “pass clear of each other,” although no details are given. Afterward, the object turns east and speeds up to 1,800 mph over the water toward Kamchatka and disappears from radar screens. (Vadim K.

Ilyin, "[KGB's 'Blue Folder' Reveals Shootings, Landings in USSR](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 403 (November 2001): 8)

- 1986**, December — Sociologist [Ron Westrum](#) invents the term "post-abduction syndrome" to identify the challenges facing alien abductees. He emphasizes that their experience is "simply one variant of the post-traumatic stress syndrome which affects some Vietnam veterans, rape victims, and those who have been through harrowing accidents, shootings, and so forth." (Ron Westrum, "[Post Abduction Syndrome](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 224 (December 1986): 5–6; Eghigian, *After*, p. 287)
- 1986**, Mid-December — Navy Commander "Sheila Mondran" is on duty at the US Space Command's Surveillance Center inside the Cheyenne Mountain Complex near Colorado Springs, Colorado. Sensors detect something tripping the US Navy Space Surveillance System (the Space Fence), a multistatic radar system built to detect orbital objects passing over the US. The intrusion occurs above Lake Kickapoo, Texas. Mondran's team tracks the object's maneuvers, including loops, backtracks, crash dives, and fast climbs. She sends a flash alert to the Commander-in-Chief of NORAD, but the object immediately disappears. Two searches are ordered: one by NORAD's Space Detection and Tracking System, the other by a network of sophisticated telescopes. Nothing turns up. The flash alert is recalled the following day. A summary of the incident is sent to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and President [Ronald Reagan](#) for his daily briefing. Reagan recommends a follow-up investigation, but none is known to have occurred. The story has not been verified. (Howard Blum, *Out There: The Government's Secret Quest for Extraterrestrials*, Simon & Schuster, 1990, [pp. 25–32](#))
- 1986**, Late December — 2:30 a.m. A road-maintenance engineer is driving on the highway between Hajdúböszörmény and Debrecen, Hungary, when he sees a "trailer with lit-up windows" landed in a field about 900 feet away. An orange light is flooding through the windows. The object is in the same spot where the sphere chasing the ambulance in April had passed above power lines. (Károli Hargitai, "[The UFO Phenomenon in Hungary](#)," *IUR* 14, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1989): 14–15)

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- 1987** — Abduction researcher and folklorist [Thomas E. Bullard](#) publishes *UFO Abductions: The Measure of a Mystery*, a two-volume comparative analysis of nearly 300 alleged abduction cases up through 1985, 103 of which offer both extensive information and reliable investigation. Bullard's study summarizes key episodes and descriptive elements of the abduction narrative and attaches percentages to each to indicate how often a given feature occurs. He finds that the classic abduction story consists of eight possible episodes—capture, examination, conference, tour of the ship, journey or otherworldly journey, theophany, return, and aftermath. Few reports contain every episode; only capture and return are universal. He also examines features of the entities' behavior and appearance, the UFO involved in the abduction, and the methods of mental and physical control. Bullard examines the literalist and reductionist hypotheses for abduction events, critiquing each. (Thomas E. Bullard, [UFO Abductions: The Measure of a Mystery](#), Fund for UFO Research, 1987; Thomas E. Bullard, "[Abductions in Life and Lore](#)," *IUR* 12, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1987): 14–19; Thomas E. Bullard, "[Hypnosis and UFO Abductions: A Troubled Relationship](#)," *JUFOS* 1 (1989): 3–40; Thomas Bullard, [The Myth and Mystery of UFOs](#), University Press of Kansas, 2010; Clark III 13–33; Graff 335–336)
- 1987** — Fortean Tomes publishes *UFOs 1947–1987*, edited by [Hilary Evans](#) and [John Spencer](#) and sponsored by the British UFO Research Association, in an attempt to place current knowledge about the UFO phenomenon in perspective. (Hilary Evans and John Spencer, eds., *UFOs 1947–1987: The 40-Year Search for an Explanation*, Fortean Tomes, 1987; Mark Rodeghier, [\[Review\]](#), *JUFOS* 1 (1989): 169–172)
- 1987** — Thomas F. McDonough discusses the possibility of extraterrestrial life in *The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence*, addressing UFOs in a largely negative and uninformed chapter. (Thomas F. McDonough, *The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence: Listening for Life in the Cosmos*, John Wiley, 1987; Michael D. Swords, "[SETI/ETI and UFOs](#)," *JUFOS* 5 (1994): 151–155)
- 1987**, January 9 — 2:30 a.m. A road-maintenance engineer is on a routine checking tour near Józsa, between Hajdúböszörmény and Debrecen, Hungary, at the same point where his colleague had seen a "trailer" in December. He sees a "farmhouse" with the windows lit up, but knowing there is no farmhouse in that location, he stops the truck. The object is sitting near the overhead power lines between two stacks of straw. It is about 50 feet in diameter, disc-shaped, and rounded off at the rim. Through the center line runs a row of 8–10 portholes with warm, yellow light emanating from them. Between each window is a grayish-white streak of light. He can see an

open door about 5–6 feet high under the row of windows, through which he can see light and a floor with transverse ribs. Then he notices two entities wearing dark coveralls standing outside the object, while another appears in the door opening. Yellowish flashes erupt every 2–4 seconds from the top of the object. The witness flees the scene. (Karoli Hargitai, [“The UFO Phenomenon in Hungary,”](#) *IUR* 14, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1989): 15–16)

1987, January 15–16 — 8:00 p.m. Police officer Glen Kazmar and Jeff Furseth watch a triangular configuration of red, white, and blue blinking lights that remain stationary in the southwestern sky over Belleville, Wisconsin. At 2:50 a.m., they are driving along Quarry Road west of town and see a “close-knit cluster of red, blue, and white lights.” After 15 minutes, they alert the Dane County Sheriff and are soon joined by a deputy from Verona and two Green County sheriff’s deputies, all of whom leave after debating what to do about reporting the lights. At 3:20 a.m., Kazmar and Furseth see the object move to the southwest. They call the FAA Center in Aurora, Illinois, which admits it has a slow-moving target in the area that won’t respond. Other witnesses near Monroe, New Glarus, and Verona also see lights. ([“They’re Still Around! UFO Sightings Continue in Area,”](#) *Monticello (Wis.) Messenger*, March 11, 1987, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 213 (April 1987): 11; Don Schmitt, [“The Belleville Sightings, Part One,”](#) *IUR* 12, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1987): 4–6; UFO Wisconsin, [\[Belleville articles\]](#); [“The Other UFO Days: Belleville, WI,”](#) UFO Days, August 13, 2019)

1987, January 27 — The National Security Agency responds to a letter from Sen. [John Glenn](#) (D-Ohio) stating that the NSA’s Project Aquarius does not deal with UFOs, but that “Apparently there is or was an Air Force project by that name which dealt with UFO’s.” (Dale Goudie and Christian Lambright, [“The Ice Documents Press Conference,”](#) June 25, 1987)

1987, February — Horror-fiction writer [Whitley Strieber](#) publishes *Communion*, the first-person account of his abductions and encounters recovered through hypnosis, as well as his lifelong involvement with mysterious events. The book remains on the bestseller list for a long time, and [Ted Seth Jacobs](#)’s cover illustration of an alien with large black eyes jars many people to recall their own apparent encounters with similar creatures. Strieber follows up on his experiences in seven subsequent books, in which he elaborates on his belief that the human species is in the process of being ushered into a higher level of understanding and existence. (Whitley Strieber, [《Communion: A True Story》](#), Avon, 1987; Wikipedia, [“Communion \(book\)”](#); Whitley Strieber, *Transformation: The Breakthrough*, William Morrow, 1988; Whitley Strieber, *Breakthrough: The Next Step*, HarperCollins, 1995; Whitley Strieber, *The Secret School: Preparation for Contact*, HarperCollins, 1997; Whitley Strieber and Anne Strieber, eds. [《The Communion Letters》](#), HarperPrism, 1997; Whitley Strieber, *Confirmation: The Hard Evidence of Aliens among Us?*, St. Martin’s, 1998; [“Ted Seth Jacobs: An Interview with the Artist,”](#) Beyond Communion, October 6, 1999; Whitley Strieber, *The Key: A True Encounter*, Jeremy Tarcher, 2001; Whitley Strieber, *Solving the Communion Enigma*, Jeremy Tarcher, 2012; Clark III 5, 1112–1113; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 288–289; Clark IV 19, 1238–1239)

1987, February 6 — 7:30 p.m. Jeff Zweifel is walking home from work near Belleville, Wisconsin. He sees an object nearby with a bright white directional light aimed at a right angle to him. A red light is also visible, then a blue light. As he continues to walk, the object approaches him. When it is directly in front, a white light comes on. From left to right, red, white, and blue lights flash. A short gray trail of smoke is coming out the back. The object continues moving slowly and silently east at the same altitude. (Don Schmitt, [“The Belleville Sightings, Part One,”](#) *IUR* 12, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1987): 6)

1987, February 16 — At a conference in the Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow, Russia, Soviet President [Mikhail Gorbachev](#) discloses that President [Reagan](#) had raised the possibility of an alien invasion during the Geneva Summit in 1986: “I shall not dispute the hypothesis, although I think it’s early yet to worry about such an invasion. It is much more important to think about the problems that have entered our common home.” ([“Mikhail Gorbachev’s Address to Moscow Forum,”](#) *Soviet News*, no. 6362 (February 18, 1987): 57–61; [“Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev, Calling for an End to...,”](#) United Press International, February 16, 1987; [“Russians Worried UFOs Could Trigger Wars,”](#) UFO Evidence)

1987, February 25 — 4:10 p.m. Filmmaker [Paul Davids](#) is at work in his home office in East Los Angeles, California, when his children call him to see a “flying saucer.” Looking outside, he sees a metallic, domed disc making its way silently and smoothly across the sky over the valley in front of his house. They open the window and go out on the roof for an unobstructed view and spend the next 4–5 minutes watching it. At its closest point, about 500 feet away, it hovers in one position for about 2 minutes, wobbling with an even, slow oscillation. Its bottom seems to transform from silver to pitch black and back to silver again. Then it flies away at a faster but uniform speed. (Paul Davids, [“Starry Night,”](#) *IUR* 14, no. 3 (May/June 1989): 13–15, 23)

1987, March — The Society for Scientific Exploration publishes the first issue of its *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, edited by astronomer [Bernard Haisch](#). (*Journal of Scientific Exploration* 1, no. 1 (1987); Clark III 1082–1083)

- 1987, March** — San Antonio, Texas, freelance journalist Ed Conroy begins to find himself a target of an unmarked Bell 47 helicopter that hovers around his apartment building. The instances increase as he researches [Whitley Strieber](#)'s abduction story for a possible article. Black helicopters and CH-47 Chinooks also appear in his vicinity, and someone repeatedly changes the outgoing message on his home answering machine. Several people close to him begin to tell him about their nighttime experiences with entities and balls of light. These occurrences continue through 1988. (Ed Conroy, [Report on Communion](#), Avon, 1989)
- 1987, March** — 3:00 a.m. A British Army communications officer is sleeping alone on the moors near Bishop Monkton, North Yorkshire, England, during a military exercise. He sees a strange red light in the sky circling slowly and silently around him. He watches it for 20 minutes as it makes three circuits that are precisely the same. Two F-4 Phantom II jets appear and give chase to the light, which plays cat and mouse with them. This continues for 5 minutes, then the light shoots away at great speed. The jets remain a few more minutes before returning. ("[Brief Cases](#)," *Northern UFO News*, no. 157 (October 1992): 13; Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, [pp. 163–164](#))
- 1987, March 6** — 5:30 p.m. County surveyor [Harvey Funseth](#) and Fred Gochenauer are driving north of Belleville, Wisconsin, and spot four peculiar objects one above the other in the western sky. They take a side road to get a better look and stop alongside an open field. The main cigar-shaped object is silhouetted against the sunset, standing vertically above three smaller sections. The objects are all about a quarter mile away at low altitude. As they watch, the top object moves away from the smaller ones toward their right. It looks like an airplane fuselage without any markings, wings, or tail. It has a flashing light on top and two red glowing areas on the back, followed by a short vapor trail. Funseth estimates it is about 2,000 feet altitude. It picks up speed and streaks away to the northeast. The remaining smaller objects are now obscured by a mist. Witnesses in other parts of town also see a similar display. (Don Schmitt, "[The Belleville Sightings, Part One](#)," *IUR* 12, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1987): 7–8)
- 1987, March 7** — A family of three in Pingwu county, Sichuan, China, is awakened by a loud, high-pitched hum. They go outside and are blinded by a beam of light coming from a huge reddish object shaped like a straw hat that is hovering above them. They pass out and wake up later to find themselves strapped to steel tables in a circular room occupied by humanoid entities with 3 eyes and standing 3 feet tall. The aliens take blood samples from them and probe them with needles, also making an incision on the child's thigh. The next thing they know, they are walking down a road 7 miles from their home. (Lon Strickler, "[China: Cryptids, Humanoids, Monsters, and Alien Visitors](#)," *Phantoms & Monsters*, September 5, 2013; Chris Saunders, "[UFOs over China](#)," *Fortean Times* 331 (October 2015): 32)
- 1987, March 12** — Gallup releases a report indicating that there are three adult Americans who believe that "UFOs are real" for every two skeptics. ("[1 Person in 2 Now Believes in UFOs](#)," *Santa Rosa (Calif.) Press-Democrat*, March 12, 1987, p. 13; Robert J. Durant, "[Evolution of Public Opinion on UFOs](#)," *IUR* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 20)
- 1987, March 12** — 9:15 p.m. Cmdr. Alvaro de Camargo is flying a Transbrasil Boeing 737-300 from Rio Branco, Acre, Brazil, to Manaus, Amazonas, when his radar detects an object directly in front of him. The Rio Branco tower says it has nothing on its radar. Suddenly the blip disappears from the screen, just as three orange lights appear on the left side of the airplane's wing. Some passengers now can see the lights, flying parallel to each other and to the plane for about 20 minutes. (Clark III 201; Brazil 542; Clark IV 241)
- 1987, March 20** — 1:00 p.m. Police in Verona, Wisconsin, view a triangular pattern of red, white, and blue flashing lights from the police station. The on-duty officer takes a squad car to investigate as the object moves behind a hill and hovers above a field. Within a minute, the lights move to the southwest and soon are out of sight. (Don Schmitt, "[The Belleville Sightings, Part One](#)," *IUR* 12, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1987): 8).
- 1987, March 23** — Evening. A woman hears a crash outside her home in Concord, North Carolina, and goes outside to investigate. She sees a domed disk in her backyard about 75 feet away, partially obscured by a tree. The dome is about 6 feet in diameter on top of an object about 25 feet high. The dome is projecting an intensely bright orange light that creates shooting pains in her eyes and lights up the entire yard. The lower part of the object is blue-silver and an 18–20 foot wide ramp extends down from it. Her eyes still hurt, so she does not see the UFO leave. No ground markings are found the next day, although two days later she discovers that a metal post on her dog lot has been magnetized. (Michael D. Swords, "[Unusual Experiences from the Timmerman Files](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 22–23)
- 1987, April** — UFO abduction researcher [Budd Hopkins](#) publishes *Intruders*, an account of his investigation into the abduction experiences of [Debbie Jordan-Kauble](#) (using the pseudonym of "Kathie Davis") an Indianapolis woman whose long series of abductions include an instance when the beings impregnate her by artificial insemination aboard a UFO, then return a few months later to remove the fetus. During a subsequent abduction several years later, the beings introduce her to a frail little girl, half-human, half-alien, and tell her this girl is her daughter.

Hopkins argues that sexual and reproductive matters are a “central purpose behind the UFO abduction phenomenon.” He also highlights cases in which female abductees seem to get pregnant, then are inexplicably no longer pregnant in later abductions, but are shown babies with both human and alien features. In later experiences, the women see these hybrid children grow older. The pregnancies are somehow caused by artificial-insemination procedures. A small number of men report having sex with an alien woman during an abduction experience. (Budd Hopkins, *Intruders: The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods*, Random House, 1987; Jerome Clark, “[A Conversation with Budd Hopkins](#),” *IUR* 13, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1988): 4–12; Clark III 1063–1064; “[The Terrifying Alien Abduction Experiences of Kathie Davis \(Debbie Jordan\)](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, September 26, 2024; Clark IV 19, 1178–1179)

- 1987, May — [William Moore](#) announces that for the past six and a half years he and some associates “succeeded in establishing a cooperative relationship with a number of well-placed contacts within the American intelligence community.” He provides a copy of one page of the MJ-12 briefing document, with some text blacked out FOIA-style. (William L. Moore, “[Research Update](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 230 (June 1987): 9)
- 1987, May — The Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici engages the Italian survey organization Doga to conduct an opinion poll on UFOs. The poll shows a decline in belief in extraterrestrial UFOs since a previous survey in 1979 (19%, down from 39%) and an increase in skepticism (53%, up from 32%). The poll also indicates that those younger and more educated are more likely to believe in the physical reality of UFOs. Belief is more common in central Italy and less common in the south and north. (Edoardo Russo, “[What Do Italians Believe about UFOs?](#)” *Italian UFO Reporter*, no. 6 (December 1987): 1–3)
- 1987, May 1 — The Center for UFO Studies moves from Glenview, Illinois, to 2457 West Peterson Avenue in Chicago. (“[CUFOS Is Moving](#),” *IUR* 12, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1987): 26)
- 1987, May 16 — Capt. Rick Olsen is flying a Canadian Air International Boeing 737 en route from Toronto, Ontario, to Winnipeg, Manitoba, at 31,000 feet when he and his first officer observe an unidentified target on their weather radar. The track indicates an object about the size of an aircraft carrier about 50 miles away at approximately their altitude, traveling roughly the same course at 5,400 mph. The target persists for 4 minutes. (T. Scott Crain Jr., “[Return of the Motherships](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 234 (October 1987): 15; UFOEv II 246)
- 1987, May 26 — 9:30–10:15 p.m. More than 100 people around Newtown and Southbury, Connecticut, see a low-flying, silent, circular formation of lights that passes over Interstate 84, causing many cars to pull over for a look and some to lose power. Commercial airline pilot Randy Etting sees the lights as he is driving along I-94. He pulls off the road and snaps a photo of the formation. He is sure there is a solid object behind the lights. (NightSight 199–201; Philip J. Imbrogno, “[1987: Close Encounter on Interstate 84, Connecticut](#),” ThinkAboutIt)
- 1987, May 31 — British ufologist [Timothy Good](#) has also received a copy of the MJ-12 briefing document (the same one received by [Moore](#) and [Shandera](#)) in March and shares it with the press, adamantly refusing to say who sent it to him. The first mention appears in the *London Observer*, and soon it is the subject of pieces in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and ABC-TV’s *Night Line*. Many ufologists denounce the documents as a forgery. Good admits to researcher Richard Dolan in 2008 that the source was probably “connected to” [Richard Doty](#). (Good Above, p. 544; Dolan II 398; Clark III 366; Graff 315; Clark IV 410)
- 1987, June — [Moore](#) provides photocopies of all the pages of the Majestic-12 briefing document. Certain areas that had been blacked out are now readable, although redacted sections still exist. Moore has done his own redacting. He also reveals the Cutler-Twining memo. (William L. Moore, “[Majestic-12](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 231 (July 1987): 11–15; Graff 315)
- 1987, June 9 — 7:00 p.m. At RAAF Base Learmonth, near Exmouth, Western Australia, soldiers of the Special Air Service Regiment see a white light at 5,000 feet about 16 feet in diameter moving silently in a zigzag fashion from east to west. It hovers at the north end of the airstrip for 6–7 minutes, changes from white to amber, moves up into a cloud, then speeds off to the northeast. A Lockheed C-130 Hercules transport that takes off during the observation has difficulty establishing VHF radio communication. (Swords 409–410; Coulthart 2023, pp. 85–86)
- 1987, June 11 — [Bill Moore](#), [Jaime Shandera](#), and [Stanton Friedman](#) hold a press conference on the MJ-12 briefing document and the Cutler-Twining memo, asserting that they appear to be genuine. Friedman has found that [Eisenhower](#) did attend a briefing in Washington on November 18, 1952. He has also uncovered evidence that astronomer [Donald Menzel](#) was also a leading cryptographer and an elite member of the intelligence community. (Dennis Stacy, “[18th International Symposium](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 232 (August 1987): 3, 7; Stanton T. Friedman, “[MJ 12: The Evidence So Far](#),” *IUR* 12, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1987): 13–17; Stanton T. Friedman, “[The Secret Life of Donald H. Menzel](#),” *IUR* 13, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1988): 20–24; Clark III 745–746; Clark IV 826–827)

- 1987, June 19** — 11:00 p.m. Brazilian Air Force Capt. Faria de Sousa is landing his aircraft at Anápolis Air Base ALA 2, Goiás, Brazil, when the control tower asks him to investigate “strange traffic” nearby. When he arrives at the location, his onboard radar registers the presence of another aircraft close by and his cockpit lights up. He sees a huge ball of light about 10 feet in diameter above his plane, but the light does not register on his radar. After 3 minutes he lands because he is running out of fuel. (Clark III 206; Brazil 554–555; Clark IV 246–247)
- 1987, June 25** — Capt. [William Cantrell](#) and the crew of Delta Airlines Flight 1083 are near Charleston, West Virginia, when they see a small missile heading straight for the aircraft before it swerves to the side about 500–600 feet below. Cantrell describes the projectile as short, squatty, and homemade looking, about 4–6 feet long with large fins. It appears to be descending and unpowered. (Clas Svahn and Anders Liljegren, “[Close Encounters with Unknown Missiles](#),” *IUR* 19, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1994): 12–13)
- 1987, June 25** — [Bruce S. Maccabee](#), a Navy physicist and chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, along with Larry Koss, [Jaime Shandera](#), and [Budd Hopkins](#), provide an on-the-record press briefing on the “40-Year History of UFOs” at the Washington (D.C.) Foreign Press Center. (“[40 Year History of UFOs: A 1987 Foreign Press Center Briefing with Budd Hopkins, Bruce Maccabee](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, February 8, 2024; “[87 Foreign Press Center Briefing](#),” The Black Vault Originals YouTube channel, May 23, 2024)
- 1987, Summer** — UK researcher [Timothy Good](#) publishes *Above Top Secret*, containing clean copies of the MJ-12 documents. The book is an international exposé of UFO investigations and secrecy by the governments of the UK, US, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Australia, Canada, China, and Russia. (Timothy Good, [Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover-Up](#), Sidgwick & Jackson, 1987)
- 1987, July 22** — The Military Archives Division of NARA issues a list of 10 problems with the Cutler-Twining memo: it was incorrectly filed; no other researchers have found information on MJ-12; the classification “Top Secret Restricted Information” was not in use until the [Nixon](#) administration; the memo does not bear an official letterhead or watermark; it does not match the paper [Cutler](#) used at the time; no records are found of an NSC meeting on July 16, 1954; another memo is found saying that NSC members were called to a civil defense exercise on July 16; and there is no entry in [Eisenhower](#)’s appointment books on a special meeting. (National Archives, “[Majestic 12 or ‘MJ-12’ Reference Report](#)”; “[The MJ-12 Fiasco](#),” *Just Cause*, new series, no. 13 (September 1987): 1–22)
- 1987, July 27** — 12:00 midnight. Witnesses in Accra and the Volta Region of Ghana see a large and apparently silent object over the Gulf of Guinea. Some people report the sound of explosions associated with it. A Ghana Air Force pilot views the missile-shaped object from the ground near Accra, traveling south over the ocean. It displays a yellow light at its trailing end, similar to a rocket. It appears to be at least twice as large as a Boeing 747. It stops descending and begins to climb, gaining altitude. Eight smaller, bluish lights appear in circular formation, seemingly the result of the object’s propulsive power. (Dolan II 413–414)
- 1987, Late July** — 9:00 p.m.–5:00 a.m. A married couple and their daughter are riding in a horse cart, returning to their home near Będzienia, Poland. They notice two huge red spheres, apparently attached to each other, descending toward the northeast a few miles away and disappearing behind the horizon. After arriving home a few minutes later, the area outside their house becomes flooded in white light. The family rushes outside and sees two groups of three white lights silently floating low above a field less than one mile away to the northeast. The man alerts his neighbor and they return to the road to watch the lights for several minutes. Soon they notice a large red triangular light moving up and down in the northeast less than 2 miles away. After 6 minutes they hear a high-pitched sound like a car horn and the red light disappears. They continue watching the white lights, but soon notice that another neighbor’s barn about 1,000 feet away seems to be on fire. The man goes home to get his motorcycle and two daughters, but when they get to the barn there is no fire and the light is coming from another set of white spheres to the south. By this time it is after 10:00 p.m., and they ride the motorcycle to a nearby hill to watch the lights. Soon one of the daughters sees a large object like a vertical white TV screen 10 feet high approaching from the east about 60–100 feet above the ground. Two humanoids with angular heads and in green coveralls are visible against the screen, one large and one smaller. The man restarts the motorcycle with difficulty and returns home. Some 300 feet from their farmhouse, they see another object, a fireball with a tail descending in the area where they had seen the red triangle. Tired, the daughters and his wife go to sleep around 11:00 p.m., but the man stays up to watch the UFO activity. Around 4:00 a.m. the original two sets of white objects rearrange into a complex group of 7 lights and remain that way for another hour. The next day, the man feels sick with heart problems and is taken to a hospital for a short stay. (Arek Miazga, “[Z historii UFO na Podkarpaciu: Bliskie spotkanie w Będzienicy–Nockowej \(1987\)](#),” *Spotkania z Nieznany*, July 3, 2011; Poland 77–80)

- 1987, Early August** — A Soviet soldier serving with the military contingent in Leningrad [now St. Petersburg], Russia, is dispatched with four others to northern Karelia, where they join up with another unit. Their job is to guard a UFO that soldiers had recently discovered near Vyborg. A military plane had taken it to Monchegorsk, Murmansk Oblast, and deposited it in a former fuel depot. The guards get a close look at the object, which is more than 50 feet long, 16 feet wide, and 9 feet high, grayish-tan in color, smooth, and seamless. It is tube-shaped, with fins extending from the mid-section all the way to the rear. At the tip of its nose are outward-pointing triangles in a triangular formation. One week later, senior officers show up and attempt to enter the craft unsuccessfully. The craft is moved to a hangar and all but one of the soldiers are sent back to Leningrad. In September, a successful entry is made, according to the remaining officer. Inside, they discover two armchairs, two steering wheels, and a featureless control panel. The cockpit is so small that two adults can hardly fit inside. Investigators who collect “rod-like items” from inside experience mild burns on their hands (though gloved). (Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, pp. 96–97; Clark III 345; Clark IV 381)
- 1987, August 4** — 10:00 p.m. Gordon Baker and two others watch two cross-shaped objects pass slowly and silently over his home from northeast to southwest in Exmouth, Devon, England. Describing it like a “flying fairground” at 38,000 feet, he watches a jet aircraft fly underneath it. They watch it for 15 minutes until it disappears on the horizon. Observers in Lympstone and Budleigh Salterton also see the object. Two huge, delta-shaped objects are seen making successive passes over Plymouth, Devon, between 10:30 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. Observations were also made in Bude, Cornwall, and Exeter, Devon, where they were apparently tracked on radar. (“[Flying Fairground’ Is Seen over Town](#),” *Exmouth (UK) Herald*, August 7, 1987, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 222 (January 1988): 16; “[Whitehall Silent over Flying Fairground](#),” *Exmouth (UK) Herald*, August 14, 1987, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 222 (January 1988): 16; Marler [139](#))
- 1987, August 11** — A witness in Osbornville, New Jersey, sees a shiny, oval object that hovers, becomes brighter, and takes off like a shot, leaving a white trail. It then stops abruptly, maneuvers, flashes more lights, and shoots straight up out of sight. (UFOEv II 30)
- 1987, August 11** — Several people see a triangular object with three lights over Sevastopol, Crimea, Russia. A yellow light surrounds the perimeter, and a bright white light is seen inside. The object hovers and maneuvers for 3 hours with a trajectory that changes unpredictably. It disappears, reappears, and smaller objects separate from it and take off at great speed. It finally takes off quickly away from the shore. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia’s USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 136)
- 1987, August 23** — 2:00–3:00 a.m. A witness sees a circular, white object west of Hajdúböszörmény, Hungary, flying slowly to the north. A thin, orange-colored light beam sweeps from it several times from west to east. Suddenly it “jumps” with tremendous speed from one place to another and remains stationary, still sweeping its light beam for at least 30 minutes. Then it suddenly disappears. (Karoli Hargitai, “[The UFO Phenomenon in Hungary](#),” *IUR* 14, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1989): 16)
- 1987, August 23** — 10:20 p.m. A brilliant-orange, flare-like light suddenly appears at 20°–25° in the south-southeastern sky in Corydon, Indiana. It appears stationary, but might be moving in the direction of the 12–15 observers, five of whom are MUFON field investigators. At one point it rapidly descends to the left. Several times the light winks completely out, only to flare up again. After about 5–8 minutes, the object goes into a flat east-to-west flight mode at a relatively slow rate of speed and an elevation of 10°–15°. During the last 30 seconds or so a small commercial or private aircraft enters the immediate area from west to east on an apparent collision course with the light. Several seconds of videotape document this apparent near miss. (NICAP, “[Aircraft Appeared in a ‘Near Miss’ with an OBOL](#)”; “[Corydon OBOL](#),” NICAP Official YouTube channel, January 23, 2023)
- 1987, August 30** — [William S. Steinman](#) makes another attempt to contact possible crashed-saucer insider [Eric A. Walker](#), whom [Robert Sarbacher](#) has indicated was a behind-the-scenes participant. Steinman calls Walker, saying he is inquiring about “meetings that you attended at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in/around 1949–1950, concerning the military recovery of flying saucers, and bodies of occupants.” Walker replies: “Yes, I attended meetings concerning that subject matter.” Walker agrees they are talking about recovered aliens and seems nonchalant about the subject. Walker adds: “Yes, I know of MJ-12. I have known of them for 40 years... You are delving into an area that you can do absolutely nothing about... Forget about it!” Walker tells Steinman that he would consult his notes on the topic and hints he might cooperate further. Steinman writes Walker on August 31, sending him the MJ-12 briefing document and asking about Project Aquarius. Three weeks later, Walker replies, saying, “Some things you have right and some things you have very wrong.” He admits a machine was recovered and is still stored near “Wright Field.” Four normal looking males were found at the site, very much alive. “They learned the English language within a few hours and it was our decision not to make public spectacles of them, but to allow them to be absorbed into American culture.” Each of the four, Walker alleges, became highly

successful in technology, sports, and finance. (Grant Cameron and T. Scott Crain Jr., *UFOs, MJ-12, and the Government: A Report on Government Involvement in UFO Crash Retrievals*, Mutual UFO Network, 1991, pp. 7–15)

- 1987**, August 31 — 10:55 p.m. A dark, domed, disc-shaped UFO with a mast or antenna on top comes down quickly over the high-security Naval Submarine Base Bangor [now Naval Base Kitsap] on the Kitsap Peninsula, Washington, which houses the Trident nuclear ballistic submarine fleet. It hovers over a playground. Randy Springsteen, 8, and Dennis Mauer, 10, sons of military personnel, are sitting on the swings and see an entity with a big head, big pointed “cat” ears, wrinkled skin, and a greenish complexion in an open hatch. It has a thin, spindly body, long webbed fingers and toes, and tabs or suction cups on the ends of its fingers and toes. It also has a wrinkled mouth “like an old grandma’s.” The boys estimate the being is about 6 feet tall. It points a device that directs a beam of energy at the two boys on the swings, causing the levitation of the metal swings. The boys flee quickly into the Springsteen home and get Charlene Springsteen, who sees a row of lights in the sky as the UFO takes off and flies away. Charlene then has the boys draw separate sketches of both the UFO and the alien, which are remarkably similar. (Donald A. Johnson, “[The Bangor CE3](#),” *IUR* 14, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1989): 4–6, 23)
- 1987**, Early autumn — Evening. [Rich](#) and Kathy Diczko, their children, and a family friend are sitting outside their weekend residence in the southern Ohio hills in front of a campfire. Suddenly a dark shape appears passing from in back of them from the north over the roof of the house and blotting out the stars in a precise boomerang shape. The perimeter of the shape is covered with 12–20 individual lights. All sounds from insects, tree frogs, and distant dogs stops. The campfire flame rises straight up, frozen. The aspen tree in the front yard stops “quaking” and the children gasp. The soundless object is low, and it extends beyond the 72-foot length of the house. After one minute, the light configuration wobbles, the lights change from amber to red, and the object splits into three sections, spreads out, and dissipates. (Jennie Zeidman, “[Strangeness in the Night](#),” *IUR* 14, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1989): 5, 22)
- 1987**, September — The final issue of the *APRO Bulletin* is published by [Jim and Coral Lorenzen](#). (*APRO Bulletin* 33, no. 7 (September 1987))
- 1987**, September — Three witnesses in Taunton, Somerset, England, observe a triangular object with bright white lights at each point and red lights underneath, rotating to the left. Its size is estimated to be comparable to three C-130 aircraft. (Marler [139](#))
- 1987**, September 8 — 5:00 a.m. A 10-year-old child in a farm family at Nort-sur-Erdre, Loire-Atlantique, France, is awakened by a noise and sees a luminous orange disc with a flashing light outside. He turns on his cassette player to record the noise, which lasts 20 seconds, and the light disappears shortly afterward. GEPAN investigators take samples of damaged leaves from a birch tree where the light appeared and conduct an analysis of the noise on the cassette tape. A biochemical analysis of the leaves provides mixed results, with one leaf showing possible thermal or light stress. They conclude that the recorded noise arose internally from the recorder and not from the microphone. The child later admits he made up the incident to attract his parents’ attention. (Groupe d’Étude des Phénomènes Aérospatiaux non Identifiés, “[Nort-sur-Erdre \(44\) 07.09.1987 ‘Joe Le Taxi](#),” March 22, 2007; Clark III 547; Clark IV 605)
- 1987**, September 11 — 8:15 p.m. Lydia B. Lövendal-Papae and her husband are walking between Herăstrău Park [now King Michael I Park] and Aviators Square in Bucharest, Romania, when they see a large, reddish-orange star hovering above the nearby Arcul de Triumf. After a minute, it moves to right above them and stops for a couple minutes before it sways back and forth. Suddenly it makes large zigzag movements toward the Romanian National Television building and disappears to the northeast. After 5 minutes, her husband sees a white beam shooting briefly from the direction it has gone. (Romania 45–46)
- 1987**, September 13 — A radioactive contamination accident takes place in Goiânia, Goiás, Brazil, after a forgotten radiotherapy source is taken from an abandoned hospital site in the city. It is subsequently handled by many people, resulting in four deaths. About 112,000 people are examined for radioactive contamination and 249 of them are found to be contaminated. In the cleanup operation, topsoil has to be removed from several sites, and several hundred houses are demolished. All the objects from within those houses, including personal possessions, are seized and incinerated. (Wikipedia, “[Goiânia accident](#)”)
- 1987**, September 14 — 6:05 p.m. A man and his daughter are walking in Debrecen, Hungary, when she sees a “flying log.” The man looks up and sees a cylindrical object flying very slowly to the north. After 3 minutes it disappears without a trace. (Karoli Hargitai, “[The UFO Phenomenon in Hungary](#),” *IUR* 14, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1989): 16)
- 1987**, September 21 — In an address to the United Nations, President [Reagan](#) says, “Perhaps we need some outside, universal threat to make us recognize this common bond. I occasionally think how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world. And yet, I ask you, is not an

alien force already among us? What could be more alien to the universal aspirations of our peoples than war and the threat of war?" (Ronald Reagan, "[Address to the 42d Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, New York](#)," September 21, 1987)

1987, September 22 — 9:00 p.m. A young couple is sitting outside in Bossier City, Louisiana, when they see a large, conical or triangular object pass silently in the sky. It has sparsely distributed lighting on its base and seems metallic and solid. They estimate it is several football fields in length. On October 6, the man sees the object again, moving in the same direction toward Barksdale Air Force Base. (Michael D. Swords, "[Timmerman's Triangles](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 16)

1987, Mid-October — 6:00 p.m. A man is driving up Candlewood Lake Road, near Brookfield, Connecticut, when he sees a low-flying aerial object that passes over the trees to the left. After making a turn, he notices four cars stopped with no lights on off the side of the road. He flashes his headlights and his car's radio and electrical power dies. All the other drivers—three men and a woman—are out of their cars. They tell him that their vehicles stopped as a large, bright aircraft flew over and passed silently over a hill in the west. It had all white and amber lights and was triangular in shape. Two other cars drive by at that time and their engines sputter but they do not stop. He notices a glow in the woods. He wants to investigate it, but no one will accompany him. Grabbing a flashlight, he walks into the woods for about a quarter of a mile, watching the glow get brighter. As he climbs a hill, the glow turns deep red and then off-white. As he reaches the top of the hill, he sees a lighted object, but trees block his view. He climbs down the hill to a clearing and sees an object like a dark triangle hovering silently in (not above) the trees. He hears a noise and sees a figure wearing a helmet and a dark suit with glowing metallic stripes around the arms and waist approaching the object. It reaches the UFO and looks in the witness's direction. He hears thoughts in his head saying that he shouldn't come closer. As he watches, the figure raises its hand as if to say goodbye and vanishes in a flash of red light. The object then blinks out as if someone has just turned it off. (NightSiege 201–203)

1987, November 11 — 5:00 p.m. Edward Walters, president of a construction company in Gulf Breeze, Florida, has his first alleged encounter with a UFO. He sees a glowing, top-shaped craft with a row of portholes across the midsection and a luminous ring on the bottom. He rushes in and grabs a Polaroid camera and snaps a photo just as the UFO is moving from behind a tree. He takes three more photos as the object, 150 feet away, drifts in a northeasterly direction. As he is taking more photos, the object moves above him, and Walters is hit by a blue beam that paralyzes him and lifts him several feet off the ground. After hearing a computerlike voice and a female voice, he sees images of dogs. Then he falls hard on the pavement and the UFO is gone. Over the next few months, Walters (initially concealing his identity as "Mr. X") and his family claim a bewildering variety of close encounters, including abduction incidents, and Walters continues to produce more photos of the UFOs plaguing him. The veracity of his claims causes a rift in ufology, with MUFON championing the case and CUFOS very skeptical. California ufologist and songwriter [Zan Overall](#) produces evidence that Walters knew how to double-expose photos well before his UFO pictures. In June 1990, a model UFO, seemingly a prototype for a fake UFO in his photos, is found in the wall of the house formerly occupied by Walters. One week later, Tom Smith Jr., 22, comes forward claiming he has seen Walters fake some of the photos. Photoanalyst [Bruce Maccabee](#) continues to support Walters's claims, coauthoring a book with him in 1997. (Wikipedia, "[Gulf Breeze UFO incident](#)"; Donald M. Ware, Charles D. Flannigan, and Walter H. Andrus Jr., "[The Gulf Breeze, Florida, Photographic and CE III Case, Part 1](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 239 (March 1988): 5–15; Donald M. Ware, Charles D. Flannigan, and Walter H. Andrus Jr., "[The Gulf Breeze, Florida, Photographic Case: Supplement to Part I](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 240 (April 1988): 13–14, 21; Jerome Clark, "[Editorial: III Breeze](#)," *IUR* 13, no. 2 (March/April 1988): 3, 23; Dennis Stacy, "[Gulf Breeze: A Note to the Skeptical](#)," *IUR* 13, no. 2 (March/April 1988): 10–11; Mark Rodeghier, "[Gulf Breeze: A Note to the Committed](#)," *IUR* 13, no. 2 (March/April 1988): 12–13, 23; Mark Rodeghier and Robert D. Boyd, "[Gulf Breeze, Florida: The Other Side of the Coin](#)," *CUFOS Bulletin*, April 1988, pp. 1–4; Donald M. Ware, Charles D. Flannigan, and Walter H. Andrus Jr., "[The Gulf Breeze, Florida, Photographic and CE III Case, Part 2](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 241 (May 1988): 11–15; Jerome Clark, "[Editorial: Breeze from the Gulf](#)," *IUR* 13, no. 3 (May/June 1988): 3; Donald M. Ware, Charles D. Flanagan, and Walter H. Andrus Jr., "[The Gulf Breeze, Florida, Photographic and CE III Case, Part 3](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 242 (June 1988): 12–16; Donald M. Ware, Charles D. Flanagan, and Walter H. Andrus Jr., "[The Gulf Breeze, Florida, Photographic and CE III Case, Part 4](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 243 (July 1988): 9–11; Donald M. Ware, Charles D. Flanagan, and Walter H. Andrus Jr., "[The Gulf Breeze, Florida, Photographic and CE III Case, Part 5](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 244 (August 1988): 6–8; Bruce Maccabee, "A History of the Gulf Breeze, Florida, Sighting Events," in *MUFON 1988 International UFO Symposium*, MUFON, 1988, pp. 113–204;

Richard H. Hall and Willy Smith, "[Balancing the Scale: Unanswered Questions about Gulf Breeze](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 248 (December 1988): 3–7; Dan C. Overlade, "[Psychological Evaluation of Mr. Ed](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 248 (December 1988): 7–8; Bruce Maccabee, "[The Scale Remains Unbalanced](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 252 (April 1989): 3–24; Bruce Maccabee, "[Billy, No; Ed, Yes](#)," *IUR* 14, no. 3 (May/June 1989): 16–19, 24; Wim van Utrecht, "[How to Take Your Own Gulf Breeze Photos](#)," *IUR* 14, no. 3 (May/June 1989): 20–21, 24; Bruce Maccabee, "[Recent UFO Videotapes](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 265 (May 1990): 3, 6–7; Ed Walters and Frances Walters, *The Gulf Breeze Sightings*, Morrow, 1990; Zan Overall, *Gulf Breeze Double Exposed: The 'Ghost-Demon' Photo Controversy*, CUFOs, 1990; Craig Myers, "[Gulf Breeze UFO Model Found](#)," *Pensacola (Fla.) News Journal*, June 10, 1990, pp. 1, 8; Craig Myers, "[I Saw UFO Photos Faked, Witness Says](#)," *Pensacola (Fla.) News Journal*, June 17, 1990, pp. 1, 4; Bruce Maccabee, "[The Gulf Breeze Lights](#)," *IUR* 17, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1992): 4–12; Art Hufford, "[The Gulf Breeze Lights, Continued](#)," *IUR* 17, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1992): 11–12; Zan Overall, "[The Gulf Breeze RUFOs](#)," *IUR* 17, no. 2 (March/April 1992): 14–18; Barbara Becker, "[The Invention of a Gulf Breeze UFO](#)," *IUR* 17, no. 2 (March/April 1992): 19–21, 23; Bruce Maccabee and Ed Walters, *UFOs Are Real: Here's the Proof*, Avon, 1997; UFOEv II 296–297; James W. Moseley and Karl T. Pflock, *Shockingly Close to the Truth! Confessions of a Grave-Robbing Ufologist*, Prometheus, 2002, pp. 287–297; Clark III 550–552; Keith Conroy, "[A Review of the Photographic Evidence in the Gulf Breeze Sightings of 1987–1988](#)," *SCU Review* 3.3 (July 25, 2022): 7–15; Craig R. Myers, "[The MUFON-ian Candidate: The Gulf Breeze UFO Case As Political Contest](#)," in Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Richard Heiden, eds., *The Reliability of UFO Witness Testimony*, UPIAR, 2023, pp. 121–136; "[The Gulf Breeze, Florida, UFO Sightings, 1987–Early 1990s](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, January 13, 2024; Clark IV 608–610)

- 1987**, November 18 — The US Congress issues its investigative report on the Iran–Contra Affair. It concludes that "the central remaining question is the role of the President in the Iran–Contra affair. On this critical point, the shredding of documents by [Poindexter](#), [North](#), and others, and the death of [Casey](#), leave the record incomplete." (Wikipedia, "[Iran–Contra affair](#)")
- 1987**, Mid-November — 7:00 p.m. Jim Dawes is one of the witnesses of an object in the shape of the supersonic airplane Concorde at Wolverhampton, England. When it reaches overhead, he sees it is composed of many different lights in a triangle shape. ("Mystery of 'Concorde shape UFO,'" *Wolverhampton (UK) Express-Star*, December 2, 1987; Marler [120](#))
- 1987**, November 23 — 8:25 p.m. Rick Devine goes out the back door of his home in Shreve, Ohio, to round up the family dogs and cats. He glances up and sees four blobs of cool-white light maneuvering in a cloverleaf pattern (elliptical orbits with a common center of flight, meeting at the center) in an area of sky a few hundred feet in diameter. The objects move slower at the outer edges of the orbit and faster as they near the center. Devine shoos the animals inside (no reaction to the display) and calls to his wife Janet. She joins him and they continue to watch the objects. She describes the lights as rectangular. They cross the street into a schoolyard to get closer to the lights, which move away as if in response. At no time does the brightness or color or altitude of the lights change. Seemingly, the display covers an area equivalent to a baseball diamond. It moves back across the road, and the Devines follow. As they watch, the four blobs of light come together in the center, move outward and continue onward, disappearing 90° from each other. The sighting lasts 35 minutes. (Jennie Zeidman, "[Strangeness in the Night](#)," *IUR* 14, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1989): 4–5)
- 1987**, November 28 — 9:10 p.m.–12:00 midnight. 33 unknown objects fly at low altitude over the coast of Primorsky Krai, Far Eastern district, Russia, on the Sea of Japan. Witnesses describe various shapes—cylinders, cigars, globes—all moving silently. Thirteen UFOs are seen above Dalnegorsk. The objects cause a 2-minute disruption of electrical circuits, including TVs and computers. More than 100 witnesses are questioned by the Far Eastern Commission. (Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, p. 94)
- 1987**, Winter — Night. Air Force Security Policeman Joseph C. Pscolka is awakened by the night shift flight security controller at the Malmstrom AFB N-01 missile alert facility northwest of Grassrange, Montana, who tells him that an alarm response team responded to a security alert at the N-06 launch site and had not been heard from for nearly an hour. Pscolka assembles a security response team and joins them to drive to the site. The security lights are out and the alarm team's vehicle parked 50 feet from the wide-open gate with its lights out and engine off. Pscolka drives up to the vehicle when his own Peacekeeper APC loses power. At that moment, the alert team bursts from its vehicle and runs to the APC, begging to be let in. Their vehicle had shut down entirely, even the flashlights. The entire launch facility, up to 20 feet outside the gate, is devoid of snow, even though the snow outside is knee-deep. Pscolka goes up to the facility alone after posting guards. When he gets to the snow-free

zone, he notes the temperature is warmer, even hot. Everything within the facility is warm to the touch, including the soil. But there are no intruders. A few more APCs approach down the access road, and suddenly all the facility and vehicle lights come on again. After the incident, the teams are debriefed and ordered not to tell anyone about it. (Nukes 397–401)

1987, December — [Barry Greenwood](#) calls the MJ-12 documents hoaxes, most likely contrived by [Richard C. Doty](#), who has apparently been Moore's source for much of his UFO information. He cites the disparity between the briefing document's extensive discussion of the Roswell crash and the mere 7 lines of text on the 1950 Texas crash. Greenwood also charges that the Cutler-Twining memo had been planted, as it had been found in a virtually empty box in the National Archives containing a small number of non-UFO documents. [Bruce Maccabee](#) thinks the Cutler-Twining memo is genuine. (Barry Greenwood, "[MJ-12 Magic Act](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 236 (December 1987): 10–16; Philip J. Klass, "[The MJ-12 Crashed Saucer Documents](#)," *Skeptical Inquirer* 12, no. 2 (Winter 1987/1988): 137–146, 279–289; Bruce S. Maccabee, "[Cutler Correction](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 243 (July 1988): 20; Philip J. Klass, "New Evidence of MJ-12 Hoax," *Skeptical Inquirer* 14, no. 2 (Winter 1990): 135–140)

1987, December — John Grace founds the Leading Edge International research group after receiving the "Dulce Papers," a set of documents allegedly disclosing unethical experiments on humans—such as breeding techniques, DNA manipulation, and genetic modification—at an underground base in Dulce, New Mexico. The papers inspired and are included in The Matrix series of six books published from 1988 to 2007 by Grace under the pseudonym Valdamar Valerian. These huge compilations of supposed documents and insider information discuss the alien visitors and treaties with earthly governments, harvests of human body parts, friendly and unfriendly alien species, the creation of humans and culture by aliens, acquisition of alien technology, and the dangers of an alien takeover. (Darryl Smith, "[The Dulce Papers](#)," *Crowded Skyes*; "[Leading Edge International](#)," UFO-Alien Database; "[The Avalon Library](#)"; Clark III 9–10; Clark IV 24)

1987, December 1 — 7:15 a.m. A former London policeman (pseudonym Philip Spencer) is walking across Ilkley Moor in West Yorkshire, England, to visit his father-in-law in East Morton. He was walking up a small hill when he notices an odd-looking figure in the trail ahead of him. It is dark green and about 4 feet tall with an oversized head and long, thin arms. The creature makes a gesture at Spencer, which he takes to be a warning telling him to stay away, but he takes out his camera and snaps a picture. The creature then runs away and Spencer follows it. He loses the creature in the fog but then sees an object rise from the moor and disappear into the sky. It is a whitish color and consists of two saucer-shaped parts on top of each other. He hears a loud hum. He fails to take a photo of the object. Rather than continue with his planned route, Spencer heads to another town that was about 30 minutes away. When he arrives, he finds that it is about two hours later than he expects it to be. Additionally, the compass he has taken with him is pointed in the opposite direction than it should be. While the photo is getting examined by experts, Spencer has strange dreams. Following ufologist Peter Hough's advice, he attends a session of regressive hypnotherapy carried out by Jim Singleton on March 16, 1988. Under hypnosis, Spencer's original account of the incident changes. Singleton calls it a genuine recall. Spencer now remembers that when he saw the creature on the hill he was instantly paralyzed, lifted up a few feet, and pulled into the craft. When he enters, a voice tells him to be calm. A group of green aliens then performs medical experiments on him, inserting items into his nose and mouth. He is given a tour of the craft and shown a film with apocalyptic imagery, including nuclear explosions, famines, and floods. He is then shown a second film, but he never reveals the contents of this film, saying that the aliens who abducted him do not want humanity to know. Following this, Spencer is returned to Ilkley Moor, where he then takes his photograph. He claims that the alien is actually waving goodbye to him, not telling him to stay away, as in his original account. (Wikipedia, "[Ilkley Moor UFO incident](#)"; Peter Hough, "[The Green Alien of Ilkley Moor](#)," *Fate*, March 1999, pp. 35–41; Matty Sweeney, "[Ilkley Moor Alien Photograph](#)," *The Paranormal Guide*, October 7, 2014; "[Picture Post: When Ilkley Moore Became an Alien Landing Site](#)," *Yorkshire Post*, October 13, 2014; Nick Redfern, *Top Secret Alien Abduction Files*, Red Wheel/Weiser, 2018, pp. 129–134; Aaron Sakulich, "[The Ilkley Moor Monster: A Watertight Story](#)," *Iron Skeptic*; Patrick Gross, "[The Ilkley Moor Encounter of the 3rd Kind, 1987](#)")

1987, December 9 — Night. Oddly moving lights in the sky appear over Nottingham, England, traveling quickly and emitting a deep hum. A triangular object about 250 feet long covered in 150 red and white lights is observed over a farm near Hull around the same date. Similar UFOs are seen in Staffordshire and Long Eaton, Derbyshire. ("Mystery of City UFO Sightings," *Nottingham (UK) Evening Post*, December 10, 1987; *Hull (UK) Daily Mail*, December 11, 1987; *Long Eaton (UK) Trader*, December 23, 1987; Gary Anthony and Philip Mantle, "[Humberside Happenings](#)," *UFO Brigantia*, no. 30 (Mar./Apr. 1988): 4–5; "[The Biggest Sighting—Ever!](#)" *Northern UFO News*, no. 132 (July/Aug. 1988): 14–15; Marler [121](#); Philip Mantle, "[The Humberside Flying Triangle of 1987](#)," *Outer Limits Magazine*, no. 7 (April 2017): 40–45)

- 1987**, December 14 — 9:30 p.m. A gray, oval-shaped object lands on the road ahead of a Mercedes car near Launceston, Tasmania. The engine and lights fail instantly, and the driver brakes to a stop. Intense light comes from the base of the object that is painful to the driver's eyes. He leaves the car and gets sick, hiding behind a tree from where he watches his car being dragged about 33 feet, as if attracted by a magnet, and leaving tire marks on the road. A Land Cruiser approaches the scene and its lights fail, but the diesel engine continues to operate. The object takes off with a whirring sound. The car is covered with melted specks of asphalt, and serious electrical problems must be fixed after the incident. (Pat Hildea, "[Interstate Report](#)," *Australian UFO Bulletin*, June 1988, p. 5; Keith Roberts, "[The Tasmanian Connection](#)," *UFO Research Australia Newsletter* 7, no. 1 (May 1989): 10–12; Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 19)
- 1987**, December 29 — Lear Jet heir [John Lear](#), based on stories by Albuquerque businessman [Paul Bennewitz](#), claims in a statement on ParaNet that he has independent confirmation of a secret underground base near Dulce, New Mexico, populated by gray aliens and humans. Direct communication between one alien group and the US government took place at Holloman AFB in April 1964. Lear alleges that the MJ-12 group entered into a relationship with possible ET intelligences between 1969 and 1971 and in exchange for super technology, gave carte blanche to the ETs to conduct experiments and abductions on unsuspecting human beings. Lear also claims that the ETs, with our government's knowledge, are mutilating domestic cattle and sheep, and in some cases even humans are the victims. In 1972–1973, a secret underground facility at Groom Lake, Nevada, was built "for and with the help of" the ETs. Lear claims that [William Moore](#) is being used as a conduit by MJ-12 (which includes [Edward Teller](#), [Henry Kissinger](#), [Bobby Ray Inman](#), and possibly [John Poindexter](#)) to release information about the alien presence on earth. Many ParaNet members question his assertions. (Wikipedia, "[Dulce Base](#)"; "[Statement Released by John Lear](#)," December 29, 1987; Don Ecker, "Driven to Destruction," *Fortean Times* 121 (April 1999): 40–43; Clark III 9; Graff 320–321; Clark IV 24)

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- 1988** — [Michael Corbin](#) becomes administrator of ParaNet, which runs through the mid-1990s.
- 1988** — College instructor [Karla Turner](#) and her husband are in counseling to learn why they are feeling physical symptoms of stress. She reads *Missing Time* by [Budd Hopkins](#) and *Communion* by [Whitley Strieber](#) and soon recalls having seen an odd light in the sky as a girl and begins to dream about UFOs. Having learned hypnotic regression techniques from her therapist, she regresses her husband, whereupon he remembers several childhood experiences with gray aliens. Several nights later, Karla awakens to sounds of clicks and bumps in the house, followed by disembodied voices in her bedroom. She later remembers a nightmare from her childhood in which an insect-like being holds her hand and tells her it is her mother. Soon she and her husband undergo regression by an Oklahoma UFO researcher, which produces accounts of repeated abductions since childhood and evidence that her whole family was involved. After one session, Karla, her husband, and a third person see a lighted, disc-shaped craft hovering above them. Two weeks later, she again hears voices in the night and loud knocking sounds. She wakes to find small punctures on her inner wrist and three white circles on her abdomen. Into 1989, more body marks appear, including a solid red triangle on her arm, puncture wounds, scratches, and bruises. Poltergeist phenomena occur. The Turners begin to notice a white car parked near their house, and unmarked helicopters seem to follow them. They begin to suspect the US military is monitoring them. (Karla Turner, [Into the Fringe: A True Story of Alien Abduction](#), Berkley, 1992)
- 1988** — The radial velocity variations of the star Gamma Cephei are first suspected to be indicative of an exoplanet in a 2.5-year orbit. However, misclassification of the star as a giant combined with an underestimation of the orbit of the Gamma Cephei binary, which implies the planet's orbit would be unstable, lead some astronomers to suspect the variations were merely due to stellar rotation. The existence of the planet is finally confirmed in 2002. (Wikipedia, "[Discoveries of exoplanets](#)")
- 1988** — Ademar José Gevaerd launches the magazine *Revista UFO* in Curitiba, Brazil. It later is published in Campo Grance, Mato Grosso do Sul. (Clark IV 572)
- 1988**, January — A family in the vicinity of Pasadena, California, notices a large, perfectly circular brown spot, 13 feet in diameter, in their backyard in the midst of their lush, well-cared for St. Augustine grass. It seems to have appeared the morning after the wife awakens to see a small, gray-skinned entity standing beside her and probing her torso with medical instruments. She had seen a strange light beam one month earlier. The brown area slowly fills in with Bermuda grass after 6 months. The Los Angeles County agricultural pathologist who examines a soil sample finds four southern chinch bugs (*Blissus insularis*) that he says can cause similar damage, although the

progression is much slower and requires many more insects than four. (Ann Druffel, "[CE3—and CE2?](#)" *IUR* 14, no. 3 (May/June 1989): 10–12, 23)

- 1988**, January 5 (or 15) — 5:00 a.m. Cristian Tuță is doing mandatory military service in a unit at Roșu, Romania, on the shore of Lacul Morii. While on guard duty, he notices an oval light positioned vertically 30 feet above the bridge to the only island on the lake. He estimates it is 45 feet high and 15 feet wide. Inside are four much brighter lights in the shape of a cross. At first it remains motionless, but begins quickly moving up and down along the bridge like a sine wave for 30 minutes. It stops abruptly and moves slowly to the southwest at an altitude of 60 feet. When it comes to a clump of trees, it changes its shape to two discs put together. In a split second it zooms away to the west. (Romania 46–48)
- 1988**, January 12 — Ed Walters produces his most famous photo—a brightly lit structured craft hovering above a road near his home in Gulf Breeze, Florida. (Ed Walters and Frances Walters, [The Gulf Breeze Sightings](#), Morrow, 1990)
- 1988**, January 19 — 5:00 p.m. A father and daughter are driving to pick the mother up from work at the Pierre Bossier Mall in Bossier City, Louisiana. When they pull into the mall parking lot, the daughter notices a streak of light in the sky that suddenly moves right in front of them about 150 feet away and 50 feet above the ground. It is a dull silver disc with “turbines” or openings around its perimeter that are spinning like a slowly moving fan. From the top of the object emerges a sheath with rotary blades, although the blades do not rotate. The disc is about the size of an automobile, around 5 feet tall, and completely silent. For 90 seconds, all the noise of the mall seems muted. Then the device begins to move and zips away quickly. (Michael D. Swords, "[Unusual Experiences from the Timmerman Files](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 21)
- 1988**, January 20 — 4:10 a.m. Faye Knowles and her three sons Patrick, Sean, and Wayne are en route along the Eyre Highway from Perth, Western Australia, to Melbourne, Victoria, by car, when they observe a bright, egg-shaped object ahead of them on the road near Mundrabilla, Western Australia. Sean is driving and has to swerve to miss the object. The egg-shaped object then begins to follow their station wagon. At some point, Sean does a U-turn to approach the object, but soon goes back to driving eastward. The family becomes disoriented, and the sequence of events is difficult to reconstruct. They roll down the windows and a “grayish-black mist” enters into the car. Faye reaches out the window to touch the roof and feels something warm, soft, and rubbery that covers her hand in black dust. They hear a thud on the roof and come to believe that the object has lifted their car off the road. They are let down suddenly and the right rear tire blows out. A truck driver named Graham Henley is driving ahead of the Knowles’s car; he sees a bright light in his rearview mirror for about 5 minutes. Shortly after Henley pulls into Mundrabilla, the Knowles family arrives in a state of disorientation. He inspects the damaged tire, sees dents in the roof, and smells something burnt. Henley and another trucker drive back to the scene and find skid marks and footprints. In the afternoon, the family report to police in Ceduna, South Australia, who note their distress and the dents in the roof. Samples of the black dust are collected for forensic analysis. The police tests are never done, but at least half of the material is obtained by ufologists [Keith Basterfield](#) and [Ray Brooke](#), who take it to a laboratory. The analysis reveals ordinary materials: sodium chloride, sodium, aluminum, magnesium, sulfur, potassium, silicon, chlorine, clay particles, and calcium. The Seven Network pays the Australian Mineral Development Laboratories to test the vehicle for radioactivity, but there is none above background. AMDEL states that the car tire has failed due to being underinflated, and the dust, smell, and smoke is due to the blowout. Another set of samples is taken from the car by the Victorian UFO Research Society and sent to two different labs, again with commonplace results. However, one analysis by [Richard Haines](#) in the US concludes that the interior dust is different from the exterior dust, which contains a possible trace of astatine, a radioactive chemical element. Faye’s hand became red and swollen in the days after the event. (“[UFO Encounter on Nullarbor Plain Reported](#),” *Canberra (A.C.T.) Times*, January 21, 1988, p. 7; “[Desert UFO Puzzle](#),” *Melbourne (Vic.) Sun*, January 21, 1988; “[UFO Was After Us, Says Perth Woman](#),” *Melbourne Age*, January 22, 1988, p. 5; John Auchettl, “[The Knowles-Nullarbor Encounter](#),” *Australian UFO Bulletin*, March 1988, pp. 7–14; Walt Andrus, “[The Mundrabilla Incident, Part 1](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 239 (March 1988): 16–22; Walt Andrus, “[The Mundrabilla Incident, Part 2](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 240 (April 1988): 14–19; Keith Basterfield and Ray Brooke, “[The Mundrabilla Incident](#),” *UFO Research Australia Newsletter* 6, no. 1 (April 1988): 3–20; “[The Mundrabilla UFO in Western Australia](#),” *Pursuit* 21, no. 1 (Spring 1988): 14; Ben Harris, “The Nullarbor UFO Incident: Dramatic Case Quickly Fades,” *Skeptical Inquirer* 12, no. 4 (Summer 1988): 349–352; John Auchettl, “[The Knowles-Nullarbor Encounter, Part 2](#),” *Australian UFO Bulletin*, June 1988, pp. 6–11; Pat Delgado, “[The Nullarbor Encounter](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 33, no. 2 (June 1988): 1–4; Tim Mendham, “[News Report: The Nullarbor UFO](#),” *The Skeptic* 8, no. 1 (Autumn 1988): 8–10, 13; “[Riddle of the Alien ‘Dust’](#),” *Australasian Post* (Melbourne, Vic.), November 26, 1988, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 233 (December 1988): 15; Paul Norman, “[More on the Nullarbor Desert Case](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 33, no. 4 (December 1988): 7–8; Gordon

Creighton, "[The Calvary of the Knowles Family](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 33, no. 4 (December 1988): 9–10; John Auchettl, *The Knowles Family Encounter*, Victorian UFO Research Society, 1989; Keith Basterfield and Ray Brooke, "[The Mundrabilla Incident: An Update](#)," *UFO Research Australia Newsletter* 7, no. 1 (May 1989): 3–9; Keith Basterfield, Vladimir Godic, and Pony Godic, "[Australian Ufology: A Review](#)," *JUFOS* 2 (1990): 36–37; Keith Basterfield, "[Samples from the Mundrabilla CE2](#)," *IUR* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1990): 12–13; UFOEv II 232–237; Siani, "[UFOs on the Nullarbor Plain \(Part 1\)](#)," *Strange Days*, September 27, 2007; Siani, "[UFOs on the Nullarbor Plain \(Part 2\)](#)," *Strange Days*, September 27, 2007; "[The 1988 Knowles Family Rare Interview: UFO Encounter \[QUFOSR\]](#)," QUFOSR YouTube channel, December 17, 2016; "[1988 Knowles Family UFO Encounter Australian Nullarbor Plain](#)," Shala Albertson YouTube channel, January 28, 2018; "[Sightings: Nullarbor Plain, Australia UFO Case \(July, 1995\)](#)," Paranormal Videos You May Have Missed YouTube channel, April 23, 2018; Brian Dunning, "[The Knowles Family UFO Incident](#)," Skeptoid podcast, no. 715, February 18, 2020; "[1988 AU #UFOB \[Case\] Sightings: The Knowles Family Australia](#)," UFOB | Your UAP Library YouTube channel, September 18, 2022)

1988, January 21 — 8:00 p.m. Ex-Navy Lt. Dan McIndoe and his family are at their home 5 miles north of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington, when they see a white light with red and blue flashes. They watch it maneuvering for 2 hours. (Donald A. Johnson, "[UFOs in Washington Skies](#)," *IUR* 13, no. 2 (March/April 1988): 4–6)

1988, February 4 — 8:10 p.m. A woman is driving between Bacup, Lancashire, and Todmorden, Yorkshire, England, when she sees an intense orange, egg-shaped light to the south-southeast above Tooler Hill when she is crossing the border between the two counties. Its interior is like a "swirling liquid (or fire embers) with constantly changing patterns." She stops to watch it as it hovers for another 2–3 minutes. As she drives away it starts to move, so she pulls over again and watches it (now dimmer) move away to the southwest. It speeds up as it descends below the level of the hillside. (Jenny Randles, "[Another Pennine Earthlight?](#)" *Northern UFO News*, no. 137 (June 1989): 15)

1988, February 9 — 8:00 a.m. A man looking for farm work near Oswestry, Shropshire, England, sees a dog run from a parked car he is passing. The dog crosses the road and runs barking straight into a swirling, yellowish, glowing mist about 45 feet in diameter that straddles a hedgerow. The mist is making a noise like rushing air. The dog owner gets out of the car, and the witness follows her toward the glow and tries to calm her down. As they approach, their hair stands on end, their skin begins tingling, and they smell sulfur as an eerie stillness envelops them. Moments later, the glow disappears as if it is melting away. The dog is lying on the ground looking ill. Its eyes are red and its coat is soaking wet, yet the moisture is evaporating rapidly with steam visibly rising. The man carries the dog back to the car and the woman drives off with it. He later finds out that the dog recovered after an hour or so but died a few weeks later. (Jenny Randles, *Time Storms: Amazing Evidence for Time Warps, Space Rifts, and Time Travel*, Piatkus, 2001, p. 11; Jenny Randles, "UFOs Can Damage Your Health, Part Two," *Fortean Times* 365 (April 2018): 27)

1988, February 10 — 7:45–8:30 p.m. Numerous independent observers on the border of Cambria and Somerset counties near Johnstown, Pennsylvania, see a 60-foot object with several rows of lights that make it look like a "cruise ship in the sky." The object passes over cars and trees at an altitude of 50–100 feet. It emits a slight humming sound and projects multiple beams of light toward the ground. ("[Number of UFO Reports in State Unprecedented in '88](#)," *Latrobe (Pa.) Bulletin*, January 9, 1989, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 235 (February 1989): 11–12)

1988, March — [Martin S. Kottmeyer](#) proposes a "boundary-deficit hypothesis" for UFO abductions, in which abductees are unable to distinguish true from false or to segregate dreams from waking observations. Boundary-deficit people may normally function well, but they are liable to undergo episodes of missing time due to a weak sense of temporal community. (Martin Kottmeyer, "[Abduction: The Boundary Deficit Hypothesis](#)," *Magonia* 32 (March 1988): 3–7)

1988, March 2 — 9:25 a.m. A UH-50 helicopter flying on patrol above the Pirassununga Air Base, São Paulo, Brazil, notices a large circular area on the ground in a sugarcane field near the base. The plants seem to be crushed as if something had landed there. They report the mark, and another helicopter arrives and lands to make an investigation because the area is too difficult to access by truck. A 1st Lt. Zogovich takes some film footage of the flattened circle. During the examination, the airmen find evidence that someone else has collected samples from the site. (Jackson Camargo, "[Um OVNI pousou ao lado da Base Aérea de Pirassununga](#)," *Portal Fenomenum*, April 14, 2024)

1988, March 3 — 8:30 p.m. The brothers Farisano are returning home from a soccer championship near General Belgrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina, when they notice some strange lights above a nearby bridge. As they

approach the lights, their vehicle engine suddenly stalls. They try to restart it but cannot, so they remain in their truck watching the lights. They now see that the lights are on a spherical object with a large red light on the top and several white lights in a row on the bottom section. The object hovers close to the ground. Inside the transparent midsection the witnesses can see a shadow-like figure moving about. The object suddenly moves slowly out of sight, after which the truck engine restarts and they drive home. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 19; "[1988: March UFO and Alien Sightings](#)," Think AboutIts)

- 1988, March 4** — 8:35 p.m. Sheila Baker and her three children are driving home to Eastlake, Ohio, after going to dinner. As they near the waterfront, Sheila notices something hovering above Lake Erie, so after picking up her husband Henry at home, they drive down to the beach to investigate. A huge, metallic-gray, football-shaped object like a blimp is silently rocking back and forth, blinding white light emanating from both ends. It begins circling, moving overhead at about 1,300 feet. Somehow it causes the lake ice to rumble and crack. The Bakers get nervous and drive home, where they can still see the UFO with red and blue blinking lights along the bottom edge. Five or six bright triangular lights detach from the side, hovering at first, then darting and zigzagging around at high speeds. Each is smaller than a Cessna and cross 50-mile stretches low over the ice "in the snap of a finger." They make several passes toward the Perry Nuclear Power Plant about 20 miles away. The Bakers alert the Coast Guard, and Seaman James Powers and Petty Officer John Knaub drive to the beach, where the triangular objects approach them. They give a blow-by-blow radio report to the Coast Guard base in Detroit. Other witnesses in different locations also see the triangles. Suddenly the smaller objects return to the large one, which seems to be landing on the ice. They reenter it, the ellipse flashes a series of red, blue, and yellow lights, and the light at the end turns from white to red. Suddenly the lights go out and the ice booming stops. The witnesses assume the object has gone beneath the surface. The Coast Guard report the next day suggests that the lights were Venus and Jupiter. (NICAP, "[Eastlake Close Encounter](#)"; "[Cozying of Jupiter, Venus Light Up Sky](#)," *Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer*, March 7, 1988, via *APCIC UFO News* 13, no. 5 (May 1988): 23; Richard P. Dell'Aquila, "[Ohio Flap](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 249 (January 1989): 15–17; Christopher Evans, "[Space Case: The Night the Coast Guard Got Buzzed](#)," *Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer*, July 12, 1992, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 279 (October 1992): 2–3; Dolan II 428–431; John Lasker, *Technoir: 13 Investigations from the Dark Side of Technology, the US Military, and UFOs*, The Author, 2010, pp. 23–28; "[Never Before Heard 1988 Lake Erie Coast Guard UFO Event Witness Testimony!](#)" Michael Lee Hill YouTube channel, August 31, 2014; Marcus Lowth, "[The Baker Family UFO Encounter over Lake Erie](#)," *UFO Insight*, August 2, 2018; Michael Lee Hill, "[Never Before Heard! Famous 1988 Lake Erie Coast Guard UFO Event Update: Audio Witness Testimony!](#)" Michael Lee Hill blog, August 18, 2018; Patrick Gross, "[Lake Erie, USA 1988](#)")
- 1988, March 5** — [Richard Doty](#) writes to ufologist [Larry W. Bryant](#) that he had never promised film footage to [Linda Moulton Howe](#). (Clark III 365; Clark IV 409)
- 1988, March 7** — During a campaign rally in Rogers, Arkansas, vice president and presidential candidate [George H. W. Bush](#) is approached by a UFO buff named [Charles Huffer](#), who asks him if he will tell the truth about UFOs. He sort of promises to declassify the information. Later, Huffer declines to send him any UFO cases because "you're a CIA man. You know all that stuff." "I know some," Bush replies, "I know a fair amount." (presidentialufo.com, "[George Bush, 41st President](#)")
- 1988, April** — [William Steinman](#) again contacts [Eric A. Walker](#) at his Florida residence and asks about the current members of MJ-12. Within a week, Walker mails Steinman's handwritten note back to him from Penn State, not Florida. At the top of the letter, Walker has written, "Must reply, did code (-1)," and placed numbers from 1 to 26 above certain words in Steinman's letter. Later in the month, T. Scott Crain calls Walker, who says he cannot talk about the UFO subject. (Grant Cameron and T. Scott Crain Jr., *UFOs, MJ-12, and the Government: A Report on Government Involvement in UFO Crash Retrievals*, Mutual UFO Network, 1991, pp. 16–22)
- 1988, April 12** — [Coral Lorenzen](#), founder of APRO, [dies](#) in Tucson, Arizona. CUFOS had been attempting to purchase the APRO archives, but is thwarted by someone who convinces Coral's son, Larry Lorenzen, that this is a bad move and that the APRO board should reconsider. He wants the archive to stay in Arizona. [Tina Choate and Brian Myers](#), with their dubious International Center for UFO Research, convince the APRO board that they are the most logical recipients. In 1989, the board gives them the archives free of charge. Former APRO board member [Robert Dean](#) later realizes Choate and Myers are scam artists. They immediately bar anyone from using the files and move them to a garage at an undisclosed location in Scottsdale or Sedona, Arizona. Fortunately, APRO case files prior to 1957 have been preserved digitally. In 2010–2012, Choate and Myers are involved in a fraudulent scheme to acquire and illegally sell a valuable collection of fossils. ("[Obituary: Coral Lorenzen](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 33, no. 3 (September 1988): 15; Clas Svahn, "[Unique UFO Archive Hidden in Warehouse \(APRO](#)

[Archives and Files](#)),” UFO Evidence; Jamie Ross, “[Collector Sues over \\$25M in Fossils](#),” Courthouse News Service, May 17, 2010; Isaac Koi, “[Rare Microfilms of UFO Documents Now Online: APRO, US Air Force, etc. \(PDF archives\)](#),” Above Top Secret forum, December 15, 2014)

- 1988, May 4 — MUFON Director of Investigations [Dan Wright](#) poses a set of open questions for [John Lear](#), nearly all of which concern Lear’s sources. Lear claims that most of his information comes from confidential sources within the intelligence community, while a lesser portion comes from open sources and his own “informed speculation.” (Richard P. Dell’Aquila, “[Who Is John Lear?](#)” UFONet.it, 1988)
- 1988, May 4 — During a question-and-answer session following a speech to the National Strategy Forum in Chicago’s Palmer House Hotel, President [Reagan](#) is asked about the most important “need” in international relations. He replies: “I’ve often wondered, what if all of us in the world discovered that we were threatened by an outer— a power from outer space, from another planet. Wouldn’t we all of a sudden find that we didn’t have any differences between us at all, we were all human beings, citizens of the world, and wouldn’t we come together to fight that particular threat?” (presidentialufo.com, “[Ronald Reagan, 40th President, January 20, 1981–January 20, 1989](#)”; “[President Reagan’s Remarks at the National Strategy Forum on May 4, 1988](#),” Reagan Library YouTube channel, February 26, 2018)
- 1988, May 16 — 9:30–10:00 p.m. Eileen Ballard and four friends are outside in Stafford, England, when they notice two spotlights in the sky. The objects they are attached to position themselves side by side, one above the other, and fly slowly and silently across the sky. Red and green lights are visible on the undersides. BUFORA initially attributes the sighting to two US Air Force F-117 stealth fighters, an aircraft that had not yet been acknowledged, but this is considered unlikely as other witnesses come forward. (“[Did Mystery Lights Reflect Secret Flights of F-19?](#)” *Stafford (UK) Newsletter*, May 20, 1988, p. 3; “[After MP’s Plea, More Tell of UFO Mystery](#),” *Stafford (UK) Newsletter*, July 1, 1988; Marler [121–123](#), [139–140](#))
- 1988, June — UFO researcher [Paolo Fiorino](#) finds that out of 382 reports of CE-3s in Italy, less than a dozen fit the description of an alien abduction. The Italian media show little interest in abduction stories. (Paolo Fiorino, “[Le abduction in Italia](#),” *UFO: Revista di Informazione Ufologica*, no. 5 (June 1988): 35–37; Eghigian, *After*, p. 292)
- 1988, June 1 — 8:10 p.m. A LAN Airlines pilot, on a final approach to the runway at El Tepual Airport in Puerto Montt, Chile, suddenly encounters an object with a large white light surrounded by green and red flashes. It is coming straight toward the airplane, and the pilot makes a steep turn to the left to avoid a collision. The object is also seen by air traffic control personnel. (Kean, [pp. 194–195](#); “[1988: La historia del Ovni de El Tepual, Puerto Montt](#),” Prensa Vértice TV YouTube channel, August 17, 2012; Rodrigo Bravo Garrido and Juan Castillo Cornejo, “[Incidente del Boeing 737 del Vuelo Lan Chile 045 con un F.A.N.I. el 01 de Junio de 1988](#),” Parinacota UFO Arica, October 10, 2015)
- 1988, July — [Cynthia Hind](#) begins publishing *UFO Afrinews* in Harare, Zimbabwe. It continues until July 2000. ([UFO Afrinews](#), no. 1 (July 1988))
- 1988, July — Walter Corrêa do Prado of Boqueirão, Paraíba, Brazil, undergoes about one hour of missing time after seeing a strong light illuminating three blocks in his neighborhood. After witnessing other UFOs over the next month or so (one with his wife that leaves traces of burned grass), he begins reading UFO literature. In April 2000, do Prado is hypnotically regressed by Mario Rangel, and an abduction narrative surfaces. (Clark III 308–309; Brazil 329–333; Clark IV 348–349)
- 1988, July — The Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici launches another newsletter, *Rassegna Casistica*, edited by Alessandro Cortellazi in Turin, Italy. It continues through December 1991. ([Rassegna Casistica](#), no. 1 (July 1988))
- 1988, July 3 — A police officer in Montgomery, Ohio, watches a barbell-shaped object making quick, near-instantaneous movements, zig-zagging, moving up and down, and hovering. (Powell, *Scientist*, 67)
- 1988, July 17 — Night. Several witnesses see two objects with red and green flashing lights make two crisscross passes near the generating station in Homer City, Pennsylvania. Later one object drops from the sky and makes two passes about 200 feet from the ground. It is circular in shape and about the size of a large car. It has four leg-like structures with lights on them that protrude from the bottom. A hissing noise can be heard as the object passes close by. (“[Number of UFO Reports in State Unprecedented in ‘88](#),” *Latrobe (Pa.) Bulletin*, January 9, 1989, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 235 (February 1989): 11–12)
- 1988, August — After eight years of stress, fear, and paranoia, [Paul Bennewitz](#) has turned over his business to his sons and barricaded himself in his house. His family, convinced his sanity and health are in danger, commits him to the Anna Kaseman Hospital in Albuquerque, where he stays for a month. After his release, his family keeps him

away from ufology and ufologists. (Greg Bishop, *Project Beta*, Paraview, 2005, pp. 217–218; Eghigian, *After*, p. 262)

- 1988**, August — José Semitiel Martínez begins publishing the newsletter *Búsqueda* in Gerona, Spain. It folds in March 1995. ([Búsqueda](#), no. 1 (August 1988))
- 1988**, August 3 — 11:15 a.m. Kaye Stricker is stopped at a traffic light at the corner of Gadsden Avenue and West Avenue K in Lancaster, California, when she sees a shiny object in the sky coming from the northwest. It hovers briefly over the Sierra Highway before “evaporating.” (“[Van Driver Reports Sighting UFO in Sky over Lancaster](#),” Palmdale (Calif.) *Antelope Valley Press*, August 4, 1988, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 232 (November 1988): 1)
- 1968**, August 23 — Early morning. A woman, “Amy,” dreams of being taken into a UFO and flown to a small, unearthly island with a “ruddy, orange-brown forest.” Looking out the hatch, she sees a bizarre creature like a winged mammal. She has a friendly telepathic conversation with it, and the two enter a clearing where they encounter three other creatures, one a “hideous bovine/reptilian seeming mix-up that stood upright, and two very large winged snakes.” She also sees a human being in a dazed, unaware state. Accompanied by the friendly creature, Amy leads the man to the UFO and flies up into the clouds. Her final sensation is being hit by lightning, then hitting her bed at home. (Amy, “ET Vacation,” in Andrea Pritchard, et al., *Alien Discussions: Proceedings of the Abduction Study Conference*, North Cambridge Press, 1994, pp. 75–76; Clark III 1036–1037; Clark IV 1151–1152)
- 1988**, September 2 — Afternoon. A man sitting by a pond on his rural residence near Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, is startled to see an object come out of the sky from the north and hover 50 feet away from him about 30 feet above the ground. It is spherical and about 15–20 feet in diameter. The upper section is red and the underside orange-red. The center is divided by a glass-like, amber-colored window, and lights can be seen flashing inside. The object emits a mist toward the ground. It silently hovers for about 2 minutes before moving off to the north. Later, the man finds a depressed area in the tall grass about 12 feet in diameter where the grass is swirled counterclockwise. (“[Number of UFO Reports in State Unprecedented in ‘88](#),” *Latrobe (Pa.) Bulletin*, January 9, 1989, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 235 (February 1989): 11–12)
- 1988**, September 15 — An agent of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations contacts the Dallas, Texas, office of the FBI and supplies the Bureau with a copy of the MJ-12 documents. The set is obtained from a source whose identity AFOSI has decided must remain classified. (Kremlin 181–182)
- 1988**, September 25 — 10:30 p.m. A man is driving along State Highway 113 in Lorain County, Ohio, when his car stalls. He sees two other stalled cars on the side of the road, so he gets out and talks to the four people from the other cars for a few minutes. They realize there are lights nearby in the woods that come from a silvery triangular object with a rim and rounded base. The treetops above it seem to be moving, although it is a calm night. After 15–20 minutes the object rises at an angle and moves away slowly and silently, passing overhead. It seems wider than the road. From the center of the base there is a white light like a fluorescent lamp. (Thomas M. Olsen, “[Sighting Alert in Ohio](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 34, no. 2 (June 1989): 11–12; Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 19)
- 1988**, October 8 — After speaking to [John Lear](#) by phone for the first time on October 4, conspiracy theorist [Milton William Cooper](#) receives in the mail a number of Lear’s writings, as well as the dubious “O.H. Krill” document, allegedly written by a USAF NCO named John Grace, claiming that the US government has a long-standing relationship with an alien civilization; a version of [Abraham Zapruder](#)’s [John F. Kennedy](#) assassination film enhanced to show Secret Service Agent [William Greer](#) shooting a pistol at Kennedy; Lear’s transcription of statements by a former Green Beret captain named William English regarding a nonexistent Project Grudge Report number 13 that refers to alien bodies; and a paper on Project Excalibur regarding underground facilities that was supposedly written by [Bob Lazar](#) while working at Los Alamos. (O. H. Krill [John Grace], “[A Situation Report on Our Acquisition of Advanced Technology and Interaction with Alien Cultures](#),” IllumiNet BBS, June 1988; Don Ecker, “Freedom of Disinformation,” *Fortean Times* 122 (May 1999): 28–31; Dolan II 443–447)
- 1988**, October 13 — Former Sen. [Barry Goldwater](#) appears on [Larry King](#)’s syndicated radio show and responds to a caller who asks him whether the story about a secret Blue Room at Wright-Patterson AFB is true. He says his friend Gen. [Curtis LeMay](#) got quite angry at him when he tried to gain access to the room, which is said to hold evidence related to UFOs. (“[Senator Goldwater Believes UFO’s Are from Other World](#),” *Albany Greater Oregon*, December 28, 1973, p. 3; “[Profiles: AuH2O](#),” *The New Yorker*, April 25, 1988, p. 43; “[Barry Goldwater and the Secret UFO Room @ Wright-Patterson AFB](#),” eeasynow YouTube channel, October 29, 2011; Anthony Bragalia,

[“Opening the Door to the Blue Room Where UFO Debris Is Hidden.”](#) UFO Explorations, June 2012; Nukes 488–489)

- 1988, October 14 — [Bill Moore](#) and his associates cooperate with “Falcon” and others in the “Aviary” to present a nationally televised two-hour special titled *UFO Cover-Up? Live!* Host [Mike Ferrell](#) interviews [Betty Cash](#) and [Vickie Landrum](#), and finally “Falcon” (or someone pretending to be him) and “Condor” (identified by some as DIA employee Col. [Robert M. Collins](#)), who appear in silhouette with voices altered. They embarrassingly proclaim that the ETs have a preference for Tibetan music and strawberry ice cream. [Robert Emenegger](#) also appears, claiming he is convinced of the reality of the alleged UFO contact at Holloman AFB. Paul Shartle describes the Holloman film footage, saying it shows aliens emerging from a disc-shaped craft. (presidentialufo.com, [“Disclosure Pattern 1972–75”](#); Internet Movie Database, [“UFO Cover-Up? Live!”](#); Don Ecker, “Driven to Destruction,” *Fortean Times* 121 (April 1999): 40–43; Greg Bishop, *Project Beta*, Paraview, 2005, pp. 200–202, 211–212; [“Govt. Intelligence Official ‘Falcon’ \(=Rick Doty\) on MJ12, Alien Contact & the Cash-Landrum Case.”](#) Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, October 21, 2023; [“The Interviews from ‘UFO Cover-Up? Live!’ 1988 \(BG Music Removed\).”](#) Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, June 27, 2024)
- 1988, October 25 — 5:00 a.m. A Miami, Florida, couple is on their balcony terrace when they see 3 yellow lights moving erratically from west to east. They pass behind the only cloud in the sky then disappear. (Herbert S. Taylor, [“Mystery Clouds and the UFO Connection.”](#) *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 19)
- 1988, October 25 — The Dallas, Texas, office of the FBI transmits a 2-page secret Airtel to headquarters that says the MJ-12 documents have been getting local publicity and asks if the documents are still classified. (Kremlin 182)
- 1988, October 26 — Jim Speiser ejects both [Milton William Cooper](#) and [John Lear](#) from ParaNet for bad behavior and peddling probable disinformation. (Don Ecker, “Freedom of Disinformation,” *Fortean Times* 122 (May 1999): 28–31)
- 1988, October 26 — 9:00 p.m. Many residents of the San Joaquin Valley around Fresno and Kingsburg, California, see a low-flying object with three red lights in a V-formation. It seems to be circling and is visible for 45 minutes. ([“Unidentified Object Steals across Valley Sky.”](#) *Fresno (Calif.) Bee*, October 28, 1988, pp. 1, 16)
- 1988, October or November — Pilot [Robert Hopkins](#) is flying a USAF RC-135S Cobra Ball reconnaissance aircraft east of the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia when he is notified that the USSR has launched an RSD-10 Pioneer IRBM toward the Kura Missile Test Range at Klyuchi, Kamchatka Krai. The 1988 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty allows the Soviets to test-fire IRBMs into the sea, rather than breaking them up. Moving into position to collect telemetry information from the launch, Hopkins observes a “translucent, milky white wall moving from the left, over the USSR, to the right, over the Northern Pacific Ocean. It covered the entire sky from ground level to as far up as we could see looking out the front windows of the airplane.” The wall of light passes at an estimated 6,200 mph, disappearing eastward and leaving darkness behind it. Some analysts at the USAF Foreign Technology Division think it is caused by something in the first-stage fuel of the RSD-10; others suggest it is produced deliberately to dazzle US observation satellites. Some speculate that Russia has a secret Dome of Light weapon that has been observed several times since and that might involve a plasma that can temporarily disrupt electronics and blind a satellite. (Tyler Rogoway, [“U.S. Spyplane Pilot’s Account Indicates Soviet Russia Tested a ‘Dome of Light’ Superweapon.”](#) *The Drive: The War Zone*, February 6, 2019)
- 1988, November — GEPAN is renamed Service d’Étude des Phénomènes de Rentrées Atmosphériques (SEPPA), but the Scientific Council is still closed, and no more technical reports are produced. [Velasco](#) is still tasked with studying UFO reports, but not in making analyses. (Gildas Bourdais, [“From GEPAN to SEPPA: Official UFO Studies in France.”](#) *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 13; Gildas Bourdais, [“The Death and Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies.”](#) *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 13; Swords 448; Clark III 547; Eghigian, *After*, p. 227; Clark IV 605)
- 1988, November — An opinion poll in Switzerland finds that 22.8% of respondents think that UFOs are extraterrestrial, as compared to misidentifications (61.3%), unknown natural phenomena (59.9%), hallucinations or hoaxes (52.2%), or secret weapons (12.5%). (Bruno Mancusi, [“Le sondage Link/Ovni-Présence: Une grande première en Suisse.”](#) *OVNI-Présence*, no. 41 (March 1989): 4–9)
- 1988, November 10 — Assistant Secretary of Defense [J. Daniel Howard](#) holds a Pentagon press conference and reveals the existence of the F-117A stealth fighter. After the announcement, pilots can fly the F-117 during daytime and no longer need to be associated with the LTV A-7 Corsair II for training, flying the T-38 supersonic trainer for travel and training instead. (Wikipedia, [“Lockheed F-117 Nighthawk”](#))
- 1988, November 11–12 — 5:00 p.m. A truck driver returning from Utah to Baker, California, goes through a series of bizarre and inexplicable experiences, some of them ufological, that leave him convinced that his truck is possessed and “they” have been in control of him all along. The experiences end shortly after midnight before he returns to Baker and leave him terrified. During the drive he has been drinking copious amounts of coffee, which

may have contributed to his hallucinatory excitement. (Ann Druffel, [“The Caffeine Zone,”](#) *IUR* 13, no. 3 (May/June 1988): 18–22)

- 1988,** November 11–13 — The First European Congress on Anomalous Aerial Phenomena takes place in Brussels, Belgium, hosted by the Société Belge d’Étude des Phénomènes Spatiaux. In a paper on European ufology, veteran Italian researchers [Edoardo Russo](#) and Gian Paolo Grassino point out that American ufology remains committed to nuts-and-bolts UFOs with biological aliens, while Europe is more open-minded about psychological or paranormal explanations. (Edoardo Russo and Gian Paolo Grassino, [“Towards a European Ufology: Where Is America Going to?”](#) *Italian UFO Reporter*, no. 8 (November 1988): 2–10; Eghigian, *After*, p. 250)
- 1988,** November 12 — Aviation designer [Brad Sorensen](#) attends an air show at Norton AFB in San Bernardino, California, and is taken to a huge hangar by a former high-ranking Defense Department official to view the Lockheed Pulsar, nicknamed the Aurora, that allegedly can be anywhere in the world 30 minutes after launch. Behind a big black curtain are three flying saucers hovering above the floor. The small saucer is about 24 feet in diameter. The next biggest one is 60 feet in diameter at the base, and another one is 130 feet. They are referred to as Alien Reproduction Vehicles. A videotape shows the smallest of the three vehicles making three little, quick, hopping motions; then it accelerates straight up and out of sight, completely disappearing from view in just a couple of seconds. There is a cut-away illustration that shows oxygen tanks and a robotic arm that can extend out from the side of the vehicle for collecting samples in space. (Dolan II 457–461; Mark McCandlish, [“Alien Reproduction Vehicles,”](#) Filer’s Files, #19-2011, May 4, 2011; [“Alien Reproduction Vehicle: The Testimony of Mark McCandlish,”](#) UAP Gerb YouTube channel, October 21, 2024)
- 1988,** November 22 — The Northrup Grumman B-2 stealth bomber is first publicly displayed at United States Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale, California, where it is assembled. This viewing is heavily restricted, and guests are not allowed to see the rear of the B-2. However, *Aviation Week* editors find that there are no airspace restrictions above the presentation area and take aerial photographs of the aircraft’s then-secret rear section with its suppressed engine exhausts. (Wikipedia, [“Northrop Grumman B-2 Spirit”](#); Steve Pace, *B-2 Spirit: The Most Capable War Machine on the Planet*, McGraw-Hill, 1999)
- 1988,** November 28 — Physicist [Edward Teller](#) allegedly calls the out-of-work physicist and electronics technician [Robert Lazar](#) and gives him the name of a contact in Las Vegas, Nevada. Lazar makes contact, and later receives a call from EG&G, a high-tech company with contracts at Groom Lake, Nevada. (Dolan II 475)
- 1988,** November 30 — An arranged meeting takes place in Washington, D.C., between AFOSI and FBI agents, who request information about the MJ-12 documents. The Air Force tells the FBI the documents are completely bogus and the FBI should cease its inquiry. (Kremlin 182–183)
- 1988,** December — The Leningrad branch of the USSR Commission on Anomalous Phenomena creates a separate amateur branch for UFO studies named Fakt to educate people on the phenomenon. It is disbanded in 1990, but part of its archives are saved. (Mikhail Gershtein, [“A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union,”](#) UAP Check, July 6, 2024)
- 1988,** December 1 — [Robert Lazar](#) allegedly interviews at EG&G, but is informed that he is overqualified for the position in question (Dolan II 475)
- 1988,** December 1 — 11:00 p.m. A captain of the Brazilian Air Force flying a Mirage fighter jet is returning from a mission and is over Jaboão dos Guararapes, Pernambuco, Brazil, when his radar indicates traffic about one mile from his position. He requests permission to intercept and goes after the brilliant disk-like object that has a dull glow like copper. The CINDACTA III radar still finds nothing. The UFO begins to approach the jet and suddenly his instruments begin to fail. A red light in the center begins to grow stronger and the pilot arms his missiles; but the missiles do not respond to his command and the UFO flies off in mere seconds. But the chase continues another 10 minutes, during which time the UFO plays with its pursuer. After landing, the pilot is told that another aircraft has seen a strange object about 15 minutes earlier in the state of São Paulo more than 1,242 miles away. (Clark III 207; Brazil 556–557; Clark IV 247–248)
- 1988,** December 4 — 5:25 a.m. A police officer en route to his station in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, notices a brilliant glow in the sky ahead of him. It is so bright he can hardly see as he drives down a four-lane road, and he swerves and blocks two lanes. About 150 feet in the air is a 75-foot-long, highly polished silver object shaped like an ellipse. It is emitting a humming sound and casting light into and all around his car. It moves left and right, then shoots straight up into the sky, stopping again briefly before departing. The officer’s eyes hurt badly from the brightness and he feels ill. There is a sunburn-like rash on his face, and he has severe eye irritation, headache, and neck pain after the incident. He notes that the paint on his car has been dulled and an unusual powder-like substance is found on the exterior. It is analyzed and found to consist of clay, sodium, carbon, salt, and potassium chloride. ([“Number of UFO Reports in State Unprecedented in ‘88,”](#) *Latrobe (Pa.) Bulletin*, January 9, 1989, via

- UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 235 (February 1989): 11–12; Stan Gordon, “[Pennsylvania Law Officer Reports CE2 Incident](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 253 (May 1989): 10–12, 23; UFOEv II 192–193)
- 1988**, December 5 — [Robert Lazar](#) interviews at EG&G again for what seems like a part-time position. (Dolan II 475)
- 1988**, December 6 — [Lazar](#) reports to work at the EG&G building at McCarran Airport in Las Vegas, Nevada. There he meets with a security officer named Dennis Mariani, who escorts him on a flight to Area 51 at Groom Lake, where Lazar signs a secrecy agreement that requires intensive monitoring of his activities. He and Mariani board a bus with blacked-out windows and ride for 30 minutes down a dirt and gravel road. They arrive at a base near Papoose Dry Lake known as S-4. Lazar’s ID is prepared, he is given a physical and treated for allergic reactions to unknown substances, then he begins work at S-4. Lazar claims he only visits S-4 on six or seven occasions between December 1988 and April 1989 to learn about Project Galileo, which deals with gravity and propulsion, and training on an “antimatter reactor.” He also reads about a second project, Looking Glass, concerned with seeing back in time. (Dolan II 475; Jacobsen, *Area 51*, [p. 11](#))
- 1988**, December 18 — [Milton William Cooper](#) surfaces on CompuServe online network, claiming that while working as a quartermaster with an intelligence team for Adm. [Bernard A. Clarey](#), commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet, he had seen two documents, Project Grudge Special Report 13 and an MJ-12 briefing. He elaborates on [Moore](#)’s and [Lear](#)’s tales of crashes and alien bodies, adding that the aliens are called Alien Life Forms (ALFs) and that he has seen photos of aliens that supposedly landed at Holloman AFB, New Mexico, in 1964 or 1977. (Dolan II 452–453; Clark III 9, 367; Clark IV 24)
- 1988**, December 28 — 7:45 p.m. Many people in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, see a huge, bright-yellow triangular object in the sky. Mañuel Marcado watches as two F-14 Tomcats (probably from an aircraft carrier) approach the object from either side then cross in front of it. The light stops in mid-air and absorbs both planes, according to Marcado. The object moves over Lago Samán, then divides itself into two triangles, one of which shoots off to the east and the other to the north. Allegedly, the triangular objects were tracked on US Navy radars. (Jorge Martin, “[Did Huge Triangle-Shaped UFO Abduct Two U.S. Fighters in Puerto Rico?](#)” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 261 (January 1990): 20–23; Richard D. Seifried, “[Jorge Martin and the Puerto Rican UFO Experience](#),” *Australian UFO Bulletin*, December 1993, pp. 26–27; Alan Caviness, “[Military Encounter with a UFO](#),” Caviness Report; Good Need, [pp. 379–381](#); “[Puerto Rico UFO Encounters: Fighter Jets Went Missing near Gigantic Triangular Object, 1988](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, October 17, 2023)

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- 1989** — [Budd Hopkins](#) organizes the Intruders Foundation in Manhattan, New York City, to provide support for alleged victims of alien abduction, conduct research, and promote public awareness of the phenomenon. With funding from real estate magnate [Robert Bigelow](#) and Prince [Hans-Adam II](#) of Liechtenstein, the group sets up a network of sympathetic therapists, hypnotists, and investigators across North America to whom abductees can turn. (Eghigian, *After*, pp. 282–283)
- 1989** — [Dennis Stillings](#) writes *Cyberbiological Studies of the Imaginal Component in the UFO Contact Experience*, in which he hypothesizes that psychological needs can create physical effects and phenomena, including UFOs and entities. (Dennis Stillings, *Cyberbiological Studies of the Imaginal Component in the UFO Contact Experience*, Archaeus Project, 1989; Clark III 946; Clark IV 1056–1057)
- 1989**, January — [Leonard Stringfield](#) issues his fifth Status Report. (Leonard H. Stringfield, *UFO Crash/Retrievals: Is the Coverup Lid Lifting?* The Author, 1989)
- 1989**, January — The Long Island UFO Network begins publishing the *Long Island UFO Reporter*, which soon changes its name to the *Long Island UFO Update*, edited at first by George McLain in Center Moriches, New York. It continues through December 1992. ([Long Island UFO Reporter](#) 1 no. 1 (January 1989))
- 1989**, January 28 — Evening. A triangular UFO is seen over Tiptree, Essex, England. Its color changes from bright to dull white before it shoots to the southwest. Other triangular UFOs are observed in southeast Essex in January. (Marler [124](#))
- 1989**, February — Numerous witnesses in Gloucestershire, England, report a noiseless triangular UFO “ablaze with lights.” One report describes a series of light beams emanating toward the ground that give it a “tripod effect.” (*Wilts & Gloucester Standard of Cirencester*, February 24, 1989; Marler [124–125](#))
- 1989**, February 8 — 3:40 a.m. A man in Gulf Breeze, Florida, wakes to the sound of dogs barking outside. He sees a small object descending low over a nearby lot. It appears to be two connected discs, one on top of the other, not more

than 3 feet in diameter. A white light is on top, and many other lights are blinking in shades of red, orange, and green. He approaches it, but it disappears in a flash of light. The duration is about 12 minutes. (NICAP, "[Gulf Breeze, Florida: February 8, 1989](#)")

- 1989, February 10** — 8:42 p.m. A woman in Grove Oak, Alabama, tells the Fyffe, Alabama, police department that she has been watching a curved object for more than an hour with a pair of binoculars. It has a red light on each end and a white light in between, with the top of the curve outlined in green light. Police Chief [Junior Garmany](#) and Assistant Chief Fred Works drive to the site and see the lighted object at 1,000–1,500 feet, completely silent. It begins moving away as they approach. The officers drive after the object, following it for 12 miles when it suddenly reverses direction and flies over their patrol car at 300–400 mph. Works later on confirms that he thinks they had seen two different objects. A UFO is soon seen by law enforcement officers to the south in Crossville, Geraldine, and Collinsville, Alabama. The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office receives more than 50 calls from citizens in surrounding communities, including Dawson and Dog Town, Alabama, and Lick Skillet, Tennessee, regarding a "silent thing streaking through the dark." ("[Friday Night UFO Remains a Mystery](#)," *Fort Payne (Ala.) Times Journal*, February 14, 1989, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 236 (March 1989): 10; Carey H. Baker, "The Fyffe, Alabama, Experience," in Walter H. Andrus Jr., ed., *MUFON 1990 International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1990, pp. 86–91; Meghan Mitchell, "[Alabama's UFO Capital Still Has a Story to Tell](#)," *The Crimson White* (University of Alabama), October 28, 2019)
- 1989, February 13** — 9:00–10:00 p.m. A large, low-flying, cylindrical UFO is reported by many witnesses in the North Caucasus region of Russia. It has spotlights in front and back, porthole-like openings along the sides, fins on its tail, and travels at about 65 mph. As it flies over Nalchik, Kabardino-Balkaria, it drifts down to an altitude of 150 feet then flies off. (Jacques Vallée, *UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union: A Cosmic Samizdat*, Ballantine, 1992, pp. 32–33)
- 1989, February 15** — Fyffe, Alabama, police officer Dennison Scott and two other officers investigate a citizen's report of a strange object in the sky, flashing multicolored lights for more than an hour before it moves away toward the northwest. (Dolan II 472–473)
- 1989, March** — The Center for UFO Studies launches a new series of its *Journal of UFO Studies*, edited by [Michael D. Swords](#), who examines the literature relating to extraterrestrial intelligence in order to provide a basis for judging the ETH as an acceptable concept for use in analyzing UFO phenomena. (Michael D. Swords, "[Science and the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis in Ufology](#)," *JUFOS* 1 (1989): 67–102)
- 1989, March** — [Robert Lazar](#) allegedly sees a disc on his third visit to S-4 at Groom Lake, Nevada. It is a classic-looking flying saucer, resting on three legs in a hangar. It is about 35–40 feet in diameter, 15 feet tall, and the color of pewter. During his stay at S-4, he sees a total of 9 flying saucers, each distinctive in design and size. His assignment, however, involves just one craft he nicknames the "sport model," which he is allowed to examine on his fourth visit to S-4. The disc has three levels, and he is cleared for the lower two. Lazar crawls underneath the craft and sees three "gravity amplifiers" that focus a "Gravity A" wave from the "total annihilation" reactor in the center level of the craft. In this level, he sees a control panel and very small chairs—too small for human pilots. He discovers that part of the skin of the craft can become transparent, allowing one to look through it like a window. According to Lazar, the fuel for the craft is Element 115 [later synthesized in 2003 and named moscovium in 2016, but this is much different than what Lazar describes], housed in the reactor where it undergoes bombardment and spontaneous fission, producing antimatter particles that are converted to electricity with 100% efficiency. This power operates the amplifier, distorts the surrounding gravitational field, causes the craft to be invisible, and shortens the distance to a charted destination. Speed-of-light limitations are irrelevant. But Element 115 cannot be manufactured on Earth. The aliens have left only 500 pounds of it, but just 223 grams (half a pound) can fuel a craft for a long time. On another occasion, Lazar witnesses a demonstration of the craft, which lifts off the ground, moves left and right, and sits back down. He has access to and reads more than 100 documents dealing with the craft, its propulsion, and alien technology, as well as photos of gray alien bodies. The aliens are allegedly from the Zeta Reticuli 1 and 2 star system. The Reticulans claim to have genetically corrected human evolution up to 65 times over the past 10,000 years using viruses. They have given humans religion to prevent them from self-destructing and claim to be able to exert mind control on people when they are relaxed or sleeping. Lazar allegedly catches a glimpse of a small, gray alien standing between two men in white coats in a small room inside the secret S-4 facility. The documents also mention an exchange of information and hardware between the US government and the Reticulans until 1979, when some kind of conflict occurred. This is when the aliens leave and the military begins reverse-engineering what alien tech they have acquired. Then in May 1987, some scientists take an antimatter reactor to an underground Nevada test facility, where they are killed when attempting to cut the reactor open. Lazar claims he was hired as a substitute for one of these men. ("[Billy](#)

[Goodman Happening, Nov. 21, 1989](#),” transcript of call-in radio show, KVEG-AM, Las Vegas, Nevada; Erich A. Aggen Jr., “[Black Holes and Robert Lazar](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 266 (June 1990): 6–7; Grant R. Cameron, T. Scott Crain, and Chris Rutkowski, “[In the Land of Dreams](#),” *IUR* 15, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1990): 4–8; “[S-4 Papoose Lake](#),” Bob Lazar Debunked; “[New High-Def Photos of S-4](#),” Bob Lazar Debunked; “[Element 115](#),” Bob Lazar Debunked; Dolan II 475–478; Jacobsen, *Area 51*, p. 12)

- 1989, March 1 — Albuquerque, New Mexico, ufologist [Robert Hastings](#) issues a 13-page statement with 37 pages of appended documents and mails it to many prominent individuals in ufology. He claims “Falcon” is [Richard Doty](#) and “Condor” is [Robert M. Collins](#), and that Doty and [Moore](#) are spreading disinformation. (Robert Hastings, “[The MJ-12 Affair: Facts, Questions, Comments](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 254 (June 1989): 3–11; Clark III 370; Clark IV 414)
- 1989, March 9 — Night. Susan Stockman, a reporter for the *Rainsville (Ala.) Weekly Post*, is with general manager Teri Baker when she snaps three time-lapse photographs of a distant UFO just above the treetop level, showing a movement unlike that of an airplane that appears shortly afterward. (Susan Stockman, “[Section Native Says UFOs Are Real](#),” *Rainsville (Ala.) Weekly Post*, March 9, 1989, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 237 (April 1989): 4; Susan Stockman, “[A First-Hand Glimpse of the UFO](#),” *Rainsville (Ala.) Weekly Post*, March 16, 1989, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 237 (April 1989): 5–6)
- 1989, March 12 — 7:30 p.m. [Gary Coker](#) of Skirum, Alabama, sees a large UFO with red and green flashing lights on the side and two white lights about 6 feet in diameter on the bottom hovering about 5 miles away. Another man in Geraldine, Alabama, sees an object the size of a football field hovering above his chicken house at about the same time. In both cases, the object disappears after the witnesses go inside to get a camera or binoculars. (“[Some Say UFO Is As Big As a Football Field](#),” *Rainsville (Ala.) Weekly Post*, March 16, 1989, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 237 (April 1989): 3)
- 1989, Late March — 9:20 p.m. After a training exercise at Mihai Kogălniceanu Air Force Base [now Mihai Kogălniceanu International Airport] in southeast Romania, 18–20 aircraft pilots of Regiment 57 are inside a building at the base planning future exercises; outside, Col. Aurelian Dobre notices multiple lights appear above some nearby trees. He alerts the other pilots to come out, and they see a triangular formation of objects at an equal distance from each other, all bathed in a silver light, moving south to north at a height of 4 miles. Dobre hears a noise like the rustle of a flight of birds; unlike his colleagues, he thinks the lights are on a single object the size of a football stadium. Col. Dan Aloanei is flying a MiG-29 and sees them as a V-formation of neon lights that disappear to the northeast. The next day, all the witnesses are required to submit written reports. (Romania 105–109)
- 1989, March 22 — 8:30 p.m. After telling writer [Gene Huff](#) and pilot [John Lear](#) about his UFO secrets, [Lazar](#) and his wife Tracy drive Lear’s RV to Tikaboo Peak, Nevada, off Highway 375 to view a test flight of a flying saucer at S-4. Lear sees an elliptical-shaped light through Lear’s Celestron telescope for 7 minutes. Lear videotapes the encounter, and the tape shows a bright light apparently maneuvering. When the camera zooms in close to the object, it seems to be spinning. They watch it descend behind a mountain. (Tom Mahood, “[The Robert Lazar Timeline](#),” *Other Hand*, January 1997; Susan Wright, *UFO Headquarters: Investigations on Current Extraterrestrial Activity*, St. Martin’s, 1999 ed., pp. 186–209)
- 1989, March 25 — The Soviet Mars probe [Phobos 2](#) takes an infrared photograph of what appears to be a large and long cylindrical object very close to Mars moonlet Phobos. If this Phobos Mystery Object is at the same distance as the moonlet itself, it would be roughly 1.2 miles wide and 15 miles long. Its surface brightness is the same as Phobos. Its sides are parallel and both of the ends are rounded. The end toward Phobos narrows slightly; the other end has a short protrusion. This is the last image taken by the probe. On March 27 it fails to reestablish communications with Earth due to an onboard computer malfunction and goes into a spin. (Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, pp. 70–73; Patrick Gross, “[Soviet Probe Meets UFO on Phobos Mission](#)”)
- 1989, March 29 — [Robert Lazar](#), Tracy Lazar, Gene Huff, [John Lear](#), and Jim Tagliani drive to Tikaboo Peak, Nevada, to observe another flight test. They videotape a moving light.
- 1989, Spring — Abductee author [Whitley Strieber](#) begins publishing *The Communion Letter*, containing news and information on UFOs and the visitors. Nine issues are released, the last in Spring 1991. Strieber also gives approval to a number of local Communion groups in Cleveland, Ohio; San Antonio and Houston, Texas; Los Angeles, California; Boulder, Colorado; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and New York City. These informal circles offer a support group and a welcoming fellowship for those with similar experiences to Strieber’s. (“[The Communion Letter](#),” *Beyond Communion*; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 289–291)
- 1989, April 5 — [Robert Lazar](#), Tracy Lazar, her sister, Gene Huff, and [John Lear](#) make a third trip to view a flight test along Groom Lake Road, Nevada. They are discovered by guards and questioned by the Lincoln County sheriff.

- 1989, April 6 — [Lazar](#) is prevented from going to work at Groom Lake and is taken to Indian Springs Air Force Base [now Creech AFB] for questioning. He is told he is no longer employed by EG&G, and if he comes near Groom Lake again he will be arrested for espionage. He is allegedly given a transcript of Tracy's telephone conversations which indicate she is having an affair. (Jacobsen, *Area 51*, pp. 12–13)
- 1989, April 13 — The Kerry Committee report, the result of an investigation led by Sens. [John Kerry](#) (D-Mass.) and [Christopher Dodd](#) (D-Conn.) by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Subcommittee on Terrorism, Narcotics, and International Operations, shows that Lt. Col. [Oliver North](#) and other members of the [Reagan](#) administration had set up a private network involving the National Security Council and CIA to deliver military equipment to the Contras, US-backed right-wing rebel groups in Nicaragua. This has not been authorized by Congress, and much of the funding comes from drug trafficking. DEA agent [Celerino Castillo](#) testifies that from 1985 to 1987, he discovered that the Contras were transporting cocaine through El Salvador's Ilopango Airport. Castillo tried to bust the operation, but discovers that the traffickers were protected by the CIA. The subcommittee determines that there is "substantial evidence of drug smuggling... on the part of individual Contras, Contra suppliers, Contra pilots, mercenaries who worked with the Contras, and Contra supporters." It does "not find that Contra leaders were personally involved in drug trafficking." (Wikipedia, "[Kerry Committee report](#)")
- 1989, April 15 — 5:30 p.m. A father and his 16-year-old son watch from their front lawn in Novato, California, a slowly descending object shaped like "two spheres connected by together like a stem." They are golden with a white halo around them. Through binoculars, they can see four smaller objects, golden discs, maneuvering near the original dumbbell-shaped UFO. The father notes a "strange absence of kids and dogs at the time." (Richard F. Haines, "[Daylight Dumbbell](#)," *IUR* 14, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1989): 12–13, 23; Clark III 866; Clark IV 961)
- 1989, April 24 — 10:55 p.m. An object described as three times the size of an aircraft hovers above Cherepovets, Vologda Oblast, Russia, at a height of 1,000 feet. (Jacques Vallée, *UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union: A Cosmic Samizdat*, Ballantine, 1992, p. 11)
- 1989, May 2 — Pilot Manoel Luiz Christóvão, flying a small plane about 6 miles west of Arapongas, Paraná, Brazil, sees a huge circular light in the sky as he is preparing to land. Another plane flying nearby cannot see the light. Christóvão continues to land, but the light positions itself in front of the plane, forcing him to make a sudden maneuver. The object moves in front of him again, forcing him to maneuver again. The pilot decides to head directly toward the light, after which the UFO accelerates abruptly and disappears. The maneuvers last approximately 10 minutes. ("[Piloto se arrisca em prova de fogo no Paraná](#)," Portal UFO, December 1, 1995; Clark III 201; Brazil 542–543; Clark IV 241)
- 1989, May 7 — Hoaxed South African Air Force documents purport to describe a UFO crash in the Kalahari Desert in Botswana 50 miles north of the South African border. Two Mirage fighter aircraft allegedly pursue a fast-moving UFO and shoot it down with an experimental "thor 2 laser cannon." However, UFO researcher [Cynthia Hind](#) notices ludicrous errors in the documents, not least among them that they are in English, not Afrikaans. (Wikipedia, "[UFO sightings in South Africa](#)"; "[UFO Crash on Botswana/South African Border \(Case no. 21\)](#)," *UFO Afrinews*, no. 3 (May 1990): 5–13; Cynthia Hind, "[Further Report on the Alleged Botswana/South African UFO Border Crash: Case no. 21](#)," *UFO Afrinews*, no. 4 (March 1991): 20–24; "[Almost Final Report on the Botswana/South African Alleged UFO Crash](#)," *UFO Afrinews*, no. 5 (January 1992): 29–35; Cynthia Hind, "[Anatomy of a Hoax: The UFO Crash on the South African/Botswana Border](#)," *UFO Times*, no. 23 (May/June 1993): 15–18; Clark III 1096–1098; Clark IV 1222–1224)
- 1989, May 12–14 — Psychiatrist [Rima E. Laibow](#) holds the first of seven Treatment and Research of Experienced Anomalous Trauma conferences, this one at Fairfield University in Connecticut. Laibow has suggested that abductions, which she considers "experienced anomalous trauma," are the result of an unknown factor, possibly one outside the realm of conventional psychological explanations. Her research focus is on the psychological impact of these experiences and clinical assessment and treatment. The conference brings together clinicians, social scientists, journalists, and UFO investigators. Laibow believes that a large number of abductees exhibit the same symptoms as victims of child sexual abuse, such as a sense of affection toward their abusers; however, these feelings are later replaced by "reactions of fear, anger, distrust, and resentment." She considers the work of [Budd Hopkins](#) and [David Jacobs](#) to be amateurish and potentially clinically harmful. (Rima E. Laibow, "[Dual Victims: The Abused and the Abducted](#)," *IUR* 14, no. 3 (May/June 1989): 4–9; Patrick Huyghe, *Swamp Gas Times: My Two Decades on the UFO Beat*, Paraview, 2001, p. 151; Keith Basterfield, "[Whatever Happened to Key Abduction Researcher Dr. Rima E. Laibow?](#)" Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, January 2, 2021; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 284–285)
- 1989, May 15 — [Robert Lazar](#) is first interviewed by [George Knapp](#) on KLAS-TV in Las Vegas, Nevada, in silhouette, using the pseudonym "Dennis." Lazar discusses his purported employment at S-4, a subsidiary facility he claims

exists near in Area 51. He says the S-4 facility is adjacent to Papoose Lake, which is located south of the main Area 51 facility at Groom Lake. He claims the site consists of concealed aircraft hangars built into a mountainside. Lazar says that his job was to help with reverse engineering the antigravity propulsion system of one of nine flying saucers, which he alleges are extraterrestrial in origin. Lazar claims one of the flying saucers, the one he terms the “sport model,” is manufactured out of a metallic substance similar in appearance and touch to stainless steel. (Tom Mahood, “[The Robert Lazar Timeline](#),” Other Hand, January 1997; Grant R. Cameron, T. Scott Crain, and Chris Rutkowski, “[In the Land of Dreams](#),” *IUR* 15, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1990): 4–8; Don Ecker, “Freedom of Disinformation,” *Fortean Times* 122 (May 1999): 28–31; Jacobsen, *Area 51*, pp. 9–15; George Knapp and Matt Adams, “[I-Team: The Man Who Sent Shock Waves through UFO Circles 30 Years Ago](#),” KLAS-TV, May 15, 2019; “[Bob Lazar Describes Alien Technology Housed at Secret S-4 Base in Nevada, Part 5](#),” 8 News Now–Las Vegas YouTube channel, November 8, 2019)

- 1989**, May 23 — [Milton William Cooper](#) produces a 25-page document titled *The Secret Government*, in which he claims that an unscrupulous group of covert CIA and other intelligence operatives actually runs the country. He says they were responsible for murdering one-time Secretary of Defense [James Forrestal](#) in 1949 because he threatened to expose the UFO cover-up. He claims there have been at least 16 downed alien craft, 65 bodies, and one live alien retrieved between 1947 and 1952, with at least 10 more crash/retrievals during the Eisenhower years. Cooper says aliens from a dying planet orbiting Betelgeuse landed at Holloman AFB, New Mexico, in 1954 and reached an agreement with the government. A second meeting took place with President [Eisenhower](#) at Edwards AFB, California, and signed a formal treaty with an alien ambassador, His Omnipotent Highness Krill. But, he claims, the aliens broke the treaty, abducting humans, conspiring with the Soviets, and manipulating society through secret organizations. Cooper also claims that Eisenhower had created a scientific advisory group in 1960 called the Jason Group to “discover the truth of the alien question.” Much more spurious and outlandish tales develop. (Milton William Cooper, *The Secret Government: The Origin, Identity, and Purpose of MJ-12*, The Author, May 23, 1989; Clark III 367–368; Graff 323–324; Clark IV 411–412)
- 1989**, May 30 — 3:46 a.m. TAM Airlines Flight 573 in the vicinity of Americana, São Paulo, Brazil, is contacted twice by the local control tower to ask if they can see an aircraft in their vicinity. Both times the pilot answers no, but at 3:52 a.m. the pilot says he can now see a strong light near the airplane. It maneuvers near the aircraft and one of the pilots estimates its size as about 164 feet. About 8 minutes later, they lose visual contact. (Clark III 201; Brazil 543; Clark IV 241–242)
- 1989**, May 30 — 9:15 p.m. A man and his son in Winnipeg, Manitoba, observe a “silvery, metallic hot dog,” oriented vertically and moving steadily west. After several minutes, the object is lost in the distance. (Chris Rutkowski, “[The Canadian UFO Wave of 1989](#),” *IUR* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1989): 7)
- 1989**, June — [Jacques Vallée](#) presents “five arguments against the extraterrestrial origin” of UFOs at the eighth annual conference of the Society for Scientific Exploration in Boulder, Colorado. (1) There are too many close encounters to explain them as a physical survey of the earth. (2) The humanoid body structure is unlikely to have originated elsewhere and is not biologically adapted to space travel. (3) The behavior of alien abductors contradicts the idea that advanced aliens are conducting genetic or scientific experiments. (4) UFOs have been recorded throughout human history. (5) The apparent ability of UFOs to manipulate space and time suggests different and richer alternatives to the ETH. Vallée cites the earthlight theory, the control system hypothesis, and travel via wormholes as viable explanations. (Jacques Vallée, “[Five Arguments Against the Extraterrestrial Origin of Unidentified Flying Objects](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 4, no. 1 (1990): 105–117)
- 1989**, June — [Robert Hastings](#) lines up an impressive case against [Bill Moore](#), saying that the Project Aquarius message was altered by Moore, that [Richard Doty](#) had forged the Ellsworth AFB document, that Doty’s typewriter at Kirtland AFB was implicated in the July 1980 Craig R. Weitzel letter, that Doty had given data to [Linda Moulton Howe](#) that contradicted data in the Eisenhower briefing memo, and that Moore admitted to faking a government ID card and passed himself off as an intelligence operative for two years. (Robert Hastings, “[The MJ-12 Affair: Facts, Questions, Comments](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 254 (June 1989): 3–11)
- 1989**, June — Capt. Robert P. Osedacz completes an engineering thesis at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, in which he states that NORAD has operated a database of unknown objects in geosynchronous orbit (fastwalkers) since 1972. Most of these are assumed to be uncataloged satellites. (Robert P. Osedacz, *Orbit Determination of Sunlight-Illuminated Objects Detected by Overhead Platforms*, thesis, Air University, June 1989)
- 1989**, June 2 — Paul Paulsen Frøyen sees two “U-boats” in Sognefjord between Lavik and Vadheim, Vestland, Norway. He watches them for two-and-a-half minutes, noting their periscopes and towers. When they submerge, he can see

- the spray. The Norwegian Air Force sends two jets to look for them, and the Coast Guard is also alerted. (Ole Jonny Brænne, "[Observations of Unidentified Submarine Objects in Norway](#)," *IUR* 20, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1995): 13)
- 1989**, June 4 — 7:45 p.m. A security guard and an air traffic controller at Air Force Facility 42 in Palmdale, California, witness a silver flying object and three orb-shaped UFOs during testing of the B1-B bomber. There is also a rumor of an abduction occurring on this date at the same facility. (William F. Hamilton III, "[Flying Wings and Deep Desert Secrets](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 271 (November 1990): 15–16, 21)
- 1989**, June 6 — School children near the village of Konantsevo, Vologda Oblast, Russia, see a luminous dot in the sky. It gets larger, turns into a shining sphere, lands in a meadow, and moves to the Reka Kubena river about a quarter mile away. It seems to split, and a "headless person in dark garb" appears. The entity and sphere become invisible. Three more spheres are said to land later in the same meadow. ("[UFO Sightings in Soviet Union](#)," UPI, June 23, 1989; Jacques Vallée, *UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union: A Cosmic Samizdat*, Ballantine, 1992, pp. 11–12; Gordon Creighton, "[III—The Strange Events at Konantsevo, near Kharovsk \(June, 1989\)](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 35, no. 3 (September 1990): 4; "[IV—Extract from Bulletin No. 8/1989 Issued by the Yaroslavl' UFO Study Group](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 35, no. 3 (September 1990): 5–6; "[V—A Fuller Report on the Kharovsk \(Konantsevo\) Case; Little Kharovsk Shakes the Entire Vast Country](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 35, no. 3 (September 1990): 6–10; Patrick Gross, "[URECAT: UFO Related Entities Catalog](#)," June 13, 2007; "[1989 RU #UFOB \[CASE\] Russian Kids in Konantsevo See Strange Robotic Beings](#)," UFOB | Your UAP Library YouTube channel, January 13, 2023)
- 1989**, June 24 — 12:00 midnight. A. N. Olkhovay goes out on her balcony in Kyiv, Ukraine, and sees a dim, twinkling, rectangular object shaped "like a loaf of bread" hovering above the Obolon neighborhood. She calls her neighbors, and one of them named Ivanitsky hastily takes two photos. The film is developed in the offices of the *Pravda Ukrainy* newspaper but it shows nothing. (V. D. Musinsky, "[Letter: Soviet Ufology](#)," *IUR* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1990): 21)
- 1989**, June 30 — 9:30 p.m. G. I. Lerman and his wife Ann watch a fiery object with a tail over Lake Radunka in Kyiv, Ukraine, flying at an altitude of 1,640–3,280 feet, first slowly, then speeding up. After a minute or two the flames die out and they see a silver-white object. During the sighting they feel their own movements slowing down. (V. D. Musinsky, "[Letter: Soviet Ufology](#)," *IUR* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1990): 21)
- 1989**, Summer — Night. Edward Chard sees some odd lights hovering in Essex, England. He looks at them through binoculars and sees a large triangular object. (Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, p. 183)
- 1989**, July 1 — [Bill Moore](#) makes a stunning presentation at the MUFON UFO Symposium in Las Vegas, speaking candidly for the first time about his part in counterintelligence operations against [Paul Bennewitz](#). Moore says he provided [Doty](#) with information about Bennewitz's thinking and activities. Moore suggests that Doty was chosen by the real Falcon as a liaison person. He says that by mid-1982 Bennewitz had put together the story that contained all the elements later circulated by [Lear](#) and [Cooper](#). Moore decided to go along with the disinformation game in order to keep in good graces with people who knew something about UFOs and national security. He withheld and blacked out certain portions of UFO-related government documents. He says he stopped cooperating in 1984 because he realized the documents he was receiving from AFOSI were faked, much of the scenario similar to the alien-contact mythos later spun by Lear and Cooper. All of it originated in the disinformation directed at Paul Bennewitz. He gives the names of others who "were the subject of intelligence community interest between 1980 and 1984": [Leonard H. Stringfield](#), [Pete Mazzola](#), [Peter Gersten](#), Lawrence Fawcett, [Jim and Coral Lorenzen](#), and [Larry W. Bryant](#). Moore leaves the stage through a back door, his reputation in ruins. (Don Ecker, "Freedom of Disinformation," *Fortean Times* 122 (May 1999): 28–31; Clark III 370–372; "[Bill Moore 1989 MUFON Speech.avi](#)," The Breeders Syndicate YouTube channel, February 7, 2022; Curt Collins, "[Bill Moore and UFO Disinformation Accusations](#)," Blue Blurry Lines, April 29, 2022; "[The Notorious 'UFO Conspiracy' MUFON Symposium with Bill Moore, Bill Cooper, Bill English, John Lear](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, July 13, 2024; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 259–260; Clark IV 414–416)
- 1989**, July 4 — Twilight. Two women are walking with a 6-year-old girl along the Dnieper River in a park near Kyiv, Ukraine, when they see a "boat" with three beings on board. The entities have absolutely identical faces—extremely pale, long blond hair, large eyes, and collarless silver shirts that look like nightgowns. They tell the women they are from another planet and want to show them their spaceship. The women walk with them but experience odd physical sensations and beg to be let go. They see a ship behind some trees, and the little girl gets frightened. The beings relent and board the craft by a ladder that then retracts. The door closes silently, and the craft departs. (V. D. Musinsky, "[Letter: Soviet Ufology](#)," *IUR* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1990): 20–21; Jacques Vallée, *UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union: A Cosmic Samizdat*, Ballantine, 1992, pp. 37–39)

- 1989, July 4** — Night. Members of the Iskuskovs family are on vacation in the Podgortsy section of southern Kyiv, Ukraine. They watch silver-suited beings emerge from a landed UFO. (V. D. Musinsky, “[Letter: Soviet Ufology](#),” *IUR* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1990): 21)
- 1989, July 6** — 7:00 p.m. Yasuhiko Hamazaki takes an 8mm videotape recording of a brightly luminous object that passes nearly overhead in Hakui, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan. At one point he uses a zoom lens to get a clearer image. The object has a central ring like the planet Saturn, except that it is squarish and dome-shaped. About one minute of the video captures the object descending rapidly at a shallow angle, then suddenly changing direction and rising at a steep angle at very high speed. [Bruce Maccabee](#)’s photo analysis shows that the object is not an airplane, balloon, kite, or model airplane. (Bruce Maccabee, “[A Rare Photo Coincidence](#),” *IUR* 15, no. 3 (May/June 1990): 4–9, 22; UFOEv II 297–298)
- 1989, July 26** — 2:40 p.m. R. H. Stepanian, air traffic controller at Sochi International Airport, Krasnodar Krai, Russia, receives information from a Tupolev Tu-154 airliner crew flying from Simferopol, Crimea, that they have seen UFOs from a distance of 20–30 miles. According to the pilots, first one, then two “strange objects” pace them on their left. One is almost exactly square, while the other is the shape of an elongated rhombus. At the time of the radio transmission, the two objects are swiftly moving away and beginning to separate. Apparently two other flights report multiple UFOs to the airport. (Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, pp. 74–76; Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia’s USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 134–135)
- 1989, July 28–29** — 11:20 p.m. A domed disc-shaped object is seen over the rocket weapons depot at Kapustin Yar, Astrakhan Oblast, Russia. The object is flashing an intensely bright light from its underside. It hovers above the site at a height of 65 feet. Roughly 13–17 feet in diameter, its hull is illuminated with a dim green, phosphorus-like color. It circles two or three times and moves toward a railway station, still flashing its light, then returns to the weapons depot at a height of 200–230 feet. Soviet soldiers Levin and Klimenko say the object performed acrobatic maneuvers, at one point dividing into three shining points and taking the shape of a triangle. A fighter jet is scrambled, but the object evades it. Two other objects appear at low altitudes of 980–1,300 feet. The last one to appear, a cigar-shaped object, gives off flashes of red light at constant intervals, then lights of all colors. At around 1:30 a.m., it flies to the southwest and disappears. (Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, [pp. 133–138](#); Good Need, [pp. 354–355](#), [363](#); Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, p. 79; Nukes 453–456)
- 1989, August** — Day. A man is walking his dog in a nature preserve between Wolverhampton and Dudley, England, when he sees a tennis-ball-sized “soap bubble” that has a white, feathery mass inside floating slowly about 12 feet above the ground. It floats into a field where there are several horses, which do not seem concerned about it. Suddenly the object changes direction and moves into a strong wind, coming straight toward him. In moments it is just inches away from him, seemingly surveying him. At close quarters he could see that the object has an oily look. At the instant he thinks about popping the bubble, it speeds off to the east, covering about 30 feet in one second, and disappears. (Jenny Randles, “Don’t Forget the Y-Files,” *Fortean Times* 405 (May 2021): 29)
- 1989, August 2** — Richard L. Huff in the FBI Office of Information and Privacy affirms in a letter to researcher [Larry W. Bryant](#) that it keeps a classified personal file on [Stanton T. Friedman](#) and denies access to it. (Nick Redfern, *Body Snatchers in the Desert*, Paraview, 2005, p. 191)
- 1989, August 2** — The Russian tanker *Volgoneft-161* is in the Sea of Japan off the region of Primorsky Krai, Russia, when crew members notice an unusual sphere about 35° above the northern horizon. It is pale yellow and surrounded by a hazy luminescence. The object moves to the northeast, ascending, and is visible for 5 minutes. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia’s USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 116)
- 1989, August 10** — 9:00 p.m. William Heijster, a Dutch military psychologist who works at the Ministry of Defence at The Hague, Netherlands, is driving with his family near Estepona, Spain, when they see an object hovering over a mountain. Heijster stops the car and videotapes the object off and on for the next hour. The incident is plausibly explained by [Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos](#) as the flight of a Transmediterranean research balloon launched from Sicily in a joint operation by CNES (France), INTA (Spain), and the Italian space agency. (Bruce S. Maccabee, “[Recent UFO Videotapes](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 265 (May 1990): 3–7; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, *Expedientes Insólitos*, Temas de Hoy, 1995, pp. 125–130; UFOEv II 298–299; “[El caso ovni acaecido en Málaga en 1989](#),” El Blog de Málaga, October 1, 2012)
- 1989, August 22** — 2:40 p.m. A circular, flashing light is in view for about 5 minutes near Sunderland, England. At first it is stationary, but then it moves rapidly upward, leaving a hole in a cloud that then glows red. (Mark Rodeghier, “[Another Hole in the Cloud](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 2 (July 2010): 24)

- 1989, August 28 — [Larry W. Bryant](#) files suit in District Court for the District of Columbia for the FBI to release its files on [Stanton T. Friedman](#). (Nick Redfern, *Body Snatchers in the Desert*, Paraview, 2005, p. 191)
- 1989, Late August — 12:00 midnight. A woman is driving north of La Salle, Manitoba, when she sees a “cloudlike boomerang” pass over her car. (Chris Rutkowski, “[The Canadian UFO Wave of 1989](#),” *IUR* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1989): 7)
- 1989, Late August — While working as an engineer on the jack-up barge [GSF Galveston Key](#) in the North Sea, Chris Gibson and another witness see an unfamiliar isosceles triangle-shaped delta aircraft, apparently refueling from a Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker and accompanied by a pair of F-111 fighter-bombers. Gibson and his girlfriend watch the aircraft for several minutes until they move out of sight. He subsequently draws a sketch of the formation. (Christopher Bellamy, “[Oil Rig Engineer Sketches Secret US Spy Aircraft](#),” *The Independent* (UK), December 14, 1992; Bill Sweetman, “Secret Mach 6 Spy Plane,” *Popular Science* 242 (March 1993): [56–63](#), [98–101](#); Bill Sweetman, *Aurora: The Pentagon’s Secret Hypersonic Spyplane*, Motorbooks, 1993, [pp. 12–15](#), [88–89](#); Susan Wright, *UFO Headquarters: Investigations on Current Extraterrestrial Activity*, St. Martin’s, 1999 ed., pp. 154–155; James Randerson, “[Is It a Bird? Is It a Spaceship? No, It’s a Secret US Spy Plane](#),” *The Guardian* (UK), June 24, 2006; Simon Gray, “[Chris Gibson’s Aurora Sighting](#),” Secret Projects forum, November 1, 2007; UFOFiles2, [p. 144](#); Marler [178–180](#))
- 1989, September — CAUS devotes all of one issue of its *Just Cause* newsletter to a harshly critical review of [Moore’s](#) activities. (“[A Majestic Deception](#),” *Just Cause*, new ser., no. 21 (September 1989): 1–16; Clark III 371; Clark IV 415)
- 1989, September — Marc Leduc begins publishing a newsletter, *Lettre d’Information Ufologique*, in Lac-Beauport, Quebec. It runs until June 1993. ([Lettre d’Information Ufologique](#) 1, no. 1 (September 1989))
- 1989, September 6 — 11:13 p.m. Tong Yuwei, a worker in Ürümqi, Xinjiang Autonomous Province, China, sees a dark cloud light up with a yellow flash. A rotating, saucer-shaped object with a black gap on its edge appears. It makes a noise louder than a car engine. After hovering for a minute, the red-and-yellow glowing object moves out of sight at high speed to the southwest. (Central Intelligence Agency, “[UFO Sighted over Urumqi Evening of 6 Sep.](#)” [memo on Xingua news report], September 13, 1989)
- 1989, September 13 — A woman is returning home from the grocery store in Protvino, Moscow Oblast, Russia, when two tall women in tight, silvery suits jump out from behind some boulders and paralyze her. The women have light blonde hair, gray-green skin, and hats with antennae. They take her to a small, disc-shaped craft by the side of the road and invite their captive for a ride, which they insist will not last long. She hesitantly accepts. Inside are three chairs, one of them occupied by a man. The woman offers them some of the bread she has just purchased, but the women decline, offering her some of their own bread. Without thinking, she reflexively pops a piece into her mouth and swallows. She later describes the taste as a lightly sweet rye bread. The craft ascends and flies over Protvino before dropping the woman off at her apartment. The space people tell her they will meet again. (Vladimir Azhazha, *Inaya Zhizn’*, Golos, 1998; Joshua Cutchin, “The Great Alien Bake-Off,” *Fortean Times* 332 (November 2015): 44)
- 1989, September 15 — 3:40 a.m. A woman in eastern Winnipeg, Manitoba, is looking out her kitchen window when a deltoid-shaped object sails past. It has lines of “Christmas lights” spreading out from its leading edge and moves silently out of view in 4–5 seconds. (Chris Rutkowski, “[The Canadian UFO Wave of 1989](#),” *IUR* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1989): 8)
- 1989, September 15–19 — The Center for UFO Studies conducts the first expedition to the Roswell debris field site near Corona, New Mexico. The 10-member team includes [Mark Rodeghier](#), Mimi Hynek, [Donald R. Schmitt](#), and [Kevin Randle](#). They find no unusual debris but survey the site and take soil samples. (Mark Rodeghier, “[Roswell, 1989](#),” *IUR* 14, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1989): 4–8, 23)
- 1989, September 16 — Night. A female employee at a meat packing plant in Mykolaiv, Ukraine, steps outside for a quick break when a beam of light strikes her from above. Looking up, she sees a hovering disc-shaped craft about 130–260 feet in diameter. She feels no fear and has a euphoric feeling as she begins rising up into the air toward the object. She also hears a voice extolling her to “fly with them.” Other workers come to the scene and begin yelling and running toward the woman. The beam disappears, and the UFO flies away. (Jacques Vallée, *UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union: A Cosmic Samizdat*, Ballantine, 1992, [p. 36](#))
- 1989, September 27 — 6:30 p.m. Several children playing at a park in Voronezh, Russia, see a pinkish aerial glow approaching them. As it passes overhead, they see that it is a deep red, ball-shaped object. The object flies around in circles for a few minutes and then leaves. When it returns, it hovers briefly, and then descends close to the ground. A hatch opens and a heavy-set figure emerges. The being moves very slowly and looks around. It has a small head resembling that of a doorknob, set in between the shoulders. It has three luminous eyes, the middle one

moving around like “radar.” On its chest is a shield-like object. The being then closes the hatch and the object lands gently on four legs. The hatch opens again and three huge humanoids with small knob-like heads step out. They wear silvery coveralls and bronze-colored boots. A strange robot-like creature accompanies the giants. All four walk around the object several times. A beam of light comes out of the chest of one of the beings and strikes the ground, creating several luminous triangles that later fade away. At one point the craft and beings become briefly invisible but then reappear. One of the boys screams in fear. Then one of the beings looks at the boy and points a tube at him. A luminous beam comes from the tube and hits the boy, which makes him disappear. The boy later reappears after the beings and the objects have gone. Subsequent information reveals that on the craft’s hull and on the landing prop of another craft is the letter or symbol “zhe,” reported as similar to the “Ummo” insignia reported in Western Europe in the 1970s. In a work published by *Socialist Industry* slightly after the incident, a self-proclaimed UFO specialist asserts the marks left by the supposed landing were simply scorch marks from a burnt hay-bale. (Wikipedia, [“Voronezh UFO incident”](#); [“UFO Lands in U.S.S.R.: Read All about It in Tass,”](#) *Philadelphia Daily News*, October 9, 1989, p. 5; [“Soviet Youngsters Source of UFO Story,”](#) *Macon (Ga.) Chronicle-Herald*, October 10, 1989, p. 8; [“A Tass Bulletin: Knobby Aliens Were Here,”](#) *New York Times*, October 10, 1989, pp. 1, 10; [“U.F.O. Landing Is Fact, Not Fantasy, the Russians Insist,”](#) *New York Times*, October 11, 1989, p. 6; [“Rare Thrill for Tass: Josting Over Its U.F.O. Report,”](#) *New York Times*, October 12, 1989, p. 18; [“The Voronezh Visitors,”](#) *New York Times*, October 14, 1989, p. 24; [“Aliens Visit Voronezh,”](#) *Moscow News*, no. 43 (October 1989), via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 244 (November 1989): 12; Gordon Creighton, [“Introduction: News from Muscovy,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 34, no. 4 (December 1989): 1–2; Gordon Creighton, [“The UFO Landings at Voronezh,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 34, no. 4 (December 1989): 2–7; Lev Aksyonov and Boris Zverev, [“The ‘Moscow News’ Report \(Full Text\),”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 34, no. 4 (December 1989): 8–10; [“Crisis Over! Problem Finally Solved...,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 34, no. 4 (December 1989): 10; [“Last Word,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 34, no. 4 (December 1989): 10–11; [“Tail-Piece on Voronezh,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 34, no. 4 (December 1989): 11; [“Follow-up on the Landings at Voronezh \(Russia\),”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 35, no. 1 (March 1990): 14; Jacques Vallée, *UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union: A Cosmic Samizdat*, Ballantine, 1992, pp. 40–61; Lily Rothman, [“Why ‘Aliens’ ‘Landed’ in Russia 25 Years Ago,”](#) *Time*, October 9, 2014; Clark III 1229–1231; Clark IV 1409–1411)

1989, September 28 — Night. Long Island UFO Network founder [John Ford](#) claims that a UFO is shot down and retrieved at Moriches Bay, Long Island, New York. (Other sources put the date of a crash as November 24, 1992.) Although UFOs are observed on the southern coast of Long Island, the crash/retrieval seems to be an exaggerated fantasy. Ford is convinced the nearby Brookhaven National Laboratory is part of a UFO coverup and is developing ET-related weaponry. On June 12, 1996, Ford and LIUFON member Joe Mazzachelli are arrested in a sting operation on conspiracy charges to poison [John Powell](#), the head of the Suffolk County Republican Party, who Ford believes is covering up UFO retrievals and engaging in illegal activities, by putting radium in his toothpaste. Ford is convicted without a trial and sent to a mental institution because of his paranoid conspiracy obsession. (John Ford, [“The Moriches Bay Case of September 28, 1989,”](#) *Long Island UFO Reporter* 1, no. 3 (November 1989): 2–6; John Ford, [“The Chairman’s Corner,”](#) *Long Island UFO Reporter* 2, no. 1 (February 1990): 2–4; John Ford, [“UFO Captured at Moriches Bay?”](#) *The East Ender*, February 9, 1990, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 249 (April 1990): 7; Elaine Douglass, “The Ordeal of John Ford,” John Ford Defense Committee; [“The John Ford Affair,”](#) UFO UpDates, November 26, 1998; J. B. Michael, *UFO Encounters: The True Story Behind the Brookhaven and Carp Incidents*, The Author, 2017; Dolan II 489–492; [“John Ford and the Long Island, New York, UFO Crash Incident, 1992,”](#) Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, September 3, 2024; Naman Shrestha, [“John Ford: Where Is Chairman of Long Island UFO Network?”](#) TheCinemaholic, September 24, 2024; Emily Louise, [“Radioactive Toothpaste and Conspiranoia: The Strange Saga of Ufologist John Ford, Part 1,”](#) Getting Spooked, February 5, 2025; Emily Louise, [“Radioactive Toothpaste and Conspiranoia: The Strange Saga of Ufologist John Ford, Part 2,”](#) Getting Spooked, May 28, 2025)

1989, October — Night. Hundreds of residents of Omsk, southwestern Siberia, Russia, report seeing a UFO. Major V. Loginov sees an object about 1.5 the size of the full moon passing overhead at an altitude of several kilometers. It projects four bright lights, some downward, others parallel to the horizon. Loginov watches it for 5 minutes hovering above the civil airport before descending. The lights turn off, and a whirling plume trail appears around the sphere. Pilots taking off from the airport can see the object, but it is not visible on radar screens. ([“USSR: Media Report Multitude of UFO Sightings,”](#) Foreign Press Note (Foreign Broadcast Information Service), November 22, 1989, p. 4)

1989, October 6 — 11:30 p.m. A woman driving near Tyndall, Manitoba, sees a bright light flash upward out of sight in front of her car. (Chris Rutkowski, [“The Canadian UFO Wave of 1989,”](#) *IUR* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1989): 8)

- 1989, October 9** — 2:50 p.m. A couple and their child are getting into their car at a wildlife sanctuary in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They see a white “boomerang-shaped” object hanging silently and motionless in the east over the city. The mother puts the child in the back seat for safety. The man continues to watch as the object tilts and moves, revealing a bulge on its underside. It moves away, and the object goes home. (Chris Rutkowski, [“The Canadian UFO Wave of 1989,”](#) *IUR* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1989): 8)
- 1989, October 9** — 11:30 p.m. [Carl Weselak](#) is observing a meteor shower from his third floor apartment in downtown Winnipeg, Manitoba, when he sees a large boomerang-shaped object flying north to south over the city. Over the next few hours he sees more UFOs ranging from balls of light to other boomerangs. He telephones a newspaper to have a reporter verify the sightings. However, UFOROM discovers that several aircraft takeoffs and landings at the airport correspond to some of Weselak’s observations. (Chris Rutkowski, [“The Canadian UFO Wave of 1989,”](#) *IUR* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1989): 8)
- 1989, October 11** — A 16-year-old girl in Nalchik, Kabardino-Balkaria, Russia, sees a “net” fall from the sky, apparently surrounding her, in the center of which is a bright point. She tries to push it away but gets a shock. She screams, but her voice sounds distorted. Her family rushes out of the house and sees a flying disc hovering less than 50 feet away. It soon vanishes. The girl remains paralyzed a while, the tips of her fingers burned and enlarged, and she is taken to a hospital. (Jacques Vallée, *UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union: A Cosmic Samizdat*, Ballantine, 1992, pp. 36–37)
- 1989, October 11** — 7:30 p.m. Brad Schmidt, 13, Todd Weinheimer, 13, Paul Goddard, 12, Kevin Still, and one other boy are skateboarding outside the town pool in Centennial Park, Langenburg, Saskatchewan, when they see an object with multicolored lights approaching them from the east. They wave their skateboards at it, and the lights hover silently 400 feet away at 100–200 feet in the air. They duck down in the tall grass. The object moves away over nearby Parkside School, pauses for a moment, then takes off to the west. The boys alert two teachers in the school, Bob Markham and Mark MacMurchy, and they go out to watch the object for another 10–15 minutes. One of the teachers says the object has a bright flashing light on top and a red light on the bottom. It is more than half a mile away and only 650 feet in the air. The top light flashes every 15–20 seconds. Soon it moves away to the west. ([“Strange Lights over the Park,”](#) *Regina (Sask.) Leader-Post*, November 4, 1989, pp. C1–C2; Chris Rutkowski, [“The Canadian UFO Wave of 1989,”](#) *IUR* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1989): 8)
- 1989, October 12** — 12:20 a.m. A shift worker in Winnipeg, Manitoba, is returning home through a park when he sees a “shimmering boomerang” in the sky. He goes closer and hears a high-pitched whine coming from it. The object starts to move slowly then shoots away making a noise like a sonic boom. (Chris Rutkowski, [“The Canadian UFO Wave of 1989,”](#) *IUR* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1989): 8)
- 1989, October 13** — 10:20 a.m. Rose Neumeier is in her kitchen 7 miles southwest of Langenburg, Saskatchewan, when she sees a flash of light near a shed about 50 feet away. An object like “two pie plates rim to rim” is motionless in the air about 50 feet above the shed. It is shiny and metallic, 30 feet long and 10 feet thick, and has a flattened top and “corrugated” bottom. Light is shining brightly from the joint between the two halves. It is silent and the dog and cattle are not disturbed. After a few minutes, it rises slowly, moves north, curves through the hayfield, circles the barn, and moves away across the pasture. ([“Object Hovers over Garage,”](#) *Regina (Sask.) Leader-Post*, November 4, 1989, p. C2; Chris Rutkowski, [“The Canadian UFO Wave of 1989,”](#) *IUR* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1989): 8–9)
- 1989, October 16** — 7:45 a.m. A woman is driving near Langruth, Manitoba, when she sees a “star with a tail of smoke going up” in the east. After a few minutes, the object takes on a dome shape and its tail is no longer visible. (Chris Rutkowski, [“The Canadian UFO Wave of 1989,”](#) *IUR* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1989): 9)
- 1989, October 16** — 7:45 p.m. A man in Langenburg, Saskatchewan, is driving with his daughter when they observe an object “as wide as a small airplane is long” with colored flashing lights. It coasts silently over the highway “right over our heads.” (Chris Rutkowski, [“The Canadian UFO Wave of 1989,”](#) *IUR* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1989): 9)
- 1989, October 21** — Witnesses in Burkhal, Magadan Oblast, Russia, watch a red, shining sphere maneuvering near an electric power transmission line for 30 minutes. About 7–9 lights are seen along its edge. One witness estimates its speed as 600 mph. (Vadim K. Ilyin, [“KGB’s ‘Blue Folder’ Reveals Shootings, Landings in USSR,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 403 (November 2001): 9)
- 1989, October 25** — 7:45 p.m. A resident of Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, sees a large object with red flashing lights. It is moving slowly and silently at an altitude of 200 feet. (Chris Rutkowski, [“The Canadian UFO Wave of 1989,”](#) *IUR* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1989): 9)
- 1989, November 1** — 6:50 p.m. A pilot flying a small airplane 20 miles north of La Ronge, Saskatchewan, sees a pair of blinking lights moving across his path at 8,500 feet. Air traffic control confirms there are no other aircraft in the area at the time. (Chris Rutkowski, [“The Canadian UFO Wave of 1989,”](#) *IUR* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1989): 9)

- 1989**, November 4 — 5:30 p.m. A couple and their two children are sitting in front of a large living room window in Hall Beach, Nunavut, watching television. The family dog begins barking, and soon the man's attention is drawn to a strange object in the sky. The family watches the UFO, which looks like an upside-down cup and saucer. The bottom portion has a red light in the center, and three windows emitting white light are across the middle. After only a couple of seconds, the object departs, seemingly straight up, and disappears. A local employee of the Department of Public Works also sees the object. (Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 142–143)
- 1989**, November 7 — 12:40 a.m. Two women in their 40s are driving on Interstate 70 west of Goodland, Kansas, when they encounter a UFO and lose 2 hours of time. They experience anxiety, insomnia, irritability, and bewilderment as a result. Neither women claim any interest in UFOs. They initially believe that they never left their car or observed anything further. Hypnotic regressions (obtained independently) reveal abduction scenarios with at least 40 direct correlations between their accounts. (John S. Carpenter, "[Double Abduction Case: Correlation of Hypnosis Data](#)," *JUFOS* 3 (1991): 91–114; UFOEv II 565–566)
- 1989**, November 10 — KLAS-TV in Las Vegas, Nevada, identifies and interviews [Robert Lazar](#), unmasked and using his real name. Lazar claims that during his onboarding to the Area 51 program, he read briefing documents describing the historical involvement of Earth for the past 10,000 years with extraterrestrial beings described as grey aliens from a planet orbiting the twin binary star system Zeta Reticuli. The Zeta Reticuli system was previously claimed by [Barney and Betty Hill](#) as the origin of aliens they allegedly encountered in their abduction. Lazar's story quickly garners enormous media attention, controversy, supporters, and detractors. Lazar admits he cannot support with evidence his core claim of alien technology. (George Knapp, "Area 51, Robert Lazar, and Disinformation: A Reevaluation," in Walter H. Andrus Jr. and Irena Scott, eds., *MUFON 1993 International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, 1993, pp. 231–238; Tom Mahood, "[The Robert Lazar Timeline](#)," Other Hand, January 1997; Don Ecker, "Freedom of Disinformation," *Fortean Times* 122 (May 1999): 28–31; "[Bob Lazar Describes Alien Technology Housed at Secret S-4 Base in Nevada—Part 5](#)," 8 News Now—Las Vegas YouTube channel, November 8, 2019)
- 1989**, November 10 — *Communion*, a feature film based on abductee [Whitley Strieber](#)'s book of the same name, premieres in the US. Directed by [Philippe Mora](#), Strieber is played by actor [Christopher Walken](#). (Internet Movie Database, "[Communion](#)")
- 1989**, November 11 — 8:28 p.m. A British Midland Airways pilot is descending into Belfast, Northern Ireland, following a scheduled flight from Heathrow in London. As the aircraft passes through 11,200 feet at a position three nautical miles east of Kirkistown, the crew witnesses a ball of light pass overhead heading due west. It descends to a position on the port beam where it appears to burst into a cascade of white and blue magnesium lights. At the time, the aircraft is between two layers of stratus cloud less than 3,000 feet apart. Another aircraft in the vicinity observes the light, and it is reported to Belfast air traffic control. Probable meteoric fireball. (Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1989**, November 13 — The FBI releases a handful of its files on [Stanton T. Friedman](#) as a result of [Larry Bryant](#)'s lawsuit. (Nick Redfern, *Body Snatchers in the Desert*, Paraview, 2005, p. 191)
- 1989**, November 18 — Early evening. A large, black, boomerang-shaped object glides over downtown Lancaster, California. Low-intensity lights, similar to stars, outline its frame. Witness Robert Puskas estimates its size as 800–900 feet wide. Off its left tip he sees a silvery metallic disc about 30–40 feet in diameter, reflecting the streetlights. (William F. Hamilton III, "[Flying Wings and Deep Desert Secrets](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 271 (November 1990): 15–16)
- 1989**, November 20 — 5:30 a.m. A couple in the rural town of Marieville, Quebec, wakes up to the sight of a strange blue light shining through the curtains. They hear a noise like an electric generator and feel a vibration. But looking outside they can see nothing. About 900 feet down the road, a neighbor is also awakened by the bright light and observes four blue objects over the other couple's house. He also feels a vibration and describes the lights as intermittent, blinking out and reappearing in a different spot. At one point, the streetlights along Route 112 weaken when one of the objects gets too close. He thinks the lights are about 30 feet off the ground. Two other witnesses also see the lights interact with power lines. One reports that her power goes out for 10 minutes. On November 22, a strange pattern is discovered about 150 feet from the first couple's residence—a perfectly round circle, 65 feet in diameter, of flattened (not burned) grass. The RCMP visits the circle on November 23 and 28, noting a striking difference in color of the flattened grass within the circle and the straight grass outside it. (Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 149–150)
- 1989**, November 22 — The USAF SR-71 Blackbird program is officially terminated. The odd thing is that there is no dissension in the military about this. The alleged additional savings of \$300 million is insignificant. Analysts point out that satellites, though useful, simply cannot perform the type of missions for which the Blackbird is

suited. Some observers suspect there is a secret, better replacement. (Wikipedia, "[Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird](#)"; Bill Sweetman, *Aurora: The Pentagon's Secret Hypersonic Spyplane*, Motorbooks, 1993, [p. 4](#); Micah Hanks, "[Aurora Spacecraft Concept Looks Like an Area-51 Style 'Black Jet,' and It Could Revolutionize Hypersonic Spaceflight by 2030.](#)" The Debrief, August 29, 2023)

- 1989**, November 29 — 5:15 p.m. While patrolling on the road between Eupen, Belgium, and the German border, two federal policemen, Heinrich Nicoll and Hubert von Montigny, see an intense light in a nearby field. Above the field is a triangular object with three spotlights shining down and a red flashing light in the center. Without making a sound, it moves slowly toward the German border for 2 minutes and then suddenly turns back toward Eupen. Nicoll and von Montigny follow it. (Patrick Vantuyne, "[Mystery Craft: Eupen, Belgium.](#)" Patt Naye & Son, June 12, 2010; Kean, [p. 24](#); Graff 326)
- 1989**, November 29 — 5:24 p.m. About 250 witnesses, in 143 separate observations, watch the same or similar triangular or delta-winged craft maneuvering overhead at Eupen, Belgium. Two police officers in a patrol car are illuminated by a brilliant light beam from a dark triangular object hovering at 600–900 feet and making a faint humming noise. The light is so dazzling that "we could read a newspaper under it." The UFO moves slowly away to the southwest, where it hovers near the Lac de la Gileppe dam for 45 minutes. Policemen Heinrich Nicoll and Hubert von Montigny watch it repeatedly emit two red beams with a red ball at the spearhead of both beams; the beams soon disappear, leaving the red balls, which return to the object. Then around 7:23 p.m., it moves further to the southwest and is seen over Spa for 30 minutes before it disappears. On two occasions, a pair of F-16 fighters chase the mysterious object, but to no avail. (Bob Pratt, "[The Belgium UFO Flap.](#)" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 267 (July 1990): 3–7; Société Belge d'Etude des Phénomènes Spatiaux, *Vague d'OVNI sur la Belgique: Un dossier exceptionnelle*, SOBEPS, 1991; Auguste Meessen, "[The Belgian Sightings.](#)" *IUR* 16, no. 3 (May/June 1991): 4–5; Wim van Utrecht, "[Triangles over Belgium: The SOBEPS Report.](#)" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 286 (February 1992): 5–6; Steven M. Greer, "[UFOs over Belgium.](#)" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 289 (May 1992): 8–12; Auguste Meessen, "[Étude approfondie et discussion de certaines observations du 29 novembre 1989.](#)" *Infoespace*, no. 95 (October 1997): 16–70; Auguste Meessen, "[The Belgian Wave and the Photos of Ramillies](#)"; Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, [pp. 137–144](#); UFOEv II 50–51; Kean, [pp. 24–27](#); Jean-Michel Abrassart, "[The Beginning of the Belgian UFO Wave.](#)" *SUNlite* 2, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 2010): 21–23; Powell, *Scientist*, 20, 99; "[They're Playing Games with Our Aircraft': Belgian F-16s Were Scrambled to Intercept a Triangular UFO.](#)" Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, November 19, 2024)
- 1989**, November 29 — 6:45 p.m. Gendarmes Heinrich Nicoll and Hubert von Montigny see another object near Eupen, Belgium, which appears from behind a wood and makes a forward tilting maneuver. It has a dome on top with rectangular windows. It then departs to the north. (Joël Mesnard, "[The UFO 'Wave' of November/December 1989 over Eastern Belgium.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 35, no. 2 (June 1990): 4; Kean, [p. 25](#))
- 1989**, November 29 — 6:45 p.m. A man is driving alone in his car on the Rue Mathieu de Lexhy at the intersection with the Rue Hector Denis near Grâce-Berleur, Belgium, when he sees to his left an immense stationary object at about 325 feet altitude and 1,600 feet away. He slows down, lowers his window, and hears a soft sound like an electric motor. The object is larger than a Boeing 707. It has flashing red, green, and white lights and a light beam directed toward the ground. He drives away while the UFO is still visible. (Patrick Vidal and Michel Rozencwajg, "[The Belgian Wave.](#)" *IUR* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1991): 7; Patrick Vidal, "[Immense Object in the Sky over Bierset.](#)" *UFO Times*, no. 22 (March/April 1993): 20–21)
- 1989**, November 29 — 7:20 p.m. Two federal policemen, Lieter Plumans [or Dieter Plummans] and Peter Nicholl [or Nicole], on duty along the Rue de Moresnet north of Kelmis, Belgium, see some large lights slowly approaching the rail station at Lontzen. They set off to the southwest to follow it, stopping in front of the Maison Beloeil on the west side of the commune of Henri-Chapelle, where 10 minutes later they have a good view of it only 300 feet away. The object has three very strong spotlights and a flashing red central light. It is at an altitude of about 250 feet and about 50 feet wide. It is immobile and silent, but it suddenly emits a hissing sound and its lights fade a bit. Simultaneously, a red ball comes out of the center and heads straight downward, shoots up, makes a right-angle turn, and disappears behind some trees. The object then passes above their police car at about 60 mph, moving northeast. They follow it for 5 miles before losing it. (Joël Mesnard, "[The UFO 'Wave' of November/December 1989 over Eastern Belgium.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 35, no. 2 (June 1990): 6–7; Kean, [pp. 25–26](#))
- 1989**, November 30 — 3:15 a.m. New York City resident Linda Napolitano (pseudonym "Linda Cortile") is allegedly abducted by aliens from her 12th-story apartment on the lower east side of Manhattan. Five aliens come into her bedroom while she is still awake. They paralyze her and move her into the living room. Linda and three of the five aliens are floated out through her living room window, directly through the window, to a large hovering

UFO. Three independent witnesses to the abduction are two security intelligence agents (“Richard” and “Dan”), who see the UFO and abductees from a car near the Brooklyn Bridge, and a VIP political dignitary later identified as UN Secretary General [Javier Pérez de Cuéllar](#), who does not confirm any involvement. The UFO then dives into the East River. [Budd Hopkins](#) delves into the case, although he never meets the two security guards or even confirms their existence. Music critic [Greg Sandow](#) writes an insightful analysis of the case in 1997. Hopkins’s former wife [Carol Rainey](#) has been critical of the quality of his abduction research in this case and in that of singer [Phoebe Snow](#), which he never publicized. (Budd Hopkins, “[The Linda Cortile Abduction Case](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 293 (September 1992): 12–16; Budd Hopkins, “[The Linda Cortile Abduction Case, Part II: The Woman on the Bridge](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 296 (December 1992): 5–9; Joseph J. Stefula, Richard D. Butler, and George P. Hansen, “[A Critique of Budd Hopkins’ Case of the UFO Abduction of Linda Napolitano](#),” January 8, 1993; Jerome Clark, “[Saucer Smearers](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 2 (March/April 1993): 3, 22–24; “[The Claims in Question](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 2 (March/April 1993): 4–5; Donald A. Johnson, “[Why the Linda Case Is a Hoax](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 2 (March/April 1993): 5, 22; Willy Smith, “[The Impossible Testimony of Janet Kimball](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 2 (March/April 1993): 6–7, 21; Budd Hopkins, “[House of Cards: The Butler/Hansen/Stefula Critique of the Cortile Case](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 2 (March/April 1993): 8–14, 21; David M. Jacobs, “[A Matter of Ethics](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 2 (March/April 1993): 15–16; John E. Mack, “[Stirring Our Deepest Fears](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 2 (March/April 1993): 17, 21; Walter H. Andrus Jr., “[Rejoinder to the Critique of Budd Hopkins](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 300 (April 1993): 8–9; Willy Smith, et al., “[The Linda Case](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 3 (May/June 1993): 22–23; Linda Cortile [Napolitano], “[A Light at the End of the Tunnel](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 302 (June 1993): 12–17; Robert J. Durant, “[Cortile Case: The Missing Evidence](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 303 (July 1993): 4–8; Linda Cortile [Napolitano], “[Budd Hopkins’ ‘Linda’ Case: A Look behind the Evidence](#),” 1994 UFO Symposium Proceedings, MUFON, 1994, pp. 238–255; Budd Hopkins, *Witnessed: The True Story of the Brooklyn Bridge UFO Abductions*, Pocket Books, 1996; Greg Sandow, “[The Linda Cortile Case Analyzed: Part 1](#),” *IUR* 22, no. 1 (Spring 1997): 18–23; Greg Sandow, “[The Linda Cortile Case Analyzed: Part 2](#),” *IUR* 22, no. 2 (Summer 1997): 3–10, 35–36; Kevin D. Randle, “[A Response to Budd Hopkins](#),” A Different Perspective, February 18, 2011; Sean F. Meers, “[The Linda Cortile UFO Abduction Case: Abstract](#),” February 27, 2012; Carol Rainey, “[The Singer’s Hybrid Daughter, Part I](#),” The UFO Trail, February 5, 2016; Carol Rainey, “[The Singer’s Hybrid Daughter, Part II](#),” The UFO Trail, February 22, 2016; Clark III 7–8, 613; “[Linda Napolitano \(Cortile\) Talks about Being Abducted by Aliens from Her Manhattan Apartment, 1989](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, October 2023; Mary Whitfill Roeloffs, “[Woman Who Claims She Was Abducted by Aliens in 1989 Sues Netflix over Docuseries](#),” *Forbes*, October 29, 2024; Internet Movie Database, “[The Manhattan Alien Abduction](#)”; Wikipedia, “[The Manhattan Alien Abduction](#)”; Robert Sheaffer, “[Levitated Linda Sues Netflix over New Documentary!](#)” Bad UFOs, November 18, 2024; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 283–284; Clark IV 22, 673)

- 1989**, December 1 — Weather forecaster Francesco Valenzano and his young daughter are walking in the Square Nicolai in Ans, Liège, Belgium, when they see a large, slow-moving craft approaching at low altitude. The object silently makes a tour of the square; when it passes over their heads, they notice it has a delta shape with three lights in a triangular position and a red rotating light in the middle and positioned lower than the belly of the object. (Kean, [pp. 27–28](#))
- 1989**, December 1 — 6:50 p.m. An amateur photographer is sitting in his living room at Eupen, Belgium, when he sees a lozenge-shaped UFO with two white lights at each corner. He draws a sketch but fails to take a photo. He sees a similar object on January 10, 1990. (Auguste Meessen, “[The Belgian Sightings](#),” *IUR* 16, no. 3 (May/June 1991): 8–9)
- 1989**, December 2–3 — President [George H. W. Bush](#) and Soviet General Secretary [Mikhail Gorbachev](#) meet in Malta, just weeks after the fall of the Berlin Wall. During the summit, Bush and Gorbachev declare an end to the Cold War, although whether it is truly such is a matter of debate. (Wikipedia, “[Malta Summit](#)”)
- 1989**, December 5 or 12 — 9:50 p.m. A couple is driving on the Trierer Strasse in Aachen, Germany, when they see a flying object cut across the road in front of them to the right. It has two headlights in front, emitting beams that slant downwards. There is a flashing orange light on the underside. The same object reappears at their home around 11:15 p.m. (Auguste Meessen, “[The Belgian Sightings](#),” *IUR* 16, no. 3 (May/June 1991): 9–10)
- 1989**, December 11 — 6:30 p.m. A 12-year-old boy and his family in Trooz, Belgium, watch a domed, triangular object for 15 minutes. It is hovering at first, then passes above their house. (Kean, [p. 28](#))
- 1989**, December 11 — 6:45 p.m. Lt. Col. André Amond of the Belgian Army and his wife spot a strange aerial object while they are driving on the deserted Rue de Sart Ernage between Ernage and Gembloux, Belgium. It looks like a series of 3–4 panels of light traveling north to south at an altitude of 650–980 feet. Beneath the series of panels, and close to the center, is a rotating red lamp. Amond stops where the road dead ends and watches the UFO pass

for 2–4 minutes. Then the object abruptly changes course and silently heads in his direction. Only an enormous spot of white light is visible now, “much bigger than the spotlight of a big air carrier.” They both are frightened, so Amond starts the car again. The big light disappears, and three smaller white spotlights become visible, which form a more or less equilateral triangle. The rotating red light is still there, now seen in profile. The object then performs a turn of 180° to the left. The distance between the white luminous points is estimated at approximately 33 feet. They cannot distinguish any solid object around this triangle of three lights. The maneuver is majestic and slow. Next, the luminous points disappear. Only the red rotating light is still visible, and it takes off in a south-southwesterly direction. The duration of the sighting is about 5–8 minutes. (Michel Bougard and Annie Eyckmans, “[Le 11 décembre 1989: Une soirée de reconnaissance systématique?](#)” *Infospace*, no. 80 (April 1991): 16, 23–26; Kean, [pp. 28–29](#); Wim van Utrecht, “[The Lieutenant-Colonel and the UFO.](#)” *Caelestia*, January 7, 2016)

- 1989**, December 12 — 2:15 a.m. A man in Jupille-sur-Meuse, Belgium, wakes up to a dull throbbing noise coming from outside. He sees an enormous oval object seemingly jammed between two fir trees. On its circumference, small lights are changing color from blue to red and back. The object is metallic, with an oar or paddle at its rear. In the front is a window or cockpit. On the front part is a logo consisting of several ellipses crossing themselves. After a few minutes, the object rises slightly, the sound it emits changing slightly. It moves toward a neighbor’s meadow, shining down three beams of lights. Some moments later, it emits an intense and well-defined shaft of light into the sky. The witness goes back to bed. The next morning, he reports his sighting to the Gendarmérie, which investigates and finds a gigantic circular trace in the meadow. At the center, the grass has been cut off, but the cuttings are nowhere to be seen, and the grass within the circle is yellow. (“[Objet insolite à Japille-sur-Meuse.](#)” *Infospace*, no. 80 (April 1991): 35–42; Patrick Vidal and Michel Rozencajg, “[The Belgian Wave.](#)” *IUR* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1991): 6–7)
- 1989**, December 18 — In the House of Commons, MP [Allan Rogers](#) asks whether the Secretary of State for Transport will investigate a “near-miss involving a civilian aircraft travelling from London to Belfast” on November 11. Under-Secretary of State [Patrick McLoughlin](#) responds that a report was filed with the Civil Aviation Authority by the pilot and that the chief investigator thought that a meteorological explanation was possible. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\).](#)” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1989**, December 21 — Belgian Minister of Defense [Jean-Pol Poncelet](#) states that there have been many UFOs reported and that the ministry and the Army have no idea what they are. (Swords 456–457)
- 1989**, December 24 or 25 — 3:00 p.m. Pilot Vladimir Kuzmin sees a dark gray, cigar-shaped object hovering southwest of Chelyabinsk, Russia, while he is flying a two-seat Aero L-29 Delfin. He estimates its altitude at 4.6 miles. The sighting lasts more than 8 minutes with the object in direct view for over 4 minutes. Within hours, Kuzmin experiences a strange, crustlike skin rash on the exposed portion of his face that lasts for more than 11 days. (Richard F. Haines, “[UFO Activities in the Soviet Union.](#)” *IUR* 16, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1991): 14; Richard F. Haines, “[Encounter over Siberia.](#)” *IUR* 16, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1991): 12–13, 21–22)

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- 1990** — The NORAD Unknown Track Reporting database includes 7,000 incidents since 1971, averaging about 350 a year, representing objects still unidentified after jet interception, but before ATC analysis and NORAD/FTC intelligence whittles down the numbers further to about 10%. NORAD Unknowns are effectively equivalent to Project Blue Book unknowns—high-strangeness UFOs that cannot be rated until full details are released. (Clark III 801–802; Swords 348)
- 1990** — Donald Johnson obtains a copy of UFOCAT on 10 3.5-inch diskettes from [David R. Saunders](#), courtesy of John S. Derr of the US Geological Survey. Derr has created the diskette version from one of the tape backups for use in his own research. Unfortunately, he is unable to read the first portion of the tape, so it is lacking the first 10,000 records. Fortunately, the Center for UFO Studies has another backup copy, and Johnson is able to merge the two sources and recreate the database as it existed in 1982. Since then, more than 10,000 additional records have been added. (“[UFOCAT Is Back!](#)” *IUR* 16, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1991): 24; Clark III 1157; Clark IV 1319)
- 1990** — A Gallup survey this year indicates that the belief in “real” UFOs has declined to 47% from a peak of 57% in 1978 and 54% in 1973. Only 27% report a belief that extraterrestrial UFOs have actually visited earth, while 14% report they have seen a UFO. (Robert J. Durant, “[Evolution of Public Opinion on UFOs.](#)” *IUR* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 20)
- 1990** — Sociologist Christopher Bader surveys members of the UFO Contact Center International in Seattle, Washington. He finds that two-thirds are female, with an average age of 44; almost 89% self-identify as “white,” the rest as

- Native American; 55% are marrieds and 68% had attended college. Members also report being abducted an average of 10 times, yet 88% find the experience to be at least partly positive. (Christopher Bader, “[Supernatural Support Groups: Who Are the UFO Abductees and Ritual-Abuse Survivors?](#)” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 42, no. 4 (2003): 669–678; Eghigian, *After*, p.291)
- 1990 — [Jerome Clark](#) publishes volume one of the first edition of his UFO encyclopedia. (Jerome Clark, *The UFO Encyclopedia: UFOs in the 1980s*, vol. 1, Apogee, 1990; Michael D. Swords, [\[review\]](#), *JUFOS* 2 (1990): 189–191)
- 1990 — [Steven M. Greer](#) founds the Center for the Study of Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (CSETI) in Asheville, North Carolina, to create a diplomatic and research-based initiative to contact extraterrestrial civilizations. The group defines CE-5 or “close encounters of the fifth kind” as human-initiated contact and communication with extraterrestrial life. (“[Dr. Steven Greer and UFOs](#),” Horizon Report, January 9, 2025)
- 1990 — Mathematician [Arne Gjärdman](#) replaces [Sture Wickerts](#) as head of UFO investigations at the Swedish National Defence Research Institute. He holds the position until 1999. During this time, the institute starts sharing information and ideas with UFO-Sweden, creating an atmosphere of understanding and cooperation. (Swords 370)
- 1990 — Journalist and lawyer [Marek Rymuszko](#) establishes the magazine *Nieznany Świat* in Warsaw. (Poland 81)
- 1990 — The USSR Commission on Anomalous Phenomena is disbanded, and the majority of its archive is lost after an accident at the storage facility. (Mikhail Gershtein, “[A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union](#),” UAP Check, July 6, 2024)
- 1990, Early January — 10:30 a.m. Two women are driving southwest near Thimister-Clermont, Belgium, when they see a bizarre object on their right, moving at an altitude of 980–1,300 feet. Dark and massive, it resembles an iron seen from underneath. After a few seconds, it disappears behind a farmhouse. (Patrick Vidal and Michel Rozenccwajg, “[The Belgian Wave](#),” *IUR* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1991): 7)
- 1990, January — David Gotlib begins publishing the *Bulletin of Anomalous Experience* (at first under the title of *Ratchet Patrol*) in Toronto, Ontario, focusing on abduction experiencers. It folds in December 1994. ([Ratchet Patrol](#) 1, no. 1 (January 1990); [Bulletin of Anomalous Experience](#) 1, no. 3 (March/April 1990))
- 1990, January — Sunrise. USAF pilot [Lenva Logan](#) is on a flight accompanying a British Airborne Warning and Control (AWACS) aircraft in an Exercise Reforger operation. His aircraft is heading southeast past Iceland when he notices a diamond-shaped object zipping in and out of the clouds. It seems to change vectors each time it is in a cloud and emerges on a different heading. It also changes from black to a whitish color. Years later, he asks some AWACS operators what the object might have been, and they tell him that this type of object is often seen and fails to respond to signals or intercepts. Logan says that on “every sweep of the radar he was in a different position.” He later compares what he saw to the Calvin photograph of August 14, 1990. (“[Logan: UAP Task Force Member, The Program–Whistleblower, Calvin Witness, Phenom App Co-Founder](#),” UFO TV YouTube channel, January 1, 2025; Keith Basterfield, “[Another 1990 Observation of a ‘Calvin’ Like Shaped Object](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, January 3, 2025)
- 1990, January 20 — 1:15–1:20 a.m. A silvery dome-shaped object with two rows of lights flies just ahead of a car for two to three miles on Highway 446 at Boyle, Mississippi. The engine and lights fail until the object departs. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 16)
- 1990, January 22 — 10:00 a.m. UFOs approach the Santa Cruz Air Force Base, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Air traffic controllers spot them on their radars but cannot identify them because they do not make movements like an airplane or helicopter. Interceptors approach, but the objects move away and disappear. They return about 40 minutes after the interceptors land. Two other fighters are assigned to chase the objects, which are at an altitude of 4,800 feet. The case is investigated by an internal commission of the Brazilian Air Force, which can find no explanation. (Clark III 205–206; Brazil 553; Clark IV 246)
- 1990, January 26 — British-Armenian orchid hunter [Habib “Henry” Azadehdel](#) (pseudonym “Armen Victorian”) calls [Eric A. Walker](#) and has an extended conversation about an alleged South African UFO crash with insect-like aliens. Walker hints that there has been governmental collaboration with aliens in the past. (Grant Cameron and T. Scott Crain, *UFOs, MJ-12, and the Government: A Report on Government Involvement in UFO Crash Retrievals*, Mutual UFO Network, 1991, pp. 27–35)
- 1990, January 28 — Harvard psychiatrist [John E. Mack](#) meets [Budd Hopkins](#), who tells him about his work with abductees. Mack is skeptical, but he begins reading books by Hopkins, [Whitley Strieber](#), and others, and he becomes intrigued. He later agrees to meet with some abductees and finds their stories compelling. (Eghigian, *After*, p. 293)

- 1990, February — Arranged by [Norio Hayakawa](#), [Robert Lazar](#) is interviewed in Las Vegas, Nevada, by Nippon TV for 3–4 hours. Hayakawa and the TV crew drive out to Tikaboo Peak, where they film an orange light maneuvering above Groom Lake. (Jacobsen, *Area 51*, [p. 14](#))
- 1990, February — The Sauvegarde et Conservation des Études et Archives Ufologiques is established in Brunoy, France, by [Jacques Scornaux](#). Its goal is the preservation and conservation of ufological documents and information. It publishes a *SCEAU Bulletin* from 1991 to 2008. (*SCEAU Bulletin*, no. 0 (1991))
- 1990, February — The Centre d'Études et de Recherches sur les Phénomènes Aérospatiaux in Marseille, France, begins publishing *Aérospatial-Météorologie-Astronomie (A.M.A.)*, edited by Bernard Hugues. It continues until September 1994. (*Aérospatial-Météorologie-Astronomie*, no. 1 (February 1990))
- 1990, February 1–4 — An invitation-only research conference on abductions is held at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia, organized by [Rima E. Laibow](#) and [Daniel Schneck](#). (Rima E. Laibow, Robert N. Sollod, and John P. Wilson, eds., *Anomalous Experiences and Trauma: Current Theoretical, Research, and Clinical Perspectives*, Center for Treatment and Research of Experienced Anomalous Trauma, 1992; Michael D. Swords, [\[review\]](#), *JUFOS* 4 (1992): 201–205)
- 1990, February 21 — Sundown. [Norio Hayakawa](#), a Nippon TV journalist, takes a crew to the Area 51 Mailbox Site (near the 29 ½ mile marker, Highway 375, Tikaboo Valley) to watch the test flight of an object from Groom Lake, Nevada. The group sees an orange-yellow light appear above the hills. They get a second sighting later that evening when an object moves to the right, descends, performs a back turn and a 5,000-foot sudden descent, more or less instantly. (Michael Hesemann, *UFOs and Area 51: Secrets of the Black World*, Lightworks video, 1995, on UFO Central YouTube channel; “[Norio Hayakawa](#),” Dreamland Resort)
- 1990, February 21 — 9:07 p.m. A woman, her mother, and son are driving through Koblenz-Karthause, Germany, when they notice two lights beaming down at them at a 45° angle. The woman pulls to the side of the road at an angle to watch. The object bearing the lights stops almost directly overhead. She sees a large triangular object, stationary and noiseless, at rooftop height. The sides of the triangle measure about 65 feet. Three milky, yellowish-white lights are at each of the corners. In the center is a larger, primarily gray-blue light, although its colors change as something rotates on the UFO. The object itself has a metallic appearance. It has some structures that look like riveted plates. The object remains for 2–3 minutes then departs suddenly to the southwest behind the roofs of nearby houses. The woman succeeds in locating two other witnesses at nearly the same time. (Auguste Meessen, “[The Belgian Sightings](#),” *IUR* 16, no. 3 (May/June 1991): 10–11)
- 1990, February 28 — 7:30 p.m. Gary Schultz goes to the Area 51 Mailbox site in Nevada with his wife Pearl. He leaps out of his lawn chair when he spots the first object. Every 45 minutes, a new object arrives, 6 in all. Two or three of the craft are bright, pulsing, ellipsoid objects. He takes photos, one of which clearly captures an object shaped like a bell. (“[Unknown Craft over Area 51 in 1990, Photographed by Gary Schultz](#),” Norio Hayakawa YouTube channel, January 25, 2010; Michael Hesemann, *UFOs and Area 51: Secrets of the Black World*, Lightworks video, 1995, on UFO Central YouTube channel)
- 1990, March — *Aviation Week & Space Technology* magazine breaks the news that the term “Aurora” has inadvertently been included in the 1985 US budget, as an allocation of \$455 million for “black aircraft production” in FY 1987. According to *Aviation Week*, Project Aurora refers to a group of exotic aircraft and not to one particular airframe. Funding of the project allegedly reaches \$2.3 billion in fiscal 1987, according to a 1986 procurement document obtained by *Aviation Week*. In 1994, [Ben Rich](#), the former head of Lockheed’s Skunk Works division, writes that the Aurora is the budgetary code name for the stealth bomber fly-off that resulted in the B-2 Spirit. (Ben R. Rich and Leo Janos, *Skunk Works: A Personal Memoir of My Years at Lockheed*, Little Brown, 1996, pp. 309–310; UFOFiles2, [pp. 143–144](#); “[Aurora Timeline](#)”)
- 1990, March — A classified US Department of Defense document, Joint Staff Information Report #5049, “Belgium and the UFO Issue,” states that “Numerous UFO sightings have been made in Belgium since Nov 89. The credibility of some individuals making the reports is good... Investigation by BAF [Belgian Air Force] continues.” It notes that Belgian Col. Wilfried De Brouwer asked whether the objects were American B-2 or F-117 military aircraft, stating that he made the inquiry despite knowing that “the alleged observations did not correspond in any way to the observable characteristics of either US aircraft.” The US Air Force does confirm to the Belgian Air Force and Ministry of Defense that no US stealth aircraft were operating in the Ardennes area at the time.” (Nick Redfern, “[Belgium and the UFO Issue](#),” Mysterious Universe, February 11, 2016)
- 1990, March 1 — The Space Shuttle *Atlantis* launches the first stealth satellite in [STS-36](#) for the National Reconnaissance Office. Nicknamed “Misty,” little is known about it other than it has visual and radar stealth characteristics, making it difficult to detect. The satellite is seen and tracked later in 1990 and in the mid-1990s by amateur observers. The second satellite is launched on May 22, 1999, and by 2004 the launch of a third satellite is planned

for 2009. Circumstantial evidence suggests that the third satellite might be the payload of the [Delta IV Heavy](#) launch designated [NROL-15](#), which is launched in June 2012. That launch deposits a payload into geosynchronous orbit but, given the stealth/deception hypothesis, there remains the possibility of other, undetected payloads. (Wikipedia, "[Misty \(satellite program\)](#)")

- 1990, March 7** — A woman feeding her infant in Gulf Breeze, Florida, notices a beam of white light about 3 feet in diameter descend to the ground beyond her window. She feels a slight vibration and 2 seconds later the object is gone. The next morning her husband finds a circle of burned grass 11 feet in diameter near the window. Several people detect a strong “perfume” odor from the scorched area. (Dan Wright, "[Current Case Log](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 265 (May 1990): 16)
- 1990, March 8** — [Henry Azadehdel](#) calls [Eric A. Walker](#) a second time. Walker provides some vague and bizarre information involving MJ-12, ESP, and technology from crashed UFOs. A third conversation on August 18 is much more guarded. (Grant Cameron and T. Scott Crain, *UFOs, MJ-12, and the Government: A Report on Government Involvement in UFO Crash Retrievals*, Mutual UFO Network, 1991, pp. 27–35)
- 1990, March 12** — Night. Large, shining discs appear in the sky along the Yaroslavskoye Shosse outside Moscow, Russia. Their place is taken by three groups of objects, some like pineapples (with platelets) but about 18 feet long. Others are like “triangular milk cartons,” and the third group are like upside-down basins about 40 feet across. ("[UFO's Reported near Moscow](#)," [telegram], April 15, 1990)
- 1990, March 21** — 8:00 p.m.–12:00 midnight. UFOs are seen over a wide area of Russia encompassing Novoselye, Sergiyev Posad, Yakovlevo, Dubki, Kablukovo, Fryazino, Khabarovsk, and Kirzhach. Radar stations and aircraft are put on alert. At 9:38 p.m., a UFO is seen at 6,500 feet altitude over Pereslavl-Zalessky, Yaroslavl Oblast, Russia. Lt. Col. A. A. Semenchenko is sent up in an interceptor to find it. At 10:05 p.m., he sees the object ahead and to the right. He tracks it on the in-flight radar as it flashes two white lights and changes speed and altitude. It does not respond to a radio challenge to identify itself. The pilot turns steeply and flies 1,600–1,900 feet above the UFO, but he can see only a vague shape. Between 8:00 p.m. and midnight, UFOs are also seen over a wide area. Witnesses in Khabarovsk watch bright red spheres flying in complete silence and darting above the icebound Amur River, and a black cigar-shaped object 160 feet long with a ruby-red exhaust is seen traveling low above the ground. Radars do not register it. The commanding officers of several antiaircraft defense units around Moscow gather more than 100 visual reports from their subordinates, which are forwarded to the chief of the antiaircraft defense headquarters, Gen. Col. [Igor Maltsev](#), who says that the object is a disc between 325–650 feet in diameter with two blinking lights. It turns on its axis and its course is “snakelike.” ("[UFOs on Air Defense Radars](#)," *Rabochaya Tribuna*, April 19, 1990; "[Soviet Air Defenses Baffled by Huge UFOs](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 266 (June 1990): 8–9; V. D. Musinsky, "[Through the Secrecy Barrier](#)," *IUR* 15, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1990): 14–15; UFOEv II 51–52; Patrick Gross, "[FOIA Declassified Documents](#)"; Antonio Huneus, "[Airplane Pilot UFO Encounters in the USSR and CIS, Part 2](#)," *OpenMinds*, August 20, 2010; Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 116; Powell, *Scientist*, 67)
- 1990, March 28** — 11:20 p.m. A silent UFO is seen about 25 miles north of Chongqing, China. It is about 65 feet long with orange and pale green lights, and it flies toward the northeast at an altitude of 150 feet. (Defense Intelligence Agency, [[unclassified report](#)], The Black Vault, p. 11)
- 1990, March 30–31** — 11:00 p.m. The Glons (Belgium) Control Reporting Center receives reports that three unusual lights are moving toward Thorembais-Gembloux, Belgium, constantly changing color, in the shape of an equilateral triangle. It requests the Wavre gendarmerie to send a patrol car to investigate. Ten minutes later, a second formation moves toward the first. Traffic Center Control at Semmerzake tracks one object only on its radar, and an order to scramble two F-16 fighters from Beauvechain Air Base is given. Throughout this time, in reports after the event, some people claim that the phenomenon is visible from the ground, describing the whole formation as maintaining relative positions while moving slowly across the sky. Over the next hour, the two scrambled F-16s attempt 9 separate interceptions. On three occasions, they manage to obtain a radar lock for a few seconds, but these are later shown to be radar-locks on each other. The pilots never see any of the claimed visual sightings or the claimed maneuvers, and they never get a lock on any objects apart from the other F-16. Investigator Wim van Utrecht suspects that the lights in the sky that triggered these scrambles were misperceptions of bright stars and planets. The other contacts are all the result of a well-known atmospheric interference called Bragg scattering, in which an aircraft's own radars interfere with each other. After 12:30 a.m., radar contact becomes much more sporadic and the final confirmed lock takes place at 12:40 a.m. Following several further unconfirmed contacts, the F-16s eventually return to base shortly after 1:00 a.m. Members of the Wavre gendarmerie sent to confirm the original report describe four lights as arranged in a square formation, all making short jerky movements, before gradually losing their luminosity and disappearing in four separate directions at around 1:30 a.m. They also hear a low engine noise and that it seems to have a stick coming out one

end with a turbine on it, which many claim shows it was a helicopter. (Wikipedia, "[Belgian UFO wave](#)"; NICAP, "[Three Lights in Triangle Are Also Picked Up on Radar](#)"; "[Remarkable Military Encounter in Belgium](#)," *IUR* 15, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1990): 23; Bob Pratt, "[The Great Belgium UFO Flap](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 267 (July 1990): 3; Marie-Thérèse de Brosse, "[F-16 Radar Tracks UFO](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 268 (August 1990): 6–7; Joël Mesnard, "[Belgium Haunted by Huge Triangular Craft, Part II](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 35, no. 4 (December 1990): 2–6; Marie-Thérèse de Brosse, "[An Interview with Professor Jean-Pierre Petit](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 273 (January 1991): 3–9; Auguste Meessen, "[The Belgian Sightings](#)," *IUR* 16, no. 3 (May/June 1991): 4–8; Robert Durant, "[UFO Intercept](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 332 (December 1995): 3–8; Patrick Gross, "[The Belgium Flap Official Reports](#)," [summary report on observations 30–31 March 1990], February 22, 2001; Patrick Gross, "[The Belgium Flap Official Reports](#)," [the full version of the Belgian Air Force report by Major Lambrechts, VS3/Ctl-Met 1], February 22, 2001; Kean, pp. 37–38; Jean-Michel Abrassart, "[In Defense of the Psycho-Sociological Hypothesis: Another Reply to Auguste Meessen](#)," *SUNlite* 3, no. 4 (July/Aug. 2011): 9–12; Swords 457; Marler 20–23; David Clarke, "Echoes and Angels: UFOs on Radar," *Fortean Times* 403 (March 2021): 44–45; Graff 326–327; Covert 25; Powell, *Scientist*, 21; "[They're Playing Games with Our Aircraft': Belgian F-16s Were Scrambled to Intercept a Triangular UFO](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, November 19, 2024)

1990, March 31 — Night. [Lucien Clerebaut](#) (secretary general of the Belgian UFO group SOBEPS), film director [Patrick Ferryn](#), and José Fernandez take four photos, using high-sensitivity film, of one of the triangular objects passing directly overhead about 19 miles southeast of Brussels, Belgium. Ferryn estimates its altitude is only 1,000 feet with a diameter six times that of the full moon. As a control, he photographs an ordinary airplane several minutes later in the same spot, using all the same camera settings. The spotlights on the UFO, which seemed very bright to the observers, are barely discernible on the photos. The triangular shape, clearly visible to the naked eye, is also lost on the film. At the same time, the airplane lights come out brighter than those on the UFO, appearing just the way it looked from the ground, even though the UFO was much closer to the observers than the airplane. Lab experiments show that this is probably due to the effect of infrared light around the UFO. (Marie-Thérèse de Brosse, "[Un OVNI sur le Radar du F16](#)," *Paris-Match*, July 5, 1990)

1990, Early April — Many observers, including a journalist with *Sovetskaya Estoniya*, see UFOs hovering above power lines along the Tallinn Highway, Estonia, on several occasions. Maj. V. Stroynetskiy and several hundred other witnesses repeatedly observe UFOs over the Yaroslavl Highway in Russia, many of which look like large "triangular milk cartons." The objects are flying at altitudes of 1,600–2,600 feet. At times, the entire body of an object "scintillates," while at other times it becomes iridescent with "lights of various colors." The objects fly at great speeds, make sudden stops in mid-air, and suddenly break off in lateral directions from the line of flight, "at which time they emitted rays." (Central Intelligence Agency, "[USSR: UFO Sightings No. 2—General Maltsev Comments](#)," Foreign Broadcast Information Service PROD Group, May 24, 1990)

1990, April 4 — Patrick Maréchal, a young worker at Petit-Rechain, Belgium, takes a photo of a delta-shaped object on which three lights are visible at each corner. Maréchal admits the photo is a hoax in an interview for RTL on July 26, 2011. He and some friends take a sheet of Styrofoam, cut it into a triangle, paint it black, embed a flashlight in each corner, then hang it from a string. Maréchal shows reporters many trial photos they had taken trying to get the perfect look. (Wikipedia, "[Belgian UFO wave](#)"; NICAP, "[Petit-Rechain, Belgium Photo](#)"; Wim van Utrecht, "[Battle over Belgian UFOs](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 292 (August 1992): 20; Patrick Ferryn, "[La photo de Petit-Rechain: Un état de la question](#)," *Inforespace*, no. 111 (December 2005): 4–21; André Marion, "[Nouvelle analyse de la diapositive de Petit-Rechain](#)," *Inforespace*, no. 111 (December 2005): 22–27; Benoît Mussche, "[Le rapport SeerSight](#)," *Inforespace*, no. 111 (December 2005): 28–41; Wim van Utrecht, "[Famous Belgian UFO Photo a Hoax](#)," *Caelestia*; Kean, pp. 29–31; Auguste Meessen, "[The Belgian Wave and the Photos of Ramillies](#)"; Robert Sheaffer, "[Classic' UFO Photo from Belgian Wave: The Hoaxer Confesses](#)," *Bad UFOs*, July 26, 2011; "[Classic Belgian Photos a Fake?](#)" *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 6; Brian Dunning, "[The Belgian UFO Wave](#)," *Skeptoid* podcast, September 27, 2016; Graff 327; Andreas Müller, "[Belgische UFO-Welle 1989–92: Neue Kontroverse um berühmtes Dreiecks-Foto](#)," *Grenzwissenschaft-aktuell.de*, December 4, 2024)

1990, April 5 — 8:15 p.m. A motorist driving near the shore at Gulf Breeze, Florida, sees what looks like a jet fighter about to crash. Two military jets approach from the north, and the original object immediately shoots laterally southward, halting 1–2 miles away. The man gets out of his car to watch. The object appears to be a white disc with red and green lights spaced evenly around the side and an unlit dome on top. Slowly, it begins to rise. He calls a friend and the sheriff's office. Two deputies arrive on the scene, and for the next 2 hours all three witnesses watch a bright light continue to ascend slowly. (Dan Wright, "[Current Case Log](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 265 (May 1990): 17)

- 1990, April 10** — A couple driving north on the Pensacola Bay Bridge in Florida see an object that looks like a long isosceles triangle with a centered red light on the bottom and pairs of white lights at the three apexes. As they near the end of the bridge in Pensacola, the object moves toward the west. It hovers, then moves off over the bay and out of sight. (Dan Wright, "[Current Case Log](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 268 (August 1990): 22–23)
- 1990, April 10** — A triangular UFO is seen for 10 minutes over Abakan, Republic of Khakassia, Russia. (Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, p. 110)
- 1990, April 11** — Evening. Several residents of Gulf Breeze, Florida, watch a red light move toward the southwest and out into the Gulf of Mexico before winking out. Some think they can see clusters of balloons associated with the light, but others disagree. (Rex Salisbury, "[Red Lights in the Sky! Hoax or Real?](#)" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 266 (June 1990): 10–11)
- 1990, April 12–13** — Night. Two witnesses see a bright red light hovering above Little Sabine Island off Pensacola Beach, Florida. It stays there for several minutes before blinking out. It reappears the next night to the west of Gulf Breeze. (Rex Salisbury, "[Red Lights in the Sky! Hoax or Real?](#)" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 266 (June 1990): 10–11)
- 1990, April 14** — At least seven people report a red light to the north of Gulf Breeze, Florida. It approaches from the east at high speed and comes to a dead stop. It hovers, moves back and forth several times, then ascends out of sight. Other red lights appear and are seen in various locations around Pensacola by other groups of people. Some of these sightings are undoubtedly hoax balloons. (Rex Salisbury, "[Red Lights in the Sky! Hoax or Real?](#)" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 266 (June 1990): 10–11; Dan Wright, "[Current Case Log](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 268 (August 1990): 21–22)
- 1990, April 22** — Before 12:00 midnight. Two workers in a factory courtyard in Basècles, Belgium, watch two enormous spotlights illuminate the area. A huge trapezoid-shaped "platform" moves slowly and silently above a smokestack, at one point covering the entire courtyard, 330 by 200 feet. They observe six lights on the object, which is grayish. Structures on the bottom of the platform look like "an aircraft carrier turned upside down." (Kean, [p. 31](#))
- 1990, April 26** — [Mikhail Gorbachev](#) is visiting the Uralmash plant in Sverdlovsk, Russia, when he is asked for the first time whether the USSR studies UFOs. He answers vaguely that "there are scientific organizations which study this problem." However, he later tells a group of workers that the "UFO phenomenon is real and we should approach it seriously and study it." (*Pravda*, April 27, 1990; *Sovetskaya Molodezh*, May 4, 1990)
- 1990, May 4** — 11:15 p.m. A retired archaeologist in Stockay, Liège, Belgium, is about to return home after checking his greenhouse when he hears neighborhood dogs barking. He sees, in a field about 325 feet away from him, a pyramidal or conical illuminated object topped by a "bright white mushroom cone" floating about 1 foot off the ground. He approaches to about 165 feet and watches the object change color from white to orange as its upper part rises. He calls his wife to watch the UFO too. She sees two small antennas on top. They leave to get their son, but when they return the object is gone. The next day, he finds four circular holes about 3 feet in diameter with a thin layer of yellowish powder sprayed on the grass. Some days later, the traces vanish after a rainstorm. (Patrick Vidal and Michel Rozencwajg, "[The Belgian Wave](#)," *IUR* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1991): 4)
- 1990, May 21** — A joint Russian and Chinese endeavor to study UFOs is initiated in Dalnegorsk, Primorsky Krai, Russia. An agreement is made to share videos and photos of new sightings. (Central Intelligence Agency, "[USSR, PRC Scientists in Joint Study of UFO's](#)," May 21, 1990)
- 1990, May 25** — Day. A giant reddish-orange disc some 980 feet in diameter and with portholes around its rim is seen hovering at an altitude of 3,300 feet above Mary, Turkmenistan. Col. Anatoly Kurkchy, chief of the Air Defense Division of the Russian 12th Army, orders three ground-to-air missiles fired at it. The UFO makes a slight horizontal maneuver, and three beams of light coming from its port side destroy the missiles. Kurkchy then scrambles two jet interceptors, but at a point about 3,200 feet from the disc, the jets are allegedly thrown to the ground and destroyed, killing the four pilots. Kurkchy is removed from his post and transferred to a remote location. (Good Need, [pp. 356–357](#))
- 1990, June** — [Raymond E. Fowler](#) continues his exploration of the [Betty Andreasson Luca](#) abduction case in *The Watchers*, which reveals that Luca is often having an out-of-body experience during her abductions. She sometimes encounters human-like entities with blonde hair, blue eyes, and white robes who are apparently "in charge" of the other aliens. Luca feels that the human race is being "watched" by these beings, who tell her they foresee serious problems in the future regarding the survivability of the human species. (Raymond E. Fowler, [The Watchers: The Secret Design behind UFO Abduction](#), Bantam, 1990)

- 1990, June 5** — [Robert Lazar](#) is arrested in Las Vegas, Nevada, for aiding and abetting a prostitution ring. The charge is reduced to felony pandering, to which he pleads guilty on June 18. At sentencing on August 20, he is ordered to do 150 hours of community service, stay away from brothels, and undergo psychotherapy. (Warren Bates, [“Source in Channel 8’s UFO Series Pleads Guilty to Pandering Charge.”](#) *Las Vegas (Nev.) Review-Journal*, June 19, 1990, p. 8B, reprinted in Tom Mahood’s *Bluefire*)
- 1990, June 10** — Reporter [Craig Myers](#) announces in the *Pensacola (Fla.) News-Journal* that a foam UFO model, seemingly a prototype for a fake UFO, has been found by new homeowners in the attic of the former residence of Gulf Breeze, Florida, UFO photographer Ed Walters. Myers writes a series of articles showing how Walters likely hoaxes some photos using a double-exposure technique. In late June, Tom Smith Jr., 22, a former Gulf Breeze resident, comes forward and claims that he has seen Walters fake some of the photos, the entire Walters family is in on the hoax, and they had tried to enlist his help unsuccessfully. Investigators apply a voice stress analysis (VSA) test to Smith’s taped testimony, which he passes. A controlled VSA test has also been successfully applied to testimony by Ed Walters, in which he denies perpetrating a hoax. (Craig Myers, [“Gulf Breeze UFO Model Found.”](#) *Pensacola (Fla.) News Journal*, June 10, 1990, pp. 1, 8; Craig Myers, [“I Saw UFO Photos Faked, Witness Says.”](#) *Pensacola (Fla.) News Journal*, June 17, 1990, pp. 1, 4; [UFO Newscipping Service](#), no. 252 (July 1990): 1–6; Geoff Price, [“Lie Detection in UFO Controversies.”](#) *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 31; Kevin D. Randle, [“The Truth about Polygraphs.”](#) *IUR* 22, no. 4 (Winter 1997–1998): 29–30; Craig R. Myers, [“The MUFON-ian Candidate: The Gulf Breeze UFO Case As Political Contest.”](#) in Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Richard Heiden, eds., *The Reliability of UFO Witness Testimony*, UPIAR, 2023, pp. 121–136)
- 1990, June 11** — 2:08 a.m. Nine soldiers from RAAF Base Learmonth are on routine patrol at a beach near Exmouth, Western Australia, when they see a massive triangular craft that is at least two football fields wide. The object is black with eight dull-white lights on two edges and a red light in the center. It is emitting a low humming noise and is moving slowly like a zeppelin. They watch it for 14 minutes until it begins moving rapidly southwest out to sea and disappears. (Keith Basterfield, [“A Catalogue of the More Interesting Australian UAP Reports.”](#) Project 1947, June 3, 2016)
- 1990, June 21** — [Jacques Vallée](#) meets with [C. Richard D’Amato](#), chief counsel for the US Senate Appropriations Committee, who describes a UFO cover-up by the intelligence community: “They only come before us to get the appropriations for their secret projects, like their latest discoid platforms, although they’re not authorized to fool the American public, or to create hoaxes or UFO simulations using taxpayers’ money, as they do.” (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science 4: The Spring Hill Chronicles, The Journals of Jacques Vallée*, Anomalist, 2019, p. 47)
- 1990, Summer** — The crew of a Russian ship harbored in the Anadyr’ River off Ust-Belaya, Chukotka Autonomous Okrug, Russia, sees a perfectly circular opening in the cumulus clouds above the village. Groups of objects enter the circle and fly away. Watch officer Aleksandr Polorotov begins taking photos of them until his camera malfunctions. When the film is developed, a luminous cigar-shaped object can be seen on some of the photos, but the open circle of sky is not on any of them. Some crew members experience severe headaches after the episode. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia’s USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 109–110)
- 1990, July 6** — Day. Anna Dmitrievna Yerygina is herding goats on a lonesome road near Zvarykino, Belgorod Oblast, Russia, when a woman appears, seemingly out of thin air. Dressed in a light-gray, loose-fitting outfit with a hood, she seems somewhat tall and lean. The woman greets her and asks whether goats’ milk is tasty. Yerygina says it is, but she prefers cows’ milk. The woman then abruptly invites her on a brief excursion that will last no longer than three hours, touching her on the shoulder and saying, “Do not be afraid.” She takes Yerygina to a large oval craft in a nearby field. A man awaits them and helps them aboard. Yerygina sits in the dimly lit interior, then suddenly finds herself in another room with others dressed in the same gray coveralls. She feels as if she has been transported to another world. The entities radiate spiritual warmth and hospitality. One of them offers her some tasty bread and a strange liquid. After she finishes the meal, her memory goes blank and she finds herself back in the field with her goats, the strange woman by her side. The woman says goodbye with a smile, promising to meet her again. (Priyma Alexey, [XX vek. Hronika Neobysnimogo: Fenomen za fenomenom](#), AST Olympus, 2000; Joshua Cutchin, “The Great Alien Bake-Off,” *Fortean Times* 332 (November 2015): 42)
- 1990, July 9** — 4:00 a.m. A witness is traveling toward Germany and makes a stop east of Brzózka near the bridge over the Bóbr River southwest of Krosno, Poland. He goes for a short walk in the woods when he hears an odd sound and sees a landed object like an overturned bowl. He estimates it is nearly 17 feet across and 80 feet tall, and has a nauseating odor like burned chocolate. About 15 entities resembling mummies are in front of the UFO, poking plants with a prod and hopping about like kangaroos. They are about 4.5 feet tall and wear deep-green uniforms and headgear like welding masks. Their fingers resemble claws. At some point the witness coughs and loses

consciousness, waking up an hour later. (Poland 82; “[Bliskie spotkanie w Brzózce w 1990 roku.](#)” UFO-Relacje.pl, February 12, 2020)

- 1990**, July 11 — Belgian Air Force Col. Wilfried De Brouwer, chief of operations of the Air Staff, gives a public talk on UFOs at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. He states that the March 30–31, 1990, sightings in Belgium were highly unusual, witnessed by gendarmes and others, and necessitated the scrambling of two F-16 fighters. He says the target was detected on radar and conformed to ground visual observations. The objects remain unidentified. (Swords 457)
- 1990**, July 19 — Shortly after 12:00 midnight. The base perimeter at Fort Allen Training Center in Juana Díaz, Puerto Rico, is suddenly illuminated by a powerful white light. An officer orders that all personnel must remain in the barracks or other base facilities and not come out under any circumstances. From a window, the officer can see a brightly lit, circular, metallic object over the base. It has windows around a central rim, with yellowish-white lights revolving in them. On the underside there is a round, turbine-like protrusion with many colored lights around it. A bright beam of pinkish-white light is coming from the underside, as if searching for something—this is the light illuminating the perimeter. Two F/A-18 Hornets (probably scrambled from Roosevelt Roads Naval Station) fly at high speed over the base toward the UFO, which departs at high speed to the west with the jets in pursuit. The officer later tells UFO investigators that Fort Allen personnel have been briefed on UFOs with training films that show crashed UFOs, and it is just the most recent of several briefings since the 1988 Cabo Rojo incident. (Good Need, [pp. 380–381](#))
- 1990**, July 26 — 10:35 p.m. A married couple is driving south through Grâce-Hollogne, Belgium, when they see a triangular object hovering in the sky. It seems to measure about 39 feet on each side. A belt of white light like a large neon tube runs along two sides. The witnesses see three spotlights beaming down, apparently detached from the object but connected to each other by a support “bracket.” Two flashing lights, one red and one green, are on the underside. The man flashes his car lights twice, and two white lights at the base of the triangle rotate, tilt toward the car, and flash on and off three times. Keeping these lights pointed at the moving car, the object moves with its base forward and positions itself 330 feet away at a height of 200–300 feet. It makes a banking turn and paces the car, moving with the terrain and maintaining a constant height above the sloping ground at the same speed as the car (around 40 mph). When they approach the bridge at Seraing, the object crosses the Meuse River right next to them, ascending silently and moving back toward Grâce-Hollogne. (Kean, [pp. 32–34](#))
- 1990**, Early August — Many witnesses in Rostock, Greifswald, and the islands of Rügen and Usedom, Germany, see groups of luminous spheres that accelerate rapidly and abruptly. One witness, Gerald Schwab, watches the lights stand still for 3 minutes before they accelerate rapidly forward. (Illobrand von Ludwiger, “[The ‘Greifswald Lights.’](#)” MUFON Central European Section, May 2000)
- 1990**, August 2 — Harvard psychiatrist [John E. Mack](#) tells astronomer [Carl Sagan](#) that he does not think that abductees are undergoing a contagious religious experience; their memories are unwanted, intrusive, and too traumatic. He decides to explore abductions in a deliberate fashion. (Eghigian, *After*, p. 293)
- 1990**, August 4 — Day. Two hikers near the A9 near Calvine, Perthshire, Scotland, see a diamond-shaped object that appears to be shadowed by an RAF Harrier jet. The object is visible for about 10 minutes. One of the hikers takes color photographs of the incident. Desk officers from DI55 suspect the image might show a US Air Force black project aircraft. The prints are sent to the *Glasgow Daily Record* newspaper, which forwards them to the Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre at RAF Brampton [now closed] for scrutiny. The prints subsequently disappear and the MoD claims there is no surviving record of the conclusions reached about the investigation. However, in October 2020 the Ministry of Defence blocks release of the photos from their scheduled declassification on January 1, 2021, until 2072 without any explanation. Former MoD official [Nick Pope](#), one of the few people to see the photos and the analysis, says the photos are authentic and show a material device of unknown origin that has no wings, no fuselage, no tail, no visible engine, and bears no inscription. Compared to elements in the landscape, the object appears to be about 98 feet in diameter. The British government continues to deny that its US ally has ever been allowed to operate experimental aircraft in UK airspace, but [David Clarke](#) discovers that a dossier of evidence was shared with US intelligence after the British expressed “concern about a possible stealthy platform flying in UK airspace.” A 1992 letter from the British Defence Staff in Washington, D.C., reveals that one of the Calvine photos was brought to the US by British Intelligence officials to be examined by their US counterparts. In August 2022, David Clarke discovers a print of the actual photo that RAF officer Craig Lindsay has kept safe for more than three decades. Wim van Utrecht suspects that the photo might have been hoaxed with a Christmas tree star suspended on edge from a fishing line. Mike Bara claims the photo actually depicts a mountain peak showing above the clouds. (UFOFiles2, [pp. 148–149](#); Paul Sims, “[Alien Mystery: Government Bans Release of Secret UFO Dossier about Calvine for 50 Years.](#)” *Scottish Sun*, October

10, 2020; Nick Pope, “[‘Dark Forces’: I’ve Seen Top Secret Photos of Calvine UFO Sighting—It Left Me Shell-Shocked](#),” *Scottish Sun*, October 10, 2020; David Ramasseul, “[Ovni de Calvine: L’interminable secret](#),” *Paris Match*, October 13, 2020; David Clarke, “Revisiting the Calvine ‘UFO’ Photographs,” [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), and [Part 3](#), UAP Media UK, June 29–July 1, 2021; David Clarke, “The Jox Files: Was a US ‘Special Project’ Captured on Film in Scotland?” *Fortean Times* 409 (September 2021): 52–53; Simon Houston, “[What Was the Calvine UFO Sighting and Are the Photos Real?](#)” *Scottish Sun*, May 2, 2022; David Clarke, “[The Calvine UFO Photograph—Revealed](#),” Dr. David Clarke: Folklore and Journalism, August 12, 2022; Wim van Utrecht, “[A UFO with a High X\(-mas\) Factor](#),” August 18, 2022; David Clarke, “UFO Cover-Up at Calvine,” *Fortean Times* 423 (October 2022): 30–35; Ewan Mowat, “[Legendary 30-Year-Old UFO Mystery ‘Tracked Down to a Lancashire Warehouse](#),” *Lancashire News*, March 6, 2024; David Clarke, “UFO Photo Update,” *Fortean Times* 447 (August 2024): 4–5; Jon Austin, “[UFO Breakthrough as UK’s Most Famous Case ‘Finally Solved’ with Bombshell Explanation](#),” *Daily Express* (UK), September 12, 2024; Andrew Robinson, “[Craig Lindsay and the Calvine UFO: Transcript](#),” Anthology Substack, December 30, 2024; Daniel Lavelle, “[What Really Happened in Calvine?](#)” *The Guardian* (UK), February 11, 2025)

1990, August 24 — 8:35 p.m. Many witnesses in northern Germany see a formation of seven luminous objects over the Baltic Sea. They hover for nearly 30 minutes near Peenemünde (on Usedom) and the Soviet-built nuclear power plant at Lubmin [shut down soon afterward]. Five people, including nuclear physicist Ludmilla Ivanova, videotape the event from Greifswald, enabling researchers to triangulate the lights and reconstruct their positions. Ufologist [Illobrand von Ludwiger](#)’s group MUFON-Central European Section obtains 6 videos and 11 photos from different observers and interviews more than a dozen witnesses. They conclude that two groups of luminous spheres hovered nearly motionless for about 30 minutes over the sea. The brighter and closer group forms a circle of 6 spheres. The second group is in the shape of a “Y,” with some spheres performing individual movements. Some of them move back and forth between the two groups. They are able to move extremely fast, estimated by one witness as “supersonic velocity,” then come to an abrupt stop when reaching the formation. (Jacques Vallée, “[Estimates of Power Optical Output in Six Cases of Unexplained Aerial Objects with Defined Luminosity Characteristics](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 12, no. 3 (1998): 356–357; Illobrand von Ludwiger, “[The ‘Greifswald Lights](#),” MUFON Central European Section, May 2000)

1990, September — *New York Times* journalist [Howard Blum](#) publishes *Out There: The Government’s Secret Quest for Extraterrestrials*, describing his investigation—after a tip given him by a National Security Agency official—of a mysterious agency called the UFO Working Group, a top secret, interagency body headed by “Col. Harold E. Phillips” of the Defense Intelligence Agency (actually a pseudonym for Col. [John B. Alexander](#)). Founded in 1987, according to Blum, after a flurry of suppressed UFO sightings, including the tracking on radar of a UFO by the US Space Command Space Surveillance Center, the UFO Working Group, calling on CIA, FBI, and other resources, has come up with nothing solid. It has, however, dug into many of the major events of ufology. Blum also claims that NORAD deep-space radars (the Defense Satellite Program) have tracked about 500 UFOs (fastwalkers) entering Earth’s atmosphere every year. (Howard Blum, [Out There: The Government’s Secret Quest for Extraterrestrials](#), Simon & Schuster, 1990; Mark Rodeghier, “[In the Black](#),” *IUR* 15, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1990): 9–11, 23)

1990, September — US journalist [Tim Weiner](#) publishes *Blank Check: The Pentagon’s Black Budget*, based on his articles on black-budget spending at the Pentagon and CIA for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Weiner shows that the funding is classified above top secret and that few, if any, federal oversight investigators have the security clearances to audit this budget. He estimates its size as at least \$35 billion (although by 2012 it has increased to \$52.8 billion, according to information revealed by [Edward Snowden](#)), three times the estimated total of what it was in 1981. (Tim Weiner, [Blank Check: The Pentagon’s Black Budget](#), Warner, 1990)

1990, September 2 — Early morning. Residents of Murmansk Oblast, Russia, see a large illuminated ball above the Arctic Ocean. It is at a high altitude, gives off no electronic signals, and moves slowly toward the Kola Peninsula. Soviet Air Defense thinks it resembles a large airship. Finally, the order is given to destroy it, and it turns out to be an enormous weather balloon. (Central Intelligence Agency, “[Airship-Like UFO Sighted over Murmansk](#),” September 4, 1990)

1990, September 2 — A dozen lights are seen flying in a straight formation at various locations in Greece. While flying above Atalanti, Phthiotis, one of the lights turns red, emits smoke, and starts losing altitude, eventually making a forced landing on top of a nearby hill and setting the entire slope on fire. Other lights descend with it, and circle around the landed object. The closest eyewitnesses are about a half-mile away and describe the objects as circular and the size of tractors. The observers move closer and see “shadows” going in and out of the objects. About five hours later, the objects all take off. The following morning, locals who visit the site notice that even though the

area is burned, the ground is moist and sticky. They find some metal and foam fragments that are confiscated by the police. Some spherical depressions in the ground, arranged in a circular formation, are also noted. The Greek Air Force, which is on the site within an hour after the objects depart, claims that the landed object is a satellite. (Orestis Lazanakis, "[UAP in Greece](#)," UAP Check, July 27, 2024)

- 1990**, September 10 — 8:30 a.m. A group of schoolchildren and some adults in Alfena, Portugal, watch a hovering or slowly moving metallic sphere with legs. Journalist Manuel Gomes manages to take four photos of the object, which later moves away at high speed. ("[Case UFO Alfena, Oporto, Portugal 1990](#)," Above Top Secret Forum, September 13, 2008; "[1990: Alfena, Portugal, UFO Mystery: Article](#)," ThinkAboutIt; Clark IV 117)
- 1990**, September 13 — Shortly after 12:00 midnight. A Soviet radar unit in Samara, Russia, tracks an approaching object that apparently causes the equipment to malfunction and go blank. Going outside, the operators see a flying black triangle giving off three bright rays pass directly overhead at no more than 30 feet. It lands nearby and gives off more bursts of energy for 90 minutes. Cpl. S. Dudnik sees it knock out a radar aerial with a light beam. Two sentries, A. Blazhis and A. Varenitsa, allegedly disappear and reappear with no memory of the event and without realizing they have been missing. The ground where they were standing guard seems to be blasted by an explosion. Their wrist watches are running nearly 2 hours slow. Capt. D. Rudzit tells a military reporter from *Za Rodinu* who is investigating the incident that nothing has happened. In November, Deputy Minister of Defense Gen. Ivan Tretiak claims the incident was all a newspaper hoax. (Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, p. 50; Good Need, [pp. 358–360, 364](#))
- 1990**, September 19 — The [KNM Stavanger](#) has a sonar contact with an unknown "U-boat" in the Norwegian Sea off Ona lighthouse, Husøya, Norway. The ship sends international warning signals but gets no response, so it drops hand grenades into the water. At 5:30 p.m., it shoots off three Terne rockets. The sonar contact ends, and the next day the search is called off. (Ole Jonny Brønne, "[Observations of Unidentified Submarine Objects in Norway](#)," *IUR* 20, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1995): 13, 17)
- 1990**, September 27 — 10:50 p.m. Cosmonauts [Gennady Manakov](#) and [Gennadi Strekalov](#) are aboard the [Mir](#) space station. When Strekalov is looking down at Newfoundland through a clear atmosphere, he sees a glittering, iridescent, perfect sphere. He calls Manakov and together they study the object. Strekalov says it "shone like the balls that hang on trees at Christmas, greenish in color and all shimmering." It appears to be 12–18 miles above the Earth. They watch it for 10 seconds when it disappears abruptly. (Central Intelligence Agency, "[Take 1 of 3—Foreign Press Note—FB PN 91-014—USSR](#)," January 11, 1991; Good Need, [p. 360](#); 2Pinotti 119–122)
- 1990**, October 1 — William Scott writes an article in *Aviation Week* on 45 sightings of strange aircraft over the southwestern part of the United States. Some of the objects move as slowly as 20 mph, then accelerate to supersonic speed. He concludes that there are at least two types of vehicles beyond the F-117A and B-2. One is a "triangular-shaped, quiet aircraft seen with a flight of F-117A stealth fighters several times since the summer of 1989." Another is a "high-speed aircraft characterized by a very deep rumbling roar." A third is a high-altitude, high-speed aircraft, typically observed as a bright, pulsating light, moving much faster than other aircraft, giving no engine noise or sonic boom. He also writes about some "exotic" propulsion systems used in new aircraft and comes very close to stating that these might be antigravity devices. (William Scott, "[Multiple Sightings of Secret Aircraft Hint at New Propulsion, Airframe Designs](#)," *Aviation Week and Space Technology*, October 1, 1990, pp. 22–23)
- 1990**, October 8 — 11:00 a.m. Near Grozny, Chechnya, Russia, an unidentified target appears on ground radar screens. Commander S. Prokoshin orders an interceptor jet scrambled and pilot Maj. P. Riabishev takes off in pursuit. Something makes him turn his head and he sees to his right rear two large, cigar-shaped objects. The length of the first is about 6,500 feet and the second about 1,300 feet. They are too distant to make out details. When he starts closing on them, both disappear from his field of vision, although ground radar continues to track them. (Central Intelligence Agency, "[Take 1 of 3—Foreign Press Note—FB PN 91-014—USSR](#)," January 11, 1991; Good Need, [pp. 360–361](#); Covert 71)
- 1990**, October 10 — 9:00 p.m. Police and citizens in Skibo, Minnesota, watch formations of white objects with red and green body lights alternately hovering and darting around southeast of Hoyt Lakes at about 10,000 feet altitude. Air traffic controllers at Duluth Airport notice a series of ambiguous radar returns at 10:15 p.m. and confirm radar echoes from the Hoyt Lakes area. Two separate radars track several targets intermittently over the next hour. One controller in Duluth continuously monitors a roughly circular formation of 3–5 objects, one of which repeatedly darts away, reverses direction, and returns to the formation. An Air National Guard facility calls the Duluth tower to express puzzlement over unexplained targets appearing on their radar screen. An airline pilot flying at 11,000

- feet some 40–50 miles west of Hoyt Lakes spots two distinct glowing red lights below his altitude and a few miles apart. (Dan Wright, "[Current Case Log](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 274 (February 1991):11; UFOEv II 166)
- 1990**, October 14 — 7:00 p.m. Frau Wengere and her husband are driving from Lostorf to Zürich, Switzerland, when she sees two motionless, bright white lights ahead of them to the left over a range of mountains. Her husband can't stop because there is no place to pull over. The lights of an approaching aircraft are much smaller and paler. They lose sight of the lights while driving through a village, but they see them again a little higher in the sky to the right of the road. A third light is now visible a bit to the left of the others and they watch it moving closer to the other two lights, which move from a 45° angle to horizontal, keeping the same space between them. The witnesses see two chains of red and green lights joining the two. They drive on and lose sight of the lights. (Auguste Meessen, "[The Belgian Sightings](#)," *IUR* 16, no. 3 (May/June 1991): 11, 22)
- 1990**, October 21 — 10:05 p.m. Mme. Henquinet and her 15-year-old son Stephane are at the intersection of NB47 and N30 near Rachamps, Belgium, when two lights suddenly drop toward them. But the lights disappear, and as they turn south on the N30, another light appears behind a hedge bordering the right-hand side of the road, about a dozen yards from the car. The light paces the car at the same speed, slowing down when she does. When they reach the end of the hedge, Mme. Henquinet brakes, and Stephane runs out of the car to look. They see a dark mass, more than 50 feet across, rise up rapidly and silently into the sky. On the lower part of the object is a circle of 7–8 lights. (Patrick Vidal and Michel Rozencwajg, "[The Belgian Wave](#)," *IUR* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1991): 5)
- 1990**, October 23 — 5:30 a.m. A young woman in Athus, Belgium, wakes up, looks out the window, and sees a light 1,300 feet away on or just above a nearby hill. It consists of two bright headlights directed at her. A smaller blue light is between the two white ones. About 10 minutes later, the lights rise together and move in toward her. The ground below lights up as they pass. A few moments later, the object passes silently over her house. She notices a small red light on its underside. The object then veers left in the direction of Luxembourg and disappears in the distance. (Patrick Vidal and Michel Rozencwajg, "[The Belgian Wave](#)," *IUR* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1991): 5)
- 1990**, October 23 — 9:25 p.m. Four witnesses, ages 15–17, see an unusual object with very bright lights in Pepinster, Belgium. They have the impression that the object is taking off at a low altitude about 1,640 feet away. The object moves silently to the northeast, displaying on its lower part three bright white lights in the form of a triangle. At the center of the triangle is a steady red light. The object is shaped like a pyramid with the apex pointing forward. The sighting lasts for about 30 seconds. (Patrick Vidal and Michel Rozencwajg, "[The Belgian Wave](#)," *IUR* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1991): 5)
- 1990**, Late 1990 — A US Army captain is stationed in the Iraqi desert with his unit during Operation Desert Shield. He is informed by a superior officer that his unit is not to fire on any objects that might appear within a specific, rather restricted, area of the sky. A few nights later, he and his men see several bright objects maneuvering in an extraordinary fashion. "We could not have shot them down if we had tried," he said. He does not know what they are, although UFOs are primary suspects. (Dolan II 555)
- 1990**, November — Along State Highway 59 South near Rosedale, Oklahoma, a 14-year-old boy is sitting under a tree in a wheat field, watching the area for deer, when he notices a bright white light moving north at a low altitude. It maintains a level flight. As the light gets closer, he lifts his rifle to view it through the scope and realizes there's no sound. He watches the disc-shaped object, estimating it to be 30–40 feet in diameter and 7 feet high, with white lights on the sides and a spinning motion. A blue-green light from its bottom illuminates the field below. The object flies north at a steady 40–60 feet altitude and 20–30 mph until it disappears in the distance. ("[Current Cases](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 289 (February 1993): 14, 15)
- 1990**, November 3 — The Center for UFO Studies and the Santa Barbara Centre for Humanistic Studies cosponsor a conference on "The UFO Phenomenon in the 1990s" at the Lobero Theater, Santa Barbara, California. ("[The UFO Phenomenon in the 1990s](#)," *IUR* 15, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1990): 18)
- 1990**, November 5 — Around 6:00 p.m. The pilot and copilot of a British Airways flight from Rome to Gatwick Airport notice a large, silver-shaped object over the North Sea. They bring two crew members into the cockpit to observe it with them. Ground radar sees nothing unusual. (Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, [p. 169](#); Good Need, [pp. 382–383](#))
- 1990**, November 5 — 6:00 p.m. Two RAF Tornados over the North Sea encounter two large round objects, each with five blue lights and several white lights around the rim. As the jets close to investigate, one of the UFOs heads for one of the jets, which is forced to take evasive action. The two objects then head north and disappear. Nothing shows up on the jets' radar. Commercial aircraft also report odd lights over the North Sea. Other high-speed contacts take place along the border of Germany and southern Belgium. (Paul Whitehead, "[Special Report to FSR \(May 1991\)](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 36, no. 2 (Summer 1991): 10; Nick Pope, *Open Skies, Closed Minds*, Simon & Schuster, 1996, [p. 177](#); Good Need, [pp. 383–384](#); UFOFiles2, [pp. 140–142](#))

- 1990**, November 5 — 7:00 p.m. French pilot Jean-Gabriel Greslé is standing outside a gym in Gretz-Armainvilliers, Seine-et-Marne, France, with six of his martial arts students when a massive UFO comes into view. His first impression is of a huge crane with many lights. It is about 2,600 feet away at an altitude of 985 feet, moving downward. Another witness sees it level off and turn. It is projecting two very long, divergent beams of solid light that do not quite touch the ground. The object itself is at least 1,000 feet long and 200–250 feet thick with triangular substructures and many lights. Its rear section is trapezoidal. When it flies above them at no more than 100 mph, it somehow tunes out all surrounding noise as if carrying a “zone of silence.” As Greslé moves around a tree to view it better, it dims and moves away, disappearing into a cloud. (Good Need, [p. 382](#))
- 1990**, November 5 — 7:00 p.m. Two different explosions are heard in the area around RAF Rhendahlen in Mönchengladbach West, North Rhein–Westphalia, Germany. Two RAF Phantom jets are performing practice intercepts under strict radar control. After the second explosion at 10:00 p.m., one of the crews sees UFOs heading north in “finger” formation. (Paul Whitehead, “[Special Report to FSR \(May 1991\)](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 36, no. 2 (Summer 1991): 10; Good Need, [pp. 383–384](#))
- 1990**, November 5 — Night. Witnesses report a large, cigar-shaped object, some accompanied by spheres, over many localities in southern Poland. Hundreds of people in Opole see a group of 15–20 spheres emitting bright trails. (Poland 73–74)
- 1990**, November 7 — 7:15 p.m. An American woman tourist is swimming in the rooftop pool of the International Hilton Bonaventure Hotel in downtown Montreal, Quebec, when she sees a yellowish, oval object hovering directly overhead. Other hotel guests come to view it, as well as the pool lifeguard, who describes it as “a lighted object with six lights on the perimeter of a large circle with a ray of light emitted from each one.” Municipal police and the RCMP are called and they also view the UFO. Around 9:00 p.m., Marcel Laroche, a journalist from *La Presse*, takes some photos. The object disappears around 10:10 p.m. due to increasing cloud cover. Other people around the city and at the airport also report seeing unusual lights. (Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 172–174; Wim van Utrecht, “[Large Stationary Object over Montreal](#),” *Caelestia*, September 28, 2007; “[OVNI du Hilton-Bonaventure \(17 Nov 1990\)](#),” Réseau OVNI Alerte / UFO-Alert Network Facebook page, November 7, 2018)
- 1990**, November 9 — Soviet Deputy Minister of Defense [Ivan Tretyak](#) speaks with a writer from *Literaturnaya Gazeta* and confirms that fighter-interceptors have encountered UFOs in Russian air space. However, most are explainable as natural phenomena, rocket launches, or satellites. He admits that some pilots report UFOs apparently of artificial origin, but their real nature remains unknown. (Central Intelligence Agency, “[Take 1 of 2—Foreign Press Note—FB PN 91-003—USSR](#),” January 5, 1991)
- 1990**, November 22 — 5:28 a.m. Mme. Bouffieux is lying awake in bed at her home in Fleurus, Belgium, when she senses an intense light. She looks out the window, which is covered in vapor, and sees the light about 80 feet away behind the wall bordering her neighbor’s garden and in an abandoned field. After a while, the light turns off, and she sees bluish flashes erupting from a spot to the right of where the object was last seen. (Patrick Vidal and Michel Rozenecwajg, “[The Belgian Wave](#),” *IUR* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1991): 7)
- 1990**, November 26 — The Belgian MEP [Elio Di Rupo](#) submits a motion to the European Parliament for a resolution to set up a European Observation Center for UFOs. Italian MEP and physicist [Tullio Regge](#), who is well-informed through the Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici (CISU) group, is appointed rapporteur. The EU Committee on Energy, Research, and Technology approves the motion and submits it on December 2. The resolution contains a multi-page justification of the effort and the topic. (Jochen Ickinger, “[UAP in the European Parliament, Part 1](#),” UAP Check, February 27, 2024)
- 1990**, December 9 — 9:30 p.m. Mme. Cortvriendt and her husband are at the Waterloo exit of the Brussels Ring Road near Belle-Vue, Belgium, when they see a luminous triangle off to the right at an altitude of 160 feet. On its circumference are a multitude of white lights that are “bright as diamonds.” Stretching from the center of the object are four brass-colored arms in the shape of a cross. They lose sight of it as it travels away from them to the northeast. (Patrick Vidal and Michel Rozenecwajg, “[The Belgian Wave](#),” *IUR* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1991): 8)

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- 1991** — [Milton William Cooper](#) publishes *Behold a Pale Horse*, an elaborate collection of conspiracy theories and a manifesto of the militia movement. According to sociologist [Paul Gilroy](#), Cooper claims to explain the “Kennedy assassination, the doings of the secret world government, the coming ice age, and a variety of other covert activities associated with the Illuminati’s declaration of war upon the people of America.” Political

scientist [Michael Barkun](#) characterizes it as “among the most complex superconspiracy theories” and one of the most influential due to its popularity in militia circles as well as mainstream bookstores. Historian [Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke](#) describes the book as a “chaotic farrago of conspiracy myths interspersed with reprints of executive laws, official papers, reports, and other extraneous materials designed to show the looming prospect of a world government imposed on the American people against their wishes and in flagrant contempt of the Constitution.” (Milton William Cooper, [Behold a Pale Horse](#), Light Technology, 1991; Wikipedia, “[Milton William Cooper](#)”; Graff 325)

- 1991 — [Mark Rodeghier](#), Jeff Goodpaster, and Sandra Blatterbauer conduct a study on the psychosocial characteristics of 27 abductees for the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago, Illinois. They conclude from the data that the subjects cannot be classified as fantasy-prone personalities or as especially hypnotically responsive. However, a cluster analysis of MMPI scales reveals two types of abductees, one with higher fantasy-prone scores, more loneliness as adults, lower levels of happiness, more problems sleeping, and a greater incidence of sexual abuse as children. (Mark Rodeghier, Jeff Goodpaster, and Sandra Blatterbauer, “[Psychosocial Characteristics of Abductees: Results from the CUFOS Abduction Project](#),” *JUFOS* 3 (1991): 59–90)
- 1991 — Psychic [Sean David Morton](#) begins going to Area 51 in Nevada. He and a friend tape a glowing, disc-shaped object that approaches within a few hundred yards. Several times it shoots up then descends with a falling-leaf motion. They return with burned faces and mild radiation poisoning. Morton later shoots more video showing glowing objects with extraordinary acceleration and maneuverability. Area 51 insiders allegedly contact him, including someone who claims he transported large disc-like and bell-shaped objects that he concludes are alien. He speaks of numerous underground levels, alien bodies in liquid tanks, and even several humanoid aliens from the Pleiades. Later Morton leads tours around Area 51 and suggests that the aliens there are from “Kronnac,” a planet 800 light-years away. Morton is the subject of an article by the website UFO Watchdog, “The Shameless Psychic and His Prophecy of Lies,” which throws doubt on many of his claims. Morton sues the site for libel but the case is dismissed. In 2010, Morton and his wife are charged with securities fraud by the SEC. In February 2013, Morton is ordered by a judge to pay \$11.5 million to the SEC within 14 days. They are arrested in 2016 and begin serving federal sentences in 2017. (Wikipedia, “[Sean David Morton](#)”; Carole Masciola, “[Mysterious Earthlings Scour the Desert for Space Alien Tourists](#),” *Seattle Times*, May 2, 1993; Royce Myers III, “[The Shameless Psychic and His Prophecy of Lies](#),” February 2001)
- 1991 — Aircraft carrier [USS Nimitz](#) Petty Officer Kevin Thomas sees a “huge black triangle” lifting out of the ocean when he is accidentally left on deck after the ship is ordered to turn out all lights and clear the decks. The object has no water dripping off it, makes no sound, and shortly afterward flies up vertically out of sight. Thomas says he is interviewed by people in civilian clothes about why he was outside and what he saw. Thomas claims he did not tell them he saw the triangle because he was concerned he would be disciplined. (“[New USS Nimitz Witness \(Kevin Thomas\)](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena YouTube channel, October 22, 2022)
- 1991 — The name UFO Investigations Centre (UFOIC) is readopted when a name change is forced by a new group registering under the name UFO Research (NSW). UFOIC continues its research and investigation, preferring a low-profile active network rather than a public relations format. (Clark 1271)
- 1991 — The Argentine Ministry of Defense creates a small office devoted to the study of UFO sightings within the Instituto de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas de las Fuerzas Armadas, a federal agency in charge of scientific research and development. It lasts until 1997. (Milton W. Hourcade, “[Argentina: UFO Declassification](#),” UAPSG–GEFAI, July 29, 2020)
- 1991 — Visión Ovni, a national UFO research organization, is launched in Victoria, Entre Rios, Argentina, by Silvia Pérez Simondini. (Wikipedia, “[Visión Ovni](#)”)
- 1991 — The Soviet Union launches the Thread III Project, a wide-ranging scientific and technical analysis of unusual space phenomena conducted by more than 15 separate military units, scientific institutes, and the Ministry of Defense. The organization driving it is an ambiguously named group called Soviet Military Unit 73790. (Skinwalkers 115–117)
- 1991, January — The SOS-OVNI group (formerly Association d’Étude sur les Soucoupes Volantes) begins publishing *Phénomène*, edited by Perry Petrakis, in Aix-en-Provence, France. It continues through 2001. ([Phénomène](#) 1, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1991))
- 1991, January 6 — 6:00 p.m. Four family members driving along the E411 motorway near Spontin, Belgium, watch a gigantic, plate-shaped UFO with many lights and a cupola pass overhead heading northwest. At 6:30 p.m., a family driving south on the A4 in Beez, Belgium, see three lights attached to an object hovering above a quarry. An army veteran named Hardy estimates the UFO to be about 260 feet long and 30–50 feet high, with the forward three lights in the form of a rectangle and a red light on the lower rear end. The bottom part is bulged out and dark

gray in color. On the side, 15 portholes are lit up in white light. After parking their car on the side of the road, the witnesses watch the object for another minute or so. As soon as Hardy turns on his headlights, the object moves away to the northeast. (Patrick Vidal and Michel Rozencajg, "[The Belgian Wave](#)," *IUR* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1991): 8, 23)

- 1991, February** — 1:00 a.m. A security camera at Birchwood Shopping Mall four miles east of Warrington, Cheshire, England, picks up a white light, seemingly tennis-ball sized, moving around an open walkway. It appears to inspect a garbage bin, climbs a wall, and at one point approaches the camera. The security guard zooms the camera in on it, revealing a white, doughnut shape. It flies away, hovering above a tree to the south, and vanishes. About 8 minutes has elapsed. (Jenny Randles, "[UFOs in Focus](#)," *IUR* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 15–16)
- 1991, February 6?** — Evening. A woman is walking with two friends near the Etang de l'Ursine in Chaville, Hauts-de-Seine, France, when they see a large and brilliant star in the west. At nightfall, they return to their homes. One, named Sylvia, who lives on the Rue Alexis Maneyrol, goes back to look for the star and notices now that it is moving in a triangular motion. While walking back through the woods, she is struck by a beam. Suddenly, she is enveloped by a beam of light that seems to be trying to trap her, but she escapes back to her house. She goes to sleep but is surprised by an intruder in her house, a small figure in a watery-green cosmonaut suit who points to a screen showing the interior of a spaceship. The screen and figure dissolve. The next day, near a bus stop, she sees a strange figure wearing a cape who scowls at her terrifyingly. (Joël Mesnard, "[A Failed Abduction at Chaville?](#)" *IUR* 32, no. 3 (July 2009): 21–22, 24)
- 1991, February 18** — [Richard Haines](#) meets with members of the Expert Group on Anomalous Phenomena of the Soviet Academy of Sciences in Moscow to discuss UFO events in the US and USSR. (Richard F. Haines, "[UFO Activities in the Soviet Union](#)," *IUR* 16, no 2 (Mar./Apr. 1991): 13–14)
- 1991, February 22** — 12:45 a.m. Three youths driving home from a school reunion at Maids Moreton, Buckingham, England, see a white, cigar-shaped object glowing with numerous lights. It comes closer with an unsteady, jerky motion. They park the car in a field to watch the object, which approaches to within 100 feet. As they try to leave, their engine and headlights fail to respond. A brilliant beam of light envelops the car and they hear a faint humming sound. The light beam and sound disappear suddenly, along with the UFO, and they restart the car and drive away. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 19)
- 1991, March 6** — 7:58 a.m. A glowing turquoise, cigar-shaped object on an easterly course crosses the path of Air Charter Flight 866 near Kingston, Ontario, stops ahead of the airliner, then proceeds to the north. (UFOEv II, 127)
- 1991, March 12** — On two occasions an object is seen over the Tihange Nuclear Power Station, Belgium. One witness reports a UFO directly above the red lights on one of the plant's huge chimneys, where it hovers about 1 minute, beaming one of its lights on the outside structure while another light points directly down one of the chimneys. After its inspection, it flies straight through the enormous white plume of steam before disappearing in the dark. (Kean, [p. 32](#))
- 1991, March 15** — Night. An electronics engineer in Auderghem, Belgium, wakes up and hears a barely audible, high-frequency, whistling tone. He looks outside and sees a large rectangular object at a low altitude with irregular structures on the bottom. He walks upstairs to an upper-level terrace and watches the dark-gray object drift overhead slowly without lights. The whistling noise has stopped. (Kean, [pp. 31–32](#))
- 1991, March 18** — Captain Zho, the pilot of a regional airliner over Kunshan, Jiangsu, China, sees a ring-shaped object, two rectangular objects moving back and forth, and a red blaze of light coming from the ring. (UFOEv II 127)
- 1991, March 27** — Darol Ady is driving east on US Highway 20 near Hines, Oregon, when he spots two bright lights resembling airplane landing lights coming toward him above the road. He initially assumes the lights are from a plane preparing to land but suddenly they vanish. In their place a shower of red lights appears, resembling burning embers. Upon reaching the area, Ady and his wife see three heaps of ashes on the ground, with his wife noticing chunks of what looks like burning equipment. Later, he contacts the sheriff's office and Officer Frank Hickey accompanies him back to the site, but they find no evidence of fire or charring. Meanwhile, a ranch resident near the Wild Horse Corrals reports seeing a massive red glow in the sky. Another local describes witnessing enormous blue-green lights in the east near Lawen, brighter than airplane lights. The lights hover before descending toward the horizon and vanishing. A massive red light appears seconds later. ("[UFO Seen West of Hines by Traveller](#)," *Burns (Oreg.) Times-Herald*, April 3, 1991, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 262 (May 1991): 4; "[UFOs Reported in E. Oregon](#)," *Corvallis (Oreg.) Gazette-Times*, April 12, 1991, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 262 (May 1991): 1; "[Foremost Sighting This Issue](#)," *Flying Saucer Digest*, no. 114

(Summer 1991): 6, 7; Rick R. Hilberg, "[Around and About the Saucer World](#)," *Flying Saucer Digest*, no. 115 (Fall 1991): 7–9)

- 1991**, March 29 — 4:00 a.m. Cleo Hall wakes up and notices a strange bright light in the sky over the Chetco River area near Brookings, Oregon. As an insomniac, she feels an urge to get up and, upon opening her curtain, sees a brilliant orangey light shining through the trees. She describes the object as initially appearing like a fingernail tip of the moon, but in the wrong part of the sky. The light grows in intensity, glowing brilliantly before suddenly fading out, as if moving away. Hall, an artist and retired nurse, quickly sketches the sighting to confirm she was fully awake. ("[Strange Light in Sky Seen over the Chetco](#)," *Curry Coastal Pilot* (Brookings (Oreg.), March 30, 1991, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 262 (May 1991): 9; Rick R. Hilberg, "[Around and About the Saucer World](#)," *Flying Saucer Digest*, no. 115 (Fall 1991): 7, 9)
- 1991**, March 31 — For two nights in a row a couple in Palmarejo, Puerto Rico, hears their two Dobermans howling as if frightened, apparently upset by a peculiar sound like a phonograph record played at the wrong speed. It seems to move around the house, but the sound source cannot be located. Suddenly one of the dogs shrieks, and the husband runs outside to find two strange beings on his patio. They are 3–4 feet tall, gray, with big heads, big black eyes, and a slit for a mouth. The beings flee. The female Doberman is unharmed, but the male is found killed, with empty eye sockets and internal organs missing. (Jorge Martin, "[UFO Connection Seen in Puerto Rico Mutilations](#)," *The Ufologist* 2, no. 2 (Apr./June 1993): 22–25; Clark III 139; Clark IV 166)
- 1991**, Spring — In the last issue of his *Communion Letter* newsletter, [Whitley Strieber](#) lashes out at abduction researchers, accusing them of "brainwashing" unfortunate victims: "Their interpretation of the visitor experience is rubbish from beginning to end. The 'abduction reports' that they generate are not real. They are artifacts of hypnosis and cultural conditioning." He contends that the real visitor experience is not at all abusive. (Eghigian, *After*, pp. 289–290)
- 1991**, April 2 — 7:00 p.m. Residents of Faribault, Minnesota, report a strange object in the sky. The object appears cylindrical, well-lit, and either moves slowly or hovers. Dick Feichtinger, a local theater owner, first sees it while driving, describing it as a vertical, oblong shape that is white and glowing. Later, he observes it again, now flashing red and green lights. As Feichtinger reaches home, he calls his family outside, and they also see the object. He alerts neighbors, leading to multiple witnesses describing the object as changing colors and moving as if guided by intelligence. Around the same time, two large military planes fly unusually low, in close formation, with one momentarily turning on what seem to be floodlights. Other reports mention helicopters and additional aircraft in the area. A spokesperson for the Air National Guard states that two C-130 planes are conducting a routine training mission in the Faribault area at the time, but the pilots do not witness any strange lights in the sky. The National Weather Service rules out the possibility of a weather balloon, as none were released, and such balloons do not have lights. (Paul Adams, "[No Explanations for Strange Object in Rice County Sky](#)," *Faribault (Minn.) Daily News*, April 5, 1991, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 262 (May 1991): 3; Rick E. Hilberg, "[Around and About the Saucer World](#)," *Flying Saucer Digest*, no. 114 (Summer 1991): 8, 10–11)
- 1991**, April 7 — 10:00 p.m. Ten residents report a strange aerial object giving off blue and red rays hovering directly over Burns, Oregon, before disappearing. ("[UFOs Reported in E. Oregon](#)," *Corvallis (Oreg.) Gazette-Times*, April 12, 1991, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 262 (May 1991): 1; "[Foremost Sighting This Issue](#)," *Flying Saucer Digest*, no. 114 (Summer 1991): 6–7)
- 1991**, April 9 — Night. Residents of Burns, Oregon, describe seeing aerial lights with flames, hovering objects, and something silent flying low over cars in Harney County. Burns Police Chief Aaron Richardson responds to a sighting at 9:15 p.m. above the Burns-Paiute Indian Reservation. Observing the object through a spotting scope, he cannot determine its nature. Pauline Brymen, editor of the *Burns (Oreg.) Times-Herald*, examines the light with a telescope and concludes it is a star. ("[UFOs Reported in E. Oregon](#)," *Corvallis (Oreg.) Gazette-Times*, April 12, 1991, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 262 (May 1991): 1; "[Foremost Sighting This Issue](#)," *Flying Saucer Digest*, no. 114 (Summer 1991): 6–7)
- 1991**, April 11 — 7:00–9:00 p.m. A bright, oval-shaped object that changes color from blue to red flies over the Complexo Penitenciário da Papuda, a federal prison in São Sebastião in the Federal District of Brasília, Brazil. The object is seen by dozens of residents of the Lago Sul area and by more than 20 police officers on duty that night. The first to see the UFO is Lt. Damasceno of the Independent Company of the Military Police. He calls colleagues and is greeted with jokes. But he persuades them to go outside and see the UFO. He says the object is blue when vertical but turns red when it changes position. It appears to be no more than 1,650 feet above the prison. It flies up and down and horizontally without leaving a trace, and the intensity of its lights and colors vary. Carloads of people descend upon Papuda and dozens of people observe the UFO. After 100 minutes, a strange haze begins to engage the UFO, which disappears about 20 minutes later. Damasceno informs Sgt. Petronius, a

CINDACTA flight controller, that he is seeing a “strong blue light that changed to red in the direction of three hours to the right.” Petronius is following the object on radar; it seems to be rectangular and moving at about 435 mph. CINDACTA confirms that the object has been tracked over much of the Lago Sul area and close to the Brasilia airport. Later, it identifies the object as a meteorological balloon, deemed an inadequate explanation by witnesses. (Clark III 874–875; Brazil 336–338; Jackson Camargo, “[OVNI sobrevoa Presídio no Distrito Federal](#),” *Fenomenum*, October 31, 2023; Clark IV 968–969)

- 1991**, April 19? — Afternoon. Two militiamen on patrol in Almaty, Kazakhstan, notice a flare at the top of Kok Tobe Mountain. They watch flames go up and down and then see an array of red light beams. They drive to within 650 feet of a hovering UFO. At that point, a few rays sweep across the car and it stops dead. The object then dims its lights and disappears. The men return to the police station but cannot recall how they did so. (Central Intelligence Agency, “[Alma-Ata Patrolmen Report UFO Sighting](#),” from *Tass*, April 19, 1991)
- 1991**, April 21 — 8:00 p.m. Captain Achille Zaghetti and his copilot are flying a McDonnell Douglas MD-80 Alitalia airliner with 57 passengers. They are over the English Channel just off the coast of Romney, Kent, England, and preparing to land at Heathrow Airport, London, when they see a round object or missile, about 10 feet long, approaching from their left. It is less than 100 feet away. The control tower confirms a radar target, which is now behind them. The British Army denies firing any missiles. The British Civil Aviation Authority concludes that “extensive enquiries have failed to provide any indication of what the sighting may have been.” [Nick Redfern](#) notes that the description of the UFO is consistent with a pilotless drone of the type used for defense practice. (Stephen Ward, “[Inquiry into Pilot’s Sighting of Missile](#),” *The Independent* (UK), May 6, 1991, p. 2; Clas Svahn and Anders Liljegren, “[Close Encounters with Unknown Missiles](#),” *IUR* 19, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1994): 13–14; Nick Pope, *Open Skies, Closed Minds*, Simon & Schuster, 1996, p. 196; Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, pp. 170–172; “[Britain Releases UFO Files, Dispels Some Mysteries](#),” KPIC, Roseburg, Oregon, October 19, 2008; “[Airliner Had Near Miss with UFO](#),” BBC News, October 20, 2008; UFOFiles2, pp. 135–137; 2Pinotti 113–116)
- 1991**, April 26 — A different security camera at Birchwood Shopping Mall near Warrington, Cheshire, England, records a similar object to the one detected in February in a location several hundred yards away. The camera records it for 20 minutes as it moves across the ground, passes by a road sign, climbs onto the roof of the mall, and vanishes in the sky above the M6 motorway. The camera operator lets the object enter the camera’s infrared spot beam, then switches the beam off; the light vanishes, then returns when the beam is turned back on. Investigators suspect that the light was caused by an insect interacting with the beam. (Jenny Randles, “[UFOs in Focus](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 16–17)
- 1991**, May 1–7 — [Wendelle C. Stevens](#) holds the First World UFO Congress in Tucson, Arizona, which brings together UFO researchers, witnesses, and others from Spain, Italy, Japan, Russia, Germany, the UK, Mexico, Peru, Venezuela, Chile, Brazil, Canada, and the US. (2Pinotti 117–118)
- 1991**, May 12 — 7:00 p.m. Farmer Moisés Campelo is walking home from his brother’s house in Campo Redondo, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil, when a bright light approaches and stops right above his head, spinning slowly. His eyes begin to burn and he feels paralyzed, as if he is being sucked into the light. He remains suspended under the light for about 5 minutes, after which he is dropped to the ground. Campelo starts crawling home, but the light returns and levitates him again. This time he is suspended for 15 minutes before being dropped. He remains traumatized and sustains an eye injury. (Bob Pratt, *UFO Danger Zone: Terror and Death in Brazil—Where Next?*, Horus House, 1996, pp. 9–13; Brazil 340–342)
- 1991**, May 17 — 1:30 a.m. A nurse in Braine l’Alleud, Belgium, hears an intense hum and looks out her window to see a large triangular object moving slowly overhead. At the front of the triangle, there is a group of lights located symmetrically along the edges. They are grouped toward the front point of the triangle. At least four of these lights are white and flickering quickly, with approximately two lights on the left and on the right flickering each second, but never reproducing the same sequence. She thinks there is also a steady red light. Slightly back from the central axis, she sees a ray of light, inclined on 45°, coming from an opening that is larger than the diameter of the flickering lights. This beam projects to the ground onto the street, and traces a brief series of figure 8s. Suddenly, after 5 seconds the UFO instantly reappears far away, its blinking lights (but not the ray) still visible. (*Vague d’OVNI sur la Belgique, Tome 2: Une énigme non-resolué*, SOBEPS, 1994, pp. 16–19; Patrick Gross, “[The Belgium Flap](#)”)
- 1991**, May 22 — A husband and wife in Nottingham, England, see an array of lights in an “elongated triangle” formation. The same object is seen 15 minutes later by another man in the area. He estimates it is about 1,000 feet high and gives off a low humming noise. (Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, p. 184)

- 1991, May 22** — Col. Alvaro Fernández Rodas, head of the Flight Safety Section of the Spanish Air Staff (where the UFO archives are kept), issues an Informative Note to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Ramón Fernández Sequieros titled “The UFO Archive and Its Possible Release.” The note is the result of meetings between [Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos](#), who is developing a catalog of UFO observations by military personnel and police officers; Maj. Ramón Alvarez Mateus, head of the Air Force Public Relations Office; and the Flight Safety Section. It mentions that no investigations have been made since 1980 and that since 1988 cases are not even archived. The note recommends that UFO cases be declassified. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, “[The Spanish Air Force UFO Files](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1993): 13; Swords 424–425, 515)
- 1991, May 24** — [Jacques Vallée](#) again meets with [C. Richard D’Amato](#), chief counsel for the US Senate Appropriations Committee, who complains of the black budgets of the US intelligence community: “Whatever that secret project it must be controlled by an incredible level of fear, because nobody dares talk about it. I find no leaks anywhere.” (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science 4: The Spring Hill Chronicles, The Journals of Jacques Vallée*, Anomalist, 2019, pp. 92–93)
- 1991, June 1** — 2:38 p.m. A Britannia Airways Boeing 737 is descending for a landing at 8,000 feet near Heathrow Airport, London, England, when the pilots see an unknown object for 1–2 seconds through the windshield. It disappears rapidly on the left. The missile has a yellow-orange cylindrical body with a “wrinkled” appearance and is about 10 feet long. (Clas Svahn and Anders Liljegren, “[Close Encounters with Unknown Missiles](#),” *IUR* 19, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1994): 14)
- 1991, June 8** — 6:00 p.m. Pilot Cesar Escobar and Copilot Angel David Farina are flying two passengers to Asunción, Paraguay, in his Cessna 210. While monitoring airport frequencies near Concepción, he overhears a conversation between the control tower and a Líneas Aéreas Paraguayas airliner, with the pilot reporting a brightly lit object approaching on a convergent course. The object is also showing on airport radar. He hears the pilot exclaim as the UFO speeds past. A few minutes later, Escobar sees a bright, blue-white light approaching on his right side. Just then radar control radios to ask if he has traffic on his right, and he replies affirmatively. The object paces his plane for 25 minutes within about 1,300 feet. Its intense light tends to conceal its exact shape, but it appears to be oval. Several times it moves in closer, as if playing a game, and Escobar becomes frightened. When it approaches, his instruments go crazy, including his automatic direction finder, which drifts around aimlessly. As he begins descending into Asunción Airport at 7:22 p.m., the object stops following and hovers. Anibal Gavigan, the air traffic control specialist on duty, is called by radar control and informed that a strange object has followed the Cessna 210 into the airport. He is asked if he can see it, and he can see the luminous object. After the Cessna lands, the airport lights are turned off to better identify the glowing object, which remains motionless over the field. At one point a luminous, yellow ray briefly shoots from the object to the western horizon. When it departs, the object accelerates so rapidly that it disappears after one sweep of the radar scope. (Jorge Alfonso Ramirez, “[UFO Intercepts Aircraft over Paraguay](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 310 (February 1994): 8–10; Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneeus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, p. 145; UFOEv II 144–145; Clark IV 749–750)
- 1991, June 16** — 1:30 a.m. A businessman stops by the side of the road to relieve himself near The Bridestones, Cheshire, England, a Neolithic site with standing stones. He sees a golden beam of light above the stones from which emerges a shower of sparks. He returns to the car, but the engine will not start. He begins to run away when a large, glowing ball heads from the sparks straight toward him. It is so bright that it causes pain in his eyes and he feels rooted to the spot. He blacks out and regains his senses several hundred yards away from his car. He is naked above the waist and his shoes are missing. As he tries to get up, he brushes down his trousers and finds that they are charged with static electricity, causing sparks to jump from his body. After staggering around, he finds his car with the keys still in the ignition. Next to the door are his shoes and shirt, folded on the ground and warm to the touch. The car starts without trouble and he drives away, realizing that it is now 3:05 a.m. (Jenny Randles, “Much More Than Marsh Gas,” *Fortean Times* 311 (March 2014): 27)
- 1991, June 17** — 6:30 p.m. Walter Leiss and three other passengers on board Dan Air Flight DA 4700 from London (Gatwick Airport) to Hamburg, Germany, see a wingless projectile below and to the left of the plane flying at an altitude of 4,000–5,000 feet with no vapor trail. The object is slender, gray, and cigar-shaped. The crew does not see it. (Clas Svahn and Anders Liljegren, “[Close Encounters with Unknown Missiles](#),” *IUR* 19, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1994): 14–15)
- 1991, Summer** — An effort is made by Raven to encourage the Bush administration to reveal the US government’s interactions with aliens and crashed saucers. Meetings are allegedly held in safe rooms at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Washington, D.C., with administration officials and cabinet and agency heads.

- Much seems to depend on the confirmation of [Robert Gates](#) as CIA director. A meeting to brief President [Bush](#) on the topic is scheduled for August but canceled due to the Soviet military coup. (Robert M. Collins and Richard Doty, *Exempt from Disclosure: The Disturbing Case about the UFO Coverup*, Peregrine, 2005)
- 1991**, July — [Kevin D. Randle](#) and [Donald R. Schmitt](#) publish *UFO Crash at Roswell*, disclosing the results of their interviews and reconstruction of the Roswell incident of 1947. They publish an update in 1994. (Kevin D. Randle and Donald R. Schmitt, *UFO Crash at Roswell*, Avon, 1991; Richard Hall, “[Roswell Matters](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 3 (May/June 1993): 23; Kevin D. Randle and Donald R. Schmitt, *The Truth about the UFO Crash at Roswell*, Avon, 1994; Clark III 951; Clark IV 1065)
- 1991**, July — [Leonard Stringfield](#) issues his sixth status report, *UFO Crash/Retrievals: The Inner Sanctum*. (Leonard H. Stringfield, *UFO Crash/Retrievals: The Inner Sanctum*, The Author, 1991)
- 1991**, July — A boomerang-shaped object flies directly above two students in Copperas Cove, Texas, at an altitude of 150–200 feet. The entire surface of the object is glowing a bright white, but it does not light up the surroundings. (Powell, *Scientist*, 96)
- 1991**, July 5 — Customs and bank regulators in seven countries raid and lock down records of branch offices of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, which has been investigated for being involved in massive money laundering and other financial crimes and illegally gaining the controlling interest in a major American bank. In addition to violations of lending laws, BCCI is also accused of opening accounts or laundering money for figures such as [Saddam Hussein](#), [Manuel Noriega](#), [Hussain Muhammad Ershad](#), and [Samuel Doe](#), and for criminal organizations such as the Medellín Cartel and [Abu Nidal](#). [William von Raab](#), a former US Commissioner of Customs, tells the Kerry Committee that the CIA holds “several” accounts at BCCI. According to a 1991 article in *Time* magazine, the National Security Council also has accounts at BCCI, which are used for a variety of covert operations, including transfers of money and weapons during the Iran–Contra affair. (Wikipedia, “[Bank of Credit and Commerce International](#)”; Peter Truell and Larry Gurwin, *False Profits: The Inside Story of BCCI, the World’s Most Corrupt Financial Empire*, Houghton Mifflin, 1992; David Sirota and Jonathan Baskin, “[Follow the Money: How John Kerry Busted the Terrorists’ Favorite Bank](#),” *Washington Monthly*, September 2004)
- 1991**, July 11 — 12:21 p.m. While many people in Mexico City, Mexico, are looking to the sky to see the last total solar eclipse of the 20th century, they also notice a bright object hovering in the sky. Videos are recorded as far south as Puebla and Oaxaca. Skeptics claim the object is the planet Venus, but the full eclipse lasts just under 7 minutes, and the object is seen for more than 30 minutes—before, during, and after the event. Guillermo Arragin, a reporter, videotapes the object, and [Jaime Maussan](#), host of the Mexican version of the CBS TV show *60 Minutes*, shows the Arragin footage a week later. He asks his viewers to share any sightings they had during the eclipse. Fifteen videotapes are submitted, each taken by a witness in a different location. Maussan enlists the help of the station’s video experts for digital enhancement and enlargement. The videos show solid, metallic-looking objects that reflect light. Maussan looks into balloons, helicopters, and other conventional objects, but comes up empty. The enhancements reveal a “hockey puck” shape, and many of the recorded objects pass in front of clouds. Tim Printy strongly suggests the observations were due to Venus. (*Unsolved Mysteries* Wiki, “[Mexico City UFO](#)”; Tim Printy, “[The July 11, 1991, Mexico City UFOs: Basic Astronomy Ignored](#),” February 2003; “[Most Documented Mass UFO Sighting during the July 11, 1991, Solar Eclipse in Mexico](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, January 18, 2024)
- 1991**, July 15 — 5:45 p.m. The copilot of a Britannia Airways Boeing 737 on a flight from Crete to Gatwick Airport near Crawley, West Sussex, England, sees a small, black, lozenge-shaped object about 1.5 feet in diameter, smooth, and some 1,600 feet ahead and above. It is on a collision course, and within 2 seconds it passes the aircraft’s wing at a distance of only 325 feet. The London Air Traffic Control Center picks up a target moving away from the plane to the southwest at 100 mph. (Clas Svahn and Anders Liljegen, “[Close Encounters with Unknown Missiles](#),” *IUR* 19, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1994): 15; UFOFiles2, [p. 137](#))
- 1991**, July 26 — Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Ramón Fernández Sequeros passes instructions to the Spanish Air Regions to centralize all UFO registers into Madrid Air Force headquarters. (Swords 425, 515)
- 1991**, July 28 — A memorandum for the record from the US National Reconnaissance Office regarding a security lockdown at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada reveals a list of Special Access Program project codenames possibly related to UFOs, including Royal Ops, Cosmic Ops, Maj Ops, and Maji Ops.” (NRO/Central Security Service, “[Special Security Advisory / Blue Fire](#),” July 28, 1991; Coulthart 2023, pp. 113–114)
- 1991**, August 4 — Night. Seven hikers near Lacul Bucura in the Retezat Mountains in west central Romania see a bright red light approaching them from behind. Thinking it might be a lost tourist, they wave their flashlights at it, but it starts zigzagging and increasing its speed. Soon they see other lights of varying colors, shapes, and

configurations, all moving in the Valea Rea. Through binoculars they take on the shape of discs with luminous portholes. (Romania 55–57)

1991, August 10 — US freelance writer [Danny Casolaro](#) is found dead in a bathtub in room 517 of the Sheraton Hotel in Martinsburg, West Virginia, his wrists slashed 10–12 times. The medical examiner rules the death a suicide. His death becomes controversial because his notes suggest he is in Martinsburg to meet a source about a story he calls “the Octopus.” This centers on a sprawling collaboration involving an international cabal, primarily featuring a number of stories familiar to journalists who worked in and around Washington, D.C., in the 1980s—the Inslaw case, about a software manufacturer whose owner accused the Justice Department of stealing its work product; the October Surprise theory that during the Iran hostage crisis, Iran deliberately held back American hostages to help [Ronald Reagan](#) win the 1980 presidential election, the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, and Iran–Contra. Casolaro’s family argues that he has been murdered; that before he left for Martinsburg, he told his brother that he frequently received harassing phone calls late at night; that some of them were threatening; and that if something were to happen to him in Martinsburg, it will not be an accident. They also cite his well-known squeamishness and fear of blood tests, and state they find it incomprehensible that if he were going to commit suicide, he would do so by cutting his wrists a dozen times. A number of law-enforcement officials also argue that his death deserves further scrutiny, and his notes are passed by his family to ABC News and *Time* magazine, both of which investigate the case, but find no evidence of murder. (Wikipedia, “[Danny Casolaro](#)”; Kenn Thomas and Jim Keith, *The Octopus: Secret Government and the Death of Danny Casolaro*, Feral House, rev ed., 2003; Cheri Seymour, *The Last Circle: Danny Casolaro’s Investigation into the Octopus and the PROMIS Software Scandal*, TrineDay, 2010; “[Danny Casolaro’s Files and Notes](#)”)

1991, September — 10:45 p.m. Security policeman T/Sgt Anthony W. Keel is working as an alert response team leader at the Ellsworth AFB Oscar Flight area 30 miles west of Opal, South Dakota, when he is dispatched to a missile launch site with multiple alarms. They arrive, clear the site, and reset the alarms. Then he gets another call for a different site with the same alarm pattern, which they then reset. On the way back to the Oscar Launch Control Facility, he gets another call, and the team can see a blue, pulsating light above the site experiencing the alarm. The light moves away as they pull in to secure the site. The light is the size of a small helicopter, semicircular and oblong, and completely silent. (Nukes 468–469)

1991, September 9 — Self-professed pranksters [Doug Bower](#) and Dave Chorley make headlines claiming they started the UK crop circle phenomenon in 1978 with the use of simple tools consisting of a plank of wood, rope, and a baseball cap fitted with a loop of wire to help them walk in a straight line. To prove their case, they make a circle in front of journalists; cerealogist (advocate of paranormal explanations of crop circles) [Pat Delgado](#) examines the circle and declares it authentic before it is revealed as a hoax. Inspired by the Tully, Australia, crop circle accounts from 1966, Bower and Chorley claim to be responsible for all circles made prior to 1987, and for more than 200 crop circles in 1978–1991 (with 1,000 other circles not being made by them). After their announcement, the two men demonstrate making a crop circle. According to University of Oregon fractal expert [Richard Taylor](#), “the pictographs they created inspired a second wave of crop artists. Far from fizzling out, crop circles have evolved into an international phenomenon, with hundreds of sophisticated pictographs now appearing annually around the globe.” (Wikipedia, “[Crop circle](#)”; William Tuohy, “[‘Crop Circles’ Their Prank, 2 Britons Say](#),” *Los Angeles Times*, September 10, 1991, p. 14; Jenny Randles, “[Round and Round in the Circle Game](#),” *IUR* 16, no. 6 (Nov/Dec. 1991): 17–18, 22–23; Montague Keen, “Doubt and Deviousness in the UK Crop Circle Scene,” in Walter H. Andrus Jr., ed., *MUFON 1992 International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, 1992, pp. 38–52; Rob Irving and Peter Brookesmith, “[Crop Circles: The Art of the Hoax](#),” *Smithsonian Magazine*, December 15, 2009; Richard Taylor, “[Coming Soon to a Field near You](#),” *Physics World*, August 2011, pp. 2–7; UFOFiles2, [pp. 120–123](#); “Necrolog: Doug Bower,” *Fortean Times* 371 (October 2018): 28–29; “[The Man Who Launched a Million Conspiracy Theories](#),” *Daily Mail* (UK), October 20, 2019; Daniel Stables, “[England’s Crop Circle Controversy](#),” BBC, August 23, 2021; Graff 318–319)

1991, September 15 — One of the cameras on Space Shuttle Discovery Flight [STS-48](#) captures several anomalous, glowing objects that float along and then sharply change direction, apparently in response to a flash in the lower left portion of the picture. NASA explains the objects as ice particles reacting to a Space Shuttle thruster firing. Astronomer [Philip C. Plait](#) discusses the issue in his book *Bad Astronomy*, agreeing with NASA. However, physicist Jack Kashner and Mark Carlotto dispute that explanation, arguing that there are two groups of correlated object motions involving at least a dozen distinct events. Kashner’s analysis reveals that the objects behaved oddly for any type of particle, ice or otherwise, and Carlotto indicates that no thruster was fired in that timeframe. (NICAP, “[STS Video Footage of Possible UAP Phenomenon in Orbit](#)”; Wikipedia, “[STS-48](#)”; Mark J. Carlotto, “[Digital Video Analysis of Anomalous Space Objects](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 9, no. 1 (1995): 45–63;

Jack Kasher, “[Anomalous Images on Videotape from Space Shuttle Flight STS-48: Examination of the Ice-Particle Explanation](#),” *JUFOS* 6 (1995/96): 80–148; Ian D. Fleming, “[Examination of the Trajectories of Anomalous Objects Imaged during the STS-48 Space Shuttle Mission](#),” *JUFOS* 9 (2006): 71–98; “STS 48 UAP, Sept. 15, 1991 (Jack Kasher),” [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), NICAP Official YouTube channel, June 11, 2021)

1991, September 19 — 6:35 p.m. Maria Kulis is visiting Medjugorje, Bosnia, and takes a photo of St. James Church from a distance of about 500 feet. When she has the film developed, she notices an odd dark object in the sky almost above the church. The image is sharp and silhouetted against a purplish-blue sky. The object would be about 6.6 feet long if it was at an altitude of 1,000 feet. (Bruce Maccabee, “[The Medjugorje UO](#),” *IUR* 17, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1992): 12–13, 23; UFOEv II 300–302)

1991, October — Following a request by Russian cosmonaut [Pavel Popovich](#), the KGB declassifies several documents from its so-called “Blue Folder.” The material is obtained by Vadim K. Ilyin from the late Vyacheslav Shityepa of the Ufological Committee of the Russian Geographical Society. (Good Need, [p. 353](#))

1991, October 1 — The Air Force’s Electronic Security Command is redesignated the Air Force Intelligence Command and reacquires the Foreign Technology Division. (Wikipedia, “[Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency](#)”)

1991, Late — Night. [Annette Farinaccio](#) is riding south on the North West Cape coast road toward Exmouth, Western Australia, with two Australian Protective Service police officers from Naval Communication Station Harold E. Holt when they see a long, gray, diamond-shaped object with a row of lights hovering 100 feet above them and to the right. Within a minute, the object shoots straight up and drops down immediately on their left. It seems to follow them along the road for nearly one mile, then shoots up into the sky and lands in the scrub several hundred feet off the road. A light shines from its base. The two officers speed ahead to Exmouth to drop Farinaccio off at home before returning to take some photos. They had seen the same object the previous night. Two days later, American officials at the station try to convince them that they have seen a weather balloon. The photos and camera are confiscated. (Coulthart 2023, pp. 1–4)

1991, November 6 — The small near-Earth Object 1991 VG is discovered by American astronomer [James Scotti](#) at Kitt Peak National Observatory. The uncertainty of the object’s origin and its small size (16–39 feet), combined with rapid variation in the object’s brightness in images obtained during its close passage with Earth in early December 1991, leads to some speculation that 1991 VG might be a spent rocket fuel tank from a space mission, or even an alien artificial object. However, a detailed analysis of the available evidence confirms that there is no compelling reason to believe that 1991 VG is unnatural. (Wikipedia, “[1991 VG](#)”; Duncan Steel, “[SETA and 1991 VG](#),” *The Observatory* 115 (1995): 78–83; Mark Rodeghier, “[Alien Probe Detected in Solar System?](#)” *IUR* 20, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1995): 9–10; Carlos de la Fuente Marcos and Raúl de la Fuente Marcos, “[Dynamical Evolution of Near-Earth Asteroid VG 1991](#),” *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* 473 (2018): 2938–2948)

1991, December 15 — 7:30 p.m. Clare Holcomb is returning to her home near Catlett, Virginia, from Winchester when she notices a pair of silent, low-flying bright lights. She stops the car for a better look. What seems like just a moment later, she finds herself driving 5 miles further down the road and feeling nauseous. She arrives home more than an hour later than usual. Her ear lobes are inflamed and bleeding, and her earrings have been inserted backward. In 1992, she begins having flashbacks about regular abduction experiences going all the way back to her childhood, many of them featuring her friend Diana Graves, who also begins having abduction memories. Holcomb begins consulting with clinical psychologist [David Ruxer](#) in Fairfax, Virginia. (Lisa Faye Kaplan, “[Abducted by Aliens: Two Women Share a Nightmare That’s Out of This World](#),” *Wausau (Wis.) Daily Herald*, December 19, 1993, pp. 4B, 6B; “[The Strange Case of the Shared Alien Abduction Experiences of Clare Holcomb and Diana Graves, 1991](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, December 29, 2023)

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1992 — A man is driving near Alton Barnes, Wiltshire, England, when he sees a bright glow approaching from the opposite direction. Thinking it is from a speeding motorcycle, he stops the car and leaves the engine idling. As it approaches, the light changes direction and passes over the roof of the car. The engine stalls. The object seems to be emitting light all around it, but a few seconds later it disappears. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 19–20)

- 1992 — [Jerome Clark](#) publishes the second volume of the first edition of his UFO encyclopedia. (Jerome Clark, *The Emergence of a Phenomenon: UFOs from the Beginning through 1959*, Omnigraphics, 1992; Michael D. Swords, [\[review\]](#), *JUFOS* 4 (1992): 181–183)
- 1992 — *El Ojo Crítica*, an independent and skeptical newsletter, begins publication in A Coruña, Galicia, Spain. (*El Ojo Crítica*, no. 1 (1992); “[\(Pre\) Historia de El Ojo Crítica](#)”)
- 1992 — The Research Institute on Anomalous Phenomena is established in Kharkiv, Ukraine, to study UFOs and extraterrestrial visitation. It has Russian and Ukrainian ufologists on its board, and it publishes *RIAP Bulletin* (in English, edited by [Vladimir Rubtsov](#)) from January 1994 to June 2006. (*RIAP Bulletin* 1, no. 1 (Jan./March 1994); Vladimir Rubtsov, “[Ukraine Research Institute on Anomalous Phenomena](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1993): 15–16)
- 1992 — The U.S. government funds an operational SETI program, in the form of the NASA High Resolution Microwave Survey (HRMS). The project is planned as a long-term effort to conduct a general survey of the sky and also carry out targeted searches of 800 specific nearby stars. HRMS is to be performed by radio antennas associated with the NASA Deep Space Network, as well as the 140-foot radio telescope of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, West Virginia, and the 1,000-foot radio telescope at the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico. The signals are to be analyzed by spectrum analyzers, each with a capacity of 15 million channels. These spectrum analyzers can be grouped together to obtain greater capacity. Those used in the targeted search have a bandwidth of 1 hertz per channel, while those used in the sky survey have a bandwidth of 30 hertz per channel. HRMS soon draws the attention of Congress, where the program is ridiculed and canceled one year after its start. SETI advocates continue without government funding, and in 1995 the nonprofit SETI Institute of Mountain View, California, resurrects the HRMS program under the name of Project Phoenix, backed by private sources of funding. (Wikipedia, “[Search for extraterrestrial intelligence](#)”; Wikipedia, “[High Resolution Microwave Survey](#)”)
- 1992 — The first confirmed discovery of extrasolar planets is made in 1992 when a system of terrestrial-mass planets is announced to be present around the millisecond pulsar PSR B1257+12. (Wikipedia, “[Discoveries of exoplanets](#)”)
- 1992, January 15 — The Spanish Air Force transfers responsibility for handling UFO reports to the Air Operative Command (whose head is Gen. Alfredo Chamorro Chapinal) at Torrejón Air Base in Madrid, Spain, which updates the procedures for reporting and investigating UFO sightings by military personnel. The added responsibility is placed in the intelligence section, commanded by Lt. Col. Ángel Bastida. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, “[The Spanish Air Force UFO Files](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1993): 13; Swords 425, 517)
- 1992, February — 4:00 a.m. Near Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, Australia, five people are in a car driving around a bend when they encounter a huge area lit up from above. The engine, headlights, and dash lights cut out. They stop the car, restart it, and drive on, but 2 minutes later the same thing happens, then again 2 minutes after that. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 20)
- 1992, February 15–16 — The Center for UFO Studies and the Fund for UFO Research hold the Plains of San Agustin Conference in the Sofitel Chicago Hotel in Rosemont, Illinois, in order to examine the nature and quality of the evidence for a reported crash of a UFO and the recovery of aliens—both dead and alive—on the Plains of San Agustin, New Mexico, in July 1947. A focal point for the discussion is the testimony of [Gerald Anderson](#), who contacted investigators [Kevin Randle](#) and [Stanton Friedman](#) with his claim that he had been present on the Plains when he was 5 years old. The separate stories of archaeologists and [Grady L. “Barney” Barnett](#) at this retrieval are also considered. Moderator [Michael D. Swords](#) concludes that the evidence for the Plains of San Agustin crash is “single-witness testimony with no physical or instrumental evidence to support the story” as well as problematic and inconsistent testimony. A summary report on the conference is published in June 1992. (Kevin D. Randle and Donald R. Schmitt, *UFO Crash at Roswell*, Avon, 1991, pp. 31–32, 87–90; Thomas J. Carey, “[The Search for the Archaeologists](#),” *IUR* 16, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1991): 4–9, 21; Stanton T. Friedman, Thomas J. Carey, Kevin D. Randle, and Donald R. Schmitt, “[The Search for the Archaeologists: An Exchange](#),” *IUR* 17, no. 3 (May/June 1992): 6–12, 22–23; Donald R. Schmitt and Kevin D. Randle, “[Second Thoughts on the Barney Barnett Story](#),” *IUR* 17, no. 3 (May/June 1992): 4–5, 22; Kevin D. Randle and Donald R. Schmitt, “[Missing Time](#),” *IUR* 17, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1992): 21–23; *The Plains of San Agustin Controversy, July 1947: Gerald Anderson, Barney Barnett, and the Archaeologists*, CUFOS/Fund for UFO Research, 1992; John Carpenter, “[Gerald Anderson: Disturbing Revelations](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 299 (March 1993): 6–9; Mark Rodeghier and Mark Chesney, “[Who’s the Dummy Now? The Latest Air Force Report](#),” *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 8–9; Kevin D. Randle and Karl T. Pflock, “[Barney Barnett’s Crashed Saucer: Where Did It Come From?](#)” *IUR* 28, no. 1 (Spring 2003): 15–18, 24–

25; “[1947 UFO Crash and Alien Bodies Eyewitness Gerald Anderson Interviewed by Stanton Friedman](#).” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, August 27, 2024)

- 1992**, March — US historian [David M. Jacobs](#) publishes *Secret Life*, in which he lays out a detailed study of abduction phenomenology based on his research with numerous abductees. He finds many accounts of hybrid making and clues that the aliens exploit human genes to repopulate their planet or perhaps plot a takeover of the Earth. Jacobs argues that post-abduction syndrome differs from PTSD in that “external forces” are responsible for repressing memories in abductees. (David M. Jacobs, *Secret Life: Firsthand Accounts of UFO Abductions*, Simon & Schuster, 1992; Mark Rodeghier, [\[review\]](#), *JUFOS* 4 (1992): 184–189; Clark III 8, 1064; Graff 338–339; Eghigian, *After*, p. 287; Clark IV 1179–1180)
- 1992**, March or April — 4:30 a.m. S/Sgt Joseph M. Brown is posted to a security team at the Malmstrom AFB A-3 flight launch facility outside Sluice Box Canyon near Monarch, Montana. Due to an alarm-system malfunction, two men are staked out in a security camper. Just after arriving at the site, Brown sees a bright white light moving erratically through the sky with sudden direction changes and abrupt stops and starts. He watches it for 15–20 minutes, then the light moves closer to the facility. He wakes up his partner, who also watches the light. Another security team at A-10 about 10 miles away can also see the light, which is less than a mile away. They continue to watch the light until about 6:30 a.m. when it shoots up into the sky and stops. With more daylight, they see a black area around the light. (Nukes 457–461, 466–468)
- 1992**, March 3 — 7:50 p.m. Roger Cross is driving on Highway 3A in Concord, New Hampshire, when he hears an unusual drumming sound. He pulls to the side of the road and sees an immense triangular object with pulsating lights flying 400–500 feet above the road. (“[Did a UFO Buzz Concord Tuesday Night?](#)” *Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader*, March 5, 1992, via *UFO Newscipping Service*, no. 272 (March 1992): 1; Marler [217](#))
- 1992**, March 4–5 — UFO sightings at the Benito Juárez International Airport in Mexico City, Mexico, are confirmed by radar. (Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, [p. 146](#))
- 1992**, March 5 — 6:30 p.m. Military Policeman Luis Ribeiro and a colleague are hunting in the interior of Ceará state, Brazil, when a domed disc lands nearby. Five 4.5-foot tall humanoids emerge and take Ribeiro inside the craft. The beings communicate with him in Portuguese and tell him they are from “Catandório.” After a 5-hour abduction experience, he is returned to the encounter site. (Brazil 342–344)
- 1992**, March 19 — 3:51 a.m. Patrolman Luis Delgado has just checked the doors on a local business at Haines City, Florida, and turns onto 30th Street. He sees a green light in his rear-view mirror. The light seems to come from a small plane that is about to crash. Just seconds later, the interior of his patrol car is illuminated with a green glow. The object begins to pace his car which is traveling about 40 mph. The object moves from the right side to the front of the vehicle several times. When it has moved to the front for the third time, Delgado slows his car and pulls off the roadway, fearing he might collide with the object. It is a color of green he had never seen before that seems to flow over the surface. It is 15 feet long with a 3-foot-thick center. The object hovers approximately 10 feet off the ground. The engine, lights, and radio on his patrol car cease to function. The object hovers in front of his car and then shines a bright white light into the interior. He exits and begins to walk backwards away from the object. He tries to radio Haines City dispatch on his radio, but it does not function. The air around him has chilled to the point that he can see his breath. The object is hovering about 20 feet northeast of his car, then it speeds away after approximately 2–3 seconds. It departs the area in a northeasterly direction at 10 feet altitude. Delgado loses sight of the object in only seconds. (UFOEv II 193–194; Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 15)
- 1992**, March 23 — Near Amarillo, Texas, radio hobbyist Steven Douglass photographs a “donuts on a rope” contrail and links this to distinctive sounds. He describes the engine noise as “strange, loud pulsating roar... unique... a deep pulsating rumble that vibrated the house and made the windows shake... similar to rocket engine noise, but deeper, with evenly timed pulses.” In addition to providing the first photographs of the distinctive contrail reported by others, Douglass also reports intercepts of radio transmissions: “Air-to-air communications... were between an AWACS aircraft with the call sign Dragnet 51 from Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, and two unknown aircraft using the call signs Darkstar November and Darkstar Mike. Messages consisted of phonetically transmitted alphanumerics. It is not known whether this radio traffic had any association with the ‘pulser’ that had just flown over Amarillo.” (Wikipedia, “[Aurora \(aircraft\)](#)”)
- 1992**, March 31 — The Spanish Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. Ramón Fernández Sequeros, issues Instrucción General 40-5, a 28-page set of procedures for UFO investigations that is issued to all units in June. Lt. Col. Ángel Bastida admits it is inspired by several questionnaires that [Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos](#) has supplied, including those used by the US Air Force. (Swords 426, 520)

- 1992, Spring** — NASA Chief Flight Surgeon Maj. [Gregory Rogers](#) is working at a NASA site in Florida when he is approached by an Air Force officer who leads him into a darkened room and shows him a CCTV video. The footage shows a white, disc-shaped object hovering inside an aircraft hangar. It seems to be about 20 feet wide and 8-10 feet high with no visible seams, engines, or control surfaces. Three black rectangular markings are visible and a thin boom with hoses is protruding from the upper section. The object bears the insignia and inscription “US Air Force.” At one point, the object tilts 45° to one side, yet remains perfectly stationary. The Air Force officer says the object came “from them,” pointing upward. The viewing is interrupted by other military personnel entering the room. Rogers does not reveal the incident until 2025. (Josh Boswell, [“Top NASA Official Breaks 30-Year Silence to Reveal Sensational UFO Footage of Giant ‘Flying Saucer’ Secretly Created by US Air Force,”](#) *Daily Mail* (UK), May 3, 2025; [“Exclusive NASA Whistleblower Statement: Dr. Gregory Rogers, Flight Surgeon,”](#) Total Disclosure: UFO Cover Ups & Conspiracies YouTube channel, May 5, 2025; Theo Burman, [“Ex-NASA Official Breaks Decades-Long Silence on ‘Flying Saucer,’”](#) *Newsweek*, May 6, 2025)
- 1992, April 13** — Gen. Alfredo Chamorro Chapinal signs a proposal for full UFO document disclosure to the Spanish Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. Ramón Fernández Sequieros. (Swords 426, 518)
- 1992, April 22** — The Spanish Joint Chiefs of Staff downgrade UFO documents from secret to “internal reserve” (confidential). (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, [“The Spanish Air Force UFO Files,”](#) *IUR* 18, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1993): 13; Swords 426, 519)
- 1992, April 28** — A crop circle appears in a rapeseed field at Sutton Scotney, close to Winchester, England. (Data Research, [“Crop Circle Update,”](#) *Awareness* 18, no. 2 (1992/1993): 16–17; Geoff Ambler and Paul Anderson, [“Crop Circle Report 1992,”](#) *Awareness* 18, no. 3 (1992/1993): 19; [“1992: The Crop So Far,”](#) *Earthquest News* 2, no. 1 (June 1992): 13; George Wingfield, [“The Return of the Circles in ‘92,”](#) *The Circular* 3, no. 2 (July 1992): 4; Chris Talariski, [“Going around in Circles,”](#) *IUR* 17, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1992): 4–9)
- 1992, May** — The Roper Organization releases the results of its “Unusual Personal Experiences” survey of nearly 6,000 US adults devised by [Budd Hopkins](#), [David Jacobs](#), and [Ron Westrum](#), and conducted in 1991. Its intent is to determine how widespread the abduction phenomenon might be. Five indicator questions in the survey assess the respondents’ sleep paralysis, dreams of flying, missing time, observations of unusual lights inside a room, and puzzling body scars. The poll, financed by the Bigelow Holding Corporation, suggests that 2% of adult Americans (more than 3.7 million) think they have been abducted by aliens. (Budd Hopkins, et al., *Unusual Personal Experiences: An Analysis of the Data from Three National Surveys*, Bigelow Holding Corporation, 1992; Geraldo Fuentes, [“Abductions: A Report on the Roper Analysis Data”](#); Robert L. Hall, Mark Rodeghier, Donald A. Johnson, [“The Prevalence of Abductions: A Critical Look,”](#) *JUFOS* 4 (1992): 131–135; Robert J. Durant, [“Evolution of Public Opinion on UFOs,”](#) *IUR* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 20–22; Lloyd Stires and Philip J. Klass, [“3.7 Million Americans Kidnapped by Aliens?”](#) *Skeptical Inquirer* 17, no. 2 (Winter 1993): 142–146; Susan Blackmore, [“Abduction by Aliens or Sleep Paralysis?”](#) *Skeptical Inquirer* 22, no. 3 (May/June 1998): 23–28; Mark Rodeghier, [“Counting Abductees: What Can Surveys Tell Us?”](#) *IUR* 25, no. 3 (Fall 2000): 20–21)
- 1992, May** — Harvard psychiatrist [John E. Mack](#) has investigated 58 abduction cases by now and is in such high demand that he must turn away additional requests for consultations. He establishes a standard set of practices in working with abductees, in which an assistant first screens prospective clients for signs of psychopathology. Despite this, Mack estimates that about 25% of those he sees turn out not to be genuine. In an initial session, he spends 2 hours going over their personal history; subsequent sessions generally last about three hours. At first he relies on hypnotic regression, using deep breathing exercises to help abductees recall details, but he eventually abandons this in favor of simple relaxation methods. At first, Mack sees clients at his home, but later uses his office at Cambridge (Mass.) Hospital. He also organizes a support group that meets monthly. Ultimately, Mack is persuaded of the abductees’ sincerity by the powerful emotions their experiences elicit, the consistency in their testimony, their deepened awareness of the environmental crisis, and the fact that even children as young as 2 years old report encounters. (Niall Boyce, [“The Art of Medicine: The Psychiatrist Who Wanted to Believe,”](#) *Lancet* 380 (September 29, 2012): 1140–1141; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 295–296)
- 1992, May 1** — University of Connecticut psychologist [Kenneth Ring](#) publishes *The Omega Project*, in which he argues that ostensible aliens, angels, and otherworldly entities exist in an imaginal realm, a “third kingdom” between reality and fantasy that is accessible through certain altered states of consciousness that undermine ordinary perception and conceptual thinking. Through extensive psychological testing, Ring finds that abductees and those who have near-death experiences are emotionally indistinguishable, with childhoods that typically involve episodes of abuse, trauma, and serious illness. One consequence is the development of a dissociative state as a means of coping with stress; it is the key to experiencing the imaginal realm, a shamanic journey through which

symbolic language and images are expressed. (Kenneth Ring, [*The Omega Project: Near-Death Experiences, UFO Encounters, and Mind at Large*](#), Morrow, 1992; Kenneth Ring and Christopher J. Rosing, “[The Omega Project: A Psychological Survey of Persons Reporting Abductions and Other UFO Encounters](#),” *JUFOS* 2 (1990): 59–98; David A. Gotlib, “[Abductions: Imagined or Imaginal?](#)” *IUR* 17, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1992): 18–20; Clark III 886; Clark IV 980)

1992, May 17 — CBS broadcasts a two-episode miniseries, *Intruders*, partially based on [Budd Hopkins](#)’s book of the same name. The miniseries is directed by [Dan Curtis](#) and stars [Richard Crenna](#), [Daphne Ashbrook](#), and [Mare Winningham](#). (Wikipedia, “[Intruders \(miniseries\)](#)”)

1992, Summer — An unnamed family from Albuquerque is hiking and prospecting about 12 miles from Horse Springs, New Mexico, in the general area of the Plains of San Agustin, when they discover an odd piece of metal. They unsuccessfully try to cut it, burn it, and bend it. The discovery remains unconfirmed. (Kevin D. Randle and Donald R. Schmitt, “[The Hatch Enigma](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 2 (March/April 1993): 18)

1992, Summer — Héctor and Jaime Feliciano watch a gigantic silent triangle pass over Salinas, Puerto Rico, heading toward the MATES Camp Santiago military base. It is a metallic dark gray with a rough undersurface containing multiple small colored lights and two large white lights. White beams shine down from the object at three points. (Jorge Martín, “[Triangular UFOs over Puerto Rico](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 44, no. 3 (Autumn 1999): 24)

1992, June — Day. The captain and four crew members of a commercial fishing boat are on Georges Bank in the North Atlantic Ocean when they spot a silver-white, reflective object shaped like a barbell. They watch it for 2–3 minutes, but when the captain tries to take a photo, the object shoots upward at a 75° angle and vanishes. (Powell, *Scientist*, 52)

1992, June 1 — The US Strategic Command is established as a successor to the Strategic Air Command in response to the end of the Cold War. Its principal mission is to deter military attack and, if deterrence fails, to counter with nuclear weapons. (Wikipedia, “[United States Strategic Command](#)”)

1992, June 10 — 4:30 p.m. Several workers at the Lukens Steel Company plant in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, see a disc-shaped UFO land on the factory grounds around quitting time. A security guard reports that the object briefly touches down before taking off toward the old Coatesville Hospital. The company, a defense contractor, refuses to let UFO investigators speak with any witnesses or answer further questions. Attempts to arrange interviews outside the plant also fail. (“[UFO Lands at Lukens...Maybe](#),” *West Chester (Pa.) Daily Local News*, June 12, 1992, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 277 (August 1992): 2; “[Did Their Eyes Play Tricks on Them...Or Was That a UFO That Landed at Lukens Steel Co. Wednesday?](#)” *Coatesville (Pa.) Record*, June 13, 1992, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 278 (September 1992): 1; “[Lukens UFO Report Gets Group’s Attention](#),” *West Chester (Pa.) Daily Local News*, July 7, 1992, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 279 (October 1992): 7; “[Unidentified Lands at Steel Mill in Pennsylvania](#),” *MUFON New Jersey Chronicle* 2, no. 6 (July/Aug. 1992): 1, 3; “[Possible Coatesville, Pennsylvania Landing Reported on June 10th](#),” *Flying Saucer Digest*, no. 119 (Fall 1992): 6–8)

1992, June 13–17 — The Massachusetts Institute of Technology hosts an Abductions Study Conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts, chaired by [David E. Pritchard](#) and [John E. Mack](#), with presentations, panels, and discussions about the UFO abduction phenomenon. It is financed by the Robert Bigelow Foundation and the Fund for UFO Research. UFO researchers like [Budd Hopkins](#), [David Jacobs](#), and Mack hold forth beside relative novices and abductees themselves. Representative non-US research is also contributed (Brazil, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia). Even skeptics are represented and speak. The conference marks the cracking apart of the public unity of American researchers into at least two major schools of opinion, which deeply disagree to this day. Both continue to believe that the phenomenon is extraterrestrial. Hopkins, Jacobs, and others are present to elaborate what some have come to refer to as the “Dark Marauders” view of abductions. But conference co-organizer and Harvard psychologist John Mack presents an entirely different spin: These experiences are extraterrestrially caused but are positively transformational for the human spirit. Despite the severe disagreements that follow, this gives researchers like Joseph Nyman a foundation stone authority figure around whom to rally. The so-called pessimist and optimist schools take shape right before the attendees’ eyes. A third major position exists within the US research community, the “probably extraterrestrial but I don’t know the details” viewpoint, represented at the conference in the persons of [Mark Rodeghier](#), [Stuart Appelle](#), and David Gotlib. [Kenneth Ring](#) also presents his interesting view comparing abductions and near-death experiences, and [David Hufford](#) does likewise regarding the “Old Hag” imagery of sleep paralysis. [Thomas E. Bullard](#) finds that two-thirds of all alien abduction reports originate in North America. Other speakers include [Ann Druffel](#), [Richard H. Hall](#), [James Harder](#), [Jenny Randles](#), and several abductees. Journalist [C. D. B. Bryan](#) interviews several of the presenters for a book, and the proceedings are published in 1994. (John E. Mack, “[Helping Abductees](#),” *IUR* 17, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1992): 10–15, 20; Andrea Pritchard, et al., *Alien Discussions: Proceedings of the Abduction Study Conference Held at MIT*,

Cambridge, MA, North Cambridge, 1994; C. D. B. Bryan, [Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind: A Reporter's Notebook Alien Abduction, UFOs, and the Conference at M.I.T.](#), Knopf, 1995; Stuart Appelle, "[The Abduction Phenomenon at MIT](#)," *IUR* 20, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1995): 20–21, 24; Thomas E. Bullard, [[book reviews](#)], *JUFOS* 6 (1995/96): 231–248; Michael D. Swords, [[review](#)], *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 11, no. 1 (1997): 101–104; Ralph Blumenthal, *The Believer: Alien Encounters, Hard Science, and the Passion of John Mack*, University of New Mexico, 2021; Graff 338–340; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 296–297; Clark IV 20)

- 1992**, July 9 — A 450-foot “Snail” pictogram appears in a wheatfield at Alton Barnes, Wiltshire, England. (Chris Talarski, "[Going around in Circles](#)," *IUR* 17, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1992): 4–9)
- 1992**, July 17–19 — The First International Conference of the Center for Crop Circle Studies is held at King Alfred's College in Winchester, Hampshire, England. (Chris Talarski, "[Going around in Circles](#)," *IUR* 17, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1992): 4–9)
- 1992**, July 23 — 7:30 a.m. An abduction event takes place in a suburb of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, involving a rare case of physical evidence. Businessman Peter Khoury had at least one previous abduction experience in 1988 that left him so disturbed that in 1993 he forms a support group to help others like him. The details of his 1992 abduction slowly emerge through extended conversations with Australian ufologist [Bill Chalker](#). Khoury wakes up suddenly and finds two nude females seated on his bed, one blonde and the other dark-haired with some Asian features. They are human-like but have some odd physical characteristics: narrow heads and large eyes. Khoury says that what happens next feels weird and dreamlike, “like looking through binoculars, but through the back of my own head.” The blonde reaches out and forces him towards her. Before he knows what he is doing, he takes a small bite out of her and swallows it. There is no blood or screaming. The two beings look at each other in a puzzled way, then vanish. Khoury has a coughing fit and goes to the bathroom where he discovers a blonde hair wrapped around a body part. He turns the hair over to Bill Chalker for mitochondrial DNA analysis in 1999 (by [Horace R. Drew](#) of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation) using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification. The results are startling: DNA from the shaft of the hair reveals very rare and unusual Asian signatures common to the isolated Lahu people of China and Thailand, but DNA from the root shows sequences indicating rare Basque/Gaelic and Asian results—suggesting advanced cloning techniques and possible hybrid characteristics. (Bill Chalker, "[Strange Evidence](#)," *IUR* 24, no. 1 (Spring 1999): 3–13; Anomaly Physical Evidence Group, "[Mitochondrial DNA Sequence Analysis of a Shed Hair from an Alien Abduction Case](#)," *IUR* 24, no. 1 (Spring 1999): 13–16, 31; Bill Chalker, "[Aliens, Hair, and DNA](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 3 (Fall 2004): 3–5, 10; Bill Chalker, *Hair of the Alien: DNA and Other Forensic Evidence of Alien Abduction*, Simon & Schuster, 2005; Bill Chalker, "[Peter Khoury and the 'Hair of the Alien': 20 Years On](#)," TheOzFiles, July 29, 2012; Clark III 651–654; Bill Chalker, "['Hair of the Alien,' Peter Khoury, Betty Hill and Her Dress: A Curious Anomaly?](#)" TheOzFiles, October 23, 2022; Clark IV 727–729)
- 1992**, August — Crop circles appear in wheatfields near Ipswich and Strathclair, Manitoba. (Chris Rutkowski, "['A Looney a Look': Crop Circles in Western Manitoba](#)," *IUR* 17, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1992): 9–12)
- 1992**, August 5 — 1:45 p.m. Pilots of United Airlines Flight 934 are flying at 23,000 feet some 50 miles northeast of George AFB [now Southern California Logistics Airport], Victorville, California, when an unusual aircraft comes directly toward them and passes underneath at an estimated distance of 500–1,000 feet. It resembles the forward fuselage of a Lockheed S-71, without wings but with a sort of tail. The size is about 50 feet long and its speed is supersonic. (*Aviation Week and Space Technology*, August 24, 1992; Clas Svahn and Anders Liljegren, "[Close Encounters with Unknown Missiles](#)," *IUR* 19, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1994): 15)
- 1992**, August 8 — 10:30 a.m. A couple and their two children are driving from Dunstable to Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, England. The man swerves to avoid a car driving straight toward him at Hockliffe. They continue up the hill and find themselves in a torrential downpour, which they think is odd. At this point a bank of mist or fog suddenly appears in front of the car and they drive straight through it. Everything is unusually quiet and there is no other traffic around. They have no memory of driving through the fog or coming out of it. Their next memory is driving through some woods on the outskirts of Woburn Sands, some miles away from where they should have been. They remember seeing a road worker in bright yellow doing something with a manhole cover, and watching two white cars with bright headlights pointed at them. They develop another brief blank period until they reach the Fishermead roundabout, where they stop for petrol at 10:50 a.m. They get out of the car, feeling disoriented and even having difficulty gripping the car handles. The parents develop a redness on their hands, pins-and-needles pains lasting hours, and an icy-cold tingling in their heads. Their children seem less affected, but puzzled and quiet. They continue to feel a sense of reality and decide to return home early. Both parents remain preoccupied by the experience and retrace their journey the next day to make some sense of it.

(Gloria Heather Dixon, "[Reality Tilt at Hockliffe](#)," *BUFORA Bulletin*, no. 26 (August 2001): 29–33; Jenny Randles, "Time in the Land of OZ," *Fortean Times* 432 (June 2023): 31)

1992, August 19 — 1:00 a.m. A witness is driving near Tucson, Arizona, when he notices a strange light in the distance. As it approaches from the northeast, it descends rapidly, moves across a field, and hovers. A cone of light emerges from the bottom that completely bathes the area, illuminating the ground. At this point the witness is about 600–900 feet away and is able to see that it is a solid object that looks like a manta ray with a dull-black matte finish. He pulls over and can hear no sound coming from it. The object moves directly overhead, and the witness gets back in the car and speeds away. He sees the object again as it stops 15 feet above a nearby farmhouse. Again a bright light comes from its base, engulfing the entire house for 20 seconds. It moves away and illuminates a large area of trees behind the house. ("[Current Cases](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 296 (December 1992): 18; UFOEv II 238)

1992, August 29 — A father and his two children are driving east on the New York State Thruway west of Batavia, New York, when they notice a distant flashing of light. The light approaches them and follows the car less than 150 feet away at the same speed. The object is the length of a tractor trailer truck, elliptical in shape, and gray. The father describes the surface as clean, smooth, and without any seams or rivets. It is silent, gives off no heat, and creates no turbulence in the trees surrounding the road. It has intensely bright circular lights, and the father notes that they do not illuminate the car or the surrounding area. After several seconds pacing the car, the object recedes and moves away much faster than it had approached. (Powell, *Scientist*, 96)

1992, September — The first Spanish Air Force UFO document is declassified. The process lasts until 1999, when 84 files (covering 122 cases between 1962 to 1995) are disclosed. (Swords 427, 521–522)

1992, September 18 — The existence of the US National Reconnaissance Office is declassified by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, as recommended by the Director of Central Intelligence. (Wikipedia, "[National Reconnaissance Office](#)")

1992, September 23 — The last US underground nuclear test, Divider, takes place at the Nevada Test Site. (Wikipedia, "[Operation Julin](#)")

1992, October — The first official Spanish UFO reports are declassified, leaving only witness names redacted. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, "[The Spanish Air Force UFO Files](#)," *IUR* 18, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1993): 14)

1992, October 9 — 7:50 p.m. A fragment of the Draconid meteor stream strikes a 1980 Chevrolet Malibu owned by Michelle Knapp while she is home in Peekskill, New York. She goes outside after hearing a crash and discovers a hole in the trunk of the car and a 6-inch crater in her driveway. The stony fragment (oval shaped and about 1 foot in length) is in the crater, along with pieces of the car. The rock is still hot and weighs about 30 pounds. (Wikipedia, "[Peekskill meteorite](#)"; "[A Hot Rock from Outer Space? Meteorite May Have Hit Teen's Car](#)," *Yonkers (N.Y.) Herald Statesman*, October 11, 1992, p. 28; Mark Rodeghier, "[UFO/Vehicle Very Close Encounters](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 5)

1992, October 12 — 3:00 p.m. The 1,000-foot radio telescope at the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico points to the star at GL615.1A, some 63 light-years away in the constellation Hercules. In the Mojave Desert, the 112-foot Gladstone telescope also begins scanning the sky. NASA's High-Resolution Microwave Survey, with SETI researcher [Jill Tarter](#) on board, quickly finds a few intriguing signals, but none of them pan out. One year later, Sen. [Richard Bryan](#) (D-Nev.) is responsible for removing the project's funding. (Wikipedia, "[High Resolution Microwave Survey](#)"; John Noble Wilford, "[Astronomers Start Search for Life beyond Earth](#)," *New York Times*, October 13, 1992, pp. C1, C8; Stephen J. Garber, "[Searching for Good Science: The Cancellation of NASA's SETI Program](#)," *Journal of the British Interplanetary Society* 52 (1999): 3–11; Graff 361–363)

1992, October 15 — 6:00 p.m. Witnesses in Lubbock, Texas, see a gray cigar-shaped object that becomes visible for about 20 minutes after a cloud disappears. It moves close enough to them so that they can see windows on the object. The cloud reappears and the object is no longer visible. (National UFO Reporting Center, "[NUFORC UFO Sighting 38211](#)," July 19, 2004; Herbert S. Taylor, "[Mystery Clouds and the UFO Connection](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 19)

1992, October 16 — 10:30 p.m. Modesto "Cota" Colman, a rancher near Victoria, Entre Rios, Argentina, is attending to a windmill adjacent to his farm when the area suddenly lights up and he sees a disc-shaped object about 33 feet in diameter floating in the air. Frightened, he runs across the field and draws a knife for defense, but the object follows him. At some point it stops and three small beings that he thinks look like herons emerge, walking in a trot. He hides behind a tala tree (*Celtis tala*), but a beam from the object hits the tree and burns his face. Another beam hits his little dog, Siroco. Colman makes his way home and looks in the mirror, realizing that he can barely see, his hearing is impaired, and his face is red and burned. His dog dies a few minutes later. His burn requires a

few days of hospitalization. The tala tree is burned and shriveled. A landing mark in the shape of a horseshoe about 19 feet in diameter is found later; strangely large mushrooms are found growing there. (Clark IV 349–352, 1409)

1992, October 20 — John Strawn of Albertville, Alabama, finds one of his Black Angus cows dead in the field, its udder removed cleanly. Over the next few months several other farmers in Marshall and DeKalb counties report other cattle mutilations. Researcher Charles “Ted” Oliphant vigorously promotes the UFO angle. (“[The Alabama Cattle Mutilations: An Overview](#),” *The Ufologist* 2, no. 2 (Apr./June 1993): 5–7; Linda Moulton Howe, “Moving Lights, Disks, and Animal Mutilations in Alabama,” in Walter H. Andrus Jr. and Irena Scott, eds., *MUFON 1993 International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1993, pp. 26–40; Clark III 144; Clark IV 171)

1992, October 27 — Just before 12:00 midnight. A1C Michael R. Reager and A1C Jason H. Barrier are approaching the operations hanger of the 44th Field Maintenance Missile Squadron at Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City, South Dakota. A group of bright white lights suddenly appears in the air, moving rapidly in rigid formation. Witnesses assume the lights are attached to a large, dark aircraft. It hovers briefly above the hangar at 300–500 feet then moves away. (Nukes 470–472)

1992, November — Night. A man in Brighton, England, calls the RAF to report a brightly lit UFO shaped like a “squashed rugby ball” hovering above his house. Through windows in its side, he can see two men wearing beige uniforms standing in front of machinery. When one of the crew members appears to notice him, the object’s lights go out and the UFO zooms away over the English Channel. (UFOFiles2, [p. 128](#))

1992, November — After 10:00 p.m. Three Romanian military helicopters are flying at an altitude of 328 feet at a speed of 93 mph on a night exercise near Buzău, Romania. Col. Marcel Smoleanu notices a silent, bright-red sphere about 60 feet in diameter to his left that begins to fly parallel to the helicopters. The other pilots confirm the sighting. After a minute or so, the object accelerates sharply, makes a 90° turn, and cuts across their flight path. The helicopters slow to a hover and the object disappears suddenly. The flight exercise is scrapped and the helicopters return to the military airfield at Buzău. One of the pilots, Lt. Col. Doru Drăgoi, is called into the radar room where operators show him more than 10 unidentified targets on the screen making odd movements northeast of Buzău, including sharp 180° turns near Săpoca. Drăgoi also sees bright objects crossing overhead from east to west at an amazing speed. (Romania 110–113)

1992, November 16 — Lt. Col. Ángel Bastida, head of the Intelligence Section of the Spanish Air Operative Command, establishes an informal agreement of cooperation with [Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos](#) to act as a civilian consultant on the declassification of UFO reports and establish a direct contact procedure for future cases. This allows him to personally view, handle, and copy all of the agency’s original UFO case files. It ensures that all reports in official custody are released, increases the momentum of the process, and secures copies of all related documentation. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, “[Monitoring Air Force Intelligence \(Spain’s 1992–1997 UFO Declassification Process\)](#),” *MUFON 1997 International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, pp. 139–178; Swords 428–429)

1992, December 16 — Night. Werner Noeske observes a large, brightly illuminated disc with a large triangular window in the base over Leipzig, Germany. Additional witnesses come forward, but an investigation reveals that two unrelated incidents contributed to the sightings: a “sky tracker” searchlight common in European discos, and a cargo plane that makes routine flights at the same hour. A photograph confirms the latter interpretation. (Hans-Werner Peiniger, “[UFO-Beobachtungen](#),” *Journal für UFO-Forschung*, no. 86 (Mar./Apr. 1993): 3–4)

1992, December 24 — 6:09–8:15 p.m. Twenty civilian witnesses and police south and west of Monroe, Louisiana, watch a silent, boomerang-shaped UFO with bright beams of light pass over cars in a forested area and bounce up and down for 6 minutes. The two deputies describe the object as enormous with two large, blinding lights on the front. It moves silently above their vehicle at tree-top height before accelerating slightly and disappearing with a tremendous burst of speed. The object is videotaped by one of the witnesses, Cecil Cullipher, in West Monroe. About 30 minutes later, another object is seen by a dozen witnesses near Philpot Road just south of Monroe. Several witnesses notice that its two bright lights in the front are not illuminating the ground or the trees. (W. L. Garner Jr., “[UFOs Compete with Santa for Christmas Eve Limelight](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1993): 8–11, 23; Powell, *Scientist*, 96–97)

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1993 — [Jean-Jacques Velasco](#) coauthors *OVNIs: La science avance*, with journalist [Jean-Claude Bourret](#), in which he admits the physical reality of UFOs and the probability of their extraterrestrial origin. He stresses that it’s his

personal opinion, although he has been authorized by CNES to write the book. Its foreword is written by astrophysicist [Jean-Claude Ribes](#), president of the French Astronomical Society. (Jean-Claude Bourret and Jean-Jacques Velasco, *OVNIs: La science avance*, Laffont, 1993; Gildas Bourdais, “[From GEPAN to SEPR: Official UFO Studies in France](#),” *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 13)

- 1993** — [John E. Mack](#) founds the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research (PEER) as a project housed within his Center for Psychology and Social Change at Harvard University. He continues his work with abductees under its auspices, but it concludes its work in 2002. (John Mack Institute, “[Program for Extraordinary Experience Research](#)”; Eghigian, *After*, p. 297)
- 1993** — Carleton University psychologist [Nicholas Spanos](#) begins publishing articles questioning the validity of the alien abduction scenario, pointing out that the similarities in the stories abductees tell does not necessarily result from accurately recovered memories of real events, but are more likely artifacts of a process of socialization on the part of individuals predisposed to esoteric beliefs. Abductees often participate in support groups with other like-minded individuals, and this enhances the uniformity of their tales. (Nicholas P. Spanos, et al., “[Close Encounters: An Examination of UFO Experiences](#),” *Journal of Abnormal Psychology* 102 (1993): 624–632; Nicholas P. Spanos, et al., “[Past-Life Identities, UFO Abductions, and Satanic Ritual Abuse: The Social Construction of Memories](#),” *International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis* 42 (1994): 433–446; Nicholas P. Spanos, *Multiple Identities and False Memories: A Sociocognitive Perspective*, American Psychological Association, 1996; Clark III 29; Eghigian, *After*, p. 303; Clark IV 47)
- 1993** — The High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) facility begins construction north of Gakona, Alaska, just west of Wrangell–Saint Elias National Park, funded by the Air Force, Navy, University of Alaska Fairbanks, and DARPA. Its original purpose is to analyze the ionosphere and investigate the potential for developing ionospheric enhancement technology for radio communications and surveillance. As a university-owned facility, HAARP is a high-power, high-frequency transmitter used for study of the ionosphere. The most prominent instrument at HAARP is the Ionospheric Research Instrument (IRI), a high-power radio frequency transmitter facility operating in the high frequency band. The IRI is used to temporarily excite a limited area of the ionosphere. Other instruments, such as a VHF and a UHF radar, a fluxgate magnetometer, a digisonde (an ionospheric sounding device), and an induction magnetometer, are used to study the physical processes that occur in the excited region. (Wikipedia, “[High-frequency Active Auroral Research Program](#)”; University of Alaska Fairbanks, “[About HAARP](#)”; John Greenewald, “[The High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program](#),” *The Black Vault*, March 13, 2023)
- 1993** — British Airways Pilot Capt. Paul Coomber is flying over Stuttgart, Germany, when he sees three white, spherical objects. They are stationary for a few seconds, then they all accelerate in different directions and disappear. (Amanda Perthen, “Pilots Tell of Cockpit Close Encounters,” *London Daily Star* (UK), July 16, 1993; UFOEv II, 116; Powell, *Scientist*, 67–68)
- 1993** — [Steven M. Greer](#) founds the Disclosure Project in Crozet, Virginia, the goal of which is to publicly disclose the government’s alleged knowledge of UFOs, extraterrestrial intelligence, and advanced energy and propulsion systems. (Steven M. Greer, “[Project Background](#),” The Disclosure Project, April 2001)
- 1993**, January 1 — 1:30 a.m. A taxi driver has just dropped off revelers at a remote house in Hethersgill, Cumbria, England. She heads home down a remote track toward the main road when suddenly her CB radio begins to crackle then fades entirely. Moments later her car engine and lights fail, and she coasts to a stop. She gets out, hoping to walk back to the house, when she sees a ball of light low over the road heading towards her. It swoops over her car and shoots into the sky, causing her skin to tingle. The headlights come back on, the car lurches forward, and she hears her sister talking on the CB asking where she has been for the past 30 minutes. (Jenny Randles, “The Twelve UFOs of Christmas,” *Fortean Times* 374 (Christmas 2018): 29)
- 1993**, January 14 — 7:00 p.m. Residents of Jerzmanowice, Kraków County, Poland, see a flash of light just before limestone debris falls around them, breaking window panes and plunging through roofs. A local rock formation, Babia Skala, has been shattered by an apparent lightning strike, although some in the village have seen one or two bluish objects colliding with the rock face. Although the blast is seen in Kraków, registered on seismic equipment, and observed by the flight controller in Balice, the Polish Army refuses to disclose any further details. (Poland 119–120; “[Babia Skala](#),” *Rowerowa Matopolska*, May 26, 2015)
- 1993**, January 19 — Night. Jackie Chown and her family see a huge triangular object with flashing lights above their home in Ellastone, West Midlands, England. They chase after it in their car but lose track of it. (“[UFO Spotters Chase Mysterious ‘Flashing Triangle](#),”” *Ashbourne (UK) News Telegraph*, January 21, 1993, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 283 (February 1993): 13)

- 1993**, January or February — Night. T/Sgt John W. Mills III is driving back to Malmstrom AFB near Great Falls, Montana, with another tech sergeant. Near Monarch, Montana, they watch a bright light in the sky for about 5 minutes. Suddenly it makes a sharp banking maneuver. Thinking it is a helicopter, they drive on toward Belt, Montana, where they encounter a roadblock with cars backed up for miles. The base dispatcher asks if they saw anything on their drive. When they answer yes, he tells them to proceed to the Alpha-01 missile launch facility not far away. They are redirected to Malmstrom, where they find that many “anomalies” have been reported zooming over missile sites that night. The “anomaly” they had seen apparently came down and landed near the highway west of Belt. Another light reportedly flew in and out of the open doors of the base vehicle barn; at least 4 witnesses say it was the size of a softball and flew at a height of about 10 feet. At least six balls of light maneuver around the flight line of the base at high speed and different altitudes. (Nukes 462–466)
- 1993**, February 1 — 9:00 p.m. A witness is driving in Cedarburg, Wisconsin, when he sees a large, black, triangular UFO hovering above a water tank. The object has 9 lights, including a row of lights on one side. Two police officers had seen bright beams of lights in the vicinity earlier. (Charles Goldman, “[Reports from a UFO Investigator](#),” *Shepherd Express* (Milwaukee, Wis.), June 17–23, 1993, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 291 (October 1993): 3; Marler [218](#))
- 1993**, February 4 — 6:35 p.m. Kevin Crump and his grandmother, Betty Barnick, spot an object in the sky near Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, that spits out a blue glowing ball from its tail end, which hangs in the sky over an old school. Crump gets out and sees the UFO almost directly overhead. The moonlight reflects off its black metallic surface. It has the shape of an “oblong triangle” with a light at each point—a red light and a blue light at the front and a white light in the back. The UFO eventually moves away but returns with another bright blue light below it. (Charles Goldman, “[Reports from a UFO Investigator](#),” *Shepherd Express* (Milwaukee, Wis.), June 17–24, 1993, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 291 (October 1993): 3; Marler [218–219](#))
- 1993**, February 26 — 11:50 p.m. Jefferson County Air Unit police officers Kenny Graham and Kenny Downs are on helicopter patrol over General Electric Appliance Park in Louisville, Kentucky, when Graham sees something like a small fire off to his left. Downs shines his spotlight on the light, which begins to drift back and forth as the spot washes over it. Then it gradually floats up to the helicopter’s altitude at 500 feet, where it hovers for a few seconds before moves away at high speed, making two counterclockwise loops and doubling back to the rear of the helicopter. Graham pushes his speed up to 100 mph. The object passes them and climbs hundreds of feet into the air before descending again toward the helicopter. Graham tries to close the gap, but it eludes him. As it approaches again on a parallel course, the object releases three fireballs. Fearing a collision, Graham banks away. When his move is complete, the light has vanished. Two officers in their squad cars, Mike Smith and Joe Smolenski, also see the light and the fireballs. Smolenski tries to follow the light for a full minute before it disappears. (“[Police Officers Describe ‘Dogfight’ with a UFO](#),” *Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal*, March 4, 1993, pp. 1, 5; “[Jefferson Man Says He Created ‘UFO’ Police Thought They Saw](#),” *Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal*, March 6, 1993, p. 2; “UFO Fires on Louisville, Ky. Police Chopper!” *Weekly World News*, May 4, 1993, p. 29; “[Unwanted Fame: Officers Who Reported UFO Subject of Tabloids, Teasing](#),” *Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal*, May 8, 1993, p. 5; “[Louisville, Kentucky Police Aircraft Case](#),” *Flying Saucer Digest*, no. 122 (Summer 1993): 12–13; “[‘Dogfight’ with Police Helicopter](#),” *MUFON Minnesota Newsletter*, no. 42 (July/August 1993): 5–6)
- 1993**, March — US Rep. [Steven Schiff](#) (R-N.Mex.) writes to Defense Secretary [Les Aspin](#), asking the US Air Force to declassify and provide him with all material relating to the Roswell crash. There is no response. After a second request, USAF Col. Larry G. Shockley refers him to the National Archives, which has no information. (“[Busting the Balloon of a Real-Life X File](#),” *Washington Post*, October 9, 1995)
- 1993**, March — Journalists [Bryan Gresh](#) and [George Knapp](#) spend 10 days in Russia, conducting interviews with researchers and scientists who had investigated UFOs during the Soviet period, including “one of the architects [Rimili Avramenko] of the Russian ‘Star Wars’ program who emphatically claims the exchange of information between aliens and humans was incorporated in Russian ‘beam weapon’ technology; a Moscow professor [Rem Varlamov] who has spent 30 years studying reported UFO landing sites, including many in and around Moscow; a Russian scientist [Valeriy Burdakov] with first-hand knowledge of the reported crash of a UFO near Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947; a quiet, shadowy figure who heads the ongoing Ministry of Defense studies into UFOs; and an author and scientist [Yuri Fomin] who became, in essence, a non-person for talking publicly about the UFO phenomenon.” They also obtain several dozen pages of still-classified documents and take them back to the US. The documents outline a specific timetable for a UFO study (“Thread-3”) by the Ministry of Defense to be concluded by 1995, information on the 1947 Roswell crash, another crash in November 1950 on the

Texas/Mexico border, contactees, US government efforts to maintain a coverup, and sightings by cosmonauts. (Bryan Gresh, "[Soviet UFO Secrets](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 306 (October 1993): 3–7; George Knapp, "What the Russians Know about UFOs," *MUFON 1994 International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1994, pp. 275–306; Keith Basterfield, "[Dr. Hal Puthoff and the Soviet Project 'Thread-3](#)," Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, June 17, 2018; Adam Kehoe, "[Answering 'Who Else Knows](#)," UAP, November 28, 2020)

- 1993**, March 12 — Paramount premieres *Fire in the Sky*, a feature film directed by [Robert Lieberman](#) that is based on abductee [Travis Walton](#)'s book of the same name. Walton is portrayed by actor [D. B. Sweeney](#). (Internet Movie Database, "[Fire in the Sky](#)"; Chris Talarski, "[Film Review: Fire in the Sky](#)," *IUR* 18, no. 3 (May/June 1993): 21)
- 1993**, March 16 — A couple who are viewing aerial activity from a hill adjacent to Area 51 in Nevada see strange lights that seem to transform themselves into an automotive vehicle. After the encounter, the witnesses sense that 30 minutes are unaccounted for. They undergo hypnosis and recall an abduction by gray-skinned aliens. The man is taken into a craft, while the woman is taken into a white van. Inside the van are two men dressed in black with black baseball caps. They administer intrusive procedures in her eyes, ears, and elsewhere. She remembers seeing electronic instruments and automatic rifles inside the van. (William F. Hamilton, "[Area 51 Encounter](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 304 (August 1993): 14–17; Clark III 734; Clark IV 815)
- 1993**, March 31 — 1:10–1:15 a.m. Dozens of people across Devon, Cornwall, South Wales, Shropshire, and central Ireland see triangular UFOs speeding across the sky. An MoD police patrol sees the lights from RAF Cosford in Shropshire, England. The UFO passes over the base "at great velocity ... at an altitude of approximately 1,000 feet." It looks like two white lights with a faint red glow at the rear, with no engine noise. The RAF police report also contains details on other civilian UFO sightings that they had learned about in the course of making enquiries with other military bases, civil airports, and local police. The police call ahead to alert the meteorological officer at nearby RAF Shawbury that the UFO is coming his way. The officer at Shawbury sees the object moving slowly across the countryside toward the base at a speed of no more than 30–40 mph. He sees the UFO fire a narrow beam of light (like a laser) at the ground and watches the light sweeping backwards and forwards across the field beyond the perimeter fence, as if it is looking for something. He hears and feels the vibrations from an unpleasant low-frequency humming sound coming from the craft. He estimates its size as midway between a C-130 Hercules transport aircraft and a Boeing 747. The light beam retracts in an unnatural way, then the object accelerates to the horizon many times faster than a military aircraft. Ministry of Defence UFO Officer [Nick Pope](#) says there are multiple sightings at different times that cannot be attributed to the reentry, concluding on April 16 that "It seems that an unidentified object of unknown origin was operating in the UK Air Defence Region without being detected on radar; this would appear to be of considerable defence significance, and I recommend that we investigate further, within MoD or with the US authorities." However, [Jenny Randles](#) suspects that the sightings are caused by the Soviet Tsyklon rocket booster 22586U, which launched the Kosmos 2238 radio satellite into orbit the previous day. Pope later comes around to that viewpoint after hearing about sightings at the same time in Ireland and France. (Jenny Randles, "[A New Broom at the Ministry](#)," *IUR* 19, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1994): 18–20; Nick Pope, *Open Skies, Closed Minds*, Simon & Schuster, 1996, pp. 134–141; Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, p. 146; David Clarke, "[The Cosford Case](#)," *Fortean Times* 199 (September 2005): 30–31; Good Need, pp. 384–385, 431–432; Kean, pp. 165–167, 251–252; UFOFiles2, pp. 142–143; Jenny Randles, "Irish Mid-Air Spectacular," *Fortean Times* 375 (January 2019): 33; Nick Pope, "[The Cosford Incident](#)," 2019; Coulthart 2023, p. 91; David Clarke, "[Case Closed: 30th Anniversary of the Cosford UFO Flap](#)," David's Substack, March 31, 2023)
- 1993**, March 31 — 2:45 a.m. Meteorological Officer Wayne Elliott at RAF Shawbury in Shropshire, England, sees a triangular-shaped object, about the size of a Boeing 747, with lights on its underside. At one point it hovers at 400–500 feet and fires beams of light at the ground. It then moves away at high speed. (Coulthart 2023, pp. 91–92; David Clarke, "[Case Closed: 30th Anniversary of the Cosford UFO Flap](#)," David's Substack, March 31, 2023)
- 1993**, April — [Michael D. Swords](#) examines the position of establishment astronomers on the existence of intelligent extraterrestrial life in the first six decades of the 20th century, especially regarding Mars, Venus, and deep space. He then speculates on the likely advice received by the USAF intelligence community by astronomical experts in the early days of the UFO phenomenon. (Michael D. Swords, "[Astronomers, the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis, and the United States Air Force at the Beginning of the Modern UFO Phenomenon](#)," *JUFOS* 4 (1992): 79–129)
- 1993**, April — Spanish communications technician [José Luis Jordán Peña](#) confesses for the first time to hoaxing the Ummo letters as well as the UFO sightings at Aluche, Spain, in 1966 and San José de Valderas in 1967. He says that he used the word "Ummo" because it suggests the Spanish word *humo* (smoke) and randomly chose Wolf 424 as the home star for the imaginary planet. "I wrote the reports on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and I took

advantage of my trips to France, England, Mozambique, etc., or those of friends, to send letters from there.” However, other hoaxers begin copying his style, and after he receives an invitation to an Ummo conference in Cuba, he decides to admit the hoax he had started 25 years earlier. (Wikipedia, “[Ummo](#)”; Jim Keith, *Casebook on the Men in Black*, IllumiNet, 1997)

1993, April — Didier Gomez begins publishing *UFOMania* in Paris, France. It continues through April 2015. ([UFOMania](#), no. 1 (April 1993))

1993, April — The Centro de Estudios de Fenómenos Aéreos Inusuales in Buenos Aires, Argentina, publishes the first issue of *Los Identificados*, a journal focusing on Argentine occupant cases. It is edited by [Roberto Enrique Banchs](#) and runs for 15 issues until 1998. ([Los Identificados](#), no. 1 (April 1993))

1993, April 2 — When [Webb Hubbell](#) is appointed Associate Attorney General, President [Clinton](#) tells him, “Webb, if I put you over at Justice, I want you to find the answers to two questions for me. One, who killed JFK? And two, are there UFOs?” (Webb Hubbell, *Friends in High Places: Our Journey from Little Rock to Washington, D.C.*, William Morrow, 1997, [p. 282](#))

1993, April 14 — 7:30 a.m. Philanthropist [Laurance Rockefeller](#) and [C. B. “Scott” Jones](#) brief President [Clinton](#)’s science adviser [John H. Gibbons](#) and his aide [Lionel “Skip” Johns](#) on the current state of ufology with the help of a briefing paper titled “The Matrix of UFO Beliefs.” The paper is written by journalist Richard Farley, who is part of Rockefeller’s UFO Disclosure Initiative. [Hynek](#) and [Vallée](#) have contributed to the paper. (Grant Cameron, “[Records from the Clinton OSTP Related to UFOs, Extraterrestrial Intelligence, and the Laurance Rockefeller Institute](#)”)

1993, April 26 — 11:20 p.m. A witness in Muskegon, Michigan, is taking her dog for a walk when she notices two red lights and one white light arranged like a triangle above Muskegon Lake. The lights separate, and the white light shoots across the sky. The two red lights move back and forth like a pendulum before heading south. Another witness in Whitehall, Michigan, sees a similar display at the same time. (“[Two See Unidentified ‘Triangle of Lights’](#),” *Muskegon (Mich.) Chronicle*, April 28, 1993, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 287 (June 1993): 5)

1993, April 29 — A Rockwell-MBB X-31 experimental jet fighter designed to test thrust-vectoring technology successfully executes a rapid minimum-radius, 180° turn using a post-stall maneuver, flying well outside the range of angle of attack normal for conventional aircraft. This maneuver has been called the “Herbst maneuver” after [Wolfgang Herbst](#), a Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohm employee and proponent of using post-stall flight in air-to-air combat. It looks nothing like a triangular UFO and cannot match the performance of the Belgian triangles. (Wikipedia, “[Rockwell-MBB X-31](#)”; “[X-31 Performing the Herbst Maneuver](#),” NASA, September 28, 2009)

1993, May 9–September 20 — Artist and ceramicist Filiberto Caponi has a series of encounters with a humanoid alien near his home in Pretore, Ascoli Piceno, Italy. He takes six Polaroid photos of the creature in seemingly painful physical conditions. (Timothy Good, *Unearthly Disclosure: Conflicting Interests in the Control of Extraterrestrial Intelligence*, Random House, 2001, [pp. 140–206](#); Patrick Gross, “[The Filiberto Caponi Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind, 1993](#)”)

1993, May 14 — 2:15 p.m. Tom Lees looks out the window of his home on Green Road in Ashbourne, England, and spots a strange object in the cloudy sky. As it comes closer, he sees it has a bizarre shape resembling a “Goblin-shaped vacuum cleaner, with two legs and wheels.” Lees rushes outside to watch it pass silently at high speed beneath the clouds on a direct easterly course. (“[Flying ‘Vacuum Cleaner’ Sighted](#),” *Ashbourne (UK) News Telegram*, May 20, 1993, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 288 (July 1993): 15)

1993, June 3 — *Ordinary Conversations about Extraordinary Matters*, a documentary film by [Allen Ross](#), premieres at the theatre of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois. It features interviews with attendees at [R. Leo Sprinkle](#)’s 12th Rocky Mountain UFO Conference in Laramie, Wyoming, in 1991. (Ted Shen, “[Beyond Belief](#),” *Chicago Tribune*, June 3, 1993, Sec. 5, p. 3; “[New Abduction Documentary Debuts](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 3 (May/June 1993): 21; George M. Eberhart, “[Postcards with a UFO Theme](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 22)

1993, June 3 — 6:00 p.m. A passenger on a flight 15 minutes out of Los Angeles International Airport in California sees a small cloud moving in the opposite direction of the aircraft, which has leveled off at 30,000 feet. He watches it fly in between two vertical columns of clouds, then when it approaches to a point directly in line with his window, it dives into the cloud mass below at a 30° angle and disappears. (National UFO Reporting Center, “[NUFORC Sighting 07929](#),” September 6, 2002; Herbert S. Taylor, “[Mystery Clouds and the UFO Connection](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 19, 26)

1993, June 5 — Reinhard Nühlen founds Deutschsprachige Gesellschaft für UFO-Forschung in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, and begins publishing *DEGUForum* in January 1994. It is currently (2020) edited by Nikolaus Bettinger in Würselen, Germany. ([DEGUforum](#), no. 1 (January 1994))

- 1993**, June 26 — 4:00 a.m. Witnesses in Hartcliffe, Bristol, England, see a large cigar-shaped object (a possible blimp) drifting slowly and silently over the rooftops. large white light (the planet Venus) in the southeast climbing slowly upward. It fades into the lightening sky shortly before dawn. One witness takes many minutes of video of this object, compressing several hours of its appearance. The same light appears at the same time for weeks. (Jenny Randles, "[UFOs in Focus](#)," *IUR* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 14–15)
- 1993**, July 22 — Richard L. Huff in the FBI Office of Information and Privacy informs researcher [Nick Redfern](#) that it has a file on Majestic-12, although it is in "closed status." The file title is labeled "Espionage." (Kremlin 191–192)
- 1993**, August — Day. A witness takes a video of an odd figure on a beach at Rhyl, Clwyd, Wales. As the camera pans through the crowd on the beach, a strange semi-transparent figure in a silver suit becomes visible for a couple of seconds standing and facing a wooden fence. Looking up, he cannot see the figure, which appears to have vanished. Investigators suspect it is merely someone in odd clothing. (Jenny Randles, "[UFOs in Focus](#)," *IUR* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 15)
- 1993**, August 1 — MARAUDER (Magnetically accelerated ring to achieve ultrahigh directed energy and radiation) is, or was, a USAF Research Laboratory project to develop a coaxial plasma railgun. It is one of several US efforts to develop a plasma-based projectile. It began development in 1990, and its first published experiment takes place on this date. The project's initial success leads to it becoming classified, and only a few references to MARAUDER appear after 1993. No information about the fate of the project is published after 1995. (Wikipedia, "[MARAUDER](#)"; C. R. Sovinec and R. E. Peterkin Jr., "[Phase 1b MARAUDER Computer Simulations](#)," 1990 *IEEE International Conference on Plasma Science, Abstracts*)
- 1993**, August 8 — Early morning. [Kelly Cahill](#) and her husband Andrew are returning from a party in Narre Warren North, in the Dandenong Foothills of Victoria, Australia, and are near Eumemmerring Creek south of Belgrave when they see a huge lighted object with windows in front of them on the road. It seems to have people in it, but it quickly shoots off to the left and disappears. They continue driving, and about one kilometer ahead they encounter another bright light. Her husband continues driving, and they do not recall anything else until they get home. They agree they saw a UFO but can't agree on whether they had missing time or saw people. They both can smell vomit and feel stomach pains. Kelly notices a triangular mark below her navel, which is bleeding a bit. Kelly has a strange dream immediately after the encounter, and two subsequent dreams in September, October 23, and January 1994—all involving entities and a "strange physical dimension." A few weeks later, both of them start remembering that the UFO has landed in an adjacent field and that they get out of the car to look at it. An abduction scenario ensues involving tall black beings. They also recall that there is another car stopped by the road with at least two people in it. By November 17, Phenomena Research Australia has located the couple in the other car and a woman who was with them. They have also undergone an abduction experience and have missing time. These witnesses, unknown to the Cahills, confirm the UFO landing site, and their drawings of the UFOs and entities closely coincide with Kelly's. The second group also recalls seeing a third car with one male who is gazing fixedly toward the encounter site. Unfortunately, Kelly's account of the incident is the only one that has come to light. (Bill Chalker, "[An Extraordinary Encounter in the Dandenong Foothills](#)," *IUR* 19, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1994): 4–8, 18–20; Kelly Cahill, *Encounter*, HarperCollins, 1996; Bill Chalker, *The Oz Files: The Australian UFO Story*, Duffy and Snellgrove, 1996; Bill Chalker, "[Aliens, Hair, and DNA](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 3 (Fall 2004): 3; Bill Chalker, "[The Kelly Cahill Case Revisited: An Extraordinary Lost Opportunity](#)," *TheOzFiles*, March 2, 2016)
- 1993**, August 12 — 12:30 a.m. Two friends are watching the Perseid meteor shower in a dark school yard in North Lethbridge, Alberta, when they see a dark, gray-black, triangular object pass quickly and silently overhead for 4–5 seconds. Each point of the triangle has a red light on it. As it disappears to the south, it flips upward at a 45° angle. Another witness in a different location watches a similar object around the same time. Local radar does not show any unusual traffic. (David Thacker, "[Flight of the Triangle](#)," *IUR* 19, no. 3 (May/June 1994): 4–8, 23)
- 1993**, August 13 — Night. Costin and Mariana Popa are driving with their daughter Diana in a rural area a few miles south of Telega, Romania, when their car engine stops unexpectedly and the headlights go out. Examining the engine, they are suddenly hit by a "wall of air" and see a fog-like rectangular screen on the right side of the road floating 18 inches above the grass. It is pulsating every 2–3 seconds with a yellowish-white light. They hear no noise and feel no heat. After about 20 minutes the screen begins to move across the road and stops in front of them, having become a narrow band of light 90 feet long and 3 feet wide. Soon it becomes brighter and shoots into the sky and disappears. The car starts normally again. (Romania 58–59)

- 1993**, August 14 — 1:56 a.m. Four UFOs with red and green flashing lights are seen flying at low altitude above Henri Coandă International Airport at Otopeni, Romania. They first turn up on radar, then are seen visually and observed through binoculars. (Romania 75)
- 1993**, September 2 — 6:00 a.m. A black-and-white security camera at a private company in West Manchester, England, captures a pulsing ball of white light that appears in the northwest, moving toward the north, for several minutes. The camera operator also sees it visually. Estimates place its speed as low as 50 mph. Possible blimp. (Jenny Randles, “[UFOs in Focus](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 15)
- 1993**, September 13–15 — [Laurance Rockefeller](#) holds an informal roundtable discussion with the Clinton administration on UFOs at his JY Ranch in the Teton Forest near Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Along with representatives from [John H. Gibbons](#)’s office, Richard Farley, Rockefeller, Henry Diamond, [C. B. “Scott” Jones](#), [John E. Mack](#), [Bruce Maccabee](#), [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), [Linda Moulton Howe](#), [Steven M. Greer](#), and Keith Thompson attend. (Grant Cameron, “[Records from the Clinton OSTP Related to UFOs, Extraterrestrial Intelligence, and the Laurance Rockefeller Institute](#)”)
- 1993**, September 16 — 4:00 p.m. Pilots of two airliners preparing to land at Benito Juárez International Airport in Mexico City, Mexico, see an object like a balloon, but it is going too fast. One pilot describes it as looking like a praying mantis. (Jaime Maussán, “OVNIs sobre la Terra,” *La Epoca* (Mexico), November 19, 1993; Antonio Huneus, “UFO Chronicle: UFOs and IFOs from Mexico, Part II,” *Fate* 47, no. 12 (December 1994); Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, [p. 146](#))
- 1993**, October — Rep. [Steven Schiff](#) asks [Charles Arthur Bowsher](#), head of the US General Accounting Office, to prepare a report on the status of records related to the 1947 Roswell incident in New Mexico. (Mark Rodeghier, “[Roswell and the GAO Investigation](#),” *IUR* 19, no. 2 (March/April 1994): 3, 24)
- 1993**, October — The USAF Foreign Technology Division becomes the National Air Intelligence Center. (Wikipedia, “[National Air and Space Intelligence Center](#)”)
- 1993**, October 12 — Air Force Col. Richard L. Weaver tells researcher [Nick Redfern](#) that USAF considers both the MJ-12 group and its documents to be “bogus.” However, he concedes that there are “no documents responsive” to his request on how such a determination was made. (Kremlin 183–184)
- 1993**, October 18 — A memo on “Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Study” from a UK wing commander to the Sec(AS)2, the Air Staff deputy director, proposes a secret government study of UFOs, which will become Project Condign in 1997–2000. Paragraph 2 reads: “I am aware, from intelligence sources, that xxxxx believes that such phenomena exists and has a small team studying them. I am also aware that an informal group exists in the xxxxxxxxxxxx community and it is possible that this reflects a more formal organization.” [Leslie Kean](#) suspects that the first redacted word is “Russia” and the second is “US intelligence.” (“[Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Study](#),” October 18, 1993, UK UFO Documents, Part 1, pp. 198–199; Kean, [pp. 238–240](#))
- 1993**, October 25 — 5:30–9:30 p.m. Multiple sightings of diamond- or triangular-shaped objects with multicolored lights occur around La Louvière, Hainaut, Belgium. (Patrick Gross, “[The Belgium Flap](#)”)
- 1993**, December — The RAAF formally concludes its UFO investigations in a revised “RAAF Policy: Unusual Aerial Sightings.” (Bill Chalker, “[The Australian Government and UFOs](#),” *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 22)
- 1993**, December — Héctor Escobar begins publishing *Perspectivas Ufológicas* in Mexico City, Mexico. The periodical continues until February 1996. (*Perspectivas Ufológicas*, no. 1 (December 1993))
- 1993**, December 1 — The European Parliament considers a resolution that enables the French UFO agency, Service d’Expertise des Phénomènes de Rentrée Atmosphérique (SEPRA), to carry out UFO investigations throughout the member countries of the European Community. The resolution was first proposed in 1991 by Belgian deputy [Elio Di Rupo](#) in the wake of the Belgian UFO wave to set up an all-European agency to study UFO reports. The EP’s committee on industry, external trade, research, and energy, chaired by physicist [Tullio Regge](#), holds several meetings on the proposal in consultation with SEPRA’s [Jean-Jacques Velasco](#), and approves the motion for a resolution. However, the Parliament does not have the necessary votes to implement and fund the resolution, the agency is never created, and SEPRA has its own funding problems. (George M. Eberhart, “[The European Parliament](#),” *IUR* 19, no. 2 (March/April 1994): 19; 2Pinotti 137–140)
- 1993**, December 2 — A declassified UK Ministry of Defence memo (DEFE 24/3152 p176) titled “Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Study: Proposed Amendment to NNR2/113” states: “I am aware from intelligence sources that Russia believes that such phenomena exist and has a small team studying them...I am also aware that an informal group exists in the US intelligence community and it is possible that this reflects a more formal assessment activity.” A

subsequent memo dated June 19, 1995, states under the subhead “The US Dimension” that “during discussions with [redacted] I have been told that they do not study UAPs but I have been told that an ‘unofficial’ grouping exists between the agencies.” (Keith Basterfield, “[2017 UK UAP Files Release: Leslie Kean Was Right](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, November 29, 2017)

- 1993, December 13 — Disclosure Project founder [Steven M. Greer](#) meets with CIA Director [James Woolsey](#) in a “covert briefing on the topic of UFOs under the guise of a dinner party,” as Greer puts it. Woolsey is allegedly prepared to investigate claims of a UFO cover-up. However, in 1999 Woolsey denies that the gathering is a briefing. (James Woolsey, et al., [Letter to Steven M. Greer](#), September 16, 1999; Steven M. Greer, *Hidden Truth, Forbidden Knowledge*, Crossing Point, 2006, pp. 104–108; Steven M. Greer, “[Dr. Greer’s Response to Former CIA Director Woolsey’s Denial of Meeting](#),” March 21, 2013; Coulthart 2023, pp. 109–110)
- 1993, December 14 — In response to a question from MP [Teddy Taylor](#), junior minister for the Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Office [Alastair Goodlad](#) tells the House of Commons that “a proposal for Community research” similar to the one by the European Parliament “has not been put forward,” nor has a proposal for the establishment of a UFO research observatory. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1993, December 17 — The first operational Northrop Grumman B-2 Spirit stealth bomber is delivered to Whiteman AFB, south of Knob Noster, Missouri, where the fleet is based. (Wikipedia, “[Northrop Grumman B-2 Spirit](#)”)

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- 1994 — A video of a UFO is taken by a ground radar station at the Tolicha Peak Electronic Combat Range, part of the Nellis Range northwest of the Nevada Test Site. At times the UFO appears to be four globes tied together; at other times it appears to be a fuzzy, gaseous cloud. The film is genuine, according to [Steven Greer](#), who shows it at CSETI’s Congressional Briefing on April 9, 1997, in Washington, D.C. It is aired by the Fox TV show *Sightings* and a few other TV networks. (Patrick Gross, “[The Nellis Test Range UFO Video](#)”)
- 1994 — More than 300 pages of Army CIC documents relating to Operation Harass are declassified after researcher [Timothy S. Cooper](#) files a FOIA request. There is a concentration on frantic wartime efforts to find the [Horten brothers](#), as well as an “Intelligence Requirements on Flying Saucer Type Aircraft: Draft of Collection Memorandum,” undated but prepared prior to October 20, 1947. (“[FOIA: Army CIC UFO Files Various Subjects Including ‘Horten Brothers: Flying Wing.’](#)” Above Top Secret forum, December 17, 2007)
- 1994 — [Mark Rodeghier](#), [Stuart Appelle](#), David Gotlib, and Georgia Flamburis develop and publish an “Ethics Code for Abduction Experience Investigation and Treatment.” It is approved by the CUFOS and MUFON boards. (“[News from the Field](#),” *IUR* 19, no. 3 (May/June 1994): 3; David Gotlib, Stuart Appelle, Georgia Flamburis, and Mark Rodeghier, “[Ethics Code for Abduction Experience Investigation and Treatment](#),” *JUFOS* 5 (1994): 55–81)
- 1994 — German geologist [Johannes Fiebag](#) publishes *Kontakt*, his study of abduction experiences in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. He finds many of his informants through his UFO lectures and other publications. Relying on hypnosis as an investigation tool, he uncovers many of the elements found in the North American abduction experience—missing time, encountering a book or film that rekindles their memories, a bedroom abduction, childhood experiences, medical examinations, and strange scars. He organizes a support group for abductees to manage their trauma. (Johannes Fiebag, *Kontakt: UFO-Entführungen in Deutschland, Österreich und der Schweiz*, Langen-Müller, 1994; Eghigian, *After*, p. 293)
- 1994 — Wim van Utrecht founds Caelestia in Antwerp, Belgium, to collect, investigate, and document UFO reports. (Wim van Utrecht, “[About Caelestia](#),” July 2007)
- 1994 — [Karla Turner](#) writes *Taken*, in which she describes accounts from eight women, none of whom know each other, all of whom consciously recall a large portion of their abduction experiences without the aid of hypnosis. She is disturbed to find that at least 10 people close to her seem to have a pattern of alien intrusions and disturbances. The women describe a variety of alien types: grays, insectoids, humanoids, blue humanoids, and dwarves. Several of the women describe not only hybrid nursery rooms, but also cloning rooms in which living but inert humans are suspended in liquid-filled cylinders. There are accounts of aliens apparently taking human souls and placing them into a box. One alien group appears to harvest “negative emotional energy.” Not all experiences are harmful or exploitative; some women claim to have had miraculous healings by aliens. Still, Turner suggests that this does not make the aliens humanity’s benefactors. If they cared for humans, it could be the way in which a farmer cares for cattle. Four of the women describe being abducted by human military personnel and taken to underground military facilities. Human and alien workers are sometimes described as being there. The abductees remember being questioned by military types who ask “What do you know about the alien agenda? What have they told

you? What implants have you received? What procedures have they carried out on you?" A number of medical problems develop, apparently related to the abductions: cancer, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, sexual dysfunction, and suicide. One thing that perplexes Turner is why military groups would need to interrogate abductees about alien intrusions. (Karla Turner, [*Taken: Inside the Alien-Human Abduction Agenda*](#), The Author, 1994)

- 1994**, January 4 — RAAF Wing Commander [Brett Biddington](#) informs civilian UFO groups in Australia that the number of UFO reports submitted to the RAAF has declined significantly in the past 10 years, saying "there is no compelling reason for the RAAF to continue to devote resources to recording, investigating, and attempting to explain [Unusual Aerial Sightings]." He says that reports will be forwarded to civilian groups. (Bill Chalker, "[The Australian Government and UFOs](#)," *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 22, 36; Swords 411–412)
- 1994**, January 12 — Rep. [Steven Schiff](#) (D-N.Mex.) tells the press that he has been stonewalled by the US Defense Department when he requested information about the 1947 Roswell incident on behalf of his constituents and witnesses. Schiff calls the lack of response "astounding" and indicative of a cover-up. ("[Roswell Declaration 1994](#)," *IUR* 19, no. 2 (March/April 1994): 21; Graff 347)
- 1994**, January 15 — President [Bill Clinton](#) issues an executive order to create an Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments to investigate US government records on radiation studies done at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Certain records involving programs in and around Area 51, Nevada, are excluded on the basis that the president does not have a need to know. (Wikipedia, "[Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments](#)")
- 1994**, January 28 — 1:14 p.m. Air France pilot Jean-Charles Duboc and two members of his A320 airliner crew briefly observe over Coulommiers–Voisins Aerodrome, Seine-et-Marne, France, an elliptical UFO, reddish-brown in color and possibly of large size. Radar at CODA, the Taverny air operations center, tracks the object for 50 seconds but places the target closer to the airplane than the pilot's estimate. SEPRA investigates the case and determines that based on the radar trajectory the UFO is about 750 feet long. (Joel de Woolfson, "[UFO 'Evidence' Grows](#)," *This Is Guernsey*, February 5, 2007; Good Need, pp. 401–402; Gildas Bourdais, "[The Death and Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 16; Kean, pp. 135–136; "[1994-01-28: Sighting of Air France Pilot Jean Charles Duboc](#)," Tom Owens YouTube channel, June 16, 2019; Patrick Gross, "[UFO Sighting of Flight AF-3532](#)"; Covert 171)
- 1994**, Late January — The Secretary of the Air Force's office of Security and Special Program Oversight directs its research and classification team to locate any official records on the Roswell incident. (Swords 351; Graff 347)
- 1994**, February — [Leonard Stringfield](#) releases his seventh and final status report on UFO crash/retrievals. (Leonard H. Stringfield, *UFO Crash/Retrievals: Search for Proof in a Hall of Mirrors, Status Report VII*, The Author, 1994).
- 1994**, February 9 — Richard Davis, director of the National Security Analysis group at the General Accounting Office, writes to Secretary of Defense [William J. Perry](#) that the GAO is initiating a review of "DOD's policies and procedures for acquiring, classifying, retaining, and disposing of official governmental documents dealing with weather balloon, aircraft, and similar crash incidents" to find out whether "proper procedures to ensure government accountability" were followed. (Mark Rodeghier, "[Roswell and the GAO Investigation](#)," *IUR* 19, no. 2 (March/April 1994): 3, 24; Swords 351)
- 1994**, February 15 — 11:00 p.m. Kerstin Hallman is on her way home from work near Grillby, Sweden, when she sees an oblong light with spikes on top. The car lights go out and the engine fails. (Clas Svahn and Jörgen Granlie, "[The Light That Stopped a Car](#)," *AFU Newsletter*, no. 39 (September 1995): 1–2, [reprinted](#) in *IUR* 22, no. 4 (Winter 1997–1998): 12; Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 16–17)
- 1994**, March — In response to [Steven Schiff](#)'s getting stonewalled by the US Defense Department over information on the 1947 Roswell incident in New Mexico, airline pilot Kent Jeffrey circulates the Roswell Declaration, a statement calling for an "Executive Order declassifying any US government information on the existence of UFOs or extraterrestrial intelligence" and a release from the security oaths taken by military or civilian personnel involved in UFO cases. Promoted by CUFOS, MUFON, and the Fund for UFO Research, the declaration is signed by more than 20,000 people interested in finding out the truth. ("[The Roswell Declaration](#)," *IUR* 19, no. 2 (March/April 1994): 20–21; "[Roswell Declaration](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 318 (October 1994): 20–21)
- 1994**, March — Night. A married couple are driving in Bestwood Village, Nottinghamshire, England, when they see a huge triangular object hanging in the sky. It has three steady white, green, and red lights and is apparently only 200 feet from the ground. Its base has a ribbed pattern. It moves off slowly to the northwest, then accelerates,

changing direction to the south. (“[UFO Sighting Convinces Hucknall Man](#),” *Hucknall (UK) Dispatch*, March 11, 1994, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 298 (May 1994): 16)

- 1994**, March 6 — 4:30 p.m. Two men flying an ultralight aircraft 250 feet over Termoli, Campobasso, Italy, see a small, spherical object flying northward. Approximately 4 miles from them, it is lost to sight in a few seconds. Earlier in the afternoon an unknown dark object crashes on Monte Mutria, Campobasso. The witness, Angelo Gianbattista, 18, tells his father, police officer Franco Giambattista, that an airplane has fallen. Franco goes outside and spots with binoculars two dark shadows in a ravine. The military police are notified and converge on the site. At 8:00 p.m., guided by a powerful light beam, eight volunteers climb the mountain. Three helicopters hover overhead. Nothing is found, even conventional objects that might be mistaken for something else. (Renzo Cabassi, “[UFO Crash at Guardioaregia?](#)” *Italian UFO Reporter* 2, no. 4 (October 10, 1996): 2–4; Clark III 345; 2Pinotti 140–141; Clark IV 381–382)
- 1994**, March 8 — 9:15 p.m. Residents of Holland, Michigan, begin observing odd lights in the sky. To some, the lights appear to be attached to one another, or at least coordinated in their movements. The commonest description is of four lights strung together, high in altitude, moving from southeast to southwest. The Graves family sees a disk with lights turning clockwise on its underside. Police officer [Jeff Velthouse](#) is dispatched to investigate, and he watches some lights through binoculars around 9:40 p.m. The Allegan County sheriff’s office contacts the Muskegon National Weather Service radar station about 30 miles to the north to ask whether they have any targets. They do, and the radar operator gives a live report, recorded by the police, of the returns he is tracking. The majority of the returns are of three, well-separated targets, sometimes in line, both usually in a triangular array. An intermittent fourth signal blinks in and out. The visual sightings last until 11:00 p.m., but the weather radar continues to see targets for another 20–30 minutes. (Michael D. Swords, “[The Holland, Michigan, Radar-Visual Case, 1994](#),” *IUR* 24, no. 3 (Fall 1999): 3–7; Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneeus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, pp. 146–147; Swords 343; “[UFO Report ‘Vindication’ for Man Who Tracked 1994 Sightings on Radar](#),” WOOD-TV, Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 29, 2021; Jazz Shaw, “[What Was Really Seen during the 1994 Lakeshore, Michigan UFO Sighting?](#)” The Debrief, January 3, 2022; Austin Harvey, “[The Enduring Mystery of the 1994 Lake Michigan UFO Incident](#),” All That’s Interesting, October 16, 2022; “[911 Calls from Eyewitnesses of the Holland, Michigan, UFO Sightings on March 8, 1994](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, September 2023; “[Radar Confirmation, 911 Calls, and Eyewitness Testimonies from the 1994 Lake Michigan UFO Sightings](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, December 20, 2023)
- 1994**, March 24 — A new effort at studying the luminous phenomena at Hessdalen, Norway, is launched by [Erling Strand](#) and Bjørn Gitle Hauge with an international workshop. They use their students at Østfold University College to build an automated station to detect activity. (Erling Strand, “[Project Hessdalen, Part 2: From 24 March 1994 to 26 February 2021](#),” Society for UAP Studies, January 5, 2024)
- 1994**, April — The UK government introduces a Code of Practice on Access to Government Information, a limited right to access government records from the previous 30 years, as a precursor to a full freedom of information act. (Campaign for Freedom of Information, “[Code of Practice on Access to Government Information: Guidance on Interpretation](#),” April 1994, [second ed.](#), 1997)
- 1994**, April — [John E. Mack](#)’s first book on abductions, *Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens*, is published, in which he takes the narratives quite seriously. He argues that the aliens are here to expand the consciousnesses both of individual abductees and of all humanity. Hypnotized, Mack’s abductees recall not only previous lives but abductions in previous lives. (John E. Mack, *Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens*, Scribner, 1994; James Willwerth, “[The Man from Outer Space](#),” *Time*, April 25, 1994, p. 74; Clark III 305; Graff 340, 342–343; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 298–299; Clark IV 23, 345)
- 1994**, April 16 — 9:30 p.m. Brian Canfield is driving home to a remote settlement, Camp One, near Mount Rainier, Washington, when his engine dies. He sees a large figure descending in the glow of his headlights. It lands 30 feet away and he sees that it is 9 feet tall and muscular with arms ending in clawed hands. Its feet are like a bird’s and it is covered in bright bluish fur. It stands there looking at Canfield for a few moments, then unfolds some large batlike wings and starts flapping them, then rises and flies off toward the mountain. His friends nickname the creature “Batsquatch.” (C. R. Roberts, “[Mount Rainier–Area Youth Has Close Encounter in the Foothills](#),” *Tacoma (Wash.) News-Tribune*, April 24, 1994, pp. B1, B3; Phyllis Benjamin, “Batsquatch, Flap, Flap,” *INFO Journal* 73 (Summer 1995): 29–31; Clark III 781; Clark IV 862)
- 1994**, April 18 — [Mack](#) appears on the *Oprah Winfrey Show* with abductee Peter Faust. He tells [Oprah Winfrey](#), “Why do we treat people like they’re crazy and humiliate them if they’re experiencing some other entities, some other

intelligence that's coming across?" ("[The Man Who Says He Was Abducted by Aliens](#)," Oprah Winfrey Network YouTube channel, April 18, 1994; Graff 341)

- 1994, May** — The Dean of Harvard Medical School, [Daniel C. Tosteson](#), appoints a committee of peers to confidentially review Department of Psychiatry Head [John E. Mack](#)'s clinical care and clinical investigation of the people who had shared their alien encounters with him (some of their cases are written up in Mack's 1994 book *Abduction*). Chaired by internist [Arnold S. Relman](#), the committee is not asked to look into alleged misconduct but rather "determine whether Dr. Mack's work met 'the standards expected of a faculty member at the Harvard Medical School.'" Angela Hind writes, "It was the first time in Harvard's history that a tenured professor was subjected to such an investigation." Upon the public revelation of the existence of the committee (inadvertently revealed during the solicitation of witnesses for Mack's defense, 10 months into the process), questions arise from the academic community (including Harvard Professor of Law [Alan Dershowitz](#)) regarding the validity of an investigation of a tenured professor who is not suspected of ethics violations or professional misconduct. Concluding the 14-month investigation, Harvard then issues a statement stating that the dean has "reaffirmed Dr. Mack's academic freedom to study what he wishes and to state his opinions without impediment," concluding "Dr. Mack remains a member in good standing of the Harvard Faculty of Medicine." However, it does determine that his work is riddled with methodological shortcomings, especially a lack of peer review publications and a failure to thoroughly consider psychological explanations for the experiences. The committee is also concerned that Mack is not making clear whether he is treating abductees as research subjects or patients and that he is inappropriately influencing their testimony. (Wikipedia, "[John E. Mack](#)"; John E. Mack, [Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens](#), Wheeler, 1994; Stephen Rae, "[John Mack](#)," *New York Times Magazine*, March 20, 1994, p. 30; James Gleick, "The Doctor's Plot," *New Republic*, May 30, 1994, pp. 31–32; Ralph Blumenthal, *The Believer: Alien Encounters, Hard Science, and the Passion of John Mack*, University of New Mexico, 2021; Graff 342–345; Eghigian, *After*, p. 300)
- 1994, May** — Research psychologist [Susan Marie Powers](#) publishes a study on 20 abductees to explore the presence of PTSD symptoms. The results show that 45% of the abductees manifest PTSD symptoms and 70% manifest dissociative symptomatology. A content analysis of the narratives suggests that sexual abuse could be at the root of some of the stories. (Susan Marie Powers, "[Thematic Content Analyses of the Reports of UFO Abductees and Close Encounter Witnesses: Indications of Repressed Sexual Abuse](#)," *JUFOS* 5 (1994): 35–54; Susan Marie Powers, "[Dissociation in Alleged Extraterrestrial Abductees](#)," *Dissociation* 7, no. 1 (March 1994): 44–50)
- 1994, May 21** — 11:00 p.m. A witness in Plauen, Germany, is watching TV when she notices a light outside. She sees a disk with several rings of lights illuminating a tree and causing it to whip around violently. It is about 30 feet in diameter, and its top and bottom halves are rotating in opposite directions. After it hovers silently for a minute, it stops shaking the tree and moves behind a building and shoots away, leaving a hole in the clouds above. Two other witnesses see the disc from a different perspective and feel a strong wind. (Illobrand von Ludwiger, [Best UFO Cases: Europe](#), National Institute for Discovery Science, 1998, pp. 26–27, 30)
- 1994, June** — The TNS Emnid Institut in Bielefeld, Germany, conducts a one-question survey on UFO beliefs among 1,069 Germans. Although the question is ambiguous, 22% respond yes and 78% no, in both the former West and East Germanies. The belief is much stronger in younger populations. (Mark Rodeghier, "[Do Germans Believe in UFOs and Extraterrestrials?](#)" *IUR* 21, no. 2 (Summer 1996): 25, 30)
- 1994, June** — Day. An object like a balloon suddenly appears in the sky above US Highway 22 and East Kemper Road in Symmes Township, Ohio, outside Cincinnati. It remains perfectly stationary until after dark. One witness takes at least three photos of it. At one point it ascends to a higher altitude. The object is approached and circled three times by local air traffic. (Patrick Gross, "[The Symmes Township Orb, USA, June 1994](#)")
- 1994, Early June** — A tree farmer named Meng Zhaoguo is at Red Flag logging camp near Wuchang, Heilongjiang, China, with two other workers when they see a strange light in the sky. Thinking it is either a downed satellite or helicopter, Meng goes to retrieve the wreckage. However, at some point he is hit in the forehead by a shining light and knocked unconscious. He wakes up at home some time later, with no recollection of how he got there. A few nights later, he wakes up in his bed to find that a 10-foot-tall female alien with six fingers and braided leg fur is in his room. He and the alien have sex for 40 minutes before it disappears, leaving a 2-inch scar on his thigh. He also claims that on July 17, he levitates through a wall and meets with a group of three-eyed aliens on their ship. He asks to see the female alien again but is rebuffed. The aliens show him images of Mars (or Jupiter), which they claim is their home world, and tell him that "on a distant planet the son of a Chinese peasant will be born in 60 years." His story is examined by the UFO Enthusiasts Club at Wuhan University throughout 1997. They conclude that while the initial contact may have occurred, the subsequent reported events are almost certainly untrue.

However, other UFO groups in China think that his ongoing story is true. In September 2003, Zhang Jingping and the state-sponsored Chinese UFO Association give Meng a medical exam, a lie detector test, and a hypnotic regression session to prove his claims. The results supposedly confirm his story. (John Kohut, "[UFO Group Probes Claims of Sex with Jupiter Visitor](#)," *South China Morning Post* (Hong Kong), October 30, 1994; Teresa Poole, "[Close Encounters of an Intimate Kind: Peking Days](#)," *The Independent* (UK), March 17, 1995; "[Calling Occupants of Inter-planetary Craft](#)," *China Daily*, October 31, 2010; "[One of the Strangest Alien Abduction Cases in China Ever Told](#)," *Before It's News*, July 20, 2014; Chris Saunders, "UFOs over China," *Fortean Times* 331 (October 2015): 28–30; Michael Meyer, "[Meet the Chinese Lumberjack Who Slept with an Alien](#)," *HuffPost*, October 16, 2015; Bill Chalker, "[The Untold Story of UFOs in China: Lost in Translation or the Devouring Dragon?](#)" *New Dawn Special Issue* 14, no. 1 (January 2020); Clark IV 1273, 1322)

1994, June 24 — 2:40 a.m. Three gendarmes at La Ferté-sous-Jouarre, Seine-et-Marne, France, notice a bright set of lights in the sky. They drive closer and find that the source is a stationary object with three yellow-white lights. Its underside is triangular with a central pyramidal spire that points downward. They stop their patrol car, and the object moves slowly toward them until it stops directly above the vehicle. There is no noise, smoke, or odor. As soon as they start the car again, the object moves west at high speed and becomes a speck on the horizon within a second. The total duration is 10 minutes. The police radios stop functioning, and the car becomes hot even though the windows are open. ("[Ussy-sur-Marne \(77\) 24-06-1994](#)," GEIPAN, March 22, 2007; Swords 449)

1994, July 2 — 1:30–1:45 p.m. A resident of Limelette, Belgium, is at home in the Petit-Ry neighborhood when he looks out a window and sees a group of 10 white vertical structures with rounded edges moving back and forth about 180 feet above a vacant lot. They are all about 15–26 feet high and somewhat translucent, moving in an erratic pattern. The dry grass below has risen up into the air, forming a tornado shape and spinning anticlockwise. He watches it for 2–3 minutes, and the phenomenon moves slowly to the north and disappears. Possibly a wind devil. (Wim van Utrecht, "[Dancing Ice-Lollies over a Waste Ground](#)," *Caelestia*)

1994, July 3 — The first flight of a CIA-developed Predator drone takes place at the El Mirage Field in the Mojave Desert, California. (Wikipedia, "[General Atomics MQ-1 Predator](#)")

1994, July 31 — *Roswell*, a made-for-TV movie directed by [Jeremy Kagan](#) and produced by [Paul Davids](#), premieres on Showtime. It stars [Kyle MacLachlan](#), [Martin Sheen](#), and [Dwight Yoakam](#), and is based on *UFO Crash at Roswell* by [Kevin D. Randle](#) and [Donald R. Schmitt](#). (Paul Davids, "[Roswell: The Movie](#)," *IUR* 19, no. 2 (March/April 1994): 15–18)

1994, August 23 — 5:40 a.m. A delivery man and other early risers observe a V-shaped object low in the sky above the business district of a western suburb of St. Louis, Missouri. Strobe lights emerge from the object at both its top and bottom, shining continuous beams of light on the object both while it is hovering and in flight. It disappears behind some buildings to the south. (Marler [175](#))

1994, August 31 — 8:30 p.m. Six witnesses in Mongo, Indiana, see a light glowing through the treetops to the southwest at a low altitude. It looks somewhat like the Moon, but it starts moving from behind the trees into an open area near a road and hovers. It looks like a domed disc with a white strobe light on top of the dome. A bright red light on the bottom flashes 3–4 times like a strobe, then the object disappears to the southeast within 2 seconds. One of the witnesses takes at least four good pictures with a Vivitar fully automatic 35 mm camera with a standard lens and loaded with 400 ASA color film. Dogs do not react to the object. (NICAP, "[The Mongo Photos](#)"; Patrick Gross, "[The Mongo Multiple Visual and Photographic Case, August 31, 1993](#)")

1994, September 8 — In response to Rep. [Steven Schiff](#)'s request for information, Col. Richard L. Weaver, director of security and special program oversight of the USAF Office of Special Investigations, publicly releases the *Report of Air Force Research Regarding the "Roswell Incident,"* a 23-page executive summary (dated July 27) that concludes that "the material recovered near Roswell was consistent with a balloon device and most likely from one of the Mogul balloons that had not been previously recovered." (Mark Rodeghier and Mark Chesney, "[The Air Force Report on Roswell: An Absence of Evidence](#)," *IUR* 19, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1994): 3, 20–24; Karl T. Pflock, "[Roswell, the Air Force, and Us](#)," *IUR* 19, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1994): 3–5, 24; [Report of Air Force Research Regarding the "Roswell Incident,"](#) in Col. Richard L. Weaver and 1Lt. James McAndrew, *The Roswell Report: Fact versus Fiction in the New Mexico Desert*, US Air Force Headquarters, July 1995, pp. 5–32; Swords 351; Graff 347–351)

1994, September 13 — 5:30 p.m. As Larry Gardea is hunting for bear near Luna Canyon in Mora County, New Mexico, he sees a cow lying dead some 30 feet away. In the place where its rectum should be is a large, cylindrical hole. Ten feet beyond that cow is another one, apparently alive, sitting on its knees. At that moment a dozen cattle

stampede in the opposite direction, and Gardea hears a loud humming noise coming from the nearby woods. A third cow is suddenly propelled through the air nearby at near ground level, as if carried by an invisible beam. Gardea fires two shots and the humming stops. (Andrea L. Buchanan, "Bizarre Cow Mutilation in Luna Canyon," *Las Vegas (N.Mex.) Daily Optic*, September 15, 1994; Zack Van Eyck, "New Mexican Mutilations," *UFO* 10, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1995): 9–11; Clark III 138; Clark IV 165)

- 1994, September 14** — 8:50–9:05 p.m. A brilliant ball of fire with a long trail of sparks is seen over a wide range of territory in Zimbabwe, Botswana, and southern Zambia, followed by a sonic boom. Some people see three large lights in front, with from 8–20 smaller lights behind. Many report that the objects are traveling very fast from north to south; others see it moving slowly, and one man says he walked along with it more than 320 feet. Geologists [Euen Nisbet](#) and Kathy Silva, working in Zvishavane, Zimbabwe, report that the display takes a minute to cross the sky on a path angled about 10° away from north to south. Witnesses at Lake Kariba, Zimbabwe, variously see three orange-red lights with trails, a bright link with a dark center and 14 lights flashing around it, a light flying at treetop level, a row of green lights with a trail, and an object several times larger than a Boeing 747. Possibly debris from the rocket that launched the Russian satellite Kosmos 2290. (Cynthia Hind, "[UFO Flap in Zimbabwe](#)," *UFO Afrinews*, no. 11 (February 1995): 4–18; Cynthia Hind, "[UFO Flap in Zimbabwe](#)," *IUR* 20, no. 3 (May/June 1995): 20–21; James Oberg, "[Zimbabwe: 1994 Sep 14 near 18:51 UTC](#)," PowerPoint presentation)
- 1994, September 16** — 10:00 a.m. Some 60 children in a grassy playground outside Ariel School in Ruwa, Zimbabwe, see three or four objects landing in the "rough bush area" about 330 feet away. An entity of some kind emerges from the largest object and stands on top. It has long, straight, black hair tied back with a headband around its larger than normal head, stands about 3 feet tall, and is dressed in black. Some of the younger African children are afraid it is a Tokoloshe, a folkloric entity. After 15 minutes, the craft and entity fade from view. The headmaster asks each child to draw what they saw. Researcher [Cynthia Hind](#) interviews them on September 17 and psychologist [John E. Mack](#) several months later. (Cynthia Hind, "[Report on Space Activity in Zimbabwe](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 320 (December 1994): 6–7; Cynthia Hind, "[The Children of Ariel School](#)," *UFO Afrinews*, no. 11 (February 1995): 19–25; Cynthia Hind, "[Ariel School Report \(cont'd\)](#)," *UFO Afrinews*, no. 12 (July 1995): 7–14; Cynthia Hind, "[Recent UFO Sightings in Africa: The Cultural Implications](#)," in *UFOs: Examining the Evidence*, the Proceedings of the 8th BUFORA International UFO Congress, 1995, pp. 35–38; Cynthia Hind, "There's an Alien on the Playground!" *Fate*, April 1997, pp. 46–48; John E. Mack, *Passport to the Cosmos*, Kunati, 2008 ed., pp. 42–43; "[Never-Before-Seen Photos Reveal Extraordinary Wedge-Shaped Impressions](#)," *Daily Mail* (UK), May 20, 2022; Internet Movie Database, "[Ariel Phenomenon](#)"; "[Children Talk about Witnessing the 1994 UFO Landing at the Ariel School in Ruwa, Zimbabwe](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, June 3, 2022; Charlie Wiser, "[Ariel School: Something Glinting in the Trees](#)," Three-Dollar Kit, 2022; Austin Harvey, "[The Ariel School Phenomenon, When Dozens of Schoolchildren in Zimbabwe Claimed They Met Aliens](#)," All That's Interesting, May 11, 2023; Oliver D. Smith, "[The Ariel School UFO: A Dust Devil?](#)" *SUNlite* 15, no. 3 (May/June 2023): 7–10; "['Encounters' Ariel School UFO Incident Denier Dallyn Vico Interviewed in 2008](#)," Ariel Phenomenon YouTube channel, October 10, 2023; Liz Tung, "[Documentary Explores the UFO Sighting That Changed the Course of 62 Children's Lives](#)," WHYY-FM, Philadelphia, October 23, 2023; "[The Definitive Documentary of Ariel School UFO Sighting, Now Streaming](#)," EINPresswire, November 13, 2023; Christopher Sharp, "[BBC Journalist Allegedly Threatened by CIA over 1994 UFO Landing Case in Zimbabwe](#)," Liberation Times, May 17, 2024; "[R.I.P. Emily Trim, Eyewitness of the 1994 UFO Landing at the Ariel School in Ruwa, Zimbabwe](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, November 27, 2024)
- 1994, September 26** — An aircraft crash at RAF Boscombe Down in Wiltshire, England, appears closely linked to US black missions, according to a report in *Air Forces Monthly*. Further investigation is hampered by USAF aircraft flooding into the base. Special Air Service personnel arrive in plainclothes and in an Agusta 109 helicopter. The crash site is protected from view by fire engines and tarpaulins, and the base is closed to all flights soon afterwards. A USAF C5 Galaxy is redirected to the station, which takes the disassembled aircraft back to the US. (Dreamland Resort, "[RAF Boscombe Down's Black Day](#)," April 12, 2005)
- 1994, Fall** — Terry and Gwen Sherman purchase a 512-acre ranch in western Uintah County, southeast of Ballard, Utah. The couple soon encounter various types of UFOs and paranormal phenomena, including cattle mutilations, bigfoot, flying orbs, discarnate voices, crop circles, poltergeist activity, electromagnetic anomalies, orange portals, and a giant wolflike creature. (Wikipedia, "[Skinwalker Ranch](#)"; Zack Van Eyck, "[Frequent Fliers?](#)" *Deseret News* (Salt Lake City), June 30, 1996; Colm Kelleher and George Knapp, *Hunt for the Skinwalker*, Paraview, 2005; Clark III 1073; Clark IV 981–982, 1189)

- 1994**, October 1 — TV host [Larry King](#) broadcasts “Larry King Live at Area 51,” which includes a prerecorded interview with former Sen. [Barry Goldwater](#), who says: “I think the government *does* know. I can’t back that up, but I think that at Wright-Patterson field, if you could get into certain places, you’d find out what the Air Force and the government knows about UFOs... I called [Curtis LeMay](#) and I said, ‘General, I know we have a room at Wright-Patterson where you put all this secret stuff. Could I go in there?’ I’ve never heard him get mad, but he got madder than hell at me, cursed me out, and said, ‘Don’t ever ask me that question again!’” (“[UFOs: Oct 1, 1994, Filmed Outside Area 51](#),” SmokingMan47 YouTube channel, November 28, 2015)
- 1994**, October 7 — 10:00 p.m. Jerzy Bulczyński and his family in Biskupice, Poland, see two identical large discs with rotating rings consisting of smaller spheres, all grayish-green in color and around 6–8 times the size of the full moon. (Poland 88)
- 1994**, October 8 — 8:00 p.m. Military personnel at Poligon Nadarzyce airbase near the village of Nadardyce, Poland, report a spherical UFO surrounded by a ring of lights. It changes shape to a triangle and an ellipse. In reaction to the initial report, Krzesiny AFB sends two MiG-21 interceptors that allegedly experience technical malfunctions during their pursuit. The Polish Army concludes that the phenomena were caused by a laser searchlight operated by the local Olimpia Circus. (Poland 87–89)
- 1994**, December 1 — A strong, flaming light with a train-like rumbling noise causes destruction to 1,700 square feet of woodland in the Guiyang Baiyun Duxi Forest Farm near Guiyang, Guizhou province, China. Trees are broken off at the same height and some roofs are damaged. Although a probable airburst from a meteor, some Chinese researchers argue it could be a ufological event. (Bill Chalker, “[The Untold Story of UFOs in China: Lost in Translation or the Devouring Dragon?](#)” *New Dawn Special Issue* 14, no. 1 (January 2020); “High Strangeness,” Reddit, “[The Guiyang ‘Flying Train’ Incident](#)”; Clark IV 1321)
- 1994**, December 7 — Peer [Roy Mason](#) asks in the House of Lords what official UFO records are kept and whether they can be made public. [Oliver Eden](#), 8th Baron Henley, responds that the Ministry of Defence examines UFO reports solely to determine if they have any “defence significance.” (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1994**, December 29 — 9:45 p.m. A mother and her six children are driving northwest on Zaring Cutoff Road west of Dusty, Washington. To the east she sees three bright yellow lights that appear to be sitting in a snow-covered field. She stops the car to look and realizes that the lights are attached to triangular objects, each with stubby wings and a bright light on the nose. They move slowly and pass in front of the car to a field on the left. Suddenly they pivot 90° and move parallel with the road toward the southeast, maintaining the same configuration. Each has a window on the bottom that emits a bluish light and a buzzing sound. (National UFO Reporting Center, “[Case Brief, La Crosse, WA](#)”; National UFO Reporting Center, “[NUFORC UFO Sighting 00226](#),” November 20, 2001; Marler [225–226](#))

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- 1995** — Astronomer [Carl Sagan](#) publishes *The Demon-Haunted World*, in which he aims to explain the scientific method to laypeople and encourage them to learn critical and skeptical thinking. He explains methods to help distinguish between ideas that are considered valid science and those that can be considered pseudoscience. Sagan states that when new ideas are offered for consideration, they should be tested by means of skeptical thinking and should stand up to rigorous questioning. He argues that the chances of extraterrestrial spacecraft visiting Earth are vanishingly small. However, he does think it plausible that Cold War concerns contributed to governments misleading their citizens about UFOs, and writes that “some UFO reports and analyses, and perhaps voluminous files, have been made inaccessible to the public which pays the bills ... It’s time for the files to be declassified and made generally available.” He cautions against jumping to conclusions about suppressed UFO data and stresses that there is no strong evidence that aliens are visiting the Earth either in the past or present. He worries that fake news and conspiracy theories will become the reality of the future, predicting: “I have a foreboding of an America in my children’s or grandchildren’s time—when the United States is a service and information economy; when nearly all the manufacturing industries have slipped away to other countries; when awesome technological powers are in the hands of a very few, and no one representing the public interest can even grasp the issues; when the people have lost the ability to set their own agendas or knowledgeably question those in authority; when, clutching our crystals and nervously consulting our horoscopes, our critical faculties in decline, unable to distinguish between what feels good and what’s true, we slide, almost without noticing, back into superstition and

darkness.” (Wikipedia, “[The Demon-Haunted World](#)”; Carl Sagan, [The Demon-Haunted World: Science As a Candle in the Dark](#), Random House, 1995)

1995 — From 1995 through March 2004, Project Phoenix conducts observations at the 64-meter Parkes radio telescope in Australia, the 140-foot radio telescope of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, West Virginia, and the 1,000-foot radio telescope at the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico. The project observes the equivalent of 800 stars over the available channels in the frequency range from 1200 to 3000 MHz. The search is sensitive enough to pick up transmitters with 1 GW EIRP to a distance of about 200 light-years. (Wikipedia, “[Search for extraterrestrial intelligence](#)”)

1995 — The National Research Council of Canada announces that it will no longer accept UFO reports for analysis. As a consequence, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police investigations on its behalf ceases. Ufologist [Chris Rutkowski](#) casually suggests that the NRC could forward any non-meteoritic sightings it runs across. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 11)

1995 — The China UFO Research Organization in Beijing has now collected more than 5,000 reports of UFOs in Chinese airspace. (Good Need, [p. 403](#))

1995, January 6 — 6:48 p.m. Capt. Roger Wills and First Officer Mark Stuart are piloting a British Airways Boeing 737 aircraft with 60 passengers when they are buzzed by a bright wedge-shaped object as they are preparing to land at Manchester Airport, England. The object appears only yards in front of the airliner as it flies at 4,000 feet. It is so close that Stuart instinctively reacts by ducking down inside the cockpit. It has small white lights, makes no attempt to change course, and makes no discernable sound or turbulence. The object does not appear on radar. Possibly a fireball meteor. (Harvey Elliott, “UFO ‘Buzzed’ Airliner at Manchester Airport,” *The Times* (London), February 2, 1996; David Boras, “[UFO Nearly Collides with British Airliner](#),” *IUR* 21, no. 1 (Spring 1996): 26–27; Good Need, [pp. 402–403](#); “[UFO Near Miss over the Airport](#),” *Manchester (UK) Evening News*, February 18, 2010; UFOFiles2, [pp. 137–139](#); Marler [140–143](#), [266–269](#); Patrick Gross, “[Air Misses](#)”)

1995, January 12 — Around 5:00 a.m. Farmer Beto Lima is hunting armadillos on his property near Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brazil, when he finds an object the size of a Volkswagen Beetle floating on a pond. He manages to pull it to the shore when suddenly liquid flows from it and two creatures emerge. One of them is hairy and clawed like a sloth, the other is apparently dead and looks like a child. The object is lightweight, and Lima carries it into his house. Brazilian soldiers allegedly retrieve the wreckage and the creatures. (“[O caso Roswell nordestina: Queda da UFO na Bahia, em janeiro de 1995](#),” UFOs-Wilson, May 20, 2012; Brazil 521–529)

1995, February — A Boeing 737 is starting a landing approach at 7,900 feet at Guiyang Airport [now Guiyang Longdongbao International Airport], Guizhou province, China, when its anti-collision system detects an object rushing toward the aircraft. Some 6,000 feet away, the pilot sees a UFO changing from a rhomboid to a circular shape and from yellow to red. The pilot lands safely, even though the object remains on his radar screen for some time before disappearing to the south. (Good Need, [p. 403](#); Patrick Gross, “[Air Misses](#)”)

1995, February 20 — In briefing notes on the safety implications of UFO close approaches for the Joint Airmiss Working Group in the UK, former British Airways Capt. Graham Sheppard comments: “It would not be surprising to discover that, in the past, unexplained aeroplane losses have been caused by instinctive maneuvering to avoid a conflicting UFO... The commercial sensibilities of the airlines should now be set aside along with the media’s inability to give serious treatment to the subject. Otherwise this discrete and notifiable hazard to aircraft safety will continue to be concealed and thus gratuitously omitted from the briefing syllabus.” (Good Need, [p. 404](#); “[British Airways Capt. Graham Sheppard Talks Pilot’s UFO Code of Silence and His Own Sightings](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, April 16, 2025)

1995, February 22 — Researcher [Timothy S. Cooper](#) receives a document purporting to be the first annual report of the Majestic 12 Project, supposedly written in 1951 and referring to possible virus contamination stemming from retrieval of the Roswell aliens. [Nick Redfern](#) has examined it and says it is definitely a hoax, though it could possibly represent disinformation from Russia. (Timothy S. Cooper, “[Research Synopsis on the Majestic Documents](#),” The Author, December 30, 1999; Nick Redfern, “[Why the Majestic 12 ‘1st Annual Report’ Is a Hoax](#),” Mysterious Universe, July 30, 2019; Kremlin 202–208)

1995, March 8 — A military radar installation near Luzern, Switzerland, detects a series of anomalous radar targets that, taken together, appear to make up the straight-line trajectory of an unidentified object traveling at a speed near Mach 3. The consistency in velocity and direction of the three track segments strongly suggests that it is a single object traveling about 150 miles in just over 4 minutes, which corresponds to an average velocity of about 2,147 mph. Another track going in the same direction was picked up 70 seconds after the first one dropped off the radar,

separated by a few miles. This time the system recorded six consecutive returns, each registering a radial speed component of about 2,088 mph. Again the system dropped the track. A minute later the Luzern radar records hits on yet another object, loses it again, and detects it three more times over 40 seconds before it is dropped for the final time. (Bruce Maccabee, "[Atmosphere or UFO? A Response to the 1997 SSE Review Panel Report.](#)" *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 13, no. 3 (1999): 421–459)

- 1995,** March 14 — 3:40–4:00 a.m. Ismailovich Borovkov wakes up to a bright light shining in his home on Serebristy Boulevard in St. Petersburg, Russia. He sees a bright orange light hovering outside the window for 10 minutes, then it suddenly diminishes to a point and disappears. Borovkov hears a loud ringing in his right ear. Around 4:00 a.m., another resident sees a UFO over the Pulkov Highway. ("[Close Encounters over St Petersburg, March 14, 1995.](#)" *IUR* 20, no. 5 (Winter 1995): 12)
- 1995,** March 14 — 7:00–8:00 p.m. A further cluster of UFO sightings, some of them close encounters and one a radar-visual case, take place around St. Petersburg, Russia. At 7:10 p.m., Tatiana Mikhailovna Kalvarskaya is near the Ozerki subway station when she sees an object above Prosveshcheniya Prospekt. It looks like a glowing yellow ellipse with spots of brighter yellow on its surface. Two other perfectly spherical objects move in front of it. Later she sees the objects hovering above a construction site on the other side of Engelska Prospekt. Shortly afterward, the objects disappear at about the height of the construction cranes. After sunset, Mikhail Petrovich Baryshok and other air traffic personnel at Pulkovo Airport see a distant triangle with several lights that also appears on their radar screens. ("[Close Encounters over St Petersburg, March 14, 1995.](#)" *IUR* 20, no. 5 (Winter 1995): 12–15)
- 1995,** March 30 — 8:30 a.m. Farmer Jan Pienaar, 45, is driving in the North West Province, South Africa, when his truck stops dead. About 240 feet ahead is a huge object on three landing pads. It has the form of two inverted soup plates with a pudding bowl on top, and the upper level has portholes. The object buzzes like a "giant electric beater." He gets out of the car but feels paralyzed as if a magnet is holding him. After 3–5 minutes the UFO takes off, and he regains his senses and the car starts up. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1.](#)" *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 17)
- 1995,** April — The Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici begins publishing *UFO Forum*, edited by Giuseppe Verdi in Vittoria, Italy. It continues through at least October 2001. ([UFO Forum](#), no. 1 (April 1995))
- 1995,** April 10 — 7:30 a.m. An 11-year-old boy is on his way to school with his mother and two younger sisters near Merweville, South Africa, when they see a strange object on a side road. It looks like a cloud but is stationary. Then it moves north, although the prevailing wind is to the west, and disappears behind some clouds. The object is about the size of a large truck. (Marie van Staden, "[A Peculiar Cloud-Like Object.](#)" *UFO Afrinews*, no. 13 (February 1996): 10–13)
- 1995,** April 14 — President [Bill Clinton](#) issues Executive Order 12,958, which establishes a system to automatically declassify information more than 25 years old, unless the government takes discrete steps to continue the classification of a particular document or group of documents. The order takes effect on October 14, 1995. (US Department of Justice, "[FOIA Update: Executive Order 12,958.](#)" 1995)
- 1995,** April 18 — 9:00 p.m. A woman in Prospect, Chebucto Peninsula, Nova Scotia, sees a large, brilliant, white light hovering in the sky to the northwest. She can see its reflection on the surface of the still water. She calls her husband, who gets binoculars and determines there are two lights side by side. After several minutes or so, his mother on the floor above says she can see the light too. As soon as they switch the deck lights off for a better view, the two lights start moving directly toward their house, and he watches it slowly fly about 100 feet above the house. It seems to be a rectangular object about 200 feet long by 100 feet wide. It disappears behind the tree line. (Don Ledger, "[The Flying Triangle Phenomenon.](#)" *IUR* 27, no. 3 (Fall 2002): 7)
- 1995,** May 5 — 4:15 a.m. A senior master sergeant and an airman are patrolling the perimeter of the Ghedi Air Force Base near Brescia, Italy. Suddenly they notice an unusual yellow light zigzagging and maneuvering in the sky, much bigger than a star and heading toward the northern part of the airfield. After several minutes it increases in size and becomes a round, orange object as big as the full moon, moving at least 186 mph before hovering a while and zooming away. It returns and leaves twice more, the last time descending to 65 feet above their patrol vehicle. They think this time it will land, but it ascends and zooms away again. They prefer not to report the incident. (2Pinotti 150–151)
- 1995,** May 25 — 10:30 p.m. An America West B-757 airliner is cruising at 39,000 feet near Bovina, Texas. To their right and somewhat below their altitude, Capt. Gene Tollefson and First Officer John J. Waller see a row of bright white lights that sequence on and off from left to right. Waller contacts the Albuquerque FAA Air Route Traffic Control Center while the sighting is in progress and checks with military installations in the area, but no explanation can be found. As the airliner proceeds to the west and the object begins dropping behind, the crew

sees it against a background of thunderclouds. When the background clouds pulse with lightning, the UFO appears as a dark, wingless, elongated cigar-like object around the strobing lights. Though they do not know the exact distance, Tollefson and Waller estimate the object to be 300–400 feet long. One of the air traffic controllers at Albuquerque contacts NORAD, which confirms an unidentified radar target in the vicinity. But this later proves to be a small aircraft whose transponder is not initially operative. (NICAP, “[America West Airlines Flight 564 / NORAD/ F-111 Incident](#)”; Richard Hall, “[America West Airline Case](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 336 (April 1996): 16–17; Walter N. Webb, *Final Report on the America West Airline Case, May 24–25, 1995*, Fund for UFO Research, July 1996; “[1995: The America West UFO Sighting](#),” ufocasebook.com; Patrick Gross, “[Texas, May 1995](#)”; UFOEv II 66–67; “[America West UFO Audio Recording](#),” supermangoodgame YouTube channel, September 28, 2011; “[UFO History America West Flight 564 Encounters Huge Cigar Shaped UFO](#),” AmericanHotChicks YouTube channel, October 24, 2013; John Greenewald, “[America West Airlines Flight 564 UFO Case, May 25, 1995](#),” The Black Vault, June 18, 2021)

1995, June 15 — 2:30 a.m. A triangular UFO with two other brightly lit round objects is seen over RAF West Drayton [now closed], England. (Marler [143](#))

1995, June 22 — 1:00 a.m. Soldiers guarding a military ammunition dump in the southern Carpathian Mountains near the Buzau River, Romania, notice several bright lights in the valley below. They are attached to an object that begins ascending and approaching them from the southwest. It is a flat triangular object with rounded edges that passes straight above their unit, illuminating the ground from a height of about 150 feet. They can hear a loud buzzing noise. It glides to the northeast over the mountains near Întorsura Buzăului and disappears. The next day the unit is rounded up and told never to speak about the sighting. (Romania 94–95)

1995, July — USAF Headquarters publishes, through the Government Printing Office, *The Roswell Report: Fact Versus Fiction in the New Mexico Desert*, by Col. Richard L. Weaver and Lt. James McAndrew, blaming the Roswell debris on a top-secret Project Mogul balloon array sent aloft to detect signs of Soviet nuclear explosions. The first part of the 1,000+-page document is an introductory summary, supported by 31 attachments, by Weaver that was released in September 1994. The second part is a synopsis of Project Mogul balloon research findings by McAndrew, with additional attachments and appendices. A photo section includes photos of various Air Force personnel and Mogul scientists. The report claims Mogul flight number 4, launched on June 4, 1947, was responsible for the Roswell debris. The attachments and appendices are mostly memos dealing with the Air Force requests of its departments for Roswell records; statements and interviews with persons connected with Project Mogul; and New York University progress reports on the Constant Level Balloon project (a study to determine how balloons and their payloads could be maintained at high altitudes for long periods of time). About 95% of the report is padding. (Robert A. Galganski, “[The Roswell Debris: A Quantitative Evaluation of the Project Mogul Hypothesis](#),” *IUR* 20, no. 2 (March/April 1995): 3–6, 23–24; Charles B. Moore, Robert G. Todd, Mark Rodeghier, and Kevin D. Randle, “[Project Mogul and the Roswell Crash: An Exchange](#),” *IUR* 20, no. 2 (March/April 1995): 7–9, 19–22; Col. Richard L. Weaver and 1Lt. James McAndrew, *The Roswell Report: Fact versus Fiction in the New Mexico Desert*, US Air Force Headquarters, July 1995; Mark Rodeghier and Mark Chesney, “[The Final\(?\) Air Force Report on Roswell](#),” *IUR* 20, no. 5 (Winter 1995): 5–6; Richard Hall, “[Fact vs. Fiction in the Pentagon](#),” *IUR* 20, no. 5 (Winter 1995): 7–8; Swords 352–354; “[Air Force Reports on the Roswell UFO Incident](#),” Military Wiki; Clark III 32)

1995, July 1 — Dusk. As a Varig Airlines flight is descending about 37 miles from Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil, the commander sees a very bright disc-like object spinning in the sky in a curious way. The UFO is about 215 feet in diameter and emits a bright white light. As they approach the landing, the light speeds up and crosses in front of them. (Clark III 201; Brazil 543–544; Clark IV 242)

1995, July 15 — 2:45 p.m. Two witnesses (an emergency room nurse and her husband) are driving home (probably along State Highway 8, adjacent to the Naugatuck River) after a fishing trip to Harwinton, Connecticut. A shadow crosses the road as they are driving north, and they look up to see a large metallic disc about 500 feet in diameter at an altitude of about 200 feet, over trees about a half mile away. The object is traveling 65–70 mph and its surface is metallic gray with a band of apparent panes of dark glass and facets on its upper portion. It passes behind trees to the right in about 10–15 seconds. A group of independent witnesses at another location does not observe the object. (Mark Cashman, “[The Harwinton Daylight Disc](#),” *IUR* 25, no. 2 (Summer 2000): 14–19)

1995, July 16 — Las Vegas businessman [Robert Bigelow](#) calls [Jacques Vallée](#) and informs him that he will not continue with his collaboration with the UFO Coalition (MUFON, CUFOS, and the Fund for UFO Research). Instead Bigelow intends to establish a new institute that will “attract world-class scientists to study UFOs and the paranormal including consciousness beyond death.” (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science, Volume 4: Journals*,

- 1990–1999, Lulu.com, 2019, pp. 257–258; Keith Basterfield, “[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 19, 2019)
- 1995**, July 28 — The US General Accounting Office releases *Results of a Search for Records Concerning the 1947 Crash near Roswell, New Mexico*, which says that all administrative records from Roswell Army Air Field in New Mexico from March 1945 to December 1949 have been destroyed, as well as outgoing messages from October 1946 to December 1949. This is perhaps not unusual for the time, as record retention and disposition procedures were unclear; however, [Nick Redfern](#) suggests the possibility that the records were destroyed or removed to hide evidence of unethical radiation and other experiments on unwilling human subjects. The GAO agrees with the Air Force that the wreckage was most likely from a Project Mogul balloon train. The report is in response to a request by Rep. [Steven Schiff](#) (D-N.Mex.). (*Results of a Search for Records Concerning the 1947 Crash near Roswell, New Mexico*, General Accounting Office, July 1995, [reprinted](#) in *IUR* 20, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1995): 3–6; Rep. Steve Schiff, “[Schiff Receives, Releases Roswell Report](#),” July 28, 1995; Mark Rodeghier and Mark Chesney, “[What the GAO Found: Nothing about Much Ado](#),” *IUR* 20, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1995): 7–8, 24; Swords 354–355; Nick Redfern, *The Roswell UFO Conspiracy*, Lisa Hagan, 2017, pp. 134–139; Graff 351–353)
- 1995**, July 29 — 12:15 a.m. Five witnesses in Low Bradfield, South Yorkshire, England, watch a triangular object, “bigger than a commercial airliner, “flying flat side forward. A low humming sound is heard. (Marler [143–144](#))
- 1995**, July 31 — 6:10 p.m. Aerolíneas Argentinas Flight 734, a Boeing 727 with three crew and 102 passengers, is in the landing pattern for San Carlos de Bariloche Airport, Rio Negro, Argentina. Capt. Jorge Polanco suddenly sees a white light bearing down on the aircraft before halting only 300 feet away. The object then makes a turn and flies parallel to the 727. It looks like an inverted flying saucer as large as the airliner, has two green lights at each end and a flashing orange light in the center, and very powerfully illuminated, according to the captain. As Polanco begins to land, the runway and airport lights go out, so he is forced to climb back to 9,800 feet, accompanied by the UFO. Airport chief Maj. Jorge Orviedo reports that the airport’s radio support is cut off, and there is a blackout in many parts of the city. When the ground lights come back on, the UFO shoots away at tremendous speed. The object is also observed by a Gendarmeria Piper PA-31-310 that is flying 1,900 feet above the 727. (Good Need, [pp. 403–404](#); “[Bariloche Case: Argentine Pilot Reveals Details about His Famous Encounter with a UFO](#),” Monkey and Elf, September 20, 2020; Patrick Gross, “[Air Misses](#)”; Covert 42, 170–171; Clark IV 212–213)
- 1995**, August 8 — Two airliners, one from TAM and the other from Rio Sul Serviços Aéreos Regionais, watch a UFO over Macapá, Amapá, Brazil. TAM Cmdr. Marcos Aurélio de Castro reports that he and his copilot see a metallic glow ahead of them to the right. The air traffic center cannot see anything but notes that the Rio Sul flight has reported something similar 5 minutes earlier. Suddenly the silvery object approaches the TAM aircraft. The sighting lasts about 10 minutes. (Clark III 201–203; Brazil 544–545; Clark IV 242)
- 1995**, August 11 — [Jacques Vallée](#) declines [Robert Bigelow](#)’s offer to serve as the project director of his new National Institute for Discovery Science, although he says he will consider a position on the scientific board. (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science, Volume 4: Journals, 1990–1999*, Lulu.com, 2019; Keith Basterfield, “[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 19, 2019)
- 1995**, August 14 — 11:55 p.m. An enormous, roughly triangular object is seen by three family members near the Brighton Racecourse, Sussex, England. (Marler [144](#))
- 1995**, August 19 — [Vallée](#) and [Hal Puthoff](#) meet the board of the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS). Initial members are [Dean Radin](#) and Dianne Arcangel. (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science, Volume 4: Journals, 1990–1999*, Lulu.com, 2019; Keith Basterfield, “[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 19, 2019)
- 1995**, August 25 — About 12:35 a.m. An apparent fireball meteor streaks through the sky toward the south and seemingly crashes in Windsor, Ontario, around 12:40 a.m. Police and air traffic controllers across Ontario and in New York state are flooded with reports. A Windsor police spokesman says the object is seen coming from Detroit with a fiery tail. It crosses the Detroit River, streaks across Windsor and disappears in the city’s south end. According to Staff Sgt. Lloyd Grahame of the Windsor police, a witness reports smoke from the area where the fireball lands, but this is apparently caused by a coincidental arson fire in a Windsor trailer park. (Blair Crawford, “[‘It Lit Up the Sky’: Mystery Fire May be Linked to Meteorite, Expert Says](#),” *Windsor (Ont.) Star*, August 25, 1995, p. 1; “[Police Searching for Meteorite](#),” United Press International, August 25, 1995)
- 1995**, August 27 — 9:30 a.m. Tim Edwards shoots a video of a disc-shaped object hovering then darting about the sky over Salida, Colorado. A series of ripples or moving lights are seen to rotate from left to right on the object, which stays just above the sun while Edwards, his daughter, and four construction workers also watch. UFO

investigators are not impressed with the video, which might be spider web or cottonwood fluff. [Bruce Maccabee](#) thinks it might be a genuine UFO. (“[Colorado Man and His Films Bring UFO Meet Back to Earth](#),” Salt Lake City *Deseret News*, November 30, 1995; Jennie Zeidman, “[The Will to Believe: Gnats, Moths, and Cottonwood Fluff from Outer Space](#),” *IUR* 21, no. 4 (Winter 1996): 14–17; Bruce Maccabee, “[Salida: An Analysis of the Video](#),” *IUR* 21, no. 4 (Winter 1996): 17–19; “[UFO Video Salida Tim Edwards 1995](#),” UFOvideodotcom YouTube channel, October 4, 2012)

1995, August 28 — Fox TV broadcasts for the first time the “alien autopsy film,” a 17-minute black-and-white film supposedly depicting a secret medical examination and autopsy of an alien by the US military. The program, hosted in the US by [Jonathan Frakes](#), is given the title *Alien Autopsy: Fact or Fiction*. The film is broadcast by Channel 4 in the UK as a segment of “The Roswell Incident.” London-based entrepreneur [Ray Santilli](#) presents it as an authentic autopsy on the body of an alien recovered from the 1947 crash of a flying disc near Roswell, New Mexico. The film footage is allegedly supplied to him by a retired military cameraman who wishes to remain anonymous. Experts, including pathologist [Cyril Wecht](#), special effects specialist [Stan Winston](#), and cinematographer [Allen Daviau](#), are shown commenting on the film’s authenticity. The program causes a sensation, with *Time* magazine declaring that the film has sparked a debate “with an intensity not lavished on any home movie since the [Zapruder](#) film.” Fox rebroadcasts the program twice, each time to higher ratings. But even after segment director [John Jopson](#) tells producer [Robert Kiviat](#) that he suspects the entire film is a fake, Fox makes it clear that such suspicions will not be allowed. [Mike Maloney](#), a former photographer for the London tabloid *Daily Mirror*, says it is the same footage that he saw in the late 1970s at a private viewing in the Los Angeles house of a Disney executive. In 2006, Santilli admits the film is not authentic but rather a staged reconstruction of footage (using sheep brains and jelly stuffed into puppets made by a UK sculptor John Humphreys) that he claims to have viewed in 1992, but which has deteriorated and become unusable by the time he made his film. The military cameraman is portrayed by a homeless man in Los Angeles. Santilli claims that a few frames from the original are embedded in his film, but he never specifies which ones. Producer [Spyros Melaris](#) claims that he has made all the auxiliary footage, including that of the homeless man. The existence of an original filmstrip of the alleged autopsy has never been independently verified. [Philip Mantle](#) of BUFORA has spent more than 25 years examining both the footage and the story surrounding it. (Wikipedia, “[Alien Autopsy \(1995 film\)](#)”; Internet Movie Database, “[Alien Autopsy: Fact or Fiction?](#)”; Richard Corliss, “[Autopsy or Fraud-topsy?](#)” *Time*, November 27, 1995; Joseph A. Bauer, “A Surgeon’s View: Alien Autopsy’s Overwhelming Lack of Credibility,” *Skeptical Inquirer* 20, no. 1 (January 1996): 23–24; Kent Jeffrey, “[Santilli’s Controversial Autopsy Movie: A Comprehensive Review](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 335 (March 1996): 3–13; Michael Hesemann and Philip Mantle, *Beyond Roswell: The Alien Autopsy Film, Area 51, and the US Government Coverup of UFOs*, Marlowe, 1997, pp. 182–210; Philip Mantle, *Alien Autopsy Inquest*, The Author, 2007; Philip Mantle, “[Alien Autopsy Film, R.I.P.](#),” *IUR* 32, no. 1 (August 2008): 15–19; “Eamonn Investigates: Alien Autopsy,” UFOHighway YouTube channel, September 19, 2010, [part 1](#), [part 2](#), [part 3](#), [part 4](#); “[Alien Autopsy](#),” Orbitalmedia YouTube channel, February 14, 2013; Nathalie Lagerfeld, “[How an Alien Autopsy Hoax Captured the World’s Imagination for a Decade](#),” *Time*, June 24, 2016; Philip Mantle, *Roswell Alien Autopsy: The Truth behind the Film That Shocked the World*, Flying Disk Press, 2017, revised ed., 2020; Stu Neville, “Effects, Lies, and Videotape: 25 Years of the Alien Autopsy,” *Fortean Times* 395 (August 2020): 32–36; Nigel Watson, “Alien Autopsy: The Interview,” *Fortean Times* 395 (August 2020): 37–40; Graff 353–354)

1995, September 21 — The USAF Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory issues a *Report on Project Mogul* by 1Lt. James McAndrew. (1Lt. James McAndrew, [Report on Project Mogul: Synopsis of Balloon Research Findings](#), Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, September 21, 1995)

1995, September 29 — 8:50 p.m. A witness in Stanley, Durham, England, watches a strange triangular object through binoculars. It flies pointed-end forward and has a pulsing red light on its front tip and steady white lights on its other tips. (Marler 144)

1995, September 29 — 9:30 p.m. Near Vejle, Jutland, Denmark, a 24-year-old man is driving when the dashboard lights behave erratically, the wipers go on, and his dog gets agitated. Then the engine goes completely dead. Without warning, a powerful light explodes over the vehicle, coming from a huge disc, some 40–50 feet in diameter, directly above the car. His dog is whining and trying to hide under the front seat. After a short time, the intensity of the light diminishes. Through the windshield, he sees that the disc is slowly moving forward toward some nearby trees. The man notices that the bottom of the disc is not flat, but has “triangles” or “spikes” on roughly one-third of its top. The bottom appears flat with a mosaic of small, intensely pulsating lights arranged in concentric circles, ever closer towards the center. As the object reaches the trees, it has to tip its left side up to avoid touching them. The object moves on and disappears in a matter of seconds. After 3–4 minutes, he tries the

car's ignition and the headlights and digital clock turn on. The car starts up and he drives off. ("[Bilstop med Effekter](#)," *UFO-Nyt* 1996, no. 1, pp. 4–5; Kim Moeller Hansen, "Car Stop Encounter in Denmark," in Hilary Evans and Dennis Stacy, eds., *UFOs 1947–1997: Fifty Years of Flying Saucers*, John Brown, 1997, pp. 188–193; Kim Moeller Hansen, "[Witness Reports UFO Stops Car along Denmark Road](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 450 (October 2005): 9–11; Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 17–18)

- 1995**, October 1 — 11:00 p.m. Fernando Beserra and Wilson da Silva Oliveira are fishing off the Ilha do Major, a mangrove area near the Rio Piaçabuçu adjacent to São Vicente, São Paulo, Brazil, when a bright yellow object approaches swiftly and silently, landing on a nearby islet. Their boat engine fails as the UFO passes over, but they restart it and flee the area. They return the next morning and find an area of dry vegetation twisted clockwise in a circle 18 feet in diameter. Four marks of apparent landing gear are also found, each measuring 4 by 6 inches and half an inch deep. Researchers from the Instituto Nacional de Investigações de Fenômenos Aeroespaciais find that in the soil samples obtained within the burned area seeds germinate easily, but those planted in the samples harvested outside the circle do not germinate and are attacked by fungi. (Brazil 354–360; Thiago Luiz Ticchetti, "[UFO Landing in São Vicente: UFO Lands and Leaves Marks on Ground](#)," Nexus Newsfeed, October 2, 2019; "[Caso de OVNI avistado em São Vicente completa 25 anos](#)," *Diário do Litoral* (Santos, São Paulo), March 9, 2020)
- 1995**, October 15 — 9:30 a.m. Adolfo Zaráte, 74, is working in the fields near Kilometer 126 on the Autopista Nacional near Torriente, Cuba, when he sees an oval object bathed in a greenish light descend and land about 200 feet away from him, emitting a bluish electrical flame. Zaráte hides behind some bushes and watches two small men, one inside the craft and the other outside and leaning against an open hatch. They are wearing divers' suits with a facial attachment like a gas mask. The one outside gathers up some taro plants and brings them inside. Then the UFO emits some whitish smoke, a powerful blast of air, and a blue flash before it ascends vertically. At about 12 feet up, the object is engulfed in a bright glow and vanishes at top speed into the clouds. Local police find the adjacent shrubs bent and two holes where landing pods presumably were. (Jorge Martín, "[UFOs and Humanoids in Neighbouring Cuba](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 44, no. 3 (Autumn 1999): 19; Ricardo Potts, "[Flying Saucers over the Caribbean](#)," *OVNI*, July/Aug. 2000, pp. 3–4)
- 1995**, November 1 — [Laurance Rockefeller](#) persists in lobbying the Clinton administration for UFO disclosure, which will "accelerate the recognition of a new paradigm of consciousness which recognizes the oneness of mind, body, and spirit." (Laurance Rockefeller to William J. Clinton, "[Lifting Secrecy on Information about Extraterrestrial Intelligence as Part of the Current Classification Review](#)," attached in letter from [Henry L. Diamond to John Gibbons](#), November 1, 1995)
- 1995**, November 27 — 6:20 p.m. Mohammad Ahsan and four colleagues see two triangle-shaped objects emitting laser-like blue rays splashed with red over Dubai, United Arab Emirates. They are silently moving from the al-Hamriya Fish Market southeast toward Dubai International Airport. ("[UFO Sighting in UAE Reported](#)," *Saudi Gazette*, November 28, 1995, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 317 (December 1995): 16)
- 1995**, November 30 — During a Christmas tree lighting event in Belfast, Northern Ireland, President Clinton responds to a Belfast schoolboy who has written him a letter: "No, as far as I know, an alien spacecraft did not crash in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947. And Ryan, if the United States Air Force did recover alien bodies, they didn't tell me about it, either, and I want to know." ("[Remarks on Lighting the City Christmas Tree in Belfast](#)," in *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States: William J. Clinton*, Government Printing Office, 1995, Book II, pp. 1813–1815; "[Pres. Clinton at a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony \(1995\)](#)," clintonlibrary42 YouTube channel, November 5, 2015)
- 1995**, December — Real-estate developer [Robert Bigelow](#) has founded the National Institute for Discovery Science in Las Vegas, Nevada, to research and advance serious study of various fringe science and paranormal topics, especially ufology. It holds its first organizational meeting in December. Bigelow soon hires retired US Army Col. [John B. Alexander](#) part-time and biochemist [Colm Kelleher](#) as deputy administrator. Alexander puts together a Scientific Advisory Board that includes ufologist [Jacques Vallée](#), parapsychologist [Harold E. Puthoff](#), astronaut [Edgar Mitchell](#), mathematician [Gian-Carlo Rota](#), physicist [O'Dean Judd](#), physicist [Johndale Solem](#), astronaut and Senator [Harrison Schmitt](#), psychologist [Albert Harrison](#), and [Christopher \(Kit\) Green](#) as chair. NIDS is headquartered in a two-story building off the Las Vegas Strip and has a 24-hour UFO hotline. Staff is sometimes sent on a Bigelow jet to UFO sighting locations and cattle mutilations. The teams carry expensive equipment to detect EM anomalies and radiation, and infrared and spectrometry equipment. NIDS disbands in October 2004.

(Wikipedia, "[National Institute for Discovery Science](#)"; Colm A. Kelleher, "[What Is NIDS?](#)" [PowerPoint], July 15, 2000; Brandon M. Mercer, "[The UFO Hunters: Meet the Scientists Who Are Serious about Explaining Strange Flying Phenomena](#)," *TechTV*, January 17, 2003; John B. Alexander, "From Los Alamos to Skinwalker Ranch," *Fortean Times* 363 (February 2018): 38–39; Keith Basterfield, "[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#)," *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, May 19, 2019; Skinwalkers 14–15, 31; Graff 386–389)

1995, December 12 — 2:30 p.m. Farmer Egon Kratz and his son-in-law, Adilson Marcílio, are working on their Bela Vista Farm off Highway 227 about 5 miles from Ituporanga, Santa Catarina, Brazil, when a bright, silent, disc-shaped object appears low above some nearby trees, moves swiftly about 30 feet from the ground, and disappears into a valley. On December 15, Marcílio and some friends return to look for traces and find much of the vegetation scorched. Technicians from the Federal University of Santa Catarina arrive on December 20 to collect soil samples and rocks. Kratz notes in January that much of the foliage and vegetation where the UFO has passed is dead or defoliated. (Brazil 350–353)

1996

1996 — The Institut des Hautes Études de la Défense Nationale, a French strategic planning agency, decides to create a 12-member COMité d'Études Approfondies (COMETA) to review well-documented UFO cases and cooperate with agencies in other countries to assess national security factors. It is chaired by French Air Force General [Denis Letty](#) and begins by interviewing French witnesses, consolidates the best information, and presents its research to appropriate French agencies. (Wikipedia, "[Rapport COMETA](#)")

1996 — [Nick Pope](#), a former Ministry of Defence official who served on the Sec (AS) 2a UFO desk in 1991–1994, publishes a memoir titled *Open Skies, Closed Minds* that recounts his conversion from UFO skeptic to believer due to his investigation of cases that seem to be evidential. He concludes that "extraterrestrial spacecraft are visiting Earth and that something should be done about it urgently." (Wikipedia, "[Open Skies, Closed Minds](#)"; Nick Pope, *Open Skies, Closed Minds*, Simon & Schuster, 1996)

1996 — La Fundación Anomalía is created by a group of Spanish ufologists headed by José Ruesga Montiel in Santander, Cantabria, Spain. It takes over publishing *Cuadernos de Ufología* from the Colectivo Cuadernos in 1997 and publishes a new journal, *Anomalía*, from September 2000 to 2011. (*Anomalía*, no. 1 (September 2000))

1996 — Ufologist [John F. Schuessler](#) self-publishes a catalog of *UFO-Related Human Physiological Effects* that focuses on the injuries (ranging from temporary paralysis to skin lesions and other pathologies) involved with UFO close encounters. (John F. Schuessler, *UFO-Related Human Physiological Effects*, The Author, 1996)

1996, January 13 — Oralina Augusta de Freitas is watching TV in her home near Varginha, Minas Gerais, Brazil, when she sees a UFO hovering over the cattle, which are agitated. She calls her husband, Eurico Rodrigues, and they watch the object, which is the size of a microbus and the shape of a submarine. For 40 minutes the object flies less than 20 feet above the ground, heading toward town. The object has a hole in its structure through which white smoke is billowing. Pieces of its fuselage sway in the wind. (Roger K. Leir, *UFO Crash in Brazil: A Genuine UFO Crash with Surviving ETs*, Book Tree, 2005, pp. 80–81; "[ET de Varginha: Caso completa 20 anos com mistérios e incertezas](#)," *G1*, January 20, 2016; Clark III 1222; Clark IV 1398)

1996, January 13 — 4:00 a.m. Businessman and pilot Carlos de Souza is driving from Três Corações to Varginha, Minas Gerais, Brazil, along Highway 491. About 3 miles from Varginha, he hears a sound like an engine rumbling, so he stops by the side of the road and gets out of his vehicle. He sees a cylindrical airship 33–40 feet long and 13–16 feet in diameter flying about 395 feet above him toward Varginha. It is metallic, polished, and reflects the morning sunlight. He notices a hole in the right side of the ship and white smoke pouring out. After it crosses the highway, de Souza gets into his car and starts chasing it. When it crashes into the woods, he finds a dirt road that leads him to the scene, which is covered with debris that looks like tinfoil. He picks up a larger piece that is thin and light. When he kneads it, he is amazed to see that it returns to its original state. Further away, he sees an Army helicopter, two tarpaulins, an ambulance, and three cars. He smells a powerful ammonia odor and is startled by a military police officer who approaches him and shouts, "Go away, you saw nothing." Two more soldiers appear and force him to leave, so he returns to his car, drives away, and stops at a restaurant. A man approaches him and asks if he is Carlos de Souza. He replies yes, and the man calls him over and says, "What you saw, I saw too. You should not talk to anyone about it." The man then relates details about de Souza's private life. Meanwhile, two soldiers from the Escola de Sargentos das Armas in Três Corações contact ufologists [Ubirajara Franco Rodrigues](#) and [Claudeir Covo](#) about the incident to tell them that the area has been cordoned off and that

trucks are loading odd material. There are rumors that NORAD has alerted the Brazilian authorities that it has tracked a large number of UFOs over the western hemisphere and that one has penetrated Brazilian airspace. (Wikipedia, "[Incidente de Varginha](#)"; Roger K. Leir, *UFO Crash in Brazil: A Genuine UFO Crash with Surviving ETs*, Book Tree, 2005; Good Need, pp. 369–376; "[ET de Varginha: Caso completa 20 anos com mistérios e incertezas](#)," G1, January 20, 2016; Clark III 1222; "[Entrevista com Carlos de Souza: Casa Varginha](#)," Marco Leal YouTube channel, June 15, 2020; Patrick Gross, "[The Varginha Affair](#)"; Clark IV 1398)

1996, January 20 — 8:00 a.m. The Varginha, Brazil, fire department receives a call from someone who asks them to investigate a strange creature seen in a park north of the Jardim Andere neighborhood. At 10:00 a.m., firefighters arrive expecting to find a wild animal, but they encounter a 5-foot-tall bipedal entity with red eyes and brown skin. Fish peddler João Bosco Manoel comes across firefighters Sgt. Palhares, Cpl. Rubens, and soldiers Santos and Nivaldo, who are carrying a net with a strange being inside it. One of its feet is brown, and the firefighters are trying to conceal it from curious onlookers. A smell of ammonia permeates the scene. (Clark III 1222–1223; Clark IV 1398–1399)

1996, January 20 — Afternoon. According to testimony by an ex-soldier, uniformed military men open fire while they are sweeping the small forest near Varginha, Brazil, where the creature had been found earlier. A soldier becomes frightened when he sees a creature apparently helping a wounded comrade. Two shots strike its belly and one its chest. A fourth shot hits its shoulder. These two creatures differ from the earlier one and have black hair. Immediately afterward, soldiers come out of the woods carrying the creatures in two black sacks. Something is moving in one of them. (Clark III 1223; Clark IV 1399–1400)

1996, January 20 — 3:30 p.m. Sisters Liliane Fátima da Silva, 16, and Valquíria Aparecida da Silva, 14, and their friend Kátia Andrade Xavier, 22, are crossing a vacant lot at Rua Dr. Benevenuto Bráz Viêira in the Santana neighborhood of Varginha, Brazil, when they encounter a thin, hairless, dark-skinned creature with dark veins, two legs with enormous two-toed feet, two arms with only three fingers, a huge head two three bony protrusions (one on each side and one in the center), and huge red eyes crouching beside a wall. At first they think it is a statue, but then it turns its head and they think it is a devil. They run home and call their mother, Luzia Helena da Silva, but when they return to the vacant lot, all they find is two footprints and an awful stench. The Brazilian Army contends that the girls have seen "Little Dumb," an odd-looking local resident, but they deny this. (Wikipedia, "[Incidente de Varginha](#)"; "[ET de Varginha: Caso completa 20 anos com mistérios e incertezas](#)," G1, January 20, 2016; "[Caso Varginha Minuto a Minuto](#)," João Marcelo YouTube channel, July 13, 2016; Clark III 1223–1224; Brazil 494–509; Clark IV 1400, 1403; Thiago Ticchetti, "[ET de Varginha: Terreno da suposta aparição do alien 'mais famoso do Brasil' vira ponto turístico 30 anos depois](#)," Revista UFO, May 23, 2025)

1996, January 20 — Around 6:00 p.m. After a hailstorm halts the search for several hours, the Varginha, Brazil, search units venture back into the woods. Two plainclothes officers of the Military Police Intelligence Service, one of them Marco Eli Chereze, locate and capture a fourth creature, forcing it into the back of their car. They bring it to a health clinic but are turned away, so they take it to the Hospital Regional do Sul de Minas, where the first examinations are performed. (Clark III 1224; Clark IV 1400)

1996, January 21 — 2:00 a.m. Marco Eli Chereze returns home to his mother's house to change clothes because his are drenched with rain. He begins to fall ill. (Clark III 1225; Clark IV 1401)

1996, January 21 — The strange creatures are transferred to Hospital Humanitas Unimed in Varginha, Brazil. There are many reports of unusual movements of the Army, the police, and the fire department between the two hospitals. Vehicles are also seen arriving at a hospital in Belo Horizonte, where allegedly one of the creatures dies. (Clark III 1224; Clark IV 1400)

1996, January 22 — The Brazilian military uses three trucks and several other vehicles to move the covered bodies. The trucks are parked on the side of Hospital Humanitas Unimed, and a series of cover-up operations are performed involving doctors, nurses, soldiers, firemen, and military police. The bodies inside the three trucks go to the Escola de Sargentos das Armas in Três Corações, Brazil. (Clark III 1224; Clark IV 1400, 1404)

1996, January 23 — 4:00 a.m. A military convoy leaves the Escola de Sargentos das Armas for Campinas, Brazil. (Clark III 1224; Clark IV 1400)

1996, January 23 — 9:00 a.m. The creatures are delivered in a metal box punctured with holes to the University of Campinas in São Paulo, Brazil, where doctors Fortunato Badan Palhares and Conradín Metz begin performing autopsies. Lab workers are prevented from entering the site. According to three military sources, at least one creature is taken to underground labs located at the university. Another creature is referred to the Legal Medical Institute at the Cemitério dos Amarais in Campinas. Army officials continue making decisive movements around Campinas through April. There are rumors that metal fragments of an unknown origin are taken to the Brazilian Departamento de Ciência e Tecnologia Aeroespacial in São José dos Campos, São Paulo, where they are examined in secret underground facilities. The same day, a cargo aircraft takes off from Canoas Air Force Base,

- Rio Grande do Sul, transporting three containers, a box, several soldiers, and a sophisticated radar system to be deployed near Varginha. (Clark III 1224; Clark IV 1400, 1404)
- 1996, January 25** — The US military arrives in Campinas, Brazil, by helicopter, where the entire university is on standby. (Clark III 1224–1225; Clark IV 1401)
- 1996, January 26** — Several scientists and military personnel linked to NASA arrive at the University of Campinas, Brazil. The cover story is that US scientists are choosing Brazilian scientists to take part in future space missions. (Clark III 1225; Clark IV 1401)
- 1996, January 28** — The first official NIDS board meeting takes place in Las Vegas, Nevada. There, Dianne Arcangel is assembling a library. Air Force Lt. Col. Peter McDuff, [Hal Puthoff](#), [Kenneth Klivington](#), Marty Pilch, [John L. Petersen](#), [Harrison Schmitt](#), [Johndale Solem](#), and Dean Judd are all present. [Jessica Utts](#), Air Force Brig. Gen. [James E. Whinnery](#), Emily Williams Cook, [Ted Rockwell](#), and [John B. Alexander](#) are also there. The meeting discusses NIDS' goals, visions, and mission. Discussion ensues on [Bigelow](#)'s dual focus on UFOs and survival after death. Las Vegas journalist [George Knapp](#) presents to the meeting about his research trip to the USSR. [Vallée](#) learns that Bigelow became interested in survival research “after his 22-year old son died a few years ago in the desert. Bigelow became interested in UAP because he'd experienced unusual phenomenon as a child, with his grandparents.” (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science, Volume 4: Journals, 1990–1999*, Lulu.com, 2019, p. 296; Keith Basterfield, “[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 19, 2019; Clark IV 1279)
- 1996, February 6** — Marco Eli Chereze, 23, one of the military policemen involved in the Varginha, Brazil, creature capture, begins exhibiting strange symptoms and notices inflammation and a small abscess under his left arm. At the barracks infirmary, physician Robson Ferreira Melo performs surgery to remove the abscess, found to be due to staphylococcus. Then Chereze develops a fever and pain all over his body. (Clark III 1225; Clark IV 1401)
- 1996, February 11** — Chereze is admitted to Hospital Bom Pastor in Varginha, Brazil. (Clark III 1225; Clark IV 1401)
- 1996, February 12** — Chereze is transferred to the emergency room of the Hospital Regional do Sul de Minas, Brazil, suffering from intense pain in the lower back and fever. (Clark III 1225; Clark IV 1401)
- 1996, February 15** — Chereze wakes up very tired and in a state of torpor, with signs of cyanosis. He is transferred to intensive care, where his condition deteriorates rapidly. Chereze dies at 11:00 a.m. An autopsy confirms septicemia caused by a urinary infection, but the cause of death is unclear, according to Dr. Cesário Lincoln Furtado, who says it is highly unusual for a young man to quickly acquire an immunodeficiency followed by an attack of three kinds of virulent bacteria. Doctors order his body to be cremated immediately, but his family will not allow it. The death certificate gives the cause of death as acute respiratory failure, sepsis, and pneumonia. The family begins a legal challenge to have the records released. (A. J. Gevaerd and Ubirajata Franco Rodrigues, “[Varginha Case: New Revelations](#),” translation of “[Novas revelações agitaram Varginha](#),” *UFO Brazil*, no. 102, August 1, 2004; Clark III 1225; Brian Dunning, “[Brazil's Roswell: The Varginha UFO](#),” Skeptoid Podcast, October 11, 2022; “[Leslie Kean: The Varginha Case](#),” TOE Clippings YouTube channel, April 18, 2023; “[Exclusivo: Médico e legista doutor João Janini fala sobre o Caso Varginha e Marco Chereze](#),” *Revista UFO*, May 4, 2023; Clark IV 1401)
- 1996, February 27** — The American documentary TV series *Nova* presents “Kidnapped by UFOs? The True Story of Alien Abductions,” featuring [Betty Hill](#), [Budd Hopkins](#), [John E. Mack](#), and several abductees. But the presence of skeptics [Carl Sagan](#) and [Elizabeth Loftus](#), as well as John Mack whistleblower Donna Bassett, gives an unflattering portrait of their work. (Internet Movie Database, “[Kidnapped by UFOs? The True Story of Alien Abductions](#)”; “[VHS: Nova, Kidnapped by UFOs? The True Story of Alien Abductions \(1996\)](#),” Marina's VHS Archives YouTube channel, September 1, 2022; Eghigian, *After*, p. 302)
- 1996, March 1** — 6:00 p.m. A man driving past a field in Southport, Merseyside, England, sees a triangle-shaped object with a white light in each corner and a green light in the center. It stays motionless for 5 minutes before it starts circling the field. Then it stops and the lights merge into one long green light. Without warning, it takes off and disappears. (“[Mystery in the Evening Skies](#),” *Southport (UK) Visitor*, March 8, 1996, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 325 (August 1996): 13)
- 1996, March 9** — 10:50 p.m. Two groups of motorists at Gallows Corner, Romford, East London, England, watch a triangular UFO as large as a soccer field with a white light in each corner and a pulsating orange light in the center. (“[UFO Flies in over Flyover!](#)” *Romford Record* (Essex, England), March 15, 1996, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 327 (October 1996): 13; Marler [220–221](#))
- 1996, March 12** — Two hunters are snowmobiling near Trout Lake, Northwest Territories, Canada, when they come upon two metallic “spaceships” blocking their trail. Both objects are about 300 feet in diameter, with a bright light on

their tops and windows on their sides. One stands on three legs while the other hovers. As the hunters drive around the objects, the lights go out. Later, Trout Lake officials find large rectangular impressions in the snow. (Mark Rodeghier, "[UFOs in Canada—1996](#)," *IUR* 22, no. 2 (Summer 1997): 32)

- 1996, March 31** — The third NIDS advisory board meeting takes place in Las Vegas, Nevada. Two new members attend, one of whom is [Ian Stevenson](#). NIDS has connected with [Illobrand von Ludwiger](#) in Germany, [Chad Deetken](#) has been sent to Puerto Rico, and Peter McDuff has gone to Mexico concerning UFO sightings. [Puthoff](#) and [Alexander](#) have visited Lt. Col. [Philip J. Corso](#). [Roger Leir](#) and [Derrel Sims](#) present on alien implants, and abduction researcher John Carpenter also gives a talk. Later [Vallée](#) and Alexander meet with Corso to obtain more details on his claims. (Keith Basterfield, "[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#)," *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, May 19, 2019)
- 1996, April** — The journal *Psychological Inquiry* dedicates some 100 pages to an article and 12 commentaries about alien abductions. Written by psychologists [Leonard S. Newman](#) and [Roy Baumeister](#), the article offers a "cognitive-motivational" explanation for the apparent memories abductees have about being abused by aliens. The authors flag several characteristics that likely contribute to false memories: a susceptibility to sleep-induced hallucinations, high suggestibility, exposure to media about alien abductions, fantasy proneness, and a streak of masochism. They suspect that abductions are escapist fantasies fueled by masochism and bondage. The commentators generally agree that abductions are not real. [John E. Mack](#) and colleagues from PEER also respond, noting that experiencers do not derive pleasure from the events, about 33% do not involve hypnosis, many events do not occur at bedtime, and abductees show no signs of being fantasy prone. (Leonard S. Newman and Roy Baumeister, "[Toward an Explanation of the UFO Abduction Phenomenon: Hypnotic Elaboration, Extraterrestrial Sadomasochism, and Spurious Memories](#)," *Psychological Inquiry* 7, no. 2 (April 1996): 99–126; Caroline C. McLeod, Barbara Corbisier, and John E. Mack, "[A More Parsimonious Explanation for UFO Abduction](#)," *Psychological Inquiry* 7, no. 2 (April 1996): 156–168; Eghigian, *After*, p. 302)
- 1996, April 21** — Around 9:00 p.m. Terezinha Gallo Clepf is celebrating her 67th birthday at the restaurant at the Parque Zoobotânico Municipal Dr. Mário Frota in Varginha, Brazil, when she steps onto a porch to smoke a cigarette. She looks to her left and sees a strange creature with bright red eyes and a yellow helmet on its head. It is behind a fence that circles the porch. They stare at each other. Clepf goes back into the restaurant but soon comes back out and the creature is still there. She gets her husband to take her home. (Clark III 1225; Clark IV 1401)
- 1996, April 29** — Luzia Helena da Silva is visited in Varginha, Brazil, by four men in suits who do not identify themselves. After hearing her daughters' story of their January 20 encounter, they offer the family a large sum of money to record a video denying what they had seen that day and claiming the whole thing was a joke. (Clark III 1225; Clark IV 1401)
- 1996, May 7** — In response to a question by MP [Martin Redmond](#), Minister of State for the Armed Forces [Nicholas Soames](#) tells the House of Commons that the papers held by his department relating to the events at Rendlesham Forest in 1980 are unclassified. (Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1996, May 8** — Brig. Gen. Sergio Pedro Coelho Lima, commander of the Escola de Sargentos das Armas in Três Corações, Brazil, reads a statement saying that no officer at the school has participated in the alleged operation. He insists to journalists that nothing unusual has happened in the city. When asked what the ESA military was doing on January 20, he replies that the military was "working for the sake of the Army and the nation." In 1999, the story is amplified when a Major Calza says a "dwarf, disfigured and mentally retarded," was behind some of the creature reports in Varginha. (Clark III 1225, 1226; Clark IV 1401, 1402)
- 1996, May 17** — 8:00 p.m. Hildo Lúcio Gardino, 20, is traveling from Três Corações to Varginha, Brazil, when she sees a strange creature on the side of the road. She dims her headlights and speeds past as the creature places its hands over its eyes and flees into the woods. (Clark III 1225; Clark IV 1401)
- 1996, May 22** — 3:30 p.m. A motorist on the West Tamar Highway near Bradys Lookout State Reserve in Tasmania, Australia, notices an upright, vapor-like trail to the north. The trail changes into an upright, bronze-colored cigar shape that disappears in front of their eyes. ("[Northern Flap](#)," *TUFOIC Newsletter*, no. 79 (October 1996): 3; Herbert S. Taylor, "[Cloud Cigars: A Further Look](#)," *IUR* 30, no. 3 (May 2006): 13)
- 1996, May 29** — About 1:00 p.m. A vertical, misty cloud is seen against the clear blue sky above Launceston, Tasmania. It forms into a vertical upright cylinder that seems to have a long hole. The witness and a friend look away for a second, and the object is gone. ("[Northern Flap](#)," *TUFOIC Newsletter*, no. 79 (October 1996): 3; Herbert S. Taylor, "[Cloud Cigars: A Further Look](#)," *IUR* 30, no. 3 (May 2006): 13)

- 1996, June 1** — The fourth NIDS scientific advisory board meeting takes place in Las Vegas, Nevada. There are three presentations by Air Force Brig. Gen. [James E. Whinnery](#) on the effects of g-forces on pilots and the relationship to consciousness. Former NASA astronaut [Edgar Mitchell](#) speaks about near-death experiences. On the question of alien implant analysis, the implants are found to contain common elements, and the board seems to lean towards them being pieces of conventional metal, which have somehow become embedded in the human body. (Keith Basterfield, “[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 19, 2019)
- 1996, June 2** — 9:30 p.m. A woman and her parents observe a multicolored UFO darting around over the Gulf of Mexico from the deck of their home in Perdido Key, Florida. (Carole Baker, “[Colorful UFO Darts over Gulf Waters](#),” *Pensacola Beach (Fla.) Islander*, June 19, 1996, via *UFO Newscipping Service*, no. 324 (July 1996): 8)
- 1996, June 4** — 10:00 p.m. A woman in Cornwall, England, sees an object drifting along near the horizon for two minutes. She realizes it is actually a man about 5 feet tall with dark clothing that is flapping in the wind. A dog notices it as well and stares angrily at it when it passes overhead. (Jenny Randles, “[Case Notes](#),” *Northern UFO News*, no. 174 (July 1996): 12; Clark III 1107; Clark IV 1233)
- 1996, June 10** — In response to a question by MP [Martin Redmond](#), Minister of State for the Armed Forces [Nicholas Soames](#) tells the House of Commons that the papers held by his department on Rendlesham are the report by the USAF deputy base commander at RAF Woodbridge, internals staffing papers, and public correspondence. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1996, June 17** — 10:30 p.m. A witness is driving east on East Kingsfield Road in the northern part of Pensacola, Florida, when he sees a large, black triangular object. He pulls to the side of the road to watch, as does a truck in front of him. The object has a single white light at each corner and hovers directly above the road. A red blinking light is at the center. (“[Triangular Shaped Craft Hovers over Witness](#),” *Pensacola Beach (Fla.) Islander*, July 10, 1996, via *UFO Newscipping Service*, no. 325 (August 1996): 5)
- 1996, June 21** — British hacker [Mathew Bevan](#) is arrested in connection with hacking into sensitive USAF, NASA, and NATO data facilities. Bevan claims he has downloaded files of space-related technology from Wright-Patterson AFB, specifically emails between employees about an anti-gravity aircraft the USAF is developing. Eighteen months later, in Woolwich Crown Court, the Crown Prosecution Service decides that it is no longer in the public interest to pursue the case. They offer “no evidence,” which results in a full acquittal being recorded. (“The Case Study: Rome Laboratory, Griffiss Air Force Base, NY Intrusion,” US Congress, Senate, *Security in Cyberspace*, Hearings before the Permanent Subcommittee on Governmental Affairs, US Senate, 104th Congress, May 22, June 5, 25, and July 16, 1996, Appendix B, pp. 264–270; “[2d Briton Is Charged in Computer Spying](#),” *New York Times*, June 24, 1996, p. A9; “[Court Frees Man in Military Hacking Case](#),” *The Independent* (UK), November 22, 1997; Ryan Sprague, “[UFO Hackers Pay the Price](#),” Medium: Point of Contact, August 24, 2020)
- 1996, June 24** — Day. Spasso Maximovitch notices an unusual object in the western sky over Rosh HaAyin in central Israel. He grabs his video camera to film it, just as a glowing white oval-shaped object appears some 20° west of the object and streaks toward it at high speed. Within 3 seconds it strikes the stationary orb, causing a huge explosion in the sky that seemingly destroys both objects. Stunned, Maximovitch stops filming immediately after capturing the explosion. (Patrick Gross, “[UFO Mid-Air Crash—or Military Drill—Filmed in Israel](#)”)
- 1996, July** — [Stephen Bassett](#) establishes the Paradigm Research Group in Washington, D.C., as a lobbying organization to advocate for an end to the “government imposed truth embargo” on the extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race. It reconfigures itself as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2024. (“[Paradigm Research Group \(PRG\)](#),” Paradigm Research Group website)
- 1996, July** — Day. A private pilot is flying his Piper Cherokee PA-28-140 from Waterville, Nova Scotia, to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, at 3,500 feet. While over Cape Blomidon, Nova Scotia, the pilot’s father-in-law (next to him in the right seat) spots a chrome-colored sphere 60 feet in diameter about 2 miles away and traveling at the same speed as the aircraft but about 500 feet lower. The pilot banks gently in its direction, and the sphere speedily darts toward Springhill, Nova Scotia, 20 miles away, and hovers there as a bright dot, then disappears. The pilot is distressed about the encounter and is distracted for the rest of the flight. (Don Ledger, “[Two Spherical UAP Cases Witnessed by Pilots in Canadian Airspace](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 2 (July 2010): 9, 22)
- 1996, July 4** — [John P. Timmerman](#) investigates a mystery crop circle found in a wheat field belonging to Dan Arend off County Road 126 near Paulding, Ohio. (John P. Timmerman, “[The Paulding, Ohio, Crop Circle](#),” *IUR* 21, no. 3 (Fall 1996): 24–26)
- 1996, July 8** — Minister of State for the Armed Forces [Nicholas Soames](#) tells the House of Commons that his department evaluates UFO reports solely for their “defence significance” and “to date no sighting has provided such evidence.” (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)

- 1996, July 9** — 12:30 a.m. Police Sgt. Marian Mancu and volunteer guard Maricel Rusu are patrolling on the main road through Certești, Romania. Rusu sees a lighted object descending silently, causing nearby neon lights to vary in their intensity. Mancu hears a whistling sound and sees an object with flashing blue and red lights hovering 2 feet above the pavement. Three small people with elongated heads, white faces, big eyes, and scaly bodies are moving around inside it. The object is top-shaped, 15–20 feet across and 8 feet tall, and has a girdle of lights around the edge like a rainbow. After 2 minutes it rises vertically, its lights become brighter, and nearby streetlights go out. It turns northwest and departs with tremendous speed. Other residents of the town witness unusual light phenomena. (Romania 135–146)
- 1996, July 17** — Dusk. A woman near Langruth, Manitoba, is startled to see a disc-shaped object moving quietly and slowly through her farmyard. The object, 9–12 feet in diameter and 2.5 feet thick, has slit-like lights along its edge. The next morning, she finds three circular patches of deep green growth in the area where the object had been. She thinks her well water has been affected by the incident. (Mark Rodeghier, “[UFOs in Canada—1996](#),” *IUR* 22, no. 2 (Summer 1997): 32)
- 1996, July 24** — Minister of State for the Armed Forces [Nicholas Soames](#) tells the House of Commons that in the past five years “RAF aircraft have been scrambled or diverted from task on two occasions to intercept and identify uncorrelated radar tracks entering the United Kingdom air defence region.” In response to a question from MP [Martin Redmond](#), he states that the RAF cases of November 5, 1990 [over the North Sea], and March 31, 1993 [RAF Cosford], were deemed not of “defence significance.” (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1996, August 3** — Sen. [Harry Reid](#) (D-Nev.) attends the fifth meeting of the National Institute for Discovery Science scientific advisory board in Las Vegas, Nevada. [Jacques Vallée](#) delivers the main presentation. Reid stays in frequent contact with [Robert Bigelow](#) afterward. NIDS has hired three scientists as staff members, namely a biochemist ([Colm Kelleher](#)), a molecular biologist and veterinarian ([George Onet](#)), and a physicist ([Eric W. Davis](#)). Present for part of the meeting are [Ian Stevenson](#), Bruce Grayson, [John E. Mack](#), and [Gian-Carlo Rota](#). Vallée writes that “Administration issues threatened to bog down the discussion, starting with the changing definition of the Institute, no longer a granting agency. Bob wants to turn it into a working body that performs its own research and building relationships with centers of expertise, so, never delegating the analysis. Thus the SAB is elected as working group rather than merely a review and strategy board.” (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science, Volume 4: Journals, 1990–1999*, Lulu.com, 2019, p. 322; Keith Basterfield, “[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 19, 2019; Skinwalkers 15; Graff 390–391; Clark IV 1279)
- 1996, August 12** — 9:40 p.m. A witness in Smithton, Illinois, sees a faint, dull-red, glowing triangular object as he is looking for the Perseid meteor shower. It appears from the south, flies north above his house, and vanishes after 10 seconds. (Marler 171)
- 1996, August 17** — A couple camping in Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba, see a strange blue light dancing behind a hill. When they investigate, they find an object moving along the ground, occasionally emitting flames from its base. After a short while, it zips into the sky, then returns and hovers near them. It then shines a beam of light around the ground, illuminating them at one point. (Mark Rodeghier, “[UFOs in Canada—1996](#),” *IUR* 22, no. 2 (Summer 1997): 32)
- 1996, August 18–20** — Journalist [Gary Webb](#) publishes his “Dark Alliance” series in the *San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News*, with one long article and one or two shorter articles appearing each day. It claims that “For the better part of a decade, a San Francisco Bay Area drug ring sold tons of cocaine to the Crips and Bloods street gangs of Los Angeles and funneled millions in drug profits to a Latin American guerrilla army run by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.” This drug ring “opened the first pipeline between Colombia’s cocaine cartels and the black neighborhoods of Los Angeles” and, as a result, “The cocaine that flooded in helped spark a crack explosion in urban America.” The *Mercury News* continues to pursue the story, publishing follow-ups to the original series for the next three months. Other papers are slow to pick up the story, but African Americans quickly take note, especially in South Central Los Angeles where the dealers discussed in the series are active. They respond with outrage to the series’ charges. By the end of September, three federal investigations are announced: an investigation into the CIA allegations conducted by CIA Inspector-General [Frederick Hitz](#), an investigation into the law enforcement allegations by Justice Department Inspector-General [Michael Bromwich](#), and a second investigation into the CIA by the House Intelligence Committee. After his resignation from *The Mercury News*, Webb expands the “Dark Alliance” series into a book that responds to the criticism of the series and describes his experiences writing the story and dealing with the controversy. A revised version is published in 1999 that incorporates Webb’s response to the CIA and Justice Department reports. The February 2000 report by the House

Intelligence Committee in turn considers the book's claims as well as the series' claims. Webb's reporting in "Dark Alliance" remains controversial. Many writers discussing the series point to errors in it. The claim that the drug ring of Meneses-Blandón-Ross sparked the "crack explosion" has been perhaps the most criticized part of the series. Webb commits suicide in 2004. (Wikipedia, "[Gary Webb](#)"; Wikipedia, "[Dark Alliance \(book\)](#)"; Gary Webb, *Dark Alliance: The CIA, the Contras, and the Crack Cocaine Explosion*, Seven Stories, 1998, [revised ed.](#), 1999)

1996, August 29 — 8:00 p.m. A mechanic notices a white mass of light at Port Arthur, Tasmania. His car acts up a bit, but the light vanishes, and it returns to normal. At 9:30 p.m., on the return trip, the white mass returns and paces the car for several kilometers. The engine misses and the headlights go out. He can now see a cigar-shaped object about 650 feet away, so he gets out, checks the engine, and finds nothing wrong. The UFO moves off and the car starts again. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1.](#)" *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 20)

1995, September — [Robert Bigelow](#), founder of the National Institute for Discovery Science, buys the Skinwalker Ranch property in Utah from Terry Sherman for \$200,000 to study the sightings at the ranch, soon dubbed the Skinwalker Ranch after the shape-shifting creature in Navajo folklore. Bigelow's purchase is reportedly the result of his having been convinced by the stories of cattle mutilations, strange lights, and unusual impressions made in grass and soil told by the Shermans. NIDS physicist [Eric W. Davis](#) and others begin seeing UFOs, strange creatures, and other paranormal phenomena at the ranch. (Wikipedia, "[Skinwalker Ranch](#)"; "[Nevada Millionaire Buys 'UFO Ranch' in Utah.](#)" *Las Vegas (Nev.) Sun*, October 23, 1996; Clark III 1073; "[Dr. Eric Davis | Skinwalker Ranch, NIDS, and To The Stars Academy.](#)" Erike Lukes | Expanding Frontiers YouTube channel, July 29, 2018; Coulthart 2023, pp. 125–127; Clark IV 982, 1189)

1996, September 10 — The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty is adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. It opens for signature in New York on September 24 and is signed by 71 states, including five of the eight then-nuclear states. The treaty will enter into force 180 days after the 44 states listed in Annex 2 of the treaty have ratified it. These "Annex 2 states" are states that participated in the CTBT's negotiations between 1994 and 1996 and possessed nuclear power reactors or research reactors at that time. As of 2016, eight Annex 2 states have not ratified the treaty: China, Egypt, Iran, Israel, and the United States have signed but not ratified the treaty; India, North Korea, and Pakistan have not signed it. (Wikipedia, "[Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty](#)")

1996, September 16 — Day. A witness is repairing a fence on his property near Valley, Alabama, when his dog starts barking loudly. Going over to his dog, he looks up to see a low-flying space-capsule-shaped UFO hovering and moving slowly over one of his cow pastures. He takes six photos of the object. Black to dark green in the photos, the cone-shaped object, when enlarged, shows a black Teflon-like covered bottom and a flange or rim that goes around near the top. In each photo the UFO is shown at a slightly different position and altitude, making it more difficult to hoax. (Patrick Gross, "[Mysterious Photos](#)")

1996, September 23 — Night. A woman, her 10-year-old son, and a teenage friend are driving toward Freuchie, Cupar, Scotland, when they see a large, black, triangular-shaped object hovering above a farmer's field and part of the road. The object extinguishes its lights and moves away. They continue to Freuchie to buy a jar of coffee, but on the way back to their home in Falkland, a similar object passes above their car. The 10-year-old screams, thinking it will crash into the car. When they arrive home, they tell the story to the woman's teenage daughter, who convinces her mother to drive back and look again. As they drive between Falkland and Newton of Falkland, they see on the left several red, blue, and green rays of light rising up from the forest floor. In the sky are thousands of tiny white lights like stars but only 1,000 feet above them. Above Falkland Hill, they see a large orange ball hovering above the hill, emitting sparks. They stop the car to watch a "long column of blue light" in front of the forest. They then notice "hundreds of small grey creatures bending down and picking up boxes of cylinders and taking them toward a larger structured object" that is nestling in a small clearing. To the right are taller gray beings and there is a ball of immense white light sitting in the farmer's field. They also see small creatures 3.5–4 feet tall with small, childlike bodies, large pear-shaped heads, black almond-shaped eyes, encased in bubbles and flying toward their car. One child notices a creature standing outside the car, whereupon they drive away quickly from the area. A massive blue burst of light flashes over the whole area. They return once more and encounter the creatures again. The teenager feels her head being "pushed down toward the front of the car" and feels like she is being "taken." Subsequent encounters take place, as well as poltergeist activity in their farmhouse. Strange bruises appear on the woman's arm. (Malcolm Robinson, *The Falkland Hill UFO Incident*, Kindle Scribe, 2022; "[Falkland Hill UFO Incident.](#)" *The Courier* (Dundee), January 14, 2023)

- 1996, October** — Psychologist [Stuart Appelle](#) evaluates factors of deception, suggestibility, personality, sleep phenomena, psychopathology, psychodynamics, environment, and event-level alien encounters as origins of the abduction experience. He argues that no one theory enjoys enough empirical support to be accepted as a general explanation. (Stuart Appelle, [“The Abduction Experience: A Critical Evaluation of Theory and Evidence,”](#) *JUFOS* 6 (1995/1996): 29–78)
- 1996, October** — A police officer in South Yorkshire, England, watches a dull matte-black colored triangular object with three red lights twirling at each corner of the triangle. It hovers directly over his vehicle and shines a bright blue beam that illuminates his patrol car for a few minutes. When the beam shuts off, the object takes off at terrific speed and performs some acrobatic maneuvers, including instantly going into reverse, before disappearing over the horizon. (Powell, *Scientist*, 68)
- 1996, October 5** — 2:00 a.m. Police Constable David Leyland in Skegness, Lincolnshire, England, sees some rotating colored lights in the sky and reports them to the coast guard. Police in nearby Boston see a single, stationary bright light, while the crew of an offshore tanker report another colored light. Air traffic control radar at Claxby by Normanby, Lincolnshire, picks up a strong target over Boston, and RAF Waddington near Lincoln also picks up an unidentified target in another position. Talk of a UFO wave becomes embellished in the media, and MP [Martin Redmond](#) calls for an investigation by RAF Air Defence. Wing Commander [Norman Hutchinson](#) conducts an in-depth investigation of all the sightings and radar targets, producing a 23-page report that he completes on November 13. It’s pretty clear that the mysterious radar blips are a permanent radar echo caused by the 273-foot steeple of St. Botolph’s Church in Boston, the stationary white light is Venus, and astronomer [Ian Ridpath](#) identifies the rotating colored lights as misobservations of Sirius and Vega. (David Clarke, “The 1996 East Anglian UFO Flap,” *Fortean Times* 223 (July 2007): 28–29; UFOFiles2, [pp. 159–162](#))
- 1996, October 5** — 10:00 a.m. Businessman-pilot Haroldo Westendorff is flying a single-engine EMB-712 Tupi (Piper PA-28 Cherokee) over Ilha da Sarangonha, near São José do Norte, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, when he sees a gigantic object about the size of a football stadium. It is pyramidal in shape with 8 sides, on each of which are 3 protruding domes. Westendorff follows it for 2 minutes. The UFO is revolving slowly on its own axis and moving toward the ocean. A hatch opens on top of the object and three disks emerge and fly away quickly. When Westendorff tries to get closer, the UFO emits reddish rays, causing him to maneuver about 650 feet away. Soon the object begins to rise at great speed. Operators at the Infraero control room at Pelotas Airport visually confirm the observation. (“[Caso Ufológico Haroldo Westendorff, 1996.](#)” Canal Fenomeno OVNI YouTube channel, January 18, 2015; “[Completem-se 20 anos do Caso Haroldo Westendorff.](#)” Portal UFO, October 5, 2016; Clark III 203; Brazil 545–548; Clark IV 242–243)
- 1996, October 15** — 11:00 p.m. A couple is driving near Trois Rivières, Quebec, when they see three strange triangular objects flying in the northern sky. One object, shaped like a “topper” and much larger than an airplane, aims an intense white light at their car for 20 minutes. They feel like “time was stopped.” Dozens of other people in the region see UFOs that same night. (Mark Rodeghier, “[UFOs in Canada—1996.](#)” *IUR* 22, no. 2 (Summer 1997): 32)
- 1996, October 16** — In the UK House of Commons, MP [Martin Redmond](#) asks the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs about its consultations with France regarding UFOs; and a list of the times that MI6 or the Government Communications headquarters has monitored UFO investigations in the past 10 years. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\).](#)” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1996, October 16** — 8:30–9:00 p.m. Many people over a wide area of south-central Ohio and northern Kentucky phone police to report strange lights in the sky. A husband and wife watch a fiery orange object near Ripley, Ohio, for 20 minutes. Charles Fite and Bill Adams in Aberdeen, Ohio, see several lights to the north in a “T” formation. A man in Tollesboro, Kentucky, reports 8–10 objects in a group that blink out and reappear in three-minute intervals. An airport operator in Jackson, Ohio, receives two calls describing a group of red lights moving erratically in the northwestern sky. Terry Howard, between Waverly and Chillicothe, Ohio, videotapes a group of glowing objects at about the same angle of altitude as the moon. Ohio UFO investigators suspect that the sightings are a result of military maneuvers by the Ohio Air National Guard. (Terry Endres and Ron Schaffner, “[UFO Flare-Ups in Ohio.](#)” *IUR* 23, no. 3 (Fall 1998): 9–13)
- 1996, October 17** — MP [Martin Redmond](#) continues to ask numerous questions in the House of Commons about official UK investigations of UFOs and collaborations with other governments. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\).](#)” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1996, October 25** — 2:00 a.m. A family sees a bowl-shaped disc with five rectangular windows in Gypsumville, Manitoba. It is seen through binoculars as it directs a beam of light down at a lake it is hovering above. Two nights later it returns, moving high above the lake. They drive to the home of a neighbor who joins them outside to watch four objects flying in formation. Two of the objects suddenly change direction and disappear from view,

then the other two shine beams of light on the lake again and disappear by moving into the clouds. (Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 195–196)

1996, November 5 — In response to MP [Martin Redmond](#)'s request for a list of all UFO encounters by RAF pilots since 1966 that have not been released to the public, Minister of State for the Armed Forces [Nicholas Soames](#) replies that can be done only at a "disproportionate cost." He adds that "Unidentified contacts penetrating UK airspace or the UK air defence region are identified by all available means, including interception." (Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)

1996, November 16 — Day. During an exhibition by the Brazilian Air Force's Smoke Squadron over the coastline of Santos, São Paulo, Brazil, one of the EMB-312 Tucano aircraft's wings breaks off and causes it to crash. A piece of the wing falls on a swimmer and kills him. A video taken at the time of the accident shows a small spherical object approaching the aircraft from behind and passing just at the point where the wing breaks off. Ufologist Reginaldo de Athayde analyzes the video images and finds that the object is physical, metallic, reflective, and boasts a speed five times greater than the airplane. It measures about 3-by-3 feet in diameter and has a speed of 746–932 mph. It passes about 6.5 feet from the wing of the plane. (Clark III 205; Brazil 549–551; Clark IV 244–246)

1996, December — 11:00 p.m. T/Sgt Anthony W. Keel is engaged in a field training exercise about one mile from the Weapons Storage Area at Ellsworth FB near Rapid City, South Dakota. He looks at the top of a hill and sees a light bobbing around and moving west to east. About 10 minutes later, he looks up again and sees it moving east to west and then back several times. It now moves in a straight line east away from Ellsworth but stops and hovers 2–3 miles from the base. Then it makes several short darts in different directions. After about 5 minutes, the radio operator announces that all flights from Ellsworth are grounded. The light eventually blinks out. (Nukes 469–470)

1996, December 11 — 7:00–9:00 p.m. At least 31 people in the Yukon Territory, Canada, witness a giant UFO. Indications are that it may be the size of several football stadiums. The sightings principally take place in four locations in the central Yukon along a 134-mile stretch of the Klondike Highway: Fox Lake, Carmacks, Pelly Crossing, and Mayo, with 6, 9, 8, and 8 witnesses respectively. In one observation around 8:15 p.m., two witnesses are driving northbound from Whitehorse to Carmacks in two separate vehicles when they spot a huge UFO with multiple lights above frozen Fox Lake. One of them gets out of his vehicle, and the object moves towards him until it is directly overhead, then passes over a hill to the east and eventually disappears. Shortly afterward, a witness is tending his trapline northeast of Pelly Crossing when he sees a long row of lights slowly moving over the hills. When he accidentally points his flashlight toward it, the object starts speeding toward him; when he cups his hand over the light, the object stops. It is now hovering about 900 feet in front of him. The object is silent; a beam of light coming from its base sweeps the ground once, and there are other light beams coming from the front and back. After the witness runs across a small clearing, he turns around and the object is gone. Around the same time, two witnesses are traveling northbound just south of Pelly Crossing when they see a huge row of lights slowly moving from left to right. They estimate the row of lights is as wide as the Big Dipper. From this and five other observations, investigator Martin Jasek estimates from triangulation calculations that the object's size is between one-half mile and 1.1 miles in length. Tim Printy is convinced it is a satellite re-entry. (NICAP, "[Dec. 11, 1996: Yukon Territory](#)"; Martin Jasek, "[22+ Witnesses Observe a UFO Larger Than a Football Stadium, Yukon Territory, Canada](#)," UFO*BC, February 3, 2000; Martin Jasek, "[22 Witnesses Report Giant UFO in Yukon](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 382 (February 2000): 3–12, reprinted in *Flying Saucer Review* 45, no. 3 (Autumn 2000): 1–13; Martin Jasek, *Giant UFO in the Yukon Territory*, UFO*BC Special Report no. 1, June 2000; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 188–194; Chris Rutkowski, "[The Cold, Hard Facts about UFOs in Canada](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 22–23; Robert Sheaffer, "['Top Ten' UFO Case: Yukon, Canada, 1996—Busted!](#)" *Skeptical Inquirer* 36, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 2012): 22–23; Thomas E. Bullard, "[Is the Anomalist on a Fool's Errand?](#)", *Paranthropology* 5, no. 1 (January 2014): 8–9; Tim Printy, "[December 1996 Yukon UFO Revisited](#)," *SUNlite* 6, no. 2 (March/April 2014): 10–19; Thomas E. Bullard, "Skeptical Successes and Ufological Failures: Opportunities in Uncomfortable Places," [Appendix B: The Yukon UFO and Reentry Observations](#), 2017; "[Thirty Witnesses Encounter the Biggest UFO Sighting Ever Reported | Close Encounters](#)," Quest TV YouTube channel, February 11, 2020; "[A Giant UFO Was Witnessed by 31 People in the Yukon Region, Canada, December 11, 1996](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, February 13, 2023; "[Jean Van Bibber and Other Eyewitnesses on Seeing a Giant UFO in the Yukon Region, Canada, Dec. 11, 1996](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, June 28, 2024)

1996, December 18 — In response to a question from MP [Ieuan Wyn Jones](#) about the near miss at Ringway Airport on January 6, 1995, Under-Secretary of State for Transport [John Bowis](#) tells the House of Commons that "the

incident was assessed by the joint airmiss working group, consisting of representatives from both civil and military aviation. The group found that both the degree of risk and the cause of the incident were unassessable.” (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)

1996, December 19 — A Boeing 757-200 operated by China’s Southern Airlines takes off from Beijing on a routine flight south to Wuhan. As the jetliner reaches an altitude of 31,500 feet, the copilot spots a bright flash in the sky just ahead of them. A silver-gray metallic UFO strikes the top of the 757’s cockpit, cracking the outer windshield. The pilot immediately declares an in-flight emergency and radios Beijing’s Capital International Airport, requesting permission to land. The plane lands safely 10 minutes later. (Patrick Gross, “[Air Misses](#)”)

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1997 — In his 1997 article “Dead Cows I’ve Known,” cattle mutilation researcher Charles “Ted” Oliphant speculates that cattle mutilations are the result of covert research into emerging cattle diseases and whether they can be transmitted to humans. He suspects the NIH, CDC, or other federally funded bodies are involved, and they are supported by the US military. Part of this is based on allegations that human pharmaceuticals have been found in mutilated cattle, and that necropsies show cattle mutilations commonly involve areas of the animal that relate to “input, output, and reproduction.” To support his hypothesis, Oliphant cites the 1990 Reston Ebola virus case in which plainclothes military officers, traveling in unmarked vehicles, entered a research facility in Reston, Virginia, to secretly retrieve and destroy animals that were contaminated with a highly infectious disease. (Wikipedia, “[Cattle mutilation](#)”; Ted Oliphant III, “[Mad Cow Disease and Cattle Mutilations?](#)” (parts 1 and 2), *Our Strange Planet*, 1997; Ted Oliphant III, “[Dead Cows I’ve Known, Part 3](#),” 1998)

1997 — Contactee [Billy Meier](#)’s ex-wife [Kalliope Zafiriou](#) in Switzerland tells interviewers that his photos are of spaceship models he has crafted with items like trashcan lids, carpet tacks, and other household objects (verifying the allegations made by California skeptic [Kal K. Korff](#) in 1981), and that the stories he told of his adventures with the aliens were similarly fictitious. She also says that photos of purported extraterrestrial women “Asket” and “Nera” are really photos of Michelle DellaFave and Susan Lund, members of the singing and dancing troupe [The Golddiggers](#). It is later confirmed that the women in the photographs are members of The Golddiggers performing on *The Dean Martin Show*. (“[Asket and Nera Photo Deconstruction](#),” Billy Meier Case; “[Asket and Nera Photos](#),” *Future of Mankind* wiki, February 24, 2019)

1997 — [Douglas Torr](#) and [Timir Datta](#) are involved in the development of a “gravity generator” at the University of South Carolina. According to a leaked document from the Office of Technology Transfer at USC and confirmed to *Wired* reporter [Charles Platt](#) in 1998, the device would create a “force beam” in any desired direction and that the university plans to patent and license this device. No further information about this university research project or the “Gravity Generator” device is ever made public. (Wikipedia, “[Anti-gravity](#)”; Charles Platt, “[Breaking the Law of Gravity](#),” *Wired*, March 1, 1998)

1997 — Chile sets up a new government agency tasked with studying UFO reports. (Kean, [p. 116](#))

1997, Winter — 3:00 p.m. Sgt. John F. Duffy is serving as loadmaster and radio operator aboard a KC-130R Hercules cargo plane flying at an altitude of 24,000 feet north of the Horne Islands in the South Pacific. He notices a white object on the left side of the aircraft. At first it seems stationary, then appears to jump behind a nearby cloud, moving in a horizontal direction and disappears after only 2 seconds. (Richard F. Haines, “[South Pacific Sighting, 1997](#),” *IUR* 24, no. 2 (Summer 1999): 11–12)

1997, January 10 — The sixth NIDS scientific advisory board meets in Las Vegas, Nevada. [John L. Petersen](#) presents on alternate futures, [Robert Bigelow](#) on the chronology of NIDS, and there is a summary of the NIDS budget. [Vallée](#) writes that “Bob outlined a new plan with two parts. Division I is devoted to ‘survival of the human consciousness... Division II, ‘Aerial Phenomena’ continues surveillance of both properties [in Utah and Nevada], networking with ranchers, veterinarians and the police on mutilations and sample analysis.” [Johndale Solem](#) critiques their work on implants. Jack Schmidt presents on lessons learned during hearings on mutilations in the 1970s. There is also a brainstorming session about sensors and detection. (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science, Volume 4: Journals, 1990–1999*, Lulu.com, 2019, pp. 350–352; Keith Basterfield, “[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#),” *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, May 19, 2019)

1997, January 10–12 — Roswell witness [Jesse Marcel Jr.](#) undergoes a second series of hypnosis sessions, this time with Washington, D.C.–area clinical psychologist [Neil Hibler](#). They are paid for by Roswell Declaration author Kent

Jeffrey, who concludes that Marcel is indeed describing weather balloon debris. However, this interpretation is disputed.

- 1997**, January 13 — Morning. A woman driving on Highway 1 from Abbotsford to Chilliwack, British Columbia, notices a fluffy cloud in a clear sky that “bursts downward” with a bright white light three times in succession. It dissipates, leaving behind a black bar. After 5 minutes, a solid stream of white light comes downward from it and another black bar appears, about 45° below the first one. They both start moving east in a wavy motion. She loses sight of them when she gets off the freeway at the Sardis exit. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[Satellite Objects and Cloud Cigars](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 26)
- 1997**, January 27 — 10:40 p.m. A man is driving on a quiet back road just south of Llangynidr, Powys, Wales, when he sees a “massive star” moving toward him. His car radio fails, and he is unable to use his mobile phone to call for help. He stops and gets out of the car. The glowing tube of smoky gray and blue light descends and encircles the car, remaining for 5 minutes. The witness can move around in the cloud but can hear no sound associated with the object. After the glow vanishes, he remains frightened and a bit sick. The car is coated with dust of unknown origin. He drives home to Newport, and the following morning he notices a skin rash. (Jenny Randles, “A Sprinkling of Star Dust,” *Fortean Times* 392 (May 2020): 33)
- 1997**, February 22 — Near Aklavik, Northwest Territories, Canada, two silver-gray objects follow five people along a road. They hover above the highway then glide smoothly down to the snow behind them. The objects have rows of windows with bright blue light shining through them. After 15 minutes, the objects are lost to view as the witnesses turn along an ice road. (Chris Rutkowski, “[1997 Canadian UFO Survey](#),” *IUR* 23, no. 2 (Summer 1998): 15)
- 1997**, February 27 — 7:30 p.m. A luminous blue sphere appears over Aviano Air Base, Italy, and hovers. After it disappears, a larger, orange-yellow-red sphere appears, and six fighters are scrambled to intercept it. The jets circle around the sphere but it disappears. (2Pinotti 155)
- 1997**, March — Cheltenham, England, researcher Robin Cole and his UFO group named Circular Forum have looked into the activities of the nearby Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) facility known as the Oakley Installation. He issues an unpublished report on their findings, titled “GCHQ and the UFO Cover-Up,” which includes information on radar/visual encounters reported by RAF personnel in the 1950s, evidence that GCHQ studied gun-camera footage of UFOs taken by British military pilots, the fact that the GCHQ library contains numerous UFO publications, and evidence that GCHQ still monitors military UFO encounters. Shortly afterward, he is visited by two Cheltenham policemen who ask him about a UFO group called the Truth-Seekers. It turns out they are actually from the Special Branch of the Metropolitan Police, a counter-terrorism division. (Wikipedia, “[GCHQ](#)”; Nick Redfern, “[Paranoia or Surveillance?](#)” *IUR* 30, no. 3 (May 2006): 7–9; Nick Redfern, “[UFO Encounters, Saucers, and Secrets](#),” *Mysterious Universe*, August 23, 2018; Nick Redfern, “[UFO Researchers: What Can Happen When You Go Looking for Secrets](#),” *Mysterious Universe*, September 18, 2020)
- 1997**, March 3 — The Moynihan Commission on Government Secrecy, chaired by Sen. [Daniel Patrick Moynihan](#) (D-N.Y.), after conducting an “investigation into all matters in any way related to any legislation, executive order, regulation, practice, or procedure relating to classified information or granting security clearances,” issues its final report. It concludes that secrecy is a form of government regulation; that excessive secrecy has significant consequences for the national interest when policy makers are not fully informed, the government is not held accountable for its actions, and the public cannot engage in informed debate; that some secrecy is important to minimize inappropriate diffusion of details of weapon systems design and ongoing security operations as well as to allow public servants to secretly consider a variety of policy options without fear of criticism; that the best way to ensure that secrecy is respected, and that the most important secrets remain secret, is for secrecy to be returned to its limited but necessary role; that secrets in the federal government are whatever anyone with a stamp decides to stamp secret; and that a new statute is needed to set forth the principles for what may be declared secret. Moynihan reports that approximately 400,000 new secrets are created annually at the highest level, Top Secret. (Wikipedia, “[Moynihan Commission on Government Secrecy](#)”; Donald R. Burleson, “[UFO Secrecy and the Law](#),” *IUR* 28, no. 4 (Winter 2003–2004): 16–17)
- 1997**, March 6 — 6:45–10:30 p.m. Dozens of UFOs descend from the sky and briefly hover above Aviano Air Base, Italy. They zoom toward Venice Marco Polo Airport before heading toward Istrana and Treviso air bases, where they remain hovering in the sky for a while before returning to Aviano. The display repeats several times, despite Italian and US fighters attempting to intercept them. (2Pinotti 156)
- 1997**, March 8 — 3:00 a.m. *Folkestone Herald* journalist Sarah Hall is driving through Burmarsh, Kent, England, when she sees a large triangular object descend and hover above a field some 700 feet away near Dymchurch. It has a

disc attached to it on the back and a big light on the front. When she pulls to a stop, it shoots away to a spot about 1,500 feet away and hovers. It does this four times, making a humming sound, and moving westward in increments for only a few seconds at a time. The UFO seems to be twice the size of an airliner. Other witnesses to a strange object come forward after Hall writes an article about her sighting. The residence of Conservative Home Secretary [Michael Howard](#) in Lymington is one epicenter. (Good Need, pp. 385–387)

- 1997, March 9 — The seventh meeting of the NIDS scientific advisory board meets in Las Vegas, Nevada. [Jessica Utts](#) presents on the subject of statistics in parapsychology. [George Onet](#) reports on necropsy of a mutilated cow. [Robert Bigelow](#) shows a TV documentary about near-death experiences. [Vallée](#) discovers that Bigelow is channeling money to a European book by [Illobrand von Ludiwger](#). [John E. Mack](#)'s inquiry into multiple-witness abduction cases, immunology related to near-death experiences by [Colm Kelleher](#), communication devices built by [Harold E. Puthoff](#), [John L. Petersen](#)'s "day after" scenarios, an evaluation of mediums by [Ian Stevenson](#) and Emily Williams Cook, a cattle mutilation survey by George Onet, a seminar series on survival of consciousness led by [John B. Alexander](#), a crop circle study by [Christopher \(Kit\) Green](#), and a new Roper poll. (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science, Volume 4: Journals, 1990–1999*, Lulu.com, 2019, p. 360; Keith Basterfield, "[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#)," Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 19, 2019)
- 1997, March 12 — Evening. [Colm Kelleher](#) and another NIDS investigator are driving with Terry Sherman in his pick-up truck on Skinwalker Ranch in Utah when the spot two large yellow lights about 20 feet up in a tree. As the truck's headlights shine on the branches, they see the eyes of an enormous animal. Sherman slams the brakes as the eyes stare back. From a distance of 150 feet, Sherman fires at the creature. Through the gun's scope he sees it fall to the ground as the lights disappear. They do not find a body, blood, or any other evidence during a search, although Sherman sees another creature that looks like an enormous dog and fires two more shots. This time a search turns up two prints with sharp claws like a bird of prey. (Colm A. Kelleher and George W. Knapp, *Hunt for the Skinwalker*, Paraview, 2005; Clark III 1074; Clark IV 1190)
- 1997, March 13 — 6:55–10:30 p.m. Aerial lights of varying descriptions are seen by thousands of people (many of whom are looking for Comet Hale-Bopp) in a linear space of about 300 miles from Henderson, Nevada, at 6:55 p.m., through Phoenix to the edge of Tucson, Arizona. Tim Ley and his family at first see a tiny arc of five white lights just after 8:00 p.m. in the northwestern sky. They slowly draw nearer (around 30 mph), and Ley discerns a V-formation flying no more than 100 feet above the ground. The lights hold this pattern for more than 15 minutes, leading him to believe they are on one structure. Ley's report is the most detailed, but there are many others. There are two distinct events involved in the entire incident: a triangular formation of lights seen to travel around 8:10–9:30 p.m. from Paulden to Tucson, passing over Prescott and Phoenix. Some witnesses see a huge carpenter's square-shaped UFO, containing five spherical lights or possibly light-emitting engines. Gov. [Fife Symington](#) is one witness, although he does not reveal this until 2007; he calls the object "otherworldly." One overriding characteristic prevails: The UFO is a massive solid object, not merely lights, and it appears low in the sky, blocking out the stars behind it. Many witnesses say it is the size of multiple football fields and up to one mile long. Reports vary in terms of the number and color of lights and their movements. The second group of events is a series of stationary lights seen in the Phoenix area around 10:00 p.m. The Air Force identifies this group as magnesium LUU2 flares dropped by A-10 Warthog aircraft in a training exercise at the Barry Goldwater Range in southwest Arizona as part of Operation Snowbird; news coverage later shows a video taken around 10:00 p.m. by an amateur photographer that clearly shows the flares, not the earlier UFO. Phoenix city councilwoman [Frances Emma Barwood](#) is the only elected official to launch a public investigation, but she receives no help from any level of government. She speaks to more than 700 witnesses who call her office, including police officers, pilots, and former military personnel. Minimal coverage is provided at the time by the media, even in Phoenix. (Wikipedia, "[Phoenix Lights](#)"; NICAP, "[The Phoenix Lights Case: More Than Lights and Flares?](#)"; William F. Hamilton, "[Mass Sightings in Arizona](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 349 (May 1997): 3–6, 14; Tony Ortega, "[The Great UFO Cover-up](#)," *Phoenix New Times*, June 26, 1997; Peter Davenport, "[Summary of 'Phoenix Lights' Event](#)," 1997; Bruce Maccabee, "[Phoenix Lights Revisited](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 370 (February 1999): 3–8; Bruce Maccabee, "[Report on Phoenix Lights Arrays](#)," 2000; Donald R. Burleson, "[UFO Secrecy and the Law](#)," *IUR* 28, no. 4 (Winter 2003–2004): 16; Lynne D. Kitei, *The Phoenix Lights: A Skeptic's Discovery That We Are Not Alone*, Hampton Roads, 2004; "[Former Arizona Governor Says He Saw 'Phoenix lights' UFO](#)," *American Chronicle*, March 18, 2007; Good Need, pp. 387–390; Kean, pp. 247–249, 253–261; Thomas E. Bullard, "[Defending UFOs](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 2 (March 2012): 12–13, 30; Tim Ley, "[My Eye Witness Description of the Phoenix Lights UFO Flyover 3/13/1997](#)," Phoenix Lights UFO, March 13, 2012; "[UFO's with Boyd Bushman and His Last Interview on Area 51 and UFOs over Tucson, Arizona](#)," Michael Thomas YouTube channel, October 24, 2014; Thomas E. Bullard, "Skeptical Successes and Ufological Failures: Opportunities in

Uncomfortable Places,” [Appendix A: The Phoenix Lights](#), 2017; Clark III 901–905; Patrick Gross, “[The Phoenix Lights, Arizona, USA, March 14, 1997](#)”; Graff 377–379; Tim Callahan, “[The Phoenix Lights: The Fallibility of Human Perception and Memory](#),” in Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Richard Heiden, eds., *The Reliability of UFO Witness Testimony*, UPIAR, 2023, pp. 39–44; “[Eyewitnesses Talk about the Phoenix Lights Mass UFO Sighting from March 13, 1997](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, February 29, 2024; “[Eyewitnesses Talk about Videotaping the Phoenix Lights UFO Incidents on March 13, 1997](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, August 2, 2024; Clark IV 1010–1014; Ryan Sprague, “[The Phoenix Lights Incident Still Haunts Witnesses 28 Years Later](#),” Medium/Ryan Sprague, March 13, 2025)

- 1997**, March 15 — 5:00 p.m. An object explodes in the air and crashes to the ground near Węgorzewo in northeastern Poland. The debris is allegedly retrieved by soldiers. The Polish Army denies all knowledge of the incident, but Col. Zdzisław Czekierda of the General Staff admits there is a special division that has gathered information about UFO sightings since the early 1980s. (Good Need, [p. 391](#); Poland 117–118; Yan Polskee, et al., “[Katastrofa UFO w Węgorzewie? \(1977\)](#),” Paranormalne.eu, July 25, 2012)
- 1997**, March 21–23 — A Space and UFO Science Symposium is held at Cosmo Isle Hakui, a museum of space history in Hakui, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan. Symposium speakers include [Richard F. Haines](#), [Jesse A. Marcel Jr.](#), [Bruce Maccabee](#), [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), hypnotherapist [Derrel Sims](#), podiatrist [Roger K. Leir](#), and crop circle researcher [Colin Andrews](#). (Richard F. Haines, “[The 1997 Space and UFO Science Symposium at the Cosmo Isle–Hakui Center, Japan](#),” *IUR* 22, no. 2 (Summer 1997): 15–18, 36)
- 1997**, March 24 — 10:00 p.m. Reports come in from the public that there is a low-flying aircraft over Howden Moors, Yorkshire, England. These reports soon turn into accounts of bright flashes, loud booming noises, and “several plumes of black smoke” rising from somewhere in the woodlands of the open countryside. Several search operations from several different counties are launched, both on foot and in the air. These continue through the night. The main concern is that a light aircraft or a helicopter has come down. However, no survivors or any wreckage is discovered during the search, which goes on well into the following day. At one stage, no-fly zones are put in place, an action that some UFO researchers later find suspicious—particularly when there are commercial airliners “stacking” as a result. Despite all of this activity, the official word from the military is that there is no crash at all. It is simply a mistaken sighting—despite many reports from the general public. Soon, rumors circulate from the many volunteer searchers. The most prominent comes from a unit of Yorkshire Water workers who happen to be in the area. They see a wrecked pile of metal in a clearing and a “military presence” that is loading “body bags” onto a Sea King helicopter. When the military is confronted with this, they claim they are merely moving equipment. An explanation remains elusive, although a military exercise did take place, at least 3 groups of observers reported UFO-like sightings, the sonic events did take place, and at least 1–2 civilian aircraft are reported in the area. (David Clarke, “[The Howden Moors Incident, Part 1](#),” *BUFORA Bulletin*, series 2, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1998): 21–25; David Clarke, “[The Howden Moors Incident, Part 2](#),” *BUFORA Bulletin*, series 2, no. 6 (Oct./Nov. 1998): 23–27; David Clarke, “[The Howden Moors Incident, Part 3](#),” *BUFORA Bulletin*, series 2, no. 7 (Dec. 1998): 20–23; Robert Moore, “[The Howden Moors Event: Some Preliminary Conclusions](#),” *BUFORA Bulletin*, series 2, no. 7 (Dec. 1998): 24–26; David Clarke and Martin Jeffrey, “[The Mystery of Howden Moors: Part One](#),” *IUR* 24, no. 2 (Summer 1999): 13–20; David Clarke and Martin Jeffrey, “[The Mystery of Howden Moors: Part Two](#),” *IUR* 24, no. 3 (Fall 1999): 24–28; David Clarke, “[Howden Moor: Roswell Meets Peak Practice](#),” *Magonia*, no. 70 (March 2000); David Clarke, “The Howden Moor Incident,” in Jenny Randles, Andy Roberts, and David Clarke, *The UFOs That Never Were*, London House, 2000, [pp. 33–52](#))
- 1997**, March 26 — 3:30 p.m. The San Diego County Sheriff’s Office takes a 911 call from a man later identified as Richard Ford, reporting a group suicide in a house in Rancho Santa Fe, California. Two deputies find 39 bodies of identically dressed, androgynous-looking men and women. Autopsies establish that each had drunk a lethal combination of vodka and barbiturates then smothered themselves with a plastic bag. Videotaped statements left behind explain that the suicides, members of a religious millenarian cult called Heaven’s Gate, were leaving their “earthly vehicles” behind and expect to board a spacecraft trailing Comet Hale-Bopp. It was founded in 1974 and led by [Marshall Applewhite](#) and [Bonnie Nettles](#) (formerly called Bo and Peep). (Wikipedia, “[Heaven’s Gate \(religious group\)](#)”; Todd S. Purdum, “[Videotapes Left by 39 Who Died Described Cult’s Suicide Goal](#),” *New York Times*, March 28, 1997, pp. A1, A19; Gustav Niebuhr, “[On the Furthest Fringes of Millennialism](#),” *New York Times*, March 28, 1997, pp. A1, A18; Frank Bruni, “[Leader Believed in Space Aliens and Apocalypse](#),” *New York Times*, March 28, 1997, pp. A1, A19; Rodney Perkins and Forrest Jackson, *Cosmic Suicide: The Tragedy and Transcendence of Heaven’s Gate*, Pentaradial Press, 1997; Benjamin E. Zeller, *Heaven’s Gate: America’s UFO Religion*, New York University, 2014; [Heaven’s Gate: The Cult of Cults](#), TV miniseries, December 3, 2020; Clark III 564–567; Curt Collins, “[UFOs: Going to the Next Level](#),” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, September 1, 2022; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 245–246; Clark IV 622–625)

- 1997, March 30 — 10:30 p.m.** A mother and her three children are chased along the Klondike Highway near Whitehorse, Yukon, by an object the size of a “small satellite dish.” They first see the huge white light on the riverbank near the Takhini River bridge along the highway. At times she notices white and yellow lights and then white and red blinking lights that almost make the single ball of light look like it is two object. At one point, the object is directly above the car at treetop level. At the junction of the Klondike and Alaska Highways, she pulls off to the side of the road to watch for about 5 minutes; the UFO moves in one direction, then the other, slows, goes faster, moves straight up, hangs in mid-air, stops, and in general seems to be doing maneuvers for their benefit. She continues driving, then stops again and gets out near the Crestview Subdivision area. The two younger children remain in the back seat, scared and crying. Other cars do not seem to notice the object. When the object moves abruptly in their direction, she gets back into the car and takes off. They see the light over Porter Creek but lose sight of it on their approach into Rabbits Foot Canyon. The encounter lasts 20–30 minutes over a distance of more than 9 miles. (“[Family Followed by UFO near Whitehorse, Yukon.](#)” *UFO*BC Quarterly*, Spring 1998; Chris Rutkowski, “[1997 Canadian UFO Survey.](#)” *IUR* 23, no. 2 (Summer 1998): 15)
- 1997, March 30–April 1** —Aerial lights are seen for several nights west of Arica, Chile, and over the Pacific Ocean, causing some alarm. Witnesses include civil servants and aeronautical experts at Chacalluta International Airport. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation issues a public statement confirming the observations. (Kean, [pp. 190–191](#); Patrick Gross, “[Chile Announces UFOs Are for Real](#)”)
- 1997, April 10** — Rear Adm. [Thomas R. Wilson](#), vice director of intelligence for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, meets in a Pentagon conference room with former astronaut [Edgar Mitchell](#) and UFO Disclosure founder [Steven M. Greer](#) to discuss the rogue nature of certain “special access programs” (SAPs) connected to the study of alien technology that are dominated by private contractors. Others allegedly there are retired Cmdr. [Will Miller](#), Adm. Mike Crawford, Gen. [Patrick Hughes](#), [Shari Adamiak](#) (Greer’s assistant), and [Stephen Lovekin](#). Greer claims he has extracted a pledge from Wilson during the meeting to investigate SAPs involving UFO technology. But Wilson soon reports that he doesn’t have the proper security clearance to inspect those files. As Greer informs a Portland, Oregon, audience in 2001, Wilson says, “‘I am horrified that this is true. I have been in plenty of black projects, but when we tried to get into this one,’ he was told, and I quote, ‘Sir, you do not have a need to know.’ The head of intelligence Joint Staffs. You don’t have a need to know. Neither did the CIA director, and neither did the president.” In a July 4, 2008, appearance on *Larry King Live*, Mitchell tells the audience he had learned the admiral “had found the people responsible for the cover-up and for the people who were in the know and were told, I’m sorry, admiral, you do not have need to know here and so, goodbye.” Shortly afterward, Wilson admits meeting with Mitchell but denies he was ever refused access. (Steven M. Greer, “[Dr. Steven Greer Disclosure Project Talk, Sept. 2001, Portland, Oregon.](#)” *UFO Evidence*; Steven M. Greer, *Disclosure: Military and Government Witnesses Reveal the Greatest Secrets in Modern History*, Crossing Point, 2001; Steven M. Greer, *Hidden Truth, Forbidden Knowledge*, Crossing Point, 2006, [pp. 148–160](#); “[Admiral: Never Looked for UFO Data.](#)” *Sarasota (Fla.) Herald-Tribune*, August 6, 2008; Dolan II 538–539; Kean, [pp. 234–235](#); Richard Dolan, “[UFO Leak of the Century: Richard Dolan Analyzes the Admiral Wilson Leak.](#)” *Richard Dolan Members*, June 9, 2019; “[Astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell Recounts Admiral Wilson Story on CNN’s Larry King Live, 7/4/08.](#)” The Black Vault YouTube channel, June 17, 2020; Joe Murgia, “[The Wilson/Davis Documents: My Twenty-Three Year Journey, Part 1.](#)” [Part 2](#), *UFO Joe*, June 21, 2020; Coulthart 2023, pp. 111–119, 260–273)
- 1997, April 20 — 1:40 p.m.** A woman is sitting on a park bench along the St. Clair River in Sarnia, Ontario. A grayish-white object suddenly appears in front of her, suspended vertically, with the bottom party positioned 25° above the horizon. The object has tubelike shape, rounded at both ends. She then notices a white spherical object that seems to have been ejected from the first. It travels a short distance north to Lake Huron and vanishes. The original object then disappears after another few seconds. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[Satellite Objects and Cloud Cigars.](#)” *IUR* 29, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 26)
- 1997, May 2** — The eighth meeting of the NIDS scientific advisory board takes place in Las Vegas, Nevada. It spends most of the day discussing the Skinwalker Ranch in closed session. (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science, Volume 4: Journals, 1990–1999*, Lulu.com, 2019, pp. 365–369; Keith Basterfield, “[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science.](#)” *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, May 19, 2019)
- 1997, May 18** — Day. A tradesman sees a “flying entity” near Ponte a Mensola in the hills northeast of Florence, Italy. It descends vertically and lands in a field not too far away. He approaches it and sees that it is a man wearing black overalls with a red belt, helmet, and dark glasses, and with no apparent flying apparatus. The intruder notices him and disappears in the long grass, which is flattened where the man has landed. (2Pinotti 156–157)

- 1997, May 28–29** — 10:45 p.m. Ed Granoski and some friends on the south shore on Oneida Lake, New York, watch multiple amber lights hovering above the north shore of the lake. They first see three lights in triangular formation; these fade out and three more appear. When these fade out, five lights appear in a different formation. The fading and reappearing continue until about 12:30 a.m., with as many as 12 lights visible at once. At 3:00 a.m., the lights reappear, fading in and out for about 45 minutes. Another display occurs at 10:45 p.m. on May 28. Videos taken by the witnesses show the lights reflecting as separate sources on the water's surface. (National UFO Reporting Center, "[NUFORC UFO Sighting 2249](#)," January 28, 1999; "[Strange Past Events on Oneida Lake: UFO Sightings??](#)" Oneida Lake Chronicles, January 31, 2001; chase7628, "[Oneida Lake UFO Incident 1998](#)," UFOEyes forum, November 5, 2013; "[The Oneida Lake, New York, UFO Lights, May 28, 1997 \(+ Raw Video Footage\)](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, November 10, 2024)
- 1997, May 30** — About 11:20 a.m. British writer [Georgina Howell](#) is crossing the tarmac at Kirkwall Airport in Orkney, Scotland, to board British Airways Flight 8773 to Aberdeen when she notices a silvery chevron about 45° in the sky to her left. She thinks it is odd, but suspects it is some kind of aircraft. Suddenly she falls down on her face, sustaining some minor scrapes and bruises. Asked why she fell, she says she was looking at a sky object, but it is no longer there. Later, she hears about chevron-shaped objects over Phoenix. (Good Need, [pp. 390–391](#))
- 1997, Summer** — About 11:00 p.m. A young soldier serving in the 28th Group Army based in Datong, Shanxi, China, wakes up to a loud crash. He goes outside his barracks and sees a silvery white disc (like a satellite dish) crashed among some trees. He runs up to the object, which he estimates is 6 feet high and 19 feet wide. Standing next to an open door are two skinny entities, dressed in silvery suits. One is apparently dead or unconscious and the other severely injured. They are only about 3 feet tall and their facial and body skin is covered with fur. Their facial features are like a mouse or opossum. The injured alien grabs his hand and speaks some incomprehensible words. The soldier goes to find a squad leader who might help out, but all are scared or reluctant. Later that night, the UFO and two aliens are apparently retrieved by the military police. The entire army camp is quarantined the next day and notified that no one is permitted to leave or enter the complex and no one is to talk to civilians about the event. (National UFO Reporting Center, "[NUFORC UFO Sighting 143294](#)," September 27, 2018; Clark IV 1324–1325)
- 1997, June** — US Army Col. [Philip J. Corso](#) writes, with [William J. Birnes](#), *The Day after Roswell*, a tell-all memoir about the Roswell, New Mexico, crash and retrieval. Much of the book is an account of Corso's claims that he was assigned to a secret government program that provided some material recovered from a crashed spacecraft to private industry (without saying where the items came from) to reverse engineer them for corporate use. Corso was a special assistant to Lt. Gen. [Arthur Trudeau](#), who headed Army Research and Development, and was in charge of the Foreign Technology Desk. In this position, he would take technological artifacts obtained from Russian, German, and other foreign sources and have American companies (including IBM, Hughes Aircraft, Bell Labs) reverse engineer that technology. The book contends that several aspects of modern technology such as fiber optics and integrated circuits were developed by using information taken from the craft. Corso also claims the world was "at war" with extraterrestrials and that the Strategic Defense Initiative project in the 1980s was part of that campaign successfully concluded in Earth's favor. The book concludes with information about Project Horizon, a 1959 US Army plan to construct a base on the Moon. When first released, the book contains a foreword written by Sen. [Strom Thurmond](#) (R-S.C.), for whom Corso had served as an aide. Thurmond writes, "He has many interesting stories to share with individuals interested in military history, espionage, and the workings of our Government." The foreword does not mention anything about UFOs, since Thurmond has assumed the book is a straightforward memoir. When he learns about the book's contents, Thurmond asks for his foreword to be retracted, saying, "I know of no such 'cover-up,' and do not believe one existed." (Wikipedia, "[The Day after Roswell](#)"; Philip J. Corso with William J. Birnes, *The Day after Roswell*, Pocket Books, 1997; George M. Eberhart, [\[review\]](#), *IUR* 22, no. 2 (Summer 1997): 22–24; Good Need, [pp. 424–425](#); Nick Redfern, *The Roswell UFO Conspiracy*, Lisa Hagan, 2017, pp. 145–151; Coulthart 2023, pp. 258–259; John Greenewald, "[Unreleased FBI Documents Shed Light on Lt. Col. Philip Corso's Controversial Claims](#)," The Black Vault, July 31, 2024)
- 1997, June** — Roswell Declaration author and pilot Kent Jeffrey announces that he is unable to find sufficient evidence of an extraterrestrial crash in New Mexico in 1947 and that the Corona debris was probably from a Project Mogul balloon. (Keau Davidson, "[UFO Fan: Roswell Saucer Story Is Bunk](#)," *San Francisco Examiner*, June 23, 1997; Kent Jeffrey, "[Roswell: Anatomy of a Myth](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 350 (June 1997): 3–17; Kent Jeffrey, "[Roswell: Anatomy of a Myth](#)," *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 12, no. 1 (1998): 79–101; Michael D. Swords, "[A Different View of 'Roswell: Anatomy of a Myth](#),'" *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 12, no. 1 (1998): 103–

125; Robert M. Wood, "[Critique of 'Roswell: Anatomy of a Myth.'](#)" *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 12, no. 1 (1998): 127–140)

- 1997, June — Night. Two police officers responding to an emergency call in Daniec, Poland, see two bright spheres maneuvering 1,000 feet to the left of their patrol car. The lights stop, then accelerate, and make sharp turns in the air. One of the lights approaches them to about 40 feet away, while the other is still circling above a field. Suddenly, both lights depart at high speed. (Poland 110–111)
- 1997, June–August — National Institute of Discovery Science personnel observe anomalies on every occasion they visit the Terry Sherman ranch in Utah, which is soon dubbed the Skinwalker Ranch after the shape-shifting creature in Navajo folklore, but they are unable to prove anything scientifically. [Colm Kelleher](#) leads the NIDS scientific team of scientists, engineers, and analysts. He describes numerous instances of “anomalous phenomena,” but none of it is captured on the numerous cameras set up around the ranch. Among those involved are retired US Army Col. [John B. Alexander](#), who characterizes the NIDS effort as an attempt to get hard data using a “standard scientific approach.” However, the investigators admit to “difficulty obtaining evidence consistent with scientific publication.” One of their most outstanding claims is their witnessing a “faceless black creature” emerging from a glowing yellow light tunnel that winks into existence from nowhere. (Colm Kelleher and George Knapp, *Hunt for the Skinwalker*, Paraview, 2005; John B. Alexander, *UFOs: Myths, Conspiracies, and Realities*, Thomas Dunne, 2011, pp. 353–355; Clark III 1073; Coulthart 2023, pp. 127–130; Clark IV 982, 1189)
- 1997, June 6 — The Gomzyakov family is traveling on the Krutikha River, Altai Krai, Russia, when they see a luminous flying object moving at a speed of 300 mph. The object turns around over the Ob River and flies north. An hour later, they arrive at the village of Krutikha, where they see another object engulfed in brownish gas and emitting powerful floodlights toward the ground. Another crescent-shaped object appears carrying a light that is 8 times as big as itself. The family watches the display for 15 minutes, after which all the objects move off to the north, leaving behind an odor reminiscent of blast furnaces at a steel factory. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 127)
- 1997, June 8 — A former police officer sees a turquoise object that seems to land in a field near a highway he is driving along at Treherne, Manitoba. It remains on the ground for 10–15 minutes and appears to have a light on its front and back. The witness is inexplicably frightened. (Chris Rutkowski, "[1997 Canadian UFO Survey](#)," *IUR* 23, no. 2 (Summer 1998): 15)
- 1997, June 18 — *USA Today* breaks the media silence about the Phoenix, Arizona, UFOs in a front-page story. NBC and ABC evening newsrooms pick up the story and nickname the object(s) the “Phoenix Lights.” (Richard Price, "[Arizonans Say the Truth about UFOs Is Out There](#)," *USA Today*, June 18, 1997, p. 4; "[1997 NBC News Report on the Phoenix Lights w/ Tom Brokaw and Robert Hager](#)," Roadside Television YouTube channel, March 8, 2019)
- 1997, June 18–19 — Evening. Grzegorz Nowak and four friends are visiting the monument to the Battle of Annaberg in Góra Świętej Anny, Poland, when they see glowing fireballs playing about on the hill and a large orange sphere. They try to communicate with the fireballs by flashing their headlights on and off; one of the lights responds with a similar signal. They watch other aerial objects and two of the youths have some missing time of more than an hour. The next night, they improve their headlight signaling. An enormous cigar-shaped object appears, shooting out multicolored lights that hover almost directly above them. Some of the orange spheres seem to transform into cloaked beings, each carrying a light ball. Some Polish researchers consider this a concocted episode amplified by fantasy proneness. (Poland 85–87; "[Seria dziwnych zdarzeń w Opolu w 1997 roku](#)," UFO-Relacje.pl, February 13, 2020)
- 1997, June 19 — Arizona Gov. [Fife Symington](#) calls a press conference, stating that “they found who was responsible” for the Phoenix Lights. He proceeds to make light of the situation by bringing on stage his 6-foot-4 chief of staff [Jay Heiler](#) dressed in an alien costume and proclaiming him “the guilty party.” He jokes that the media is taking the story “entirely too serious” as Heiler removes the mask. Symington also notes that he requested information from the commander of Luke AFB near Glendale, Arizona, the general in charge of the Arizona National Guard, and the head of the Arizona Department of Public Safety. But none of them have an answer for what the lights were. In 2007, Symington responds to an Air Force explanation that the lights were [flares](#): “As a pilot and a former Air Force Officer, I can definitively say that this craft did not resemble any man made object I’d ever seen. And it was certainly not high-altitude flares because flares don’t fly in formation.” In a December 10, 2008, episode of the television show *UFO Hunters* called “Arizona Lights,” Symington says that he contacted the military asking what the lights were. The response was “no comment.” (“[Symington Claims He Saw UFO in Phoenix Sky](#),” *Tucson (Ariz.) Citizen*, March 24, 2007, p. 4; Kean, [p. 249](#))
- 1997, June 24 — 7:30 p.m. A woman in Lachlan, Tasmania, is home alone in her kitchen when she notices a bright light source on the window blinds. Looking outside, she sees a large circle of light seemingly at ground level, some

- 550 feet to the east of the house. The circle is in a paddock at a higher elevation and in front of the trees and the other end. She goes outside, but can't see any further details or hear any sound. The light does not reflect on any of the nearby trees. Later, the light disappears. ("[UFOs in Tasmania](#)," *IUR* 22, no. 4 (Winter 1997–1998): 28)
- 1997, June 24** — USAF releases *The Roswell Report: Case Closed*, by Capt. James McAndrew, stating that any alien bodies found at Roswell, New Mexico, were really anthropomorphic test dummies carried aloft in high-altitude balloons, and the unusual military activities were balloon launch-and-recovery operations. Although the dummy tests occurred several years after 1947, witnesses had been confused about the exact date. Claims of alien bodies at Roswell Army Air Field hospital are a combination of two incidents: the [June 26, 1956, crash](#) of a Boeing KC-97G Stratotanker at Roswell-Walker AFB in which 11 crew members die; and a May 21, 1959, manned balloon mishap, in preparation for Project Excelsior, at Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, in which Capt. [Joseph Kittinger](#) is injured. The Project Mogul balloon is still invoked to explain the 1947 debris field at Corona, New Mexico. (Capt. James McAndrew, *The Roswell Report: Case Closed*, Headquarters US Air Force, 1997; Mark Rodeghier and Mark Chesney, "[Who's the Dummy Now? The Latest Air Force Report](#)," *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 7–10; Swords 355–357; "[Air Force Reports on the Roswell UFO Incident](#)," Military Wiki; Clark III 321; Graff 356–358; Clark IV 357)
- 1997, June 24** — SETI astronomer [Jill Tarter](#) is scanning the skies with the Parkes Observatory radio telescope in New South Wales, Australia, when a signal appears from the direction of the red dwarf star YZ Ceti, 12 light years away. It starts out as a dash of white dots and persists as long as the telescope is directly pointed at it, and each time it moves slightly away, the signal vanishes. However, [Seth Shostak](#) at the SETI Institute determines after a few hours that the telescope has picked up the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory, a European Space Agency spacecraft investigating the solar wind. (Sarah Scoles, *Making Contact: Jill Tarter and the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence*, Pegasus, 2017, pp. 13–18; Graff 373–376)
- 1997, June 28** — Four witnesses in Blind River, Ontario, watch the flight of a triangular red object with jagged edges and a "square forward section." Within seconds of its disappearance, an egg-shaped object appears in the same location and flies along a similar path, flaring every two seconds into a bright white from a dull gray. (Chris Rutkowski, "[1997 Canadian UFO Survey](#)," *IUR* 23, no. 2 (Summer 1998): 15)
- 1997, June or July** — Twilight. A Polish passenger on a ferry to Stockholm, Sweden, watches a large ball of light, 30 feet across, follow the ship's course low over the surface of the Baltic Sea. As many as 10 smaller spheres emerge from the upper part of the object and remain 10 feet away from it. Some darker colored spots can be seen rotating on the surface of the original light. After several minutes, the lights go off. (Poland 121–122)
- 1997, July** — Witnesses, one of whom is an Air Force and Coast Guard veteran, at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, see a "square of eight lights" in the sky. Fifteen minutes later, a silent boomerang-shaped object glides above them "like a huge bat" at low altitude. Its underside is covered with hundreds of small, dim, rectangular lights. (Chris Rutkowski, "[1997 Canadian UFO Survey](#)," *IUR* 23, no. 2 (Summer 1998): 15)
- 1997, July 3** — Two witnesses driving along Highway 16 near Nojack, Alberta, see a "black ring" with faint lines hanging down into a motionless "big puff of smoke." It is in view for 5 minutes. (Chris Rutkowski, "[1997 Canadian UFO Survey](#)," *IUR* 23, no. 2 (Summer 1998): 15)
- 1997, July 14** — 10:49 p.m. Air traffic controllers at Henri Coandă International Airport at Otopeni, Romania, are supervising the landing of an airliner when they notice a light about 3 miles distant between Buftea and Corbeanca and well below the scattered cloud layer. It does not appear on radar. The duty officer turns the airport video cameras toward the UFO and records its image for 2 hours. Through binoculars the light is seen to have a horizontal band colored white, orange, and red. When the airport lights are switched on for another landing, the light blinks out and reappears in a different location, this time looking like two light balls joined together. The lights appear brighter when the airport lights are on and dim as soon as they are turned off. The lights disappear abruptly at 1:10 a.m. (Romania 75–77)
- 1997, July 19** — The ninth meeting of the NIDS scientific advisory board takes place in Las Vegas, Nevada. [Vallée](#) writes that "we have heard good reports about the Utah [Skinwalker] ranch." (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science, Volume 4: Journals, 1990–1999*, Lulu.com, 2019, pp. 377–378; Keith Basterfield, "[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#)," Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 19, 2019)
- 1997, July 30–August 6** — The National Institute of Discovery Science investigates UFO-related cattle mutilations in Utah, Nevada, and New Mexico, including a dead cow with strange hemorrhages on its back as if it had been dropped from a height. (Coulthart 2023, p. 130)

- 1997, August 3 — The *New York Times*'s [William J. Broad](#) reports on a study, "The C.I.A.'s Role in the Study of U.F.O.'s, 1947–90," by National Reconnaissance Office historian Gerald K. Haines in a CIA journal, *Studies in Intelligence*, that Project Blue Book had known that more than half of UFO reports in the 1950s and 1960s by citizens and aviation experts were based on "fleeting glimpses of U-2 and SR-71 spy planes." Rather than acknowledging their existence, Blue Book came up with "false cover stories" like ice crystals and temperature inversions. Not a single linkage of a reconnaissance flight to a UFO report is provided. These allegations are treated uncritically in the news media. One-time Blue Book head [Robert J. Friend](#) says the story is "laughable" and denies ever having to conceal U-2 sightings. [Bruce Maccabee](#) points out that the greater number of UFO sightings are at night when U-2s cannot be seen, and even in the daytime a U-2 flying at 72,000 feet is "essentially invisible." Haines also reveals that in the 1970s and 1980s CIA analysts devoted some time to "counterintelligence concerns that the Soviets and the KGB were using US citizens and UFO groups to obtain information on sensitive US weapons development programs (such as the Stealth aircraft), the vulnerability of the US air-defense network to penetration by foreign missiles mimicking UFOs, and evidence of Soviet advanced technology associated with UFO sightings." (Gerald K. Haines, "[CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947–90](#)," *Studies in Intelligence*, 1997, pp. 67–84; William J. Broad, "[CIA Admits Government Lied about UFO Sightings](#)," *New York Times*, August 3, 1997, p. 12; Mark Rodeghier, "[The CIA's UFO History](#)," *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 3–6, 36; Bruce Maccabee, "[CIA's UFO Explanation Is Preposterous](#)," 2000; Swords 349–350; Clark III 926–927; Kremlin 187–188; Clark IV 1036–1037)
- 1997, August 4 — Two forest rangers in different towers near Hadashville, Manitoba, simultaneously observe a silver ball that hovers above the trees some distance away. A second object approaches the first and the two travel away together. (Chris Rutkowski, "[1997 Canadian UFO Survey](#)," *IUR* 23, no. 2 (Summer 1998): 15)
- 1997, August 9 — 5:07 p.m. Swissair Flight 127 to Zürich, Switzerland, is flying northeast over Queens, New York, near John F. Kennedy International Airport, when pilots Capt. Philippe Bobet and First Officer Kurt Grunder see a cylindrical, glowing-white object, about the size of a fuselage of a small light aircraft, heading toward the Boeing 747 at high speed. The airliner is in level flight at 20,000 feet and cruising at 390 mph in a cloudless sky, and the UFO is 100–200 feet above it. There is no noise from the object, and no trail or wake disturbance is detected. The near collision lasts about only one second. The object is not detected on radar, and it does not trigger the aircraft's collision warning system. The object is explained as a weather balloon, which is spotted by a United Airlines pilot in nearly the same location and height 72 minutes after the incident. (NICAP, "[Swiss Air Has Near Miss with UFO](#)"; Don Berliner and Robert J. Durant, *Near Miss with a UFO: Swissair Flight 127*, UFO Research Coalition, 1999; Robert J. Durant, "[Swissair Jet Has 'Near Miss' with UFO](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 377 (September 1999): 3–9; Good Need, pp. 405–406)
- 1997, August 12 — 1:00 a.m. Two police officers are on patrol near Lacock Road in Corsham, Wiltshire, England, when a triangular object flies past them at only 30 feet altitude and 45–50 mph. It heads to the northeast and is joined by a second object that seems to be following it. Their speed increases as they are lost to sight within seconds. (Marler [144–145](#))
- 1997, August 25 — Early morning. While on watch atop a bluff on the Skinwalker Ranch in Utah, two NIDS investigators spot a faint yellow light on a track 150 feet below them. As the light grows brighter, it begins to resemble a tunnel. Through night-vision binoculars, one investigator sees a large black creature, 6 feet tall and perhaps 400 pounds. It crawls out, drops to the ground, and escapes into the darkness. The light then contracts, grows dimmer, and disappears. Photographs taken during the event show only a faint, blurry light. (Colm A. Kelleher and George W. Knapp, *Hunt for the Skinwalker*, Paraview, 2005; Clark III 1074–1075; Clark IV 1190)
- 1997, September — Didier Charnay begins publishing *UFO Log* in Grenoble, France. It continues through autumn 2000. ([UFO Log](#), no. 1 (September 1997))
- 1997, September 15–19 — The National Institute of Discovery Science interviews UFO eyewitnesses in Dulce, New Mexico, and investigates a five-day-old cow mutilation. (Coulthart 2023, pp. 130–134)
- 1997, September 29–October 3 — Through the auspices of the Society for Scientific Exploration and funded by [Laurance Rockefeller](#), who has a long-time UFO interest, English physicist [Peter A. Sturrock](#) holds a workshop at the Pocantico Conference Center in Tarrytown, New York, in which UFO researchers present their best data to a panel of scientists agreeable to hearing them out. The panel is charged with deciding whether the available physical evidence can produce results that will lead to the resolution of the UFO question. For the panel, Sturrock recruits astronomers (and SSE members) [Thomas E. Holzer](#) and [Charles R. Tolbert](#), electrical engineer [Von R. Eshleman](#), geophysicist [J. R. Jokipii](#), photoanalyst [François Louange](#), geologist [H. Jay Melosh](#), atmospheric physicist [James J. Papike](#), radiation physician [Günther Reitz](#), and plant biologist [Bernard Veyret](#). To present the UFO evidence, Sturrock brings in aviation psychologist [Richard F. Haines](#), German ufologist [Illobrand von](#)

[Ludwiger](#), CUFO director [Mark Rodeghier](#), retired NASA engineer [John F. Schuessler](#), Norwegian ufologist [Erling Strand](#), science professor [Michael D. Swords](#), computer scientist [Jacques Vallée](#), and SEPRA director [Jean-Jacques Velasco](#). The panel makes several observations: The UFO problem is not a simple one, and it is unlikely that there is any simple, universal answer; whenever there are unexplained observations, there is the possibility that scientists will learn something new by studying them; studies should concentrate on cases that include as much independent physical evidence as possible; continuing contact between the UFO community and physical scientists could be productive; and institutional support for research in this area is desirable. After four days of presentations and discussions, Sturrock announces that the panel will issue a statement to be drafted later that encourages UFO study by scientists. (Michael D. Swords and Mark Rodeghier, “[The History-Making Sturrock Workshop](#),” *IUR* 23, no. 3 (Fall 1998): 3–8; Peter A. Sturrock, et al., “[Physical Evidence Related to UFO Reports: The Proceedings of a Workshop Held at the Pocantico Conference Center, Tarrytown, New York, September 29–October 4, 1997](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 12, no. 2 (1998): 179–229; Peter A. Sturrock, *The UFO Enigma: A New Review of the Physical Evidence*, Warner, 1999; Clark III 1115–1117; Clark IV 1241–1243)

- 1997, October 3** — The Chilean Comité de Estudios de Fenómenos Aéreos Anómalos begins operations in Santiago, Chile. Air Force Gen. Gonzalo Miranda has created the agency within the Department of Civil Aeronautics after the series of sightings in Arica earlier in the year. CEFAA is charged with compiling, analyzing, and studying every incident involving anomalous aerial phenomena observed by any aviation personnel, civil or military. (Kean, [p. 191](#))
- 1997, October 14** — In the UK House of Lords, [Peter Hill-Norton](#) asks about an exploding object off the Isle of Lewis on October 26, 1996, and the radiation readings reported during the Rendlesham incident. Minister of State for Defence Procurement [John Gilbert](#) responds that the Isle of Lewis incident did not appear to involve aircraft and that the radiation readings were too long ago to require an assessment. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1997, October 17** — In an effort to gauge the vulnerability of military satellites to laser attacks, the US military tests a directed energy weapon, Mid-Infrared Advanced Chemical Laser (MIRACL) developed by the US Navy in 1980, against an aging USAF reconnaissance satellite. From its location at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, MIRACL sends two blasts of its deuterium fluoride laser against MSTI-3 at a distance of 238 miles. The Pentagon claims mixed results because a computer glitch prevents the satellite from reporting back that the second shot has struck the target. (“[Call it a MIRACL](#),” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* 54, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1998): 5–6)
- 1997, October 17** — The tenth meeting of the NIDS scientific advisory board takes place in Las Vegas, Nevada. [Chad Deetken](#) gives an impassioned but unscientific description of the English crop circles around Alton Barnes and Silbury Hill, dismissing the hoax explanation. [Vallée](#) suggests using the Nevada [Wilson] ranch as a control site against the Utah property [Skinwalker Ranch]. (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science, Volume 4: Journals, 1990–1999*, Lulu.com, 2019, pp. 391–392; Keith Basterfield, “[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 19, 2019)
- 1997, October 28** — [Peter Hill-Norton](#) asks more niggling questions about the Rendlesham affair in the House of Lords. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1997, November 4** — 6:00 p.m. Between Minehead and Porlock, Somerset, England, a man driving home in foggy conditions sees three white beams of light that suddenly permeate the fog from above and converge into a circle on the hood of his car. The electrical system fails, and he cannot restart it. After about 5 minutes the light beam disappears suddenly and the headlights come back on, so he resumes driving. When he gets home, he finds that his watch and car clock are 5 minutes slow and that a compass placed near the car gives a reading 90° from true. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 20)
- 1997, November 10** — In response to a question from MP [Nigel Jones](#), Under-Secretary of State for Defence [John Speller](#) tells the House of Commons that no UFO sighting has revealed any evidence that UK air space has been breached by foreign military activity. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1997, November 13** — Night. Two witnesses are driving home near Lac La Biche, Alberta, when they see a diamond-shaped object, consisting of three white lights in the front and one red light in the rear, suddenly “turn on.” It hovers above trees about 900 feet away, and they can see the bottom of the object. (Chris Rutkowski, “[1997 Canadian UFO Survey](#),” *IUR* 23, no. 2 (Summer 1998): 15)

- 1997**, November 17 — Night. A woman sees an “inverted triangular object with no wings” outside her home in Winnipeg, Manitoba. It has many rows of lights across its surface and is “lavender and steel gray” on one side, which is illuminated. (Chris Rutkowski, “[1997 Canadian UFO Survey](#),” *IUR* 23, no. 2 (Summer 1998): 15)
- 1997**, November 28–30 — The panelists from the [Sturrock](#) workshop reconvene in a San Francisco, California, hotel to draft a statement on science and UFOs, but the language continues to be hashed out and debated for months. The process goes on until April 27, 1998, when the report is sent to the editorial office of the *Journal of Scientific Exploration*. The report’s release engenders a mostly positive press response, but with little effect on scientists’ continuing refusal to examine UFO reports. (Clark III 1117; Clark IV 1243)
- 1997**, December — Retired Sergeant-Major Cherd Chuensamnaun is deep in Buddhist meditation at his home in Nakhon Sawan, Thailand, when he begins receiving communications from space aliens. The following day his skeptical son and son-in-law Jaroen Raepeth are lifted up from the living room sofa and thrown outdoors into the yard. His daughter Wassana sees a 33–50-foot long UFO outside at treetop level. Cherd continues to transmit messages from the extraterrestrials (who hail from Pluto and another planet named Loku) until his death in 2000. His family now continues the tradition, and nearby Khao Kala hill regularly attracts crowds of meditating UFO enthusiasts. According to the opinions of a theologian from Silpakorn University, this cult is based on a combination of beliefs in [ghosts](#), [god](#), [aliens](#), and Buddhism combined. (Richard S. Ehrlich, “[The UFO Seekers Flocking to a Remote Thai Hilltop in Search of Buddhist Aliens](#),” CNN, October 6, 2019; “Buddhist Aliens,” *Fortean Times* 388 (January 2020): 6)
- 1997**, December 7–14 — The first World Forum of Ufology takes place in Brasília, Brazil, coordinated by the Brazilian Ufologists Commission. The coalition of researchers is comprised of [Claudeir Covo](#), from the National Institute of Aerospace Phenomena Investigations (INFA); Rafael Cury, from the Núcleo de Pesquisas Ufológicas (NPU); Reginaldo de Athayde, from Ufological Research Center (CPU); [Marco Antônio Petit](#), from Fluminense UFO Research Association (AFEU); and [Ubirajara Franco Rodrigues](#) and [Ademar José Gevaerd](#), both from the Brazilian Center for Flying Saucer Research (CBPDV), the largest UFO group in the country. The event culminates in the Brasília Letter, a document signed by nearly all ufologists present, representing their nations and research entities. The letter conveys the position of ufologists to the Brazilian government to take the necessary steps required to clarify the UFO question. (A. J. Gevaerd, “[Brazilian Researchers Organize the Biggest UFO Conference Ever](#),” UFO Updates, December 8, 1997; Clark III 209; 2Pinotti 161; Clark IV 249)
- 1997**, December 8 — Night. After two brightly lit objects fly above Surrey, British Columbia, a large, disc-shaped, pewter-colored craft spins and bobs around in the sky. The witnesses give chase in their car, but lose sight of it. (Chris Rutkowski, “[1997 Canadian UFO Survey](#),” *IUR* 23, no. 2 (Summer 1998): 15)
- 1997**, December 14 — Seven people in Vancouver, British Columbia, see an object shaped like an “@” sign. It zooms into view and stops in mid-flight, appearing as a “flattened silver pyramid.” It bobs up and down then disappears suddenly. (Chris Rutkowski, “[1997 Canadian UFO Survey](#),” *IUR* 23, no. 2 (Summer 1998): 15)
- 1997**, December 22 — An object like an “airplane wing cross-sectioned” is seen by a witness near Halifax, Nova Scotia. It has a solid appearance and is slow-moving, disappearing after 8 minutes. (Chris Rutkowski, “[1997 Canadian UFO Survey](#),” *IUR* 23, no. 2 (Summer 1998): 15)
- 1997**, December 31 — 11:30 p.m. Many people in the area of Rzeszów, Poland, watch a spherical orange object. Jan Skobran and Maciej Robert see it briefly before it disappears. At 11:50 p.m., it reappears and they videotape it on VHS. After about 40 seconds it disappears, but another shows up at 12:20 a.m., pulsating with an intense orange glow. Seconds later it disappears, but another light appears over the Słocina forest. (Arkadiusz Miazga, “[Rzeszów: ‘Polski biegun UFO](#),” *Infra*, May 28, 2011; Poland 153–154; Arkadiusz Miazga, *Bliskie spotkania z UFO nad Podkarpaciem*, Ridero, 2024)

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- 1998** — The Roper Organization conducts a second survey on abductions, using the same indicators as its 1991 survey. This one is commissioned by [Robert Bigelow](#)’s National Institute for Discovery Science. Results indicate that the number of potential abductees has dropped from more than 3.7 million in 1991 to 2.2 million in 1998. (Mark Rodeghier, “[Counting Abductees: What Can Surveys Tell Us?](#)” *IUR* 25, no. 3 (Fall 2000): 21–23)
- 1998** — Podiatrist [Roger K. Leir](#) publishes *The Aliens and the Scalpel*, in which he reviews his investigation of alien implants since 1995. Leir has performed surgery to remove small objects from the feet and hands of 17 abductees. [Robert Bigelow](#)’s National Institute for Discovery Science provides the funding for the analysis of these objects. Some of the findings are potentially noteworthy—the objects are found on the left side of the body, most of them

fluoresce under ultraviolet light, some are magnetic, and most appear metallic and seem to emit radio signals. Calcium, copper, and iron are the most common constituents. Critics dismiss the objects as tiny slivers of metal or glass embedded in tissue and find no evidence for radio emissions. None of the objects reveal any apparent technological structure. (Roger K. Leir, [The Aliens and the Scalpel: Scientific Proof of Extraterrestrial Implants in Humans](#), Granite, 1998; Roger K. Leir, “Alien Implants and Physical Evidence,” *MUFON 2005 International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 2005; Clark III 11; Clark IV 26)

- 1998** — Multiple student projects at Østfold University College result in the establishment of an automated station, the Blue Box, at Hessdalen, Norway, to detect luminous phenomena. The main instrument, a video camera attached to a personal computer with analyzing software, is in operation nearly continuously, with the help of students from the University of Wurzburg and the University of Bologna, but the project lapses in February 2021 with the retirement of [Erling Strand](#). (Erling Strand, “[Project Hessdalen, Part 2: From 24 March 1994 to 26 February 2021](#),” Society for UAP Studies, January 5, 2024)
- 1998**, January — [David M. Jacobs](#)’s book *The Threat* expresses his belief that the aliens are not doing research; rather, they are carrying out a deliberate and massive breeding program using individuals from childhood onward and families for generations. The aliens create pregnancies, steal fetuses, and grow hybrids in vats and incubators. When those hybrids become children, they require emotional nurture from humans to thrive, so the aliens bring abductees back to touch and interact with the children. The abductees report seeing hybrids that look less and less like the gray aliens. Another series of hybridizations occurs as the aliens breed or engineer early-stage hybrids into progressively more human late-stage hybrids, who are all but indistinguishable from ordinary people (blond, blue-eyed Nordics). Some adult hybrids assist the aliens in their work, while others live on earth and mingle with humans for a time. Jacobs raises the alarm that apparent benevolence from the aliens is a con to lull us into complacency and hide their true intentions. (David M. Jacobs, *The Threat: Revealing the Secret Alien Agenda*, Simon & Schuster, 1998; Thomas E. Bullard, “[Apocalypse in Gray](#),” *IUR* 23, no. 2 (Summer 1998): 20–27; Clark III 9, 10; Clark IV 23, 25)
- 1998**, January 2 — 9:30 p.m. Fernando Mariano de Oliveira and Luciene da Cunha Lopes are in a townhouse on the Rua Luis Augusto Ferreira in the Capão Redondo neighborhood of São Paulo, Brazil, when they see a small luminous sphere about 8 inches in diameter moving up and down in the sky at variable speeds about 500 feet away from them. Other family members join them to watch the silent white light, and the neighborhood dogs bark constantly. Fernando’s brother, Alan Bruno de Oliveira, 10, picks up a camcorder and films the light with the help of his cousin Katuscia da Cunha Lopes for 4.5 minutes. The light disappears around 10:00 p.m. (Brazil 385–392; “[Intelligent Controlled Orbs / Spheres Witnessed in Capão Redondo \(Brazil\), Mexico, and the UK](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, June 4, 2024)
- 1998**, January 11 — 1:00 a.m. A pair of dark triangular objects appear to merge together over Cuddington, Cheshire, England. (“[Secrets Reveal UFOs over Hartford](#),” *Northwich and Winford Guardian*, August 23, 2010; Marler 145)
- 1998**, January 11 — The eleventh meeting of the NIDS scientific advisory board takes place in Las Vegas, Nevada. [Colm Kelleher](#) gives a report on the Skinwalker Ranch, then discussions center on [Robert Bigelow](#)’s plans to raise the visibility of “aerial phenomena” to the national level. [Vallée](#) writes about Bigelow: “He has a deeper agenda, an inner certainty that a dramatic development (spectacular display by the phenomenon or striking announcement by the government) will happen ‘soon.’ When I pointed out that research at the ranch could lead to a statement about the reality of UFOs, however, he said he’d practically given up on this, the evidence would never be good enough.” (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science, Volume 4: Journals, 1990–1999*, Lulu.com, 2019, pp. 401–402; Keith Basterfield, “[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 19, 2019)
- 1998**, February — Night. Two young men are driving from Opole to Niemodlin, Poland, when the car radio goes off and the engine of their Polski Fiat 125p fails just as a large object flies over them. The lights, radio, and engine come back on by themselves after the object is gone, but they can still see it in the west as it apparently descends toward the road a mile or two ahead. From the top of a hill, they see it emitting a dazzling light and hovering above the trees. Suddenly it approaches them, flying 65–100 feet off the ground, and they speed ahead into town. (Poland 84–85)
- 1998**, February 17 — An Army intelligence document summarizes the “Bioeffects of Selected Nonlethal Weapons,” including microwave, acoustic, and radio-frequency directed energy devices. As for RF energy, “There is no sound propagated through the air like normal sound. This technology in its crudest form could be used to distract individuals; if refined, it could also be used to communicate with hostages or hostage takers directly by Morse

code or other message systems, possibly even by voice communication.” And, “The phenomenon is tunable in that the characteristic sounds and intensities of those sounds depend on the characteristics of the RF energy as delivered. Because the frequency of the sound heard is dependent on the pulse characteristics of the RF energy, it seems possible that this technology could be developed to the point where words could be transmitted to be heard like the spoken word, except that it could only be heard within a person’s head. In one experiment, communication of the words from one to ten using ‘speech modulated’ microwave energy was successfully demonstrated. Microphones next to the person experiencing the voice could not pick up the sound. Additional development of this would open up a wide range of possibilities.” (US Army, “[Bioeffects of Selected Nonlethal Weapons](#),” February 17, 1998)

- 1998**, Early March — William Weitzel and the Fund for UFO Research discover and later secure copies of the unsanitized, pre-redaction record copy 16mm microfilm of the Blue Book Files, filmed at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama, in February 1975 that the National Archives inadvertently makes available at the Archives II facility in College Park, Maryland. ([Sparks](#), p. 6)
- 1998**, March 17 — UK Member of the European Parliament [Eryl McNally](#) cites a letter from a constituent asking about Europe’s position on UFOs. The Commission’s answer, given April 15, is simply that the Commission has no jurisdiction in the matter. (Jochen Ickinger, “[UAP in the European Parliament, Part 2](#),” UAP Check, February 28, 2024)
- 1998**, March 30 — In response to a question from MP [Helen Jackson](#), Under-Secretary of State for Defence [John Spellar](#) tells the House of Commons that “a number of military aircraft were booked to carry out low-flying training in northern England” on the evening of March 24, 1997 [the Howden Moors incident], but no UFOs were reported to his department. (“[Low-Flying Training](#),” United Kingdom, Parliament, House of Commons, Hansard: Written Answers, vol. 309, cols. 414-415, March 30, 1998; Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1998**, April 7 — Under-Secretary of State for Defence [John Spellar](#) tells the House of Commons that [regarding the Howden Moors incident] that “is not possible, twelve months after the date in question, to state precisely where military aircraft activity was being carried out.” (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1998**, April 22 — 9:20 p.m. A former Canadian F-104 pilot watches a UFO embedded in a cloud of green light fly toward the south over his car as he is driving near Whistler, British Columbia. It is visible only a few seconds. Other witnesses further south see the UFO stop over Puget Sound for 5–10 seconds, jump instantly to another location, and hover again before speeding away to the south. (George Filer, “[Washington Large Disc with Hole in Its Center](#),” Filer’s Files, #34-2007, August 22, 2007; Nukes 495)
- 1998**, April 22 — 9:23 p.m. Civilian Larry Swanson sees a disc-shaped UFO fly silently north to south at about 300–400 feet altitude over the center of Naval Submarine Base Bangor [now Naval Base Kitsap] on the Kitsap Peninsula, Washington. At one point, the disc tilts slightly, allowing Swanson to view its underside, which is glowing white except for a central circular area about 30 feet in diameter. It slowly glides out of sight. (“[Sighting Report](#),” National UFO Reporting Center, January 28, 1999; Nukes 494–498)
- 1998**, April 25 — The twelfth meeting of the NIDS scientific advisory board meets in Las Vegas, Nevada. [Vallée](#) writes: “After the last session [Bigelow](#) spoke to [Kit \[Green\]](#) on the phone for a long time, trying to convince him that events at the ranch were real and couldn’t be explained on psychological grounds.” (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science, Volume 4: Journals, 1990–1999*, Lulu.com, 2019, p. 409; Keith Basterfield, “[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 19, 2019)
- 1998**, June 5 — 10:30 p.m. Paul Best and his girlfriend are driving near Llanidloes, Powys, Wales, when they notice three triangular objects that are rounded on the bottom. They remain stationary for 6–7 minutes, then begin moving slowly before shooting away at high speed. (“[UFOs Spotted near Llani](#),” *Welshpool (UK) County Times*, June 12, 1998, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 351 (October 1998): 14)
- 1998**, June 25 — 2:00 p.m. A witness and her children in Cleveland, Ohio, see 8 white, balloon-like objects moving across the sky into a large cloud, pausing before entering it one by one. They watch the cloud and follow it to the horizon, but the objects do not emerge. (National UFO Reporting Center, “[NUFORC Sighting 05423](#),” September 19, 2002; Herbert S. Taylor, “[Mystery Clouds and the UFO Connection](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 16)
- 1998**, June 26 — Early morning. Two witnesses spot a triangular UFO hovering above Corbett Hospital in Stourbridge, England. The object has white lights at each corner and projects a white beam of light onto the buildings.

(“[Strange Shape in Sky](#),” *Wolverhampton (UK) Express and Star*, July 10, 1998, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 351 (October 1998): 11)

- 1998, July 2 — 8:00 p.m. A couple working outside in their yard at Ticonderoga, New York, see a soundless, wingless object moving swiftly through the sky. The man takes a video of it as it flies past the eastern side of St. Mary’s Church. Probable aircraft. (Bruce Maccabee, “[‘Flying Peanut’/Double UFO Video Seems to Be Authentic](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 369 (January 1999): 3–7; Wim van Utrecht, “[Luminous Peanut over Ticonderoga, New York](#),” *Caelestia*)
- 1998, July 11 — The thirteenth meeting of the NIDS scientific advisory board takes place in Las Vegas, Nevada. Martin Pilch chairs the meeting. There is a review of the [Peter Sturrock](#) / [Laurance Rockefeller](#) project. [Colm Kelleher](#) reports on Skinwalker Ranch. (Keith Basterfield, “[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#),” *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, May 19, 2019)
- 1998, July 15 — [Peter Hill-Norton](#) again brings up UFOs in the House of Lords and asks how the Ministry of Defence is reviewing sighting reports. Minister of State for Defence Procurement [John Gilbert](#) reiterates that UK airspace is not being violated, although he does say that the ministry received 609 reports in 1996, 425 in 1997, and 88 from January to June 1998. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1998, July 21 — 11:19 p.m. An object the size of a small trailer appears suddenly over Napoleon, Ohio. It is emitting a dense fog and stays stationary for 7 minutes, then branches out and grows until 5 smaller craft are seen circling it. The large object seems to dissolve and disappear, the smaller objects still circling for another few minutes. (“[NUFORC UFO Sighting 11877](#),” National UFO Reporting Center, February 16, 2000; Herbert S. Taylor, “[Cloud Cigars: A Further Look](#),” *IUR* 30, no. 3 (May 2006): 13)
- 1998, August 6 — During a test of China’s first supersonic drone at the Badain Juran Desert weapons test base, Lanzhou province, China, engineer Zhao Xu and others see two large, silent fire masses with radiating beams descend from the sky just as the test drone is about to take off. Zhao asks a cameraman from the observation tower to come down and film the phenomenon. As he is stumbling down, the two fireballs take off again. (*Wuhan Evening News*, October 25, 2010; Bill Chalker, “[China’s ‘Nimitz’ UFO/UAP Event](#),” *TheOzFiles*, April 23, 2023; Clark IV 1272, 1329)
- 1998, August 10 — 12:00 noon–1:00 p.m. At least four witnesses at Quirindi, New South Wales, see “20 silver balls” performing complex maneuvers. Angel hair streams from the objects during acceleration and right-angle turns. The substance consolidates into long, white strands that slowly fall to earth, draping on telephone lines and trees. It is white, cotton-like, and strong, requiring a good tug to break, but quickly sublimates to nothing on handling. A sample is sent to UFO researcher [Bill Chalker](#) for analysis. Microscopic imaging by indicates it is spider web. Another witness in Piallaway, New South Wales, reports similar material at 2:00 p.m. (Brian Boldman, “[An Analysis of Angel Hair, 1947–2000](#),” *IUR* 26, no. 3 (Fall 2001): 10; Keith Basterfield, “[Angel Hair: An Australian Perspective](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 7; Brian Boldman, “[Angel Hair Physical Analyses: A Review](#),” *JUFOS* 9 (2006): 107–108; Clark III 126; Clark IV 153)
- 1998, August 21 — Israeli-American astrophysicist [Mario Livio](#) speculates that extraterrestrials are not particularly rare, it’s just that the most likely time for them to have developed was 3 billion years ago. (Mario Livio, “[How Rare Are Extraterrestrial Civilizations and When Did They Emerge?](#)” arXiv, August 21, 1998)
- 1998, September 13 — A sensationalized TV documentary, *The Secret KGB UFO Files*, is released in the US and hosted by actor [Roger Moore](#), who recounts a dubious story about a Soviet crash/retrieval in Sverdlovsk Oblast, Russia, in March 1969 that involved an alien autopsy. (Internet Movie Database, “[The Secret KGB UFO Files](#)”; “[The Secret KGB UFO Files, 1998](#),” M TUFONC YouTube channel, September 24, 2019)
- 1998, September 14 — Lt. Col. Enrique Rocamora, in charge of declassification of UFO reports for the Spanish Air Force from 1993 to 1999, enters the 57th staff course at the Escuela Superior del Aire in Madrid, Spain. Along with consultations and contributions from [Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos](#), he creates a massive monograph, “The Process of Declassification of UFO Documentation in the Air Force,” with 10 chapters and 16 attachments amounting to 296 pages. (Swords 428, 523)
- 1998, September 28 — UFO researchers [Ion Hobana](#), [Harald Alexandrescu](#), and [Dan D. Farcaș](#) establish the Asociația pentru Studiul Fenomenelor Aerospațiale Neidentificate (ASFAN) with offices in the Admiral Vasile Urseanu Astronomical Observatory in Bucharest, Romania. (Romania 69–70; ASFAN Romania, “[Association for the Study of Unidentified Space Phenomena \(ASFAN\), Romania](#)”)

- 1998, October — [Scott Corrales](#) begins publishing *Inexplicata: The Journal of Hispanic Ufology*. It persists through December 2004 but continues as a blog from December 2005 to February 2024. ([Inexplicata: The Journal of Hispanic Ufology](#), no. 1 (Fall 1998); [Inexplicata blog](#))
- 1998, October 10 — The fourteenth meeting of the NIDS scientific advisory board meets in Las Vegas, Nevada. [Vallée](#) writes: “Today the Board...tackled the challenge posed by [Bob Bigelow](#) of engaging the scientific community. I said it didn’t make sense to speak in the same sentence of getting visibility with the public AND with science (two radically different things), impressing the media while gaining the confidence of secret sources (an obvious contradiction), taking an advocacy position while research is incomplete, and crusading for the extraterrestrial visitation hypothesis while testing theories that may not involve ETH at all.” (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science, Volume 4: Journals, 1990–1999*, Lulu.com, 2019, pp. 420–426; Keith Basterfield, “[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 19, 2019)
- 1998, October 14 — Following a request in the House of Lords by [Peter Hill-Norton](#), Lord Chancellor [Derry Irvine](#), Baron Irvine of Lairg, provides document references and titles of all open files at the Public Record Office that contain information about UFOs. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1998, October 18 — 12:40 p.m. Dave Rose is at Sandwell Valley, West Midlands, England, with his parents when they see a motionless sphere in the sky. After 20 minutes another object, a metallic-looking triangular UFO, also appears. The triangle moves from side to side in short bursts before vanishing completely. The sphere dwindles to a dark spot in another 10 minutes. (“[Did You See This UFO?](#)” *Wolverhampton (UK) Express and Star*, October 29, 1998, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 353 (December 1998): 12)
- 1998, October 19 — Minister of State for Defence Procurement [John Gilbert](#) tells the House of Lords that “there is no requirement for anyone to submit UFO sighting reports to the MoD, other than for military air defence purposes.” (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1998, October 19 — Four different radar stations in Hebei province, China, pick up an unknown target moving above a military flight training base near Cangzhou. At least 140 observers at the base see the object as a small star that grows larger and larger as it descends. It has a mushroom-shaped dome on top and a flat bottom covered with rotating lights. Two solid light beams extend a short way from the base of the object. The base commander scrambles a Shenyang J-6 fighter, which gets to within 2.5 miles of the UFO over Qing County, whereupon it abruptly shoots upward. The UFO plays cat and mouse with the jet, appearing and reappearing. Permission to fire on the UFO is denied by the base commander, Col. Li. The fighter is forced to return after running low on fuel, and the UFO disappears before other aircraft arrive. (*Hong Kong Standard*, November 4, 1998; Good Need, [p. 393](#); Stephen Chen, “[China Military Uses AI to Track Rapidly Increasing UFOs](#),” *South China Morning Post* (Hong Kong), June 4, 2021; Bill Chalker, “[China’s ‘Nimitz’ UFO/UAP Event](#),” *TheOzFiles*, April 23, 2023; Clark IV 1221–1222, 1314, 1329–1331)
- 1998, November 6 — 3:00 a.m. A man is driving with his wife near Childers, Queensland, when he sees an object moving quickly across the road. Five minutes later he sees a green beam of light shining down from the sky. The light source seems to be about 3,000 feet above them. Both he and his wife, who is asleep in the car, experience swelling in the hands and lips, as well as headaches. They both feel compelled to take their wedding rings off and sense that something else will happen to them. (“[Australian CE2](#),” *IUR* 24, no. 2 (Summer 1999): 12)
- 1998, November 6 — 7:00 a.m. A witness in Bothell, Washington, sees a thin, horizontal cloud that tilts and descends. A taller horizontal cloud tilts to the left, but it soon appears to be a dark, cylindrical object. Two small oval clouds emerge from a larger cloud. All of the objects slowly descend past the Cascades Mountains. A few jets fly toward them one at a time, until 9:30 p.m. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[Mystery Clouds and the UFO Connection](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 26)
- 1998, November 11 — 11:55 a.m. Two daylight discs are seen by Ms. R. M. Jones as she is driving through Alexander, Arkansas: “The first was larger, more white, more stationary and lasted longer. The second was a white cigar sort of thing, sort of shimmer.” (“[UFOs Dominate Night Sky over Arkansas](#),” *UFO Roundup* 3, no. 49, December 7, 1998)
- 1998, November 19 — Minister of State for Defence Procurement [John Gilbert](#) provides the House of Lords with a list of 76 Air Staff Secretariat files dating back to 1985 that contain information about UFOs. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1998, November 27 — 7:00–7:30 p.m. A woman is driving east on 25 Mile Road north of Mount Clemens, Michigan, when she sees a “highly intense,” basketball-sized ball of white light coming directly at her from the right at high speed. There is no sound and no time to avoid a collision. The object hits the car with a low thud, but the car’s

motion is not affected. She does not see it again and continues driving home. Upon inspecting her car, she finds a cream-colored residue where it hit the car, forming a streak about 12–13 inches long that is broken in several spots. The residue is saved and after several months it is sent to analytical chemist [Phyllis Budinger](#) for tests and analysis. The results show prominent components of kaolin (aluminum silicate), a hydrated metal (perhaps manganese) oxide, and a cellulosidal material. Only the oxide is not attributable to the car's own finish. There is no evidence of heat transferred to the car's paint. (Mark Rodeghier, "[UFO/Vehicle Very Close Encounters](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 3–5)

- 1998**, November 30 — Night. Bright blue-white lights are seen throughout Sussex County, Delaware. One man reports a "large blue light that was moving all over erratically," with smaller lights coming from the larger one. Local researcher Jane Segal receives reports that "fighters from Dover Air Force Base were flying all over the region." ("[UFOs Seen by Many in Southern Delaware](#)," *UFO Roundup* 3, no. 49, December 7, 1998)
- 1998**, December — 5:45 p.m. Christopher Cabrera is at the end of his patrol shift at Area 2 in Nellis AFB in Nevada and chatting with a few other guards. All four of them notice three extremely bright amber lights in front of them in the southeast blinking sequentially in a vertical, triangular formation. The bottom two lights are about 100 feet off the ground and a quarter-mile away. They seem to be attached to one solid object that blocks out the stars behind it. It remains eerily silent. The event lasts about 10 seconds and the lights are so bright that it looks like daytime. The guards report the incident to the Flight Chief, who tells them not to repeat the story to anyone or they will be eligible for dishonorable discharge. (Robert L. Hastings, "[Triangular-Shaped UFO Sighted at the Nellis AFB Nuclear Storage Area](#)," *UFOs & Nukes*, April 23, 2015)
- 1998**, December 2 — Night. UFO activity in Brisbane, Queensland, consists of a bright white light, an orange ball of light, and a missing time experience, all by different witnesses. ("[UFOs Converge on Brisbane](#)," *UFO Roundup* 3, no. 49, December 7, 1998)
- 1998**, December 3 — 11:30 p.m. A witness is driving in Kirkland, Washington, when she notices a cluster of four white lights and one red light to the south. They seem to be approaching, and when she arrives home she sees they are attached to a large equilateral triangle that passes overhead. (Marler [227–228](#))
- 1998**, December 11 — During mission [STS-88](#), the crew of Space Shuttle *Endeavor* takes photos of an unusual dark object in low earth orbit. Conspiracy theorists claim it is an alien satellite, dubbed the Black Knight, in polar orbit around the Earth. However, the object is later identified as a thermal blanket that became dislodged and lost during a December 9 EVA by astronauts [Jerry L. Ross](#) and [James H. Newman](#) during their installation of antennas on the International Space Station. (Wikipedia, "[Black Knight satellite conspiracy theory](#)"; Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*, Signet, 1969, p. 220; James Oberg, "[Phantom Satellite?](#)" PowerPoint presentation; Martina Redpath, "[The Truth about the Black Knight Satellite Mystery](#)," Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, July 18, 2013)
- 1998**, December 17 — Minister of State for Defence Procurement [John Gilbert](#) provides the House of Lords with a list of 38 files related to UFOs held by the Public Record Office covering the period 1970–1985 and which are scheduled for release under the 30-year rule. (Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)

1999

- 1999** (or 2000) — Retired NASA psychologist [Richard F. Haines](#) founds the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena as a place for pilots, crews, and air-traffic controllers to report their UFO sightings on a confidential basis. Ted Roe is executive director and Haines is the chief research scientist. ("[New Organization Promotes Aviation Safety in UFO Sightings](#)," *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 22, 30; Richard F. Haines, "[NARCAP's Project Sphere: Are Spherical UAP a Threat to Aviation Safety?](#)" *IUR* 33, no. 2 (July 2010): 4–5; Clark III 553; Clark IV 611)
- 1999** — Austrian astrobiologist [Helmut Lammer](#) and his wife Marion publish *MILABS: Military Mind Control and Alien Abduction*, a review of people claiming to have been abducted by military personnel who interrogate them about their UFO experiences, remove or insert implants, and perform medical examinations and memory eradication. (Helmut Lammer and Marion Lammer, *MILABS: Military Mind Control and Alien Abduction*, IllumiNet, 1999; Helmut Lammer, "[Preliminary Findings of Project-MILAB: Evidence for Military Kidnappings of Alleged UFO-Abductees](#)," October 16, 1996; Helmut Lammer, "[Further Findings of Project-MILAB: Looking behind the Alien/Military Abduction Agenda](#)," August 13, 1997; Malcolm Robinson, "[MILABS: Military Mind Control and Alien Abduction](#)," Strange Phenomena Investigations England, 2001)

- 1999** — Harvard University psychologist [John E. Mack](#) publishes a second book on abductions, *Passport to the Cosmos*, in which he continues to focus on the experience as transformative and ultimately benevolent. Much of the experience consists of a life lesson in symbolic form, Mack asserts. The hybrids combine the human and alien in a shared mission to save the Earth. The nurturing of hybrid children emphasizes the importance of emotion, and the otherness of the aliens awakens a sense that humans are not the apex of existence. The shock and terror of kidnap by unearthly beings breaks the illusion that the world is under our control. Although Mack hears the usual accounts of examinations and reproductive procedures from dozens of other experiencers, he still reads these events as symbolic agents of the larger purpose to save Earth from humans and humans from themselves. Whether or not the abductors are extraterrestrial hardly matters. (John E. Mack, [Passport to the Cosmos: Human Transformation and Alien Encounters](#), Crown, 1999; Clark III 9–10; Graff 344–345; Clark IV 23–25)
- 1999**, January 8 — The fifteenth meeting of the NIDS scientific advisory board meets in Las Vegas, Nevada. [Vallée](#) notes: “[Bob Bigelow](#) is still fascinated with ‘Day After’ scenarios... he went over the history of our efforts, from the initial interest to appeal to the military to the more recent idea of having our own contingency plan if it turned out, as he put it, that ‘we are cohabiting on the Earth with non-human entities that controlled our destiny.’” (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science, Volume 4: Journals, 1990–1999*, Lulu.com, 2019, pp. 439–441; Keith Basterfield, “[Jacques Vallée on the National Institute for Discovery Science](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 19, 2019)
- 1999**, January 22 — [Peter Gersten](#), executive director of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, files a FOIA lawsuit in federal district court in Phoenix, Arizona, to release documents relating to the Phoenix Lights and (later) the St. Clair Triangle in Illinois in 2000. The Department of Defense files a motion to dismiss the suit. Assistant US Attorney Richard Patrick says the department has conducted a reasonable search for information requested by Gersten’s group and cannot find any records. (“[UFO Lawsuit to Get Hearing](#),” *Phoenix Arizona Republic*, February 4, 2000)
- 1999**, January 22 — 7:03 a.m. A witness driving south on State Highway 3 near the off-ramp to Naval Submarine Base Bangor [now Naval Base Kitsap] on the Kitsap Peninsula, Washington, sees an orange volleyball-sized light 20 feet above the overpass moving at 60–70 mph toward the base. (“[Sighting Report](#),” National UFO Reporting Center, February 11, 2003; Nukes 498)
- 1999**, February 3 — A British Debonair Bae146 charter jet encounters a “long cylindrical object” the size of a battleship while flying at 28,000 feet over the North Sea off Denmark. The captain observes rows of square portholes on the UFO just before it bathes the airliner in incandescent light. The object comes to an abrupt halt, then accelerates past the airplane at an incredible speed. RAF radar stations track the object, which is also seen from three other nearby aircraft. A Civil Aviation Authority source says the object is tracked by a military radar station in Yorkshire after it enters British air space. (“[North Sea Encounter](#),” *IUR* 24, no. 2 (Summer 1999): 31)
- 1999**, March — [Kevin D. Randle](#), [Russ Estes](#), and [William Cone](#) publish *The Abduction Enigma*, offering a rigorous critique of the alien explanation for the abduction phenomenon and arguing instead that abductee personalities, cultural ideas, and investigator influences have coalesced to create false memories. (Kevin D. Randle, Russ Estes, and William Cone, [The Abduction Enigma: The Truth behind the Mass Alien Abductions of the Late Twentieth Century](#), Forge, 1999; Thomas E. Bullard, [review], *JUFOS* 7 (2000): 94–106)
- 1999**, March 5 — Midnight. A diamond-shaped UFO is blamed for the unexplained collapse of a theatre roof in Kimberley, British Columbia. An object covered with flashing lights is seen by several witnesses prior to the incident. (*East Kootenay (B.C.) Weekly*, March 23, 1999; “[Recent UFO Cases](#),” *IUR* 24, no. 1 (Spring 1999): 31)
- 1999**, March 24 — Night. Five people in the towns of Brinsley, Nottinghamshire, and Crich and Belper, Derbyshire, England, watch a flying object that looks like a black wedge with two bright headlights. The blunt end of the wedge is facing forward as it flies at about 35 mph. (“[Black Wedge’ Seen in Skies over Town](#),” *Belper (UK) News*, March 24, 1999, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 360 (July 1999): 13)
- 1999**, April 2 — Two Chilean national police officers see a UFO hovering above Mount Balmaceda in Puerto Natales, Tierra del Fuego, Chile. They see red, green, and yellow lights on the object, which performs several side-to-side displacements as it hovers near the summit. (*La Tercera* (Santiago, Chile), April 4, 7, 1999; “[Recent UFO Cases](#),” *IUR* 24, no. 1 (Spring 1999): 31)
- 1999**, April 7 — 10:58 p.m. A woman is looking through the second-story window of her home in East Falmouth, Massachusetts. She sees strange, double, white lights resembling car headlights attached to a triangular object silently moving across the sky through the maple trees. It is in view for only 4–5 seconds. (“[Recent UFO Cases](#),” *IUR* 24, no. 1 (Spring 1999): 31)

- 1999, May 17** — The Berkeley SETI Research Center releases SETI@home, a project to analyze radio signals with the aim of searching for signs of extraterrestrial intelligence. Until March 2020, it is run as an internet-based public volunteer computing project that employed the BOINC software platform. It is hosted by the Space Sciences Laboratory at the University of California, Berkeley, and is one of many activities undertaken as part of the worldwide SETI effort. (Wikipedia, "[SETI@home](#)")
- 1999, June 9** — A huge fall of "white filamentous threads" covers hedges, trees, and power lines over 10,000 square kilometers in Esperance, Western Australia. Some strands are 30 feet in length. Witness Marilyn Burnet has a sample analyzed and finds copper, aluminum, zinc, iron, sodium, manganese, silicon, and other minerals. (George A. Filer, "[Filer's Files](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 375 (July 1999): 14; Brian Boldman, "[Angel Hair Physical Analyses: A Review](#)," *JUFOS* 9 (2006): 108; Keith Basterfield, "[Angel Hair: An Australian Perspective](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 7–8)
- 1999, June 30** — 11:00 a.m. Two witnesses are walking their dog in the Park Zachodni in Wrocław, Poland, when they see a blue-gray, disc-shaped object with a row of blue lights pass over the trees to the northeast. Another similar object follows a similar path shortly afterward. ("[UFO nad Polską: 2013](#)," *Porta Infra*, April 19, 2013; Poland 83–84)
- 1999, July** — A man's car is stuck in a rut at Campo, California, as he is returning home from a fishing trip. As he is getting back into the car, he notices a bright white sphere about 40–50 feet away. It is only 4–5 feet in diameter and 25 feet above the ground. The man takes 10 steps toward the object, then it shines a bright blue beam at him for a few seconds. The beam does not turn off; instead it retreats back into the bottom of the object "as if it was on a string." The UFO slowly glides away. (Powell, *Scientist*, 99–100)
- 1999, July 2** — Abduction researcher and folklorist [Thomas E. Bullard](#) expands on his description of the abduction experience in an examination of 437 reports from the literature. He looks at location and duration, the sequence of the episodes and common events within each, the appearance and behavior of the entities, interior and exterior descriptions of the UFO, and the mental and physical controls the aliens use on the abductees. (Thomas E. Bullard, "What's New in Alien Abduction? Has the Story Changed in 30 Years?" *MUFON 1999 International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1999, pp. 170–199; Clark III 13–22; Clark IV 27–36)
- 1999, July 16** — A 90-page report, *Les OVNI et la Défense: A Quoi doit-on se Préparer?* (UFOs and Defense: What Should We Prepare for?), is published as the result of an in-depth study of UFOs carried out over several years by an independent group of former advanced workshop participants at the Institut des Hautes Études de Défense Nationale in Paris, France, and by other experts. Before its public release, it is sent to President [Jacques Chirac](#) and Prime Minister [Lionel Jospin](#). The report is prefaced by Gen. [Bernard Norlain](#) of the Air Force and begins with a preamble by [André Lebeau](#), former president of the Centre National d'Études Spatiales. The Comité d'Études Approfondies (COMETA) group, collective author of the report, is presided over by Gen. [Denis Letty](#) of the Air Force. The report analyzes various UFO cases and concludes that UFOs are real, complex flying objects, and that the extraterrestrial hypothesis has a high probability of being the correct explanation for the UFO phenomenon. The study recommends that the French government should adjust to the reality of the phenomenon and conduct further research. (Comité d'Études Approfondies, "UFOs and Defense: What Should We Prepare For?" [part 1](#) and [part 2](#), July 16, 1999; Gildas Bourdais, "[The French Report on UFOs and Defense: A Summary](#)"; Gildas Bourdais, "[Quasi-Official French Document Looks at Defense Issues Related to UFOs](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 377 (September 1999): 10–13; Leslie Kean, "[UFO Theorists Gain Support Abroad, But Repression at Home](#)," *Boston Globe*, May 21, 2000; Mark Rodeghier, ed., "[The 1999 French Report on UFOs and Defense](#)," *IUR* 25, no. 2 (Summer 2000): 20–22, 30; Gildas Bourdais, "[From GEPAN to SEPR: Official UFO Studies in France](#)," *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 10; Swords 449–450; Graff 383–385)
- 1999, July 27** — Day. Several people living near the shore of Lake Backsjön, near Gunnarskog, Värmlands, Sweden, see and hear a rocket-shaped object plunge into the water. The object is 6–10 feet long and descends at high speed, creating a splash in the water before sinking. One witness contacts the rescue station at Arvika, who in turn contact the police and military. Stellan Jansson, chief of staff for the I 2/Fo52 Värmland Regiment, interviews the witnesses. In September, the army begins an intensive search of the lake under the code name Operation Sea Find using divers, sonar equipment, and a mini-sub. The operation conducts a 10-day search and examines 75% of the lake, but the search is discontinued on September 16 after finding no evidence. On October 1, a secret report is completed for military intelligence in Stockholm. (Clas Svahn and Eileen Fletcher, "[The Swedish Military and UFOs](#)," *IUR* 25, no. 3 (Fall 2000): 16–17; Swords 370; Clas Svahn, "[Backsjön: Militärer letade efter störtat föremål](#)," Riksorganisationen UFO-Sverige)

- 1999, September** — The peer-reviewed *European Journal of UFO and Abduction Studies* is launched in Southampton, England, by Totton College psychology professor Craig A. Roberts. Its editorial board features UFO researchers in the UK, Spain, Portugal, Romania, Ukraine, Russia, France, and Italy. It continues through the September 2002 issue. ([European Journal of UFO and Abduction Studies](#), launch volume (September 1999))
- 1999, September 30** — 10:35 a.m. A serious criticality incident takes place in the Tokaimura uranium processing facility operated by JCO in the village of Tokai, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan. The accident occurs as three workers are preparing a small batch of fuel for the Jōyō experimental fast breeder reactor, using uranium enriched to 18.8% with the radioisotope uranium-235 (with the remainder being the fertile uranium-238). It is JCO's first batch of fuel for that reactor in three years, and no proper qualification and training requirements appear to have been established to prepare those workers for the job. A precipitation tank reaches critical mass when its fill level, containing about 35 pounds of uranium, reaches about 11 gallons. The two technicians who receive the higher doses die several months later. (Wikipedia, "[Tokaimura nuclear accidents](#)")
- 1999, October 9** — The last flight of a temporarily reactivated SR-71 Blackbird takes place. (Wikipedia, "[Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird](#)")
- 1999, October 9** — 7:57 p.m. While fishing off Fort Pickens near Pensacola, Florida, an ex-Air Force security policeman and a city police officer watch a triangular UFO with high-intensity blue arcing lights traveling west over the Gulf of Mexico in a zigzag fashion. It is about 200 feet in the air, a quarter of a mile distant, and moving at 115–350 mph. At least four times it seems to hover for 30 seconds. After 15 minutes, it moves away to the west. (George Filer, "[Florida Triangle with Blue Ionization near Gulf Breeze](#)," Filer's Files, #43-1999, October 18, 1999)
- 1999, October 10** — 11:45 p.m. A couple in Lewiston, Michigan, see a hazy, pulsing object outside their bedroom window. Other lights seem to be flying around it, so that it resembles moths flying around a light bulb. They watch it for 45 minutes, then go back to sleep. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[Cloud Cigars: A Further Look](#)," *IUR* 30, no. 3 (May 2006): 13)
- 1999, October 29** — 5:45 p.m. A man and woman in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, see a nickel-colored object emerge from a strange contrail-like cloud and fly back into it. A few seconds later, it shoots out again and circles around it for 15 minutes. About an hour later, they see jets flying around, apparently searching for the object. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[Cloud Cigars: A Further Look](#)," *IUR* 30, no. 3 (May 2006): 13)
- 1999, November 11** — A sample of "angel hair" is recovered from a fall in Sacramento, California, and sent to analytical chemist [Phyllis Budinger](#) for Fourier Transform infrared spectrometry analysis. She finds that the fibrous material is not spider web but consists of a silk-like substance containing secondary amide linkages similar to protein. It also contains volatile hydrocarbons. (Brian Boldman, "[An Analysis of Angel Hair, 1947–2000](#)," *IUR* 26, no. 3 (Fall 2001): 14–15)
- 1999, November 11** — 8:30 p.m. Two men are loading gravel onto a truck in Tomelilla, Skåne, Sweden, when they see a boomerang-shaped object flying overhead, blocking out the stars. The object is solid and observed for 5–10 seconds. UFO-Sweden researchers [Clas Svahn](#) and [Anders Persson](#) check with the Swedish military for their radar data at the time and find that it has recorded many targets. They conclude that a flock of migrating birds, probably eiders, flying in formation is responsible. (Clas Svahn and Eileen Fletcher, "[The Swedish Military and UFOs](#)," *IUR* 25, no. 3 (Fall 2000): 17–18)
- 1999, November 20** — Evening. A family in Makinen, Minnesota, notices a bright red light in the southern sky. They rush outside for a better look and estimate that its brightness is three or four times that of Jupiter. After watching the object for 3–4 minutes, they retrieve a camera and binoculars. Through the binoculars, the father thinks that the object is changing configuration, from four lights forming a square to 50 lights in a straight line centered between the four lights. The object hovers and pulsates, then begins moving off toward the north and finally disappears behind some trees. (William I. McNeff, "[Family Observes Strange Object](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 384 (April 2000): 11)
- 1999, December** — Cao Gong, a middle-aged man from Beijing, China, claims he is abducted by aliens and flown to Qinhuangdao, Hebei province, in a UFO. The entities look like humans but have large hands and are very pale. [Zhang Jingping](#) of the World Chinese UFO Association begins to investigate the Cao case in April 2000 and has him hypnotically regressed by a psychologist from Suzhou. Cao also passes a lie detector test at the Beijing Bureau of Public Security. Cao remembers meeting in the spacecraft a Chinese girl who looks about 13 years old. She tells him the aliens cured her of a disease. Zhang brings Cao to the Tangshan Bureau of Public Security in July 2000, where the police construct a computer reconstruction of the girl's face according to his description. In

November 2002, Zhang leads a group of students from Beihang University on a trip to Qinhuangdao to look for the girl. They arrive in Qinglong County and begin a blind search among the area's 400,000 inhabitants. On the second day, an old man recognizes the girl in the image. They locate her and she turns out to be 15 years old. Zhang brings her back to Beijing to meet Cao Gong, who identifies her as the girl he met. (Bill Chalker, "[The Untold Story of UFOs in China: Lost in Translation or the Devouring Dragon?](#)" *New Dawn Special Issue* 14, no. 1 (January 2020); Clark IV 1273–1274, 1323)

2000

- 2000 — Ufologist [Richard H. Hall](#) completes a sequel to NICAP's 1964 report to Congress. *The UFO Evidence, Volume II* covers UFO sightings since 1964. (Richard H. Hall, *The UFO Evidence, Volume II: A Thirty Year Report*, Scarecrow, 2000)
- 2000 — [Walter Andrus](#) retires as director of MUFON and is replaced by [John Schuessler](#).
- 2000 — Ufologist [Chris Rutkowski](#) and Ufology Research of Manitoba begin receiving UFO reports made to Canadian agencies, allowing them to create a yearly statistical report on sightings in Canada. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 11)
- 2000 — [Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos](#) launches UFO FOTOCAT, a project to create a worldwide catalog of UFO photos. He eventually accumulates close to 13,000 cases in the database. Based on its content, Ballester Olmos releases eight research reports as of August 2020. ("[The Year 1954 in Photos \(Expanded\)](#)"; "[Argentina: The Year 1965 in Photos](#)"; "[Avistamientos OVNI en la Antártida en 1965](#)"; "[Norway in UFO Photographs: The First Catalogue](#)"; "[Spheres in Airborne UAP Imagery](#)"; "[An Approach to UFO Pictures in France](#)"; "[Belgium in UFO Photographs, vol. 1 \(1950–1988\)](#)"; and "[The Marfa Lights: Examining the Photographic Evidence \(2003–2007\)](#)")
- 2000 — The National Nuclear Security Administration is created by Congress in the wake of the [Wen Ho Lee](#) spy scandal and other allegations that the Department of Energy's lax administration has resulted in the loss of nuclear secrets to China. It is a semi-autonomous agency within the Department of Energy responsible for safeguarding national security through the military application of nuclear science. (Wikipedia, "[National Nuclear Security Administration](#)")
- 2000 — Polish journalist and author [Igor Witkowski](#) publishes *Prawda o Wunderwaffe*, describing a purported top-secret Nazi technological device or secret weapon called Die Glocke ("The Bell"). It is later popularized by military journalist and author [Nick Cook](#) in *The Hunt for Zero Point*, who associates it with Nazi occultism, antigravity, and free energy research. Mainstream reviewers have criticized claims about Die Glocke as being pseudoscientific, recycled rumors, and a hoax. Die Glocke and other alleged Nazi "miracle weapons" have since been dramatized in video games, television shows, and novels. (Wikipedia, "[Die Glocke \(conspiracy theory\)](#)"; Igor Witkowski, *The Truth about the Wunderwaffe*, European History Press, 2013; Nick Cook, *The Hunt for Zero Point: Inside the Classified World of Antigravity Technology*, Broadway, 2002)
- 2000 — The results of the Russian *Setka* program are disclosed by [Boris Sokolov](#), coordinator of *Setka-MO*, and [Yulii Platov](#), deputy coordinator of *Setka-AN*, in an article in the *Bulletin of the Russian Academy of Sciences*. According to them, 90% of the anomalous atmospheric phenomena observed in Russian territory can be explained by the effects of human activities (especially rockets and weather balloon launches), while the remaining 10% are unexplained. For the latter cases, they could be rare or still unknown natural phenomena. However, no evidence is found of UFO landings, crashes, close encounters, or alien abductions. No evidence of an extraterrestrial UFO origin has emerged either. [Paul Stonehill](#), a Russian UFO scholar, believes that only the results of *Setka-AN*'s studies are disclosed, while those of *Setka-MO* still remain secret. Stonehill further claims there is nothing to indicate that anyone in the *Setka* program attempted to seriously analyze the cases that remain unexplained. (Paul Stonehill and Philip Mantle, *The Soviet UFO Files: Paranormal Encounters behind the Iron Curtain*, Quadrillion, 1998, pp. 43, 52; Pyotr N. Rybalko, "[Bureaucratized Pseudoscience](#)," *RIAP Bulletin* 6, no. 2–3 (Apr./Sept. 2000): 11–12; Yulii V. Platov and Boris A. Sokolov, "[The Study of Unidentified Flying Objects in the Soviet Union](#)," *Herald of the Russian Academy of Sciences* 70, no. 3 (2000): 244–251; Boris Sokolov and Yulii Platov, "[A History of State UFO Research in the USSR](#)," *Skeptical Briefs* 10, no. 4 (December 1, 2000); Eghigian, *After*, p. 226)
- 2000 — Mathematician [Karsten Jöred](#) replaces [Arne Gjärdman](#) as head of UFO investigations at the Swedish National Defence Research Institute. He holds the position until 2006. (Swords 370)
- 2000 — Alleged abductee [Stan Romanek](#) of Loveland, Colorado, claims his first UFO experience. He has many experiences with aliens since then, allegedly discovering mysterious wounds on his body that glow under a black light and claiming electronic communications with aliens. He also claims aliens have followed his car, visited his

home, and communicated with him telepathically. In 2003, he claims he woke up and found himself wearing a ladies' flannel nightgown, which makes him suspect he has been abducted and returned in woman's clothing. Romanek eventually comes to suspect that the clothing belongs to another supposed abductee, [Betty Hill](#). When asked if the gown has been tested for Hill's DNA, Romanek claims that it has not because the test is too expensive. Appearing on *ABC Primetime* in 2009, Romanek makes the unsubstantiated claims that he underwent hypnosis by [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), a psychologist who specializes in alien abduction cases. Romanek claims that under hypnosis he wrote out the Drake equation, a formula used to estimate the number of communicative extraterrestrial civilizations in our galaxy, and then added "x100" to it. Skeptic [Joe Nickell](#) suggests the equation is written through simple memorization. On August 8, 2017, Romanek is found guilty of felony possession of child pornography. (Erik Sofge, "[New Alien Video Shines \(Photoshopped\) Light on UFO Hoaxers](#)," *Popular Mechanics*, June 8, 2008; Alan Scherstuhl, "[In Kansas City, Celebrity UFO-Filmer Stan Romanek Finds an Audience of Believers—and One Reporter](#)," *The Pitch* (Kansas City), August 13, 2009; "[Man Claims Aliens Send Him Messages](#)," ABC News, August 18, 2009; Joe Nickell, "[Abductions or Hoaxes? The Man Who Attracts Aliens](#)," *Skeptical Inquirer* 34, no. 3 (May/June 2010): 19–20; Jack Brewer, "[Ufology Indicted](#)," *The UFO Trail*, August 7, 2016)

- 2000, January 5** — Shortly after 4:00 a.m. The "St. Clair Triangle," "UFO Over Illinois," "Southern Illinois UFO," or "Highland, Illinois UFO" sighting takes place over the towns of Highland, Dupo, Lebanon, Shiloh, Summerfield, Millstadt, and O'Fallon, Illinois, all within the vicinity of Scott Air Force Base in St. Clair County. Five on-duty police officers around these locales, along with various other eyewitnesses, report a massive, silent, triangular or rectangular craft operating at an unusual treetop-level altitude and speeds. The officers are able to track the object and maintain radio contact with each other throughout the event. One of the police officers manages to get a single yet ambiguous Polaroid photograph of the object. Investigator David Marler initially concludes that, despite some differences in descriptions, the reports indicate a single unknown object with bright lights flying below 1,000 feet altitude. However, later reports suggest there are as many as three objects. The incident is examined in the ABC special *Seeing Is Believing* with [Peter Jennings](#), an hour-long Discovery Channel special *UFOs Over Illinois*, an episode of the 2004 Syfy series *Proof Positive*, and a 30-minute independent documentary titled *The Edge of Reality: Illinois UFO, January 5, 2000* by Darryl Barker Productions. (Wikipedia, "[Black triangle \(UFO\)](#)"; "[Police Officers in St. Clair County Report Seeing Early-Morning UFO](#)," *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, January 9, 2000, pp. D1–D2; "[UFO Sighting Brings Media Attention, Investigative Team to Southern Illinois](#)," *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, January 12, 2000, pp. A1, A6; "[UFO Baffles Observers](#)," *Waterloo (Iowa) Republic-Times*, January 12, 2000, p. 2; "[Buffs Baffled by UFO](#)," *Chicago Sun-Times*, January 20, 2000; David B. Marler, "[Illinois Police Officers Track UFO near Scott AFB](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 383 (March 2000): 3–8; Robert T. Leach, "The Illinois Arrowhead," *UFO Magazine*, May 2000, pp. 42–51; Internet Movie Database, "[UFOs over Illinois](#)"; "[Illinois UFO, January 5, 2000](#)," *IUR* 26, no. 2 (Summer 2001): 16; "[Hypothesis: The Illinois Flying Triangle Is a Department of Defense, Not an ET Craft](#)," National Institute for Discovery Science, July 2002; Darryl Barker, "[The Illinois Triangle: Do We Have the Technology?](#)" Darryl Barker Productions, August 2, 2002; Internet Movie Database, "[Proof Positive](#)," Episode 108, November 24, 2004; Internet Movie Database, "[Peter Jennings Reporting: UFOs, Seeing Is Believing](#)"; Thomas E. Bullard, "[Defending UFOs](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 2 (March 2012): 33; Marler [26–60](#); "[UFOs: Seeing Is Believing \(2005\), ABC Documentary](#)," Movie Buff Guy YouTube channel, June 18, 2019; Skinwalkers [106–108](#); Covert [170](#); William J. Granger, "[The St. Clair Triangle: A Look Back](#)," *SCU Review* 5, no. 2 (May 3, 2024): 15–21; Tim Oliver, "[Review of 'Hypothesis: The Illinois Flying Triangle Is a Department of Defence, Not an ET Craft'](#)," *National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS), Las Vegas, NV, July 2002*," *SCU Review* 5, no. 2 (May 3, 2024): 22–25)
- 2000, January 5** — [Bill Sweetman](#) writes in *Jane's International Defence Review* that there are approximately 150 "special access programs" within the Pentagon at the close of 1999, many of which are unacknowledged. They often have completely independent systems of classification, with total control exercised by the program manager. He concludes that most are dominated not by Defense personnel but by private contractors. He has no idea how they are funded. (Bill Sweetman, "[In Search of the Pentagon's Billion Dollar Hidden Budgets: How the US Keeps Its R&D Spending under Wraps](#)," *Jane's International Defense Review*, January 5, 2000)
- 2000, January 10** — 9:00 p.m. A young man near Sézanne, Marne, France, encounters an extremely bright white light near the town water tower. He shields his eyes as the engine of his van cuts out and the radio stops working. After about one minute, the light goes out, his dashboard lights switch on again, and he can restart the van. French gendarmes investigate but can find no discernible cause. (Mark Rodeghier, "[Vehicle Interference near Sézanne](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 3 (December 2010): 8–9; "[Broyles \(51\) 10.01.2000](#)," Groupe d'Études et d'Informations sur les Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non identifiés, November 20, 2018)

- 2000**, March 1 — In a campaign press conference in Stockton, California, Sen. [John McCain](#) (R-Ariz.) acknowledges that the Phoenix Lights incident “has never been fully explained, but I have to tell you that I do not have any evidence whatsoever of aliens or UFOs.” (Kean, [p. 250](#))
- 2000**, March 30 — 5:00 a.m. Leah Isaac, a friend, and their small boy are driving on the Klondike Highway at the west end of Little Fox Lakes, Yukon Territory, when they spot a 40-foot wide disc hovering some 300 feet away. The UFO shoots across the road at “incredible speed,” then stopped abruptly for a split second before shooting off at a 90° angle. The car’s headlights dim and the tape deck ceases working when the UFO is nearby. Leah’s analog watch stops, and her friend’s digital watch goes blank. (Martin Jasek and Mark Rodeghier, “[Vehicle Interference at Little Fox Lake, Yukon](#),” *IUR* 25, no. 2 (Summer 2000): 23–24, 32)
- 2000**, March 30 — US District Court Judge [Stephen M. McNamee](#) dismisses the CAUS lawsuit seeking documents on the Phoenix Lights in Arizona, concluding that “a reasonable search was conducted” by the Department of Defense, even though no information was found. (Kean, [pp. 251–253](#))
- 2000**, April — Sergio Sánchez and Diego Zúñiga launch the UFO magazine *La Nave de los Locos* in Santiago, Chile, which continues until October 2006. ([La Nave de los Locos](#), no. 1 (April 2000))
- 2000**, April 17 — For the first time, Aerial Images, Inc., of Raleigh, North Carolina, working with Microsoft, Kodak, and a Russian satellite company, posts online five photos showing the long-secret Area 51 test site near Groom Lake, Nevada. (Mary Manning, “[At Last, a Glimpse of Area 51](#),” *Las Vegas (Nev.) Sun*, April 18, 2000)
- 2000**, Early July — Evening. Ceri Kenyon is walking home in Littleborough, Greater Manchester, England, when he sees a flickering object in the sky. As he approaches, he hears a buzzing sound and sees that it is a triangular object surrounded by lights. (Marler [223–224](#))
- 2000**, July 17 — 10:50 p.m. A witness in Silverdale, Washington, sees four orange lights descending to the west over the Olympic Mountains. When the second to last light is gone, the witness sees a flash like an explosion. About 15 minutes later, another orange light appears, moving south to north at a speed too slow for a meteor. It descends behind the same mountain. A Blackhawk helicopter is visible in the same area at the same time. (“[Sighting Report](#),” National UFO Reporting Center, February 11, 2003; Nukes 498–499)
- 2000**, August — Two police officers in Halifax, Nova Scotia, watch a large, triangular-shaped object hovering just above the trees. It is about 660 feet on each side. (Don Ledger, “[The Flying Triangle Phenomenon](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 3 (Fall 2002): 7)
- 2000**, August 5 — 11:30 a.m. A witness spots a silver disc in the sky over Old Noarlunga, South Australia, and calls out his wife to watch. Over the next 90 minutes they see 3 whitish additional balls and something that looks like a helicopter, all traveling west to east. Long, silver, cobweb-like substance falls in large wads or strands. Once touched with a stick, it shrivels up and evaporates. Similar material falls on Moana and Aldinga Beach, where one witness also sees a bright light. (Keith Basterfield, “[Angel Hair: An Australian Perspective](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 8)
- 2000**, August 20 — 3:09 p.m. Two blurry round objects appear in a photograph hovering above the copse of trees next to the High Water Mark of the Rebellion Monument on the Gettysburg Battlefield, Pennsylvania. They are not noticed at the time the photo is taken. (Patrick Gross, “[Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, USA, 2000](#)”)
- 2000**, September — UFO researchers [Karl Pflock](#) and [Peter Brookesmith](#) organize an invitation-only symposium to re-evaluate the [Betty and Barney Hill](#) abduction case in depth. It takes place at the Indian Head Resort in Lincoln, New Hampshire, near the site of the abduction event itself. The other researchers are [Dennis Stacy](#), [Marcello Truzzi](#), [Thomas E. Bullard](#), [Hilary Evans](#), [Robert Sheaffer](#), [Joe Firmage](#), and [Greg Sandow](#). Betty Hill joins the group for an evening’s entertainment and a morning tour of the site where the abduction took place. The essays written by participants, along with reflections by [Walter N. Webb](#) and an appendix by [Martin S. Kottmeyer](#), are compiled in *Encounters at Indian Head*. (Karl T. Pflock and Peter Brookesmith, eds., *Encounters at Indian Head*, Anomalist, 2007; Robert Sheaffer, “[Betty Hill’s Last Hurrah: A Secret UFO Symposium in New Hampshire](#),” *Skeptical Inquirer* 31, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 2007); Greg Sandow, “[The Hill Case and the Limits of Ufology](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 4 (March 2008): 3–7, 19–28)
- 2000**, September 3 — 9:30 p.m. A man is out walking in Stroud, Gloucestershire, England, when he sees a large and unusual aircraft looming up over the skyline. It is black with no discernible tail section and is shooting three powerful beams of light from dome-like globes set in a triangular pattern on its underside. Small red lights appear on the tips of its swept-back wings. (UFOFiles2, [pp. 139–140](#))

- 2000**, September 27 — 9:45 p.m. Four men are camped in a trailer at a rural hunting camp near Challis, Idaho. One goes out to the truck for food and sees a massive, dark, triangular object hovering motionless above him. He yells for the others to come out, lights on the object turn on, and it slowly moves toward the nearby mountains. When it reaches one, it tips upward and ascends the side of the mountain vertically. When it reaches the top, it tips forward and disappears from sight. (Marler [228–229](#))
- 2000**, October 2–6 — Astronomers [Iván Almár](#) and [Jill Tarter](#) propose the Rio Scale to quantify the impact of a potential extraterrestrial contact. They develop the 0–10 scale at the 29th Review Meeting on SETI at the 51st International Astronautical Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The scale was modified in 2011 to include a consideration of whether contact is achieved through an interstellar message or a physical extraterrestrial artifact, including all indications of intelligent extraterrestrial life, such as technosignatures. (Wikipedia, “[Rio scale](#)”; “[The Rio Scale](#)”; “[Declaration of Principles Concerning Activities Following the Detection of Extraterrestrial Intelligence](#),” International Academy of Astronautics, SETI Permanent Committee, 1989; Meghan Bartels and Space.com, “[To Fight Fake News, SETI Researchers Update Alien-Detection Scale](#),” *Scientific American*, August 1, 2018; Graff 401–403)
- 2000**, October 15 — [Richard Haines](#)’s National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena releases a 90-page report that summarizes more than 100 UFO incidents reported by pilots and their crews, including 56 near misses, all affecting aircraft safety. Most cases involve multiple witnesses, and many are backed by ground radio communications and radar corroboration. Experienced pilots present accounts of objects, ranging from silver discs to green fireballs, flying loops around passenger aircraft, pacing planes despite pilots’ evasive attempts, or flooding cockpits with blinding light. Haines documents cases with electromagnetic interference on navigation and operating systems. He writes that a crew’s ability to perform its duties safely is disrupted when the crew is faced with “extremely bizarre, unexpected, and prolonged luminous and/or solid phenomena cavorting near their aircraft.” The primary danger is in the human response, since the objects do not appear to be hostile and seem to be able to avoid collisions using extraordinary maneuvers. (Richard F. Haines, “[Aviation Safety in America: A Previously Neglected Factor](#),” National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena, October 15, 2000)
- 2000**, October 31 — After sunset. A woman delivering pizzas in Cygnet, Ohio, is stopped along Cygnet Road when she sees an elongated, football-shaped object clearly visible just beyond a thin grove of trees ahead of her. It is slowly moving westward toward and above Interstate 75, which is busy with cars and large trucks. It hovers for a few seconds and turns brighter, then shoots off westward in a streak of light. Two men driving north on I-75 also see the object. (John P. Timmerman, “[Possible Close Encounter in NW Ohio](#),” *IUR* 25, no. 3 (Fall 2000): 18)
- 2000**, November — 7:00 p.m. A retired law enforcement officer and several friends are cooking dinner over an open fire in a wooded area near Elsberry, Missouri, when they see a huge flying wing with white lights on each end. It seems to be flying completely silently at 3,000 feet. They watch it for 30 seconds before it disappears into the southeast.
- 2000**, November 4 — Two witnesses near the Del Lago Golf Club north of Vail, Arizona, see a teardrop-shaped object flying at 300 feet. It has multiple lights around its perimeter. They drive toward it, flashing their lights, and the object climbs another 300 feet and moves west along some railroad tracks. Two A-10 Thunderbolt II fighter aircraft appear and try to follow the object, but it accelerates and loses them. (George Filer, “[Arizona Formation of Flying Triangles](#),” Filer’s Files, #49-2000 (December 11, 2000))
- 2000**, November 4 — 8:45 p.m. A family in Scottsdale, Arizona, sees a triangular formation of three bright lights in the southern sky blinking irregularly. The object they are attached to is larger than a commercial airliner that happens to pass by. (George Filer, “[Arizona Formation of Flying Triangles](#),” Filer’s Files, #49-2000 (December 11, 2000))
- 2000**, November 20 — 8:45 p.m. An 11-year-old boy on the north side of Phoenix, Arizona, watches three dark triangle-shaped objects maneuvering and hovering. (George Filer, “[Arizona Formation of Flying Triangles](#),” Filer’s Files, #49-2000 (December 11, 2000))
- 2000**, November 28 — 7:00 p.m. Jason Ingraham sees a flying triangle with a deep red blinking light on each point in Phoenix, Arizona. It moves northwest for about 10 seconds, then it leans to the left and begins to rotate in a clockwise motion. It makes a full rotation before disappearing behind some distant trees. There are 6 normal airplanes in the sky at the same time. (George Filer, “[Arizona Formation of Flying Triangles](#),” Filer’s Files, #49-2000 (December 11, 2000))
- 2000**, November 30 — The UK Freedom of Information Act 2000 is given royal assent but will not come into full force until 2005. The legislation creates a public “right of access” to information held by public authorities. (Wikipedia, “[Freedom of Information Act 2000](#)”)

- 2000**, December 1 — 6:45 p.m. A witness in Avondale, Arizona, sees a bunch of lights in the shape of a triangle to the southeast. Helicopters seem to be flying around it. (George Filer, "[Arizona Formation of Flying Triangles](#)," Filer's Files, #49-2000 (December 11, 2000))
- 2000**, December 4 — The UK Ministry of Defence notes in a "loose minute" that DI55, the space weapons section of the Defence Intelligence Staff, has completed a study of UFO reports, concluding that there is nothing of value in its assessment of "threat weapons systems" and will carry out no further investigations. It will be released in 2006 as the Project Condign report. (UK Defence Intelligence Staff, "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP): DI55 Report," December 4, 2000, in David Clarke, comp., [Project Condign documents](#), pp. 46–47; David Clarke and Gary Anthony, "[The British MoD Study: Project Condign](#)," *IUR* 30, no. 4 (August 2006): 7–11; David Clarke, "Secrets and Lies: The MOD, UFOs and UAP," *Fortean Times* 437 (November 2023): 16–17)
- 2000**, December 13 — 10:00 pm. A group of five people is traveling in a Volkswagen on a dirt road 9 miles from Iturama, Minas Gerais, Brazil—João Caiana, his wife Valdeir Martins, daughter Magui Martins, a 3-year-old granddaughter, and an 18-year-old friend. Some odd colored lights in the sky seem to follow them for 2 miles. Suddenly the interior of the car begins to get hot, and a light gray entity with big eyes approaches them. Everyone loses control and seems to be sucked into a UFO for an abduction scenario. (Laura Maria Elias, "[Caso Caiana: Desdobramentos de um clássico de Ufologia Miniera](#)," Portal UFO, February 1, 2015; "[Caso Família Caiana em Iturama](#)," Freak TV YouTube channel, February 14, 2020; Brazil 393–396)
- 2000**, December 19 — 6:10 a.m. Reporter Alfonso Reyes is observing the eruption of Popocatepetl southeast of Mexico City, Mexico, and taking time-exposure photographs. On one 20-second exposure he catches a bright luminous object that contrasts with the smoke of the eruption and seems to make a turn toward the crater. He does not actually see the object and only discovers it after the photo is developed. (Patrick Gross, "[UFOs Photographed over Erupting Mexico Volcano](#)")
- 2000**, December 24 — 7:00 p.m. A woman living in the Baranówka neighborhood of Rzeszów, Poland, sees a light outside her window on the 4th floor of an apartment building. It makes unusual maneuvers like a figure-8 and zigzags, and is joined by another light that flies at a constant speed. Both are about 5 feet in diameter. She snaps two motion-blur photos with her Minolta that shows an object hovering above the apartment block opposite her. The second object approaches the first one and they fly away together. (Poland 151–153)

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- 2001** — [Gérard Brachet](#), the new director of CNES, decides to audit SEPRA. It is conducted by an outsider, [François Louange](#), an expert in photoanalysis who has participated in UFO studies at CNES. (Gildas Bourdais, "[The Death and Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 13)
- 2001**, January 1 — 12:01 a.m. Five people driving along Highway 3 south of New Plymouth, New Zealand, spot an orange object about 30–50 feet in diameter pacing their car 100 feet above them. They pull over to watch and see three similar objects hovering and swaying around. They look like they are changing color from metallic glowing orange to metallic deep purple and shades of blue. One more larger object appears on the horizon and speeds toward the other four. Each seems to react in a way similar to an army unit and forms a line and disappears almost instantly to the south. As they leave several minutes later, they realize they haven't seen any traffic for 30 minutes and only see some as they enter New Plymouth. (George Filer, "[New Zealand Discs Start New Millennium](#)," Filer's Files, #2-2001 (January 9, 2001))
- 2001**, January 5 — 10:30 a.m. A white, "self-lit" cigar-shaped object with a small vapor trail is seen at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Its hops forward in its progress through the sky before it moves out of view behind a mountain. It returns and flies back again. (Mark Rodeghier, "[UFOs in Canada, 2001](#)," *IUR* 26, no. 4 (Winter 2001–2002): 17)
- 2001**, January 14 — Late afternoon. Witnesses on both sides of the hill see a small object appear to strike the telecommunications mast on top of Snaefell, Isle of Man. Two women on horseback see a 20-foot-long object that crashes in a shower of sparks and smoke. The emergency services think a small plane has crashed, because they have lost power and are using a backup generator. As light fades, however, helicopter crews can see damage to the mast, but no sign of wreckage. The UK government blames a model aircraft. (Jenny Randles, "[Mysterious Island: The UFO Legacy of the Isle of Man](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 14)
- 2001**, January 22 — 12:30 a.m. Barnaul Airport in Altai Krai, Russia, shuts down after a slightly tilted, oscillating, disc-shaped object is detected hovering above its runway. The crew of an Ilyushin Il-76 cargo plane refuses to take off, claiming they can see a luminous object. An incoming Yakovlev Yak-40 passenger plane also sees an object at

Barnaul and lands at another airport. Sergei Kurennoi, the chief airspace controller at Barnaul, sees the object at an elevation of 15°–20° above the horizon above the end of the track. With his binoculars, he distinguishes a solid structure that radiates light of various colors (red, green, purple). Nothing is tracked on radar. The UFO noiselessly takes off to the northwest, changes direction to the southwest, and vanishes after 90 minutes. (Patrick Gross, “[UFO Shuts Down Russian Airport](#)”)

- 2001**, January 25 — In the UK House of Lords, [Peter Hill-Norton](#) asks the Ministry of Defence what is the “highest classification that has been applied in any MoD document concerning UFOs.” Minister of State for Defence Procurement [Elizabeth Symons](#) replies that a “limited search through available titles has identified a number of documents graded Secret. The overall classification of the documents was not dictated by details of specific sightings of UFOs.” In response to questions about Rendlesham, she says that records dating from 1980 no longer exist and that “Special Branch officers may have been aware of the incident but would not have shown an interest unless there was evidence of a potential threat to national security.” (David Clarke and Gary Anthony, “[The British MoD Study: Project Condign](#),” *IUR* 30, no. 4 (August 2006): 32; Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 2001**, January 30 — Minister of State for Defence Procurement [Elizabeth Symons](#) answers further questions about the 1980 Rendlesham Forest incident in the House of Lords. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 2001**, January 31 — 3:30 p.m. As many as 10 witnesses observe two cigar-shaped “shining lights” in the sky, hanging motionless over the horizon at Gjoa Haven, Nunavut. (Mark Rodeghier, “[UFOs in Canada, 2001](#),” *IUR* 26, no. 4 (Winter 2001–2002): 17)
- 2001**, January 31 — The entire USAF Solid State Phased Array Radar System goes into operation at five units worldwide including Beale AFB near Marysville, California; Cape Cod Air Force Station in Massachusetts; Clear Air Force Station, Alaska; RAF Fylingdales in north Yorkshire, England; and Thule Airbase in Greenland. These radars are designed primarily to detect ICBM or sea-launched cruise missiles directed at the US. (Wikipedia, “[Solid State Phased Array Radar System](#)”)
- 2001**, February — French ufologist Dominique Weinstein creates a massive catalogue of 1,305 UFO sightings by pilots from 1916 to 2000. She finds that 606 cases (36.7%) are sightings by military pilots and crews; 444 cases (26.9%) are by civilian pilots; and 196 cases (11.8%) are by private pilots. In 200 cases (12.1%) the visual observation is confirmed by on-board or ground radar. And in 57 cases (3.45%) the pilots note electromagnetic effects on one or more of the plane’s transmission systems. (Dominique F. Weinstein, “[Unidentified Aerial Phenomena: Eighty Years of Pilot Sightings, a Catalog of Military, Airliner, and Private Pilots Sightings from 1916 to 2000](#),” National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena, February 2001)
- 2001**, March — Religious studies scholar [Brenda Denzler](#) writes *The Lure of the Edge*, an overview and evaluation of the UFO subculture as a social phenomenon juxtaposed between scientific and religious ideals. One section deals with the contactee movement, in which extraterrestrials have been met by Earthlings and received insights into the human condition and humanity’s place in the cosmos. She finds that between the years 1995 and 1997, some 80% of invited speakers at 21 UFO conferences are men, while male authors account for 87% of the articles published in major UFO periodicals. In the first half of the 1990s, between 55% and 74% of alien abductees are women. Denzler observes that women who write about abductions are usually chronicling their own story, and researchers like [Ann Druffel](#) and [Karla Turner](#) are exceptions. (Brenda Denzler, *The Lure of the Edge: Scientific Passions, Religious Beliefs, and the Pursuit of UFOs*, University of California, 2001; Eghigian, *After*, p. 291)
- 2001**, March 11 — 6:30 p.m. An irregularly shaped object like a cluster of red spheres flies against the wind above a witness in Calgary, Alberta, who manages to take a photograph. (Mark Rodeghier, “[UFOs in Canada, 2001](#),” *IUR* 26, no. 4 (Winter 2001–2002): 17; Alberta UFO Study Group, “[UFOs over Alberta: Last Year 2001](#),” May 3, 2002)
- 2001**, April 1 — 10:30 p.m. Farm manager George Hofer and several children from the Rosedale Hutterite Brethren Colony near Etzikom, Alberta, see a brilliant fireball falling and apparently striking the Earth only a few miles away. On April 16, Ken Masson, who farms 13 miles south of Etzikom, discovers a circular, crater-like formation on his land. On May 1, Pano Karkanis of the University of Lethbridge Department of Geography visits the site, interviews the witnesses, measures the crater, and takes soil samples. The crater is 6 inches deep, with an inside diameter of 7.9 feet, surrounded by a mound of dirt 16 inches high. He notes four indentations inside the circle that he suspects are caused by rainwater. The dirt inside is cracked and sere, and he finds some odd reddish-brown particles of dirt on the mound. He concludes the crater was formed by a meteorite fragment that vaporized,

leaving only the reddish-brown particles. Meteorite impact expert [Alan Hildebrand](#) at the University of Calgary doubts the crater was made by a meteorite. (Pano G. Karkanis, “[Occurrence of a Circular Crater-Like Formation Near Etzikom, Alberta](#),” Alberta UFO Study Group, June 2001; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 204–206; Chris Rutkowski, “[Crash Go the UFOs...onto Canada!](#)” Ufology Research, June 1, 2016)

2001, April 24 — Around 10:15 p.m. A couple living on the 4600 block of Wilkerson Road in Waynesville, Ohio, see a circular, lighted object hovering silently to the south. Its light is pulsating, changing both in color and brightness, and seems to be surrounded by a gridwork or cabling. They call the Waynesville police, and the officer dispatched to the scene sees two objects. The UFOs recede into the distance as other police cars arrive. (Kenny Young, “[Ohio Sighting by Civilians, Police](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 399 (July 2001): 3–6; “[911 Dispatcher and Police Officers Talk about UFOs in Waynesville, Ohio, on April 24, 2001](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, July 14, 2001; “[Police Officers Encounter UFO, Waynesville, Ohio](#),” UFO Casebook)

2001, May — Christian Morgenthaler establishes the Sciences et Phénomènes Insolites du Ciel et de l’Aéronautique in Odratzheim, Bas-Rhin, France. It publishes the *SPICA News* from January 2002 to December 2010. ([SPICA News](#), no. 1 (January 2002))

2001, May 3 — In the UK House of Lords, [Peter Hill-Norton](#) asks the Ministry of Defence why the UFO documents it referred to on January 25 were classified secret. Minister of State for Defence Procurement [Elizabeth Symons](#) replies that “One document was classified ‘Secret’ with a ‘UK Eyes Only’ caveat because it contained information about the UK air defence ground environment that could be of significant value to hostile or potentially hostile states. Associated correspondence was given the same classification. Generally, however, notifications of and correspondence on the subject of UFO sightings are unclassified.” She adds that the ministry received 229 reports in 1999 and 210 reports in 2000. (David Clarke and Gary Anthony, “[The British MoD Study: Project Condign](#),” *IUR* 30, no. 4 (August 2006): 32; Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)

2001, May 9 — Twenty government workers from military and civilian organizations speak about their experiences regarding UFOs and UFO confidentiality at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. The press conference is initiated by [Steven M. Greer](#), founder of the Disclosure Project, which has the goal of disclosing alleged government UFO secrecy. The purpose of the press conference is to build public pressure through the media to obtain a hearing before the US Congress on the issue. Aerospace illustrator [Mark McCandlish](#) testifies that gravity control propulsion research started in the 1950s and successfully reverse engineered the vehicle retrieved from the Roswell, New Mexico, crash site to build three Alien Reproduction Vehicles (ARVs) by 1981. McCandlish describes their propulsion systems in terms of [Thomas Townsend Brown](#)’s gravitators and provides a line drawing of its interior. The diagram closely resembles the drawing provided earlier in [Milton William Cooper](#)’s book *Behold a Pale Horse*. Another Disclosure Project whistleblower, [Philip J. Corso](#), states in his book *The Day after Roswell* that the craft retrieved from the second crash site at Roswell had a propulsion system resembling Brown’s gravitators. Corso’s book also features several gravity control propulsion statements made by [Hermann Oberth](#). Although major American media outlets report on the conference, interest quickly dies down, and no hearing takes place. (Steven M. Greer and Theodore C. Loder III, [Disclosure Project Briefing Document](#), Disclosure Project, April 2001; “[Group Calls for Disclosure of UFO Info](#),” ABC News, May 10, 2001; “[UFO Spotters Slam ‘US Cover-Up](#),” BBC News, May 10, 2001; Jean-Pierre Petit, “[I Have a Doubt about ‘Disclosure](#),” March 19, 2003; Wikipedia, “[United States gravity control propulsion research](#)”; Gideon Lewis-Kraus, “[How the Pentagon Started Taking U.F.O.s Seriously](#),” *The New Yorker*, April 30, 2021; Coulthart 2023, pp. 274–287; Clark IV 705–706)

2001, Early June — A Hellfire missile is successfully launched from an MQ-1A Predator drone on a replica of [Osama bin Laden](#)’s Afghanistan Tarnak residence in Area 51, Nevada. A missile launched from a Predator explodes inside one of the replica’s rooms; it is concluded that any people in the room would have been killed. However, the armed Predator does not go into action before the September 11 attacks. (Wikipedia, “[General Atomics MQ-1 Predator](#)”)

2001, June 12–August 31 — Eight cattle mutilations are reported in north central Montana, similar to those from the 1970s. In all the cases, part of the animal’s face, called the mask, is removed, along with reproductive organs. There is usually no blood, and predators will often not touch the carcass. (Jim Robbins, “[Unsolved Mystery Resurfaces in Montana: Who’s Killing Cows?](#)” *New York Times*, September 17, 2001, pp. B1, B22)

2001, June 23 — 9:45 p.m. Three witnesses are sitting in their yard in Fernandina Beach, Florida, when they see a bright white light with a bluish tinge descend and hover about 2,000 feet due east of them above the ocean. After one

minute it emits a mist from three points on its underside so that it appears to be sitting on a cloud. Then it emits mist from its upper area and becomes enshrouded with the light shining through. Then the light blinks off, leaving only a cloud that stands there for about one minute. It disappears 5–10 seconds afterward. (National UFO Reporting Center, "[Sighting Report](#)," March 21, 2003; Nukes 506–507)

- 2001**, June 30 — 10:30 p.m. Electrical power goes off in the small village of Nănești, Romania, even though the lights in neighboring villages are still on. A number of witnesses notice a red, round ball moving slowly in the air. When it stops it begins to spin, turning into a rotating segmented ring of pale yellow light. The ring becomes larger in diameter, coming closer to the ground where it gets as large as 600 feet in diameter. After a short period of time it climbs again, still rotating but shrinking and turning into a red dot that moves around in the sky until it starts rotating again and repeating the cycle some 8–20 times over the course of 45 minutes. Some witnesses see it as a dark red cloud lit from inside by squares of light. The display ceases sometime after midnight and the power returns mysteriously at around 2:00 a.m. (Romania 70–73)
- 2001**, July 9 — 11:30 p.m. A man and his daughter watch six orange, oval objects flying in a V-formation toward the west at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. (Mark Rodeghier, "[UFOs in Canada, 2001](#)," *IUR* 26, no. 4 (Winter 2001–2002): 17)
- 2001**, July 11 — 5:45 p.m. A witness is driving south on State Highway 3 in Hanover, Massachusetts. He notices a white light to his right. It is disc-shaped and silver in color. It has a strange aura around it "similar to the heat that rises off a hot road." It wobbles a bit as it passes overhead. ("[Massachusetts Flying Saucer and Orbs](#)," Filer's Files, #30-2001, July 22, 2001; Covert 55)
- 2001**, July 14–15 — Evening–night. Dozens of Staten Islanders and residents of Carteret, New Jersey, observe lights in the southwestern sky on a clear, cloudless night. The lights appear in various formations at about 45° above the horizon. Witnesses view the scene from Arthur Kill Road and the West Shore Expressway on the New York side. The Waterloo Cafe, located opposite the Blazing Star Burial Ground on Arthur Kill Road, provides the most significant witnesses. The consensus of their testimonies reveals a series of lights, numbering from 4–5 to as many as 16–20, bright orange or orange-red in hue, and appearing as solid round objects. Witnesses number about 50, including the owner of the cafe, but not all come forward. Those who do, agree that there was no sound emanating from the lights, and no one can see any wings. The lights are often no more than 1,000 feet in the air, often described as flying in an inverted V-shaped configuration. Unknown targets without transponders, some at heights of 99,000 feet, are picked up on radar at Newark International Airport. ("[New Jersey Preliminary Investigation](#)," Filer's Files, #30-2001, July 22, 2001; "[New Jersey Lights](#)," Filer's Files, #31-2001, July 29, 2001; "[New Jersey Lights](#)," Filer's Files, #32-2001, August 7, 2001; "[New Jersey Carteret Case Investigation Continues](#)," Filer's Files, #33-2001, August 14, 2001; "[New Jersey Oval UFO](#)," Filer's Files, #34-2001, August 22, 2001; Dennis K. Anderson, "[The Arthur Kill Sightings, July 14–15, 2001](#)," *IUR* 28, no. 2 (Summer 2003): 3–6, 26–27; Covert 169; "[Patricia Ercolino and Other Eyewitnesses on Seeing Mystery Lights in the Skies over New Jersey, 2001](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, January 9, 2025)
- 2001**, August 3 — Day. A Brazilian Air Force pilot and four others are taking supplies from Belém to Salvador, Brazil, aboard a C-130 Hercules transport. One of the military officers draws the colonel's attention to a disc-shaped object that is accompanying the plane about 60 feet away. Ground control cannot detect anything on radar. The object has a brushed gray color and is the size of a bus. It has a dome at the top and flat at the bottom. The sighting lasts about 10 minutes. (Clark III 208; Brazil 559–560; Clark IV 249)
- 2001**, August 6 — Afternoon. Two Turkish Air Force pilots from 122 Squadron are practicing maneuvers in a Cessna T-37B Dragonfly jet trainer over the Gulf of Çandarlı, an inlet of the Aegean Sea in western Turkey. 1Lt. İlker Dinçer and his student Lt. Arda Günüel are surprised by an extremely bright object, shaped like something between a disc and a cone, with a pod on its lower part. Ground control has nothing on its radar. The UFO approaches the Cessna at high speed, then positions itself alongside, behind, and above the jet. It plays cat and mouse with the plane for some minutes before it disappears at high speed. The Turkish Air Force announces that it is a weather balloon. (Good Need, [pp. 393–394](#))
- 2001**, August 12 — 12:25 a.m. Five people watch seven gray objects flying in a straight line over Victoria, British Columbia, which change position in flight into a hexagonal formation and ascend into the sky. They are lost to view after 15 minutes. (Mark Rodeghier, "[UFOs in Canada, 2001](#)," *IUR* 26, no. 4 (Winter 2001–2002): 17)
- 2001**, August 17 — 9:30 p.m. An astronomer in Mitchell, Manitoba, hears loud booming sounds and runs outside to see three steady lights in triangular formation moving east to west. (Mark Rodeghier, "[UFOs in Canada, 2001](#)," *IUR* 26, no. 4 (Winter 2001–2002): 17)

- 2001**, August 20 — Dozens of passengers on the *Rogalin* ferry returning from Sweden to Gdansk, Poland, with 50 passengers on board watch an object 10 feet in diameter rise to the surface about 500 feet away. It approaches the boat, submerges, and maneuvers underwater. After three minutes, the ferry leaves it behind. (Poland 121–122)
- 2001**, August 25 — 3:27 p.m. An astronomer and others at St.-Laurent, Quebec, watch two solid-appearing objects moving slowly through the clear sky. They take some photos. (Fédération OVNI-Alerte Québec Canada, “[Voici un résumé des plus récentes observations OVNI rapportées à la FOAQC à ce jour](#),” 2001; Mark Rodeghier, “[UFOs in Canada, 2001](#),” *IUR* 26, no. 4 (Winter 2001–2002): 17; UFOdna, “[25 Aug 2001, St-Laurent, Quebec, Canada](#),” 2007)
- 2001**, October 4–5 — Keith and Amy Rylance, along with a business partner named Petra Heller, claim a complicated abduction at their property near Gundiah, Queensland. Three different police jurisdictions are involved in the investigation, as well as the Australian UFO Research Network. The alleged events include abduction, teleportation, time distortion, aliens, “solid light,” physical traces, and men in black. Bill Chalker’s later assessment is that “Further enquiries indicated that the affair may have been some misguided or bizarre scientology mediated saga, which seemed more convoluted and unbelievable than the suspect UFO story. So much of the information we had gathered, some with the assistance of police, pointed towards a hoax. None of our many critical questions and queries were satisfactorily responded to. Information gathered later increased our certainty that our final conclusion was that the case was a hoax.” (Bill Chalker and Diane Harrison, “The Gundiah Mackay Abduction Milieu,” *Australasian Ufologist* 5, no. 4 (2001): 26–28; Kate Johns, “The UFO Report: I Was Abducted by Aliens,” *New Idea*, November 17, 2001, pp. 32–35; Marcus Lowth, “[The Gundiah Mackay Incident: The Abduction of Amy Rylance](#),” *UFO Insight*, September 19, 2018; “[Amy Rylance Talks about Her Alien Abduction Experience, Gundiah/Mackay, Australia, October 4–5, 2001](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, September 8, 2022; Bill Chalker, “[The 2001 Gundiah Queensland UFO ‘Abduction’ of Amy Rylance](#),” *TheOzFiles*, July 31, 2024; Clark IV 1215)
- 2001**, October 16 — In the House of Lords, [Peter Hill-Norton](#) asks about the January 14, 2001, report that a UFO struck the communications mast on Snaefell Mountain on the Isle of Man. Minister of State for Defence Procurement [Willy Bach](#) replies that a search helicopter found nothing. About Rendlesham, he adds that “There is no indication, from the papers held on file that MoD raised any further questions with Lieutenant Colonel Halt following receipt of his memorandum in 1981.” (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 2001**, November 3 — 12:10 a.m. Steve and Donna Chmara are driving west on the Trans-Canada Highway just past Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, when they notice a bright light far ahead of them. The light approaches rapidly and appears right in front of their car. The light is brilliant but doesn’t hurt their eyes. It lasts only a second or so then it disappears. Donna looks up through the sunroof and sees it at the height of a telephone pole and to the right of their car. Still driving, she continues to watch it for another minute. It is boomerang-shaped, has a polished metallic surface, and appears to be pacing the vehicle, flying backward. It turns to the northeast, and the Chmaras can see round, thruster-like engines at the end of each wing, then it flies away silently. The car’s clock still reads 12:10 a.m. (Laurie Mustard, “[This Was One Weird Close Encounter](#),” *Winnipeg (Man.) Sun*, October 4, 2002, p. 6; Powell, *Scientist*, 103)
- 2001**, November 5 — Apache County sheriff’s deputies attempt to arrest [Milton William Cooper](#) at his Eagar, Arizona, home on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and endangerment stemming from disputes with local residents. After an exchange of gunfire during which Cooper shoots one of the deputies in the head, Cooper is fatally shot. Federal authorities report that Cooper has spent years evading execution of a 1998 arrest warrant for tax evasion. According to a spokesman for the Marshals Service, he vowed that “he would not be taken alive.” (Wikipedia, “[Milton William Cooper](#)”; “[Arizona Militia Figure Is Shot to Death](#),” *Los Angeles Times*, November 7, 2001, p. 24)
- 2001**, November 11 — An oval object with several lights flies on an irregular path above Policeman’s Point, Yukon Territory. (Mark Rodeghier, “[UFOs in Canada, 2001](#),” *IUR* 26, no. 4 (Winter 2001–2002): 17)
- 2001**, November 15 — 5:55 p.m. Near Ribolt, Kentucky, a MUFON member reports seeing a bright orange light with four radiating beams, similar to an airliner’s headlight. A second identical light appears slightly to the left and above the first, resembling two planes in close proximity. Stopping to investigate, the witness notices additional lights forming a semicircle to the left and below the second light. The lights remain static, bright, and flicker-free. As the witness reaches for a camera, all the lights suddenly disappear. Despite seeing multiple airplanes afterward, none resemble the strange lights. There is no sound throughout the encounter. A friend later mentions

- seeing similar lights one month earlier. (George A. Filer, "[Filer's Files](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 405 (January 2002): 16, 17)
- 2001**, November 15 — 8:00 p.m. A huge diamond-shaped UFO with an elongated bottom, a light on each end, and an orange light in the middle is seen flying toward the northwest in Boyne City, Michigan. After five minutes, it returns, heading southwest. When it's over the city, all the lights start spinning around, and the light on the right side veers off from the main body. (George A. Filer, "[Filer's Files](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 405 (January 2002): 16, 18)
- 2001**, Mid-November or early December — The crew of a Southwest Airlines flight approaching Albuquerque, New Mexico, notices a triangular object less than 500 feet from the front of the aircraft. A flight attendant sees "bright blue pilot lights" on the object and describes it as a "flying skyscraper" made of "solid black steel." The pilot turns on the speaker to hear excited chatter about the object from air traffic control and hears that reports are coming in even from Canada. Passengers begin seeing the object as well. More than 100 people on the airliner observe the object. (Donald Burleson, "[Looking Up](#)," *Roswell (N.Mex.) Daily Record*, July 16, 2023)
- 2001**, December — Peru sets up a new Air Force agency, the Departamento de Investigación de Fenómenos Aéreos Anómalos (DIFFA), tasked with studying UFO cases. It is founded and directed by Comandante Julio Chamorro because "these anomalous events had occurred frequently enough over national territory to create a danger, and we recognized that they needed to be taken seriously." It is first publicly acknowledged in February 2003 by Col. José Raffo Moloche, but it closes in 2008. (Kean, p. 189; "[Perú reabre oficina para recopilar datos sobre ovnis](#)," BBC News, October 20, 2013)
- 2001**, December 11 — 8:06 p.m. Pilots of a commercial airliner flying above Craik, Saskatchewan, see lights that they think belong to another aircraft at a higher altitude, but air traffic controllers have no other aircraft on their radar. (Mark Rodeghier, "[UFOs in Canada, 2001](#)," *IUR* 26, no. 4 (Winter 2001–2002): 17)

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- 2002** — The SETI Institute publishes *SETI 2020: A Roadmap for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence*, a report on four meetings of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Science and Technology Working Group from August 1997 to May 1999. The report outlines a strategy for SETI to be carried out through 2020. (Ronald D. Ekers, et al., eds., [SETI 2020: A Roadmap for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence](#), SETI Institute, 2002; Graff 387–398)
- 2002**, January 18 — The Sirius UFO Space Sciences Research Center opens in Istanbul, Turkey, with an exhibition area that showcases UFO incidents in both Turkish and English. ("[International UFO Museum Opens in Turkey](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 28)
- 2002**, February 2 — 2:53 a.m. A witness is driving down a road in Clermont, Florida, when he sees a silent, bright light over Lake Minnehaha. The object passes over his car at about 15–20 feet in the air, and his engine dies. It shoots off like a slingshot and disappears. The car starts again. (National UFO Reporting Center, "[NUFORC UFO Sighting 21657](#)," February 22, 2002; Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 18)
- 2002**, February 20 — 8:15 a.m. A witness aboard a cruise ship off the southern coast of Puerto Rico sees an irregularly shaped object like a cloud high in the sky. He takes a photo, then leaves to attend a meeting. Analysis indicates that the object is most likely a Tethered Aerostat Radar System airship used to provide radar data in support of the US drug interdiction program. (John P. Timmerman and Mark Rodeghier, "[Snapshot from a Cruise: An Aerostat Sighting](#)," *IUR* 28, no. 1 (Spring 2003): 13–14)
- 2002**, March 15 — 9:30 p.m. Lisa Stone is driving with her 16-year-old son when she sees a triangular object with white lights that is maneuvering around Magazine Hill, outside Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The object is massive, perhaps the size of a university football field. She drives directly underneath, and "hail" starts falling from it. The object does a figure eight before heading in the direction of Fall River to the northeast. (Don Ledger, "[The Flying Triangle Phenomenon](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 3 (Fall 2002): 7, 23)
- 2002**, April — Skandinavisk UFO Information begins publishing *UFO-Mail* in Ringsted, Denmark. ([UFO-Mail](#), no. 1 (April 2, 2002))

- 2002**, April 25 — President [George W. Bush](#) approves a new Unified Command Plan following the September 11 attacks. There are currently 11 unified combatant commands, and each is established as the highest echelon of military commands, in order to provide effective command and control of all U.S. military forces, regardless of branch of service, during peace or during war time. The new plan attains initial operating capability on October 1, 2002. (Wikipedia, "[Unified combatant command](#)")
- 2002**, Summer — Two men see an object over Mosinee, Wisconsin, that shines a straight, 5-foot-wide beam of light on the Wisconsin River like a searchlight. The beam does not change shape as the object goes higher above the water. (Carl W. Feindt, "[Beam of Light into a Body of Water](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 3 (December 2010): 23.
- 2002**, July 26 — 1:00–1:55 a.m. Near Andrews AFB, Maryland, just outside of Washington, D.C., independent witnesses 8 miles apart become aware of unusual and persistent aircraft activity. In both locations, witnesses see odd lights or objects pursued by one military jet. Two pairs of fighters take off from Andrews at 1:00 a.m., remain airborne for 50 minutes, fly at low altitude using afterburners over residential areas, and pursue an unidentifiable light on three occasions. Gary Dillman, working late shift at a sand-and-gravel operation in Brandywine, Maryland, sees the first two fighters at 1:00 a.m., then at 1:30 a.m. and 1:40 a.m. he sees a glowing, round, hard-edged orange object that one of the fighters is chasing. The pursuit takes place between broken clouds at about 4,000 feet and a light overcast at about 6,000 feet; the unknown object and fighter are about 1–2 miles away. In Waldorf, Maryland, around 1:35 a.m. Renny Rogers feels the walls of his home rattling from a low-flying aircraft and goes out to see a single jet fighter. At 1:40 a.m., he sees a bright, pale-bluish light in the north-northeast moving at a high rate of speed. He calls a neighbor to come watch the display. Soon a fighter comes over his house in obvious pursuit of the light and about 1,000–2,000 feet behind it. The four fighters return to base around 1:50 a.m. (Kenny Young, "[UFO Violates D.C. Airspace](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 413 (September 2002): 11; Joan Woodward, "[The Washington, D.C., Jet Chase of July 26, 2002](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 4 (Winter 2002–2003): 3–7, 22–25; Good Need, pp. 394–396)
- 2002**, August — The Roper market research firm conducts a telephone poll, sponsored by the Sci-Fi channel, to ask a national sample of adult Americans a series of questions about UFOs and abductions. The results indicate that two-thirds think there are other forms of intelligent life in the universe, 56% think that UFOs are something real, 48% think that UFOs have visited Earth in some form, 11.6% have seen a UFO at close quarters, 72% think the US government is not telling everything it knows about UFOs, and 21% think that humans have been abducted by other life forms. (Mark Rodeghier, "[Attitudes toward ETI, UFOs, and Abductions](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 4 (Winter 2002–2003): 10–14)
- 2002**, August — University of London psychologists Katharine J. Holden and Christopher C. French find no evidence of higher rates of psychopathology among alien abductees compared with the general population. (Katharine J. Holden and Christopher C. French, "[Alien Abduction Experiences: Some Clues from Neuropsychology and Neuropsychiatry](#)," *Cognitive Neuropsychiatry* 7, no. 3 (August 2002): 163–178)
- 2002**, August — Day. Three witnesses in Szczuczyn, Poland, watch a V-shaped object with brilliant white lights at each of its corners moving slowly from west to east with its flat point forward. (Poland 99)
- 2002**, August 5–18 — A third team of Italian researchers, code named EMBLA and led by [Massimo Teodorani](#) and Gloria Nobili, visits Hessdalen, Norway, and collects evidence pointing to an unknown atmospheric light phenomenon "able to produce a luminous power of up to 100 kW." However, a 2003 analysis by Matteo Leone demonstrates that the lights reported by the EMBLA team are consistent with automobile headlights. (Massimo Teodorani, "[A Long-Term Scientific Survey of the Hessdalen Phenomenon](#)," *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 18, no. 2 (2004): 217–251; Matteo Leone, "[A Rebuttal of the EMBLA 2002 Report on the Optical Survey in Hessdalen](#)," 2003)
- 2002**, August 7 — A circular, bright-metallic object about 3 feet in diameter touches ground near Prinos, Trikala, Greece, and leaves a series of small circular, square, and triangular depressions, all arranged in a spiral, similar to a circle with an opening or a capital G. The eyewitnesses, who are on the field when the landing takes place, hide behind their vehicle and watch as a door opens and three short beings emerge from the object carrying a drill-like instrument. They pick up some dirt with the device and return to their craft, which then takes off. The witnesses identify the creatures as *Maimounia* (leprechauns). (Orestis Lazanakis, "[UAP in Greece](#)," UAP Check, July 27, 2024)
- 2002**, August 13 — 2:15 a.m. A woman watching the Perseid meteor show in Cow Bay, Nova Scotia, sees a large meteor with a long tail appear out of Ursa Major and arch over her head to the southeast. Suddenly it disappears as if it has passed behind something. She also sees a straight, black line advancing through the sky, then a "perfect black triangle of gargantuan proportions" crossing directly over the clearing around her house. It is pitch black and enormous, moving only about 10 mph and taking 5 minutes to disappear over the trees to the northwest. Ufologist

[Don Ledger](#) investigates and finds that radar at Moncton Center in New Brunswick had picked up an unidentified target at that time and place. (Don Ledger, "[The Flying Triangle Phenomenon](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 3 (Fall 2002): 3–7)

- 2002**, September 6 — 10:00 p.m. Police on patrol in Sampacho, Cordoba, Argentina, receive an alert on their car radio about several UFOs above the Cerro Sampacho. They appear to be silently hovering at an altitude of 5,000 feet. ("[Argentinsk politi ser åtte UFOer](#)," *UFO-nytt*, 2002, no. 2, p. 21; "[UFOs Seen in Argentina](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 4)
- 2002**, September 9 — 10:30 p.m. A family is traveling in a pickup truck northward along Provincial Highway 24 between Achiras and Sampacho, Argentina. In the vicinity of Cerro Aspero, they notice an intense red light in the sky moving from the southwest. It looks like an intense red beam with bright flashes behind it. In the front is something like an arc of light. The object seems as if it about to fall on top of them, but it changes course and heads toward the mountains in the south. ("[UFOs Seen in Argentina](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 4; "[Another UFO Spotted near Sampacho, Argentina](#)," *UFO Roundup* 7, no. 39 (September 24, 2002))
- 2002**, September 16–24 — Scientists from the University of New Mexico initiate an archaeological dig at the debris field site near Corona, New Mexico, funded by the Sci-Fi channel. The team finds a small number of artifacts of unknown provenance and some soil deformation anomalies, but no furrow or unusual debris. (Sci Fi Channel, *Sci Fi Declassified: The Roswell Dig Diaries*, Pocket Books, 2004; "[The Roswell Dig Diaries](#)," *IUR* 28, no. 4 (Winter 2003–2004): 11)
- 2002**, Late September — 5:45 p.m. Security Policeman Christopher Cabrera is on guard an entry control point at the Indian Springs Air Force Auxiliary Field [now Creech AFB] in Clark County, Nevada. He looks toward the base and sees an amber/red object hovering above it. He stares at it for about 2 minutes then suddenly a red beam shoots out from the orb and hits the side of the nearest mountain. The beam lasts about one minute and Cabrera notices what looked like molten rock dripping from the mountain. The beam abruptly ceases and the orb just disappears. A few seconds later, the molten effect on the mountain also dissipates. (Robert L. Hastings, "[Triangular-Shaped UFO Sighted at the Nellis AFB Nuclear Storage Area](#)," *UFOs & Nukes*, April 23, 2015)
- 2002**, October — A "three-foot diameter orb" quickly moves along the perimeter fences of Area 2, a weapons storage area of the Nevada Test Site [now the Nevada National Security Site]. It eventually outpaces the security teams that attempt to pursue it in Humvees. (*Nukes* 513)
- 2002**, October 4 — 7:06 p.m. A rotating CCTV camera at Terminal 2 in Kota Kinabalu International Airport, Sabah, Malaysia, records a video of an oblong object passing by in seconds. No unusual object is tracked by the airport radar. A security guard sees the object moving silently west to east before disappearing in the hills. (Patrick Gross, "[Radar/Visual/Camera UFO Case at Airport in Malaysia?](#)")
- 2002**, October 10 — Day. A military pilot off the coast of Southern California or Baja California, Mexico, is looking down at the ocean at a 78° angle and sees, at a 7,238-foot visual slant range, a submerged, white, egg-shaped object about 20–50 feet below the surface. It is about 130 by 200 feet in size and appears silent and stationary. (Keith Basterfield, "[A BAASS Data Report of a 2002 Submerged Egg-Shaped Object in the SOCAL OPEAREA](#)," *Unidentified Aerial Phenomena—Scientific Research*, May 13, 2022)
- 2002**, October 16 — Rear Adm. [Thomas R. Wilson](#), who has retired as director of the Defense Intelligence Agency on July 29, has a meeting in Paradise, Nevada, with [Eric W. Davis](#) of EarthTech International Inc., an astrophysicist who is a member of the National Institute for Discovery Science and an associate of [Harold E. Puthoff](#). He talks about his previous meetings with Cmdr. Will Miller, in which he admits he was denied access to an Unacknowledged Special Access Program dealing with reverse engineering an alien craft. Davis takes 15 pages of notes, which are leaked to researcher Grant Cameron and others in April 2019. (Eric W. Davis, "[Eric Davis Meeting with Adm. Wilson](#)" [notes], October 16, 2002; Richard Dolan, "[UFO Leak of the Century: Richard Dolan Analyzes the Admiral Wilson Leak](#)," *Richard Dolan Members*, June 9, 2019; Richard Dolan, "[The Wilson Leak: Latest Developments](#)," *Richard Dolan Members*, June 19, 2019; "[The Admiral Wilson Leak: Evidence of USAPs \(Unacknowledged Special Access Programs\) and Reverse Engineering of Extraterrestrial Technologies](#)," *Metallicman*, December 23, 2019; Joe Murgia, "[The Wilson/Davis Documents: My Twenty-Three Year Journey, Part 1](#)," *Part 2*, *UFO Joe*, June 21, 2020; "[Five Hour Deep Dive into the Wilson UFO Leak | Richard Dolan Show Special Edition](#)," *Richard Dolan Intelligent Disclosure YouTube channel*, July 14, 2020; Coulthart 2023, pp. 260–273; Billy Cox, "[Reviving the W-D Memo](#)," *Life in Jonestown*, September 5, 2024)
- 2002**, October 18 — A fall of angel hair covers a large area of Alessandria, Italy, including roofs, cars, and trees. A sample is recovered and examined by the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche in Parma and shows "unequivocally" that the filaments are not organic, but similar to synthetic polymer textile fibers. They have a clear alternation of bright and dark segments. The Agenzia Regionale per la Protezione Ambientale in Turin

- disputes the finding and proclaims the material spider web. (Brian Boldman, "[Angel Hair Physical Analyses: A Review](#)," *JUFOS* 9 (2006): 108)
- 2002**, October 21 — The US Department of Defense issues a manual, *Decision Logic Table Instructions for Recording and Handling Visual Information Material*, that covers "UFO and other aerial phenomena images." (John Greenewald, "[The DoD Manual That Outlined UFO Photograph / Video Handling Procedures](#)," The Black Vault, May 11, 2021)
- 2002**, October 23 — 7:40 p.m. Pilot Thomas J. Preziose takes off from Mobile, Alabama, in a Cessna 208B single-engine cargo plane en route to Montgomery. Six minutes later, he collides with an unknown object at 3,000 feet and descends uncontrolled into swampy water in the Big Bateau Bay in Spanish Fort, Alabama. The pilot's final words are: "Night Ship 282, I needed to deviate, I needed to deviate." A strange red residue ("transfer marks") is found coating at least 14 different areas of the downed airplane that are widely separated in location both inside and outside the aircraft. The engine block has been split. The final NTSB report indicates that the accident is caused by pilot disorientation. However, an independent investigation finds numerous discrepancies with regard to both the FAA documentation and the NTSB investigation. The composition of the red residue is variously found to be tere- and isophthalate polymer with possible presence of inorganic silicate compounds; and epoxy material with some inorganic silicate filters. (Joe Danborn, "[Cessna Collided with 'Unknown Object,' Says NTSB](#)," *Mobile (Ala.) Register*, April 14, 2004; "[NTSB: 'Collision with Unknown Object' Killed Mobile Pilot](#)," Aero News Network, April 15, 2004; Mike Ahlers, "[Plane's Wreckage Puzzles Investigators](#)," CNN, May 22, 2004; "[NTSB Solves Riddle of '02 Small-Plane Crash](#)," *Washington Post*, January 11, 2006; "[Red Marks' Confound Accident Investigators](#)," *Aviation International News*, July 24, 2007; Bureau of Aircraft Accidents Archives, "[Crash of a Cessna 208B Super Cargomaster off Mobile: 1 Killed](#)"; Kean, pp. 61–62; Aviation Safety Network, [[incident summary](#)]; National Transportation Safety Board, [[Project Summary, ATL-03-FA-008](#)], April 22, 2014; "[Night Ship 282 Cockpit Voice Recording](#)," dontbesojumpy YouTube channel, August 5, 2015; "[Cessna Collides with UFO in Alabama: The Preziose UFO Crash](#)," Paralopedia YouTube channel, May 26, 2016; Marcus Lowth, "[Just What Did Happen to Tom Preziose? Contact, or Cover-Up?](#)" UFO Insight, November 8, 2017; "[Mysteries and Oddities: The Mystery of What Impacted Night Ship 282 and Caused It to Crash](#)," williamdefalco YouTube channel, March 29, 2022)
- 2002**, October 31 — Astronomers [Margaret C. Turnbull](#) and [Jill Tarter](#) publish a catalog of nearby habitable stellar systems, each at least 3 billion years old, stable, and supporting liquid water on the surface of a habitable planet. (Margaret C. Turnbull and Jill C. Tarter, "[Target Selection for SETI: 1. A Catalog of Nearby Habitable Stellar Systems](#)," arXiv, October 31, 2002)
- 2002**, November — After an audit, photoanalyst [François Louange](#) recommends the reactivation and redevelopment of SEPPRA. The report is picked up by the French press. (Gildas Bourdais, "[The Death and Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 13)
- 2002**, November — British hacker [Gary McKinnon](#) is indicted in a US District Court for hacking into US Army and NASA computers over the previous two years. McKinnon has admitted in many public statements that he obtained unauthorized access to computer systems in the US including those mentioned in the indictment. He states his motivation, drawn from a statement made before the Washington Press Club on May 9, 2001, by the Disclosure Project, was to find evidence of UFOs, antigravity technology, and the suppression of "free energy," all of which he claims to have proven through his actions. McKinnon claims an image held at the Johnson Space Center's Building 8 shows a "cigar shaped" object floating above the northern hemisphere in low-Earth orbit. McKinnon also states he found an Excel document on a NASA server titled "non-terrestrial officers" that has the ranks and names of unknown USAF personnel. The United States initiates extradition proceedings against McKinnon, but they are blocked by the British government on October 16, 2012, because McKinnon has Asperger's syndrome and suffers from depression. On December 14, 2012, the British government declines to prosecute McKinnon because of the difficulties involved in bringing a case against him and the likelihood he would be acquitted of any charge. (*United States of America v. Gary McKinnon*, in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Indictment, November 2002 Term, at Alexandria; "[Hacker Fears 'UFO Cover-Up'](#)," BBC News, May 5, 2006; Nigel Watson, "['UFO Hacker' Tells What He Found](#)," *Wired*, June 21, 2006; "[Gary McKinnon Extradition to US Blocked by Theresa May](#)," BBC News, October 16, 2012; "[Gary McKinnon Will Face No Charges in UK](#)," *The Guardian* (UK), December 14, 2012)
- 2002**, November 8 — The Sci Fi channel sponsors a symposium on "Interstellar Travel and Unidentified Aerial Phenomena: Science Fiction or Science Fact?" at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Speakers include astrophysicist [Richard Conn Henry](#), theoretical physicist [Michio Kaku](#), astrophysicist [Bernard Haisch](#), computer scientist [Jacques Vallée](#), aviation expert [John Callahan](#), and physicist [Peter Sturrock](#). ("[UFO Seekers](#)

- [Search for Respect](#),” *Wired*, November 15, 2002; Guy Gugliotta, “[A Trip as Far Away as Space-Time Will Allow: Scientists Contemplate Ideas, Impossibilities of Interstellar Transit](#),” *Washington Post*, November 17, 2002; “[GWU’s SciFi UFO Symposium](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 3 (Fall 2002): 22)
- 2002**, November 16 — A boomerang-shaped object surrounded by mist is seen in the Old Town district of Rzeszów, Poland. (Poland 92)
- 2002**, November 21 — 7:00 p.m. [James Bunnell](#) sees a pulsating light on the side of a mesa near Marfa, Texas. It is yellow and hovers for 8–10 minutes, then begins descending, blinks out, and reappears as a bright red light that lasts only 2–3 seconds. (James Bunnell, *Hunting Marfa Lights*, Lacey, 2009, [pp. 67–68](#))
- 2002**, November 28 — Night. Two policemen in Buenos Aires, Argentina, see a large light maneuvering in the sky and emitting colored sparks before it approaches their patrol car. The light reverses its course, and the engine and headlights fail. About 30 minutes later, the object moves away, the car starts again, and the siren suddenly comes on. The UFO paces them to one side before it finally disappears. Five police cars are involved in the incident. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 20)
- 2002**, December 2–13 — The Sci Fi channel airs a fictional miniseries about UFOs and abductions titled *Taken*, produced by [Steven Spielberg](#). The show takes place from 1944 to 2002 and follows the lives of three families: the Crawfords, who seek to cover up the Roswell crash and the existence of aliens; the Keys, who are subject to frequent experimentation by the aliens; and the Clarkes, who sheltered one of the surviving aliens from the crash. (Wikipedia, “[Taken \(miniseries\)](#)”; Internet Movie Database, “[Taken](#)”)
- 2002**, December 26 — Roswell, New Mexico, witness [Walter G. Haut](#) signs an affidavit that asserts he had seen bodies recovered from the 1947 crash in a temporary morgue at Roswell Army Air Field. Haut dies December 15, 2005, and the affidavit is released by his family. (Thomas J. Carey and Donald R. Schmitt, *Witness to Roswell: Unmasking the Government’s Biggest Cover-Up*, New Page, 2007, [pp. 215–217](#))

2003

- 2003**, January 10 — 4:45 a.m. A witness in Lockport, New York, opens the window and sees a pulsating light hovering in the distance. It is flashing white, red, and yellow but is perfectly stationary. After 7 minutes, the light becomes very bright, dims out with a reddish hue, and winks out. (“[New York Pulsating Object and Five Discs](#),” Filer’s Files, #5-2003, January 28, 2003; Covert 57)
- 2003**, January 31 — 10:30 p.m. Two witnesses in Villeneuve, Alberta, watch a large white object described as “two saucers rim to rim” move slowly through a farmyard and over some houses, then out of sight. (Mark Rodeghier, “[UFOs in Canada, 2003](#),” *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 13)
- 2003**, February 8 — 1:00 a.m. Carlos Eduardo Montilho wakes up in his home in Guará I, Brasília, Brazil, to tend to his dog in the backyard. An intense white light comes down about 23 feet in front of him that is attached to an oval object about 10 feet in diameter. The grass stirs beneath it as if blown by wind, and it is making a humming sound. His wife starts screaming for him to get back inside. He retreats to the kitchen, where they both watch the object for 3 minutes before it rises slowly and disappears. The dog is asleep the entire time. (Brazil 400–402)
- 2003**, February 12 — 9:02 p.m. A dark triangular object with some sort of structured undercarriage is seen flying over Vancouver, British Columbia. It is in view for 3 minutes by two witnesses. (Mark Rodeghier, “[UFOs in Canada, 2003](#),” *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 13)
- 2003**, February 15 — The National Air Intelligence Center becomes the National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC), which coordinates a “wide variety of complex space/counterspace analytical activities.” (Wikipedia, “[National Air and Space Intelligence Center](#)”)
- 2003**, February 19 — 9:20 a.m. A fast-moving silvery object “like a cruise missile” flies swiftly across snow-covered fields near Raymore, Saskatchewan, heading north. (Mark Rodeghier, “[UFOs in Canada, 2003](#),” *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 13)
- 2003**, February 25 — 7:30 p.m. A witness in downtown Bremerton, Washington, looks up and sees a triangular object with a light at each point flying silently over Naval Submarine Base Bangor [now Naval Base Kitsap] on the Kitsap Peninsula, Washington, at an altitude of 800–1,000 feet. (“[Sighting Report](#),” National UFO Reporting Center, March 4, 2003; Nukes 499)
- 2003**, March 3 — 7:55 a.m. The driver and passenger of a truck traveling along a highway in Houston, British Columbia, watch as a silver object the size and shape of an Airstream trailer flies alongside them, then zooms away.

(National UFO Reporting Center, "[NUFORC UFO Sighting 28024](#)," March 21, 2003; Mark Rodeghier, "[UFOs in Canada, 2003](#)," *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 13)

- 2003, April** — 2:30 a.m. Some Air Force security policemen for Area 2, a weapons storage area of the Nevada Test Site [now the Nevada National Security Site], are having a meal outside when they notice a red glow at their feet. The light is coming from a giant sphere perhaps 100 feet across approaching them from the south. By the time they notice it, the reddish-orange object has passed silently overhead at about 75 feet altitude in a few seconds. Apparently, it projects a zone of silence and exerts a zone of pressure directly below it, causing the guards' ears to pop. It disappears over some mountains to the north, where it apparently explodes in a burst of white light with no sound or shockwave. Building in intensity, the explosion keeps growing until it is painful to perceive through closed eyes, then quickly dies down. The light effects last for 5 seconds. The security controller orders all outside units to search for the downed object. They look until 7:00 a.m. but find nothing. (Nukes 512–515)
- 2003, May 3** — 3:30 a.m. A man sitting on his back porch in North Richland Hills, Texas, looks out at the horse pasture behind his home. Suddenly, he hears loud squealing and what sounds like horses kicking a metal sheet, along with distant dogs barking. As he strains to look toward the horse shed, an eerie silence falls over the area, making him uneasy. Stepping off the porch, he hears a low whirring sound. A beam of light flashes onto the ground in the middle of the pasture, coming from a black craft hovering about 100 feet above the ground. The craft emits flashes of light from a pod on its right end and has a multicolored mist or heated gas beneath it. On the left side, a red rectangular window reveals movement inside. As he watches, he suddenly feels sick. The craft, about 50 feet long, has a dull blue light on top. After five minutes, the whirring fades, and the craft hovers silently for two more seconds before shooting straight up and disappearing without a sound. He then notices that the electrical power in the neighborhood appears to be out. (National UFO Reporting Center, "[NUFORC UFO Sighting 28668](#)," May 9, 2003)
- 2003, June** — The Turkish press announces that Turkey's National Intelligence Service has received a top-secret request from the US Central Intelligence Agency for details on all its latest UFO reports. The Service accordingly asks the Turkish Air Force, Turkish Airlines, and other agencies to submit reports. It recommends that the Air Force should establish an investigative agency headed by a colonel. (Good Need, [p. 394](#))
- 2003, June 5** — 4:45 p.m. Shortly after TAM Flight 3287 takes off from Palmas–Brigadeiro Lysias Rodrigues Airport in Palmas, Brazil, to Brasilia, air traffic control asks the pilot if he can see any other aircraft near his plane. He cannot, but ground control says there is another object in his flight area. When they are over Palmas, the copilot sees a gigantic object on the right side of the plane. It is metallic and surrounded by bright multicolored lights. It flies as if it is sliding with no friction. The UFO follows the aircraft for almost an hour before moving away. (Clark III 203–205; Brazil 548; Clark IV 242, 244)
- 2003, June 10** — Serbian astrophysicist [Milan M. Ćirković](#) theorizes that because it is reasonable to assume that there is an inhabited planet somewhere 3 billion years older than Earth, we are likely to encounter an alien civilization significantly older than 1.8 billion years. (Milan M. Ćirkovic, "[The Temporal Aspect of the Drake Equation and SETI](#)," arXiv, June 10, 2003)
- 2003, July 5** — The Sci-Fi Channel places a stone marker at the Roswell debris field site to commemorate the 1947 crash. (Thomas J. Carey and Donald R. Schmitt, *Witness to Roswell*, New Page, 2007, [p. 223](#))
- 2003, July 7** — 10:30 p.m. A witness in Verdun, Quebec, watches a gray, teardrop-shaped object moving slowly at low altitude over rooftops, making an unusual whirring sound. (Mark Rodeghier, "[UFOs in Canada, 2003](#)," *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 13)
- 2003, July 28** — 12:45 a.m. Hundreds of witnesses see a large, white, moon-shaped object flying over the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, zigzagging from northwest to southeast and changing direction in some cases to move over local mountains and drop into valleys. At 1:00 a.m., a beam of white light arches across the sky from horizon to horizon and persisting until at least 2:00 a.m. Dubbed the "Okanagan Arch," the beam is seen from Kamloops to Jaffray. (Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 207–209)
- 2003, August 6** — 12:32 a.m. Three witnesses in North Bay, Ontario, watch as a gray, cigar-shaped object, stationary in the sky, becomes "wavy" and then suddenly disappears from view after 5 minutes. (Mark Rodeghier, "[UFOs in Canada, 2003](#)," *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 13)
- 2003, August 10** — 2:22 p.m. A large fuselage-shaped object flies low along a road, under some guy wires, and among trees in Whitehorse, Yukon. (Mark Rodeghier, "[UFOs in Canada, 2003](#)," *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 13)

- 2003**, August 11 — 6:00 p.m. Diana Luca and her mother are chatting at the kitchen table in her home in New Westminster, British Columbia. Out of the corner of her eye, Luca spots a black object behind the trees in the back alley. The two step out on the patio for a better look and see a UFO flying behind the trees and over the top of the shorter ones. The object, flat and shaped like a Frisbee, flips on its underside, which is as red and shiny as a Coke can. She calls her husband, Mark Murphy, who is inside. By the time he gets to the porch, the UFO looks cigar-shaped and is an estimated 1.8 miles away. Murphy rushes inside to get a camcorder and gets the rest of the sighting on tape. (“[B.C. Sighting](#),” *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 27; “[UFOs over British Columbia](#),” *Vancouver (B.C.) Courier*, March 15, 2004)
- 2003**, August 20 — Day. Frank Delephine takes a video of a formation of five yellowish lights leaving a smoke trail above the beach at Nowa Karczma on the Vistula Spit, Poland. (Poland 125)
- 2003**, August 23 — Three witnesses observe a saucer-shaped object with protrusions for 30 seconds as it flies above some cars on a highway in Winnipeg, Manitoba. (Mark Rodeghier, “[UFOs in Canada, 2003](#),” *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 13)
- 2003**, August 26 — Members of the Defense Committee on the Chilean Chamber of Deputies analyze information on UFOs for the first time. It hears testimony, largely reports from pilots and air traffic controllers, provided by the Comité de Estudios de Fenómenos Aéreos Anómalos and the director of OVNIvision (both UFO research groups in Chile). Defense Committee Chairman Arturo Cardemil tells the media that UFOs have sometimes disrupted air-traffic operations. (George Filer, “[Chile: Congress Acknowledges Importance of UFO Research](#),” Filer’s Files, #36-2003, September 3, 2003)
- 2003**, September — 10:30 a.m. Arthur A. Larson is sitting in a truck at a gravel crossroads near Clara City, Minnesota, when he sees a round, black object at an altitude higher than a passing passenger jet but below the cirrus clouds. He watches it for 10–12 seconds and estimates its speed as 3,000–5,000 mph. (Arthur A. Larson, “[Recent Minnesota Sighting](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 25)
- 2003**, September 11 — A triangular object with red lights flies over two people in Whitehorse, Yukon. (Mark Rodeghier, “[UFOs in Canada, 2003](#),” *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 13)
- 2003**, October 14 — 8:45 a.m. Three Boeing contractors are working near one of the launch facilities at Vandenberg Air Force Base [now Vandenberg Space Force Base] in Santa Barbara County, California, when they notice a red, 300-foot-square object approach the area from the ocean and hover at low altitude nearby. It remains for 45 seconds before darting off over the mountains. A similar object returns to the base after sunset and approaches the entry control point at high speed, terrorizing some of the security guards before it speeds away. (Callie Fausey, “[Big, Red UFO Hovered over Vandenberg in 2003, Congressional Witness Testifies](#),” *Santa Barbara (Calif.) Independent*, August 1, 2023; “[Air Force Officer Breaks Silence over ‘Red, Glowing’ UFO Sighting: ‘This Is Not a Joke.’](#)” *The Independent* (UK), November 10, 2023)
- 2003**, November 21 — 4:37 a.m. Robert Williams goes to the back door of his home in Deerfield Township, Livingston County, Michigan, for a smoke when he notices an extremely bright light hovering about 50–60 feet above Bennett Lake. He watches it for about 2 minutes then goes to get his mother Christine to look at it as well. It is about 1,800 feet away and just below the treeline. After another 3 minutes it begins moving slowly closer to them. Gradually it passes them and they can see a definite disc shape with white lights around the perimeter and blue lights around the bottom. (“[Witnesses Report Unusual Object over Bennett Lake, Michigan](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 437 (September 2004): 9–10; Covert 69)
- 2003**, December 8 — 8:45 p.m. An unusual white, oval object with a ring of blue lights hovers above a house in Houston, British Columbia, dropping sparks. It then flies steadily toward the mountains and is lost to sight. (Mark Rodeghier, “[UFOs in Canada, 2003](#),” *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 14)
- 2003**, December 24 — 1:00 p.m. Three people in Airdrie, Alberta, watch a chrome-colored “marble” hanging motionless in the sky. After about 15 seconds, it vanishes without a trace. (Mark Rodeghier, “[UFOs in Canada, 2003](#),” *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 14)

2004

- 2004** — Afternoon. A Brazilian pilot flying an ATR 42-300 twin turboprop airliner has a near-miss with a luminous sphere near the São Paulo–Congonhas Airport, Brazil. The encounter lasts 14 minutes. (Richard F. Haines, “[Near](#)

[Miss with UAP near São Paulo Airport,”](#) *IUR* 32, no. 3 (July 2009): 9–18, 23–24; Robert J. Durant, “[Commentary on the São Paulo Near Miss,”](#) *IUR* 32, no. 3 (July 2009): 19–20)

2004 — [Vadim Chernobrov](#) registers the All-Russian Scientific Organization, Kosmopoisk, as an international association. (Wikipedia, “[Kosmopoisk](#)”)

2004 — Night. Three teams of security policemen at Nellis AFB in Nevada are sent to investigate a mysterious light seen in a distant corner of the weapons storage compound in Area 2. Upon arriving at the location in vehicles, they cannot see any light. However, seconds later, one policeman spots a towering, silhouette-like, 8- or 9-foot-tall figure, visible against the moon-lit sky. It quickly turns and runs. After disappearing over a rise in the terrain, with six Security Policemen in hot pursuit, the unknown intruder seemingly vanishes into thin air. (Robert L. Hastings, “[Triangular-Shaped UFO Sighted at the Nellis AFB Nuclear Storage Area,](#)” *UFOs & Nukes*, April 23, 2015)

2004, January — CNES decides to close SEPRA, perhaps because engineer [Jean-Jacques Velasco](#) is publishing a book, *OVNIs: L’évidence*, in April. (Gildas Bourdais, “[The Death and Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies,](#)” *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 13; Swords 450)

2004, January 4 — 8:30 p.m. An Aer Lingus Boeing 737 with 135 people on board is about 2 miles off the east coast of Ireland approaching Dublin Airport. It is being followed in for landing on Runway 10 by a British Midland Airbus A330-200 at a distance of 6 miles. Both are at an altitude of 3,000 feet and moving at 287 mph. As the 737 approaches Slane, the A330 crew observes unidentified traffic take off vertically from a field. The object has bright strobe lights and is triangular in shape. It begins to circle the 737, which experiences a power drain. The A330 sees a purplish glow surround the 737, whose captain requests a course change to avoid the object, which is passing in front of the airliner. The UFO angles to the port side and the 737 experiences a huge wake turbulence and an increase in outside air temperature to 327° F. for about 15 seconds. The A330 also feels the turbulence, and the UFO heads southeast at great speed. When the 737 lands, the crew cannot raise the speed brakes on the wings, which are found to be damaged, as if dented by a hammer. There is also aircraft skin damage and hydraulic damage to the brakes caused by the UFO wake. (Dermot Butler and Carl Nally, *Conspiracy of Silence: UFOs in Ireland*, Mercier, 2006, pp. 41–42; Good Need, [pp. 406–410](#))

2004, January 4 — 10:30 p.m. Another Airbus 330-200 is approaching the east coast of Ireland, bound for Dublin Airport, when the crew sees a flashing strobe light over Slane, County Meath. As the aircraft throttles back to 265 mph at 2,500 feet, the UFO takes on a triangular shape, passes in front of the plane, and gives off a bright flashing light. The UFO begins circling the Airbus in an aggressive manner. The crew expects a collision with the object, which is about 360 feet wide. The interior lights dim (power drain) and the encounter continues for 8–10 minutes as passengers watch. At one point, wake turbulence from the UFO triggers the wind shear warning device. Other aircraft in the vicinity are watching the encounter and listening in to radio transmissions. Just 2 minutes before landing, the UFO shoots away to the southeast. (Dermot Butler and Carl Nally, *Conspiracy of Silence: UFOs in Ireland*, Mercier, 2006, pp. 42–43; Good Need, [pp. 407–410](#))

2004, January 17 — 7:45 p.m. A witness at Bass River, New Brunswick, sees a bright, fast-moving fireball. Around 11:00 p.m., a couple near Saint-Louis-de-Kent, New Brunswick, watch two flashing lights low in the west. They descend rapidly then fly in front of the witnesses at tremendous speed. They then stop and settle above some trees on the eastern horizon and disappear. A man in Caraquet is looking south and sees two objects, one on top of the other, flying west to east. They take 5 minutes to cross the sky but do not look like airplanes. In Moncton, another witness sees a single light moving steadily and rapidly across the ocean toward the east. In Saint Paul, another witness sees two lights heading toward the northwest. They make no sound, rotate around each other, hover, then leave at high speed. (Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 210–211)

2004, January 20 — European Parliament Member [Nello Musumeci](#) submits a proposal to create a Europe-wide “body for the study of unexplained atmospheric phenomena.” He suggests that the European Commission should pay special attention to UFO studies by various European space centers and recommends SEPRA in Toulouse, France, as a model. The question is tabled on January 22. (2Pinotti 213; Jochen Ickinger, “[UAP in the European Parliament, Part 2,](#)” *UAP Check*, February 28, 2024)

2004, January 21 — A man is driving on the Trans-Canada Highway 10 miles north of Sussex, New Brunswick, when he sees a blinking light off to his left, apparently hovering above the road. As he approaches, he sees the object is composed of two bright white lights that seem to be attached to a structured object. It descends and hovers above a field. The witness can’t pull over, so the light is soon lost to view behind him. (Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, p. 211)

2004, January 22 — 9:00 p.m. S/Sgt Shawn Burke of the 86th Operations Support Squadron stationed at Ramstein Air Base outside Ramstein-Misenbach, Kaiserslautern, Germany, sees a row of seven lights directly overhead and

glowing a bright white. When the clouds become thicker, the display disappears briefly, then reappears and become more elongated, looking more like lines than dots. Burke takes a few photos. They remain stationary all night. His cellphone and the internet in his building goes out when the lights get brighter. Possible light pillars. (Wim van Utrecht, "[Seven Unidentified Lights over Ramstein Air Base](#)," Caelesta)

2004, January 25 — 6:26 p.m. A woman and her son watch a strange triangular object in the sky above Richibucto, New Brunswick. It has sparkling lights on top and a V shape on its underside. In a telescope, they can see it is a large gray object with something like a round door on the bottom. It suddenly speeds up and disappears in the distance. (Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, p. 211)

2004, January 27 — Night. Alex Birch, who has confessed to faking a UFO photo in 1962, takes a series of color slides showing the town hall in Retford, Nottinghamshire, England, for a photography competition. He sees nothing unusual at the time, but on examining one transparency he finds an image that appears to be an elliptical UFO. Ruling out lens flares and aircraft, he contacts the Ministry of Defence, which sends the slide to the Defence Geographic and Imagery Intelligence Agency for analysis. The agency reports back to the MoD on August 2, saying that no definite conclusions can be reached, but "it may be coincidental that the illuminated plane of the object passes through the centre of the frame, indicating a possible lens anomaly, [for example] a droplet of moisture." (UFOFiles2, [pp. 147–148](#))

2004, February 10 — Raymond Mulhall and seven other witnesses in Meanwood, Leeds, England, watch an object descending silently. It is about 50 feet in diameter and 18 feet thick. It appears to land in an area called the "Witches Quarry." They find damaged trees and three triangular imprint marks, 25 feet apart. They can feel heat rising from the soil. (Ted Phillips, "[Physical Traces](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 462 (October 2006): 18; Covert 26)

2004, February 20 — 2:00 p.m. Lt. Ribeiro of the Brazilian Air Force is retuning on a flight from São Paulo to Recife, Brazil. He is ordered to intercept a radar return that he can visually confirm as a yellow light. During the interception, the light remains stationary. Suddenly it begins moving toward the aircraft and gets very close. The pilot can only see a sphere of light coming closer, so he maneuvers sharply to the right. At this point his plane is illuminated by a beam of light. Seconds later everything is back to normal and the object is gone. (Clark III 206; Brazil 553–554; Clark IV 246)

2004, March 1 — In a further reply to the January 20 question on the creation of a European Commission body to investigate UFOs, it cites a November 2003 white paper in which the function of the European space program is to understand "atmospheric phenomena." (Jochen Ickinger, "[UAP in the European Parliament, Part 2](#)," UAP Check, February 28, 2024)

2004, March 5 — Mexican Air Force pilots flying a C-26A Metroliner using infrared equipment to search for drug-smuggling aircraft record 11 unidentified objects on infrared video and radar near Ciudad del Carmen, Campeche, Mexico. The objects are not visible to the crew. Secretary of Defense Gen. [Gerardo Clemente Vega](#) issues a press release on May 12 accompanied by videotape that shows moving bright lights at 11,500 feet. Mexican journalist [Jaime Maussan](#) interprets the videotape as "proof of alien visitation," but science writer and skeptic [Michael Shermer](#) is critical of witness accounts that vary wildly, saying, "it was like a fisherman's tale, growing with each retelling," while NARCAP suggests the lights are most likely burn-off flares on offshore oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico. (Mark Rodeghier, "[Special Failures Down Mexico Way](#)," *IUR* 28, no. 4 (Winter 2003–2004): 12–13, 28; "[Mexican Air Force Films UFOs](#)," *Wired*, May 12, 2004; Dwight Connelly, "[Unique Mexican Encounter](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 434 (June 2004): 4–5; "[NARCAP Statement on the Mexican FLIR Case](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 17; Robert Sheaffer, "[The Campeche, Mexico 'Infrared UFO' Video](#)," *Skeptical Inquirer* 28, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 2004): 36–40; "[Leaked UFO Military Footage: Mexican Air Force Chasing Alien Sighting Leaked Video in Mexico](#)," Modi Elnadi YouTube channel, June 30, 2006; Alejandro Franz, "[Mexican Air Force FLIR's video lights are not UFO's, Part II](#)," Alcione.com, August 16, 2009; "[Mexican UFOs Identified](#)," Cap. Alejandro Franz YouTube channel, August 7, 2010; "[Ben McGee Debunks Mexican Military FLIR Footage](#)," NationalAtomicMuseum YouTube channel, October 2, 2014; Alejandro Rojas, "[Famous Mexican UFO Video Debunked by TV Host](#)," Open Minds, October 2, 2014; "[2004 Mexican Air Force FLIR's Video Lights Are Not UFO's](#)," Cap. Alejandro Franz YouTube channel, February 20, 2018)

2004, Spring — Night. Five witnesses on board the [USS Ronald Reagan](#) see a large, fiery orange UAP hovering 100 feet above the flight deck while they are on duty off the eastern coast of the US. It reminds QM3 Karol Olesiak of a "burning bush." It is about 20–40 feet long and round. The officer of the watch and the conning officer do not seem alarmed by the object. SN Derek Smith perceives the surface of the UAP as "swirling." Another witness, an

anonymous boatswain's mate of the watch, is in contact with all witnesses and sees the object himself, stating it is "translucent" like a "lava lamp," "almost like viscous, but in the air, and it moved." The mate corroborates Olesiak's statement that the superior officers aren't concerned by it and conclude they have information "above my pay grade." When the mate writes the sighting into his log, he is told by his chief to "rip it out." (Dave Beaty, Sean Munger, and Craig LaBadie, "[Navy Witnesses Describe 2004 Encounter with UAP Aboard the USS Ronald Reagan](#)," The Debrief, May 9, 2022)

- 2004**, April 15 — [Ademar José Gevaerd](#)'s Brazilian Ufologists Commission launches a campaign called "Freedom of Information Now!" with the goal of convincing the Brazilian government to publicly release official information on the Varginha case, the Official Night of the UFOs, and the Trindade Island photos. (Clark III 209; Clark IV 249)
- 2004**, April 30 — 10:25 p.m. A witness is traveling west on Oak Tree Road in Woodbridge Township, New Jersey, when he notices a jet-black cylindrical object floating northeast at a height of less than 1,000 feet. He estimates it is about 75 feet in length. It crosses in front of him above Wood Avenue, changes to a V shape and speeds up in that direction. Two small spheres are attached to it at each end. (George Filer, "[New Jersey Shape Changer](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 434 (June 2004): 14; Covert 54, 71)
- 2004**, Summer — Two security guards at a glass factory in Częstochowa, Poland, watch a large, oblong-shaped object with two bright yellow lights on both ends fly 90 feet above their guard post. (Poland 110)
- 2004**, June 13 — 11:00 p.m. A couple and their two cousins in Sandy, Utah, see a transparent triangular object fly silently above them. It seems fuzzy on the edges. It only takes 2 seconds to disappear behind some trees. A smaller triangle appears, headed southeast. It looks like two shaded triangles that are somehow linked. ("[Our UFO Sighting: The Story](#)," Underground Vine, June 13, 2004; "[Utah: Two Transparent Triangles](#)," Filer's Files, #27-2004, June 23, 2004; Covert 55)
- 2004**, July — A security guard at a US forward operating base near Baqubah, Iraq, notices a bluish light hovering above the base. He tries to call it in by handheld radio without success. He then uses a military radio that can hop across different frequencies, but the results are the same. He is unable to contact either the sergeant of the guard or the battalion radio center. (Powell, *Scientist*, 86)
- 2004**, July 23 — 10:15 p.m. A husband and wife and two teenage children are driving on US Highway 10 between Mondovi and Durand, Wisconsin, when they notice strange red lights above a field to the south. When they turn the car around, a triangular object passes slowly above their car at about 300 feet. It is black and gray with three white lights underneath. They watch it until it disappears behind some trees. ("[Double Sightings of Lights and Triangle Reported by Wisconsin Family](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 439 (November 2004): 3; Covert 41)
- 2004**, July 31 — CNES is now embarrassed by its decision to close SEPRA and is planning a rebirth. (Gildas Bourdais, "[The Death and Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 14)
- 2004**, August — The National Institute for Discovery Science releases a report, "NIDS Investigations of the Flying Triangle Enigma," with analyses of triangle-shaped UFOs in the US, Belgium, and elsewhere. ("[NIDS Investigations of the Flying Triangle Enigma](#)," August 2004)
- 2004**, August 21 — Three red lights hovering in a triangular formation are seen by several witnesses in Tinley Park and Oak Forest, Illinois. Further observations take place on October 31, 2004; October 1, 2005; and once again on October 31, 2006. The lights are captured on video by some witnesses. The video evidence suggests that the lights keep the geometrical shape and move as if they are attached to each other through a dark object. The incident is examined in a *Dateline NBC* episode on May 18, 2008, and in the episode "Invasion Illinois" of the television series *UFO Hunters* that premieres on The History Channel on October 29, 2008. (Wikipedia, "[Black triangle \(UFO\)](#)"; Marler [211-216](#))
- 2004**, August 28 — 10:11 p.m. A circular metallic UFO the size of an airliner is seen above the Pemex oil storage and distribution terminal in Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico. It is accompanied by six luminous spheres at an altitude of about 3,300 feet. The larger craft performs erratic maneuvers at high speed. (*El Universal* (Mexico City), August 29, 2004; "[Recent UFO Reports](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 25; "[Mexico: Six UFOs Reported over Tapachula \(2004\)](#)," *Inexplicata: The Journal of Hispanic Ufology*, December 2, 2023)
- 2004**, September 12 — Evening. Laura Simmons sees a "silent, abstract blob almost like the underside view of a manta ray shape, moving quickly, quietly across the sky" above Fulton Street in San Francisco, California. She describes it as "very large, almost gossamer, sprinkled with lights but almost like dusted with luminous powder." ("[Recent UFO Reports](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 25)

- 2004**, September 16 — 9:00 p.m. Brian Junkin, Chuck Martin, and three children in Poulsbo, Washington, watch a multicolored light move erratically for 10 minutes about 500–1,000 feet above the canal adjacent to Naval Base Kitsap on the Kitsap Peninsula. The light keeps changing colors from green to red to orange. Flashes of light also come from what appear to be corners of an underlying object. Another light comes speeding in from the north on a straight course and stops close to the first light, which continues to dance around. Suddenly, both lights blink out at the same time. (“[Sighting Report](#),” National UFO Reporting Center, September 29, 2004; Nukes 499–502)
- 2004**, September 17 — 3:39 a.m. A woman in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, wakes up to a humming sound and lights shining through her window. She runs out and sees a large object “shaped like a large submarine” with lights. It has beams of lights shining down the middle of it in a straight line from one end to another. She hears a loud thunderclap and the object rises higher until it is lost to sight. (Joseph Trainor, “[Saucers Up North](#),” UFO Roundup 9, no. 38 (September 22, 2004); “[Recent UFO Reports](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 25)
- 2004**, September 27 — Early morning. A five-member team of geologists and glaciologists (including Rajiv Kalia, [Sunil Dhar](#), Sushil Singh) led by [Anil V. Kulkarni](#) of the Indian Space Research Organization’s Space Applications Centre in Ahmedabad are on a research trip in the barren Samudra Tapu valley, Himachal Pradesh, India, at an elevation of 17,000 feet. They spot a strange white, oblong object about 3–4 feet on the top of a mountain ridge that is floating just a few feet from the ground and approaches the camp to a distance of 160 feet. Kulkarni and Dhar grab cameras and take several photos. It has a cylindrical head with 2 balloon-type attachments and looks like a robot walking. The object hovers motionless for a few seconds, then starts a steep ascent, hovers another 5 minutes, then rises high in the sky. Kalia says it does not look like a man-made object. (“[UFO Sighting in Himachal Lahaul-Spiti District Remains a Mystery](#),” *India Today*, February 13, 2006; Mark Rodeghier, “[Scientists Would Investigate Sightings by Other Scientists—Wouldn’t They?](#)” *IUR* 30, no. 3 (May 2006): 22–23)
- 2004**, October 1 — The US Air Force 20th Space Control Squadron at Eglin AFB, Florida, takes over the operation of the US Navy’s Space Surveillance System until 2009. (Wikipedia, “[Air Force Space Surveillance System](#)”)
- 2004**, October 4 — Pilot [Brian Binnie](#) reaches a world record altitude of 367,490 feet in SpaceShipOne, an air launched rocket plane. (Wikipedia, “[Brian Binnie](#)”)
- 2004**, October 4 — Air Force Instruction 10-206 is updated, specifying that CIRVIS reports of UFOs be submitted to the North American Aerospace Defense Command. ([Air Force Instruction 10-206](#), Operational Reporting, October 4, 2004)
- 2004**, October 20 — [Robert Bigelow](#) shuts down the National Institute for Discovery Science for “lack of UFO activity.” (Robert T. Bigelow, “[Bigelow Shuts NIDS Down](#),” Rense.com, October 20, 2004)
- 2004**, October 21 — The Ukrainian Scientific Research Center for Analyses of Anomalies “Zond”, the direct successor to various local Soviet commissions on anomalous phenomena, becomes the largest UFO research center in Ukraine. The organization continues to collect and digitize all Ukrainian and ex-USSR UFO archives. (SRCAA “Zond” [website](#); Mikhail Gershtein, “[A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union](#),” UAP Check, July 6, 2024)
- 2004**, October 27 — Day. The crew of a military jet near Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California, observes a dark gray, egg-shaped object, approximately 62 feet long, engaging in high-speed maneuvers at 45,000 feet. It is moving east at 575 mph, then makes an aggressive vertical turn. (Keith Basterfield, “[A BAASS Data Report of a 2002 Submerged Egg-Shaped Object in the SOCIAL OPEAREA](#),” Unidentified Aerial Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 13, 2022)
- 2004**, October 28 — Night. An Iranian Air Force F-14 is on combat air patrol near the heavy water reactor near Khondab, Iran, when it picks up an unidentified target at a distance of 50 miles away that is making rapid changes in altitude, heading, and speed. The pilot is ordered to bank toward the target after regional command receives a visual confirmation from an Arak Air Defense Group observer. Approaching at 22,000 feet, the pilot spots the target at 5,000 feet. The object is spherical and has a green halo surrounding it and a green light on its tail end. When the pilot turns toward the light, it disappears then reappears a few miles away, apparently moving at a speed of Mach 7 or greater. The F-14 is ordered to turn all lights off and descend to pursue the target. At 7,800 feet the target disappears again, but after the F-14 makes a turn at 7,000 feet, it picks up the target again and flies 2,000 feet below it. The F-14 arms its weapons and the pilot requests clearance to engage the object. Every time the radar officer attempts to lock on the object, the radio, radar, and other instruments become jammed. Finally, the F-14 ascends to 19,000 feet because it is low on fuel and spots the object one last time at low altitude. The pilot returns to the 8th Predator Tactical Fighter Base in Isfahan. (*Air Forces Monthly*, December 18, 2017; “[Iran UFO Reports Revealed](#),” Key Aero, December 18, 2017)

2004, November 10 — Navy Chief Petty Officer Kevin Day, stationed on the guided missile cruiser [USS Princeton](#), notices the clear radar traces of 8–10 objects traveling southwards in a loose though fixed formation at 28,000 feet in the immediate vicinity of Catalina and San Clemente islands, California. He is startled by their slow speed of 120 mph but receives confirmation of their presence from radar operators on other vessels. Regular observations are made of a similar number of objects over the following six days. The objects are also faintly detected by an E-2C Hawkeye plane after *Princeton* sends them coordinates. (“[No One Seemed to Believe Me, Ep. 2 Clip, UFO](#),” Showtime 2021; Kevin H. Knuth, Robert M. Powell, and Peter A. Reali, “[Estimating Flight Characteristics of Anomalous Unidentified Aerial Vehicles](#),” *Entropy* 21, no. 10 (October 2019); Clark IV 1277)

2004, November 14 — 9:30 a.m. Navy Commander [David Fravor](#) (with copilot Lt. Appezato) and pilot Lt. [Alex Dietrich](#) (with copilot Lt. Cdr. James Slaight), flying two McDonnell Douglas F/A-18 Hornets some 80 miles southwest of San Diego, California, on a routine training mission, are diverted from their exercise to investigate some unusual radar contacts detected by the cruiser [USS Princeton](#) that is part of the [USS Nimitz](#) Carrier Strike Group. Unusual targets have been showing up on the *Princeton*’s radar system for several days—objects at more than 80,000 feet and moving slowly at 100 mph. On this day, the flight paths of the objects are different, descending in as little as 0.78 seconds to various altitudes from 28,000 feet to 50 feet or less above the water. Controllers on one of the Navy ships report objects that are dropping out of the sky from 80,000 feet and going “straight back up.” The closest radar target is 60 miles due west of the USS *Nimitz*. Arriving at the location, Fravor spots a smooth, white “Tic-Tac”—shaped object, with perhaps two small appendages hanging below its center, moving in random directions about 50 feet above the water. Dietrich remains at 20,000 feet, but Fravor descends to 12,000 feet to investigate the object, which seems to be about 47 feet long. From the other F/A-18, Slaight describes it as off-white in color with no markings or fins and completely silent. Suddenly the object turns one end toward his aircraft and rises toward him, engaging in a “pirouette” as they approach each other, less than a mile apart. Fravor decides to cut directly across to intercept the Tic-Tac, which then accelerates at high speed and disappears within a second. [Robert Powell](#) later estimates its velocity as around 35,280 mph and a minimum constant acceleration equivalent to 803 g-forces. After the first team returns to the strike group, a second F/A-18 team, led by [Chad Underwood](#), takes off at approximately 12:00 noon, this time equipped with an advanced infrared camera (FLIR pod). This camera records an evasive unidentified aerial system on video. Underwood says “he never had visual, only seeing the object via FLIR.” The video shows the object breaking lock as it suddenly moves to the left of the screen and disappears. The footage is publicly released by the Pentagon in 2017 and is known as the 2004 USS *Nimitz* FLIR1 video or the Tic-Tac video. It officially sheds some light on a decade-old story that had been largely unknown and unreported, aside from a 2015 secondhand story on FighterSweep.com that, in spite of providing many details, remained unconfirmed at that time. Jonathan Axelrod [Naval officer [John F. “Jay” Stratton Jr.](#)], investigating the case in 2009 for BAASS, concludes that the object “was no known aircraft or air vehicle currently in the inventory of the United States or any foreign nation,” and that it remained “stationary with little or no variation in altitude transitioning to horizontal and/or vertical velocities far greater than any known aerial vehicle with little or no visible signature.” Analysis of the FLIR footage by [Mick West](#) of Metabunk claims that the impressive sudden departure is an illusion; the object does not actually move except when the aircraft’s own infrared camera moves. West thinks the object resembles an “out-of-focus low-resolution backlit plane” filmed at a distance. However, Robert Powell estimates its acceleration at 41–81 g-forces. (NICAP, “[Object Outmaneuvers 2 Jets over Pacific](#)”; Wikipedia, “[Pentagon UFO videos](#)”; Paco Chierici, “[There I Was: The X-Files Edition](#),” *Fighter Sweep.com*, March 14, 2015; “[2004 USS Nimitz FLIR1 Video](#),” *To the Stars Academy*, December 13, 2017; Helene Cooper, Leslie Kean, and Ralph Blumenthal, “[2 Navy Airmen and an Object That ‘Accelerated Like Nothing I’ve Ever Seen](#),” *New York Times*, December 16, 2017; “[Navy Pilot Recalls Encounter with UFO: ‘I Think It Was Not from This World](#),” *ABC News*, December 18, 2017; “[Navy Pilot Recalls ‘Out of This World’ Encounter](#),” *Fox News YouTube channel*, December 20, 2017; Jonathan Axelrod, “[Executive Summary](#),” *Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Application Program*, January 2018; Keith Basterfield, “[Did the AAWSA Program / AATIP Really Start in 2007?](#)” *Unidentified Aerial Phenomena—Scientific Research*, May 16, 2018; “[A Forensic Analysis of Navy Carrier Strike Group Eleven’s Encounter with an Anomalous Aerial Vehicle](#),” *Scientific Coalition of UAP Studies*, March 3, 2019; “[Confirmation? 2nd Witness Also Says He Saw Longer Tic Tac Video and Was Told Sonar Contact Occurred; Others Told to Shut Up](#),” *UFO Joe*, March 30, 2019; “[Scientific Findings Regarding a Major U.S. Navy Encounter with UFOs](#),” *Scientific Coalition of UAP Studies*, April 25, 2019; “[The Nimitz Encounters](#),” *The Nimitz Encounters YouTube channel*, May 26, 2019; Frank Chung, “[‘What the Hell Is That?’: Navy Pilot Reveals Creepy Incident of ‘Dark Mass’ Coming Up from the Depths](#),” *news.com.au*, October 7, 2019; Tim McMillan, “[The Witnesses](#),” *Popular Mechanics*, November 12, 2019; Chris Ciaccia, “[Navy UFO Mystery Deepens Amid Disclosure That ‘Unknown Individuals’ Told Officers to Erase Evidence](#),” *Fox News*, November 15, 2019; Tyler Rogoway, “[What the Hell Is Going On with UFOs and](#)

[the Department of Defense?](#)” The Drive: The War Zone, December 1, 2019; Matthew Phelan, “[Navy Pilot Who Filmed the ‘Tic Tac’ UFO Speaks: ‘It Wasn’t Behaving by the Normal Laws of Physics.’](#)” *New York*, December 19, 2019; Paul Dean, “[Office of Naval Intelligence \(ONI\) Admits to ‘Top Secret’ Records and ‘Secret’ Video from USS Nimitz ‘Tic Tac’ UFO Incident.](#)” *UFOs: Documenting the Evidence*, January 8, 2020; Mick West, “[Explained: New Navy UFO Videos.](#)” Metabunk, April 27, 2020; “[Pentagon Declassifies Navy ‘UFO’ Videos \(Video 1/3\).](#)” ABC News YouTube channel, April 27, 2020; Billy Cox, “[Where the Buck Stops.](#)” De Void, November 23, 2020; David Clarke, “Echoes and Angels: UFOs on Radar,” *Fortean Times* 403 (March 2021): 40–42; Greg Taylor, “[Tic-Tac Tactics: Pilot Discusses the U.S. Military’s Engagement with a UFO in 2004.](#)” Daily Grail, June 18, 2021; Pavithra George, “[‘Normalizing’ UFOs: Retired U.S. Navy Pilot Recalls Tic Tac Encounter.](#)” Reuters, June 24, 2021; Skinwalkers 45–46, 111–114, 118–119; Bill Whitaker, “[UFOs Regularly Spotted in Restricted US Airspace.](#)” CBS News, August 29, 2021; “[Famous Navy UFO Is Camera Glare Hiding Something ‘Really Interesting,’ Researcher Says.](#)” *The Independent* (UK), March 18, 2022; Internet Movie Database, “[A Tear in the Sky](#)”; Coulthart 2023, pp. 136–148, 155; Luke M. Herrington, “[Cutting the Chaff: Overlooked Lessons of Military UAP Sightings for Joint Force and Interagency Coordination.](#)” *Joint Force Quarterly*, no. 110, July 7, 2023; Keith Basterfield, “[The ‘Tac Tac’ Encounter: A Forgotten Participant.](#)” Unidentified Aerial Phenomena—Scientific Research, August 1, 2023; Keith Basterfield, “[That 140 Page ‘Secret’ Report on the 2004 Nimitz Events.](#)” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, August 7, 2023; Baptiste Friscourt, “[AARO Director Fails to Obtain Nimitz Case Data.](#)” UAP Check, November 18, 2023; Graff 405–408; Covert 103–119; Powell, *Scientist*, 19, 77–80, 115, 127–130; John Greenewald, “[Heavily Redacted UAP Briefing between UAP Task Force and NASA Released.](#)” The Black Vault, October 10, 2024; George Knapp, “[Inside One of the Most Consequential UFO Encounters of All Time: The ‘Tic Tac’ Incident.](#)” KLAS-TV, Las Vegas, Nevada, November 11, 2024; Clark IV 3, 713, 1277–1280, 1313; Guillaume Pierrez, “[The Hidden Geometry of the Nimitz’ UAP Case.](#)” Sentinel News, February 20, 2025; “[UFOs and the Military: A Combat Pilot’s Experience with the Unknown | Alex Dietrich.](#)” American Veterans Center YouTube channel, March 18, 2025)

2004, November 16 — An unmanned NASA X-43A hypersonic scramjet, the fastest free-flying air-breathing vehicle, achieves a speed of 7,546 mph. (Wikipedia, “[NASA X-43](#)”)

2004, December 11 — 3:00 a.m. A woman wakes up in her home in Mount Holly, New Jersey, and sees two red basketball-sized lights floating in the corner of the bedroom. A third red plasma disc about 12 inches in diameter enters the room and hovers above her sleeping husband. It remains about a minute and flies outside through the wall. (“[New Jersey: Miniature UFO.](#)” Filer’s Files, #3-2005, April 12, 2005; Covert 56)

2005

2005 — More than 9,500 UFO reports and related documents (of an estimated 15,000) are digitized by Library and Archives Canada and made available online. It releases a virtual exhibition titled “Canada’s UFOs: The Search for the Unknown.” (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 11–13)

2005, January 1 — The UK Freedom of Information Act 2000 comes into full force. Around 120,000 requests are made in the first year. Private citizens make 60% of them, with businesses and journalists accounting for 20% and 10% respectively. However, requests from journalists tend to be more complex and consequently more expensive. UFOs are one of the three most popular FOI requests made to the Ministry of Defence. (Wikipedia, “[Freedom of Information Act 2000](#)”; UFOFiles2, [p. x](#))

2005, January 15 — UFO researcher [Keith Basterfield](#) interviews a man in Adelaide, South Australia, whose British father had worked for MI5 after World War II. His father had told him in 1959 when he was 12 that the American military had been experimenting in 1947 with monkeys and pigs being dropped in devices equipped with retrorockets from stratospheric balloons to test them for eventual space rocket research. In one of these experiments, which were conducted at night, they used 2–3 live humans with a hydrocephalic condition (enlarged heads caused by excess cerebrospinal fluid) whom they obtained from a facility. The retrorockets failed, the balloon crashed, and a rancher found the material and one of the humans who was still alive. A medical retrieval team came for it. The UFO cover story for this crash near Roswell, New Mexico, was concocted to keep the experiments secret. (Keith Basterfield, “[Jacobsen, Redfern, and an Adelaide Informant.](#)” Unidentified Aerial Phenomena—Scientific Research, July 8, 2011; Nick Redfern, *The Roswell UFO Conspiracy*, Lisa Hagan, 2017, pp. 153–163)

- 2005, January 31 — 10:00 p.m.** Two men ice fishing at Columbia City, Indiana, encounter a large triangle above the east end of the pond. It crosses the frozen water at a low altitude, then hovers for some seconds before rising silently upward, leaving a trail of steam from the surface of the ice. The men try to call the local sheriff, but their cellphones are dead, as is their electrical fish locator. After the object disappears, they find a two-inch hole in the ice where the object had hovered. (Jenny Randles, "UFOcal Points," *Fortean Times* 196 (June 2005): 28)
- 2005, January 31 — 12:00 midnight.** A large oval mass is seen floating above a cornfield at Wood River, Nebraska, by a man leaving his parents' house. It rocks slightly from side to side for some 10 minutes and then sends out bursts of light toward the ground before climbing upward, seeming to suck up an object, apparently a large cow, from the field below. (Jenny Randles, "UFOcal Points," *Fortean Times* 196 (June 2005): 28)
- 2005, February 7 — 2:00 a.m.** In the farming area of El Paraiso, Mar del Plata, Argentina, a resident hears a noise like a strong wind or turbine and sees two misty yellow lights drifting above a copse of trees and climbing slowly. Other witnesses hear and see the phenomena, and others are awakened by their farm animals going crazy and dogs howling as if in pain. At dawn, two circular marks are found near the copse. Police forensic experts take samples of an ash-like deposit that leaves a greasy smear when touched. Meanwhile, the daughter of one of the locals involved is having nightmares about a UFO trying to catch her. (Jenny Randles, "UFOcal Points," *Fortean Times* 196 (June 2005): 28)
- 2005, February 24 —** *UFOs: Seeing Is Believing*, a two-hour American TV documentary narrated by [Peter Jennings](#), airs on ABC-TV. The show mentions the [Kenneth Arnold](#) sighting, the Phoenix lights, southern Illinois triangle-shaped UFOs, and the Roswell incident, which Jennings sneeringly dismisses as a myth. Guests include [James McGaha](#), [Seth Shostak](#), [Jill Tarter](#), [Stanton Friedman](#), [Budd Hopkins](#), [Susan Clancy](#), and [Michio Kaku](#). (Wikipedia, "[UFOs: Seeing Is Believing](#)"; Internet Movie Database, "[Peter Jennings Reporting: UFOs, Seeing Is Believing](#)"; Melanie McFarland, "[What's on Peter Jennings' Radar? The Truth about UFOs](#)," *Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer*, February 14, 2005; Chris Mooney, "[Doubt and About: Out of Balance](#)," *Skeptical Inquirer*, March 3, 2005; "[UFOs: Seeing Is Believing \(2005\), ABC Documentary](#)," Movie Buff Guy YouTube channel, June 18, 2019)
- 2005, February 27 —** [Richard Doty](#) appears on [Art Bell](#)'s Coast to Coast radio program and describes his disinformation campaign against [Paul Bennewitz](#). ("[Greg Bishop and Richard Doty, Coast to Coast AM with Host Art Bell, Interview Transcript](#)," February 27, 2005)
- 2005, April 27 —** Late morning. Air traffic radar detects an unidentified target in restricted air space near Ronald Reagan Washington International Airport in Arlington, Virginia, causing President [George W. Bush](#) to be taken to a bunker and Vice President [Dick Cheney](#) to be evacuated to safety. The target gets within 7 miles of the airport, then vanishes. Although it is not identified, officials argue it is caused by a radar anomaly. ("[Radar Blip Causes White House Security Scare](#)," *Tampa Bay (Fla.) Times*, April 28, 2005, p. 10)
- 2005, May 1 — Night.** A biotechnologist and his daughter are driving on the Central Oregon Highway about 50 miles southeast of Bend, Oregon. They notice three bright blue objects zigzagging around each other about 300 feet away above a field. Suddenly two of the lights move toward them and through their vehicle. One passes through the windshield and passes through a window. The second passes through the man's left arm and upper body, exiting his right arm. He feels a bit hazy, but notices the light is spherical and about the size of a softball. Still driving, the man feels nauseous and scared. The next 45 minutes into Bend seems like 3 hours. Days later, he develops a red rash on the left side of his face and loses some hair on that side. His ankles swell, and he loses some sight and hearing on the left. In the next few weeks, he gains about 50 pounds (although exercising and dieting) and sleeps a lot. In February 2007 he is diagnosed with ductal carcinoma in his left chest, a pre-cancerous condition, and undergoes surgery in May, his health gradually improving by the end of 2008. (Skinwalkers 70–75)
- 2005, May 3 — 5:30 a.m.** A witness sees strange red and white lights crossing the flight path into Dulles International Airport in Virginia, west of Washington, D.C. (Jenny Randles, "UFOcal Points," *Fortean Times* 199 (September 2005): 26)
- 2005, May 4 — 10:00 a.m.** Angler John Walker sees an object the size of a house, shaped like a large gray bullet, in the sky above Squeaking Point, Tasmania. He estimates its height at 150 feet. It moves extremely slowly, taking 15 minutes to cross his view. (Jenny Randles, "UFOcal Points," *Fortean Times* 199 (September 2005): 26)
- 2005, May 8 — Night.** A witness captures video footage of pulsating, kaleidoscopic lights over the Denbigh Moors near Llanefydd, North Wales. The lights had appeared for several nights and remained visible for a lengthy amount of time. (Jenny Randles, "UFOcal Points," *Fortean Times* 199 (September 2005): 26)

- 2005, May 9 — 9:30 p.m.** A man getting into his car in Bradford, West Yorkshire, England, spots a huge, pulsating mass overhead, shaped like a double cross, and brilliantly studded with red, green, and white lights. It stays visible for a long time. The witness goes to bed at 1:20 a.m., and the object, or a similar one, is still visible. (Jenny Randles, “UFOcal Points,” *Fortean Times* 199 (September 2005): 26)
- 2005, May 9 — 11:25 p.m.** A woman outside her house in Kuujuaq, Quebec, watches multi-colored lights heading northeast at a slow pace and low altitude. (Jenny Randles, “UFOcal Points,” *Fortean Times* 199 (September 2005): 26)
- 2005, May 11 — 11:28 a.m.** Radar trackers spot a plane entering the Air Defense Identification Zone around Washington, D.C. As the aircraft bears down on Washington from the north and officials cannot contact the pilot, the White House’s internal threat level goes from yellow to orange and then to red within four minutes. Fighters are scrambled, and occupants and visitors to the Capitol, the Supreme Court, and the White House are sent scurrying for safety. The aircraft flies over the vice president’s residence and comes within moments of reaching the White House and close to being shot down. Officials say 35,000 people are evacuated from the Capitol and adjacent office complexes. An additional 200 are evacuated from the White House. First lady [Laura Bush](#) and former first lady [Nancy Reagan](#), who is visiting, are ushered to a bunker beneath the White House for safety, and Vice President [Dick Cheney](#) is taken to a secure location. The airplane is a Cessna 150 piloted by two aviators flying with outdated maps from a rural Pennsylvania airstrip and they are lost. Authorities say the pilots are so clueless that when officials finally make radio contact and order the plane to divert at 12:06 p.m., the fliers refuse, asserting their right to proceed. The F-16s then fire four bright flares across the plane’s nose, and the two men realize the gravity of their situation. The plane then veers northwest, out of town, escorted by the interceptors, security helicopters, and a US customs jet. The 15-minute aerial encounter is watched by rapt workers in downtown Washington office buildings. (“[Confused Fliers Trigger Capitol Scare](#),” *Washington Post*, May 12, 2005)
- 2005, May 20 —** [Ademar José Gevaerd](#) leads a delegation of ufologists who meet with Brazilian Air Force officials in Brasília, Brazil, headed by Brigadier Telles Ribeiro, chief of the Air Force’s Center for Public Communications. In an interview after the meeting, Gevaerd says his group has been shown information on three specific cases: the testimony of the head of Varig, Nagib Ayub, on a UFO seen in the airspace in Rio Grande do Sul in 1954; testimony from pilots who pursued 21 UFOs flying over São Paulo, São José dos Campos, and Rio de Janeiro in May 1986; and a Brazilian Air Force investigation of UFOs held in 1977 in Pará by Col. [Uyrange Hollanda](#), who died in 1997. According to Hollanda, “we detected at least nine forms of objects. Probes, flying saucer-shaped spaceships... All reports were sent by the 1st COMAR to Brasilia.” (Wikipedia, “[Ademar José Gevaerd](#)”; Clark IV 572)
- 2005, June —** British author [Nick Redfern](#) publishes *Body Snatchers in the Desert*, which purports to show that the 1947 Roswell crash may have been military aircraft tests using Japanese POWs, suffering from progeria (an early aging syndrome) or radiation effects. He has interviewed elderly whistleblowers—a woman he calls the Black Widow, Al Barker, Bill Salter, and a retired military man he calls the Colonel. In 2001, the Black Widow claims to have worked at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, in the late 1940s and early 1950s, at which time elements of the US government conducted high-altitude balloon tests with attached gondolas that contained live test subjects and sometimes dead bodies. These subjects were handicapped humans, possibly Japanese, including sufferers of progeria. She claims to know of 3 classified balloon flights in May–July 1947. The bodies were brought to Oak Ridge under stringent security. In 2003, the Colonel states that Roswell and other crashes were a cover for research linked to high-altitude balloon experiments. He mentions crashes in May and July 1947 of two experiments with handicapped persons on board. (Nick Redfern, *Body Snatchers in the Desert: The Horrible Truth at the Heart of the Roswell Story*, Paraview, 2005)
- 2005, June 19 — 3:10 p.m.** Three witnesses in Silverdale, Washington, see a black, rectangular object fly silently in a straight line and constant speed from south to north almost directly above the town. (“[Sighting Report](#),” National UFO Reporting Center, June 20, 2005; Nukes 502–503)
- 2005, June 28 —** Early morning. Following reports of unidentified lights above Dublin Airport in Ireland, a UFO 30 feet wide and 10 feet high approaches dangerously close to a commercial aircraft flying at 3,000 feet. The plane experiences intense waves of heat and wake turbulence. A strobe light on the object induces dizziness and nausea; the copilot vomits a few times, but after a while both pilots feel strangely relaxed. After heading in the direction of Malahide, County Dublin, the UFO returns and continues further harassment, causing the aircraft to become uncontrollable for a few minutes. The pilot reports to London Air Traffic Control Centre: “Need assistance... We have a hostile craft and we have made dangerous maneuvers to avoid it.” London confirms the presence of unauthorized air traffic. Some RAF Tornados are scrambled and reach the aircraft 25 minutes later, but there is

little they can do except escort the plane to a UK airport, accompanied by the UFO. (Dermot Butler and Carl Nally, *Conspiracy of Silence: UFOs in Ireland*, Mercier, 2006, pp. 229–232; Good Need, [pp. 409–410](#))

- 2005**, July — The new CNES director, [Yannick d’Escatha](#), again creates a department for UFO investigations. Another engineer, Jacques Patenet, replaces [Jean-Jacques Velasco](#) as head. It is under the authority of CNES but reports to a steering committee (Comité de pilotage) called COPEIPAN, headed by [Yves Sillard](#). The committee has 15 permanent members: representatives of civil and military authorities, and representatives of the scientific world. (Gildas Bourdais, “[The Death and Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 14; Swords 451)
- 2005**, July 5 — 8:50 p.m. A woman is driving home from a fishing trip at Sargent, Texas, on FM2611 when her lights blink twice and the engine goes dead. She gets out of the car to check the battery cables, and sees a bright bluish glow lighting up a wooded area across the highway. The light gets brighter and moves upward through the trees. The outer edges of the light seem to vibrate or tremble slightly. The higher it goes the faster it gets until it disappears. The car starts right up afterward. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 18; Covert 72–73)
- 2005**, July 22 — Industrial chemist [Phyllis Budinger](#) reports on her laboratory tests on stains from the dress that abductee [Betty Hill](#) was wearing on the night of her abduction in 1961. The samples indicate protein and oily materials from an external source. She also reports on materials brought back from a recent abduction by [Stan Romanek](#), which prove to be bismuth trioxide, used in the making of ceramics and glass but uncommon in everyday situations. No direct link between the materials and an extraterrestrial source can be established. (Phyllis Budinger, “UFOs, a Search for Physical Evidence: Abductions,” in Barbara Maher, ed., *MUFON 2005 International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 2005, pp. 32–64)
- 2005**, Late July — 7:30 p.m. Just as an airliner is making its final approach to the Santa Rosa Airport, La Pampa province, Argentina, the airport control tower operator notices an unknown, luminous object moving slowly and parallel to the aircraft. The flight plan operator is alerted, and they both watch the UFO stop, emit a brilliant flash of blue-white light, move again, emit another flash, and vanish. The airliner crew does not see the UFO. (Good Need, [p. 411](#))
- 2005**, August 4 — 10:30 p.m. A witness in Fernandina Beach, Florida, sees two rose-red objects approach from the ocean and move silently to the south, disappearing in about 75 seconds. (“[Sighting Report](#),” National UFO Reporting Center, September 2, 2005; Nukes 507)
- 2005**, August 27 — 8:45 p.m. Dennis Speed is outdoors at his home in Lenah Valley, Tasmania, when he sees a formation of six orange lights approaching from the north. They are the size of bright stars and are moving slowly below the cloud level. Suddenly, they scatter about 1,650 feet apart, and a white aura appears in the sky around them. He watches them for 15 minutes. Up to 9 oranges UFOs are seen elsewhere in Hobart. (“[Orange UFOs over Hobart](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 18)
- 2005**, August 29 — 12:50 p.m. Carlos R. Peña sees a completely black object moving east to west at 3,200–9,800 feet over Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. It remains visible 40 seconds flying in a straight line, except for one point when it curved slightly. (“[Dominican Republic: A UFO Sighting over Santo Domingo \(2005\)](#),” *Inexplicata: The Journal of Hispanic Ufology*, December 3, 2023)
- 2005**, September 1 — The 30th Reconnaissance Squadron, which operates Lockheed Martin RQ-170 Sentinel drones, is activated at Tonopah Test Range Airport in Nevada. RQ-170 Sentinels have been deployed to Afghanistan, where one was sighted at Kandahar International Airport in late 2007. This sighting, and the Sentinel’s secret status at the time, leads [Bill Sweetman](#) to dub it the “Beast of Kandahar.” (Wikipedia, “[Lockheed Martin RQ-170 Sentinel](#)”)
- 2005**, September 17 — 10:30 a.m. A man is at his home on 31st Avenue in Peoria, Arizona, when he sees a bright object approaching from the east. Seven other objects appear around it, staying in the same spot for about 15 minutes, then moving to the left quickly. They go higher, moving left to right and right to left, almost hitting each other. They are completely silent. (Joseph Trainor, “[Seven Spherical UFOs Seen in Peoria, Arizona](#),” *UFO Roundup* 10, no. 39 (September 28, 2005); “[Spherical UFOs in Arizona](#),” *IUR* 30, no. 1 (October 2005): 32)
- 2005**, September 20 — Attorney and Army Reserves Brig. Gen. [Stephen Lovekin](#), who had worked for the Army Signal Corps in the 1950s and early 1960s, speaks with writer [Peter Janney](#) about the extraterrestrial presence on Earth and the official coverup. He claims that in 1995 he attended a conference on the Strategic Defense Initiative in Monterrey, Mexico, that included high-level US and Russian participants. The purpose of SDI is to protect both countries from incursions by UFOs, he alleges. (Dolan II 289)

- 2005**, September 22 — The French UFO agency is given the name Groupe d'Études et d'Information sur les Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non-identifiés (GEIPAN) in order to emphasize the “information-gathering” aspect of the agency. At its first meeting, it renews the agreements with a network of specialists so that it can work effectively on new cases. (Wikipedia, “[Groupe d'Études et d'Information sur les Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non-identifiés](#)”; Gildas Bourdais, “[The Death and Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 14; Swords 451)
- 2005**, September 29 — Space scientist [Yves Sillard](#) is interviewed on Radio France International about GEIPAN. He states that the UFO phenomenon is serious and involves many witnesses who deserve an answer about what they have seen. The sightings, he says, include impressive radar-visual cases and landing traces. (Swords 451–452)
- 2005**, October — Creech Air Force Base in Nevada, formerly the Indian Springs Air Force Auxiliary Field, activates the Joint Unmanned Aerial Systems Center of Excellence and the 3d Special Operations Squadron (the latter is the 1st MQ-1 Predator squadron in the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC). (Wikipedia, “[Creech Air Force Base](#)”)
- 2005**, October — Cognitive psychologist [Susan Clancy](#) publishes *Abducted: How People Came to Believe They Were Kidnapped by Aliens*, in which she describes her psychological testing of a sample of abductees. These tests reveal a propensity for false memories and magical ideation, making abductees more likely than average to imagine, be led by investigators, and integrate cultural scripts like the abduction story into memory. Clancy demonstrates that alien abduction stories give people meaning and a way to understand their own lives and circumstances. It also gives them a feeling that they are not alone in the universe. *New York Times* reviewer [Benedict Carey](#)'s takeaway is that “in this sense, abduction memories are like transcendent religious visions, scary and yet somehow comforting and, at some personal psychological level, true.” However, Clancy fails to ask her subjects about their religious beliefs. (Richard J. McNally and Susan A. Clancy, “[Sleep Paralysis, Sexual Abuse, and Space Alien Abduction](#),” *Transcultural Psychiatry* 42, no. 1 (March 2005): 113–122; Susan Clancy, *Abducted: How People Came to Believe They Were Abducted by Aliens*, Harvard University, 2005; Benedict Carey, “[Explaining Those Vivid Memories of Martian Kidnappers](#),” *New York Times*, August 9, 2005; Clark III 7, 27; Clark IV 21, 45)
- 2005**, Early October — 12:30 p.m. The crew of a Magnicharters Boeing 737 encounters a luminous disc in the air corridor over Oaxaca state, Mexico, at 20,000 feet. The object emerges from one cloud and enters another at a distance of 12 miles from the aircraft. (Good Need, [p. 411](#))
- 2005**, November 1 — An anonymous email is received by Victor Martinez, who runs a discussion list for retired intelligence people who are interested in UFOs. This person, in return for anonymity, passes on a huge volume of information each month for the next three years, all of it extracts from an alleged original document—a top secret, 3,000-page report compiled by the Defence Intelligence Agency in the late 1970s. The major revelations are: There were two crash sites in New Mexico, one southwest of Corona, and the second at Pelona Peak, south of Datil. The Corona site was discovered a day later by an archaeological team, who reports the crash site to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. One live entity (EBE 1) was found hiding behind a rock; it and some dead bodies were later transferred to Los Alamos National Laboratory. Roswell Army Air Field took the craft and sent it on to Wright-Patterson AFB. The second site was not discovered until August 1949 by two ranchers. It took the sheriff several days to reach this crash site. He took photos, drove back to Datil, and notified Sandia Army Base, which recovered six bodies that were first sent to Sandia then to Los Alamos. The live entity established communication and supplied the name of his home planet, Serpo, in our constellation of Zeta Reticuli. It died in 1952 after being allowed to use a communication device in the crashed UFO to contact his home planet. An alien/US military meeting was set for April 1964 in Alamogordo, where the aliens (nicknamed Ebens) landed and retrieved their comrades' bodies (which had been frozen). In 1965, the US had an exchange program with the aliens, where one entity was left behind and 12 trained Americans (10 men, 2 women) left for Serpo from the Nevada Test Site. They were supposed to stay 10 years, but something went wrong. In 1978, seven men and one woman returned; two had died on Serpo, and four others decided to remain. Of the 8 that returned, all have since died, the last in 2002. A few months after the documents became known, a UK Ministry of Defence official nicknamed “Chapman” claims the events were not as described but that the document is real, as he had seen it in 1969 or 1970 in London. He claims it was a CIA document authored by [Alice Bradley Sheldon](#) (a science fiction author using the pseudonym James Tiptree Jr. who worked for the CIA in 1952–1955) in response to Soviet disinformation in the 1960s about nuclear bombs in the US. (Wikipedia, “[Planetary objects proposed in religion, astrology, ufology, and pseudoscience](#)”; Rational Wiki, “[Project Serpo](#)”; William J. Birnes, “Project Serpo: Truth or Dare?” *UFO Magazine*, Feb./Mar. 2006, pp. 32–34; Mark Pilkington, *Mirage Men: An Adventure into*

Paranoia, Espionage, Psychological Warfare, and UFOs, Skyhorse, 2010; Kremlin 161–166; Clark III 10; Clark IV 24)

- 2005**, December — [Colm Kelleher](#) and coauthor [George Knapp](#) write *Hunt for the Skinwalker*, in which they describe the Skinwalker Ranch in Utah and its acquisition by [Robert Bigelow](#)'s National Institute for Discovery Science. (Colm Kelleher and George Knapp, *Hunt for the Skinwalker*, Paraview, 2005; Gildas Bourdais, "[Hunt for the Skinwalker: New Challenge for the ETH?](#)" *IUR* 31, no. 1 (January 2007): 25–31; Clark III 1073–1075; John B. Alexander, "From Los Alamos to Skinwalker Ranch," *Fortean Times* 363 (February 2018): 39–41; Coulthart 2023, pp. 126–130; Clark IV 982, 1279)
- 2005**, December 15 — The Lockheed Martin F-22 Raptor, a single-seat, twin-engine, all-weather stealth tactical fighter aircraft developed for the Air Force, officially enters service. USAF officials consider the F-22 a critical component of the service's tactical air power. Its combination of stealth, aerodynamic performance, and avionics systems enable unprecedented air combat capabilities. (Wikipedia, "[Lockheed Martin F-22 Raptor](#)")

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- 2006** — The UFO Research Coalition (CUFOS, MUFON, Fund for UFO Research) launches an Abduction Monitoring Project (later changed to Ambient Monitoring Project), an effort to create a compact, multi-instrumental device to be placed in the homes of recurrent abductees to record magnetic, electrical, and atmospheric anomalies over an extended period. The goal is to compare any reported abduction experiences with the anomalies to see if they coincide. After considerable difficulty with the design and construction of these boxes through 2008, data are recorded from participating abductees. However, funding is not available for the analysis needed to reach any conclusions. (Tom Deuley, "[The Ambient Monitoring Project: Data Collected in Abductee's Homes Being Analyzed](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 483 (July 2008): 3–7, 15; Jack Brewer, "[What Happened to the Ambient Monitoring Project?](#)" *The UFO Trail*, April 2, 2014; Clark III 11; Clark IV 26)
- 2006**, January — GEIPAN's Jacques Patenet announces that the organization will make its UFO files available to the public worldwide and placed on the CNES website. (Swords 452)
- 2006**, April 18 — In response to a question from MP [Norman Baker](#), Under-Secretary of State for Veterans [Don Touhig](#) tells the House of Commons that [Nick Pope](#) "worked as a civil servant within Secretariat (air staff)" and that "part of his duties related to the investigation of unidentified aerial phenomena reported to the Department to see if they had any defence significance." (Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 2006**, May 10 — In response to a question by MP [John Hayes](#), Under-Secretary of State for Defence [Tom Watson](#) tells the House of Commons that "Over the last five years evidence of risk to the integrity of UK airspace from a reported unidentified flying object has been assessed on 12 occasions; in no case was there considered to be any actual risk." (Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 2006**, May 15 — The UK Defense Intelligence Staff releases (after a September 2005 Freedom of Information Act request by [David Clarke](#) and Gary Anthony) a 400-page report on a secret UFO study, codenamed "Condign," undertaken by DIS between 1997 and February 2000. *Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defence Region*, written by former Marconi Electronic Systems scientist Ron Haddow, draws on approximately 10,000 sightings and reports that have been gathered by the DI55, a section of the Directorate of Scientific and Technical Intelligence (DSTI) within the Defence Intelligence Staff. The report concludes that UFOs have an observable presence that is "indisputable," but also that no evidence has been found to suggest they are "hostile or under any type of control." According to its authors, the majority of analyzed UFO sightings can be explained by the misidentification of common objects such as aircraft and balloons, while the remaining unexplainable reports are most likely the result of a supernormal meteorological phenomenon not fully understood by modern science. This phenomenon is referred to in the report as "Buoyant Plasma Formation," akin to ball lightning, and it supposedly produces an unexplained energy field that creates the appearance of a Black Triangle by refracting light. The electromagnetic fields generated by plasma phenomena are also said to explain reports of close encounters due to inducing perceptual alterations or hallucinations in those affected. The Condign report suggests that further research into "novel military applications" of this plasma phenomenon is warranted, and that "the implications have already been briefed to the relevant MoD technology manager." The report also notes that scientists in the former Soviet Union have identified the close connection between the 'UFO phenomena' and Plasma technologies," and are

“pursuing related techniques for potential military purposes.” The report describes people who believe themselves to have had close encounters as being convinced of what they said that they had seen or experienced, but also as not representing proof that such encounters are real. It attributes a number of cases to the “close proximity of plasma related fields” which it said can “adversely affect a vehicle or person.” ([“Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defence Region \(The Condign Report\): Summary of Contents,”](#) The Real UFO Project; UK Defense Intelligence Staff, [Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defence Region](#), released 2006; David Clarke and Gary Anthony, [“The British MoD Study: Project Condign,”](#) *IUR* 30, no. 4 (August 2006): 3–13, 29–32; Kean, [pp. 173–175](#); UFOFiles2, [pp. 149–155](#); David Clarke, [“Lost and Found,”](#) David’s Substack, October 11, 2023; David Clarke, “Secrets and Lies: The MOD, UFOs and UAP,” *Fortean Times* 437 (November 2023): 16–17; Clark IV 999)

2006, May 16 — At least three green fireballs brighter than the moon but not as bright as the sun blaze over northeast Australia. A farmer sees one with a blue tapering tail pass over the mountains of the Great Divide about 75 miles west of Brisbane, Queensland, then watch a phosphorescent green ball about 12 inches wide roll slowly down the side of a mountain, bouncing over a rock along the way. A commercial airline pilot landing in New Zealand sees a meteor breaking up into fragments that turn green as the bits descend in the direction of Australia. The timing of the fireballs suggests they might be debris from Comet 73P/Schwassmann–Wachmann 3, according to physicist [Stephen Hughes](#) at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane. (Charles Q. Choi, [“Mystery of Green Fireball ‘UFOs’ Solved,”](#) Live Science, November 30, 2010; Stephen Hughes, [“Green Fireballs and Ball Lightning,”](#) *Proceedings of the Royal Society A* 467 (December 2010))

2006, July 13 — 11:00 p.m. A woman camping on the beach at Wicie, Poland, sees several red and blue lights maneuvering within a glow about 10 feet above the water. Then she realizes that the glow surrounds a huge metallic saucer-shaped object with lights that are turning on alternately from left to right. Her cellphone is acting crazy and she thinks the sea is roaring louder than usual. The object scares her so much that she hides in the forest nearby. (Poland 125)

2006, July 28 — The Cheyenne Mountain Realignment consolidates NORAD’s day-to-day operations at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with Cheyenne Mountain as an Alternate Command Center. (Wikipedia, [“North American Aerospace Defense Command”](#))

2006, August 26 — 4:00 a.m. An 18-year-old is driving east across the Orwell Bridge south of Ipswich, Suffolk, England, when she sees two spinning lights about 12 feet ahead of her. They remain in front of the car as she drives and bother her so much that she misses the A12 turnoff at Seven Hills. They are a dull color and hover just above her windshield. She drives on to Felixstowe and the lights stay with her until she turns around at the Trimley roundabout. (*Norfolk Evening Star*, September 13, 2006; [“Strange Lights Give Driver a Fright,”](#) UFO UpDates, September 14, 2006)

2006, September — The UK Secretary of State for Defence, [Des Browne](#), approves a proposal from the Directorate of Air Staff (the former Sec(AS)) to transfer all remaining UFO files to the National Archives. Funds are found to scan approximately 160 files and remove sensitive personal information. This is described as “the largest release of documents younger than 30 years in the MoD’s entire history.” (UFOFiles2, [p. 170](#))

2006, September 5 — 3:50 a.m. A witness is driving from Black Mountain to the Rutland neighborhood of Kelowna, B.C. When he passes Garner Lake, he sees a large, grayish-black, triangular object over the Belgo area to the east. It has a pale white light at each point and a steady red light on one side. He watches it steadily as it moves slowly to the northwest part of Rutland. A police officer also sees the object. ([“Triangle UFO Seen near Kelowna,”](#) UFO BC)

2006, September 5 — Residents of Vladivostok, Primorsky Krai, Russia, see several types of UFOs maneuvering near the city. One looks like a radiant sphere with three parts. Other witnesses report four lights. A police officer sees an object with 10 yellow lights moving around in a circular motion and hovering above the Sea of Japan at an altitude of 1–2 miles. Other smaller objects approach it, one of which explodes in a bright flare-up. The official explanation is that these are candle bombs used as aerial targets for Russian Sukhoi Su-27 fighter aircraft. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia’s USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 117–118)

2006, September 22 — The Grumman F-14 Tomcat supersonic fighter is retired by US Navy, having been supplanted by the Boeing F/A-18E/F Super Hornet. (Wikipedia, [“Grumman F-14 Tomcat”](#))

2006, First week of October — 11:00 p.m. A police cruiser is on patrol along the extension of Calle 10 near the municipal cemetery of Mercedes, Buenos Aires, Argentina, when the two officers see an intense light at a low altitude to

their left. They stop the car and see that the object is heading in their direction at about 600 feet altitude. The light is attached to a dark circular object with a diameter of 12–15 feet and a red light in the center. It moves slowly to the northwest then disappears. ([“Difunden avistamiento de OVNI por parte de la policía en la ciudad de Mercedes,” Noticias Mercedinas](#), October 30, 2006)

- 2006**, October 6 — Night. Ufologist [Bill Chalker](#) is along the Mekong River in Phon Phisai District, Thailand, for the annual Naga Light (ghost light) festival. He witnesses and videos many of the Naga light balls arising from the river: “This phenomenon has a tremendous social and human dimension and while it is tempting to try to explain the lights, however correctly or incorrectly, as planted ‘rockets,’ ‘submarine’ firings, Naga Dragons speaking, they all seem to fall short of entirely convincing explanations.” Orb sightings are on the increase, with up to 408 counted at the Phayanak festival on October 24, 2018 (260 in RattanaWapee District and 148 in Phon Phisai). (Wikipedia, [“Naga fireball”](#); Bill Chalker, [“The Mystery and Allure of the Naga Light Festival: My 2006 Adventure on the Mekong,”](#) TheOzFiles, January 28, 2015; “Buddhist Aliens,” *Fortean Times* 388 (January 2020): 7)
- 2006**, October 13 — 12:45 a.m. Charles A. Stone is in his astronomical observatory in Bridgeton, New Jersey, when he spots a bright light shining behind the treeline in the distance. It begins moving slowly north and rising less than one mile away. Within 30 seconds it moves in his direction. As it approaches his neighbor’s house, it goes out, but he can see a shape clearly defined by ambient light. When it is less than 200 feet above him, he can see rivets and bolts. Its windows are now brightly lit up and he can see a humanoid form moving within the large port window. The object is at least two stories high with two large windows and has a rounded nose. He can see other details, including an open hatch and bulky geometric shapes. It suddenly disappears as it is passing over. ([“New Jersey Flying Triangle,”](#) Filer’s Files, #23-2007, June 6, 2007)
- 2006**, November — Many people in a village in Zhenyuan Yi, Hani and Lahu Autonomous County, southern Yunnan, China, see seven white hemispherical objects hovering directly over the property of a local Chinese Communist Party cadre for nearly two hours. They appear to keep changing shape. Many people from neighboring villages hear about the phenomenon and arrive to watch it. People try to pursue the lights, but they soon disappear. (Clark III 653)
- 2006**, November 1 — [John Schuessler](#) retires as director of MUFON. He is succeeded by [James Carrion](#) of Bellevue, Colorado. ([“Schuessler Retires As MUFON Head,”](#) *IUR* 30, no. 4 (August 2006): 16)
- 2006**, November 7 — 4:15 p.m. Federal authorities at O’Hare International Airport in Chicago, Illinois, receive a report that a group of 12 airport employees are witnessing a metallic, saucer-shaped craft hovering over Gate C-17. The object is first spotted by a ramp worker who is pushing back United Airlines Flight 446, which is departing Chicago for Charlotte, North Carolina. The employee apprises the crew of the object above their aircraft. It is believed that both the pilot and copilot also witness the object. Several independent witnesses outside of the airport also see the object. One describes a “blatant” disc-shaped craft hovering over the airport, which was “obviously not clouds.” According to this witness, nearby observers gasp as the object shoots through the clouds at high velocity, leaving a clear blue hole in the cloud layer. The hole reportedly seems to close itself shortly afterward. According to the *Chicago Tribune’s* [Jon Hilkevitch](#), “The disc was visible for approximately five minutes and was seen by close to a dozen United Airlines employees, ranging from pilots to supervisors, who heard chatter on the radio and raced out to view it.” So far, no photographic evidence of the UFO has surfaced, although Hilkevitch finds out that one of the pilots is in possession of a digital camera at the time of the sighting and may have photographed the event. NARCAP publishes a 155-page report and has called for a government inquiry and improved energy-sensing technologies: “Anytime an airborne object can hover for several minutes over a busy airport but not be registered on radar or seen visually from the control tower, [it] constitutes a potential threat to flight safety.” The FAA stance concludes that the sighting was caused by a weather phenomenon and that the agency would not be investigating the incident. (Wikipedia, [“2006 O’Hare International Airport UFO Sighting”](#); Mutual UFO Network, [\[case report\]](#); Jon Hilkevitch, [“What WAS That Thing in the Sky at O’Hare?”](#) *Chicago Tribune*, January 1, 2007, pp. 1, 19; [“O’Hare Workers Say They Saw a UFO,”](#) *Chicago Tribune* [Redeye], January 2, 2007, p. 9; Mark Rodeghier, [“Media Take Notice When Media Take Notice: UFO Seen over O’Hare Airport,”](#) *IUR* 31, no. 1 (January 2007): 32; Richard F. Haines, [“Report of an Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon and Its Safety Implications at O’Hare International Airport on November 7, 2006,”](#) NARCAP, May 14, 2007; Leslie Kean, [“Incident at O’Hare Airport,”](#) *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 3–7; Richard F. Haines, et al., [“A UAP and Its Safety Implications: O’Hare International Airport, Nov. 7, 2006,”](#) *IUR* 31, no. 3 (October 2007): 3–7; [“Jon Hilkevitch on His Chicago O’Hare UFO Story,”](#) TribuneNation YouTube channel, August 24, 2010; Kean, pp. 65–72; Clark III 835–838; [“FAA Audio of UFO over Chicago O’Hare Airport in 2006 | Special Report | The Basement Office,”](#) New York Post YouTube channel, December 22, 2020; [“UFO](#)

[Hunters: Aliens Spotted at Chicago Airport \(S2, E11\) | Full Episode | History.](#)” History YouTube channel, January 11, 2021; David Bates, “[The O’Hare Field UFO Remains a Great Case.](#)” Medium: Trail of the Saucers, September 21, 2021; Christopher Plain and Micah Hanks, “[The Chicago O’Hare UAP Incident: Physics Team’s Analysis Offers a Fresh Look at This Famous 2006 Case.](#)” The DeBrief, May 2, 2023; Covert 22, 68; Graff 393–394; Powell, *Scientist*, 18; Clark IV 924–926, 1006)

2006, November 8 — The 42d Attack Squadron is formed at Creech AFB, Nevada, as the first MQ-9 Reaper drone squadron. (Wikipedia, “[Creech Air Force Base](#)”)

2006, December 13 — *Fastwalkers*, a documentary on NORAD’s Defense Satellite Program and its detection of UFOs (fastwalkers and slowwalkers) entering the Earth’s atmosphere, is released. (Internet Movie Database, “[Fastwalkers](#)”; “[Military’s Secret UFOs and Abductions Exposed | Fastwalkers: UFOs and Aliens on Earth | Documentary.](#)” FilmIsNow Movies YouTube channel, September 22, 2024)

2007

2007 — The US National Archives allows the entire collection of sanitized Blue Book documents to be placed on the web through a private company called Footnote.com (now called Fold3), totaling nearly 130,000 pages, each one an individual JPG image. ([Sparks](#), p. 7)

2007 — John Carpenter launches the *Journal of Abduction–Encounter Research* in Springfield, Missouri, which continues until July 2010. ([Journal of Abduction–Encounter Research](#), no. 1 (January 2007))

2007, January 11 — China conducts an anti-satellite missile test in which a Chinese weather satellite, the FY-1C polar orbit satellite of the Fengyun series orbiting at an altitude of 537 miles, is destroyed by a kinetic kill vehicle traveling with a speed of 8 km/s in the opposite direction. It is launched with a multistage solid-fuel missile from Zichang Satellite Launch Center or nearby. It is the first known successful satellite intercept test since 1985. The kill produces an estimated 35,000 pieces of one-centimeter-wide debris and another 1,500 pieces that are 10 centimeters or more. (Wikipedia, “[2007 Chinese anti-satellite missile test](#)”)

2007, January 12 — Afternoon. Amateur radio enthusiasts record the conversation of pilots in two USAF F-15C fighters on a training mission just north of RAF Lakenheath in Suffolk, England. One fighter gets a radar lock on an unidentified target 17 miles in front of him. He breaks the lock and reacquires it to validate the target, which is moving slowly at 17,700 feet. Closing to 500 feet, the pilot sees a small, irregular object like a “black rock.” His wingman joins him and they make three additional passes as they track it on airborne radar. (Skinwalkers 126–127; Covert 93–102)

2007, January 30 — Brian Tietje is driving west between Bastrop and Austin, Texas, when he sees a small object in the sky just above the treetops about 30° to his left. Within a second, the object moves to within 300 feet of his vehicle, remaining stationary for about one second at 100 feet in the air. It is shaped like a bullet and about the size of a car. A hinge or flap on its rear end drops down and it heads north at a high rate of speed, disappearing within a second. (Powell, *Scientist*, 68)

2007, March — Defense Intelligence Agency physicist James T. Lacatski reads [Colm Kelleher](#) and [George Knapp](#)’s *Hunt for the Skinwalker*. He speaks to his friend and associate [John F. “Jay” Stratton Jr.](#) of the DIA’s Defense Warning Office. Stratton takes Lacatski’s copy of the book with him when he ships out to Iraq, where he passes it around to other intelligence agents. (Clark IV 1279)

2007, March 5 — 7:15 p.m. Several witnesses around Bremerton, Washington, see a steady red light above the smokestack at Naval Base Kitsap on the Kitsap Peninsula. It moves slowly north for 10 minutes, stops for 3 minutes, then suddenly dims, brightens, and disappears. (“[Sighting Report.](#)” National UFO Reporting Center, March 8, 2007; Nukes 503)

2007, March 8 — 10:30 p.m. Two hunters are driving south of National Park village near a burned area on the North Island of New Zealand when they notice a trapezoid-shaped object with four evenly spaced red-orange lights and a yellowish light below it. One of them jumps out of their pickup truck and shines a spotlight on it, but the object takes off quickly and silently to the south. (Ufocus NZ, “[New Zealand UFO/UAP Sightings 2007](#)”)

2007, March 16 — 11:00 p.m. Two witnesses in a subdivision on the outskirts of Tauranga, New Zealand, see a bus-sized, glowing, amber object moving slowly above the treetops from west to east. It appears to be rectangular or trapezoid in shape. It tilts briefly and they can see an oval shape on the top before it is lost to view in the clouds. (Ufocus NZ, “[New Zealand UFO/UAP Sightings 2007](#)”)

- 2007, March 18** — Former Arizona Gov. [Fife Symington](#) admits that he witnessed one of the “craft of unknown origin” during the 1997 [Phoenix Lights](#) event, but notes that he didn’t go public with the information. In an interview with [Leslie Kean](#) in the *Prescott Daily Courier*, Fife says: “It was enormous and inexplicable. Who knows where it came from? A lot of people saw it, and I saw it too. It was dramatic. And it couldn’t have been flares because it was too symmetrical. It had a geometric outline, a constant shape.” (“[Former Arizona Governor Says He Saw ‘Phoenix lights’ UFO](#),” *American Chronicle*, March 18, 2007; “[Former Arizona Governor Says He Saw a UFO during the 1997 Phoenix Lights](#),” Wikinews, March 19, 2007; Kean, pp. 253–257, 262–264)
- 2007, March 22** — GEIPAN, the French office in charge of UFO investigations, begins to put all its UFO files on its website. These reports have been gathered in more than 30 years of investigations since its creation in 1977. Some 400 files, covering the period 1988–2005, are put online first. (Groupe d’Études et d’Informations sur les Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non-identifiés [website](#); Gildas Bourdais, “[The Death and Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 12, 14–15; Swords 452–453; “[French Space Agency Puts UFO Files Online](#),” Fox News, January 13, 2015)
- 2007, March 26** — In response to a question from MP [Norman Baker](#), Minister of State for the Armed Forces [Adam Ingram](#) tells the House of Commons that the “Condign” report released in May 2006 cost roughly £50,000 and was originally circulated to the Ministry of Defence and the RAF. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 2007, March 30** — GEIPAN’s Jacques Patenet appears, with *Ciel et espace* editor [Alain Cirou](#), on a well-known French TV program called *C dans l’air*. Questioned bluntly by host and journalist [Yves Calvi](#) about UFOs, Patenet says unequivocally that yes, there are UFOs. (Gildas Bourdais, “[The Death and Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 14)
- 2007, April** — French space scientist [Yves Sillard](#) consolidates his ideas on UFOs in the landmark book *Phénomènes aérospatiaux non identifiés: Un défi à la science*, written in collaboration with other scientists. (Yves Sillard, et al., *Phénomènes aérospatiaux non identifiés: Un défi à la science*, Le Cherche midi, 2007)
- 2007, April 6** — Night. Brian Vike is driving near North Park Lake, McCandless, Pennsylvania, with friends when he sees a strange light shining directly on the lake from high above it. They get out and walk towards the lake. Vike is able to see fish swimming beneath the surface of the lake under the beam. The object projecting the light moves away to above the trees and is only the size of a streetlight. (Brian Vike, “[Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania \(North Park\) Strange Light in the Water Then Rose Up](#),” waterufo.net; Carl W. Feindt, “[Beam of Light into a Body of Water](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 3 (December 2010): 24)
- 2007, April 23** — 2:09 p.m. The passengers of Flight A-Line 544 depart Southampton, England, in a BN2a Mk3 Trislander aircraft in fine weather with good visibility for miles around, though a haze layer is present at 2,000 feet, and a continuous cloud layer at 10,000 feet. They rise to an altitude of 4,000 feet and are cruising on autopilot about 10 miles south of the Isle of Wight. Capt. Ray Bowyer notices, exactly in the direction of Guernsey in the Channel Islands (southwest and 12 o’clock ahead) what appears to be a brilliant yellow lamp or light. He thinks that it might be an airplane or reflections from the ground, as Guernsey is immediately behind it. The reflection of the sun off a greenhouse is a possibility but the UFO persists for a couple of minutes. It is brilliant yellow, with a dark grey band enveloping it one third from the right, like a band around a cigar. Bowyer makes contact with Jersey ATC to check on traffic heading his way. Paul Kelly at Jersey ATC cannot see any traffic in that position, but he picks up a faint primary return radar signal. A passenger behind the captain confirms what Bowyer is seeing and points out a second UFO immediately behind the first: Bowyer estimates both lights to be “up to possibly a mile across.” Radar traces also seem to register the presence of two objects, which Bowyer believes to be correlated with the position and time of the sighting. The first object is presumed to have been near the Casquets, west of Alderney, and the second some miles north of Guernsey. A study by [David Clarke](#), however, cannot establish a definite link, as the radar reflections of cargo or passenger ferries may have affected at least some of the readings. Bowyer disagrees with Clarke’s team on the supposed link between the radar traces and ferries and proposes that two solid airborne UFOs are working in unison that day. Captain Patterson, the second pilot witness, posits some type of “atmospheric phenomenon” as an explanation. (Wikipedia, “[2007 Alderney UFO Sighting](#)”; Jean-François Baure, David Clarke, Paul Fuller, and Martin Shough, “[Report on Aerial Phenomena Observed near the Channel Islands, UK, April 23, 2007](#),” February 2008; Jean-François Baure, David Clarke, Paul Fuller, and Martin Shough, “[Unusual Atmospheric Phenomena Observed near Channel Islands, UK, 23 April 2007](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 22, no. 3 (2008): 291–308; Kean, pp. 73–81; UFOFiles2, pp. 166–168; Sigma 2 Technical Committee on UAP, “[2024 UAP News Summary, April–June](#),” Sentinel News, August 31, 2024)

- 2007, June 8** — The US Air Intelligence Agency is redesignated the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency. (Wikipedia, "[Air Force intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency](#)")
- 2007, June 11** — The Société Belge d'Étude des Phénomènes Spatiaux in Brussels, Belgium, is officially dissolved. Its place is taken by a less formal group, Comité Belge d'Étude des Phénomènes Spatiaux, headed by Patrick Ferryn. ("[Bienvenue sur le site de COBEPS](#)," Comité Belge d'Étude des Phénomènes Spatiaux)
- 2007, June 19** — Defense Intelligence Agency intelligence officer and scientist James T. Lacatski contacts [Robert Bigelow](#) for permission to visit the Skinwalker Ranch in Utah, a project under study by the National Institute for Discovery Science. He wants to see how the DIA might develop a strategy to characterize the "potential threat aspects of the phenomena." (Skinwalkers 17–18, 38–39; Graff 390; Clark IV 982, 1191)
- 2007, July 16** — 12:52 a.m. A witness is walking a dog in Port Orchard, Washington, when an orange fireball travels from southeast to northwest for 30 seconds. It disappears in thick clouds over Green Mountain. ("[Sighting Report](#)," National UFO Reporting Center, August 7, 2007; Nukes 503–504)
- 2007, July 26** — [Robert Bigelow](#) accompanies DIA official James T. Lacatski on a visit to Skinwalker Ranch in Utah. During his 2-hour visit, Lacatski witnesses a bizarre tubular object hovering in the kitchen of the Homestead 1 building. After 30 seconds, it vanishes. He describes it as similar to the object depicted on [Mike Oldfield's](#) 1973 album *Tubular Bells*. Over the next 12 months, Bigelow Aerospace security personnel stationed at the ranch report numerous instances of a perceived presence, perceptions of being watched, paranormal events, emotional distress, and observations of UFOs. (Skinwalkers 39–41; Graff 390; Covert 183–190; Clark IV 982, 1191)
- 2007, August** — Writing studies professor Bridget Brown publishes *They Know Us Better Than We Know Ourselves*, a study of her interviews with alien abductees. She interprets their tales as a reaction to the crises of late-20th-century life—pollution, conflict, conspiracies, governmental overreach, and loss of relevance. (Bridget Brown, *They Know Us Better Than We Know Ourselves*, New York University, 2007; Eghigian, *After*, p. 294)
- 2007, September** — Project Oxcart, the A-12 reconnaissance aircraft program, is declassified. (Wikipedia, "[Lockheed A-12](#)")
- 2007, September 18** — 4:30 p.m. [Curt Collins](#) is driving west from Carthage, Mississippi, on State Highway 16 when he sees about 8 faraway objects in the sky to the west. They are in a loose elliptical grouping, and some are slowly orbiting along the curve of the ellipse. The others are hovering or moving slightly in a different direction. The objects are in view until he turns left onto State Highway 25 about 60 seconds later. He suspects they might have been birds or Chinese lanterns. (Curt Collins, "[Analyzing a 2007 UFO Sighting in Mississippi](#)," Blue Blurry Lines, November 2, 2023)
- 2007, Fall?** — The Defense Intelligence Agency, at the initiation of Sen. [Harry Reid](#) (D-Nev.) and the urging of government contractor and Las Vegas billionaire [Robert Bigelow](#), quietly establishes the Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program (AAWSAP)—purposely misidentified as the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP), a Pentagon program to study UFOs—as a DIA project on the fifth floor of the Pentagon's C Ring to evaluate the threat potential of UFOs. With the support of Sen. [Ted Stevens](#) (R-Alaska) and [Daniel Inouye](#) (D-Hawaii), Reid secures \$22 million in black-project funding in the 2008 Supplemental Funding Act directed to the DIA Directorate of Analysis, specifically the Defense Warning Office. Its goal is "to understand the physics and engineering of these [advanced aerospace weapon system] applications as they apply to the foreign threat out to the far-term, i.e., from now through the year 2050." The Pentagon will spend this money between September 2008 and December 2010. (Wikipedia, "[Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program](#)"; Helene Cooper, Ralph Blumenthal, and Leslie Kean, "[Glowing Auras and 'Black Money': The Pentagon's Mysterious UFO Program](#)," *New York Times*, December 16, 2017; Clark III 48; Skinwalkers 41–42; John Greenewald, "[The Black Vault's AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project](#)," The Black Vault, January 21, 2023; Coulthart 2023, pp. 149–151; Graff 391–392)
- 2007, October 10** — 10:40 p.m. A man sees a silver-gray disc about 70 feet wide hovering above Lake Easton, Washington, for 3–5 minutes. A beam of bright greenish light is extended from it, illuminating the lake. He sees small objects floating up to it, apparently fish. (Carl W. Feindt, "[Beam of Light into a Body of Water](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 3 (December 2010): 24)
- 2007, October 11** — The Allen Telescope Array becomes operational at the Hat Creek Radio Observatory in Shasta County, California, with 42 antennas. The array is dedicated to astronomical observations and a simultaneous search for extraterrestrial intelligence. The project is originally developed as a joint effort between the SETI Institute and the Radio Astronomy Laboratory at the University of California, Berkeley, with funds obtained from

an initial \$12.5 million donation by the [Paul G. Allen](#) Family Foundation and [Nathan Myhrvold](#). Today, the array listens for just 90 seconds as it passes targets in the sky, going through 56 million channels. (Wikipedia, "[Allen Telescope Array](#)"; Graff 399–401)

2007, October 17 — 7:00 p.m. A man is driving on Interstate 90 near Cle Elem, Washington, when he sees a bluish-gray disc hovering about 600–700 feet in the air. It bobbles slightly for about 5 minutes then disappears. (Carl W. Feindt, "[Beam of Light into a Body of Water](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 3 (December 2010): 24)

2007, October 17 — 7:30 p.m. Three men are fishing at the Mactaquac Dam in Mactaquac, New Brunswick, when they see a rectangular object with three rectangular white lights some 200 feet away from them. It flies by and quickly disappears. Some 15 minutes later, a smaller object with only two rectangular lights appears, flying low. Around 8:15 p.m., they observe 10 spheres in a V formation flying erratically at high speed. Some of them leave the formation, move in circles, then go back to the V shape. At 8:30 p.m., three spheres appear, moving erratically and in an occasional triangular formation, disappearing in about one minute. (UFO History Group, [2007 file](#))

2007, October 30 — Afternoon. Pilot Marin Mitriță is flying a MiG-21 LanceR fighter on a training flight from Romanian Air Force 71st Base at Câmpia Turzii, Romania, when he is suddenly hit by an unknown object. The collision breaks the plastic window covering the cockpit, punches a hole in his helmet, and wounds his face. He reduces speed and descends from his altitude of 4 miles to avoid hypoxia and hypothermia. After landing, an examination of the flight recorder shows two small triangles approaching from the right. No traces of organic matter are found on the plane, ruling out birds, and there are no other civilian or military aircraft or balloons in the area. ("[A Mid Air Collision between a MiG 21 and a UFO over Romania in October 2007?](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 53, no. 1 (Spring 2008): 1; Romania 114–115)

2007, November 12 — A press conference, sponsored by documentary producer [James Fox](#) and journalist [Leslie Kean](#), moderated by former Arizona Gov. [Fife Symington](#), is held at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. Nineteen former pilots and military and civilian officials speak about their experiences with UFOs and demand that the US government engage in a new investigation. (Bonnie Malkin, "[Pilots Call for New UFO Investigation](#)," *The Telegraph* (UK), November 14, 2007; "[I Touched a UFO: Ex-Air Force Pilot](#)," *Sydney (N.S.W.) Morning Herald*, November 14, 2007; Sally Petersen, "[International Press Conference on UFOs Held at National Press Club in Washington, D.C.](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 47 (December 2007): cover, 3–4; Marler [23–24](#); Graff 395; Clark IV 703)

2007, December — Anthropologist Erik Saethre publishes the results of his late 1990s field studies on UFO beliefs of the Aboriginal Warlpiri people in the Northern Territory of Australia. Many of them report seeing UFOs, though none have seen any occupants. While they suspect the objects are draining their water resources and abducting "white people," the Warlpiri do not think they pose any threat to themselves. They recommend that non-Aboriginal visitors to their community have one of the Warlpiri accompany them when they are driving home at night. (Erik Saethre, "[Close Encounters: UFO Beliefs in a Remote Australian Aboriginal Community](#)," *Journal of the Roayl Anthropological Institute* 13 (December 2007): 901–915; Eghigian, *After*, pp. 292–293)

2007, December 14 — 6:45 p.m. Witnesses in Kingsland, Georgia, see a triangular object with a light in each corner that changes from red to blue to white, with a bright burst happening occasionally. The object moves slowly at about 500 feet altitude. ("[Sighting Report](#)," National UFO Reporting Center, March 4, 2008; Nukes 507–508)

2007, December 21 — 6:05 p.m. A helicopter pilot flying at 4,500 feet southeast of Halifax, Nova Scotia, reports a bright, white, steady light moving some 60 miles away at 30,000–40,000 feet and heading east. Halifax Robert L. Stanfield International Airport confirms a radar target. (Chris Rutkowski, "[More Christmas UFOs and UAPs](#)," *Ufology Research*, December 13, 2022)

2007, December 29 — 9:00 p.m. Two witnesses driving near the Kitsap Mall in Silverdale, Washington, see an object with three white lights apparently hovering above Trigger Avenue near Naval Base Kitsap to the north. As they approach its location, they see that it is large, triangular and made out of reflective metal. It is silently hovering 500 feet in the air over a farm a few yards from the highway. ("[Sighting Report](#)," National UFO Reporting Center, January 21, 2008; Nukes 504–505)

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2008 — The Swedish Defence Research Agency begins sharing a database with UFO-Sverige to make all reports coming into the institute available to the organization's field investigators. (Swords 371)

2008, January 8 — 6:10 p.m. Truck driver Harlan Cowan is traveling east toward Stephenville, Texas, when he sees two stationary lights directly ahead. They are as bright as welding arcs. They split apart and move rapidly away from each other to the north and south at a high rate of speed. At 6:15 p.m., private pilot Steve Allen and three other witnesses 5 miles southeast of Stephenville see four lights similar in intensity to burning magnesium. They come out of the northeast at a speed faster than a military jet. Allen thinks the lights are spread out over a one-mile area. They slow down and remain stationary northwest of his position, then they shift from 4 lights in a horizontal position to 7 lights in a vertical position, emit a white flame, and blink out. Over 30 more witnesses come forward to report odd lights until about 9:30 p.m. Some also see fighter jets chasing the light. [Angela Joiner](#), a reporter with the *Stephenville Empire-Tribune*, calls Maj. [Karl Lewis](#), spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, who first tells her he thinks the lights are reflections of the sun on high-altitude aircraft. When she asks about military aircraft reported by witnesses, Lewis volunteers the information that there were no F-16s from his unit operating that night, and no other pilots had reported a UFO. On January 16, a FOIA request is sent to the Federal Aviation Administration for any radar data from sites around Stephenville. On January 23, the Air Force admits in a press release that there indeed were 10 F-16s performing training operations that night between 6:00 and 8:00. Joiner contacts Lewis again, who now merely reads the press statement and is not helpful. In February, responses to FOIAs by [Robert Powell](#) and Glen Schulze begin to arrive. Military bases unanimously respond with “we have found no records responsive to your request.” However, the FAA releases its raw radar information in mid-February. It is clear that the unknown lights are not related to F-16 activity, but there is intense Air Force activity that night. Ten F-16s and one AWACS jet make figure-8s over the area. Two F-16s from Oklahoma fly south to the Stephenville area. FAA radar returns also show a target four miles north of Allen’s sighting that moves at an apparent speed of 2,100 mph. At 7:20 p.m., two radar sites pick up a target that corresponds to Constable [Lee Roy Gaitan](#)’s observation of an unknown light. Another radar track begins at 6:51 p.m. An unknown object without a transponder signal is tracked with FAA radar for more than one hour. Two different radars (one at Fort Worth and another at Temple) make contact with the object 187 times as it covers a distance of 50 miles on a constant trajectory to the southeast. Its speed varies from stationary, to accelerating to 532 mph in 30 seconds, to decelerating to 49 mph in 10 seconds. It is traveling on a direct course to President [George W. Bush](#)’s Western White House in Crawford, Texas. At 8:00 p.m. it is 10 miles from Prairie Chapel Ranch. Two witnesses riding bicycles 2 miles away from the ranch see a light that slowly descends, makes a 90° turn, then speeds out of sight in 1–2 seconds. But no F-16s pursue this potential interloper. Skeptical researcher James McGaha concludes that the sightings were a military training operation involving the deployment of exceptionally bright LUU/2B/B flares. (NICAP, “[Large Object Seen / Tracked by Radar / Near Bush Ranch](#)”; “[Stephenville 2008](#),” Texas UFO Museum and Research Library; Angela K. Brown, “[Military Reverses Itself, Says F-16s Were in Texas Area Where Residents Reported UFO](#),” *Brattleboro (Vt.) Reformer*, January 23, 2008; “[Over 50 Witnesses Report UFO Sighting at Stephenville, TX](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 478 (February 2008): 3; Sally Petersen, “[Update on Investigation of Stephenville, Texas Sightings](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 479 (March 2008): 3–5; Don Ledger, “Stephenville, Texas, UFOs,” *Fate* 61, no. 3 (March 2008): 10–15; Steve Hudgeons, “[Stephenville: Report of Cluster of UFO Sightings in Erath County, Texas, Nov. 2007 to Feb. 2008](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 481 (May 2008): 3–11; Michael Ray DeGroff, “[A Field Investigator Relates an Unprecedented Investigation](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 481 (May 2008): 11–12; Glen Schulze and Robert Powell, “[Stephenville Lights: A Comprehensive Radar and Witness Report Study Regarding the Events of January 8, 2008, 4pm to 8pm](#),” MUFON, July 3, 2008; “[MUFON Releases Report on UFO Sighting in Stephenville, Texas](#),” Wikinews, July 18, 2008; “[The Stephenville Lights: What Actually Happened](#),” *Skeptical Inquirer* 33, no. 1 (January/February 2009): 56–57; Glen Schulze and Robert Powell, “[Stephenville Lights: A Comprehensive Radar and Witness Report Study Regarding the Events of January 8, 2008, 4pm to 8pm](#),” Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies, December 18, 2010; Swords 344–348; Chet Dembeck, “[Triangular UFO over Stephenville, Texas, Still Evokes Claims of Government Cover-Up and Harassment](#),” *Unknown Boundaries*, November 12, 2023; Covert 42, 44; Powell, *Scientist*, 18, 37–39; Brian Dunning, “[The Stephenville Lights](#),” Skeptoid podcast, June 11, 2024)

2008, January 29 — Real estate developer [Robert Bigelow](#) files notice with the Nevada Secretary of State to create Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies, LLC, housed within his aerospace plant in North Las Vegas. The specialty company is created to secure the bid for the research for the DIA’s Advanced Aerospace Weapon Systems Applications Program. (John Greenewald, “[The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project](#),” The Black Vault, January 21, 2023)

2008, February 21 — The US Navy destroys the malfunctioning US spy satellite USA-193 orbiting at 153 miles altitude using a RIM-161 Standard Missile 3 launched from the [USS Lake Erie](#). The US claims it created no space debris

because the satellite was so close to earth that the particles burned up in reentry. (Wikipedia, "[Operation Burnt Frost](#)")

- 2008, March 5** — The 556th Test and Evaluation Squadron becomes operational at Creech AFB, Nevada, as "the Air Force's [first] test squadron for unmanned aerial systems." The base is home to drone operators for both the US Air Force and the CIA in missions across Afghanistan and the Middle East. (Wikipedia, "[Creech Air Force Base](#)")
- 2008, April** — After publication of the 99th issue of *Magonia*, John Rimmer decides to cease print publication. ("[History of Magonia](#)," *Magonia* Archive; Clark III 706; Eghigian, *After*, p. 310)
- 2008, April 22** — The last F-117 stealth fighter-bomber is retired and returned to Tonopah Test Range in Nevada. Although officially retired, the F-117 fleet remains intact and photos show the aircraft carefully mothballed. Some of the aircraft are flown periodically and have been spotted flying as recently as July 2019. (Wikipedia, "[Lockheed F-117 Nighthawk](#)")
- 2008, April 30** — Disclosure advocate Stephen Bassett, founder of the Paradigm Research Group, writes an open letter to Sen. [Hillary Clinton](#), urging her to release all classified information about UFOs, should she become president. He writes similar letters to her in 2015 and 2016. (Paradigm Research Group, "[Open Letter to Hillary Clinton Redux, Redux, Redux](#)," March 15, 2016)
- 2008, May** — Scripps-Howard News Service and Ohio University conduct a telephone poll on UFOs and extraterrestrial life. 55.8% of respondents believe that the existence of intelligent life in space is either likely or somewhat likely, while 33.1% believe it is likely or somewhat likely that intelligent life has visited earth. Only 7.6% answer that they have had a UFO sighting. (Mark Rodeghier, "[Influences on Opinion about ETI and UFOs](#)," *IUR* 32, no. 2 (December 2008): 19–24)
- 2008, May 5** — At the request of the Brazilian Commission of Ufologists, the office of the Deputy Chief of Legal Affairs contacts the Ministry of Defense and requests access to documents related to UFO material that is no longer classified and can be turned over to the National Archives. (Clark III 1072; Clark IV 1187)
- 2008, May 6** — Political scientists [Alexander Wendt](#) and [Raymond Duvall](#) publish an article, "Sovereignty and the UFO" in *Political Theory*, in which they point to the fundamental weakness of anti-UFO arguments, which claim falsely that no evidence exists. When skeptics are not arguing along those lines, they use *a priori* logic, which insists that if extraterrestrials exist, they would not behave or look as UFO witnesses describe. Another assertion is that spacecraft could never get to Earth, given the constraints of distance and speed. The authors argue that the problem is that the idea of real UFOs challenges anthropocentric norms, making it a taboo even to acknowledge a phenomenon that has been declared non-existent. (Alexander Wendt and Raymond Duvall, "[Sovereignty and the UFO](#)," *Political Theory* 36, no. 4 (August 2008): 607–633; Kean, [pp. 269–281](#); Clark III 537–538; Michael P. A. Murphy, "[The 'UFO Taboo' Is What IR Theorists Make of It: 'Sovereignty and the UFO' in Citational Perspective](#)," *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political* 49 (2024): 24–44)
- 2008, May 12** — The first tranche of UFO files is released by the UK National Archives, whose UFO webpage, set up to provide direct public access, receives more than 1.7 million visitors in the first few days. Internet searches on UFOs triple overnight across the globe. ("[UK Releases Classified UFO Files](#)," *New Scientist*, May 13, 2008; UFOFiles2, [p. x](#))
- 2008, May 14** — Witnesses near Needles, California, reportedly see an object crash. Helicopters and convoys allegedly arrive in the area in the following weeks. One ex-police officer reports speaking with an official wearing a uniform shirt that says "Nevada Test Site" and carrying a badge from the DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). A key NNSA component is the Office of Secure Transportation (OST), a special unit created to transport nuclear weapons and weapons grade material since 1975. It is never publicly revealed what crashed in the area nor what was recovered. (George Knapp, "[Strange Object Crashes in Needles, Investigation Leads to Secretive Government Agency](#)," *Mystery Wire*, May 14, 2020)
- 2008, May 16** — [Marios Matsakis](#), Member of the European Parliament for Cyprus, cites the declassification of UFO files by the UK Ministry of Defence and asks whether the issue merits an investigation by an EU service. The European Commission provides a one-sentence reply on July 25 stating that it has "no intention of pursuing this matter." (Jochen Ickinger, "[UAP in the European Parliament, Part 2](#)," UAP Check, February 28, 2024)
- 2008, May 26** — *New York Times* staff reporter Sarah Lyall, based in the UK, selectively focuses on some of the silliest UFO documents released by the Ministry of Defence (letters written to the agency by citizens) and provides readers with standard ridicule and the biased approach traditionally associated with *New York Times* coverage. (Sarah Lyall, "[British UFO Shocker! Government Officials Were Telling the Truth](#)," *New York Times*, May 26, 2008)

- 2008, June** — [Luis Elizondo](#) begins working as a chief in the Information Sharing and Foreign Intelligence Relationships Office of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence as a counterintelligence and security consultant with the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP), a small group of UFO-curious personnel at the Pentagon who are studying UFOs encountered by military personnel. Confusingly, it has the same name as the nickname of the Defense Intelligence Agency's secret Aerospace Advanced Weapon System Applications Program (AAWSAP) used in 2008–2010 as a way to mask its real name. The group has the direct knowledge of their superiors. The core people in this group will form the basis of what will become the UAP Task Force, created by Congress in the summer of 2020, but it now operates without a budget, office, or formal name until Elizondo resigns from his job in 2017. The Department of Defense has claimed that AATIP ended in 2012, but this refers to the AAWSAP program. (Helene Cooper, Ralph Blumenthal, and Leslie Kean, "[Glowing Auras and 'Black Money': The Pentagon's Mysterious UFO Program](#)," *New York Times*, December 16, 2017; Clark III 49; Chase Kloetzke, Kerry McClure, and Roger Marsh, "[Luis Elizondo: MUFON's Exclusive Interview](#)," no. 601 (May 2018): 14–19; Skinwalkers xxiii–xxiv, 157–158; John Greenewald, "[The Black Vault's AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project](#)," The Black Vault, January 21, 2023; Clark IV 704)
- 2008, June 26** — 9:20 a.m. At the 27th Annual Meeting of the Society for Scientific Exploration in Boulder, Colorado, [Jerome Clark](#) gives a lecture on the distinction between "event anomalies" (which cannot be easily explained) and "experience anomalies" (which are effectively inexplicable). Event anomalies require a scientific investigation to be understood, documented, and incorporated into current or future knowledge. Experience anomalies are indifferent to truth narratives, supporting false ones just as readily; they embrace the notion of liminality, in which it is possible to enter a "realm between the daylight of science and reason and the dark night of dreams and superstition." Clark expands on the concept in later books and articles. (Jerome Clark, "Experience Anomalies," *Fortean Times* 243 (December 2008): 42–47; Clark III 444–446; "[Dinsdale Award Lecture | Jerome Clark](#)," Society for Scientific Exploration YouTube channel, September 5, 2019; Jerome Clark, "[Experience Anomalies](#)," Center for UFO Studies, May 3, 2023; Clark IV 490–491)
- 2008, July 29** — Former UK Ministry of Defence official [Nick Pope](#) offers a rational response to the biased reportage in the May 26 issue of the *New York Times*, citing the O'Hare Airport and Alderney UFO cases. He concludes: "The United States Air Force or the National Aeronautics and Space Administration should reopen investigations of UFO phenomena. It would not imply that the country has suddenly started believing in little green men. It would simply recognize the possibility that radar alone cannot always tell us what's out there." (Nick Pope, "[Unidentified Flying Threats](#)," *New York Times*, July 29, 2008)
- 2008, August 18** — The Defense Intelligence Agency, through the Virginia Contracting Agency based at Bolling AFB in Washington, D.C., issues a small-business set-aside solicitation (HHM402-08-R-0211) for a company to handle its new Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program (AAWSAP), with a due date of September 10. The solicitation states that the primary focus is on "breakthrough technologies and applications that create discontinuities in currently evolving technology trends." The solicitation is slightly amended, by versions dated August 20 and August 22, 2008. An attachment to the solicitation, dated July 18, 2008, sets out the program objectives: "The objective of this program is to understand the physics and engineering of these applications as they apply to the foreign threat out to the far term, ie., from now through the year 2050. Primary focus is on breakthrough technologies and applications that create discontinuities in currently evolving technology trends." Technical studies in 12 areas are required, including in the areas of propulsion, signature reduction, and human effects. The closing date for bids is September 8. ("[B — Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program, Solicitation HHM402-08-R-0211](#)," August 18, 2008; Keith Basterfield, "[AATIP/AAWSAP: The Publicly Available Documentation on These Programs](#)," Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, December 27, 2018; Skinwalkers 20–21, 42–43; John Greenewald, "[The Black Vault's AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project](#)," The Black Vault, January 21, 2023)
- 2008, August 20** — 4:45 p.m. A military witness one mile outside Hrubieszów, Poland, watches a silvery isosceles triangle hovering and rotating around its axis in the west. He estimates it is 50 feet long on one side and less than 2 miles away. It flies over the area at an altitude of 330 feet. At one point it dims and literally vanishes in mid-air in a matter of seconds. (Poland 94–95)
- 2008, September** — Ufologist [Ademar José Gevaerd](#) states at a Brazilian UFO conference: "We are being visited by many civilizations from other planets. I have a feeling we'll soon have an answer to the questions we are all seeking."

- (“[Com teorias conspiratórias, aficionados por ufologia se ‘reencontram’ em SP.](#)” TV Globo (Rio de Janeiro), September 6, 2008; Clark IV 572)
- 2008,** September 12 — A career page on the Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies website offers a listing of potential careers within the company that matches the areas of expertise listed in the DIA’s AAWSAP solicitation. (“[BAASS Career Opportunities.](#)” Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies, [September 12, 2008])
- 2008,** September 16 — 10:30 p.m. A witness and his fiancée are driving north near Radomsko, Poland, when they see a black triangle with lights (apparently gas jets) at its corners slowly floating 500 feet above the road. Two of the lights are blinking and one is steady. The 30-foot-wide object has cubical protrusions on its side and a smooth bottom. It seems to be rotating at first and takes another pass over the highway at a higher altitude after doubling back. (Poland 93–94)
- 2008,** September 22 — A \$10 million initial contract for the Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program (AAWSAP) is awarded to Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies by the Defense Intelligence Agency. The only other bidder on the August solicitation is Lockheed Martin. The program contract directs that the “contractor shall complete advanced aerospace weapon system technical studies” on 12 topics, such as propulsion, power generation, materials, configuration, structure, and directed-energy weapons. The intent is to research technology that could shed light on the UFO/UAP phenomenon. [Robert Bigelow](#) has already set up the Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAASS) project, which now has 40–50 full-time support staff, to carry out the contract through September 30, 2010. DIA intelligence officer James T. Lacatski becomes the program manager in Washington, D.C., and biochemist [Colm Kelleher](#) is deputy administrator in Las Vegas. Engineer [Harold E. Puthoff](#) claims he is responsible determining what topics related to aerospace futures the program will address. The first administrator is NASA employee [Alan C. Holt](#), who resigns after a short time. (Clark III 48; Keith Basterfield, “[Dr. Colm Kelleher and the Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program.](#)” Unidentified Aerial Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 14, 2018; Keith Basterfield, “[Did the AAWSA Program/AATIP Really Start in 2007?](#)” Unidentified Aerial Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 16, 2018; Keith Basterfield, “[AATIP/AAWSAP: The Publicly Available Documentation on These Programs.](#)” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, December 27, 2018; Skinwalkers 20, 22–25, 42–44; John Greenewald, “[The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project.](#)” The Black Vault, January 21, 2023; Coulthart 2023, pp. 153–154; Covert, xxvi–xxvii, 1–7; Clark IV 704, 983; Keith Basterfield, “[There Was a BAASS AAWSAP Administrator before Robert Bigelow.](#)” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, June 28, 2025)
- 2008,** September 28 — [Luis Elizondo](#) is now working as an action officer in Partner Engagement in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, and subsequently as a branch chief, managing classified information to support the Office of Military Commissions. (John Greenewald, “[The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project.](#)” The Black Vault, January 21, 2023)
- 2008,** October 15 — Air Force Instruction 10-206, the document that governs the handling of UFO reports by Air Force personnel, is updated again. (John Greenewald, “[Air Force Instruction 10-206: The Vanishing UFO Regulation.](#)” The Black Vault, April 13, 2016)
- 2008,** October 17 — MUFON has formed a work team called MUFON Advanced Technology Establishment (MATE) consisting of [Robert M. Wood](#), Charles W. Modlin, [Robert Powell](#), and Chuck Reeve specifically to work with the Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies company. MATE signs a contract to provide BAASS with technical papers on the subjects of UAP lift, power generation, human interface, propulsion for interstellar travel, and control—all elements of the DIA contract proposal. Based on Wood’s direction, a handful of MATE papers are written by the team. For whatever reason, the authors’ names are not given on the papers themselves, each only identifying the team and where the document was written. On November 9, 2008, the MATE papers are delivered to BAASS in Las Vegas, for which MUFON is subsequently paid about \$10,000. (Curt Collins, “[The Pentagon UFO Program’s Secret Partner.](#)” Blue Blurry Lines, March 17, 2020; “[AAWSAP-BAASS-MUFON Document Collection, 2008–2009](#)”)
- 2008,** October 23 — 3:45 a.m. Truck driver Tim Comstock is driving on State Highway 7 north of Empire, Ohio, when he sees other drivers stopped along the side of the road. He stops his truck and sees, near the top of a hill ahead, a white light with a bit of orange inside it. He thinks it looks biological, not technological. It is the size of a large pickup truck and begins rising toward a triangle of blue lights above it, which seem to belong to one object. He takes some cellphone photos that capture both the large light and the triangle. (Linda Moulton Howe, “[More Ohio Eyewitnesses See Glowing ‘Pod’ Rise Up to Triangle.](#)” Earthfiles, December 12, 2008; Steve Hammons, “[UFO in UK Resembles Texas, Ohio Sightings.](#)” Earthpages.org, February 1, 2009; Covert 69)

- 2008**, October 31 — The National Archive in Brasília, Brazil, receives from the Center for Aeronautical Documentation and History a set of publications dated 1952–1969 on UFOs. Among them are documents identifying the government’s System of Investigation of Unidentified Aircraft and UFO cases investigated from October 1968 to August 1969. Another batch is received on April 23, 2009, covering the years 1970–1972. (Kean, [p. 199](#); Clark III 1072–1073; Clark IV 1187–1188)
- 2008**, October 31 — 6:00 p.m. An architect in Sandomierz, Poland, sees a boomerang- or half-moon-shaped object surrounded by a mist filled with red points of light. It is silently moving northeast at tremendous speed. (Poland 92–93)
- 2008**, November — [Robert Bigelow](#) hires biochemist [Colm Kelleher](#) as deputy administrator of the Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies project in Las Vegas, its first full-time employee. (Skinwalkers 44)
- 2008**, November — The Defense Intelligence Agency’s Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program (AAWSAP) completes a management plan that lists six major projects: Project Database (creation of the CAPELLA data warehouse), Project Physics (the 38 Defense Intelligence Reference Documents), Project Engagement (UFO case analysis), Project Northern Tier (examination of cases near USAF bases with nuclear weapons), Project Colares (gathering material from cases in the Colares, Brazil, wave of 1972–2003), and Project Ranch (studies at the Skinwalker ranch in Utah). Another effort, Project Consciousness (UFOs and paranormal phenomena) is also mentioned. (Keith Basterfield, “[An Analysis of That List of AAWSAP/AATIP Defense Intelligence Reference Documents](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, August 1, 2018; Covert 12–92, 195–206; Keith Basterfield, “[Lacatski’s New Book and Podcast Interview](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, October 23, 2023)
- 2008**, November — 9:00 p.m. A Polish woman living in Aarhus, Denmark, looks up and sees a gigantic luminous object silently heading west. It looks like it s made of glass or jelly and is surrounded by a misty illumination. (Poland 93)
- 2008**, November 5 — Researcher [Robert Powell](#) writes to NORAD’s Gen. [Victor E. Renuart Jr.](#) and Secretary of Homeland Security [Michael Chertoff](#), with copies to the FAA and chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Homeland Security, asking for an investigation of the Stephenville Lights case of January 8 as a violation of restricted airspace by “unknown aircraft” near the [Bush](#) ranch. (Glen Schulze and Robert Powell, “[Stephenville Lights: A Comprehensive Radar and Witness Report Study Regarding the Events of January 8, 2008, 4pm to 8pm](#),” December 18, 2010; Swords 348, 510–511)
- 2008**, November 10 — [Robert Bigelow](#) awards a contract to [Jacques Vallée](#) to prepare an outline for a UFO data warehouse for the Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAASS) project. French, Portuguese, and Danish translators are used to provide English translations. The data warehouse is made up of 11 databases at a cost of several million dollars. (Covert 163–169; Keith Basterfield, “[Lacatski’s New Book and Podcast Interview](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, October 23, 2023)
- 2008**, November 17 — A teacher is taking his dog for a stroll in Sulejówek, Poland, when he comes across a triangular object with lights along its rounded edges and in the center. It flies directly over him. (Poland 93)
- 2008**, December 22 — Maj. Gen. [John H. Bordelon](#), NORAD chief of staff, responds to [Powell](#)’s request. He claims an “exhaustive search” in data files was conducted, and the Air Force “could find no tactical or technical information that would corroborate this event.” He refers Powell to the National UFO Reporting Center hotline. (Swords 348, 512)

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- 2009** — The Center for UFO Studies creates an updated version of its UFOCAT database containing more than 209,551 UFO reports and related information. (Center for UFO Studies, “[UFOCAT](#)”)
- 2009** — Denmark and Sweden publicly release more than 15,000 UFO files each. Finland releases 300 UFO files from the years 1933 to 1979. (“[Dänische Luftwaffe öffnet geheimes UFO-Archiv](#),” grenzWissenschaft-aktuell.de, January 30, 2009; “[Hundreds of Official UFO Reports Released in Finland](#),” Finnish UFO Network, November 12, 2009; Kean, [p. 117](#))
- 2009** — Visión Ovni and many other UFO researchers in Argentina form Cefora, an organization to study the UFO phenomenon in detail. Silvia Simondini and others start collecting signatures on a petition to declassify Argentine military documents on UFOs. However, since most agencies are not required to keep documents more than 5 years, their efforts are frustrated by bureaucratic deaccession rules, especially for interesting Argentine reports.

(Wikipedia, "[Cefora](#)"; Milton Hourcade, "[Argentina: UFO Declassification](#)," U.A.P.S.G.–G.E.F.A.I., July 29, 2020)

2009 — The operations and maintenance contract for the day-to-day management and operation of the US Air Force Space Surveillance System is awarded to Five Rivers Services, based in Colorado Springs, Colorado. (Wikipedia, "[Air Force Space Surveillance System](#)")

2009, January 1 — Yvan White takes over as director of GEIPAN from Jacques Patenet, who continues as an advisor. (Swords 453)

2009, January 5 — 8:15–9:00 p.m. Mysterious floating red lights in the sky are reported near Morristown, New Jersey. The red lights are also observed on January 26, January 29, February 7, and February 17. The events are later revealed as a hoax perpetrated by Joe Rudy and Chris Russo, who are conducting a social experiment to expose ufology as a pseudoscience and raise consciousness around the unreliability of eyewitness claims. They release five flare lights attached to helium balloons. Reports are concentrated in the towns of Hanover Township, Morristown, Morris Plains, Madison, and Florham Park. On April 7, Russo and Rudy plead guilty to charges of disorderly conduct and are sentenced to fines of \$250 and 50 hours of community service. (Wikipedia, "[Morristown UFO hoax](#)"; "[Cops: Flares Ignite UFO Calls](#)," *Morristown (N.J.) Daily Record*, January 6, 2009, p. 3; "[Little Red Lights in Morris Sky Raising a Big Stir, Questions](#)," *Morristown (N.J.) Daily Record*, January 8, 2009, pp. 1, 7; "[Prosecutor Probes Strange Lights](#)," *Morristown (N.J.) Daily Record*, February 19, 2009, pp. 1, 7; Chris Russo and Joe Rudy, "[How We Staged the Morristown UFO Hoax](#)," eSkeptic, April 1, 2009; "[Two Morris Men Face Charges in UFO Hoax](#)," *Morristown (N.J.) Daily Record*, April 3, 2009, pp. 1, 7; "[How We Staged the Morristown UFO Hoax, Part 1: The Setup](#)," Skeptic YouTube channel, April 26, 2011; "[How We Staged the Morristown UFO Hoax, Part 2: The Launches](#)," Skeptic YouTube channel, April 26, 2011; "[How We Staged the Morristown UFO Hoax, Part 3: The Reactions](#)," Skeptic YouTube channel, April 26, 2011; "[How We Staged a UFO Hoax | Fakes, Frauds & Scammers](#)," VICE YouTube channel, July 26, 2021)

2009, January 23 — [Steven M. Greer](#) issues a "Special Presidential Briefing for President Barack Obama," in which he claims that the inaction of [Obama](#)'s predecessors has "led to an unacknowledged crisis that will be the greatest of your Presidency." Obama's response remains unknown. (Steven M. Greer, "[Special Presidential Briefing for President Barack Obama](#)," January 23, 2009; Clark IV 706)

2009, January 23–24 — [Bob Bigelow](#) meets in Las Vegas with members of MUFON to work out details of its cooperation with BAASS. BAASS wants to fund investigations of UFO sightings and have access to MUFON's databases. MUFON has been developing a Strike Team Area Research (STAR) program to deploy members with special training and equipment. The STAR Team is sort of a SWAT team of UFO field investigators, and Bigelow wants to fund them to be on call 24/7. There are concerns by the MUFON board of directors about the data shared with BAASS. Bigelow is nervous about continuing government funding, and he puts pressure on MUFON to get the field investigations up and running. Attending from MUFON are [James Carrion](#), [Jan Harzan](#), [John F. Schuessler](#), and Charles W. Modlin. Among those present for BAASS are Robert Bigelow, [Hal Puthoff](#), [Jacques Vallée](#), and [Colm Kelleher](#). At the meeting, Carrion gives a detailed slide presentation of the proposed plan and financials to demonstrate how BAASS funds would be allocated for salaries of field investigators and travel expenses. (Curt Collins, "[The Pentagon UFO Program's Secret Partner](#)," Blue Blurry Lines, March 17, 2020)

2009, February 18 — Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies contracts with MUFON to receive notification of significant UFO sightings, get timely reports on UFO investigations, receive physical evidence for scientific analysis, and full access to MUFON's Case Management System. During the same time, [Bob Bigelow](#) creates his own UFO team in Las Vegas, hiring "50 top-flight scientists to assist MUFON in this endeavor who will function as consultants and do expensive lab analysis." Essentially, MUFON's STAR serves as local cops, while BAASS is like the FBI swooping in on the really important cases. They also analyze the data and compile the reports, packaging them for "the sponsor." ("[MUFON to Receive Major Funding from Billionaire Backer](#)," *Nashville (Tenn.) Examiner*, March 6, 2009; Curt Collins, "[The Pentagon UFO Program's Secret Partner](#)," Blue Blurry Lines, March 17, 2020; Covert 121; "[AAWSAP-BAASS-MUFON Document Collection, 2008–2009](#)")

2009, March — The UK National Archives releases another batch of UFO files. (UK National Archives, "[Briefing Document: Unidentified Flying Objects \(UFOs\)](#)," 2013)

2009, March 9 — [Richard Lang](#) is hired by MUFON as the STAR Team Impact Project Coordinator in Las Vegas, Nevada, to rapidly deploy other team members to the most compelling UFO cases, in coordination with Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies. He remains in the job until January 2010. (Covert 121–122)

- 2009, April 4** — 1:23 a.m. Iris Waters and her teenage son, Michael, are driving down the street near their home in Crestline, Kansas, when they see a bright orange light some 200 feet above the trees. It is about as big as a small house. They turn the car north to follow the light, but it starts moving east. She takes a quick photo with her cellphone. (Covert 128–131)
- 2009, April 16** — 3:00 a.m. Jay Fuller wakes up in his home in Jacobsville, Maryland, after hearing a noise like a street sweeper, but it seems to be above the house. Outside, he can see a black, boomerang shape drifting over the tree line to the southeast. It takes about 17 minutes to pass over the house and fade away. (Covert 126–128)
- 2009, April 20** — 5:20 a.m. A witness is driving between Ranger and Chickalah, Arkansas, when she notices a light to the north, apparently above Mount Nebo. It moves closer to her car to about 100 feet, and she sees it is triangular with a light on each point. Her car starts making a rumbling noise and her cellphone is not working. She sees three metallic blue rotating lights on two sides of the object. Suddenly there is a flash and her car is illuminated. She looks back, and the object is gone. (Covert 123–126)
- 2009, April 22** — 12:39 p.m. Austin Cruz and Matt Harrison are driving 50 miles south of Marathon, Texas, on US Highway 385 when they see a bright teardrop-shaped object approaching with a shiny band of silver wrapped around the center. From about 900 feet away, it approaches swiftly, seems to condense itself, and passes through the car at the right front fender, rocking it. The interior becomes bright and Harrison says he cannot hear or see anything. He thinks there might be missing time, because when they pull into a gas station it is 3:14 p.m. (Covert 141–146)
- 2009, April 28** — Evening. A witness in Maricopa, Arizona, sees a stationary, amber-colored light in the southwest sky. He gets in his truck to drive toward the Ak-Chin Indian Community and sees multiple lights with flashing orange strobes on the ground behind the casino. Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAASS) thinks the lights are associated with a military exercise at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma. (Covert 131–134, 137–138)
- 2009, April 28** — 9:05 p.m. Jon Brooks notices three bright white strobe lights in the shape of a triangle from his backyard in Rillito, Arizona. They flash in sync with each other. Through binoculars he can see a dark-colored object behind the lights. The lights change formation and move away to the northwest. (Covert 138–141)
- 2009, April 28** — 9:45 p.m. A witness in El Mirage, Arizona, is looking south toward Estrella Mountain and sees three amber lights that are stationary. After watching them for 3–4 minutes they begin to twinkle brighter, then go out one by one. (Covert 134–136)
- 2009, May 8** — 9:18 p.m. Tyler Wood and Kinsley Brown are driving near Depp Road and US Highway 95 near Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada, when they see some three strange aircraft flying erratically in a triangle formation to the east. One of the objects falls in slow motion to the ground, while the other two separate and fly southwest. The couple follows them until one is parallel to their truck. It matches the truck's speed from 35 to 50 mph. When Wood reaches a dead end, the object passes overhead twice, then hovers 600–900 feet away. They shine a spotlight on it, and the object approaches, shining five bright, white-orange lights on them. It remains that way at a distance of 300 feet for about 10 minutes. Another object circles behind them. The first object follows them on the way back into town before returning in the direction of the original encounter. (Covert 146–153)
- 2009, May 8** — 11:45 p.m. “Derek Jones” is alerted by his two dogs barking in his backyard in northern Georgia, where his 10-year-old son is camping out in a tent with a friend. He sees a large triangular object about 300 feet long with yellowish lights at each apex moving silently above him. There is a bluish-white light in the center. Behind the triangle are four small objects, two egg-shaped and two round, with bluish-white lights that change to greenish to white and back to bluish. The smaller objects dart up and down soundlessly and erratically. He attempts taking pictures of it with a camera and a videocamera, but the batteries fail in both devices. When he points a bright spotlight beam at the triangle, it responds immediately with a beam of intense bluish-white light about 2–3 feet in diameter that strikes him for about 3 seconds, causing a burning sensation. He runs back into the house, where he watches two of the smaller objects move away to the south-southwest while the other two shoot straight up. He goes to bed, but is awakened by low-flying helicopters at 2:00 a.m. Around 7:30 a.m., he is visited by two men who want to talk about his “sighting report.” They are driving a black sedan, produce no identification, one of them is armed, and they behave oddly as they interview him for 30–40 minutes. After he sees the same men in the black sedan a week later, he reports the license plate to Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAASS), which tracks it to a Department of Homeland Security carpool. Jones experiences hair loss and general unwellness within 18 days of the incident. In October he develops lumps on his legs, groin, and back; they enlarge, multiply to 24, and become painful in February 2010. One of the lumps is diagnosed as non-malignant lymphoma, but a BAASS-contracted physician suspects Jones has undergone about 300 Grays of ionizing radiation. (Skinwalkers 99–105)

- 2009, May 18** — 12:30 a.m. Susan Allen is feeding her horses on her ranch near Woodward, Oklahoma, when she sees a low-flying object with blue, red, and white strobing lights. It turns and comes directly toward her for about 15 seconds, slowly coming to a complete stop about 150 feet away. She jumps in her pickup truck and drives to the corral gate. When she looks back, the lights are in the same place, hovering. She drives another quarter-mile, after which the lights have disappeared. Two of her horses develop odd spots on their coats. Allen later senses she might have missing time and reports some odd occurrences around the ranch. (Covert 153–158)
- 2009, May 26** — 9:52 p.m. A man in Rzeszów, Poland, notices from his balcony five strange, whirling red-orange lights twinkling above the suburban villages of Chmielnik and Tyczyn. He captures them on a video. (Poland 153–154)
- 2009, May 31** — 3:00 a.m. A witness in Browning, Kentucky, sees a distant light with colored bars on all four sides. (Covert 158–159)
- 2009, June** — The Uruguayan Air Force declassifies its UFO files and makes them public, including records of 40 cases that remain unexplained, some involving military pilots. Col. Ariel Sánchez, in charge of the UFO office, says that the “Air Force does not dismiss an extraterrestrial hypothesis based on our scientific analysis.” (“[Uruguay Joins the Party](#),” *Sarasota (Fla.) Herald-Tribune*, June 12, 2009; Kean, [p. 190](#))
- 2009, June 16** — 2:00 a.m. A woman in Kansas City, Kansas, is looking toward a public forest area behind her home when she notices a large white light moving toward her. It stops, and she uses her binoculars to get a closer look. The object consists of three large spheres connected together with a large arm or protrusion extending from beneath it. The arm is moving around in a circle. It stays in that position until it just disappears. Shortly afterward, military planes and helicopters move into the area and seem to be searching for something for about one hour. (Roger Marsh, “[Reports from Louisville and Kansas City](#),” *IUR* 32, no. 3 (July 2009): 20)
- 2009, June 24** — Sen. [Harry Reid](#) (D-Nev.) decides that the Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Application Program (misidentified intentionally as the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program) has made such extraordinary discoveries that he asks for additional security (individuals “specialized in the areas of advanced sciences, sensors, intelligence, counterintelligence, and advanced aerospace engineering”) to protect it. He writes Deputy Defense Secretary [William J. Lynn III](#) that AATIP has made “much progress” with the “identification of several highly sensitive, unconventional aerospace-related findings” that will “likely lead to technology advancements.” He requests that it be designated a “restricted Special Access Program.” Some of the ongoing projects include power and propulsion systems (nuclear propulsion, anuclear fusion, positron propulsion, magnetohydrodynamics, traversable wormholes, warp drives, antigravity, zero-point energy), materials science (metallic glass, programmable matter), recalculating the Drake Equation, invisibility, and weaponry (pulsed microwaves, high-powered lasers). (Harry Reid, [Letter to Deputy Secretary of Defense William Lynn III](#), June 24, 2009; Keith Basterfield, “[The 2009 Senator Reid AATIP Letter Revisited](#),” *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, July 29, 2018; Keith Basterfield, “[AATIP/AAWSAP: The Publicly Available Documentation on These Programs](#),” *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, December 27, 2018; *Skinwalkers* 27, 90–93; John Greenewald, “[Harry Reid and His AATIP Letter: The Mystery Deepens](#),” *The Black Vault*, April 28, 2021; Coulthart 2023, pp. 157–160; Clark IV 714)
- 2009, June 24** — 1:55 p.m. A package handler at Louisville International Airport in Kentucky sees a reflection in the sky from the south end of a runway. As it approaches, he sees it is a rotating object, first a cylinder, then a diamond shape. It moves over the runway in a straight line and at a steady speed about 1,500 feet high. The object stops at the end of the ramp and hovers for 30–40 seconds, then moves up into the clouds and disappears. (Roger Marsh, “[Reports from Louisville and Kansas City](#),” *IUR* 32, no. 3 (July 2009): 20)
- 2009, July** — At the invitation of [Robert Bigelow](#), naval aerospace engineer Jonathan Axelrod [[John F. “Jay” Stratton Jr.](#)], Jim Costigan, and David Wilson arrive at the Skinwalker Ranch in Utah to deploy a wide variety of sensory equipment to detect and record anomalies. They experience an odd temperature drop, intense anxiety, and a menacing dark oval shape. After Axelrod returns home to suburban Virginia, paranormal phenomena plague his family, including a humanoid shape, phantom footsteps, blue orbs, and a wolf-like creature standing on two legs. (*Skinwalkers* 1–8; Clark IV 650–651)
- 2009, July 5** — 9:20 p.m. Retired police officer Buck Scarsdale is sitting with his son Bo and girlfriend Joanna Fife on the porch of his ranch home in Lagol, Ventura County, California. They notice seven bright blue lights silently hovering several feet off the ground in the orchard about 500 feet away. They jump in a truck and drive slowly with the lights off toward the display. When they get there, the lights are gone. After returning to the house, they decide to drive back, this time with flashlights. After 10 minutes of searching on foot, they hear two loud clicks coming from some dense bushes, and three others clicks coming from different directions. They return to the house. Buck’s brother Roger arrives at 10:30 p.m., and both of them return to the orchard. Just before 11:00 p.m.,

Roger sees a silver, gray, and blue flash as an oblong object disappears into an opening in the sky that closes quickly. On July 10, Buck, Bo, and Joanna see an intensely blue light at the northern end of the pasture. Buck and Roger approach it and watch a floating light 5 feet in diameter maneuvering for 5 minutes 900 feet away before it vanishes. Two teams of investigators sent by BAASS also see lights and orbs the rest of the month, and their camera and video equipment behaves oddly. (Skinwalkers 59–69)

2009, July 30 — The BAASS Ten Month Report is delivered to DIA as contractually obligated. According to the reporting of Tim McMillan, it is a 494-page textbook-sized hardcover report. “The first pages list the names of every contractor working for BAASS with appropriate security clearances... some of those listed are very familiar to the UFO community, including [\[Hal\] Puthoff](#), [\[Eric\] Davis](#), [Jacques Vallée](#), and [Colm Kelleher](#).” It is “full of strategic plans, project summaries, data tables, charts, descriptions of biological field effects, physical characteristics, methods of detection, theoretical capabilities, witness interviews, photographs, and case synopses,” including, “a possible UAP landing reported to BAASS by the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) and its STAR Team.” (Curt Collins, “[The Pentagon UFO Program’s Secret Partner](#),” Blue Blurry Lines, March 17, 2020)

2009, August — [Robert Bigelow](#) brings Pentagon technical analyst Juliett Witt to the Skinwalker Ranch in Utah. Along with [Colm Kelleher](#), she experiences a cone of silence and a weird pig-like creature the one night she is there. Like Jonathan Axelrod, the phenomena follow her back home to Virginia, where she experiences poltergeist phenomena and sees a huge owl that attacks her car. (Skinwalkers, 50–58, 81–82)

2009, August 6 — The UK National Archives releases another batch of UFO files. (UK National Archives, “[Briefing Document: Unidentified Flying Objects \(UFOs\)](#),” 2013)

2009, August 7 — [Robert Bigelow](#) attends the MUFON UFO Symposium in Denver, Colorado, accompanied by [Colm Kelleher](#), BAASS deputy administrator. During the night’s award ceremony, Bigelow is honored for funding the STAR team field investigations. It is a historic occasion, since it is the only public exhibition of AAWSAP subcontractors. (Curt Collins, “[The Pentagon UFO Program’s Secret Partner](#),” Blue Blurry Lines, March 17, 2020)

2009, August 21 — 9:40 p.m. Tomasz Skorupski sees a deep-black object in the shape of the letter M flying west to east 200 feet above the ground at 50 mph at Kowale Oleckie, Poland. He estimates it is 10 feet in length and 30 feet at the widest point. Seven dimly yellow lights are positioned on the craft, while the rest seems dark and obscures the stars on its flight path. (Poland 100)

2009, September — [Ademar José Gevaerd](#) announces he has received a significant set of UFO-related Brazilian government documents, some of which have been classified for 80 years. The documents include details on the May 19, 1996, radar/visual cases in southern Brazil. However, Gevaerd says in an interview that tapes of the interception operations from that event have been destroyed. (Clark 572–573)

2009, September — 10:00 p.m. Jim Costigan, who had visited Skinwalker Ranch in Utah two months earlier, is walking his dog with his wife Laila in suburban Maryland when they see a blue, softball-sized light moving in their direction about 6 feet off the ground to the left. It accelerates and shoots between them, grazing Laila’s shoulder as it passes. Within seconds it is lost behind a house. The dog does not notice it. Laila becomes lethargic the next day and shows severe flu-like symptoms for the next few weeks. She is ultimately diagnosed with Hashimoto’s thyroiditis, an autoimmune disease of the thyroid. (Skinwalkers 77–79)

2009, November — The RAF Air Command prepares a briefing for UK Defence Minister [Bob Ainsworth](#) recommending that the Ministry of Defence “should seek to reduce very significantly the UFO task which is consuming increasing resources, but produces no valuable defence output.” (“[Britain’s Defense Ministry Releases Its Final UFO Files](#),” *USA Today*, June 21, 2013)

2009, November — Sen. [Harry Reid](#)’s request for Special Access Program status for the US Defense Intelligence Agency’s Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program is denied by a group at the Pentagon consisting of Deputy Defense Secretary [William J. Lynn III](#), Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Gen. [James R. Clapper](#), special programs officer at USDI Susan Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs [Marcel Lettre](#), and Defense Intelligence Agency defense warning officer Bob Carlsberg. (Skinwalkers 92–93; Gideon Lewis-Kraus, “[How the Pentagon Started Taking UFOs Seriously](#),” *The New Yorker*, April 30, 2021; Clark IV 714)

2009, November 25 — 12:15 a.m. A mental health professional is driving north on the Minisink Turnpike from Unionville to Port Jervis, New York, listening to Christmas CDs on the car’s player. Coming around a bend, he sees lights in the sky about one mile away. As he comes to the next turn, he slows down to 25 mph to get a better

look, but by then he is surprised to see that the five lights, blue-white-red-white-blue, are attached to a cigar-shaped object that is now almost on top of him. He stops the car on the side of the road, putting it in park with the engine running. The object is 200 feet long and rotating clockwise as it approaches slowly like a hot-air balloon. He hears a sound like a cat purring at a low frequency. Oddly, the lights do not illuminate the ground. The UFO passes overhead and his vehicle suffers a complete power failure. His cellphone is also dead. He opens the driver's door and looks up, seeing lights on the bottom of the object, which immediately blink out. The car starts again spontaneously and his cellphone boots up. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 1](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 20–21; Powell, *Scientific*, 89–90, 95; Clark IV 1219–1220)

- 2009**, December 1 — The UK Ministry of Defence shuts down its UFO hotline and closes its UFO desk, ostensibly because it has produced “no defence benefit” and no evidence of extraterrestrial aliens in more than 50 years. But the staff is overwhelmed by public inquiries, which are at a 10-year high. (“[UFO Investigations Unit Closed by Ministry of Defence](#),” BBC News, December 4, 2009; UFOFiles2, [pp. 175–176, 178](#); “[Britain’s Defense Ministry Releases Its Final UFO Files](#),” *USA Today*, June 21, 2013)
- 2009**, December 1 — The Defense Intelligence Agency’s AAWSAP program issues the first of 38 Project Physics position papers (Defense Intelligence Reference Documents) that define the current and projected state of the art in aerospace technology, all pertaining to the 12 areas chosen by the DIA. Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAASS) has subcontracted with [Harold E. Puthoff](#), CEO of EarthTech International in Austin, Texas, to choose the precise nature and scope of the papers. The first paper is on “Advanced Nuclear Propulsion for Manned Deep Space Missions” by physicist [Friedwardt Winterberg](#). (US Defense Intelligence Agency, [[list of products produced under the AATIP contract](#)], January 9, 2018; Skinwalkers 47, 122)
- 2009**, December 9 — Night. A large beam of light is seen and photographed for 10 minutes over all of northern Norway from Trøndelag in the south through all the counties further north, as well as parts of northern Sweden. The phenomenon consists of a blue beam of light with a grayish spiral emanating from one end of it. It moves from behind a mountain, stops in mid-air, and starts to spiral outwards. A similar, though less spectacular, event also occurred in Norway the month before. Both events have visual features of failed flights of Russian RSM-56 Bulava SLBM. The Russian Defense Ministry admits shortly afterward that such an event had taken place at the time on December 9. (Wikipedia, “[2009 Norwegian spiral anomaly](#)”; Tony Spell, “[Estimation of the Trajectory, Location, Size, and Altitude of the ‘Norway Spiral’ Phenomenon](#),” December 29, 2009)
- 2009**, December 11 — Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAASS) directors James T. Lacatski, [Colm Kelleher](#), and Larry Grossman meet at Bolling AFB [now Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling] in Washington, D.C., with Jack Angelo, director of operations for the Office of Special Projects of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. They brief him on their operations and security, and ask AFOSI for data on the Northern Tier UFO incursions of October–November 1975. Angelo promised to see what he could do, but BAASS needs to be accepted into some Special Access Programs to progress much further. (Skinwalkers 94–97)

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- 2010**, January — The RAF asks the Home Office to cancel standing instructions to police forces who have, in the past, routinely forwarded UFO sightings by officers to the MoD. (UFOFiles2, [p. 179](#))
- 2010**, January — US Navy Petty Officer John Baughman sees a “Tic-Tac” shaped object from the flight deck of the supercarrier [USS Carl Vinson](#) off the coast of Haiti. It is a solid, white object, some 20 feet long, that darts into the water and appears to collapse on itself and disappear. (Ryan Sprague, “[New Navy Witness Says He Saw a ‘Tic Tac’ Operating Underwater](#),” Medium: Trail of the Saucers, July 11, 2021)
- 2010**, January — The contract between BAASS and MUFON comes to an unexpected end when [Robert Bigelow](#)’s accountants cannot figure out the financial reports sent from MUFON. The contract is not renewed. [James Carrion](#) says he has uncovered damaging information about Bigelow’s Skinwalker Ranch, and relayed it to the board, “along with my doubts about the true agenda of the BAASS-MUFON relationship, the MUFON Board unethically bypassed me and communicated in secret with BAASS... When I found out about this unethical behavior... I resigned immediately...” The BAASS deal has forced MUFON to restructure and commit to paid positions and other expenses to support the STAR team investigations. When the funding is first cut, and then withdrawn, it cripples them. It is a fiasco, a sudden reversal of fortune, and an embarrassment for MUFON, which is left flat broke. (James Carrion, “[Strange Bedfellows](#),” Follow the Magic Thread, January 31, 2011; Richard Lang, “[What Caused the Failure of the BAASS–MUFON SIP Program?](#)” The UFO Chronicles, March 16, 2011; Curt Collins, “[The Pentagon UFO Program’s Secret Partner](#),” Blue Blurry Lines, March 17, 2020)

- 2010**, Late January — BAASS Director of Investigation Larry Grossman meets in Washington, D.C., with former AFOSI Col. Barry Hennessey (Ret.). He acknowledges that AFOSI cannot identify many of the UFOs associated with the Northern Tier air force bases in 1975. Hennessey suspects that many of the AFOSI investigative records for those cases have been purged, and hints to Grossman that some odd unmanned aerial vehicles could be military projects. (Skinwalkers 97–98)
- 2010**, February 11 — The Federal Aviation Administration issues an order telling air traffic control centers to report UFO sightings to either the Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies or the National UFO Reporting Center. (Federal Aviation Administration, “[Section 8. Unidentified Flying Object \(UFO\) Reports](#),” Order JO 7110.65T, February 11, 2010)
- 2010**, February 14 — 5:17 p.m. A couple and their daughter are having a Sunday picnic near the El Yeso Reservoir in the Andes Mountains about 45 miles southeast of Santiago, Chile. The woman takes several photographs of the sky because it is “unusually pretty.” Viewing the photos later on a computer monitor, they notice a reddish object on one of the frames. An analysis by [Richard F. Haines](#) shows that the object is apparently solid with several interesting surface details, including a red-and-white woven pattern with a large area of straight lines along the bottom. A portion of the object is obscured by clouds, but Haines estimates it could be as much as 200 feet in length. (Richard F. Haines, “[Photoanalyses of Digital Images Taken on February 14, 2010 at 1717 Hours above the Andes Mountains in Central Chile](#),” NARCAP IR-2, July 2, 2010)
- 2010**, February 17 — The UK National Archives releases another batch of UFO files, more than 6,000 pages of documentation and reports from 1994 to 2000. (“[UFO Sightings from the National Archives](#),” *The Guardian* (UK), February 17, 2010; UK National Archives, “[Briefing Document: Unidentified Flying Objects \(UFOs\)](#),” 2013)
- 2010**, March — The Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAASS) asks remote viewer [Joseph McMoneagle](#) to observe a target designated as 22610 using traditional blind targeting protocols. 22610 is actually Skinwalker Ranch in Utah. McMoneagle’s sketch of the ranch, its environment, animals, two ranch managers, and two security guards are accurate, but he indicates a fifth individual is present. He describes a male, 60–70 pounds, 4 feet 3 inches high, with no hair. McMoneagle says this person is invisible to ranch personnel, although he attempts to communicate with them to see their response. (Skinwalkers 120–121)
- 2010**, March 3 — Evening. S/Sgt. Omar Gonzalez and the crew of Dakota Air Traffic Control at Ellsworth AFB near Rapid City, South Dakota, pick up unidentified traffic crossing a passing aircraft, which reports visual contact with an object 2,000 feet above him. The target appears to be 18 miles south of the Ellsworth AFB runway. Suddenly the object vanishes from view and the radar track disappears. A few minutes later, the target reappears on radar behind the aircraft. (Skinwalkers 125)
- 2010**, March 3 — [Luis Elizondo](#) claims he takes over as manager of the informal Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP) on the departure of its former manager, although this is disputed by official Pentagon statements. The group is moved to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and Elizondo takes the position of Director of the National Programs Special Management Staff. (Keith Kloor, “[The Media Loves This UFO Expert Who Says He Worked for an Obscure Pentagon Program: Did He?](#)” *The Intercept*, June 1, 2019; John Greenewald, “[The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project](#),” *The Black Vault*, January 21, 2023; Clark IV 2, 704)
- 2010**, March 8–12 — Dozens of independent witnesses in Kraków and Rzeszów, Poland, report a strange disc-shaped object of considerable size with white or red lights on its perimeter and red-green lights on its base. (Poland 104–107)
- 2010**, Spring — The Nuclear Materials Group, led by [Thomas Hartmann](#), at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas Harry Reid Center, enters into an agreement with the Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAASS) to analyze solid or liquid materials. (Keith Basterfield, “[Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas](#),” *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, November 6, 2018; Keith Basterfield, “[The Process of Analysis of Materials, by BAASS](#),” *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, July 4, 2025)
- 2010**, April 22 — An unmanned HTV-2 Falcon hypersonic glider, the fastest unmanned aerial vehicle, reaches a record speed of 13,201 mph. (Wikipedia, “[Hypersonic Technology Vehicle 2](#)”)
- 2010**, April 22 — The first X-37B, an uncrewed, reusable, robotic spaceplane, launches on its first mission, Orbital Test Vehicle 1 / USA-212, on an Atlas V rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida. The spacecraft is placed into low Earth orbit for testing. While the Air Force reveals few orbital details of the mission, a worldwide

network of amateur astronomers claims to have identified the spacecraft in orbit. It lands on December 3 after more than 224 days in orbit. (Wikipedia, "[OTV-1](#)")

- 2010**, May 28 — The Federal Aviation Administration publishes 14 CFR 91.225 and 14 CFR 91.227, requiring any aircraft operating in Class A, B, and C airspace to be equipped with Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast capability in order to avoid mid-air collisions, referencing the Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System (TCAS II) aviators rely on for instructions on the avoidance of traffic conflicts. The recommended maneuvers provided by TCAS II, known as Resolution Advisories, or RAs, allow pilots the ability to increase or maintain their vertical separation from other aircraft operating nearby and may instruct aviators to climb or descend in altitude, as well as adjust their vertical speed to avoid possible collisions. (Micah Hanks, "[Pilot UFO Sightings Collected by NASA Reveal Serious Safety Concerns over Objects in US Airspace](#)," The Debrief, August 29, 2023)
- 2010**, June 14 — European Parliament Member [Mario Borghezio](#) calls for the European Union to have its own centralized information center where anyone can access information on UFOs, even records held by the military. Borghezio argues that governments should go public with the information they hold and stop what he believes is a systematic cover-up. Not satisfied with a central archive, Borghezio also wants a scientific center to study UFOs that could encourage research and development. "I think that, under the principle of transparency," he says, "the EU member states have a duty to make public and available to all scientific data on UFOs which today are partially or wholly withheld." ("[MEP Calls for Declassification of UFO Files](#)," Euractiv, July 7, 2010)
- 2010**, July 7 — 8:40 p.m. A UFO is seen hovering above Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport near Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China. An airliner preparing for descent first notices the object and notifies the tower. Within minutes, the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) closes the airport down, grounding outbound flights and diverting inbound ones to other airports. Normal operations resume an hour later. Nearby residents take photos of the UFO. One daylight photo taken earlier in the afternoon shows an object with a clear, comet-like tail; another, taken after dusk shows a glowing object emitting golden light. Another photo clearly shows an airplane with a contrail. CAAC conducts an investigation but refuses to release it publicly because there is a "military connection." MIT weapons analyst [Geoffrey Forden](#) says the most credible photo shows an arc streaking across the sky around sunset and that the most likely cause is the launch of a DF-21 missile somewhere near Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center and aimed at a point somewhere in the eastern Gobi Desert. ("[Flights Diverted, Delayed As UFO Detected Hovering](#)," People's Daily Online, July 9, 2010; "[UFO Forces Hangzhou Airport to Shut Down](#)," China Central Television, July 10, 2010; "[Hangzhou Light Show](#)," Arms Control Wonk, July 12, 2010; "[UFO in China's Skies Prompts Investigation](#)," ABC News, July 14, 2010; Alexis C. Madrigal, "[A UFO over China? Well, No](#)," *The Atlantic*, July 19, 2010; Bill Chalker, "[Chinese Airport UFO Incident Is Not an 'Alien Flying Saucer' According to Combined Beijing Shanghai UFO Investigation Team](#)," TheOzFiles, July 24, 2010; "[UFOs over China? Not Quite, Analyst Says](#)," CNN, July 20, 2010; Clark IV 1328)
- 2010**, August — The Nevada Test Site is renamed the Nevada National Security Site. (Wikipedia, "[Nevada Test Site](#)")
- 2010**, August 5 — The UK National Archives releases another 5,000 pages of UFO files to the public. This release alone generates 196 separate news items and reaches a readership of 25 million people. ("[Churchill Ordered UFO Cover-Up, National Archives Show](#)," BBC News, August 5, 2010; UFOFiles2, [p. xi](#); UK National Archives, "[Briefing Document: Unidentified Flying Objects \(UFOs\)](#)," 2013)
- 2010**, August 10 — Journalist [Leslie Kean](#) publishes *UFOs: Generals, Pilots, and Government Officials Go on the Record*, a compilation of nearly 30 years of firsthand sighting accounts by about one dozen officials and pilots. (Leslie Kean, *[UFOs: Generals, Pilots, and Government Officials Go on the Record](#)*, Harmony Books, 2010; Graff 395–396; Clark IV 703)
- 2010**, August 13 — 8:00 p.m. A circle of six yellow lights appears in the sky above the Jardim Bela Vista district of Bauru, São Paulo, Brazil. Dentist Daniela Tamarossi and others spend more than 2 hours watching it maneuver. (Brazil 403–405)
- 2010**, August 16 — 11:00 p.m. Two people camping on Cumberland Island National Seashore in Georgia are walking on the beach when they notice above them a low-flying triangular object with lights at each of its points. It is moving silently to the south toward Jacksonville, Florida. About 45 minutes later they see it through some trees from their campsite, again silent and heading south. ("[Sighting Report](#)," National UFO Reporting Center, November 21, 2010; Nukes 508)

- 2010, September 27** — Researcher [Robert Hastings](#) organizes a briefing at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., that brings together former US Air Force personnel who testify to the existence of UFOs and their ability to neutralize American and Russian nuclear missiles. Those appearing include former Capt. [Robert Salas](#), retired nuclear missile targeting officer Robert C. Jamison, and retired Col. [Charles I. Halt](#). Several of the ex-servicemembers say that when they brought their concerns to superiors, they were told it is “top secret” or that it “didn’t happen.” Hastings suggests the presence of such phenomena means that aliens could be monitoring our weapons and perhaps warning us about their use. (“[Ex-Air Force Personnel: UFOs Deactivated Nukes](#),” CBS News, September 28, 2010; Robert L. Hastings, “[The UFOs–Nukes Connection Press Conference](#),” October 11, 2010; “[Military Witnesses of UFOs at Nuclear Sites: National Press Club](#),” QUFOSR YouTube channel, December 15, 2016; Nukes 511–512)
- 2010, September 30** — The contract for the Defense Intelligence Agency’s Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program is extended until December 21, 2010, at no cost to the government. However, there is no congressional funding available for 2011. One of its most significant achievements is the development of a Data Warehouse that links 11 separate UFO databases and supporting documentation. The databases are the NIDS database airline and military pilot sightings, the USAF Blue Book database, UFOCAT, the MUFON Case Management System database, Project Colares, the Canadian government’s UFO releases, the UK government’s UFO releases, BAASS cases investigated, Skinwalker Ranch database, and a database of Skinwalker Ranch contagious health effects. Each UFO case is assigned a credibility rating designed by [Jacques Vallée](#), and the database configuration is based on a six-layer model developed by Vallée and [Eric W. Davis](#) in 2003, using layers designated as physical, anti-physical, psychological, physiological, psychic, and cultural. The Data Warehouse is not retired at the end of the AAWSAP, but is used by the UAP Task Force and its successor organizations. (Skinwalkers 26–27, 167–170)
- 2010, October 11** — 8:40 p.m. A man named Qiao sees two luminous objects, one small one and the other larger, over the Xincheng district of Taiyuan, Shaanxi, China. They keep circling in a regular pattern. Other luminous objects are reported above the Sanqianglu district. Soon the media hotlines are flooded with phone calls. Two luminous objects circling in the air are seen at 8:55 p.m. in the Xinhuaajie district, at 9:01 p.m. near the Apparel Town area, and at 9:05 p.m. near the racetrack. When reporters arrive at the plaza of the Taiyuan Railway Station, they see a large, milky-white, luminous spot circling above the clouds with a diameter of at least 32 feet. The object first looks like a luminous spot produced by a searchlight against the clouds, but it has no obvious light beams. The object circles and moves up and down and from side to side until it disappears around 9:10 p.m. (“[Chinese UFO Report Affirms Reality of Manipulative Extraterrestrial Abduction](#),” Canadian Business Daily, September 24, 2011)
- 2010, October 13** — 4:00 a.m. A village in the Qinling mountains of southern Shaanxi province, China, supposedly disappears overnight after witnesses contact news agencies to report UFOs in the area. Chinese troops allegedly cordon off the area with no explanation. A video circulates online, reportedly showing bright blue lights in the sky over the village. Subsequent reports deny a military presence in the area and attribute the story to rumor and misinformation. Other reports indicate the “disappearance” took place in 1987 and was part of a rural relocation program to alleviate poverty in the area. (“[Inexplicable Disappearance of a Village in the Qinling Mountains: UFO Village Vanishing?](#)” Before It’s News, October 14, 2010; “[China Qinling Mountains Village Vanishing after UFO \(13/10/2010\)](#),” Marco Maia YouTube channel, October 14, 2010; “[UFO Abduction of Whole Village Exposed As Rumor](#),” People’s Daily Online, October 18, 2010; Chris Saunders, “UFOs over China,” *Fortean Times* 331 (October 2015): 31; Robert Foyle Hunwick, “[China Unsolved: The Village That Vanished](#),” SupChina, July 11, 2018; Brent Swancer, “[A Mysterious Vanishing Village in China](#),” Mysterious Universe, June 26, 2019; “[Across China: Revisiting a Disappearing Village in Northwest China](#),” Xinhua, June 17, 2020)
- 2010, October 23–24** — Air Force personnel at Francis E. Warren AFB near Cheyenne, Wyoming, report seeing an enormous cigar-shaped craft maneuvering high above its missile field. The UFO appears similar to an advertising blimp but has no passenger gondola or advertising on its hull. On the same day, the missile site temporarily loses its ability to communicate with 50 of its Minuteman III nuclear missiles. The five Missile Alert Facilities affected, Alpha through Echo, are responsible for launching those ICBMs in time of war and comprise the 319th Strategic Missile Squadron. The Air Force then quickly acknowledges the problem, saying that a backup system could have launched the missiles if necessary and that the breakdown lasted only 59 minutes. But according to two missile technicians stationed at the base, the communications problem, while intermittent, lasts several hours. These confidential sources further report that the commander of the squadron sternly warns its members not to talk to journalists or researchers about “the things they may or may not have seen” in the sky near the missiles in recent months and threatens severe penalties for violating security. (NICAP, “[Base ‘Loses’ 50 Missiles](#)”; Marc

Ambinder, "[Failure Shuts Down Squadron of Nuclear Missiles](#)," *The Atlantic*, October 26, 2010; Robert L. Hastings, "[Huge UFO Sighted near Nuclear Missiles during October 2010 Launch System Disruption](#)," *UFOs & Nukes*, June 21, 2011; *Nukes* 515–517)

- 2010**, November 5 — Morning. Crowds attending an air show at El Bosque Airport in Santiago, Chile, see a swiftly moving UFO making passes around the participating aircraft. Seven videotapes of the object taken by different vantage points are collected by the Chilean government's Comité de Estudios de Fenómenos Aéreos Anómalos, which commissions scientists, aeronautical experts, and photographic technicians to subject them to a rigorous analysis. Each video includes three different, mainly horizontal loops flown by the UFO within seconds of each other. The object makes elliptical passes either near or around each of three sets of performing jets. It flies past the Halcones, F5s, and F16s at speeds so fast it is not noticed by the pilots or anyone on the ground below. Images show it as a dome-shaped, flat-bottomed object with no visible means of propulsion. The rounded top reflects the sun and appears metallic; the bottom is darker and flat, emitting some form of energy that is visible in photoanalysis. Infrared studies show the entire object is radiating heat, just like the jets. Scientists estimate the speed, depending on the size of the object, to be at least 4,000–6,000 mph, yet it produces no sonic boom. It zooms toward each set of jets at about their height, circles around, and zooms back out again. Pilots who are shown the trajectory of the object in the three flybys indicate that this maneuver is characteristic of reconnaissance aircraft coming in for a quick look at others in the sky. (Leslie Kean and Ralph Blumenthal, "[UFO Caught on Tape over Santiago Air Base](#)," *HuffPost*, March 3, 2012)
- 2010**, November 5 — In a letter to Spanish UFO researcher [Ignacio Darnaude](#), admitted Ummo hoaxter [José Luis Jordán Peña](#) elaborates on the reason why he began writing the fake letters. He acknowledges that he used collaborators (Vicente Ortuno, Norman West, John Child, Mercedes Carrasco, Alberto Borrás, Trinidad Pastrana, Sean O'Connelly, Iker J.) who sent letters from distant places and that he created the fictional character of John Axe to better disseminate his knowledge. He claims he was contacted at the outset by two American doctors, Jonathan F. McGuire and Arnold J. Lebotski (he previously said that they were CIA agents), working for a foreign organization who offered him, for a fee, to carry out a sociological experiment in the interest of western culture. (Wikipedia, "[Ummo](#)"; Alain Moreau, "[Ummo: Une imposture?](#)" *Les Cles de l'Inexpliqué*; Scott Corrales, "[The Ummo Experience: Are You Experienced?](#)" *Strange Magazine*; UmmoWiki, "[José Luis Jordán Peña](#)")
- 2010**, November 14 — 6:30 p.m. A swiftly moving light is seen maneuvering in the sky above Logradouro, Ceará, Brazil, apparently following witnesses, for more than 6 hours. (Brazil 407–408)
- 2010**, December 1 — A memo from Defense Intelligence Agency Director [Ronald L. Burgess Jr.](#) to Under Secretary of Defense [Ashton Carter](#) specifically refers to the DIA's Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program (AAWSAP) as the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP). (Memo from Ronald L. Burgess, "[Advanced Aerospace Threat and Identification Program](#)," December 1, 2010)
- 2010**, December 21 — The DIA's Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program is officially terminated. Afterward, James Lacatski personally seeks continued funding, without success. He terminates the program altogether when funds are depleted by August 2012. [Jacques Vallée](#) maintains close contact with some of the BAASS personnel, including [Christopher \(Kit\) Green](#), [Eric W. Davis](#), [Harold E. Puthoff](#), [John F. Schuessler](#), George Hathaway, and [Robert Bigelow](#). This group, or a subset of its members, meet regularly at a variety of locations that include Toronto, Ontario; Austin, Texas; and Vienna, Austria, to continue discussions on the phenomena. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Luis Cayetano, "[On the AAWSAP-AATIP Confusion](#)," June 30, 2024; Clark IV 704; Keith Basterfield, "[Things I Learned from Jacques Vallée's 'Forbidden Science 6'](#)," *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, February 1, 2025)
- 2010**, December 22 — The New Zealand Ministry of Defence releases 12 volumes of documents related to UFOs dating from 1952 to 2009. (Suzy Hansen, "[Relinquishing Responsibility? Circumstances Surrounding the Release of the New Zealand MOD UFO Files 2010/2011](#)," *Ufocus.nz*, 2018)

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- 2011**, January — [Philippe Ailleris](#), amateur astronomer and founder of the Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena Reporting Scheme, publishes "UFOs and Exogenous Intelligence Encounters" in the *European Space Policy Institute Perspectives* newsletter. Although he makes it clear that a large percentage of UFO sightings are explainable, an open-minded approach toward the phenomenon is necessary. He argues that UFOs have had a positive influence on public support for space exploration and SETI, and that 60 years of UFO sightings have opened our minds to

- the inevitability of direct contact with nonhuman intelligences. (Philippe Ailleris, [“UFOs and Exogenous Intelligence Encounters,”](#) *European Space Policy Institute Perspectives*, no. 43 (January 2011))
- 2011, January** — [Carol Rainey](#), the former wife and coworker of Budd Hopkins, publishes an exposé of his techniques, suggesting that he was too easily lured by stories, such as Linda Napolitano’s, that bear little resemblance to typical alien encounters. She asserts that “The sensational cases published in [Budd] Hopkins’ *Intruders and Witnessed*, in [David] Jacobs’s *Secret Life* and *The Threat* ... are not the norm for abduction experiences.” (Carol Rainey, [“The Priests of High Strangeness: Co-Creation of the ‘Alien Abduction Phenomenon,’](#)” *Paratopia*1, no. 1 (2011))
- 2011, February 7** — James T. Lacatski provides an in-depth briefing to Jim Bell and Sacha Mover of the Department of Homeland Security’s Science and Technology Directorate on the accomplishments of the AAWSAP in an attempt to transfer the program out of the Department of Defense. He recounts the BAASS investigations into UAPs and the paranormal events at the Skinwalker Ranch in Utah, as well as AAWSAP’s research into advanced technologies. Lacatski works with Sen. [Harry Reid](#) (D-Nev.) and Sen. [Joe Lieberman](#) (I-Conn.) to attempt to get the BAASS-like project funded. Negotiations and presentations continue through December, but DHS is ultimately uninterested and concerned about negative publicity. (Skinwalkers 28, 142–143, 148–154)
- 2011, March 11** — 2:46 p.m. A 9.0 M_w earthquake takes place with an epicenter near Honshu, Japan. Immediately after the earthquake, the electricity-producing Reactors 1, 2, and 3 at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in Okuma, Fukushima Prefecture, Japan, automatically shut down their sustained fission reactions by inserting control rods in a safety procedure referred to as a SCRAM, which ends the reactors’ normal running conditions, by closing down the fission reaction in a controlled manner. Because the reactors are now unable to generate power to run their own coolant pumps, emergency diesel generators come online, as designed, to power electronics and coolant systems. These operate normally until a 46-foot tsunami sweeps over the plant’s seawall and destroys the generators for Reactors 1–5. Large amounts of water contaminated with radioactive isotopes are released into the Pacific Ocean during and after the disaster. (Wikipedia, [“Fukushima nuclear accident”](#))
- 2011, March 31** — The New Zealand Ministry of Defence releases a further 3 volumes of documents related to UFOs. (Suzy Hansen, [“Relinquishing Responsibility? Circumstances Surrounding the Release of the New Zealand MOD UFO Files 2010/2011,”](#) *Ufocus.nz*, 2018)
- 2011, May 6** — The Argentine Air Force creates the Comisión de Estudio de Fenómenos Aeroespaciales for the study of aerospace phenomena. Capt. [Morianio Mohaupt](#), Air Force press spokesman, says that the commission is composed of meteorologists, air traffic controllers, pilots, and radar experts, who will look into sightings. Since 2015 it has been managed with rigor and transparency by Commodore Rubén Lianza. ([“Argentina Creates UFO Commission,”](#) *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 21; Milton Hourcade, [“Argentina: UFO Declassification,”](#) U.A.P.S.G.–G.E.F.A.I., July 29, 2020)
- 2011, June** — Former White House Chief of Staff [John Podesta](#) invites journalist [Leslie Kean](#) to make a confidential presentation at a think tank, the Center for American Progress. Kean advises the audience—scientists, foreign military figures, and officials from NASA, the Pentagon, and the Department of Transportation—that the challenge is “to undo fifty years of reinforcement of UAP as folklore and pseudoscience.” (Gideon Lewis-Kraus, [“How the Pentagon Started Taking U.F.O.s Seriously,”](#) *The New Yorker*, April 30, 2021; Clark IV 712)
- 2011, June 6** — 8:00 p.m. A Mrs. Beata is walking her dog in the Baranówka neighborhood of Rzeszów, Poland. She sees an elliptical, dull metallic object crossing the sky just above the trees about 180 feet away. It is about 30–50 feet long and 15–30 feet across and completely silent. It disappears after emitting some flashes of light from its perimeter. (Poland 155–156)
- 2011, July** — Igor Kalytyuk begins publishing *Novosti Ufologii*, an online UFO newsletter, in Rivne, Ukraine. It continues through December 2016, accompanied by occasional special bulletins of the Ufology News Project from 2012 to 2018. (*Novosti Ufologii*, no. 1 (July 2011); [“About the Ufology News Project”](#))
- 2011, July 11** — A Prospective Special Access Program, Kona Blue, is created within the US Department of Homeland Security with the objective of collecting and analyzing data relating to “sensitive materials and technologies, to include advanced aerospace vehicles.” The proposed contractor would be Bigelow Aerospace company in concert with the Defense Intelligence Agency’s Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program (AAWSAP). However, the proposed program is denied official status in December, as “no data or material of any kind was ever transferred to or collected by DHS” through the project. The program is terminated December 12, 2011. (All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, [\[Kona Blue documents\]](#); John Greenewald, [“DoD Releases](#)

[‘KONA BLUE’ Documents,](#)” The Black Vault, April 16, 2024; Marik Von Rennenkampff, [“Top Senators Believe the US Secretly Recovered UFOs,”](#) The Hill, May 9, 2024; Clark IV 2)

2011, August — The UK National Archives makes available its first batch of Ministry of Defence UFO files from 1985 to 1995, followed shortly afterward by files for 1997 and 1998–2000. (UK National Archives, [“Briefing Document: Unidentified Flying Objects \(UFOs\),”](#) 2013)

2011, September 25 — 5:00 a.m. An 18-year-old girl in Baborów, Poland, is awakened by a light from a blue triangular object hovering outside her bedroom window. Its contours are outlined with white halogen-like lights and there is what looks like a hatch in its center from which a mist is emanating. She can feel the heat from the object on her face and forehead. The object departs to the west but does not disappear until 6:30 a.m. (Poland 100–101)

2011, October 27 — 5:25 a.m. A married couple are outside their home near Sealy, Texas, looking at the stars. They notice that the star Rigel is pulsating in an unusual fashion—gradually brightening for 3 seconds, holding bright for 10 seconds, dimming to its normal brightness for 3 seconds, then holding steady for 2–3 seconds before the cycle repeats. This process repeats about five times. Suddenly the husband sees an orange-red orb, large enough to be discernible as a distinct object, appears at the 9 o’clock position some 1 to 1.5 orb-diameters away from Rigel. It disappears after 2 seconds, then after another 2 seconds, another orange-red orb appears in the 3 o’clock position of Rigel, a similar distance away. It persists for 2 seconds, then disappears. Rigel makes no more pulsations after the orb disappears. (Powell, *Scientist*, 57–58)

2011, November — Out of its 1,170 fully investigated UFO cases, the French UFO agency GEIPAN shows that 22% are unidentified. (Swords 453)

2011, November — The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy responds to a petition by the Paradigm Research Group to “disclose the government’s knowledge of and communications with extraterrestrial beings” by stating: “The U.S. government has no evidence that any life exists outside our planet, or that an extraterrestrial presence has contacted or engaged any member of the human race. In addition, there is no credible information to suggest that any evidence is being hidden from the public’s eye.” (Melissa Bell, [“White House Denies Aliens Exist on Earth,”](#) *Washington Post*, November 7, 2011; Clark IV 706)

2011, November 15 — Navy Aviation Maintenance Administrator Angelo Accetta sees a triangular glowing object with white glowing points above Fleet Readiness Center West at Naval Air Station Lemoore in Lemoore Station, California. After watching the triangle travel slowly for 3 minutes, it departs at instantaneous speed and disappears. Accetta tells his superior but is laughed at and asked if he had been drinking. While on watch, Accetta allegedly sees the triangle four other times between February and October 2012, but he notices no response by the air station to the overflight. (Ryan Sprague, [“Navy Serviceman Reports Five Separate Triangle UFO Incidents over Naval Air Station,”](#) Medium: On the Trail of the Saucers, June 13, 2022)

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2012 — Native American Andy Sixkiller Clarke writes of many abduction accounts she uncovered in her interviews with American Indians on their UFO experiences. (Andy Sixkiller Clarke, *Encounters with Star People*, Anomalist, 2012)

2012, January — Harvard psychologist [Richard McNally](#) explains his methods of experimental psychopathology to explain why seemingly sincere, nonpsychotic people claim to have memories of being abducted by space aliens or memories from past lives. His data points to quasi-spiritual motivations (New Age beliefs) for why some people embrace the identity of alien abductee or past lifer. The subjects also score high on absorption, “a measure related to a vivid imagination and a rich fantasy life.” (Richard J. McNally, [“Explaining ‘Memories’ of Space Alien Abduction and Past Lives: An Experimental Psychopathology Approach,”](#) *Journal of Experimental Psychopathology* 3, no. 1 (2012): 2–16; Eghigian, *After*, p. 303)

2012, February 18 — 2:00 p.m. A father and son, both pilots, are in their propellor-driven Mooney Ovation II flying at 7,480 feet. Shortly after they cross the border of Virginia from Charlotte, North Carolina, they prepare to land in Richmond. Above Chase City, Virginia, the father unexpectedly sees a bright, glowing sphere about 30 feet in diameter flying alongside the aircraft. As the UFO begins to soar about 50 feet away from the right wing, the

plane loses power. All of the electrical equipment (including the computer) suddenly turns off. A few seconds later, the plane regains all systems as the UFO swiftly shoots away at an incredible speed. (NICAP, "[Aircraft Encounters UFO and E-M Effects \(Case 36293\)](#)")

2012, March — The Center for UFO Studies publishes the final issue of the *International UFO Reporter*. ([International UFO Reporter](#) 34, no. 2 (March 2012))

2012, March 25 — Two correctional officers at the Johnson County Jail in Cleburne, Texas, see a dark triangular object with white lights around its perimeter moving silently and slowly in the sky. It appears to jerk as it moves, as if it is jumping from one location to another. It speeds up and is gone within a second. (Powell, *Scientist*, 68)

2012, April 13 — Afternoon. Mihnea Mustăța and other observers north of Ploiești, Romania, watch a white, hat-shaped object passing over a field to the east at about 53 mph toward the village of Pleașa. It disappears for a few minutes and reappears in a different location. Starting at 2:28 p.m., Mustăța takes several photos of the object before it disappears, accompanied by several balls of light. (Romania 80–82)

2012, May 10 — 3:00 p.m. Workers at a warehouse in Rzeszów, Poland, see a group of spherical objects converging from various directions to a point where a large object shaped like a “screw-thread” is hovering. Two spheres fly away after maneuvering in the air. The other objects disappear (Poland 155)

2012, May 10 — 9:30 p.m. A witness in Hermanowa, Poland, watches a light approach him until it is only 100 feet away, only 6–10 feet above his neighbor’s house. An identical object, also about 1 foot in diameter, on the same flight path appears and stops in the same position above the adjacent house. After 20 seconds, it veers off at an angle of 130° and both objects fly away. (Poland 155)

2012, Late May — Evening. Two wind-farm engineers are on top of a 4–5 story building in Mamaia-Set, Romania, when they see a large V-formation consisting of clusters of three lights approaching at high speed from the south. The formation crosses the sky in 4–5 seconds. (Romania 82–83)

2012, June 14 — 10:00 p.m. A security guard sees a glowing white object some 40–50 feet in diameter, 1,530 feet away from his vehicle in Yuba City, California. It has three exterior blue, green, and red lights that are flashing alternately. He watches the object for 5 minutes with his night-vision-equipped binoculars as it glides slowly along the tree line, swaying from side to side, then stopping and hovering. (“[MUFON Case 41298](#),” May 18, 2013; Powell, *Scientist*, 47–48)

2012, July — The UK National Archives opens more UFO policy files, covering 1995–1997, 1997–1998, and 2002–2008. (UK National Archives, “[Briefing Document: Unidentified Flying Objects \(UFOs\)](#),” 2013)

2012, July 5 — 10:04 p.m. A security camera at a well site in the Eagle Ford Shale Field near Cotulla, Texas, snaps an image of what appears to be a 60-foot-diameter object with an array of four lights hovering above the caliche pad of an oil well. Later, in October, workers at the site report UFOs in the night sky. One of them named Xavier Garza takes a blurry video of a reddish-orange orb in the northern sky. It is possible that the photo is a blurry, open-aperture image of a truck passing by. (“[Observers Think UFOs Hovered above the Eagle Ford Shale](#),” *San Antonio (Tex.) News-Express*, January 12, 2013; “[Cotulla 2012: Security Camera Shows UFO Hovering over South Texas Oil Field](#),” Texas UFO Museum and Research Library)

2012, August 1–15 — Indian Army troops deployed along the Chinese border from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh report as many as 100 UFO sightings. The 14th Corps, which is deployed in the Kargil and Leh districts and patrols the frontier with China, sends reports to Army headquarters about sightings by an Indo-Tibetan Border Police unit in the Thakung district near lake Pangong Tso in the Himalayas. The reports describe yellowish spheres that appear to lift off from the horizon on the Chinese side and slowly traverse the sky for 3–5 hours before disappearing. The Army uses a mobile ground-based radar unit and a spectrum analyzer to verify the identity of the UFOs, but they cannot track the spheres on radar. Officials insist the objects are not Chinese drones. (“[Over 100 UFOs Seen along China Border](#),” *Times of India*, November 6, 2012; Dirk Vander Ploeg, “[Chinese, Russian, and Indian Troops Jointly Spot UFOs](#),” *UFO Digest*, March 16, 2013)

2012, August 3 — Kathleen Marden reports on a survey of abductees in which 38% report seeing hybrids, usually in a large facility along with humans being examined. These respondents see short and tall gray humanoids along with a few mantis-like, reptilian, Nordic, and occasional rarer types. One surprise finding is that 40% suffer chronic fatigue syndrome or mononucleosis. They also report examinations focused on glandular tissue, especially the thymus, a gland that has been implicated in these illnesses. (Kathleen Marden, “Abduction Experiencers’

- 2012**, September 19 — 9:45 p.m. Jennifer Styer is driving north on Antelope Lane near Roy, Montana, when she sees two V-shaped objects to the northwest that speed silently toward her. They have orange lights on each arm and are flying in a straight line quite close to each other. Civilians in Roy notice elevated USAF security patrols and missile maintenance vans in the weeks following the overflight. (Robert L. Hastings, “[UFOs Reported near Malmstrom AFB’s Nuclear Missile Sites in September 2012](#),” *UFOs & Nukes*, November 4, 2012)
- 2012**, September 21 — 8:30 pm. Dale Uhler and his wife are driving north-northwest of Moccasin, Montana, two miles north of the intersection of North Star and Fieldstone roads, when they notice a bar-shaped, yellow-orange light about 30°–35° above the horizon. It then splits into three lights, which persist for about 20 seconds before disappearing. A second witness on the Old Musselshell Trail south of the Missouri River, Montana, sees what may be the same display, which appears to him as four orange lights that appear and disappear in sequence. A third witness, about 20 miles east of Roy, Montana, also sees the lights to the north. (Robert L. Hastings, “[UFOs Reported near Malmstrom AFB’s Nuclear Missile Sites in September 2012](#),” *UFOs & Nukes*, November 4, 2012)

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- 2013** — The Pentagon’s black budget is at \$52.6 billion, according to documents leaked by former contractor [Edward Snowden](#). Although the government has annually released its overall level of intelligence spending since 2007, it does not divulge how it uses the money or how it performs against the goals set by the president and Congress. (“[‘Black Budget’ Summary Details U.S. Spy Network’s Successes, Failures, and Objectives](#),” *Washington Post*, August 29, 2013)
- 2013**, January 4 — Night. Dogs belonging to Carlos Torres of Pine Bush, New York, become noisy and agitated. When he goes outside, he sees a huge rectangular object blocking out the stars and moving silently overhead. His young daughter is terrified. It takes 2 minutes to travel out of sight. (Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, p. 125)
- 2013**, January 8 — 4:00 a.m. Two policemen in a village near Nysa, Poland, notice distant lights that appear and reappear. At one point, they stop their patrol car to observe the light, which is changing shape and radiating a number of colored lights. The light approaches them and stops a half-mile away. Small points of light break off from its base, some returning into it and others disappearing in mid-air. The primary light then gives off a stroboscopic flash of light that illuminates a large area. The officers drive away, but the light follows them. They stop again at a parking lot and see that the light is coming from a domed disc emitting dazzling yellow lights. Three blue lights are on its base. They drive off again, but the object paces them at a distance of about one mile. Both officers experience strong anxiety during the sighting, and there is a possible element of missing time. (“[Opolskie: Policjanci widzą UFO \(08.01.13\): Raport](#),” Portal Infra, March 1, 2013; Poland 110–114)
- 2013**, January 12 — 8:20 p.m. A married couple pull out of their driveway in West Melbourne, Florida, to go out to dinner. As the couple drive west down their street, they see three bright lights in a row in the sky. They assume that the lights are Chinese lanterns, since they are all at or above the same elevation. As they draw closer, they realize that the lights form a single object. As the object turns, the lights are in a pyramidal shape (indicating rotation of the object that causes the three horizontal lights to appear like a pyramid). At the same time, the object bolts away at an incredible speed and disappears in a few seconds. (NICAP, “[Pyramid-Shaped Object Observed by Couple](#)”)
- 2013**, March 5 — 5:30 p.m. A witness in the Słocina neighborhood of Rzeszów, Poland, lets her cat outside, but it panics. She looks up and sees strange lights about a quarter of a mile away. She looks through binoculars and sees that the lights are attached to an object with a cupola hovering about 650 feet above some houses in the area. It flies away to the east. (Poland 157)
- 2013**, March 19–20 — In the early hours of March 19, a couple living in a rural section of Warkworth, New Zealand, see a blue flash and hear a loud explosion that causes the building to shake. The next morning they find their telephone service is out and their fax machine’s circuitry is melted. Around midnight on March 20, the woman is watching TV while her husband has gone to bed. She hears a loud sound like jet engines thrusting and goes outside to see a large, black isosceles triangle about 800 feet away and 600 feet in the air, slowly rising among the treetops. It drifts sideways and gradually turns or pivots. The underside of the craft is flat and smooth, a pale pearly metallic color. It has three reddish-orange rings with black centers, one at each point of the triangle, which

resemble hot glowing metal rather than actual lights. In the center of the underside is a white strobe light, rotating with a circular movement and casting an intermittent short beam of light. She watches it for 20 seconds as it moves above the house, tilts its nose upwards, and rises more quietly up the ridge-line behind the house, briefly pausing near a transmitter mast positioned on the top of the hill. From there it gains altitude rapidly and suddenly shoots away at phenomenal speed and disappears within seconds. (Suzy Hansen, "[Sightings of a 'Black Triangle' \(Air\)craft, 2013.](#)" Ufocus.nz, 2013)

2013, March 31 — Twilight. A young couple watches a triangular formation of lights hovering above a forest near Biała, Lower Silesian Voivodeship, Poland. It looks to be about 400 feet wide. After a change in position it moves off in the direction of Chojnów to the south. (Poland 95–96)

2013, April 18 — Members of the Brazilian Ufologists Commission meet with representatives of the Brazilian armed forces at the Ministry of Defense to discuss gaining access to military documents involving UFOs. Attendees determine that Navy, Army, and Air Force documents related to UFOs are to be made public, as established by the law on access to information. More than 10,000 pages of previously confidential documents are released to the public and are available at the National Archives in Brasilia and online. (Alejandro Rojas, "[UFO Researchers Meet with Brazilian Ministry of Defense.](#)" OpenMinds, April 26, 2013; Thiago Luiz Ticchetti, "[Momento Histórico: Ministério da Defesa recebeu ufólogos para tratar sobre extraterrestres.](#)" *Revista UFO*, April 19, 2024; "[Carta inédita de Gevaerd sobre a visita com Forças Armadas, autoridades governamentais e ufólogos.](#)" *Revista UFO*, August 17, 2024)

2013, April 25 — 9:20 p.m. An unknown object flying at a low altitude passes directly above the Rafael Hernández Airport runway in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, causing the delayed departure of a commercial aircraft. No transponder signal or other communication from the object alerts the airport tower, creating a dangerous situation with departures and arrivals. The pilots of an airborne US Customs and Border Protection De Havilland Canada Dash 8 turboprop aircraft see a pinkish or reddish light over the ocean in their vicinity, so they film the object on infrared thermal video. The object is 3–5 feet in length and its speed varies from 40 to 120 mph. The 3-minute footage shows the flight of an object that crosses into northwestern Puerto Rico from the Atlantic Ocean, traverses the space over the airport twice, then returns to the Atlantic where it apparently submerges. Its speed through the water reaches a high of 95 mph. Chemist [Robert Powell](#) and five other members of the Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies later obtain the video and subject it to a thorough analysis. Their conclusion in 2018 is that the video is the "best documentation of an unknown aerial and submerged nautical object exhibiting advanced technology" that the authors have seen. An analysis by AARO in March 2025 claims that the video actually depicts two objects, possibly sky lanterns, traveling near each other rather than a single object splitting apart. The agency states that a reconstruction of the event using Systems Toolkit modeling determined that the objects drifted at approximately 8 mph, consistent with wind speed at the time. Its report claims that what appears to be transmedium behavior is instead the result of the infrared sensor's limitations and that thermal crossover (a phenomenon in which an object's heat signature blends with the background) caused the objects to appear to vanish when they reached the ocean. (Robert Powell, et al., "[2013 Aguadilla Puerto Rico UAP: The Detailed Analysis of an Unidentified Anomalous Phenomenon Captured by the Department of Homeland Security.](#)" Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies, August 15, 2018; "[Limina Inaugural Symposium Day 3—Robert Powell.](#)" Society for UAP Studies YouTube channel, April 2023; Powell, *Scientist*, 18; All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, "[Case: 'The Puerto Rico Object.'](#)" March 20, 2025; John Greenewald, "[DoD Report Says Aguadilla UFO Was Just Sky Lanterns; Previous Scientific Studies Claim Otherwise.](#)" The Black Vault, March 20, 2025; Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies, "[SCU Announcement on the AARO Investigation of the Aguadilla Video.](#)" April 28, 2025)

2013, April 29–May 3 — [Stephen Bassett](#)'s Paradigm Research Group holds a Citizens Hearing on Disclosure at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Forty UFO researchers, along with political and military representatives ([Robert Salas](#), [Paul Hellyer](#), [Nick Pope](#)), testify to six former members of the US Congress: [Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick](#) (D-Mich.), [Merrill Cook](#) (R-Utah), [Lynn Woolsey](#) (D-Calif.), [Darlene Hooley](#) (D-Oreg.), [Roscoe Bartlett](#) (R-Md.), and [Mike Gravel](#) (D-Alaska). The witnesses speak for 30 hours over five days. The panel reaches the conclusion that the US government and other governments need to share what is known about UFO sightings and the United Nations should take the subject of UFOs seriously. (Richard B. Muhammad, "[What Is the Truth about UFOs?](#)" The Final Call, May 7, 2013; "[Citizen Hearing on Disclosure \(2013\).](#)" The Unidentified, May 27, 2018)

2013, June — Researcher [David Marler](#) publishes *Triangular UFOs*, an evaluation of hundreds of reports of delta-shaped UFOs seen worldwide. Marler assesses whether these represent an extraterrestrial UFO visitation or a secret

project developed by one or more governments. (David Marler, [*Triangular UFOs: An Estimate of the Situation*](#), Richard Dolan Press, 2013)

- 2013, June 5** — Based on material supplied to them by former National Security Agency contractor [Edward Snowden](#), *The Guardian* exposes a top-secret court order showing that the NSA has collected phone records from over 120 million Verizon subscribers. Under the order, the numbers of both parties on a call, as well as the location data, unique identifiers, time of call, and duration of call are handed over to the FBI, which turns over the records to the NSA. (Wikipedia, "[2010s global surveillance disclosures](#)")
- 2013, June 6** — *The Guardian* and the *Washington Post* reveal the existence of the PRISM surveillance program (which collects the emails, voice, text, and video messages of foreigners and an unknown number of Americans from Microsoft, Google, Facebook, Yahoo, Apple, and other tech giants). (Wikipedia, "[PRISM](#)")
- 2013, June 14** — US prosecutors charge [Edward Snowden](#) with espionage and theft of government property, but in late July he is granted temporary asylum by the Russian government. The extent to which the media reports have responsibly informed the public is disputed. In January 2014, President [Obama](#) says that "the sensational way in which these disclosures have come out has often shed more heat than light" and critics such as [Sean Wilentz](#) note that many of the Snowden documents do not concern domestic surveillance. The US and UK Defense establishment weigh the strategic harm in the period following the disclosures more heavily than their civic public benefit. In its first assessment of these disclosures, the Pentagon concludes that Snowden committed the biggest "theft" of US secrets in the history of the United States. Sir [David Omand](#), a former director of GCHQ, described Snowden's disclosure as the "most catastrophic loss to British intelligence ever." (Wikipedia, "[2010s global surveillance disclosures](#)")
- 2013, June 19** — A triangular object with lights in each tip is seen at Szklarska Poręba, Poland. (Poland 98)
- 2013, June 21** — The UK National Archives releases another batch of 209 UFO files, approximately 52,000 pages, covering 2009. The full set of files show that the Ministry of Defence received an average of 150 sightings annually from 2000 to 2007, increasing to 643 in 2009. This is supposed to be the final batch, but more files are discovered later. ("[Britain's Defense Ministry Releases Its Final UFO Files](#)," *USA Today*, June 21, 2013; UK National Archives, "[Briefing Document: Unidentified Flying Objects \(UFOs\)](#)," 2013)
- 2013, June 25** — The CIA publicly acknowledges the existence of Area 51 for the first time, following a FOIA request filed in 2005, and it declassifies documents detailing its history and purpose. (Wikipedia, "[Area 51](#)")
- 2013, June 27** — 12:20 p.m. An F/A-18F Super Hornet from Strike Fighter Squadron 11 (VFA-11, the "Red Rippers"), flying out of Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, Virginia, has an encounter with an "aircraft [that] was white in color and approximately the size and shape of a drone or missile" in the W-72 warning area, a patch of airspace off the coast of Virginia and North Carolina. The jet's crew visually acquires it as they see it "pass down the right side of their aircraft with approximately 200 feet of lateral separation" while flying at an altitude of 17,000 feet. It is climbing and has a visible exhaust trail. Neither the Super Hornet nor NAS Oceana records a radar track of the object. The Navy tells units to be aware of the potential hazards posed by unauthorized or uncoordinated drone operations. (Tyler Rogoway and Joseph Trevithick, "[Here Are the Navy Pilot Reports from Encounters with Mysterious Aircraft off the East Coast](#)," *The Drive: The War Zone*, May 12, 2020)
- 2013, July 15** — 10:00 p.m. A 60-year-old postal worker and his wife see a rectangular-shaped object maneuver through the sky and come within 100 feet of them in Bellingham, Washington. It executes precise turns that avoid electrical poles, wires, and streetlights. The object's color changes from a glowing red to a dull gray as it performs a banking turn and comes to a standstill. The color change is not uniform because it begins at the top of the object and moves downward. The object appears about the size of a large SUV, and at its closest approach it is about palm-width in size at arm's length. The wife sees it as tumbling along its central axis. (NICAP, "[Rectangular Object Viewed at 100](#)"; Powell, *Scientist*, 49)
- 2013, July 19** — 6:35 p.m. The pilot of a Thomas Cook Airbus A320 cruising at 34,000 feet near Reading, Berkshire, England, sees a silvery metallic object shaped like a rugby ball streak within a few feet of his cockpit on his left-hand side. The UK Airprox Board rules out another aircraft or weather balloon. (Phil Davies, "[Thomas Cook Aircraft in UFO 'Near Miss'](#)," *Travel Weekly*, January 24, 2014)
- 2013, August 1** — Night. A group of young people at Góra Ossona in Częstochowa, Poland, see a triangular object. (Poland 98)
- 2013, August 3** — 10:30–11:00 p.m. Witnesses in multiple points in Poland report three successive sightings of unidentified triangular objects. A woman in Lubliniec walking her dog sees a giant boomerang floating silently to the west only about 150 feet above her housing estate. It has dim symmetrical lights that are the same intensity as

- stars and is about 65 feet long. A young couple in Łosice watches a dark, triangular UFO with gray-violet colored lights. An engineer in Dobrzykowice observes a high-altitude, delta-shaped formation of lights. (Poland 96–97)
- 2013**, August 14 — Night. An amateur astronomer in Lublin, Poland, is tracking an object in an orbital trajectory. Close-up, it resembles a rocket with a triangular contour, crimson-red color, and yellowish center. A smaller isosceles triangle seems to be embedded in it. (Poland 98)
- 2013**, August 18 — 7:00 p.m. A family that owns a dacha in Tyczyn, Poland, watches a wingless object with spear-shaped panels maneuvering slowly and silently above them. It has an apparently rotating blinking light and is making constant turns and ascents. (Poland 101–102)
- 2013**, August 20 — 9:45 p.m. Three vehicles pull over on Homer Watson Boulevard just west of Doon South Drive in Kitchener, Ontario, to observe a strange object that is crossing in front of them. The highway lighting makes it easy to see a spherical object 30 feet in diameter move very slowly across the freeway just above the utility poles. The object, only a few hundred feet from the stopped cars, is apparently solid with a glow that illuminates the trees as it passed by. The primary witness exits his car and attempts to take a photo with his cellphone, but its camera functions are dead. He continues to watch the object for another 45 seconds. Once the object leaves, the cellphone operates properly again. (NICAP, [“E-M Effects from Sphere near Highway”](#); Powell, *Scientist*, 86)
- 2013**, August 28 — 9:40 p.m. A scientist is in the back seat of a Dodge 4 x 4 truck with two companions after a day of hunting in a remote area of south-central Ontario. He notices some odd lights in the distance flying low over the trees. The lights silently begin to approach the truck, and he asks the driver to stop. He takes out a Sony Cybershot camera to attempt to take a video, but every time he turns it on it immediately powers off. Soon the lights are close and they can see they are attached to two large discs connected by a bar. The lights are revolving around each circular end in opposite directions. The scientist uses triangulation to estimate its size as 170 feet long and as tall as a house. Dark bands encircle the discs on each end. It is so close that they could hit it with a rock, but it is moving completely silently at 15–20 mph. It has a tail of sparkles or fire coming about 150 feet from its rear end. The object is covered 12–16 inches in a deep shade of indigo blue plasma. The scientist has no success taking a photo with his Motorola Droid phone, as it acts as though it is booting up. He spends a few minutes observing the object through the scope of his hunting rifle. He can see no rivets or hardware on the surface. As it moves away, he finds that he can turn the Sony camera on; he takes a video of the object, but the screen remains black. During the recording, they see a fast-moving object flash across the sky, apparently the barbell-shaped object departing. The Motorola radio is dead and they find later that it is permanently damaged. The Sony camera recording has some odd properties, including electrical interference patterns on each RGB channel. The Sony footage is tested on an oscilloscope, which shows that the pulses of interference match the revolution of the UFO’s lights at roughly one-second intervals. The primary witness owns a company that receives Department of Defense contracts and he puts together a 17-page report and a video on the sighting. He describes the interference as a “polyphasing of two immense high-frequency alternating current fields polarized differently.” ([“The Ontario Barbells: DoD Contractor Sees Unidentified Object with Strange Symbols,”](#) It’s [redacted] YouTube channel, October 17, 2020; Powell, *Scientist*, 53–56; [“Robert Powell Details Shocking ‘Barbell’ UFO | Rob Schmitt Tonight,”](#) Newsmax YouTube channel, June 13, 2024; Matthew Phelan, [“Pentagon Official Reveals Tantalizing Seven-Minute Encounter with Glowing Blue UFO,”](#) *Daily Mail* (UK), June 12, 2024)
- 2013**, September 9 — Two witnesses in Sokółka, Poland, see a gigantic triangular UFO flying by in a few seconds. (Poland 98)
- 2013**, September 12 — Night. A delta-shaped UFO is seen above Franciszka Hynka street, Warsaw, Poland. (Poland 98)
- 2013**, October — Peru reopens its Departamento de Investigación de Fenómenos Aéreos Anómalos (DIFFA), which had closed in 2008, as a result of “increased sightings of anomalous aerial phenomena” in the country’s skies. DIFFA will bring together sociologists, archaeologists, astronomers, meteorologists, and Air Force personnel to analyze these events. ([“Peru Reopens UFO Investigation Office,”](#) Homeland Security News Wire, October 28, 2013)
- 2013**, October 1 — The first-generation Air Force Satellite Surveillance System ceases operation. The main advantage of the system was its ability to provide uncued data on new objects as opposed to tracking objects based on existing information. However, the system was also said to be inherently inaccurate due to its dated design. (Wikipedia, [“Air Force Space Surveillance System”](#))
- 2013**, October 6 — 9:00 p.m. A father and daughter are traveling west on Highway 40 through Rabbit Ears Pass, Colorado, when the father notices two white lights in the distance. The dimmer of the two begins to descend erratically. It seems to wave back and forth, rather than just move straight down, as it disappears behind a stand of

tall pine trees. Then the brighter light begins to grow as it approaches quickly. He tells his daughter to look up, and she immediately sees the object as it speeds toward them. The white light develops a red border that transitions into a solid red light. A very short bright green line also appears just below and to the immediate left of the solid red light. The object then slows and swerves to the north. When the object is positioned just to the left and in front of them, it drops in elevation and begins to pass slowly overhead. The father sees that the short green line is actually a long, flat, bright, rectangular strip. Both note how crisp and clear the green box angles are and how there is no glow, given the brightness of the green light. The father, who had previously worked with low-powered lasers, identifies the green color as exactly 532nm. They cannot see any reflections on the body or wings. The object slows almost to a hover as it passes above them. Once the object passes out of view to the rear, they are unable to see it again out the back window or in the rearview mirrors. They do not want to stop and get a better look. The father comments that he has never seen a solid object emit such a bright green light. (NICAP, [“Solid Object Emits Bright Green Light”](#))

2013, October 13 — 12:05 a.m. A Mr. Mateusz notices a large boomerang-shaped object with yellow lights flying above Pabianice, Poland, from northeast to west. It is surrounded by a hazy mist or glow, making it seem semi-transparent. (Poland 97)

2013, November 1 — Media outlets report that Skunk Works has been working on an unmanned reconnaissance airplane it has named SR-72, which can fly twice as fast as the SR-71 at Mach 6. However, USAF is officially pursuing the Northrop Grumman RQ-180 UAV to take up the SR-71’s strategic surveillance role. (Wikipedia, [“Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird”](#); Guy Norris, [“Exclusive: Skunk Works Reveals SR-71 Successor Plan,”](#) *Aviation Week*, November 1, 2013)

2013, November 8 — 4:36 p.m. Two witnesses are driving on the Ring Road around Bucharest, Romania, near the exit for the Autostrada Soarelui. They see a light-brown cylinder-shaped object rotating on its axis and hovering silently above some high-voltage power lines. They watch it for 10 minutes until it disappears suddenly without moving. (Romania 83–84)

2013, November 18 — 12:55 p.m. An F/A-18E Super Hornet from Strike Fighter Squadron 143 (VFA-143, the “Pukin Dogs”), flying out of Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, Virginia, spots an object in the W-72 warning zone via radar off its nose at around 12,000 feet and a speed of approximately 0.1 Mach. “The aircraft had an approximately 5-foot wingspan and was colored white with no other distinguishable features,” according to the pilot, who is able to visually acquire the object and track it for one hour. The Navy concludes that this object is an unmanned aerial system (UAS), but that Commander, Strike Fighter Wing Atlantic and Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility, Virginia Capes (FASCFAC VACAPES), the latter of which is also identified here by its callsign “Giant Killer,” is not able to ascertain the operator. A Navy vessel is in the area traveling south, but the Navy is unable to identify the object. (Tyler Rogoway and Joseph Trevithick, [“Here Are the Navy Pilot Reports from Encounters with Mysterious Aircraft off the East Coast,”](#) *The Drive: The War Zone*, May 12, 2020)

2013, November 19 — 6:20 p.m. Two witnesses, each with 30+ years experience as Army and Air Force aircraft maintenance technicians, see a huge triangular UFO that flies from north to south about 500 feet above them near Adel, Georgia. The surface of the object is not clear and has a rippling effect like “a heat mirage down the road on a hot summer’s day.” There are no anti-collision lights required for all aircraft. The object has a wingspan larger than a C-5A cargo plane and flies slowly at 12–17 mph with absolutely no noise. The rear of the object displays a row of white pulsing lights that are set back or surrounded by a shroud. As the object moves further away, a small drone-like object is seen flying alongside on the left. Soon it banks to the southeast, allowing them to see clearly its triangular shape. (NICAP, [“Triangular UFO Observed by Experienced Military Men”](#); Mutual UFO Network, [“Top UFO Cases from 2013 Identified by MUFON’s Science Review Board”](#))

2013, December 18 — 3:00 p.m. Another Super Hornet pilot from VFA-143 encounters a white object visually and on radar in the W-72 warning zone. (Tyler Rogoway and Joseph Trevithick, [“Here Are the Navy Pilot Reports from Encounters with Mysterious Aircraft off the East Coast,”](#) *The Drive: The War Zone*, May 12, 2020)

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2014, January 8 — Meteor CNEOS 2014-01-08 falls in the Pacific Ocean off the northeast coast of Papua New Guinea. According to researchers [Amir Siraj](#) and [Avi Loeb](#), the meteor is an interstellar candidate and originated from an unbound hyperbolic orbit with a confidence of 99.999%. It is identified in data from the Center for Near-Earth Object Studies. The estimated speed of the meteor, around 37 miles/second, is likely produced in the innermost

cores of another stellar system. In 2022, the US Space Command divulges that data on the meteor's velocity is “sufficiently accurate to indicate an interstellar trajectory.” Siraj and Loeb announce an expedition plan by the Galileo Project to examine the ocean bottom near Manus Island in the hopes of finding fragments of the meteor, which according to Loeb “appears to be rare both in composition and in speed” and is not ruled out to be “extraterrestrial equipment.” In a September 2022 blog post Loeb announces the Galileo Project expedition to search for fragments has been fully funded. The expedition launches in summer 2023. (Wikipedia, “[CNEOS 2014-01-08](#)”; Amir Siraj and Abraham Loeb, “[Discovery of a Meteor of Interstellar Origin](#),” ArXiv, June 4, 2019; “[Harvard Professor Believes Alien Tech Could Have Crashed into Pacific Ocean—And He Wants to Find It](#),” WBTS-CD, Boston, August 12, 2022; Avi Loeb, “[Message in an Interstellar Bottle](#),” Medium: Avi Loeb, September 16, 2022; Maya Lang, “[Harvard Physicist Plans Expedition to Find ‘Alien Artefact’ That Fell from Space](#),” *The Guardian* (UK), March 24, 2023; Benjamin Fernando, et al., “[Seismic and Acoustic Signals from the 2014 ‘Interstellar Meteor](#),” arXiv, March 5, 2024; Roberto Molar Candanosa, “[Interstellar Signal Linked to Aliens Was Actually Just a Truck](#),” Johns Hopkins University Hub, March 7, 2024; Matt Richtel, “[Surprise: An ‘Extraterrestrial Gadget’ Was Something More Familiar](#),” *New York Times*, March 11, 2024; Avi Loeb, “[Scientific Misinformation](#),” Medium: Avi Loeb, March 11, 2024; Abraham Loeb, “[Peak Brightness Localization of the CNEOS 2014-01-08 \(IM1\) Fireball](#),” arXiv, March 13, 2024; Avi Loeb, “[‘A Meteor Is a Truck’ According to the New York Times](#),” Medium: Avi Loeb, March 13, 2024)

2014, February — Day. An aircraft matching the black triangle description is photographed multiple times over Kansas and Texas. Amateur photographer Jeff Templin snaps pictures of a triangular aircraft while photographing wildlife in Kansas. (“[Texas Mystery Aircraft Also Photographed over Kansas](#),” Deep Black Horizon, April 17, 2014)

2014, February 24 — US journalist [Glenn Greenwald](#) publishes information in *The Intercept* about a slideshow document, *The Art of Deception*, released by [Edward Snowden](#) and issued by the UK’s formerly secret Joint Threat Research Intelligence Group concerning “online covert operations.” The slideshow, probably dating to spring 2012, was shared with the US National Security Agency and other intelligence partners and reveals existing techniques to manipulate public opinion and online discourse. The document even includes three UFO photos as illustrations of these techniques. Greenwald writes: “These GCHQ [Government Communications Headquarters] documents are the first to prove that a major western government is using some of the most controversial techniques to disseminate deception online and harm the reputations of targets. Under the tactics they use, the state is deliberately spreading lies on the internet about whichever individuals it targets, including the use of what GCHQ itself calls ‘false flag operations’ and emails to people’s families and friends. Who would possibly trust a government to exercise these powers at all, let alone do so in secret, with virtually no oversight, and outside of any cognizable legal framework?” (Wikipedia, “[Joint Threat Research Intelligence Group](#)”; Glenn Greenwald, “[How Covert Agents Infiltrate the Internet to Manipulate, Deceive, and Destroy Reputations](#),” *The Intercept*, February 24, 2014; “[The Art of Deception: Training for a New Generation of Online Covert Operations](#),” *The Intercept*, February 24, 2014; Mark Pilkington, “Tricksters, Saucers, and Cyber Magicians,” *Fortean Times* 313 (May 2014): 6–7)

2014, March 10 — Day. Steve Douglass and Dean Muskett photograph a triangular aircraft giving off a long contrail over Amarillo, Texas. (Bill Sweetman, “[Mystery Aircraft over Texas](#),” *Aviation Week*, March 28, 2014; “[‘Mystery Aircraft’ over Texas Draws Speculation of Real Spy Plane](#),” *Houston Chronicle*, March 28, 2014)

2014, March 26 — 4:30 p.m. An F/A-18E Super Hornet from Strike Fighter Squadron 106 (VFA-106, the “Gladiators”), flying out of Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, Virginia, detects a possible radar track at around 19,000 feet and with a speed of 0.1 Mach in the W-72 warning area. The pilot’s wingman does not have the object on radar and there is a debate about whether it might be a false track given high winds that are gusting at over 100 knots at 18,000 feet. “The unknown aircraft appeared to be small in size, approximately the size of a suitcase, and silver in color,” according to the report. The pilot is only able to pass within 1,000 feet of it and cannot identify it. After that pass, they lose sight of it and never regain visual contact. “I feel it may only be a matter of time before one of our F/A-18 aircraft has a mid-air collision with an unidentified UAS [unmanned aerial system],” the head of VFA-106 comments. The report also says that “FACSFAC VACAPES has received multiple UAS sightings in the recent months,” but does not say how many of those sightings resulted in sending in hazard reports. The jets’ radar has been upgraded, allowing them to zero in on unidentified targets with infrared targeting cameras. (Tyler Rogoway and Joseph Trevithick, “[Here Are the Navy Pilot Reports from Encounters with Mysterious Aircraft off the East Coast](#),” *The Drive: The War Zone*, May 12, 2020; Bill Whitaker, “[UFOs Regularly Spotted in Restricted US Airspace](#),” CBS News, August 29, 2021)

- 2014, April 2** — Former President [Bill Clinton](#) appears on *Jimmy Kimmel Live* and states that he had his aides research Area 51, the Nevada military facility, “to make sure there was no alien down there” and that he had the Roswell files reviewed. [Kimmel](#) asks him, “If you saw that there were aliens there, would you tell us?” Clinton says he would have. “If we were visited someday I wouldn’t be surprised,” Clinton says. “I just hope it’s not like ‘Independence Day.’” (Dan Good, “[Bill Clinton Wouldn’t Be Surprised If Aliens Exist](#),” ABC News, April 3, 2014)
- 2014, April 23** — 10:51 p.m. Another F/A-18F Super Hornet from Strike Fighter Squadron 11 (VFA-11, the “Red Rippers”) has an encounter with multiple “unidentified aerial devices” while flying out of Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and operating in the W-72 warning area. The crew initially detects two UADs on radar, one at 12,000 feet and another at 15,000 feet, both apparently stationary or near-stationary. They then confirm both of these objects using the jet’s Advanced Targeting Forward Looking Infrared (ATFLIR) system. While investigating the first pair of UADs, another two appeared to pass through the ATFLIR field of vision at high speed. The two moving objects do not appear on the aircraft’s radar. (Tyler Rogoway and Joseph Trevithick, “[Here Are the Navy Pilot Reports from Encounters with Mysterious Aircraft off the East Coast](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, May 12, 2020)
- 2014, April 24** — 12:47 p.m. Two more F/A-18Fs make radar contact with another UAD in the W-72 warning area while conducting Basic Fighter Maneuvering out of Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Both aircraft are able to maintain a radar track with the object, which is stationary or near-stationary at 11,000 feet. The aircraft are also able to lock onto the object with CATM-9Xs, a captive-carry training version of the AIM-9X Sidewinder missile. However, in this instance, neither one makes visual contact. (Tyler Rogoway and Joseph Trevithick, “[Here Are the Navy Pilot Reports from Encounters with Mysterious Aircraft off the East Coast](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, May 12, 2020)
- 2014, April 27** — The crew of a F/A-18F from Strike Fighter Squadron 11 (VFA-11), flying out of NAS Oceana in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and operating in the W-72 warning area, encounters an unknown aerial device. This report is the most spartan in its details of the three, but it describes a “near mid-air collision with balloon-like object.” (Tyler Rogoway and Joseph Trevithick, “[Here Are the Navy Pilot Reports from Encounters with Mysterious Aircraft off the East Coast](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, May 12, 2020)
- 2014, June 11** — Another version of Air Force Instruction 10-206 is updated. It does not list UFOs in the category of events requiring reporting, but UFO events are reported through this system. ([Air Force Instruction 10-206](#), Operational Reporting, June 11, 2014)
- 2014, June 13** — 2:36 p.m. The pilot and first officer of an Airbus 320 flying at just under 3,500 feet and headed into Manchester Airport observe a man-like object that passes them to the northeast over Macclesfield, Cheshire, England. They estimate it is about 200–300 feet above their altitude and only a few hundred yards distant. They cannot see any parachute or paraglider apparatus. Air traffic control confirms there are no other radar targets in the area. The object is in sight for only 3–4 seconds. (“Airprox Report No. 2014089,” [Assessment Summary Sheet for UKAB Meeting on 17th September 2014](#), pp. 136–138; “[Is It a Bird, Is It a Plane?](#)” *Daily Mail* (UK), October 18, 2014; Jenny Randles, “Superman vs. Airbus,” *Fortean Times* 323 (February 2015): 30–31)
- 2014, July 31** — Gen. Ricardo Bermúdez, director of Chile’s official UFO agency, Comité de Estudios de Fenómenos Aéreos Anómalos, convenes a three-hour meeting at the offices of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGAC) in Providencia of 19 experts from a wide range of disciplines to discuss whether UFOs pose a threat to aerial safety. Among those present are astronomers, psychologists, meteorologists, physicists, and representatives of the armed forces. All seem to accept the premise that UFOs, whatever they are, exist and are worthy of investigation. The DGAC chief of operations says that because many witnesses believe UFOs demonstrate intelligent behavior, it is the government’s duty to look for the intention behind that intelligence. However, the group concludes that, despite some accidents attributed to UFOs around the world, they “do not present a threat or a danger to air operations.” (Leslie Kean, “[Chile Declares UFOs Pose No Threat to Aircraft](#),” HuffPost, August 12, 2014; “[Capítulo 55 DGAC TV](#),” DGAC TV Institucional YouTube channel, August 7, 2014)
- 2014, August** — [John Podesta](#), now an advisor to President [Obama](#), invites journalist [Leslie Kean](#) to the West Wing to brief him on UFOs. She proposes that a single individual in the Office of Science and Technology Policy be assigned to handle the issue, but nothing comes of it. (Gideon Lewis-Kraus, “[How the Pentagon Started Taking U.F.O.s Seriously](#),” *The New Yorker*, April 30, 2021; Clark IV 712)

- 2014, August 28** — 5:00 a.m. A single witness at a camping site in Sainte-Lucie de Porto-Vecchio, Corsica, France, watches a dark, circular object with a light in the center move slowly between two groves of trees. Small groups of objects move in front of and behind the larger mass. Researcher Wim van Utrecht thinks it might have been a hot air balloon surrounded by birds. (“[Détail du Cas: Zonza \(2A\) 28.08.2014](#),” GEIPAN; [[case documents](#)], GEIPAN; Wim van Utrecht, “[Some Notes on an Unexplained Sighting from Corsica, France](#),” UFO FOTOCAT Blog, December 15, 2023)
- 2014, September 29** — The Air Force Intelligence agency is restructured as the Twenty-Fifth Air Force and aligns the 9th Reconnaissance Wing and the 55th Wing under the new numbered air force. Its primary mission is to provide intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) products, applications, capabilities, and resources to include cyber and geospatial forces and expertise. Additionally, it is the service cryptologic component (SCC) responsible to the National Security Agency and Central Security Service for Air Force cryptographic activities. It is headquartered at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas. (Wikipedia, “[Twenty-Fifth Air Force](#)”)
- 2014, October 5–20** — Unidentified drones are observed over seven nuclear plants in France. Interior Minister [Bernard Cazeneuve](#) tells France Info radio that a judicial investigation is underway. The tiny, unmanned craft appear late in the evening, at night, or early in the morning. The nuclear plants are the Superphénix in Creys-Malville (closed in 1997); the Bugey Nuclear Power Plant, Ain; Blayais Nuclear Power Plant near Blaye, Gironde; the Cattenom Nuclear Power Plant, Moselle; the Chooz Nuclear Power Plant, Ardennes; the Gravelines Nuclear Power Station, Nord; and the Nogent Nuclear Power Plant, Aube. (“[Drones Spotted over Seven French Nuclear Sites, Says EDF](#),” *The Guardian* (UK), October 30, 2014)
- 2014, October 16** — The Swedish military reportedly intercepts a radio transmission in Russian on an emergency frequency, sparking a massive search for a Russian submarine thought to be stricken in Swedish waters, the largest Swedish mobilization since the Cold War. Further encrypted radio traffic from Kanholmsfjärden in the Stockholm archipelago, Sweden, and in Kaliningrad, Russia (home to the Russian Baltic fleet), is intercepted the next day. The search involves stealth ships, minesweepers, and helicopters, as well as hundreds of sailors, pilots, and divers. On the island of Korsö, Finland, a mysterious man dressed in black with a backpack is seen wading to shore and is later photographed wading off the nearby island of Sandön, Finland. (It later turns out that the man is a Stockholm pensioner named Ove who is doing some trout fishing.) At a press conference later in the month, the Swedish navy shows a photograph of an unidentified foreign vessel (although it later turns out to be a Swedish ship). A Russian defense ministry spokesman announces that there have been no emergency situations involving Russian military vessels. (Wikipedia, “[Swedish submarine incidents](#)”; “Baltic Sub Mystery,” *Fortean Times* 322 (January 2015): 12)
- 2014, October 20** — Strands of cobweb-like “angel hair” fibers fall from the sky in Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka. (“[Cobwebs Like Particles Floating in Polonnaruwa Skies](#),” Gossip Lanka News, October 21, 2014)
- 2014, October 21** — Swedish military commander Gen. [Sverker Göranson](#) announces that he aims to force the unidentified submarine object to the surface with depth charges if necessary. He reveals there have been visual observations twice on October 17 and once on October 19. (“Baltic Sub Mystery,” *Fortean Times* 322 (January 2015): 12)
- 2014, October 24** — Sweden calls off its search for the mysterious Russian sub. Russia asserts that the vessel was a Dutch submarine, a claim rejected by the Netherlands. The public has reported 250 sightings, five of which the navy takes seriously. Rear Admiral [Anders Grenstad](#) says the object could not have been a conventional submarine but a “craft of a lesser type.” (“[Swedes Call off Search for Mystery Submarine](#),” USNI News, October 24, 2014; “Baltic Sub Mystery,” *Fortean Times* 322 (January 2015): 12)
- 2014, October 25** — Afternoon. Miguel Monteiro is walking in the parish of Alverca do Ribatejo e Sobralinho, Portugal, when he sees white, cottony flakes or fibrous strands falling from the sky and sticking to electrical wires. They feel somewhat like cobwebs but are whiter and thicker. Monteiro takes some home and stores them in liquid nitrogen. He claims that under ultraviolet light the fibers wiggle “as if alive.” Another witness says the strands fell two weekends in a row. (“[Mysterious Rain of ‘Alien Angel Hair’ Falls from Sky in Portugal](#),” *Metro* (UK), November 26, 2014; “[Strands of White ‘Angel Hair’ Rained from Sky—Which Wriggle under UV Light](#),” *Metro* (UK), December 17, 2014)
- 2014, October 31** — Retired Swedish naval officer Sven Olof Kviman snaps a picture of what looks like a 65–98-foot long, black submarine in waters just outside Lidingö in Stockholm, Sweden. The incident remains unconfirmed but has been classed by the military as a “potential” submarine. (“[Up to Four Subs Feared in Stockholm Waters](#),” *The Local* (Sweden), January 24, 2015; Elias Groll, “[The Curious Case of the Second Submarine Spotted in Stockholm’s Archipelago](#),” *Foreign Policy*, January 15, 2015)

- 2014**, November — The US Federal Aviation Administration begins keeping track of Unmanned Aircraft System sightings in a database. (John Greenewald, "[Federal Aviation Administration \(FAA\) Unmanned Aircraft System \(UAS\) Sighting Database](#)," The Black Vault, December 4, 2019)
- 2014**, November 11 — 1:52 p.m. A Chilean Navy Airbus Cougar AS-532 helicopter is flying northward west of Santiago, Chile, at an altitude of 4,500 feet and 152 mph. The technician aboard is taking video footage when he notices an object about 40 miles away. He zooms in on it using infrared film. The naval pilot sees it as a "flat, elongated structure with two thermal spotlights like discharges that do not coincide with the axis of motion." The video shows a dark, disc-shaped object flying above the sea, which "in two instances discharged some type of gas or liquid with a high thermal track or signal." The official Comité de Estudios de Fenómenos Aéreos Anómalos spends two years studying the film, then releases the footage, admitting it cannot ascertain what the object is. CEFAA Gen. Ricardo Bermúdez Sanhueza says: "We do not know what it was, but we do know what it was not." However, Chilean ufologists suspect the object is a 4-engine airliner. (Leslie Kean, "[Groundbreaking UFO Video Just Released by Chilean Navy](#)," HuffPost, January 5, 2017; "[Conclusive Proof? Airforce Probe Finds Navy Filmed Real UFO over Ocean](#)," *The Express* (UK), January 7, 2017; Leslie Kean, "[The Chilean Navy UFO Video: Is It a Plane?](#)" HuffPost, January 17, 2017; Mick West, "[Curated Crowdsourcing in UFO Investigations](#)," *Skeptical Briefs* 27, no. 1 (May 25, 2017); "[Chilean Navy Helicopter Pilot Shoots Video of UFO](#)," *Charlotte (N.C.) Observer*, February 8, 2018; Brian Dunning, "[The Chilean Navy UFO](#)," Skeptoid podcast, June 28, 2022)
- 2014**, November 14 — Swedish Prime Minister [Stefan Löfven](#) announces that there is "clear evidence" of a submarine incursion in Swedish waters in October. ("[Sweden Confirms Submarine Violation](#)," *The Guardian* (UK), November 14, 2014; "Baltic Sub Mystery," *Fortean Times* 322 (January 2015): 12)

2015

- 2015**, January 10 — [John Greenewald Jr.](#) puts the Fold3 Blue Book files online into his Black Vault website and makes many of the case files into easily downloadable PDFs. The work is done by a contributor to the ATS website since 2012. Unfortunately, the JPG conversion to PDFs is done incorrectly so that documents with many pages are out of correct order. ([Sparks](#), pp. 8–9)
- 2015**, January 21 — Evening. An infrared video recording, known as the GIMBAL video, is taken by an F/A-18 Super Hornet from the [USS Theodore Roosevelt](#) off the East coast of the US in the vicinity of Jacksonville, Florida. Another infrared video, called the Go Fast video, released at the same time in April 2020, is taken either on the same day or several weeks apart. Both videos include audio with voices of military personnel who are questioning what they are observing. The Navy confirms the authenticity of the videos, stating only that they depict what they consider to be "unidentified aerial phenomena." [Susan Gough](#), a Pentagon spokeswoman, confirms that the videos were made by naval aviators and that they are "part of a larger issue of an increased number of training range incursions by unidentified aerial phenomena in recent years." In April 2020, the two videos are declassified and officially released by the Department of Defense, alongside footage from the 2004 [USS Nimitz](#) incident. Five pilots from the VFA-11 "Red Rippers" fighter squadron have reported sighting UFOs "almost daily" while training at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia for a deployment to the Persian Gulf in the summer of 2014. Three of those pilots have chosen to remain anonymous, while two, Lieut. [Ryan Graves](#) and Lieut. Danny Accoin, have given interviews and appeared on a History Channel program about UFOs. Radar contacts, infrared detections, and visual sightings by the pilots and weapon systems officers are reported for several months. According to Accoin, the objects have "no distinct wing, no distinct tail, no distinct exhaust plume." One pilot describes something "like a sphere encasing a cube." Another source confirms to "The War Zone" that the same description is given by several other pilots and that encounters are commonplace among multiple squadrons including the nearby E-2 Hawkeye squadrons from Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia. Accoin says that "multiple sensors [are] reading the exact same thing." Graves states that the objects are showing up at 30,000 feet as well as sea level and can accelerate, slow down, and hit hypersonic speeds with maneuvers "beyond the physical limits of a human crew." The pilots also report that the objects persist in the air for long periods of time and might "be out there all day." When one of the sightings is made, "usually we'd just say, 'we're seeing one of those damn things again,'" Graves says. Once, an object almost collides with two jets, prompting the VFA-11 fighter squadron to submit a Notice to Airmen aviation flight safety report. According to the pilots, the squadron has speculated that the sightings could be a classified drone development program, but the near miss angers the pilots and convinces them that this is a safety issue and not a black project. When the USS *Theodore Roosevelt* carrier group leaves the Florida coast for the Persian Gulf in March 2015, the objects follow them there. Graves says the sightings are less

frequent in the Middle East. (Wikipedia, [“Pentagon UFO videos”](#); [“GIMBAL: Authenticated UAP Video,”](#) To the Stars Academy, December 13, 2017; Clark III 49; Helene Cooper, Ralph Blumenthal, and Leslie Kean, [“‘Wow, What Is That?’ Navy Pilots Report Unexplained Flying Objects,”](#) *New York Times*, May 26, 2019; Joseph Trevithick and Tyler Rogoway, [“Carrier Group in Recent UFO Encounters Had New Defense Tech Like Nimitz in 2004 Incident,”](#) *The Drive: The War Zone*, May 31, 2019; Joe Murgia, [“Transcript—Mellon: Eight Members of Congress Can Gain Access to the Most Sacred and Tightly Held Special Access Programs \(Crashed UFOs and Bodies?\),”](#) interview on *The Fox News Breakdown*, UFO Joe, June 5, 2019; Tyler Rogoway, [“Navy F/A-18 Pilot Shares New Details about UFO Encounters during Middle East Deployment,”](#) *The Drive: The War Zone*, June 11, 2019; Tyler Rogoway, [“Recent UFO Encounters with Navy Pilots Occurred Constantly across Multiple Squadrons,”](#) *The Drive: The War Zone*, June 21, 2019; [“UFO Fleet,”](#) *Unidentified: Inside America’s UFO Investigation*, Season 1, Episode 4, History channel, June 21, 2019; John Greenewald, [“U.S. Navy Releases Dates of Three Officially Acknowledged Encounters with ‘Phenomena,’”](#) *The Black Vault*, September 11, 2019; [“Unidentified: UFO Testimony from Lt. Ryan Graves \(Season 1\) / History,”](#) History YouTube channel, September 22, 2019; Jan Tegler and Cat Hofacker, [“Mystery of the ‘Damn Things,’”](#) *Aerospace America*, November 2019; [“Unedited Navy Gimbal video.mp4,”](#) 8 News Now—Las Vegas YouTube channel, April 27, 2020; Coulthart 2023, pp. 208–209, 211–215; Yannick Peings and Marik von Rennenkampff, [“Reconstruction of Potential Flight Paths for the January 2015 ‘Gimbal’ UAP,”](#) ArXiv, June 14, 2023; [NASA Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena Independent Study Team Report](#), September 14, 2023, p. 28; Powell, *Scientist*, 131–132, 136; Clark IV 3)

2015, January 21? — A US Navy fighter jet connected to the USS *Theodore Roosevelt* carrier group records an object appearing to travel at high speeds close to the surface of the Atlantic Ocean off Florida’s east coast. The recording becomes known as the Go Fast video and is reported to have been taken on the same day (or within weeks) as the GIMBAL video. In its 2023 report, NASA analysts claim that the object in the Go Fast video was likely moving at only 40 mph, not 115 mph as originally estimated. In 2024, the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office determines with “high confidence” that, although the identity of the UAP remains unclear, it does not demonstrate any anomalous speeds or flight characteristics. Its altitude is estimated at 13,000 feet above sea level at a calculated velocity of 45 mph. An analysis of weather patterns in the area puts the wind speed at that altitude as 69 mph. AARO determines that its apparent high speed is due to a parallax effect on the aircraft’s sensor. The object maintains a relatively straight, slightly rising trajectory with a slow, curving descent near the end of the video. AARO’s unnamed “Intelligence Community partner” suggests that the object’s size is 3 feet or less, indicating a drone or a bird. However, during the 2024 joint hearing of the Senate Committee on Oversight and Accountability, former Rear Admiral and Commander of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command [Tim Gallaudet](#) testifies that his personnel participated in a naval exercise off the East Coast that included the USS *Theodore Roosevelt* Carrier Strike Group. He receives an email on the Navy’s secure network from the operations officer of Fleet Forces Command that is addressed to all subordinate commanders with the subject line, “Urgent Safety of Flight Issue.” The text includes words to the effect that “if any of you know what these are, tell me ASAP. We are having multiple near-midair collisions, and if we do not resolve it soon, we will have to shut down the exercise.” The Go Fast video is recorded around the same time. The following day, the email disappears from Gallaudet’s account and those of other recipients, and the incident is not mentioned again. He testifies, “I concluded that the UAP information must have been classified within a special access program managed by an intelligence agency—a compartmented program that even senior officials, including myself, were not read into.” ([“2015 GO FAST Footage,”](#) To the Stars Academy, March 9, 2018; John Greenewald, [“U.S. Navy Releases Dates of Three Officially Acknowledged Encounters with ‘Phenomena,’”](#) *The Black Vault*, September 11, 2019; [“Unedited Navy Go Fast! Video.mp4,”](#) 8 News Now—Las Vegas YouTube channel, April 27, 2020; Mindy Weisberger, [“UFO Videos Declassified by US Navy,”](#) Space.com, April 28, 2020; [NASA Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena Independent Study Team Report](#), September 14, 2023, p. 28; Brett Davis, [“Retired Admiral Urges Government Transparency on UAPs,”](#) *Sea Power Magazine*, November 13, 2024; Micah Hanks, [“‘We Do Have Some Very Anomalous Objects,’ New Director of Pentagon’s UAP Investigations Tells Lawmakers,”](#) *The Debrief*, November 19, 2024; Jon Harper, [“Pentagon’s UAP Office Reviews Findings on Go Fast, Puerto Rico, Mt. Etna Incidents in Senate Hearing,”](#) *DefenceScoop*, November 19, 2024; Michael Dorgan, [“Pentagon Solves One of Its Highest-Profile UFO Mysteries,”](#) Fox News, November 20, 2024; Christopher Sharp, [“Broken AARO: Questions Mount over ‘Go Fast’ UFO Investigation,”](#) *Liberation Times*, November 20, 2024; All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, [“Case: ‘Go Fast,’”](#) February 6, 2025; John Greenewald, [“Pentagon Releases AARO Report on ‘Go Fast’ Video Analysis,”](#) *The Black Vault*, February 10, 2025; Casey Kuhn, [“3 Ways Scientists Use Math to Help Debunk UFO Videos,”](#) PBS News, April 24, 2025)

- 2015**, January 27 — Ancestry.com, the owner of Fold3, illegally demands that [Greenewald](#) remove his Blue Book collection from the Black Vault website, falsely claiming copyright. ([Sparks](#), p. 9)
- 2015**, January 27 — 9:10 p.m. Ufologist [Steven M. Greer](#) is leading a group of UFO watchers at Vero Beach, Florida, when they spot two UFOs that appear one after another then fade from sight. A video is taken of the event and posted on Greer's website. Greer claims it is the result of the group's meditation and "coherent thought" practices, and there are no ships or aircraft in the area at the time. However, journalist [Tom Rogan](#) determines that the UFO is a Beechcraft Model 76 Duchess aircraft moving at 85 mph deploying parachute flares. ("[Steven Greer CE-5 UFO Sighting: Vero Beach FL February, 2015](#)," Dr. Steven Greer YouTube channel, February 2, 2015; Tom Rogan, "[Did Steven Greer Fake a UFO with Flares?](#)" *Washington (D.C.) Examiner*, July 31, 2020)
- 2015**, February 13 — 9:32 p.m. A witness is in his living room at Ada, Oklahoma, when he notices that his son has driven onto his property, but his car has stopped near the gate about 300 feet east of the house. He sits there about 10 minutes before coming inside and tells his father to come outside and look at two objects, one diamond-shaped some 300 feet above the ground and a doughnut-shaped object about 150 feet up and 100 feet west of the diamond. Both are a dull-orange color, silent, and about 900 feet away. After 10 minutes, the larger diamond-shaped object (about the size of a Boeing 727) begins moving slowly to the east, passing behind some trees before it rises to an elevation of about 700–800 feet, hovering for another 10 minutes. It then moves east and climbs to 1,000 feet, then moves north to 1,500 feet and begins flashing. It moves north and disappears. The doughnut-shaped object is still stationary and seems to fade away. (Roger Marsh, "[Oklahoma Witnesses Describe Two UFOs near Ground Level](#)," *Open Minds*, February 20, 2015)
- 2015**, March 12 — President [Barack Obama](#) appears on *Jimmy Kimmel Live* and jokes about knowing about aliens and crashed UFOs. ("[President Barack Obama Denies Knowledge of Aliens](#)," Jimmy Kimmel Live YouTube channel, March 13, 2015)
- 2015**, April 13 — Swedish Rear Admiral [Anders Grenstad](#) tells the media that the Armed Forces reported to the Swedish government on April 8 that the suspected underwater vessel in October 2014 was in fact only a civilian "working boat." ("['Submarine' in Sweden Was Only Civilian Boat](#)," *The Local* (Sweden), April 13, 2015)
- 2015**, May 5 — In a four-hour long presentation in front of nearly 7,000 people at the Auditorio Nacional in Mexico City, Mexico, journalist and ufologist [Jaime Maussan](#) presents BeWitness, an unveiling of two Kodachrome slides that purport to show a dead alien. The slides, discovered in 1998 in the estate of Sedona, Arizona, lawyer Hilda Blair Ray, whose husband [Bernerd](#) had been a petroleum geologist in West Texas. The slides had found their way to Chicago videographer [Adam Dew](#), who wants to create a documentary (tentatively titled *Kodachrome*) about the supposed alien. In the process he has gathered UFO researchers [Thomas J. Carey](#), [Donald Schmitt](#), [Anthony Bragalia](#), and others to lend credence to the authenticity of the images as possibly related to the Roswell incident, since they seem to have a provenance of 1947. The two nearly identical slides show what appears to be a short mummy on a glass exhibit case with an undecipherable placard next to it. Within days of the presentation in Mexico City, a skeptical group uses a SmartDeBlur program to read the text of the placard, which reveals that the supposed alien is actually the mummified body of a two-year-old Native American child taken from the ruins of Montezuma Castle cliff dwelling in Camp Verde, Arizona, in 1894 by an S. L. Palmer and loaned to the Chapin Mesa Archeological Museum in Mesa Verde, Colorado, where it had been on display for many years before it was returned to the Montezuma Museum in June 1947. (David Clarke and Peter Brookesmith, "From 'Smoking Gun' to #Epicfail," *Fortean Times* 329 (August 2015): 26–27; Kevin D. Randle, *Roswell in the 21st Century: The Evidence As It Exists Today*, Speaking Volumes, 2016; Curt Collins, "[UFOs: Reframing the Roswell Slides Fiasco](#)," *Blue Blurry Lines*, June 12, 2017; Les Carpenter, "[The Curious Case of the Alien in the Photo and the Mystery That Took Years to Solve](#)," *The Guardian* (UK), September 20, 2017)
- 2015**, June 4 — Two friends pull into a gas station in Marengo, Iowa, to watch a triangular object hovering 278 feet away to the south and 288 feet above the ground. After a few seconds, the object moves swiftly about 4 miles east in a straight-line path and hovers again. It vanishes from view a moment later. (David Kreiter, "[MUFON Case 69105](#)," August 28, 2015; Powell, *Scientist*, 68)
- 2015**, September — In *Walking Among Us*, [David M. Jacobs](#) explains how 14 abductions have detailed for him how an alien invasion is already underway. The alien hierarchy consists of insect-like entities as the leaders, tall Grays the skilled workers, short Grays the menial workers, and masses of hybrids—the end products of the abduction

program. These hybrids begin as half-human/half-Gray entities and become progressively more human over four successive stages. The ultimate product is the human hybrid (“hubrid”), fully human in appearance, capable of integration into society. Hybrids have become deeply embedded on Earth, living in their own apartments, mingling with humans, working their way into positions of influence. Their growing numbers on earth advance the Change, the day when they and their alien masters supplant or absorb humankind. Jacobs broadens the term “abduction” to call it an interaction with humans, initiated by aliens who take mental and physical over the humans in real time and at any location. (Dana DiFilippo, “[Space Aliens Walk Among Us? Indeed, Claims Retired Temple Prof.](#),” *Philadelphia Inquirer*, July 15, 2014; David M. Jacobs, *Walking Among Us: The Alien Plan to Condition Humanity*, Disinformation Books, 2015; Clark III 10–11, 93, 629–630; Clark IV 25, 121)

2015, September 2 — Security personnel at the Pantex nuclear weapons assembly plant 20 miles northeast of Amarillo, Texas, are alerted to an object described as a “diamond type-shape with it being more round at the top.” Personnel are dispatched to “follow it and obtain as much information about it as possible.” The object continues traveling to the north of the plant. Security personnel follow it in a vehicle for several miles until it disappears in the distance. The object is also tracked on ground radar and photographed by personnel at a nearby radar tower (likely located at Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport). Images of the object are subsequently analyzed by the Energy Department’s Sandia National Laboratories, but their conclusions are not released. (“[Pantex Unidentified Object Incident Report, September 2, 2015.](#),” Pantex, September 9, 2015; Dustin Slaughter, “[UAP Incursion at Pantex Nuclear Facility Revealed in Newly Released Document.](#),” *The UAP Register*, June 6, 2024; Christopher Sharp, “[Unexplained Intrusions at Nuclear Sites Met with Silence from Department of Energy as Decades of Secrecy Face Intense Scrutiny.](#),” *Liberation Times*, July 20, 2024; Dustin Slaughter, “[First Confirmed Image Captures Unidentified Aerial Object Breaching Texas Nuclear Weapons Site Amid Ongoing Unexplained Incidents at Critical Energy Facilities.](#),” *The UAP Register*, January 16, 2025)

2015, September 24 — Musician [Tom DeLonge](#) first emails Clinton campaign manager [John Podesta](#) with recommendations for a White House memorandum, presumably to come from a future [Hillary Clinton](#) presidency that sets out instructions for divulging UFO information in coordination with the Department of Defense, the Director of National Intelligence, NOAA, and NASA. He claims he is “flying to have dinner with current Commanding Officers at the Air Force Space Command in a couple days in Colorado Springs to discuss how to move this project forward.” (Email from Tom DeLonge to John Podesta, “[Tom DeLonge Here.](#),” Wikileaks, September 24, 2015)

2015, November 15 — The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) states in response to a FOIA request that it has no documentation related to UFOs. It states the topic is “outside of the scope of NRO responsibilities; furthermore, the NRO has conducted numerous searches...in the past, and has located no records.” This contradicts emails released by the NRO on April 8, 2022, which show extensive coordination with the DOD’s Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force (UAPTF), and states the NRO contributed to the UAPTF report to Congress “tied to its collection efforts.” This implies UAP are being detected on NRO platforms, and suggests the FOIA response in 2015 is not accurate if they are being detected in 2015 or before. ([Letter](#) from Patricia B. Camaresi to John Greenwald Jr., November 5, 2015)

2015, December 10 — Federal Aviation Administration Order JO7110.65W (Air Traffic Control) recommends that any UFO reports be addressed to a “UFO data collection center, such as the National UFO Reporting Center.” (US Federal Aviation Administration, “[Air Traffic Control.](#),” Order JO7110.65W, p. 417)

2015, December 22 — Janel Sturzl, 31, an employee of the *Daily Mining Gazette* in Houghton, Michigan, dies while in a coma after being diagnosed with thallium poisoning at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. The police investigate her death as a homicide. (“[Poisoning Still under Investigation.](#),” Houghton (Mich.) *Daily Mining Gazette*, October 24, 2017; Tim McMillan, “[Bob Lazar Says the FBI Raided Him to Seize Area 51’s Alien Fuel: The Truth Is Weirder.](#),” *Vice: Motherboard*, November 13, 2019)

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2016, January — The SETI project Breakthrough Listen is launched at the Berkeley SETI Research Center at the University of California, Berkeley. With \$100 million in funding from Russian tech billionaire [Yuri Milner](#) and thousands of hours of dedicated telescope time on state-of-the-art facilities, it is the most comprehensive search for alien communications to date. It is expected to continue through 2026. The project aims to discover signs of extraterrestrial civilizations by searching stars and galaxies for radio signals and laser transmissions. It uses radio

wave observations from the Green Bank Observatory and the Parkes Observatory, as well as visible light observations from the Automated Planet Finder at Lick Observatory. Targets for the project include one million nearby stars and the centers of 100 galaxies. All data generated from the project are available to the public, and SETI@Home (BOINC) is used for some of the data analysis. A side project, Breakthrough Starshot, aims to develop a proof-of-concept fleet of light sail interstellar probes that are capable of making the journey to the Alpha Centauri star system 4.34 light years away. A flyby mission has been proposed to Proxima Centauri b, an Earth-sized exoplanet in the habitable zone of its host star, Proxima Centauri. At a speed between 15% and 20% of the speed of light, it would take between 20 and 30 years to complete the journey, and approximately 4 years for a return message from the starship to Earth. (Wikipedia, "[Breakthrough Listen](#)"; Wikipedia, "[Breakthrough Starshot](#)"; Graff 421–424)

2016, January 1 — John and Carla Shearer of McPherson County, Kansas, find one of their pregnant cows dead with one of its eyes harvested, including the eyelid and both eyelashes removed. A similar case had occurred in Harvey County on December 18, 2015. (Amy Bickel, "[Recent Cattle Mutilations Bring Memories of 1970s Attacks.](#)" *Hutchinson (Kan.) News*, January 15, 2016)

2016, January 25 — Musician [Tom DeLonge](#) plans to participate in a Google Hangout meeting on UFO disclosure with [Hillary Clinton](#)'s campaign manager [John Podesta](#), Lockheed Martin general manager of advanced development programs [Robert F. Weiss](#), Clinton campaign aide Milia Fisher, retired USAF Maj. Gen. [Michael Carey](#), and former USAF Maj. Gen. [Neil McCasland](#), although the meeting probably does not take place. (Email from Tom DeLonge to John Podesta, "[Important Things.](#)" Wikileaks, October 26, 2015; Email from Susan McCasland to John Podesta, "[Event Invitation Reply \(Accepted\): DeLonge/Podesta Meeting.](#)" Wikileaks, January 24, 2016; Email from Neil McCasland to John Podesta, et al., "[Re: Invitation: DeLonge/Podesta Meeting @ Mon Jan 25, 2016.](#)" Wikileaks, January 24, 2016; Email from Tom DeLonge to John Podesta, "[General McCasland.](#)" Wikileaks, January 25, 2016; "[Email Shows How Podesta Account May Have Been Hacked.](#)" NBC News, October 28, 2016; Coulthart 2023, pp. 188–194)

2016, February 3 — 7:00 p.m. A married couple is driving on Interstate 10 near Katy, Texas, when they look up through the sunroof and see three black dots that they at first think might be breaks in the cloud cover. Watching them while stopped at a traffic light, they see the dots are part of a vast, noiseless triangular object that emerges from the clouds. The witnesses think it is generating a kind of night fog low above the ground. The witnesses try to take a video, but their cellphones are not working properly; both devices die and do not recharge the entire night. (Roger Marsh, "[Texas UFO Kills Allegedly Ground Electronics, Creates Fog to Hide in.](#)" OpenMinds, February 10, 2017)

2016, February 23 — [Tom DeLonge](#) emails [John Podesta](#), mentioning that he talks with "the General" [possibly former Maj. Gen. [Neil McCasland](#)] at Wright-Patterson AFB every other day and that he "really thinks the DOD is going to embrace my project." (Email from Tom DeLonge to John Podesta, "[Updates.](#)" Wikileaks, February 23, 2016)

2016, March 5 — National Nuclear Security Administration spokesman Darwin Morgan divulges the Nevada National Security Site's Area 6 activities for the first time publicly. Morgan states top secret R&D work is done there, primarily sensor testing and unmanned aerial vehicle testing for partners at Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, DTRA, and DARPA. The only other public mention of Area 6 is in a 7,500-page safety report on the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste project describing it as an "aerial operations facility." (Keith Rogers, "[You Know Area 51, But Just What in the World Is Area 6?](#)" *Las Vegas (Nev.) Review-Journal*, March 5, 2016)

2016, March 27 — Musician [Tom DeLonge](#) appears on *Coast to Coast AM* with [George Knapp](#) and explains how he has used his rock star status to secure introductions to several highly placed officials and executives within the military/industrial complex, who are now informing his UFO research. Speaking under conditions of anonymity, officials have told him that concealment of information stems from the Cold War era, when nuclear war was a constant concern. They refer to the aliens as the "Others," and say they can best be conceptualized as gods. According to his sources, the US has "cracked gravity" and is building machinery that incorporates antigravity. The Others are said to be behind the cattle mutilation phenomenon. ("[Government UFO Revelations.](#)" *Coast to Coast AM*, March 27, 2016; Coulthart 2023, pp. 170–172, 175–177, 179–184)

2016, April — [Robert Bigelow](#), founder of Bigelow Aerospace, sells the Skinwalker Ranch in Uintah County, Utah, to Utah real estate developer [Brandon Fugal](#). In 2020, he partners with the History Channel on a TV documentary series, *The Secret of Skinwalker Ranch*, in its fifth season in 2024. (Skinwalkers 86, 219–221; Internet Movie Database, "[The Secret of Skinwalker Ranch](#)"; Clark IV 1191)

- 2016, April 5** — American musician [Tom DeLonge](#) and British-American novelist [A. J. Hartley](#) release *Sekret Machines: Book 1—Chasing Shadows*, a science-fiction thriller novel based on actual events. DeLonge claims the book is fiction laced with concepts that are true, elaborating: “After taking over a year to meet, prove myself, and acquire eight elite advisors—each of whom has held the highest positions within the military, scientific, and executive branch offices—this story contains true information from a secret historical record, some of which has never been heard until now.” He is motivated to write the book series to highlight the possible threat to national and global security posed by alien visitors. The 2017 paperback second edition includes a new foreword written by Jim Semivan, former member of the CIA’s National Clandestine Service. (Wikipedia, “[Sekret Machines: Book 1—Chasing Shadows](#)”; Kory Grow, “[Tom DeLonge Announces Alien-Inspired Book, ‘Sekret Machines,’ Music](#),” *Rolling Stone*, February 4, 2016; Coulthart 2023, pp. 171–172)
- 2016, April 15** — Night. The Canadian Air Defence Sector is notified of a WestJet flight near Toronto, Ontario, that “reported a very bright light pass overhead of them” when “there was no other traffic in the area.” In the day’s log, the lines following what’s clearly referred to as a “UFO report” are all redacted in white. ([CADORS Report](#), no. 2016O0730, April 24, 2016; Daniel Otis, “[Credible UFO Reports Are Being Ignored, Declassified Canadian Government Documents Reveal](#),” Motherboard, November 29, 2021)
- 2016, April 16** — 12:47 p.m. A US MC-12 reconnaissance aircraft flying above Mosul, Iraq, takes a 4-second video that shows a round object “moving with purpose” in a lateral direction across the video (south to north) for one second. However, the object bears some resemblance to a US winch aerostat (airship or balloon). (“[The Mosul Orb: A Military Filmed UFO in an Active War Zone](#),” Jeremy Corbell YouTube channel, January 24, 2023; John Greenewald, “[New UAP Leaked Imagery from the DoD: ‘Mosul Orb’ UAP Published by Jeremy Corbell and George Knapp](#),” The Black Vault, January 24, 2023; “[Was ‘Mosul Orb’ UFO Just a Stray US Spy Balloon?](#)” *The National* (Abu Dhabi), February 16, 2023; John Greenewald, “[The Classified ‘Mosul Orb’ UAP Case: A New Chapter in Government Secrecy Unfolds](#),” The Black Vault, June 3, 2023; “[U.S. Air Force Sphere Video \(Mosul Orb\) – The UAP Register](#),” Dustin Slaughter YouTube channel, July 1, 2025; Dustin Slaughter, “[U.S. Air Force Releases New UAP Video Depicting Metallic-Looking Sphere](#),” The UAP Register, July 1, 2025; Christopher Sharp, “[FOIA Crack Opens: ‘Mosul Orb’ UFO Video Finally Goes Public](#),” Liberation Times, July 1, 2025)
- 2016, April 28** — Romanian-American aerospace engineer [Salvatore Pais](#), stationed at NAS Patuxent River in Maryland, files a patent for a “craft using an inertial mass reduction device,” one embodiment of which could be a high speed “hybrid aerospace/undersea craft” able to “engineer the fabric of our reality at the most fundamental level,” the patent application for which is supported by the Naval Aviation Enterprise’s chief technical officer on the grounds that the Chinese military are already developing similar technology. This patent is subsequently approved and published on December 4, 2018, and is currently assigned to the US Navy, expiring in 2036. Starting in 2015, Pais has filed patent applications on behalf of his employers with futuristic-sounding names suggesting potential military and energy-producing applications, including a plasma compression fusion device, an electromagnetic field generator, and a high-frequency gravitational wave generator.” No working prototype of any of these concepts is ever developed. These attract attention, as well as speculation that they may be disinformation intended to mislead the United States’ strategic adversaries about the direction of the country’s defense research. (“[Craft Using an Inertial Mass Reduction Device](#),” Google Patents, US10144532B2, December 4, 2018; Brett Tingley and Tyler Rogoway, “[Docs Show Navy Got ‘UFO’ Patent Granted by Warning of Similar Chinese Tech Advances](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, June 28, 2019; Brett Tingley, “[The Secretive Inventor of the Navy’s Bizarre ‘UFO Patents’ Finally Talks](#),” The Drive: The Warzone, October 9, 2020; Coulthart 2023, pp. 288–299)
- 2016, May 9** — Former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence [Christopher Mellon](#) speaks publicly about UAP for the first time. He tells journalist [Leslie Kean](#) that if UAP technology was hidden, he’d “take it outside government oversight entirely and place it in a compartment as a new entity within an existing defense company and manage it as what we call an ‘IRAD’ or ‘Independent Research and Development Activity.’” (Leslie Kean, “[Is There a UFO Cover-Up? A Government Insider Speaks Out](#),” HuffPost, May 9, 2016)
- 2016, May 13** — James T. Lacatski retires from the Defense Intelligence Agency, following failed attempts to get the AAWSAP program funded again through the Department of Defense. (Skinwalkers 29)
- 2016, May 30** — Morning. A Porter Airlines de Havilland Dash 8 aircraft is descending at 9,000 feet toward Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport in Ontario when the crew observes an object in their flight path “shaped like an upright doughnut or inner tube” which prompts an evasive maneuver. The aircraft, its four crew members, and 54 passengers safely land 11 minutes after the near miss, but both flight attendants are taken to a hospital afterward with minor injuries. There is no conclusive evidence that it is a drone. (Micah Hanks and Chrissy Newton, “[Recent Pilot UAP Sightings Point to Aviation Safety Challenges, Pilots Say](#),” The Debrief, November 30, 2022)

- 2016, June** — The Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici begins publishing *Cielo Insolito*, a journal of UFO history edited by Giuseppe Stilo and Maurizio Verga. ([Cielo Insolito](#), no. 1 (July 2016))
- 2016, July 1** — NORAD releases figures indicating that radar Tracks of Interest have averaged 1,800 per year since 2011. It states that it routinely withholds Unknown tracks and Tracks of Interest data because the release of any details might affect national defense. (“[‘Alien Cover Up’: Nearly 2,000 UFOs Tracked by Radar System But Details Suppressed](#),” *The Express* (UK), July 1, 2016; Clark III 801)
- 2016, Mid-July** — Night. Appalachian State University astronomers Daniel Caton and R. Lee Hawkins obtain footage from two separate webcams of the Brown Mountain lights in North Carolina. The footage shows a stationary light that appears in the same area, between exposures, four times during a span of 20 minutes. (Katie Murawski, “[Professors Research the Mysterious Brown Mountain Lights](#),” *The Appalachian*, October 27, 2016)
- 2016, August 11** — In *Roswell in the 21st Century*, [Kevin D. Randle](#) upends his previous position and argues that while the Roswell incident remains shrouded in mystery, it was almost certainly not generated by the recovery of a downed spacecraft and dead occupants. (Kevin D. Randle, *Roswell in the 21st Century: The Evidence As It Exists Today*, Speaking Volumes, 2016)
- 2016, September 5** — In response to a question from MP [Andy Slaughter](#), Minister of State for the Armed Forces [Mike Penning](#) tells the House of Commons that “The Ministry of Defence does not maintain a central record of the number of unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings reported, following the closure of the UFO Desk in 2009.” (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 2016, September 19** — 11:45 p.m. An Air Canada Express pilot flying to Vancouver, British Columbia, reports “3 red lights 3,000 feet above him and going slower” while at 25,000 feet over an uninhabited stretch of British Columbia’s rugged northern coast. Vancouver air traffic controllers report the incident 20 minutes later to the RCAF in Ontario as a “vital intelligence sighting.” The RCAF reviews radar data, but finds nothing near the plane. Within an hour, reports are faxed to the Canadian government’s transportation department and the RCAF’s secretive Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Division in Winnipeg. There is no further follow-up. ([CADORS Report](#), no. 2016P1783; Daniel Otis, “[Credible UFO Reports Are Being Ignored, Declassified Canadian Government Documents Reveal](#),” Motherboard, November 29, 2021)
- 2016, October 27** — Two Georgia men are arrested on drug charges. They are reportedly plotting domestic terrorism based on conspiracy theories about HAARP. The Coffee County Sheriff’s Office says the men possess a “massive arsenal” that includes AR-15 rifles, Glock handguns, a Remington rifle, and thousands of rounds of ammunition. According to police, the men want to destroy HAARP because they believe the facility manipulates the weather, controls minds, and even traps the souls of people. Police say the men confess that “God told them to go and blow this machine up that kept souls, so souls could be released.” (“[Georgia Men Plotted Attack on Alaska Aurora Research Facility to ‘Release Souls,’ Detective Says](#),” *Anchorage (Alaska) Daily News*, November 1, 2016; “[Suspected Terrorists Believe Research Facility Controls Minds, Traps Souls](#),” WALB, Albany, Georgia, November 1, 2016)
- 2016, November 14** — 7:22 a.m. A Porter Airlines flight from Ottawa to Toronto is above Lake Ontario and approaching its destination when the flight crew notices an object directly ahead on their flight path that appears to be solid, approximately 5–8 feet in diameter and shaped like an upright doughnut or inner tube. To avoid a collision, the pilot overrides the autopilot in order to quickly descend the aircraft. Two flight attendants are in the process of securing the cabin for arrival and receive minor injuries when they are thrown into the cabin structure. No passengers are hurt in the incident. The Transportation Safety Board cannot identify the object, although it could be a balloon. (Colin Perkel, “[Two Hurt in Mid-Flight As Porter Airlines Plane Evades Possible Drone](#),” CTV News, November 14, 2016; Simon Hradecky, “[Accident: Porter DH8D at Toronto on Nov 14th 2016, Near Collision with Unmanned Aerial Vehicle](#),” *The Aviation Herald*, November 14, 2016; [CADORS: Report 2016O22991](#), November 22, 2016)
- 2016, December 10** — 4:44 a.m. A married couple is driving near Windsor, Maine, when they observe a “large triangle-shaped object” in two pieces (“like a carpenter’s framing square”) in the northeast sky. The object has six flashing red lights and one turquoise light that goes out as they are watching. It shows a black surface that is about 300 feet long. When they get out of the car for a better look, the man grabs his wife’s phone to take photos and a video. He shoots 6–8 minutes of video, but when he views it, it shows only black. The object seems to move effortlessly like

a boat coasting through the water—“slow enough to where we could make out some detail but fast enough to where it was out of sight within 10 minutes or so.” They both feel weird as they watch the object. The woman becomes nauseous and the man feels strangely “awestruck.” (MUFON case file)

2016, December 22 — 7: 10 p.m. A westbound American Airlines flight is more than 185 miles south of Goose Bay, Newfoundland, when it reports a “possible aircraft off its left side and below.” NORAD cannot confirm by radar, but two other aircraft also report a possible target. The pilot takes evasive action as Canadian CF-18 Hornets are scrambled to investigate “Track of Interest 2.” The pilot makes a 90° turn to the right to separate the airliner’s radar blip from the other, and a “single radar hit” is detected behind him. When the pilot returns to his original flight plan, he sees an aircraft with a rotating white light behind him. A Lufthansa flight near the Gulf of Saint Lawrence sees an object slightly below them and to the left, while a Swiss flight reports a “white light and rotating beacon.” The CF-18s see nothing and return to their base after 90 minutes in the air. ([CADORS: Report 2016A1096](#), January 17, 2017; [“UFOs: Canadian Air Force Responds to ‘Threats’ with CF-18 Fighter Jets.”](#) CTV News, October 31, 2022)

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2017 — The US nuclear stockpile has dwindled to 3,822 bombs. ([“Stockpile Numbers,”](#) DoD Open Government)

2017 — The increasing number of drone cases posing a risk to aircraft leads the UK Airprox Board to launch a Small Unmanned Air System (SUAS) assessment that classifies incidents into one of four categories: drones or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), balloons (including toys and weather), model aircraft, and unknown objects. (UK Airprox Board, [“Small Unmanned Air System \(SUAS\) Assessment”](#))

2017, January — [Luis Elizondo](#) informs former Defense Department official [Christopher Mellon](#) that restricted US airspace is being violated by Unidentified Aerial Phenomena on a weekly, if not daily, basis for years; yet the Department of Defense and the Intelligence Community is in the dark. Elizondo is alarmed by the prospect of clandestine reconnaissance directed against US Naval Strike Groups and other vital US military capabilities. These mysterious objects in some cases appear to demonstrate capabilities beyond anything in the US inventory, even including the classified reconnaissance platforms developed by the Lockheed Martin Skunkworks, the Boeing Phantom Works, and other contractors. (Christopher Mellon, [“Setting the Record Straight,”](#) christophermellon.net, December 29, 2022)

2017, January 1 — [Richard F. Haines](#) retires from his role as chief scientist for NARCAP. He reports: “The fact that no cause-effect relationship has been found in major UFO airborne safety incidents doesn’t support the notion of nearby, material objects or phenomena in the air. Finally, the well-intentioned change of the term UFO into UAP—hoping to reach a larger scientific audience—served little and no relevant achievement followed.” (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, [“Haines Retires from NARCAP,”](#) UFO FOTOCAT Blog, April 17, 2017)

2017, February 7 — The US Forest Service releases 18 pages of records relating to UFO sightings from 1952 to 2016. (John Greenwald, [“U.S. Forest Service UFO Files and UFO Photographs,”](#) The Black Vault, August 17, 2023)

2017, March 8 — Gen. [John E. Hyten](#), commander of the US Strategic Command, testifies before the House Committee on Armed Services that “Of recent concern have been the unauthorized flights of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) over Navy and Air Force installations. These intrusions represent a growing threat to the safety and security of nuclear weapons and personnel.” (US House Committee on Armed Services, 115th Cong., 1st Sess., [Military Assessment of Nuclear Deterrence Requirements](#), Hearing, March 8, 2017, p. 63)

2017, March 23 — The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission releases 43 pages of agency records related to UFOs from 1998 to 2010. (John Greenwald, [“Nuclear Regulatory Commission \(NRC\) UFO Files Released,”](#) The Black Vault, July 8, 2021)

2017, May — Researcher [Robert Hastings](#) writes a second edition of *UFOs and Nukes*, which summarizes his interviews with more than 150 military witnesses to UFO sightings at nuclear bases, storage areas, and test sites. He presents incidents at ICBM sites across the US, including Malmstrom, Minot, F. E. Warren, Ellsworth, Vandenberg, and Walker Air Force Bases. He finds evidence that UFOs are taking an interest in nuclear weapons storage areas at Wurtsmith and Loring AFB, as well as RAF Bentwaters in England. (Robert Hastings, *UFOs and Nukes*, The Author, 2017; Coulthart 2023, pp. 154–155)

- 2017, May 9** — [Steven M. Greer](#) releases a documentary, *Unacknowledged*, on the history of UFO secrecy. Interviews with [George Filer](#), [Tom Bearden](#), [Glenn Dennis](#), [Richard Doty](#), [Stephen Lovekin](#), and [John Podesta](#) are featured. Narrated by [Giancarlo Esposito](#). (Internet Movie Database, “[Unacknowledged](#)”)
- 2017, May 28** — [Robert Bigelow](#) states on *60 Minutes* that he is “absolutely convinced” that aliens exist and that there is an “existing presence, an ET presence” on Earth. (Lara Logan, “[Bigelow Aerospace Founder Says Commercial World Will Lead in Space](#),” CBS News, May 28, 2017)
- 2017, May 28** — Evening. Rik Koops and Harm Duursma see UFOs over Park Sonsbeek, in Arnhem, Netherlands. Koops shoots a 3-minute video of three globular objects. A spokesperson for the Defence Helicopter Command at nearby Deelen Air Base denies that the objects are drones. (“[3 bal vormige objecten bewegen in de lucht](#),” UFO Meldpunt Nederland, May 29, 2017; “[UFO boven Arnhem? ‘Ledeeren die het ziet, zit met open mond van verbazing](#),” *de Gelderlander*, May 30, 2017; “[Het ufo-seizoen is veer aangebroken](#),” *de Gelderlander*, May 31, 2017)
- 2017, Summer** — [Christopher Mellon](#) introduces [Luis Elizondo](#) to two officials who report directly to Secretary of Defense [Jim Mattis](#). Months of effort pass, but it proves impossible to get anyone at the Defense Department to notify the Secretary or take meaningful action. (Christopher Mellon, “[Setting the Record Straight](#),” christophermellon.net, December 29, 2022)
- 2017, June** — [Nick Redfern](#) publishes *The Roswell UFO Conspiracy*, a sequel to his 2005 *Body Snatchers in the Desert*. In 2001, Redfern interviewed an elderly woman (the Black Widow) who had worked at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee from the mid-1940s to the early 1950s, who told him that just after World War II she had seen some 15 human “guinea pigs,” including Japanese prisoners and handicapped persons, who were involved in government experiments involving exposure to high altitudes in balloons. Through her testimony and that of other witnesses, Redfern concludes that the “aliens” found at the Roswell crash in New Mexico in 1947 were likely these humans deemed expendable by the US government, and that flying saucers and aliens were a convenient cover story. The experiments were inconclusive and the methods unethical, so all the records were destroyed. (Nick Redfern, *The Roswell UFO Conspiracy: Exposing a Shocking and Sinister Secret*, Lisa Hagen, 2017)
- 2017, June** — Some additional dubious MJ-12 documents (47 pages total) are provided to [Heather Wade](#), host of the *Midnight in the Desert* streaming radio show. (Nick Redfern, “[The Majestic 12 Documents Are Back](#),” Mysterious Universe, June 16, 2017; Kremlin 214–220)
- 2017, July 1–2** — The second Dulce Base UFO Conference is held at the Wild Horse Casino and Hotel in Dulce, New Mexico. The event is organized by members of the Jicarilla Apache, Southern Ute, and Navajo nations and features speakers Chuck and Nancy Wade; the Paranormal Rangers (Stanley Milford Jr. and Jonathan Dover), Navajo law officers; abductee [Travis Walton](#); and actor [Alan Taffoy](#). (Paul Ross, ““The Truth Is Around Here...Someplace,”” *Fortean Times* 361 (Christmas 2017): 42–47)
- 2017, July 14** — 7:20 p.m. The pilot of an Airbus A319 is holding at 7,000 feet at Gatwick Airport near Crawley, West Sussex, England, when the First Officer, in the right-hand seat, notices an object close to the aircraft. He mentions it to the captain, who also sees it. Both believe the object is not close enough to hit the aircraft and that they will miss it. It is black and shiny metallic in color and appears to be a square or cube. It maintains its altitude and takes about 7 seconds to pass, making them believe it is hovering. They are not certain it is a drone because they cannot see any propellers. They alert Gatwick, but the controllers there do not report seeing it. (UK Airprox Board, “[Assessment Summary Sheet for UKAB Meeting on 11th October 2017](#)”; “UKAB ‘Unknown Object’ Log 2017–2020,” *Fortean Times* 406 (June 2021): 43)
- 2017, July 19** — 9:00 a.m. The FBI conducts a raid on [Robert Lazar](#)’s United Nuclear Scientific business in Laingsburg, Michigan, in connection with the thallium poisoning death of Janel Sturzl in 2015, apparently to determine if the company sells or distributes thallium. Apparently it does, but only a harmless radioactive isotope. (Amy Zimmerman, “[Why Did the FBI Raid the Home of the Biggest Alien Truther?](#)” *The Daily Beast*, December 4, 2018; John Greenwald, “[Documents on 2017 Bob Lazar / United Nuclear Raid—Laingsburg Police Department](#),” *The Black Vault*, July 1, 2019; Tim McMillan, “[Bob Lazar Says the FBI Raided Him to Seize Area 51’s Alien Fuel: The Truth Is Weirder](#),” *Motherboard*, November 13, 2019)
- 2017, August** — [Robert Powell](#) and other interested individuals create the Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a mission to promote the scientific exploration of UAP. The organization has three primary goals: (1) to establish credible, objective, scientific, peer-reviewed content on the topic, (2) to create scientific and technical partnerships with other organizations and universities, and (3) to sponsor networking and

public environments to aid communication within the serious research community. (Powell, *Scientist*, 137–139; Clark IV 1025)

- 2017, August** — Reports begin to surface that US and Canadian diplomatic personnel in Havana, Cuba, have experienced unusual, unexplained health problems dating back to late 2016. The health problems typically have a sudden onset: The victim suddenly begins hearing strange grating noises that seem to come from a specific direction. Some of them experience it as a pressure or a vibration; or as a sensation comparable to driving a car with the window partly rolled down. The duration ranges from 20 seconds to 30 minutes, and always happens while the diplomats are either at home or in hotel rooms. Other people nearby, family members and guests in neighboring rooms, do not report hearing anything. Affected individuals describe symptoms such as hearing loss, memory loss, and nausea. Some US embassy individuals reportedly experience lasting health effects, including one unidentified diplomat who now needs a hearing aid. In October, the Associated Press releases what it says is a recording of the sound some embassy workers are hearing. Accusations are made that these are a result of attacks using unspecified technology, perhaps a sonic or ultrasonic weapon. (Wikipedia, "[Havana syndrome](#)"; David Hambling, "The Sound of Violence," *Fortean Times* 360 (December 2017): 14; "[Ottawa Doctor Treating Canadian Diplomats with Mysterious 'Havana Syndrome.'](#)" *Ottawa (Ont.) Citizen*, November 30, 2018)
- 2017, August 2** — 7:30 p.m. In clear daylight, a couple observe a large, black, silent, symmetrical object—described as a 3D diamond or double-sided pyramid hovering over Herceg Novi, Montenegro. The craft, estimated to be the size of a house and roughly two-thirds of a mile away, makes no sound and remains motionless. By the time one witness tries to photograph, the object vanishes. (National UFO Reporting Center, "[NUFORC UFO Sighting 188716](#)," April 6, 2025)
- 2017, August 9** — 9:20 p.m. A couple are walking south along North Lake Shore Drive just north of Schiller Street in Chicago when they notice something large and dark flying toward them from the east and crossing ahead of them at an altitude of 20 feet or so. It sweeps upward over the trees in front of 1400 North Lake Shore Drive, then stops in mid-air after it reaches a height just below the top of the building. It hovers with a large pair of wings for about 5 seconds, then dives toward the ground. As the witnesses quicken their pace toward the building, the "winged being" descends in front of them, no more than 25 feet away, and hovers 5 feet above the sidewalk with its wings spread open. They can see its bright red eyes that vary in intensity. Several people on the other side of the street also see the being, which hovers for 10 seconds, pulls its wings in close, and silently shoots up into the sky. The witnesses describe it as "human-like" with a small head that narrows at the top, two legs with long tapered feet, and no apparent arms. It is 5–6 feet in height and has wide wings that resemble the top wings of a butterfly. The sighting is the most recent of 29 reported in the Chicago area in the summer. (Lon Strickler, "[Winged Humanoid Confronts Shocked Chicago Witnesses](#)," *Phantoms and Monsters*, August 10, 2017; Joe Vince, "[Winged Freak Terrorizes Chicago? Wait'll You Get a Load of These 29 Sightings](#)," *Chicago Patch*, August 11, 2017)
- 2017, August 28** — An unclassified "SAP Coordination Meeting" takes place in the Pentagon between Director for Defense Intelligence Neill T. Tipton and [Luis Elizondo](#) shortly before Elizondo leaves the Department of Defense. At this point, Tipton's office presumably takes over the AATIP portfolio. (Tim McMillan, "[Congress Calls for Permanent Office to Address 'Unidentified Aerial Phenomena.'](#)" *The Debrief*, September 13, 2021)
- 2017, August 30** — Six triangular objects in formation are detected by satellite imagery above a body of water in Southeast Asia. AARO determines that the objects are static, cone-shaped fishing nets on the surface of the water. (All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, "[Case: 'Southeast Asia Triangles.'](#)" December 2023)
- 2017, September** — The US State Department removes non-essential staff from the US embassy in Havana, Cuba. (Wikipedia, "[Havana syndrome](#)")
- 2017, September** — The To the Stars Academy begins offering to the public \$50 million worth of stock through a Regulation A+ equity crowdfunding campaign. The company is cofounded earlier in the year in San Diego, California, by rock guitarist [Tom DeLonge](#), engineer and parapsychologist [Harold E. Puthoff](#), and retired CIA intelligence officer Jim Semivan and is composed of aerospace, science, and entertainment divisions. DeLonge is convinced of the reality of alien UFOs because of an experience he had a few years earlier in the desert north of Tonopah, Nevada. The academy's science and aerospace divisions are devoted to the "outer edges of science," such as investigating UFOs. It employs [Luis Elizondo](#) as a key investigator. Its Virtual Analytics UAP Learning Tool (VAULT) is a public-facing database of UFO sightings. The VAULT team collects, analyzes, and provides their authentication of UFO sightings, most famously reported in the media as having been obtained through declassified government materials. Some evidence suggests that TTSA is sponsored or heavily influenced by the Department of Defense, as there are 11 former DoD counterintelligence and information specialists associated with it. (Wikipedia, "[To the Stars Inc.](#)"; Althea Legaspi, "[Tom DeLonge Announces Stars Academy for 'Outer Edges of Science' Research](#)," *Rolling Stone*, October 12, 2017; Tyler Rogoway, "[Tom DeLonge's Origin Story](#)

[for To the Stars Academy Describes a Government UFO Info Operation.](#)” The Drive: The War Zone, June 5, 2019; [“The UFO Information Operation,”](#) Medium: INFO-OPS, November 23, 2021; Coulthart 2023, pp. 164–172; Clark IV 1280)

- 2017, September?** — Several documents and videos about the informal Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program are posted Twitter user @Jay09784691. Seven jpeg files, each labeled as aatip-brief-pdf-orig, appear to be a series of briefing slides about the AATIP purpose. Mission, vision, and assessments. (Keith Basterfield, [“AATIP Documents Found on US Website,”](#) Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, August 9, 2018; Keith Basterfield, [“AATIP/AAWSAP: The Publicly Available Documentation on These Programs,”](#) Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, December 27, 2018)
- 2017, September 23** — 7:50 p.m. Witnesses in Son, Netherlands, watch a white, U-shaped light for 5 minutes. One witness manages to take a photo of the light, which by then is diminishing in size before disappearing. ([“U-vormig wit licht hoog ver weg in die hemel, stilstaand,”](#) UFO Meldpunt Nederland, September 23, 2017)
- 2017, September 25** — [Luis Elizondo](#) writes a memo to [Neill T. Tipton](#), director for defense intelligence, collection, and special programs, preparing him for his “new responsibilities” for the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP). He draws up a memorandum for the record that summarizes the scope and importance of AATIP within the Defense Department. However, Elizondo later claims that the handoff to Tipton never materializes: “Neill got cold feet about taking my place at AATIP—something I wouldn’t have expected from him—and began to backpedal, telling people that he knew nothing about AATIP, its focus, or my involvement,” Elizondo writes in his book *Imminent*. “I was disappointed that my friend chose to do what he did, especially given the vast amount of emails and witnesses who knew Neill was slated to take over AATIP when I left.” After Elizondo’s retirement, the Department of Defense frequently denies that Elizondo ever had a role within AATIP, and repeatedly states that the program did not have a focus on UFOs. (John Greenewald, [“AATIP Memo Unveiled after FOIA Battle: DoD Inconsistencies Exposed,”](#) The Black Vault, August 23, 2024; John Greenewald, [“The Pentagon Says AATIP Wasn’t about UFOs—But the Man Slated to Take It Over Ended Up Designing the Government’s UAP Strategy,”](#) The Black Vault, April 2, 2025)
- 2017, October** — Night. An oddly shaped object with streamers hanging down like a jellyfish is picked up by an unmanned Persistent Threat Detection System (PTDS) surveillance balloon at a US joint operations base (probably Al-Taqaddum Air Base at Habbaniyah) in Iraq. After it moves across the base, it passes over water, makes a seemingly controlled descent, and submerges. After 17 minutes, the object allegedly reemerges from the water and disappears at a high rate of speed. (However, this submergence and reemergence is disputed by Michael Cincoski, who served in 2018 as an Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Tactical Controller at Al-Taqaddum and was shown the video when he arrived.) According to those familiar with the footage or who witness the event, the object is not visible through night vision equipment, appears to jam the targeting capability of the optical platform, and displays positive lift with no signatures for propulsion maneuvers present. The PTDS team rule out a camera artifact or a dirty lens. Journalist [Jeremy Corbell](#) releases only about 2 minutes of the full video. AARO assesses that the object does not demonstrate anomalous performance characteristics. ([“‘Unlikely’ That Object in New UAP Video Is Camera Smudge: Expert,”](#) NewsNation, January 9, 2024; [“‘Jellyfish’ UAP Video Reveals Strange Object in Iraq,”](#) NewsNation, January 10, 2024; Steven Greenstreet (@MiddleOfMayhem) [post on X](#) (Twitter), January 10, 2024; Brian Entin, [“Marine Says ‘Jellyfish’ UAP Was ‘Ghost Story of the Base,’”](#) NewsNation, January 11, 2024; Bob Spearing, [“The Iraqi Jellyfish UAP: A MUFON Analysis,”](#) MUFON News, February 13, 2024; [“Al Taqaddum Object,”](#) Defense Visual Information Distribution Service, April 29, 2025)
- 2017, October 4** — [Luis Elizondo](#) resigns from his Pentagon position as “National Programs Special Management Staff” in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security to protest what he says is excessive secrecy and internal opposition. He declines to identify his successor. He states there is a need for more serious attention to the “many accounts from the Navy and other services of unusual aerial systems interfering with military weapon platforms and displaying beyond-next-generation capabilities.” He tells Secretary of Defense [Jim Mattis](#) that “there remains a vital need to ascertain capability and intent of these phenomena for the benefit of the armed forces and the nation.” The same day, Elizondo meets with *New York Times* journalist [Leslie Kean](#) in a Pentagon City hotel and tells her about what he calls the secret Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP). She spends hours with him reviewing classified documents. (Luis Elizondo, [“Letter of Resignation & Differed Retirement”](#); Helene Cooper, Ralph Blumenthal, and Leslie Kean, [“Glowing Auras and ‘Black Money’: The Pentagon’s Mysterious UFO Program,”](#) *New York Times*, December 16, 2017; Ralph Blumenthal, [“On the Trail of a Secret Pentagon U.F.O. Program,”](#) *New York Times*, December 18, 2017; Paul Dean and Keith Basterfield, [“A Formal Job Description of an AASWAP/AATIP UFO Case Investigations](#)

[Scientist](#),” UFOs: Documenting the Evidence, May 3, 2018; Adam Kehoe, “[Answering ‘Who Else Knows,’](#)” UAP, November 28, 2020; John Greenewald, “[The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project](#),” The Black Vault, January 21, 2023; John Greenewald, “[Ex-DoD Intelligence Officer’s UFO Claims Spark Security Concerns and Confusion, Pentagon Memos Reveal](#),” The Black Vault, June 23, 2023; John Greenewald, “[AATIP and the Pentagon: The Struggle over UFO Program Records](#),” The Black Vault, April 23, 2024; John Greenewald, “[New FOIA Release Highlights Redactions in Key AATIP Correspondence: What Is the Pentagon Hiding?](#)” The Black Vault, May 13, 2024; Clark IV 704, 1280)

2017, October 11 — [Tom DeLonge](#) holds a press conference formally announcing his To the Stars Academy of Arts and Science. Its science and aerospace divisions will be devoted to the “outer edges of science, such as investigating UFOs and creating an “electromagnetic vehicle.” (Wikipedia, “[To the Stars Inc.](#)”; Alejandro Rojas, “[Transcript of To the Stars Academy Press Conference](#),” October 11, 2017; Coulthart 2023, pp. 198–200)

2017, October 19 — ‘Oumuamua (1I/2017 U1), the first known interstellar object detected passing through the Solar System, is discovered by [Robert Weryk](#) using the Pan-STARRS telescope at Haleakala Observatory, Hawaii, 40 days after it passes its closest point to the Sun on September 9. When it is first observed, it is about 21 million miles from Earth and already heading away from the Sun. ‘Oumuamua is a small object estimated to be between 330 and 3,280 feet long, with its width and thickness both estimated to range between 115 and 548 feet. It has a dark red color similar to other objects in the outer Solar System. Its light curve presents its motion as [tumbling](#), rather than smoothly rotating, and it is moving sufficiently fast relative to the Sun that few possible models define a Solar System origin, although an Oort cloud origin cannot be excluded. Extrapolated and without further deceleration, its path will not allow it to be captured into a solar orbit, so it will eventually leave the Solar System and continue into interstellar space. (Wikipedia, “[‘Oumuamua](#)”; “[Small Asteroid or Comet ‘Visits’ from Beyond the Solar System](#),” NASA, October 26, 2017; Patrick Gross, “[‘Oumuamua: Extraterrestrial Device or Natural Object?](#)”; Avi Loeb, *Extraterrestrial: The First Sign of Intelligent Life Beyond Earth*, Mariner, 2021; Graff 424–427; Avi Loeb, “[Unraveling ‘Oumuamua’s Anomalous Acceleration: Could This Interstellar Object Have Been Manufactured?](#)” The Debrief, August 16, 2024)

2017, October 24 — The Cuban government employs about 2,000 scientists and law enforcement officers who interview 300 neighbors of diplomats, examine two hotels, and medically examine non-diplomats who could have been exposed. Cuban officials analyze air and soil samples and consider a range of toxic chemicals. They also examine the possibility that electromagnetic waves are to blame and even look into whether insects might be the culprits but find nothing they can link to the medical symptoms. The FBI and Cubans meet to discuss the situation, although the Cubans say that the US declines to share the diplomats’ medical records with Cuban authorities or to allow Cuban investigators access to US diplomats’ homes to conduct tests. (“[Cubans Forcefully Reject Blame for U.S. Diplomats’ Mystery Ailments](#),” NBC News, October 24, 2017)

2017, October 25 — The FAA detects an unidentified aircraft flying “fast” (relative to commercial air traffic) at around 35,000 feet over Northern California towards Oregon. In an effort to identify the aircraft, the FAA contacts commercial airline pilots in the vicinity who visually confirm a white object traveling northbound. After the commercial passenger jets confirms the position, NORAD scrambles F-15Cs from the 142nd Air Wing in Portland, Oregon, to investigate. Bearing the most advanced targeting system available (the Sniper pod), the F-15s are unable to locate or identify the vehicle. FAA and NORAD both confirm the event and NORAD publicly confirms the launch of the F-15s. (Tyler Rogoway, “[You Need to Hear These FAA Tapes from That Oregon UFO Incident That Sent F-15s Scrambling](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, February 15, 2018; US Air Force, “[Sniper Pod](#)”)

2017, October 26 — Musician [Tom DeLonge](#) appears on *The Joe Rogan Experience* and tells [Rogan](#) he is being advised by USAF Maj. Gen. [Neil McCasland](#), USAF Maj. Gen. [Michael Carey](#), Lockheed Martin Skunk Works EVP [Robert F. Weiss](#), Hillary Clinton campaign manager [John Podesta](#), Dr. [Harold Puthoff](#), former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence [Christopher Mellon](#), and former OUSD(I) employee and AATIP head [Luis Elizondo](#), among others unnamed, to carry out slow disclosure of UAP information to the American public from US government and contractor sources. He claims he was schooled by them to not reveal how much he actually knows, and that his sources even performed a mock magazine interview with him so that they could analyze his answers and rehearse him. DeLonge claims contractors already have free energy technology (zero-point energy) that would make all other forms of energy derivation obsolete. “One inch of air could power the US for hundreds of years,” he claims. DeLonge suggests his group, To The Stars Academy of Arts and Science (TTSA), is being restrained from releasing all information government insiders are telling him, but that TTSA seeks investment from private investors to develop this free energy technology for energy and aerospace purposes. DeLonge also says that TTSA expects to create a working antigravity craft; the company’s offering statement to the SEC states the company’s aerospace division is “dedicated to finding revolutionary breakthroughs in propulsion, energy, and

communications.” (“[Joe Rogan Experience #1029: Tom DeLonge](#),” PowerfulJRE YouTube channel, October 26, 2017; Coulthart 2023, pp. 173–174, 177–180, 200–202, 207)

2017, October 27 — A group of scientists, former military and law enforcement officials, and other professionals form the Scientific Coalition for Ufology [later changed to the Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies] to conduct and encourage the rigorous scientific examination of UFO phenomena. Its executive board includes [Robert Powell](#), Richard Hoffman, and other scientists and professionals. (Scientific Coalition for Ufology, “[Scientific Study of UFOs To Be Focus of New Organization](#),” October 27, 2017)

2017, October 31 — *New York Times* reporters [Leslie Kean](#) and [Ralph Blumenthal](#) meet with [Luis Elizondo](#) in Philadelphia to hear more details about the Pentagon’s secret program on UFOs. (Ralph Blumenthal, “[On the Trail of a Secret Pentagon U.F.O. Program](#),” *New York Times*, December 18, 2017)

2017, November — Former Defense Department official [Christopher Mellon](#) contacts reporter [Leslie Kean](#) of the *New York Times*, as well as reporters from the *Washington Post* and *Politico* concerning the alarming intrusions of military airspace that the US Office of the Secretary of Defense is unwilling to acknowledge. The *New York Times* editors are skeptical initially, but [Luis Elizondo](#)’s authoritative testimony and the unclassified documentation and official Department of Defense videos Mellon provides convinces them that the story is real. Mellon provides them with two unclassified but official UAP videos and other unclassified information in an attempt to compel the Department of Defense to take action. Meanwhile, Elizondo introduces [Helene Cooper](#), Leslie Kean, and [Ralph Blumenthal](#) to Commander [David Fravor](#) and other Navy aviators who have witnessed UAP. (Ralph Blumenthal, “[On the Trail of a Secret Pentagon U.F.O. Program](#),” *New York Times*, December 18, 2017; Gideon Lewis-Kraus, “[How the Pentagon Started Taking U.F.O.s Seriously](#),” *The New Yorker*, April 30, 2021; Christopher Mellon, “[Setting the Record Straight](#),” christophermellon.net, December 29, 2022; Graff 410–413; Clark IV 1280)

2017, December 5 — *New York Times* Pentagon correspondent [Helene Cooper](#) flies to Las Vegas, Nevada, and meets with former Senate Majority Leader [Harry Reid](#). The meeting is facilitated by [Carl Hulse](#), the paper’s chief Washington correspondent, and Former Defense Department official [Christopher Mellon](#). Reid confirms the existence of the Pentagon UFO program and recounts details of his own frustrating efforts to get the DoD to take the UFO issue seriously, saying, “I’m not embarrassed or ashamed or sorry I got this going.” (Ralph Blumenthal, “[On the Trail of a Secret Pentagon U.F.O. Program](#),” *New York Times*, December 18, 2017; Christopher Mellon, “[Setting the Record Straight](#),” christophermellon.net, December 29, 2022)

2017, December 5 — In Moscow, Russia, covert CIA operative Marc Polymeropoulos suddenly gets symptoms similar to Havana Syndrome. In the spring of 2018, a private neurologist gives Polymeropoulos a diagnosis: occipital neuralgia, a condition resulting from damage to the two nerves that run from the base of the skull, curving toward the front of the head. (Julia Joffe, “[The Mystery of the Immaculate Concussion](#),” *GQ*, October 19, 2020)

2017, December 8 — [Helene Cooper](#) meets with a Pentagon spokesperson for a response to the information on its UFO program. He confirms that there had been such a program, but claims it had ended in 2012 after five years. (Ralph Blumenthal, “[On the Trail of a Secret Pentagon U.F.O. Program](#),” *New York Times*, December 18, 2017; John Greenewald, “[The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project](#),” The Black Vault, January 21, 2023)

2017, December 13 — The To the Stars Academy releases two US Department of Defense videos (Tic-Tac and GIMBAL) showing UAP on infrared sensors. (“[2004 USS Nimitz FLIR1 Video](#),” To the Stars Academy, December 13, 2017; “[GIMBAL: Authenticated UAP Video](#),” To the Stars Academy, December 13, 2017)

2017, December 16 — [Helene Cooper](#), [Ralph Blumenthal](#), and [Leslie Kean](#) publish their story in the *New York Times*, in which the US Department of Defense confirms the existence of a Defense Intelligence Agency program used to collect data on military UFO sightings, the Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program (misidentified as the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program) that was officially terminated in 2012. The article identifies [Luis Elizondo](#) as the military intelligence official who ran the program from the fifth floor of the Pentagon’s C Ring. However, AAWSAP was run by [Robert Bigelow](#)’s aerospace company, which hired subcontractors for the program and, according to this article, “modified buildings in Las Vegas for the storage of metal alloys and other materials that Mr. Elizondo and program contractors said had been recovered from unidentified aerial phenomena.” (Blumenthal later walks back from that claim in an interview.) The announcement includes two videos (Tic-Tac and GIMBAL), recorded by the US Navy, of what are described as unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP). The videos have already been released by the To the Stars Academy. In blogs and in podcasts, ufologists begin referring to this article as precipitating a cultural shift toward acceptance of UFOs. (Helene Cooper, Ralph Blumenthal, and Leslie Kean, “[Glowing Auras and ‘Black Money’: The](#)

[Pentagon's Mysterious UFO Program](#),” *New York Times*, December 16, 2017; Bryan Bender, “[The Pentagon's Secret Search for UFOs](#),” Politico, December 16, 2017; Ralph Blumenthal, “[On the Trail of a Secret Pentagon U.F.O. Program](#),” *New York Times*, December 18, 2017; “[#01 Leslie Kean and Ralph Blumenthal: UFOs and The New York Times](#),” Project Unity YouTube channel, July 25, 2020; Gideon Lewis-Kraus, “[How the Pentagon Started Taking U.F.O.s Seriously](#),” *The New Yorker*, April 30, 2021; Clark III 48; Clark IV 2, 703–704, 706, 1280)

2017, December 18 — The Federal Aviation Administration announces that it will begin restricting drone flights up to 400 feet within the lateral boundaries of several US Department of Energy facilities. (Micah Hanks, “[U.S. Department of Energy UAP Documents Reveal Puzzling Aerial Incursions near American Nuclear Sites](#),” The Debrief, September 29, 2023)

2017, December 19 — [Luis Elizondo](#) states on CNN to news anchor [Erin Burnett](#) that he personally believes there is “very compelling evidence we may not be alone.” (“[Former Pentagon Official: ‘We May Not Be Alone.’](#)” CNN, December 19, 2017)

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2018 — The British UFO Research Association publishes *Vehicle Interference Report*, compiled by Geoff Falla and Michael Hudson, summarizing 1,188 EM cases from 1908 to 2013. (Geoff Falla and Michael Hudson, [Vehicle Interference Report](#), BUFORA, 2018)

2018 — Jerome Clark completes the third edition of his two-volume UFO encyclopedia. (Jerome Clark, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Omnigraphics, 2018)

2018, January? — The US Navy Office of Naval Intelligence leads an “assessment of UAP incursions into DoD training ranges” as an informal task force headed by Naval Intelligence officer [John F. “Jay” Stratton](#) and assisted by [Travis S. Taylor](#). (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Luis Cayetano, “[On the AAWSAP-AAATIP Confusion](#),” June 30, 2024)

2018, January — A total of 11 satellites carrying Space-Based Infrared System or Space Tracking and Surveillance System payloads are operating in medium-earth, highly elliptical, and geosynchronous orbits that together provide continuous global coverage of infrared energy sources. Originally designed to detect missile launches, and later aircraft, this highly sophisticated capability continues to evolve and improve. This work is being undertaken at the Air Force's Overhead Persistent Infrared Battlespace Awareness Center at Buckley AFB in Aurora, Colorado, as well as its new Data Utilization Lab. (Wikipedia, “[Space-Based Infrared System](#)”)

2018, January 5 — 1:30 a.m. A woman looking from her bedroom window in Linden, Michigan, sees a large object emitting red-orange light approaching her. It stops dead above her head, accelerates, then slows down. Her husband goes outside and watches it before it blinks out. (Jenny Randles, “The Twelve UFOs of Christmas,” *Fortean Times* 374 (Christmas 2018): 29)

2018, January 8 — The Associated Press reports that a non-public FBI report has found no evidence of an intentional sonic attack in Havana, Cuba. (“[Tillerson Tells AP Cuba Still Risky; FBI Doubts Sonic Attack](#),” Associated Press, January 8, 2018)

2018, January 9 — At the direction of US Secretary of State [Rex Tillerson](#), the State Department conveys an Accountability Review Board to “review security incidents involving diplomatic personnel.” Retired US Ambassador to Libya [Peter W. Bodde](#) is chosen to lead the board. (“[Retired Ambassador to Libya to Lead Cuba Attacks Review](#),” CNN, January 10, 2018)

2018, January 9 — The Defense Intelligence Agency responds to an inquiry by Sen. [John McCain](#) (R-Ariz.) and Sen. [Jack Reed](#) (D-R.I.) regarding 38 projects that the military's Advanced Aviation Threat Identification Program [in reality, the Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Application Program] has been involved with. The letter is released on January 16 in response to a FOIA request by [Steven Aftergood](#), director of the Federation of American Scientists' Project on Government Secrecy. One such research topic, “Traversable Wormholes, Stargates, and Negative Energy,” was led by [Eric W. Davis](#) of EarthTech International, which was founded by [Harold E. Puthoff](#), who was formerly involved in the Stargate Project. Another project called “Invisibility Cloaking” was headed by German scientist [Ulf Leonhardt](#), a professor at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel. Yet another title, “Warp Drive, Dark Energy, and the Manipulation of Extra Dimensions,” was attributed to theoretical physicist [Richard Obousy](#), director of the nonprofit Icarus Interstellar. One of those papers was released to the public by *Popular Mechanics* on February 14, 2020. Titled “Clinical Medical Acute and Subacute Field Effects on Human Dermal and Neurological Tissues,” it is written by [Christopher \(Kit\) Green](#), formerly a

CIA agent, forensic clinician, and neuroscientist, who describes it as “focused on forensically assessing accounts of injuries that could have resulted from claimed encounters with UAP.” (Joseph Trevithick, [“Here’s the List of Studies the Military’s Secretive UFO Program Funded, Some Were Junk,”](#) The Drive: The War Zone, January 18, 2019; US Defense Intelligence Agency, [\[A list of all products produced under the AAWSAP contract\]](#); Nigel Watson, “Rubbish Data and Sceptical Dogma,” *Fortean Times* 420 (July 2022): 30; John Greenewald, [“The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project,”](#) The Black Vault, January 21, 2023)

- 2018**, February — The Brazilian Ufologists Commission begins a new phase of its “UFOs: Freedom of Information Now” campaign called “We Have the Right to Know.” The campaign demands that the Brazilian Army, the Minas Gerais military police, and the fire brigade of Varginha release the secret files on the 1996 Varginha case. (Clark III 209; Clark IV 249)
- 2018**, February 1 — 6:10 p.m. An Airbus A321 pilot is descending from 10,000 feet into Manchester Airport, England, when he sees a grayish, thin-profiled object that passes by very close at the same altitude at great speed down the left side of the aircraft. His initial reaction is that he has seen an internal reflection, but the First Officer and another person have also seen it. None of them have a clear view because it is in the landing-light beam for a split second. (UK Airprox Board, [“Assessment Summary Sheet for UKAB Meeting on 25th April 2018”](#); “UKAB ‘Unknown Object’ Log 2017–2020,” *Fortean Times* 406 (June 2021): 43)
- 2018**, February 16 — 9:16 p.m. A witness in Driebergen-Rijsenburg, Netherlands, sees three irregularly flashing lights flying toward the northwest. One of the lights suddenly leaves the formation and flies off in another direction. The lights fly slowly and silently for 6 minutes. ([“3 rode oplichtende punten aan de hemel,”](#) UFO Meldpunt Nederland, February 16, 2018)
- 2018**, February 20 — 10:00 p.m. A woman in Ede, Netherlands, sees three points of light (one brighter than the others) on a triangular object that is moving toward the northwest. She watches it for 2 minutes. ([“Driehoek formatie 3 lichtpunten,”](#) UFO Meldpunt Nederland, February 21, 2018)
- 2018**, February 23 — 7:30 a.m. Several people traveling to work in Wielsbeke from the village of Waregem, Belgium, see a hovering triangle with two bright lights like a star. There are red lights on its wings, and it is shaped like a B2 stealth bomber. ([Belgisch UFO-Meldpunt](#), March 4, 2018)
- 2018**, February 23 — 6:50 p.m. Two witnesses in Oudenaarde, Belgium, see a “hanging dot” that ascends at an enormous speed. ([Belgisch UFO-Meldpunt](#), March 4, 2018)
- 2018**, February 23 — 10:40 p.m. A witness going outside for a smoke in Biervliet, Netherlands, sees three globes flying in a straight line. They move closer together and disappear at the same time as they seem to merge. ([“Drie lichtbollen,”](#) UFO Meldpunt Nederland, February 23, 2018)
- 2018**, February 24 — 1:00 a.m. A man steps outside his house in Mol, Belgium, when it suddenly becomes light outside. Looking up, he sees an orange fireball flying past with small fragments falling off it. It is silent and does not explode. ([Belgisch UFO-Meldpunt](#), March 4, 2018)
- 2018**, February 24 — 1:15 a.m. A man in Breda, Netherlands, looks out his bedroom window and sees an enormous globe of white and turquoise light as large as the full moon. The light is so brilliant it hurts his eyes to look at it for 6 seconds. ([“Felle turquoise-witte bewegende lichtbol, grootte van een volle maan,”](#) UFO Meldpunt Nederland, February 24, 2018)
- 2018**, February 24 — 3:40 p.m. A Learjet 36 belonging to Phoenix Air flying at 37,000 feet reports an object passing above them going in the opposite direction at about 40,000 feet. Minutes later, Blenus Green, pilot of an American Airlines Airbus A321 flying on the same air route at 40,000 feet, reports a bright object passing above them in the opposite direction by about 2,000–3,000 feet. The planes are moving east between the Sonoran Desert National Monument in southern Arizona and the New Mexico border. “It was very bright, but it wasn’t so bright you couldn’t look at it. You almost really wanted to look at it, to try to figure out what it was,” Green said. “It didn’t look anything like an airplane.” The air traffic controller in Albuquerque is unable to verify any other aircraft in the area. (Tyler Rogoway, [“Learjet and Airbus Had Strange Encounter with Mysterious Craft over Arizona,”](#) The Drive: The War Zone, March 8, 2018; [“2 Airline Pilots Report Seeing UFO While Flying over Arizona,”](#) CBS News, March 29, 2018; Ray Stern, “Pilots Who Saw UFO over Arizona Speak Out: ‘It Didn’t Look Anything Like an Airplane,’” *Phoenix (Ariz.) New Times*, March 29, 2018; Jenny Randles, “The Sonora Desert Incident,” *Fortean Times* 367 (June 2018): 31; Patrick Gross, [“Pilots Sightings”](#))
- 2018**, February 25 — 6:45 a.m. A witness in Lendele, Belgium, looks out the window and sees a large, bright globe without a tail shooting toward the ground. After a few seconds it disappears. ([Belgisch UFO-Meldpunt](#), March 4, 2018)
- 2018**, February 26 — 7:30 p.m. A man walking his dog in Sibculo, Netherlands, takes a video of a bright, flashing object. ([“Snel bewegend verspringd licht,”](#) UFO Meldpunt Nederland, February 26, 2018)

- 2018, February 27** — The Trump administration requests \$81.1 billion, the largest amount ever, in funding for the black budget that bankrolls US intelligence operations. \$59.9 billion is earmarked for the National Intelligence Program for non-military efforts. The other \$21.2 billion would go to the Military Intelligence Program for the Defense Department. ([“DNI Releases Budget Figure for FY 2019 Appropriations Requested for the National Intelligence Program,”](#) Office of the Director of National Intelligence, February 27, 2018; [“Trump Administration Requests Record \\$81.1 Billion for ‘Black Budget.’”](#) *Washington Times*, February 28, 2018)
- 2018, February 27** — 6:30 p.m. A 13-year-old boy in Briele, Netherlands, watches two black discs with red lights flying together. ([“2 zwarte \(met rode streep\) schijven die naast elkaar vliegen,”](#) UFO Meldpunt Nederland, February 27, 2018)
- 2018, February 27** — 10:10 p.m. A cluster of 3–5 orange-white lights is seen moving and hovering above Heerlen, Netherlands. ([“3–5 oranje witte lichten in de lucht kijk hoek 44° Noord Oosten,”](#) UFO Meldpunt Nederland, February 27, 2018)
- 2018, February 28** — 6:20 p.m. A semi-transparent oval object flies 30–50 feet above the A2 highway near Ouderkerk aan de Amstel, Netherlands, before moving over an adjacent meadow. ([“Grijs semi-transparante bal vloog boven snelweg,”](#) UFO Meldpunt Nederland, February 28, 2018)
- 2018, March** — University of Pennsylvania researchers examine 21 affected diplomats from the US Embassy in Havana, Cuba, and the preliminary results are published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. The report “found no evidence of white matter tract abnormalities” in affected diplomats, beyond what might be seen in a control group of the same age and describe “a new syndrome in the diplomats that resembles persistent concussion.” While some diplomats recover swiftly, others have symptoms that last for months. The study concludes that “the diplomats appear to have sustained injury to widespread brain networks.” Some experts criticize the study, arguing that there is “no proof that any kind of energy source affected the diplomats, or even that an attack took place.” MRI scans and other tests taken by a chief neurologist in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on an unspecified number of Canadian diplomats posted in Havana show evidence of brain damage that mirrors the injuries of some of their US counterparts. Global Affairs Canada withdraws all staff with families. ([“Fresh Row over Mysterious Sickness Affecting US Diplomats in Cuba,”](#) *The Guardian* (UK), February 24, 2018; Randel L. Swanson II, et al., [“Neurological Manifestations among US Government Personnel Reporting Directional Audible and Sensory Phenomena in Havana, Cuba,”](#) *Journal of the American Medical Association* 319 (March 20, 2018): 1125–1133; [“Blood and Bureaucracy: Inside Canada’s Panicked Response to ‘Havana Syndrome,’”](#) *Toronto (Ont.) Globe and Mail*, December 12, 2018)
- 2018, March 2** — The US State Department announces it will continue to staff its embassy in Havana, Cuba, at the minimum level required to perform “core diplomatic and consular functions” due to concerns about health attacks on staff. The embassy has been operating under “ordered departure status” since September, but the status is set to expire. This announcement serves to extend the staff reductions indefinitely. ([“US Embassy in Cuba to Reduce Staff Indefinitely after ‘Health Attacks,’”](#) CNN, March 2, 2018)
- 2018, March 9** — The To the Stars Academy releases a third military video (Go Fast) captured on infrared by a US Navy FA-14 fighter. ([“2015 GO FAST Footage,”](#) To the Stars Academy, March 9, 2018)
- 2018, March 9** — Former Defense Department official [Christopher Mellon](#) proposes that Congress ask Secretary of Defense [Jim Mattis](#) for an “all-source” study of the UAP issue. He releases another unclassified but official Department of Defense UAP video. He introduces [Luis Elizondo](#) to staff from the Senate Armed Services and Intelligence Committees. Elizondo and Mellon then introduce Senate staffers to a number of Navy aviators, including [David Fravor](#), [Ryan Graves](#), and [Alex Dietrich](#) as well as other DoD personnel and contractors who have encountered UAP. Impressed, the Senate staff arrange briefings by the Navy aviators for committee members. Sen. [Bill Nelson](#) (D-Fla.), later NASA director, is among the Senators who attend these briefings and he is impressed by the testimony of the Navy aviators. (Christopher Mellon, [“The Military Keeps Encountering UFOs: Why Doesn’t the Pentagon Care?”](#) *Washington Post*, March 9, 2018; Christopher Mellon, [“Setting the Record Straight,”](#) christophermellon.net, December 29, 2022)
- 2018, March 9** — The US Air Force officially retires the MQ-1 Predator drone from operational service. The aircraft was first operationally deployed in 1995 and in 2011 the last of 268 Predators were delivered to the service, of which just over 100 were still in service by the start of 2018. While the Predator was phased out by the Air Force in favor of the heavier and more capable MQ-9 Reaper, the Predator continues to serve in the MQ-1C Gray Eagle derivative for the US Army as well as with several foreign nations. (Wikipedia, [“General Atomics MQ-1 Predator”](#))
- 2018, March 13** — 4:15 p.m. An F/A-18E Super Hornet from Strike Fighter Squadron 106 (VFA-106, the “Gladiators”) tracks four separate unknown objects on its radar in the W-122 warning area, which sits off the coast of North

Carolina. The objects are all flying at approximately 0.1 Mach at altitudes between 16,000 and 22,000 feet. The pilot visually identifies one at 20,000 feet that “appeared to be a quadcopter-type drone, 3–4 feet wide.” The objects do not appear to be doing anything in particular and are stationary or near-stationary. They are also spread out across an area approximately 40 to 50 miles wide, with the closest one being 15 miles away from the one boat that the pilot noted seeing below. (Tyler Rogoway and Joseph Trevithick, “[Here Are the Navy Pilot Reports from Encounters with Mysterious Aircraft off the East Coast](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, May 12, 2020)

2018, April 5 — Night. Dogs belonging to a witness in DeRidder, Louisiana, begin growling in the living room, and cows in the pasture are mooing excitedly. Outside, he sees a huge white light growing in intensity and pulsating for 15 minutes. When it disappears, the animals calm down. (Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, p. 125)

2018, May — Maj. Audricia Harris of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Public Affairs confirms that Advanced Aviation Threat Identification Program (AATIP) is the “official name” for the DIA’s Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program (AAWSAP). (Roger Glassel, “[Pentagon Confirmation: AATIP = Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program](#),” Blue Blurry Lines, May 3, 2018)

2018, May 5 — 12:45 p.m. A B757 airliner pilot is approaching Gatwick Airport near Crawley, West Sussex, England, in busy airspace when the First Officer and Captain see a fairly large, irregular-shaped, dark-lack object pass down the left side at the same altitude within 200 feet of the aircraft, heading in an easterly direction. No avoiding action is needed, but the incident is reported to Gatwick control. (UK Airprox Board, “[The UKAB Meeting on 20th June 2018 Consisted Solely of Consolidated Drone/Balloon/Model/Unknown Object Report Sheet](#)”; “UKAB ‘Unknown Object’ Log 2017–2020,” *Fortean Times* 406 (June 2021): 43)

2018, May 23 — After an employee of the US Consulate in Guangzhou, China, reports medical symptoms (abnormal sensations of sound and pressure) in April that are similar to the diplomats in Havana, Cuba, Secretary of State [Mike Pompeo](#) confirms to the House Foreign Affairs Committee that there are several reports from diplomatic staff in Guangzhou of symptoms “entirely consistent” with those reported from Cuba. A medical team arrives at the end of the month to conduct baseline medical evaluations on consulate staff. Some are evacuated to the US, including security engineering officer Mark Lenzi, who has been hearing sounds like “marbles bouncing and hitting the floor” since April 2017, followed by excruciating headaches and insomnia. (“[US Embassy Pulls More China Staff over Mystery Illness](#),” BBC News, June 7, 2018; Richard Stone, “[Sonic Attack or Mass Paranoia? New Evidence Stokes Debate over Diplomats’ Mysterious Illness](#),” *Science*, June 20, 2018; “[US Diplomat Mark Lenzi, Who Suffered Mysterious Injury While Stationed in China, Pledges to Donate Brain to Science](#),” *South China Morning Post*, May 11, 2019; Julia Joffe, “[The Mystery of the Immaculate Concussion](#),” *GQ*, October 19, 2020)

2018, June 18 — Air Force Instruction 10-206 is superseded by Air Force Manual 10-206, Operational Reporting. ([Air Force Manual 10-206](#), Operational Reporting (OPREP), June 18, 2018)

2018, July 5 — 9:30 a.m. A King Air BE90 pilot is cruising at 16,000 feet about 10 nautical miles north of Birmingham, England, when he sees a rectangular or elliptical object pass 500–1,000 feet below the aircraft. He estimates it is 20–40 inches long, although it is only in sight for 2 seconds below it passes beneath the plane. It is either hovering or traveling in the opposite direction. (UK Airprox Board, “[Assessment Summary Sheet for UKAB Meeting on 12th September 2018](#)”; “UKAB ‘Unknown Object’ Log 2017–2020,” *Fortean Times* 406 (June 2021): 43)

2018, July 26 — The To The Stars Academy’s ADAM Research Project is announced to test extraterrestrial materials for commercial and military applications. The testing will be done through [Harold E. Puthoff](#)’s EarthTech International in Austin, Texas. (To The Stars Academy, “[An Introduction to the ADAM Research Project](#),” July 26, 2018)

2018, July 29 — [Luis Elizondo](#) gives the keynote presentation at the 2018 MUFON UFO Symposium in Philadelphia. He talks about the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program and illustrates it with some slides that cover AATIP’s history. (Keith Basterfield, “[AATIP/AAWSAP: The Publicly Available Documentation on These Programs](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, December 27, 2018; “[Luis Elizondo: Inside the Secret UFO Program ATIP \(Keynote\) | MUFON 2018](#),” amazing illilili archive YouTube channel, December 10, 2018)

2018, August — Sen. [Marco Rubio](#) (R-Fla.) inserts language into a classified amendment to the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act to require the Pentagon to continue UAP investigations. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Luis Cayetano, “[On the AAWSAP-AAATIP Confusion](#),” June 30, 2024)

- 2018**, August 6 — 11:20 p.m. A resident of Heemstede, Netherlands, is skywatching when he suddenly sees a silent triangular object with three white lights moving faster than an airplane. (“[Drie lichtjies in driehoeksvorm leek zwart vlak in het midden te zitten](#),” UFO Meldpunt Nederland, August 6, 2018)
- 2018**, August 12 — 11:30 p.m. Frédéric K. and a companion are watching the night sky in Viry, Haute-Savoie, France, when they see a black triangle with lights at each of its points. The object is nearly motionless, but it is rotating slightly and is completely silent. K. is struck by its immense size, which he estimates is several times the size of an airliner. After a few seconds it moves slowly northeast toward Geneva, Switzerland. (Daniel Robin, “[Les triangles de la nuit \(suite\)](#),” Ovnis-Direct, August 23, 2018)
- 2018**, September — Mick and Judy Cook, a farming couple at Cloverly Station, northwest of Mackay, Queensland, have found five of their cows dead with udders, ears, and tongues cut out cleanly over the past three months. The mutilations continue through March 2021. (Jessica Johnston, “[Cattle Mutilated in North Queensland](#),” *North Queensland Register* (Charters Towers), September 7, 2018; Coulthart 2023, pp. 123–124)
- 2018**, September 1 — According to a *New York Times* report, [Douglas H. Smith](#), the lead author of the March study on Havana Syndrome and director of the Center for Brain Injury and Repair at the University of Pennsylvania, says that microwaves are now considered a main suspect and that the team is increasingly sure the diplomats have suffered brain injury. Strikes with microwaves, some experts now argue, more plausibly explain reports of painful sounds, ills, and traumas than do other possible culprits—sonic attacks, viral infections, and contagious anxiety. In particular, a growing number of analysts cite an eerie phenomenon known as the Frey effect, named after [Allan H. Frey](#), an American scientist, who in the 1960s found that microwaves can trick the brain into perceiving what seem to be ordinary sounds. The false sensations may account for a defining symptom of the diplomatic incidents—the perception of loud noises, including ringing, buzzing, and grinding. Initially, experts cited those symptoms as evidence of stealthy attacks with sonic weapons. (William J. Broad, “[Microwave Weapons Are Prime Suspect in Ills of U.S. Embassy Workers](#),” *New York Times*, September 1, 2018; Beatrice Alexandra Golomb, “[Diplomats’ Mystery Illness and Pulsed Radiofrequency/Microwave Radiation](#),” *Neural Computation* 30 (2018): 2882–2985)
- 2018**, September 3 — Night. A Cormorant search and rescue helicopter is dispatched to the north shore of Prince Edward Island to search for an unidentified object after a concerned citizen reports seeing something fall into the water. The helicopter searches for nearly an hour but can find nothing. (“[UFOs: Canadian Air Force Responds to ‘Threats’ with CF-18 Fighter Jets](#),” CTV News, October 31, 2022)
- 2018**, October 15 — The Five Continents UFO Forum is held in the Cosmos Hotel in Moscow, Russia, to serve as a platform to launch a worldwide UFO organization. The nine founders of the World Coalition on Extraterrestrial Contact include [Don Schmitt](#) (US), [Roberto Pinotti](#) (Italy), [Gary Heseltine](#) (UK), [Ademar José Gevaerd](#) (Brazil), Andrea Simondini (Argentina), [Haktan Ardogan](#) (Turkey), Gabor Tarçali (Hungary), [Lachezar Filipov](#) (Bulgaria), and [Anthony Choy](#) (Peru). The conference is promoted by the Russian Kosmopoisk group and the International Chinese UFO Association. (2Pinotti 230–231)
- 2018**, October 26 — Harvard astronomer [Avi Loeb](#) and his postdoctoral assistant Shmuel Bialy submit a paper exploring the possibility that the recently discovered interstellar object ‘Oumuamua is an artificial thin solar sail accelerated by solar radiation pressure in an effort to help explain the object’s nongravitational acceleration. Other scientists state that the available evidence is insufficient to consider such a premise and that a tumbling solar sail would not be able to accelerate. In response, Loeb writes an article detailing six anomalous properties of ‘Oumuamua that make it unusual, unlike any comets or asteroids seen before. A subsequent report on observations by the Spitzer Space Telescope sets a tight limit on cometary outgassing of any carbon-based molecules and indicates that ‘Oumuamua is at least 10 times shinier than a typical comet. A detailed podcast produced by Rob Reid provides the full details about the differences between ‘Oumuamua and known comets. (Wikipedia, “[‘Oumuamua](#)”; Abraham Loeb, “[How to Search for Dead Cosmic Civilizations](#),” Scientific American blog, September 27, 2018; Shmuel Bialy and Abraham Loeb, “[Could Solar Radiation Pressure Explain ‘Oumuamua’s Peculiar Acceleration?](#)” arXiv, October 26, 2018; Matt Williams, “[Could ‘Oumuamua Be an Extraterrestrial Solar Sail?](#)” Universe Today, October 31, 2018; “[Cigar-Shaped Interstellar Object May Have Been an Alien Probe, Harvard Paper Claims](#),” WPSD-TV, Paducah, Kentucky, November 6, 2018; Kerry Sheridan, “[Scientists Push Back against Harvard ‘Alien Spacecraft’ Theory](#),” Phys.org, November 7, 2018; Abraham Loeb, “[6 Strange Facts about the Interstellar Visitor ‘Oumuamua](#),” Scientific American blog, November 20, 2018; D.E. Trilling, et al., “[Spitzer Observations of Interstellar Object 1I/‘Oumuamua](#),” aeXiv, November 20, 2018; Rob Reid, “[Nailing Down the Nature of ‘Oumuamua: It’s Probably a Comet, But...](#)” Ars Technica, November 29, 2018; Oded Carmeli, “[If](#)

[True, This Could Be One of the Greatest Discoveries in Human History,”](#) *Haaretz*, January 16, 2019; Avi Loeb, *Extraterrestrial: The First Sign of Intelligent Life Beyond Earth*, Mariner, 2021)

- 2018**, November — A US pilot describes an encounter with an unidentified aircraft that may be a variety of UAV observed by pilots approaching San Diego (Calif.) International Airport. “On approach to SAN we saw what appeared to be a drone or unidentified aircraft crossing our flight path,” the reporter writes, noting that the encounter occurred at an estimated altitude somewhere between “possibly 5000 feet or 6000 feet MSL.” Following communication with ATC about the object, the pilots report that they “closed the loop and remarked about the [weather] south of the border and were both curious what a large drone would have been doing.” “About 5000 feet on arrival, we were questioned as to our track and asked if we had the field in sight,” the report concludes. “We replied yes and after landing were asked to contact ATC.” (Micah Hanks, [“Pilot UFO Sightings Collected by NASA Reveal Serious Safety Concerns over Objects in US Airspace,”](#) *The Debrief*, August 29, 2023)
- 2018**, November 6 — Around midnight. The pilots of a US Army AH-64 Apache attack helicopter are preparing to take off from an airstrip about 40 miles northwest of Tucson, Arizona, when they spot three objects in a loose triangular formation in the sky at a low altitude. The copilot continues to follow the three objects with the aircraft’s multi-sensor imaging system, the Target Acquisition Designation Sight/Pilot Night Vision Sensor. As the three objects approach the foothills of nearby Picacho Peak, they suddenly appear to rotate around each other, as if revolving around an unseen axis, all while maintaining a steady eastward trajectory. Pilot Chris Lehto says they are moving at an unexpectedly high rate of speed. After several rotations, the objects then resume an obtuse triangular formation before speeding out of sight as the Apache begins to take off. (Tim McMillan, Micah Hanks, and Christopher Plain, [“Incursions at the Border: Homeland Security Agents Tell of Encounters with Unidentified Aerial Phenomena,”](#) *The Debrief*, May 27, 2022)
- 2018**, November 9 — 6:47 a.m. A British Airways 787 is flying eastward just off the coast of County Kerry, Ireland, near the Dingle peninsula at 330 mph at an altitude of 39,000 feet. Two other aircraft, a Norwegian Airlines 737 in front of it and a Virgin VA 76 behind, are on the same flight path. The pilot of the British Airways plane notices a bright light moving fast on the left and rapidly veers north. She asks Shannon Airport if there are military planes in the area. They tell the pilot no and that nothing is showing on their radar. The Virgin pilot has seen it and thinks it is a meteor or satellite re-entry. The Norwegian pilot has seen two bright lights. Shannon verifies that other aircraft have witnessed the event. (Jenny Randles, “Irish Mid-Air Spectacular,” *Fortean Times* 375 (January 2019): 33)
- 2018**, November 9 — A report finds that the earlier FBI investigation into the Cuban health attacks has been stymied by conflicts with the CIA and State Department. The CIA is reluctant to reveal, even to other US agencies, the identities of affected officers. Federal rules on the confidentiality of medical records also hindered the investigation. (Adam Entous and Jon Lee Anderson, [“The Mystery of the Havana Syndrome,”](#) *New Yorker*, November 9, 2018)
- 2018**, November 17 — Day. A Cargojet flight from the Cincinnati area to Calgary, Alberta, observes bright lights high above Saskatchewan, while a corresponding Canadian Air Defence Sector log entry describes “bright shining lights” that are “maneuvering and moving fast.” ([CADORS Report](#), no. 2018C4984; Daniel Otis, [“Credible UFO Reports Are Being Ignored, Declassified Canadian Government Documents Reveal,”](#) *Motherboard*, November 29, 2021)
- 2018**, November 19 — The Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization announces that all 21 monitoring facilities located in Australia are completed “and sending reliable, high-quality data” to Vienna, Austria, for analysis. The global monitoring system consists of 337 facilities worldwide to monitor the planet for signs of nuclear explosions. It includes 60 infrasound stations that monitor for micropressure changes in Earth’s atmosphere, which are caused by infrasonic waves. These waves have a low frequency and cannot be heard by human ears, and can be caused by nuclear explosions. (Wikipedia, [“Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization”](#))
- 2018**, November 21 — Morning. The Canadian Air Defence Sector detects an unidentified radar target approaching North America from the direction of Greenland. Canadian CF-18 fighter jets are soon launched from CFB Bagotville in Quebec to locate the “unknown track,” but find nothing. A declassified report from the following day blames the “spurious data” on equipment issues at a NORAD radar installation on Canada’s north Atlantic coast. Later that day, CADS receives a UFO report from Edmonton air traffic controllers about “3 red lights in the sky, hovering at the approximate height of a cell phone tower” near High Prairie, Alberta. This time, CADS responds by notifying Canadian NORAD headquarters in Winnipeg and Transport Canada, the federal transportation department.

(Daniel Otis, [“Credible UFO Reports Are Being Ignored, Declassified Canadian Government Documents Reveal,”](#) Motherboard, November 29, 2021)

- 2018,** December 4 — The independent documentary *Bob Lazar: Area 51 and Flying Saucers* is released. The film, available on Netflix beginning in June 2019, “chronicles the challenges and travails of a cosmic whistleblower. Burdened with a revolutionary secret, he had to choose between his oath to his country or his conscience. [Jeremy Corbell](#)’s film explores [Lazar](#)’s groundbreaking claims and the devastating impact it has had on his life over the course of the last 30 years, including rare and never before revealed footage guaranteed to alter the landscape of the debate.” “Unfortunately, Corbell busies up the documentary with a barrage of images of atomic age archival footage and such that after awhile make the movie seem more like a collage than a film. There is also the psychobabble narration that is mumbled by [Mickey Rourke](#); at times poetic, at times it comes off like comic relief. It’s distracting and unnecessary.” (Internet Movie Database, [“Bob Lazar: Area 51 and Flying Saucers”](#); Amy Zimmerman, [“Why Did the FBI Raid the Home of the Biggest Alien Truther?”](#) The Daily Beast, December 4, 2018; Carlos, [“Bob Lazar: Area 51 and Flying Saucers,”](#) Cinema365, December 26, 2018)
- 2018,** December 19–21 — Sightings of drones disrupt around 1,000 flights at Gatwick Airport in West Sussex, England, causing flights to be diverted or canceled. There are multiple reports but no physical or photographic evidence. The military are called in with special anti-drone equipment. Gatwick goes back to normal operations on December 21 after two people are arrested then released without charge. (Wikipedia, [“Gatwick Airport drone incident”](#); [“Who is Drone Ranger?”](#) The Sun (UK), December 21, 2018; [“Gatwick Drone Attack Possible Inside Job, Police Say,”](#) BBC News, April 14, 2019; “The Gatwick Drone Enigma,” *Fortean Times* 406 (June 2021): 40–41)
- 2018,** December 24? — A US unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flying over the Mediterranean Sea near US Naval Air Station Sigonella during an eruption of Mount Etna on the east coast of Sicily, Italy, captures an infrared video of a potential UAP seemingly passing through the volcanic plume with no apparent impact on its performance, altitude, or bearing. The 2024 analysis by the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office determines with “moderate confidence” that the object is a balloon drifting with the wind approximately 170 kilometers (106 miles) from the ash plume, although in the Senate hearing, [Jon T. Kosloski](#) apparently misstates the distance as 170 meters (557 feet). AARO’s analysis of the object’s luminosity reveals that the object only appears to fly through the ash plume. (Defense Visual Information Distribution Service, [“Mt. Etna Object,”](#) November 19, 2024; Micah Hanks, [“‘We Do Have Some Very Anomalous Objects,’ New Director of Pentagon’s UAP Investigations Tells Lawmakers,”](#) The Debrief, November 19, 2024; All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, [“Case: ‘Mt. Etna Object,’”](#) April 28, 2025)
- 2018,** December 30 — 6:45 p.m. The pilot of an Embraer 175 passenger plane approaching the runway at Glasgow Airport, Scotland, sees an “object pass between three and 10 feet from the aircraft at the same level.” The pilot cannot tell what it is, but it is “lit up in various places and was more horizontally long than it was vertically.” The Airprox board is unable to identify the object but decides there was a definite risk of collision and luck played a part in missing it. (UK Airprox Board, [“Assessment Summary Sheet for UKAB Meeting on 13th February 2019”](#); “UKAB ‘Unknown Object’ Log 2017–2020,” *Fortean Times* 406 (June 2021): 43)

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- 2019,** Early — [David Grusch](#) begins serving as representative of the US National Reconnaissance Office to the UAP Task Force. ([“David Grusch Timeline,”](#) Papoose Lake Institute)
- 2019,** January — Ufologist [Jenny Randles](#) retires the *Northern UFO News* after its 200th issue is published. (Jenny Randles, [“January Issue Now Out,”](#) Oz Factor Books)
- 2019,** January 4 — Biologists [Alexander L. Stubbs](#) of the University of California, Berkeley, and [Fernando Montealegre-Z](#) of the University of Lincoln analyze the recording of a sound made by US personnel in Cuba and release it to the Associated Press. They conclude that the sound is caused by the calling song of the Indies short-tailed cricket (*Anurogryllus celerinictus*) rather than a technological device. They match the song’s “pulse repetition rate, power spectrum, pulse rate stability, and oscillations per pulse” to the recording. (Carl Zimmer, [“The Sounds That Haunted U.S. Diplomats in Cuba? Lovelorn Crickets, Scientists Say,”](#) *New York Times*, January 4, 2019; Robert W. Baloh and Robert E. Bartholomew, *Havana Syndrome: Mass Psychogenic Illness and the Real Story behind the Embassy Mystery and Hysteria*, Springer, 2020)

- 2019, January 6** — The crew of a Vanguard Air Care flight sees an unidentified light moving parallel to them for about three minutes while they are travelling at about 265 mph at an altitude of 7,500 feet around the 55th parallel over northern Manitoba. The CIRVIS report says the brightness of the light in the night sky is what attracted the observer's attention and that NAV Canada's Winnipeg Air Control Centre assumes that it is another aircraft. 21 Aerospace Control and Warning Squadron at Canadian Forces Base North Bay in Ontario is notified of the sighting. An unclassified intelligence report is then faxed to Transport Canada. ("[2019 Sighting of Unidentified Light in Northern Manitoba Sky Was Reported to Air Force, Vice Says](#)," *Thompson (Man.) Citizen*, April 14, 2021)
- 2019, January 8** — The television series *Project Blue Book* premieres on the History channel. The main role of [J. Allen Hynek](#) is played by [Aidan Gillen](#), with [Laura Mennell](#) as Mimi Hynek. The series runs for a second season in 2020 before it is canceled. UFO skeptic [Robert Sheaffer](#), reviewing the first four episodes, points out numerous historical inaccuracies and falsehoods, some of which he characterizes as "absurd." Concerned over misguiding viewers, he concludes that "this program references real people by their real names, a real government program, and real incidents. It then mixes in absurd and invented details, while claiming that the show is based on real events." (Wikipedia, "[Project Blue Book \(TV series\)](#)"; Internet Movie Database, "[Project Blue Book](#)")
- 2019, January 15** — 11:40 a.m. An RAF Typhoon pilot is leading a pair of fighters from Coningsby, England, to an exercise in the North Sea. After receiving clearance to climb to 30,000 feet from 15,000 feet, he notices an object at 11 o'clock about one nautical mile away, slightly higher and maintaining a constant altitude. The radar and data link show no traffic conflicts. The object reflects sunlight and appears to have a linear form. It passes down the left-hand side of the aircraft. The wingman independently sees the same object as it passes over the leader's aircraft. He maintains the formation at 15,000 feet until they are clear of the object. Nothing unusual is noticed by ground radar. (UK Airprox Board, "[Assessment Summary Sheet for UKAB Meeting on 13th March 2019](#)"; "UKAB 'Unknown Object' Log 2017–2020," *Fortean Times* 406 (June 2021): 43)
- 2019, January 30** — The government of Canada announces that it is reducing its embassy staff in Havana, Cuba, after a 14th Canadian diplomat reports symptoms of Havana syndrome in late December 2018. ("[Havana Syndrome' Forces Canada to Halve Its Diplomatic Presence in Cuba](#)," Radio Canada International, January 30, 2019)
- 2019, February 6** — The Canadian government is served with a \$28 million dollar lawsuit by five diplomats, on the alleged basis that Ottawa has not promptly addressed the serious health concerns the Canadian diplomats and their families have faced in Havana, Cuba, more than 2 years ago. The origin of these health concerns is unknown, but these ailments manifest as symptoms that are similar to that of a concussion. None of these allegations have been proven in court. ("[Ailing Canadian Diplomats Who Served in Cuba Have 'Visible and Real' Health Impacts, Trudeau Says](#)," *Toronto (Ont.) Star*, February 7, 2019)
- 2019, February 10** — Afternoon. Several people in Cogollos de Guadix, Granada, Spain, observe three mysterious lights flash across the sky at great speed, each of which falls in a different part of the village. José María Madiedo at the Universidad de Huelva rules out meteorites because the objects are only seen locally. ("Seen in the Skies," *Fortean Times* 382, August 2019, p. 17)
- 2019, February 13** — 4:35 p.m. The crew of an EA-18G Growler electronic warfare aircraft from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 23 (VX-23), flying out of Naval Air Station Patuxent River in St. Mary's County, Maryland, and conducting activities in the W-386 warning area, visually spot what they specifically describe as "a red weather balloon" at 27,000 feet. Neither Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility, Virginia Capes (FACSFAC VACAPES), nor the Echo Control team responsible for overseeing operations in the Atlantic Test Ranges off the coast, are aware of any scheduled balloon activity. (Tyler Rogoway and Joseph Trevithick, "[Here Are the Navy Pilot Reports from Encounters with Mysterious Aircraft off the East Coast](#)," *The Drive: The War Zone*, May 12, 2020)
- 2019, March** — An airline passenger films a supposed UFO over the Aegean Sea between Turkey and Greece. The film is taken through the airplane window and shows a massive, gray-black, contrail-like object cutting through a layer of clouds. Some investigators conclude it is an F-4 fighter jet of the Greek Air Force. ("Seen in the Skies," *Fortean Times* 382, August 2019, p. 17)
- 2019, March 4** — An FA-18 pilot flying out of NAS Oceana in Virginia Beach, Virginia, takes "extremely clear" cellphone images of a triangular UAP in the W-72 warning area off the coast. The object emerges from the ocean and ascends vertically. His weapons systems officer captures three different objects using the same cellphone. UAPTF Director [John F. "Jay" Stratton](#) later clarifies that no such photo is ever submitted to the task force. (Jeremy Kenyon Lockyer Corbell, "[The US Navy Filmed Pyramid Shaped UFOs](#)," *Extraordinary Beliefs*, April 8, 2019; Tim McMillan, "[Fast Movers' and Transmedium Vehicles: The Pentagon's Unidentified Aerial](#)

[Phenomena Task Force](#),” The Debrief, December 2, 2020; John Greenewald, “[FOIA-Released Emails Mention Alleged Triangular UAP Photo: Former UAP Task Force Director Speaks Out](#),” The Black Vault, February 26, 2025)

2019, March 30 — 2:00 p.m. A B787 airliner pilot flying over London, England, sees a red object pass down the right-hand side of the aircraft at 6,000 feet. It is impossible to identify, although it is large enough to cause concern. (UK Airprox Board, “[Assessment Summary Sheet for UKAB Meeting on Wednesday 15th May 2019](#)”; “UKAB ‘Unknown Object’ Log 2017–2020,” *Fortean Times* 406 (June 2021): 43)

2019, April — The UK National Archives releases 18 more UFO files that had been missed since the last release in 2013. (“[Ministry of Defence Insider Reveals Contents of Britain’s ‘Final’ UFO X-Files](#),” *Metro* (UK), January 30, 2020)

2019, April — The Parkes Observatory in New South Wales, Australia, picks up a 982.992 MHz radio signal, labeled BLC1, emitted from Proxima Centauri. Researchers from the Breakthrough Listen Project cannot attribute it to any Earth-based or near-Earth human-created source. Shifts in the signal’s frequency are consistent with a planet’s movement and may be suggestive of a third planet within the system. As of December 2020, follow-up observations have failed to detect the signal again, a step necessary to confirm that the signal is a technosignature. (Wikipedia, “[BLC1](#)”; “Signal from Space,” *Fortean Times* 404 (April 2021): 15; David Appell, “[Meet the Technosignature Researcher on the Lookout for Exocivilizations](#),” *Physics World*, February 2, 2022)

2019, April 4 — The Argentine Air Force’s Comisión de Estudio de Fenómenos Aeroespaciales is renamed the Centro de Identificación Aeroespacial. (Milton Hourcade, “[Argentina: UFO Declassification](#),” U.A.P.S.G.–G.E.F.A.I., July 29, 2020; Government of Argentina, “[Centro de Identificación Aeroespacial](#)”)

2019, April 23 — The US Navy drafts new guidelines for pilots and other personnel to report encounters with “unidentified aircraft,” in response to UAP intrusions on ships and military installations. The Navy is thus acknowledging that there have been enough strange sightings that they should be officially recorded and studied. (Bryan Bender, “[U.S. Navy Drafting New Guidelines for Reporting UFOs](#),” *Politico*, April 23, 2019; Clark IV 3)

2019, April 24 — 8:30 p.m. The [USS Zumwalt](#), a US Navy guided missile destroyer, is in international waters some 17 nautical miles from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton in San Diego County, California. The crew reports as many as six unmanned aerial systems (UAS) operating nearby at altitudes ranging from 300 to 1,000 feet. At one point in the incident, the UAS reportedly crossed over the deck of the *USS Zumwalt*. As in similar incidents, the drones are documented by the Ship Nautical Or Otherwise Photographic Interpretation and Exploitation (SNOOPIE) team. These sailors essentially act to document dangerous, uncertain, or unusual situations using a variety of commercial-grade cameras. The Navy releases a video of the event in 2022. The only clear feature in the video is a set of several lights in a rectangular formation. The lights appear to be white and green, with an intermittently blinking red light presumed to be in the center of the object. (Adam Kehoe and Marc Cecotti, “[Video of Mysterious Drone Swarm over Navy’s Most Advanced Destroyer Released \(Updated\)](#),” *The Drive: The War Zone*, August 30, 2022)

2019, April 28 — 12:40 p.m. An Airbus A319 is climbing out from Gatwick Airport, near Crawley, West Sussex, England, when the pilot sees an object a few seconds after breaking through cloud at 17,000 feet. It passes beneath them from the center of the aircraft and under the right-hand wing and is clearly contrasted against the clouds. The small object appears dark green in color with a white light on top. The UK Airprox Board places this incident in the highest risk category. (UK Airprox Board, “[Assessment Summary Sheet for UKAB Meeting on Wednesday 19th June 2019](#)”; “UKAB ‘Unknown Object’ Log 2017–2020,” *Fortean Times* 406 (June 2021): 43)

2019, April 30 — 10:27 a.m. A “round silver drone” is observed at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California, flying around the Process Area at a high altitude and “periodically stopping and hovering for several seconds.” The object then moves on toward the north, stopping and hovering again for a short period. (Micah Hanks, “[U.S. Department of Energy UAP Documents Reveal Puzzling Aerial Incursions near American Nuclear Sites](#),” The Debrief, September 29, 2023)

2019, May 5 — 2:00 p.m. An Airbus A320 pilot departing from Gatwick Airport, England, sees a totally white object resembling a shoebox-sized cube with a ball on top. It passes down the left-hand side of the aircraft, slightly above and within 16 feet at 6,000 feet altitude. The object appears to be in level flight. (UK Airprox Board, “[Assessment Summary Sheet for UKAB Meeting on Wednesday 19th June 2019](#)”; “UKAB ‘Unknown Object’ Log 2017–2020,” *Fortean Times* 406 (June 2021): 43)

2019, May 22 — Pentagon spokesman [Christopher Sherwood](#) confirms to the *New York Post* that the AATIP program “did pursue research and investigation into unidentified aerial phenomena,” dispelling rumors that the program

only focused on theoretical physics. (Steven Greenstreet, "[The Pentagon Finally Admits It Investigates UFOs.](#)" *New York Post*, May 22, 2019)

- 2019, May 24** — Researchers who examine Canadian diplomats affected by Havana Syndrome come to the conclusion that neurotoxin exposure is compatible with the symptoms. Their explanation of the root cause is the increased use of fumigation as pest control by the embassies themselves, which is supported by blood analysis. ("[Havana Syndrome: Exposure to Neurotoxin May Have Been Cause, Study Suggests.](#)" CBC News, September 19, 2019)
- 2019, May 24** — 10:30 p.m. SpaceX launches its first test deployment of 60 v0.9 Starlink satellites in the US at a relatively low orbit of 340 miles from Cape Canaveral, Florida. The satellites are intended to provide internet coverage in underserved areas, but the launches are often perceived as UFO events. Their "string of lights" appearance at low altitude becomes a frequent UFO misidentification in the 2020s. (SpaceX, "[Starlink Mission](#)" press release, May 2019; Wikipedia, "[List of Starlink and Starshield launches](#)")
- 2019, May 26** — The *New York Times* reports that US Navy pilots fully briefed AATIP about encounters they had with unexplained objects during the summer of 2014 to March 2015 while flying at high altitudes off the East coast of the United States. (Helene Cooper, Ralph Blumenthal, and Leslie Kean, "[‘Wow, What Is That?’ Navy Pilots Report Unexplained Flying Objects.](#)" *New York Times*, May 26, 2019; Powell, *Scientist*, 130–131)
- 2019, June** — The National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena issues an advisory for pilots that offers recommendations on how to deal with UAPs by Ted Roe. It offers a general history of UAP, some common profiles of unidentified objects, safety factors that can arise during an incident, and cautions and recommendations for aircrews and air traffic controllers. (Ted Roe, "[Advisory for Pilots, Aircrews, Air Controllers, and Aviation Professionals: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, UAP, UFOs, and Aviation Safety.](#)" NARCAP, June 2019)
- 2019, June 15** — President [Donald Trump](#) tells ABC News' [George Stephanopoulos](#) that he has been briefed on Navy pilots reporting increased sightings of UFOs. Trump raises his eyebrows and grins incredulously when asked what he makes of the reports. "I want them to think whatever they think," Trump says of the Navy pilots. "I did have one very brief meeting on it. But people are saying they're seeing UFOs. Do I believe it? Not particularly." (Matthew Choi, "[Trump Says He Was Briefed on Navy Sightings of UFOs.](#)" Politico, June 15, 2019)
- 2019, June 15** — Approximately 4:45 p.m. The Skinwalker Ranch project in Uintah County, Utah, orchestrated by Utah real estate developer [Brandon Fugal](#) (who purchased the land from [Robert Bigelow](#) in April 2016) and led by University of Alabama astrophysicist and science fiction author [Travis S. Taylor](#), sends up three instrumented small rockets to locate the source of strong RF and gamma radiation apparently coming from about one mile above the property. Between the rocket tests, the team observes and films on two occasions a round, white ball that moves erratically around the sky for a few seconds before disappearing. Cows in a neighboring field are agitated and group closely together in one spot. (*The Secret of Skinwalker Ranch*, Season 1, Episode 4, 2020; Internet Movie Database, "[The Secret of Skinwalker Ranch](#)")
- 2019, June 21** — Luis Elizondo talks about the "Five Observables" that make UAP sightings truly anomalous. 1) They apparently fly without any visible means of propulsion or lift. 2) They reach a high rate of speed in a short amount of time. 3) They travel at speeds far beyond the performance limits of any known aircraft. 4) They have the ability to conceal themselves from radar or other tracking devices. 5) They have the ability to fly through space, air, and water with little or no apparent disruption to their motion. ("[UFO Fleet.](#)" *Unidentified: Inside America's UFO Investigation*, Season 1, Episode 4, History channel, June 21, 2019; Clark IV 997–998)
- 2019, June 23** — The catalog of space objects built by the US Space Surveillance Network lists 44,336 objects including 8,558 satellites launched into orbit since 1957. 17,480 of them are actively tracked while 1,335 are lost. The rest have re-entered Earth's turbulent atmosphere and disintegrated, or survived re-entry and impacted the Earth. The SSN typically tracks space objects that are baseball size or larger. The Space Surveillance Network has numerous sensors that provide data. They are separated into three categories: dedicated sensors, collateral sensors and auxiliary sensors. Additionally sensors are classified as Near-Earth (NE) tracking (observing satellites, space debris, and other objects in lower orbits), or Deep Space (DS) tracking (generally for asteroids and comets). This global program consists of at least 29 distinct worldwide space surveillance systems, featuring the world's most powerful radars (including the Solid State Phased Array Radar System), the DARPA Space Surveillance Telescope, the ground-based optical GEODSS space surveillance system (which detects "uncorrelated targets"), the Geosynchronous Space-Based Situational Awareness Program, and the Navy's sea-based X-band radar system. The Combined Space Operations Center (formerly the Joint Space Operations Center) at Vandenberg Space Force Base and the Space Control Center at Cheyenne Mountain are both repositories of data from the SSN. (Wikipedia, "[United States Space Surveillance Network](#)")
- 2019, June 24** — 12:41 a.m. A "four-rotor propellor drone" with blue and red lights is observed 40 feet above building 583 at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California. It appears to be recording a video.

(Micah Hanks, “[U.S. Department of Energy UAP Documents Reveal Puzzling Aerial Incursions near American Nuclear Sites](#),” The Debrief, September 29, 2023)

- 2019, June 27** — The Storm Area 51 Facebook event is created by college student Matty Roberts as a joke, unaware of the viral attention it will receive. He comes up with the idea of suggesting a raid on the Nevada facility to search for aliens after watching Area 51 conspiracy theorist [Bob Lazar](#) and filmmaker [Jeremy Corbell](#) on *The Joe Rogan Experience* podcast on June 20. The event plans for the raid in Amargosa Valley on September 20. More than 2 million people responded “going” and 1.5 million “interested” on the event page, which subsequently attracts widespread media reaction and makes the event become an internet meme. (Wikipedia, “[Storm Area 51](#)”)
- 2019, July** — Subsequent findings by the University of Pennsylvania team find that, compared to a healthy control group, the US diplomats who report injury in the Havana, Cuba, embassy have experienced brain trauma; advanced MRI scans (specifically res-fMRI, multimodal MRI, and diffusion MRI) reveal “differences in whole brain white matter volume, regional gray and white matter volume, cerebellar microstructural integrity, and functional connectivity in the auditory and visuospatial subnetworks” but find no differences in executive functions. The study concludes that the US government personnel have been physically injured in a way consistent with the symptoms that they describe but express no conclusion on the cause or source of the injury. The *New York Times* reports: “Outside experts were divided on the study’s conclusions. Some saw important new evidence; others say it is merely a first step toward an explanation, and difficult to interpret given the small number of patients.” (Benedict Carey, “[Were U.S. Diplomats Attacked in Cuba? Brain Study Deepens Mystery](#),” *New York Times*, July 23, 2019; Ragini Verma, et al., “[Neuroimaging Findings in US Government Personnel with Possible Exposure to Directional Phenomena in Havana, Cuba](#),” *Journal of the American Medical Association* 322 (July 23/30, 2019): 336–347)
- 2019, July 3** — 2:30 p.m. Another unidentified drone is reported near Site 300 at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California. (Micah Hanks, “[U.S. Department of Energy UAP Documents Reveal Puzzling Aerial Incursions near American Nuclear Sites](#),” The Debrief, September 29, 2023)
- 2019, July 5** — The Business Insider website looks at sightings from the National UFO Reporting Center and concludes that reports have been steadily decreasing after a peak of 8,600 in 2014 (especially in July). There were only 3,300 in 2018 and 1,900 up to this point in 2019 (although reports in June 2019 are already 50% higher than the same month in 2018). (Jennings Brown, “[Our Skies Are More Watched Than Ever, So Why Are Reported UFO Sightings on the Decline?](#)” Gizmodo, July 2, 2018; Philip Jaekl, “[What Is Behind the Decline in UFO Sightings?](#)” *The Guardian* (UK), September 21, 2018; Angela Wang, “[Americans Aren’t Spotting As Many UFOs As They Used to, But That’s Probably about to Change](#),” Business Insider, July 5, 2019)
- 2019, July 12** — The To the Stars Academy issues an Offering Circular announcing that the company’s “Aerospace Division is dedicated to finding revolutionary breakthroughs in propulsion, energy, and communications,” including anti-gravity propulsion, (US Securities and Exchange Commission, “[Offering Circular Dated July 12, 2019, To the Stars Academy of Arts and Science Inc.](#)”; Coulthart 2023, pp. 202–203)
- 2019, July 14** — 10:00 p.m. Two unmanned aerial systems (UAVs, or “drones”) are sighted by the crew of the guided missile destroyer [USS Kidd](#) off the western tip of San Clemente Island, California. The ship immediately activates its photo expert team (SNOOPIE) and enters into a condition of restricted communications designed to *enhance* operational security and enhance survivability. Less than 10 minutes later, the *USS Kidd* advises the [USS Rafael Peralta](#) of the situation. The *USS Rafael Peralta* logs show that at around 10:00 p.m. it had activated its own SNOOPIE team. Reports of possible UAV sightings and a red flashing light come in from the [USS John Finn](#). A white light hovers above the flight deck of the *USS Rafael Peralta*. The drone manages to match the destroyer’s speed, moving at 16 knots in order to maintain a hovering position over the helicopter landing pad. By this point, the encounter has lasted over 90 minutes—significantly longer than what commercially available drones can typically sustain. (Adam Kehoe and Marc Cecotti, “[Multiple Destroyers Were Swarmed by Mysterious ‘Drones’ off California over Numerous Nights](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, March 23, 2021)
- 2019, July 15** — 8:39 p.m. The [USS Rafael Peralta](#) again spots unidentified UAVs between San Clemente Island and San Diego, California, and by 9:00 p.m. the [USS Kidd](#) is also reporting them. The drones seem to be pursuing the ships, even as they continue to maneuver throughout the incident. By 9:20 p.m., the *USS Kidd* logs simply remark “Multiple UAVs around ship.” 17 minutes later, the *Kidd* issues orders for the crew to man what is possibly a Mark 87 Electro-Optical Director to provide surveillance and tracking data. At approximately the same time, the [USS Russell](#) records a frenzy of activity, with drones dropping in elevation, and apparently moving forward and backward, left and right. Meanwhile, the [USS Rafael Peralta](#) receives a radio call from a passing cruise ship, the [Carnival Imagination](#), notifying them that the drones are not theirs, and that they also see as many as five or six drones maneuvering nearby. The incident continues into the night, with the *USS Rafael Peralta* first recording

two UAVs and then four UAVs near their ship. Approaching midnight, the USS *Russell* reports a final sighting involving multiple pyramid-shaped objects. Despite the nearly three-hour duration of the event, none of the warships involved appear to have been able to identify the drones. The Navy, Coast Guard, and FBI investigate the matter and are unable to provide an adequate investigation. Leaked photos and videos said to pertain to this incident are released by filmmaker [Jeremy Corbell](#). The materials consist of footage of radar screens showing multiple unknown contacts, video of an object apparently falling into the ocean, and a brief video of a triangular-shaped lights flying over the deck of a ship. The apparent triangular shape of the object has been strongly debated, as many have posited it was the result of a common optical artifact. An investigation by the US Navy indicates that the drones were launched by the Hong Kong–flagged bulk carrier MV *Bass Strait*, which was likely conducting surveillance on the Navy vessels. (Adam Kehoe and Marc Cecotti, “[Multiple Destroyers Were Swarmed by Mysterious ‘Drones’ off California over Numerous Nights](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, March 23, 2021; Jeremy Kenyon Lockyer Corbell, “[The US Navy Filmed Pyramid Shaped UFOs](#),” Extraordinary Beliefs, April 8, 2021; “[2019 the US Navy Filmed ‘Pyramid’ Shaped UFOs: Here Is That Footage](#),” Jeremy Corbell YouTube channel, April 8, 2021; “[Pyramid UFO, New Footage: It’s Just Bokeh, Not a Pyramid](#),” Mick West YouTube channel, April 15, 2021; Graeme Rendall, “[‘Drone Swarms’: UAPs or Other Actors?](#)” UAP Media UK, April 20, 2021; “[VFX Artists Debunk Pentagon UFO Videos](#),” Corridor Crew YouTube channel, August 15, 2021; Adam Kehoe and Marc Cecotti, “[Bizarre Drone Swarms That Harassed Navy Ships Demystified in New Docs](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, June 11, 2022; Christopher Sharp, “[Case Not Closed: DoD to Review 2019 West Coast UFOs Which Harassed US Warships](#),” Liberation Times, May 8, 2023)

2019, July 16 — Rep. [Mark Walker](#) (R-N.C.), the ranking member of the House Intelligence and Counterterrorism subcommittee, asks Secretary of the Navy [Richard V. Spencer](#) to outline what resources the Navy is dedicating to investigating UFO sightings. He also asks if officials have found physical evidence to substantiate the claims and whether they are aware of any foreign nations or private companies that have introduced breakthrough technologies that could explain them. (Mark Walker, [Letter to Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer](#), July 16, 2019)

2019, July 17 — 7:56–10:39 p.m. The Navy destroyer [USS Paul Hamilton](#) is cruising 80 nautical miles southwest of San Clemente Island, California, when it spots a UAS (unmanned aerial systems) about one mile distant. Twenty minutes later, the timeline indicates two UASs are seen with one of them falling in the water. By 8:26 p.m., multiple objects are spotted. The timeline also indicates that the bridge was able to see flashing red lights. At 8:50 p.m., the timeline notes a “UAS swarm.” By 9:11 p.m., the timeline notes that one of the objects is directly overhead at 2,000 feet. Just a minute later, all of the objects appear to change course and head away from the ship at 69 mph. However, eight minutes later, UASs are again seen behind the ship. The last event noted in the slide takes place when one of the UAS crosses the ship at approximately 2,000 feet. A photo is taken with a forward-looking infrared (FLIR) system that is of extremely low resolution. Three blurry dots are discernible, but there are no other visible details. (Adam Kehoe and Marc Cecotti, “[Navy Releases Timeline for Mysterious 2019 ‘UAS Swarm’ Involving Warships Off California](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, February 10, 2022; Adam Kehoe, Marc Cecotti, and Joseph Trevithick, “[Swarmed Navy Destroyer Had Its Bridge Illuminated by Mysterious Drones](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, October 14, 2022)

2019, July 18 — An investigation into the UAS incidents is routed to the Chief of Naval Operations. (Adam Kehoe and Marc Cecotti, “[Harassment of Navy Destroyers by Mysterious Drone Swarms off California Went on for Weeks](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, December 17, 2021; Adam Kehoe and Marc Cecotti, “[Bizarre Drone Swarms That Harassed Navy Ships Demystified in New Docs](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, June 11, 2022)

2019, July 23 — 8:50 p.m. Another drone is spotted by a SNOOPIE team on the [USS Russell](#) at an elevation of about 400 feet. A little over an hour later, flares are spotted, though the logs do not remark if these are connected to the ongoing drone sighting. (Adam Kehoe and Marc Cecotti, “[Harassment of Navy Destroyers by Mysterious Drone Swarms off California Went on for Weeks](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, December 17, 2021)

2019, July 24 — 10:30 a.m. A new term is introduced to the *USS Russell* log: “ghostbusters.” A log entry reflects an apparently brief counter UAS exercise lasting about eight minutes. Though official references are hard to come by, “ghostbuster” is a term sometimes used to refer to lower-end counter UAS devices that look similar to rifles. These anti-drone countermeasures are increasingly being used by security forces around the world. They operate by using highly-directional radiofrequency jammers designed to disrupt communications between drones and their operators. One key limitation of these devices is that they can only disable drones that are directly controlled by a human operator. Autonomous systems are far more resilient against such countermeasures. It is not perfectly clear if the *Russell* had this equipment onboard previously, or if “ghostbuster” devices were brought onboard in reaction to the earlier drone incidents. (Stew Magnuson, “[OSD to Recommend Big Budget Increase for Counter-Drone Technologies](#),” *National Defense*, March 23, 2017; Brett Tingley, “[Check Out the Anti-Drone Weapons](#)

[Carried by Security at Biden's Meeting in Brussels.](#)" The Drive: The War Zone, June 15, 2021; Adam Kehoe and Marc Cecotti, "[Harassment of Navy Destroyers by Mysterious Drone Swarms off California Went on for Weeks.](#)" The Drive: The War Zone, December 17, 2021)

2019, July 25 — 1:20 a.m. Another unidentified drone incident, lasting 32 minutes, is reported by the [USS Kidd](#). (Adam Kehoe and Marc Cecotti, "[Multiple Destroyers Were Swarmed by Mysterious 'Drones' off California over Numerous Nights.](#)" The Drive: The War Zone, March 23, 2021;)

2019, July 30 — 2:15 a.m. The [USS Kidd](#) reports another UAV incident. Its SNOOPIE team remains activated until 3:27 a.m. Ships' logs show a sustained, but an intermittent pattern of drone sightings throughout the month of July by Navy ships operating off Southern California. These events seem to have spurred additional training and the rapid deployment of unique capabilities like the "ghostbuster" counter-UAS equipment. It remains unknown what impact, if any, this training and equipment has on deterring drone operations. At least three ships report sighting drones in the very early hours of July 30, with unusual and extensive redactions in the logs of the [USS Russell](#). The [USS Paul Hamilton](#) also reports observing multiple drones. (The times are presumably local, but there may be some displacement, since the report is written ambiguously.) Lookouts first notice an object with a white light at 2:40 a.m., and incidents continue for 2 hours and 20 minutes. At 3:26 a.m., a second object is seen flashing the bow and bridge with what appears to be a searchlight or photographic device. The object closes to within 1,500 feet of the ship, repeatedly maneuvering aft to forward. At 3:30 a.m., an object with four white lights and a flashing red light hovers approximately 600 feet above the ship, moving aft to forward. At 3:32 a.m., another object hovers with no lights approximately 900–1,500 feet off the bow and once again shines the bow and bridge with what appears to be a searchlight or photographic device. The *Paul Hamilton* proceeds east, after which the object maneuvers to match its course and speed before departing to the port. Three of the objects are identified by the crew as quadcopter drones. (Adam Kehoe and Marc Cecotti, "[Multiple Destroyers Were Swarmed by Mysterious 'Drones' off California over Numerous Nights.](#)" The Drive: The War Zone, March 23, 2021; Adam Kehoe and Marc Cecotti, "[Harassment of Navy Destroyers by Mysterious Drone Swarms off California Went on for Weeks.](#)" The Drive: The War Zone, December 17, 2021; Joseph Trevithick, "[Swarmed Navy Destroyer Had Its Bridge Illuminated by Mysterious Drones.](#)" The Drive: The War Zone, October 14, 2022)

2019, July 31 — In response to the inquiry by [Mark Walker](#), Navy Undersecretary [Thomas Modly](#) writes in a brief letter that "the Department of the Navy takes these reports very seriously and continues to log sightings and fully investigate the accounts." (Bryan Bender, "[Navy Withholding Data on UFO Sightings, Congressman Says.](#)" Politico, September 6, 2019)

2019, August — An anonymous White House staffer who is accompanying National Security Adviser [John Bolton](#) in London, England, is in her hotel room when she suddenly feels a tingling in the side of her head that is facing the window. The intense pressure in her head is accompanied by a tinning in her ears. When she leaves the room, the symptoms stop. She reports the incident to the Secret Service because it is uncannily similar to the symptoms described by American diplomats who had served in Cuba and China. (Julia Joffe, "[The Mystery of the Immaculate Concussion.](#)" *GQ*, October 19, 2020)

2019, August — A US copilot reports watching as "an object suddenly appeared in the windscreen. Before I could even communicate a warning it flew just overhead of our aircraft." "Pilot Flying did not see the object as it passed directly overhead within 50 feet. I immediately commented on a near miss with some type of unidentified object," the observer states in the Aviation Safety Reporting System. The observer offers an intriguing description of the object, noting they initially think they have seen "a large flat type of balloon," though emphasizing that it "appeared solid in nature as it flashed by." Air traffic controllers subsequently communicate that an unauthorized drone is believed to have been operating in the area, based on similar reports indicating the unusual object had been observed "flying east of the airport north of the final approach course." (Micah Hanks, "[Pilot UFO Sightings Collected by NASA Reveal Serious Safety Concerns over Objects in US Airspace.](#)" The Debrief, August 29, 2023)

2019, August 8 — An explosion at the State Central Navy Testing Range near Nyonoksa, Arkhangelsk Oblast, Russia, triggers radiation levels to rise. According to official Russian sources, the explosion is the result of a failed test of an "isotope power source for a liquid-fueled rocket engine," possibly a 9M730 Burevestnik cruise missile test or recovery. Five nuclear scientists die immediately and three suffer from burns. Russian authorities order the evacuation of the village near the blast site, suggesting grave dangers due to nuclear radiation. (Wikipedia, "[Nyonska radiation accident](#)")

2019, September 6 — Rep. [Mark Walker](#) (R-N.C.) accuses the US Navy of withholding information about reports of unidentified aircraft after officially requesting more data on the mysterious encounters. "While I am encouraged

the Under Secretary of the Navy confirmed that UAP encounters are fully investigated, there is frustration with the lack of answers to specific questions about the threat that superior aircraft flying in United States airspace may pose,” Walker tells Politico. (Bryan Bender, “[Navy Withholding Data on UFO Sightings, Congressman Says](#),” Politico, September 6, 2019)

2019, September 6 — A Gallup poll indicates that 68% of Americans believe the government is withholding information about UFOs, and that 33% of adults think that some UFO sightings involve alien spacecraft. Only 16% claim to have seen a UFO. (Lydia Saad, “[Americans Skeptical of UFOs, But Say Government Knows More](#),” Gallup News, September 6, 2019)

2019, September 20 — The Storm Area 51 Facebook event takes place with about 150 people showing up at the entrance to Area 51. Although no one succeeds in entering the site, an estimated 3,000 attend the related music festivals in Rachel and Hiko, Nevada, according to state and local law enforcement, and up to 10,000 people visit the area over the weekend. Air Force spokeswoman [Laura McAndrews](#) says government officials are briefed on the event and discourage people from attempting to enter military property. Nevada law enforcement also warns potential participants in the event against trespassing. The event, although intended as a joke, has an effect on businesses both locally in Nevada and around the US, which prepare products for visitors for those attending. (Wikipedia, “[Storm Area 51](#)”)

2019, September 29–30 — 11:00 p.m. Security officers at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station near Tonopah, Arizona, observe 5–6 drones flying at 200–300 feet and showing flashing red and white lights. The objects also have spotlights turned on during their approach but turned off as they maneuver above the site. They remain over the plant for more than 80 minutes and are estimated to be at least 2 feet across, ruling out commercial drones. They return the following night, with 4 drones operating above the station for an extended period. Police unsuccessfully attempt to track down the operators. (Tyler Rogoway and Joseph Trevithick, “[The Night a Mysterious Drone Swarm Descended on Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, July 29, 2020; “Drone Swarms,” *Fortean Times* 416 (March 2022): 18–19)

2019, October 11 — The Twenty-Fifth Air Force for intelligence activities is merged with the 24th Air Force to form a reactivated 16th Air Force responsible for information warfare. Its headquarters is still at Joint Base San Antonio–Lackland in Texas. (Wikipedia, “[Sixteenth Air Force](#)”)

2019, October 17 — The To the Stars Academy announces it has entered into a cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) with the US Army Combat Capabilities Development Command’s (DEVCOM) Ground Vehicles Systems Center (GVSC). The five-year contract will focus on “inertial mass reduction, mechanical/structural meta materials, electromagnetic meta material wave guides, quantum physics, quantum communications, and beamed energy propulsion.” According to the US Army, no public funding will go the group, but at least \$750,000 will be provided in support and resources for developing and testing To the Stars technologies. The contract states that To the Stars will provide samples in its possession of “metamaterials,” any data or “obtained vehicles” that use “beamed energy propulsion,” and any information or technology related to “active camouflage” for testing and analysis of potential application on Army ground vehicles. The project focuses on analyzing a metallic sample referred to in the documents as “Artifact A1,” a magnesium-bismuth artifact and the only sample provided by TTSA. Doug Halleaux, a spokesperson for the CCDC Ground Vehicle Systems Center, has stated that the US government has approached To the Stars because “If materials represented in the TTSA ADAM project are scientifically evaluated and presented with supporting data as having military utility by the TTSA, it makes sense to look deeper here.” According to Halleaux, the Army is also interested in the results of a collaboration between To the Stars and TruClear Global, a company that creates custom video screen billboards, aimed at providing “advanced technology solutions to United States Government clientele.” (Wikipedia, “[To the Stars Inc.](#)”; “[Cooperative Research and Development Agreement between To the Stars Academy of Arts and Science, Inc., and the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command, Ground Vehicle Systems Center](#),” October 10, 2019; To the Stars Academy, “[TTSA Announces CRADA with U.S. Army CCDC](#),” October 17, 2019; John Greenewald, “[U.S. Army Releases Agreement with To the Stars Academy of Arts and Science](#),” The Black Vault, October 18, 2019; Travis J. Tritten, “[UFO Group Sharing Exotic Materials with Army for Combat Vehicles](#),” Bloomberg Government, October 21, 2019; M. J. Banias, “[Tom DeLonge’s UFO Research Group Signs Contract with U.S. Army to Develop Far-Future Tech](#),” Motherboard, October 21, 2019; Mindy Weisberger, “[Rock Star’s Company Seeks UFOs, Finds Military Contract](#),” Live Science, October 27, 2019; M. J. Banias, “[The Army Told Us Why It Partnered with Tom DeLonge’s UFO Group](#),” Motherboard, November 4, 2019; To the Stars Academy, “[CRADA FAQ](#),” November 15, 2019; John Greenewald, “[Secrecy Deepens about U.S. Army Agreement to Analyze UFO Material](#),” The Black Vault, March 12, 2020; John Greenewald, “[Department of Defense Exempts Records on To the Stars Academy of Arts and Sciences](#),” The

Black Vault, January 20, 2021; John Greenewald, "[Army Confirms Testing UFO Debris: Secrecy May Loom for Years about Results](#)," The Black Vault, September 7, 2021; Coulthart 2023, pp. 231–233; John Greenewald, "[Army and To the Stars Academy of Arts and Sciences: Unveiling the Secrecy behind the UFO Material Testing Agreement](#)," The Black Vault, October 24, 2024; John Greenewald, "[What the U.S. Military Now Says about TTSA's Anomalous Artifact](#)," The Black Vault, May 29, 2025)

- 2019**, October 18 — 2:40 a.m. An unidentified object with "two red lights and one white light" is observed by a maintenance mechanic at Site 300 in the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California, who suspects it is equipped with a camera. The object passes between 20 and 30 feet above the employee's vehicle, but he can see no identifying marks. (Micah Hanks, "[U.S. Department of Energy UAP Documents Reveal Puzzling Aerial Incursions near American Nuclear Sites](#)," The Debrief, September 29, 2023)
- 2019**, October 27 — The fifth X-37B mission, Orbital Test Vehicle-5, lands at the Shuttle Landing Facility on Merritt Island, Florida, after spending nearly 780 days in space. The Boeing X37B is an uncrewed, reusable, robotic spaceplane that is launched by an Atlas V rocket and uses solar panels for power in space. While the complete payload for OTV-5 is classified, the Air Force announces that one of its experiments is the Advanced Structurally Embedded Thermal Spreader II (ASETS-II), which measures the performance of an oscillating heat pipe. (Wikipedia, "[Boeing X-37](#)")
- 2019**, November 9 — 5:16 p.m. A young couple are driving home on the A629 near Halifax, West Yorkshire, England, when they see a white glow over the moorland. They stop and get out to watch as they hear the roar of what seem to be fighter jets headed for the glow. Other cars also stop and watch. Some start to film the object and the jets, as do the couple on their cellphones, but the footage is blurry. The mother of the driver starts an appeal on social media for any other witnesses who filmed the event to come forward. [Jenny Randles](#) determines that two aircraft are at that location, but they are not military and not jets; they are Partenavia P.68 Observers belonging to Ravenair and flying at 2,200 and 2,300 feet side by side and landing at John Lennon Airport in Liverpool 25 minutes later. No radar target matches the UFO itself. (Jenny Randles, "2020 Vision," *Fortean Times* 389 (February 2020): 28–29)
- 2019**, November 11 — 10:56 a.m. SpaceX launches its first operational group of Starlink satellites from Cape Canaveral, Florida. (Wikipedia, "[List of Starlink and Starshield launches](#)")
- 2019**, November 11 — 5:33 p.m. A commercial aircrew is flying a Boeing 737-800 airliner at 37,000 feet altitude and 506 mph near Marseille, France. The pilot observes an unusual light flying just above their altitude on a collision heading from the right side into the 2 o'clock position relative to the aircraft. It performs a 180° turn and then matches the speed and heading of the airliner before beginning to cross above and in front of its flight path. At this point the pilot uses a cellphone to take a photograph and record 47 seconds of the UFO crossing their flight path, accelerating, and moving away. (Ted Roe, "NARCAP Technical Report 19: Analysis of a November 11, 2019, Aviation Safety-Related Incident Involving a Commercial Airliner and a UAP Over Europe," July 2019)
- 2019**, November 17 — The National Reconnaissance Office presents either a top-secret UFO briefing or a UAP event PowerPoint presentation. (John Greenewald, "[NRO Releases UAP Report and It Shows, Yet Again, Immense Secrecy Surrounding UAP Issue](#)," The Black Vault, October 5, 2022)
- 2019**, November 23 — 2:06 a.m. An oddly shaped object (like a "rubber duck") giving off no heat signature is recorded on two 30-minute videos taken from a FLIR camera system onboard an RC-26B aircraft used by the Arizona Air National Guard above the western edge of the San Luis Mountains along the Arizona-Mexico border. The object is flying below the aircraft against the wind with no aerodynamic structures for lift and no visible means of propulsion. The aircraft is circling above it at 157–254 mph. The object seems to be made of two parts tethered together and has no visible lights. Size estimates range from 1–9 feet due to the uncertainty of its distance from the aircraft. Peter Reali of the Scientific Coalition of UAP Studies analyzes the videos and concludes that the "object cannot be explained as any known natural phenomenon or by any known technology used for aeronautical propulsion." ("[UFO? UAP? Rubber Duck? What Is It?](#)" 5X5 News YouTube channel, October 8, 2021; Peter Reali, "[A Forensic Analysis of 'Rubber Duck,' a Publicly Available Video Showing a UAP Purportedly Filmed by Arizona National Guard on November 23, 2019](#)," Scientific Coalition of UFO Studies monograph, November 12, 2022; Ross Coulthart, "[NewsNation Presents 'Hunting UFOs: The Desert Sky Mystery](#)," NewsNation, May 11, 2025)
- 2019**, November 26 — The same White House staffer who had an attack in August is hit again by Havana Syndrome while walking her dog in Arlington, Virginia. As she passes a parked van, a man gets out and walks past her. Her dog starts seizing up. Then she feels it too: a high-pitched ringing in her ears, an intense headache, and a tingling on the side of her face. (Julia Joffe, "[The Mystery of the Immaculate Concussion](#)," *GQ*, October 19, 2020)

- 2019, December** — The Federal Aviation Administration launches an investigation into multiple nighttime sightings of unidentified “drones” with 6-foot wingspans flying in formation at about 150 feet over rural areas of northeastern Colorado (Phillips, Yuma, Washington, Lincoln, and Morgan counties) and southwestern Nebraska (Perkins County) for the last 2 weeks in December, and as early as November 23. The objects usually fly in square grid patterns nearly every night between 5:00 and 10:00 p.m. They have blinking lights and hover, then descend and take off very fast. Sen. [Cory Gardner](#) (R-Colo.) says he is glad the FAA is investigating. The Colorado Department of Homeland Security also opens an investigation, as Gov. [Jared Polis](#) vows to get to the bottom of the case. Sheriffs say the drones are not breaking Colorado law, but industry experts note that the drone operators could be violating FAA regulations on flying after dark and above a certain height. (Wikipedia, “[2019–20 Colorado drone sightings](#)”; “[FAA Probes Clusters of Mysterious Drones Flying over Colorado](#),” Reuters, December 31, 2019; Sam Tabachnik, “[A Night on the Plains: Chasing the Mysterious Drones of Eastern Colorado](#),” *Denver Post*, January 3, 2020)
- 2019, December 3** — The CIA team investigating the Havana Syndrome attacks brings its findings to CIA director [Gina Haspel](#). According to two sources, after listening to the investigators lay out their evidence that suggests the Russian security services are behind the hits on Agency personnel, Haspel challenges them. She accuses the investigators of both hiding information from her and lying to her about what their inquiry has uncovered. The director questions the motives of those looking into the attacks. “This is why we need to clean out Russia House,” she says, referring to the CIA’s operations unit focused on Russia, according to two sources. “You’re just trying to stir up trouble on Russia.” A third source confirms that “the meeting did not go well.” (Julia Joffe, “[The Mystery of the Immaculate Concussion](#),” *GQ*, October 19, 2020; Ana Swanson, Edward Wong, and Julian E. Barmes, “[U.S. Diplomats and Spies Battle Trump Administration over Suspected Attacks](#),” *New York Times*, October 19, 2020)
- 2019, December 6** — Pentagon Spokesperson [Sue Gough](#) informs journalist [Steven Greenstreet](#), “According to all the official information I have now, when implemented, AATIP did not pursue research and investigation into unidentified aerial phenomena; that was not part of the technical studies nor the reports produced by the program.” (Email from Sue Gough to Steven Greenstreet, “[New York Post request – AATIP comments](#),” December 6, 2019, [p. 52])
- 2019, December 20** — The United States Space Force Act, part of the National Defense Authorization Act for 2020, is signed, creating an independent space service by renaming and reorganizing Air Force Space Command into the United States Space Force. (Wikipedia, “[United States Space Force](#)”)
- 2019, December 31** — Dusk. Placido Montoya, a plumber from Fort Morgan, Colorado, gives chase to a mystery drone in Morgan County after seeing blinking lights in the sky. But they take off rapidly and he speeds up to 120 mph before losing them. Vince Iovinella, deputy sheriff at the Morgan County Sheriff’s Office, receives more than 30 calls from locals reporting drones “zipping around all over the place.” Iovinella himself sees one with red, white, and green lights that he also tries to chase, but it outruns him. (“[Attack of the Drones](#),” *The Guardian* (UK), April 18, 2021)

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- 2020** — [David J. Halperin](#) writes *Intimate Alien*, an effort to account for UFO experiences in subjective Jungian terms, although he suggests that these could also account for radar targets, photographs, and other physical effects. (David J. Halperin, *Intimate Alien: The Hidden Story of the UFO*, Stanford University, 2020; Clark IV 1057)
- 2020, January 6** — A meeting of local, state, and federal agencies brings 75 people to Brush, Colorado, to share information and strategy on the mystery drones. Officials are looking for a command vehicle (such as a “closed box trailer with antennas or a large van”) that might be controlling the drones. (“[Command Vehicle Focus of Colorado Drone Investigation](#),” Mystery Wire, January 6, 2020)
- 2020, January 8** — Drones are now being seen in Castle Rock and Parker in Douglas County, Colorado, and Fort Collins in Larimer County. Kerry Garrison, a vice president at drone vendor Multicopter Warehouse in Centennial, claims the drone reports are actually sightings of Starlink satellites launched by SpaceX; although they are at orbital altitude, in a clear sky they can look lower than they really are. But Garrison also visited the eastern plains with other aviation experts to view the drones. He says he saw red lights go zipping by at 100 mph, faster than any drone. A close call with a drone and a Flight for Life helicopter near Fort Morgan, Colorado, prompts officials to add ground-based spotting teams and aircraft equipped to hunt drones. However, an investigation by Colorado Homeland Security later say the incident is unrelated to the drone activity. (“[Local Drone Dealer Says Lights](#)”

[Spotted over Castle Rock Were Satellites,”](#) KDVR, Denver, January 7, 2020; Paul Seaburn, “[Mysterious Drones Fly near Denver As Colorado Residents Fear a Government Cover-Up.](#)” Mysterious Universe, January 8, 2020; Brett Tingley, “[Surveillance Plane Joins Intensifying Hunt for Mystery Drones over Colorado and Nebraska \(Updated\).](#)” The Drive: The War Zone, January 8, 2020; Kevin D. Randle, “[X-Zone Broadcast Network: Drones, Drones, Drones.](#)” A Different Perspective, February 7, 2020; Brett Tingley and The War Zone Staff, “[Newly Released FAA Documents Give Unprecedented Look into Colorado Drone Swarm Mystery.](#)” The Drive: The War Zone, July 16, 2020)

2020, January 13 — State agencies and the Colorado Division of Homeland Security announce that they are scaling back investigations into drone sightings. Between November 23 and January 13, the Colorado Information Analysis Center received 90 reports of drone activity. Of those, 14 are confirmed by law enforcement to be hobbyist drones. Between January 6 and January 13, when state officials investigate drone sightings in the field, there are 23 drone activity reports. Of those, 13 are determined to be planets, stars, or small hobbyist drones. Six reports are ruled out as “atmospheric conditions or unidentified commercial aircraft.” Finally, four reports are confirmed by law enforcement, but the aircraft are unidentifiable. (“[State Plans to ‘Scale Back’ Investigation of Drones in Northeast Colorado.](#)” KDVR-TV, Denver, January 13, 2020; “Drone Swarms,” *Fortean Times* 416 (March 2022): 19)

2020, January 30 — The UK National Archives and Ministry of Defence announce another “final” release of UFO files. (“[Ministry of Defence Insider Reveals Contents of Britain’s ‘Final’ UFO X-Files.](#)” *Metro* (UK), January 30, 2020)

2020, February 14 — A *Popular Mechanics* article by UFO investigative writer and retired police lieutenant [Tim McMillan](#) says that Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAASS) was contracted under the auspices of the AATIP program to study UFO reports and purported paranormal phenomena. According to [Steven Aftergood](#), director of the Federation of American Scientists Project on Government Secrecy, the AAWSAP contract “sounds like it was a good deal for the contractor. But it would be hard to argue that either the military or the public got their money’s worth.” (Tim McMillan, “[Inside the Pentagon’s Secret UFO Program.](#)” *Popular Mechanics*, February 14, 2020)

2020, February 27 — The US Navy’s UAP Task Force holds a briefing for naval intelligence officials on UAPs as flight-safety and national security concerns. (John Greenewald, “[U.S. Navy Releases UAP Briefing Documents.](#)” The Black Vault, November 5, 2024)

2020, March 3 — Science writer Sarah Scoles publishes *They Are Already Here*, focusing on the beliefs and attitudes of UFO researchers through first-person interviews. (Sarah Scoles, *They Are Already Here: UFO Culture and Why We See Saucers*, Pegasus, 2020; Curt Collins, “[UFO Culture Examined: They Are Already Here by Sarah Scoles.](#)” The Saucers That Time Forgot, March 26, 2020)

2020, March 11 — The Navy provides a classified briefing on UAP to the full House Armed Services Committee. (US House Committee on Armed Services, “[Summary of Progress of Specific Studies and Investigations.](#)” March 2020; John Greenewald, “[The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project.](#)” The Black Vault, January 21, 2023; John Greenewald, “[U.S. Navy Releases UAP Briefing Documents.](#)” The Black Vault, November 5, 2024)

2020, March 19 — Night. A commercial Boeing 767 airliner is flying from Mexico City to Houston, Texas. At an approximate position somewhere west of Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico, the plane is flying north at 37,000 feet at 575 mph when the first officer, looking across to the left side of the cockpit, sees a yellowish-white light descend into view from above. He first thinks that it is a meteor and begins to say so when it suddenly stops at nearly the same altitude as the aircraft. The UFO then projects an illuminating beam of bright white light on the aircraft and appears to take a collision heading. The captain takes a defensive attitude and prepares for evasive measures, but the beam of light illuminating the aircraft ceases, and the UFO suddenly accelerates to the same speed and heading of the aircraft, maintains separation, and begins pacing. The captain estimates that the UFO maintains a distance of 1,000–2,000 feet, near the minimum allowable separation of 1,000 feet. The copilot describes the UFO as a “brilliant yellow white plasma object, teardrop shaped.” There are no navigation lights or other features associated with airplanes, and the light seems to have a tail. During the following 30 minutes, the crew observes and takes 8 photographs and four video segments of the UFO, one of which lasts 4:47. The video documents that the Airborne Collision Avoidance System SSR radar does not detect anything while the crew is actively observing the object. As the aircraft and its attendant UFO approaches the Mexico/US border, the light begins to flicker, changes colors from yellow-white to pinkish-purple, and turns on a perpendicular heading away from the aircraft and parallel to the border without crossing into the US. (Ted Roe, “[An Independent Analysis of a](#)

[March 19, 2020, Aviation-Safety Related Incident Involving UAP, Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, over Mexico](#),” NARCAP, June 1, 2020; [“UFO near Fedex Flight FX-82: March 19, 2020,”](#) NICAP Official YouTube channel, March 10, 2021)

2020, March 27 — A UAP Security Classification Guide is circulating among certain US Navy personnel for approval and feedback. The list of recipients is unknown, other than Director of Naval Intelligence Activity [Scott Bray](#), as revealed by a later release. (John Greenewald, [“The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project,”](#) The Black Vault, January 21, 2023)

2020, March 28 — The US Space Force declares the Space Fence, its second-generation space surveillance system, operational. The system is designed to track more than 25,000 artificial satellites and chunks of space debris in Earth orbit (and UAPs, presumably), some as small as a marble. The initial Space Fence facility is located at Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands, along with an option for another radar site in Western Australia. The US Strategic Command has data-sharing agreements with Australia, Japan, Italy, Canada, France, South Korea, the United Kingdom, the European Space Agency, and Europe’s Eumetsat weather satellite organization. With this and other surveillance capabilities, former assistant secretary of defense [Christopher Mellon](#) wonders why the US Air Force has not simultaneously detected the same UAPs that the US Navy has been doing with less sophisticated equipment. (Wikipedia, [“Space Fence”](#); Lockheed Martin, [“Space Fence”](#); Christopher Mellon, [“Why Is the Air Force AWOL on the UAP Issue?”](#) The Debrief, February 3, 2022)

2020, April 16 —The *Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP) Security Classification Guide*, ID#04-030, Naval Intelligence Activity, is approved by Director of Naval Intelligence Activity [Scott Bray](#). (John Greenewald, [“Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon \(UAP\) Security Classification Guide, ID#04-030, Naval Intelligence Activity,”](#) The Black Vault, December 23, 2021)

2020, April 27 — The Pentagon officially releases the three videos (Tic-Tac, GIMBAL, and Go Fast) showing UFOs that were previously released between December 2017 and March 2018 by the private company To the Stars Academy of Arts and Sciences. The release states that “the aerial phenomena observed in the videos remain characterized as ‘unidentified.’” (US Department of Defense, [“Statement by the Department of Defense on the Release of Historical Navy Videos,”](#) April 27, 2020; [“Pentagon Officially Releases UFO Videos,”](#) CNN, April 29, 2020; David Clarke, “Echoes and Angels: UFOs on Radar,” *Fortean Times* 403 (March 2021): 40; John Greenewald, [“The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project,”](#) The Black Vault, January 21, 2023)

2020, May 1 — The US Office of Naval Intelligence holds a classified briefing to destigmatize the UAP problem and to promote more intelligence collection regarding UAP incursions and encounters with active military deployments. (Jeremy Kenyon Lockyer Corbell, [“The US Navy Filmed Pyramid Shaped UFOs,”](#) Extraordinary Beliefs, April 8, 2019)

2020, May 28 — Postdoctoral researcher Darryl Seligman and astrophysicist Gregory Laughlin argue that the interstellar object ‘Oumuamua could be a hydrogen iceberg generated by a giant molecular cloud. The hypothesis explains the object’s strange cigar shape, as cosmic radiation would chip away at its edges (in some directions more than others) that would produce an elongated shape. The fact that it sped up as it entered the Solar System can be explained because it is outgassing hydrogen increased by the solar flux. (Darryl Seligman and Gregory Laughlin, [“Evidence That 1I/2017 U1 \(‘Oumuamua\) Was Composed of Molecular Hydrogen Ice,”](#) arXiv, May 28, 2020; Dennis Overbye, [“Why Oumuamua, the Interstellar Visitor, Looks Eerily Familiar,”](#) *New York Times*, March 23, 2021; Colin Stuart, [“The Odd Behavior of Interstellar Object ‘Oumuamua, Explained,”](#) *Sky and Telescope*, March 22, 2023)

2020, June — [Robert Bigelow](#) launches a new effort, the Bigelow Institute for Consciousness Studies, to study the survival of human consciousness after death. (Skinwalkers 35)

2020, June 8 — Sens. [Marco Rubio](#) (R-Fla.) and [Mark Warner](#) (D-Va.) add text to the 2021 Intelligence Authorization Act directing the Director of National Intelligence to submit a detailed analysis of UAP data collected or held by the Office of Naval Intelligence. The bill passes Congress on January 1, 2021. (US Senate, [Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021](#), June 17, 2020)

2020, June 16 — The Director of Naval Intelligence Activity submits an information memo on “Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP)” to Secretary of the Navy [Kenneth Braithwaite](#). When released though a FOIA in 2022, nearly all of the memo is redacted. (John Greenewald, [“Navy ‘Releases’ 2020 Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon ‘Information Memo,’”](#) The Black Vault, April 13, 2022)

- 2020, June 23** — The US Senate Intelligence Committee, apparently disturbed by the lack of a coordinated investigatory process, asks the Pentagon for a detailed, unclassified report on UFOs, or “unidentified aerial phenomena.” In his report attached to the 2020–2021 Senate Intelligence Authorization Act, Sen. [Marco Rubio](#) (R-Fla.), acting chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, instructs the director of national intelligence, the secretary of defense, and other agency heads to compile data on UFOs. “The Committee understands that the relevant intelligence may be sensitive; nevertheless, the Committee finds that the information sharing and coordination across the Intelligence Community has been inconsistent, and this issue has lacked attention from senior leaders,” the report states. It also confirms the existence of an ongoing Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) Task Force managed by the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence in collaboration with the Office of Naval Intelligence, as was its informal predecessor program, the Advanced Aerospace Threat Investigation Program. The task force is headed until January 2021 by Naval officer [John F. “Jay” Stratton](#). (Wikipedia, “[All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office](#)”; M. J. Banias, “[Senate Intelligence Committee Confirms the US Navy Has a UFO Task Force](#),” Motherboard, June 23, 2020; “[Classified UFO Briefings May Have Left Senators ‘Disturbed,’ Expert Says](#),” Fox News, June 24, 2020; George Knapp, “[More UFO Hearings? Congress Might Consider Hearing from These 2 Men](#),” Mystery Wire, May 23, 2022)
- 2020, June 24** – The Intelligence Committee votes to require the US Intelligence Community and the Department of Defense to publicly track and analyze data collected on unexplained aerial vehicles. Reports from the task force are to be issued to the Intelligence Committee every six months. News reports also repeat a claim made by [Eric W. Davis](#) that an “off-world vehicle” might be in the possession of the US government. (Bryan Bender, “[Senators Want the Public to See the Government’s UFO Reports](#),” Politico, June 23, 2020; “[Senate Panel Votes to Let Public Access UFO Records](#),” Courthouse News Service, June 24, 2020; “[Pentagon UFO Unit to Publicly Release Some Findings after Ex-Official Says ‘Off-World Vehicle’ Found](#),” *The Independent* (UK), June 24, 2020)
- 2020, July 16** — 5:00 a.m. Paul Froggatt sees a glowing orange sphere that follows him as he is cycling through the Oakwood and Blacklow Spinney Woods in Warwickshire, England. The usual early morning birdsong has gone silent. Turning a bend, he encounters a 7-foot-tall, green-colored creature that stands on two legs and looks like a praying mantis. It has a triangular head and two large black eyes that stare at him. He thinks it is trying to transmit evil thoughts into his mind, so he speeds up and escapes it. (Nigel Watson, “M Is for Mantis and Missile,” *Fortean Times* 404 (April 2021): 22)
- 2020, July 22** — A “white fixed-wing drone flying over at approximately 100 feet above building 271” is reported at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California. It is monitored until it leaves the area toward the west, after which regional authorities are notified. (Micah Hanks, “[U.S. Department of Energy UAP Documents Reveal Puzzling Aerial Incursions near American Nuclear Sites](#),” The Debrief, September 29, 2023)
- 2020, July 23** — [Ralph Blumenthal](#) and [Leslie Kean](#) report in the *New York Times* that Sen. [Marco Rubio](#) (R-Fla.) is primarily concerned about reports of unidentified aircraft over US military bases and that China or Russia or some other adversary has made “some technological leap” that “allows them to conduct this sort of activity.” Rubio says some of the unidentified aerial vehicles over military bases possibly exhibit technologies not in the US arsenal. But he also notes: “Maybe there is a completely, sort of, boring explanation for it. But we need to find out.” The paper reports that while former Sen. [Harry Reid](#) (D-Nev.) “believed that crashes of objects of unknown origin may have occurred and that retrieved materials should be studied; he did not say that crashes had occurred and that retrieved materials had been studied secretly for decades.” (Matthew Gault, “[Marco Rubio Hopes UFOs Are Aliens, Not Chinese Planes](#),” Motherboard: Vice, July 20, 2020; Ralph Blumenthal and Leslie Kean, “[No Longer in the Shadows, Pentagon’s UFO Unit Will Make Some Findings Public](#),” *New York Times*, July 23, 2020)
- 2020, July 24** — A US Navy group referred to as the Unidentified Aerial Phenomenology Joint Inter-agency Task Force briefs the US Strategic Command on the UFO situation. The Pentagon immediately claims the group’s name is a mistake. The briefing card informs all personnel to refer “not refer to UAPs as UFOs. The latter term is intrinsically linked to the concept of extraterrestrials and the associated hysteria generated by the media that cover this topic.” It is prepared by Capt. Joseph F. Gradisher and OSD for Public Affairs [Susan Gough](#). (John Greenewald, “[Navy CHINFO Unidentified Aerial Phenomena \(UAPs\) Briefing Card, 24 July 2020](#),” The Black Vault, April 15, 2022; John Greenewald, “[STRATCOM Reports Reveal Previously Unknown Effort Investigating UAP; Pentagon Quickly Denies and Explains As ‘Simple Error’](#),” The Black Vault, December 13, 2022; John Greenewald, “[U.S. Navy Releases UAP Briefing Documents](#),” The Black Vault, November 5, 2024)
- 2020, August** — Contractor Andy Segobia is driving to work at El Mirage Field near Adelanto, California, when he sees a metallic sphere hanging in the air at an altitude of only 50 feet. He takes a video of the object with his iPhone and

estimates it is about 6–10 feet in diameter. He goes inside for 30 seconds and it has disappeared. The airfield is primarily used for testing unmanned aerial vehicles. (Josh Boswell, “[Exclusive: Video Shows Mysterious ‘Black Glass’ UFO Floating in Sky near Airfield Used by Military Contractor General Atomic in El Mirage, California.](#)” *Daily Mail* (UK), January 16, 2024)

- 2020, August** — The National Academy of Sciences completes a report on Havana Syndrome, concluding that embassy personnel in Cuba, China, Russia, and other countries were most likely subjected to “directed, pulsed radiofrequency energy” in malicious attacks. A committee of 19 experts says that the immediate symptoms that patients reported—including strange sensations of pain, pressure, and sound that often appear to emanate from a particular direction or occurred in a specific spot in a room—are more consistent with a directed “attack” of radiofrequency energy. The report does not point to a perpetrator, though it mentions “significant research in Russia/U.S.S.R.” on pulsed radiofrequency technology, as well as the exposure of military personnel in Eurasian communist countries to microwave radiation. The CDC concludes, “The evaluations conducted thus far have not identified a mechanism of injury, process of exposure, effective treatment, or mitigating factor for the unexplained cluster of symptoms experienced by those stationed in Havana.” The report is inexplicably withheld from congressional and public scrutiny after it is submitted. Only after key senators learn of its existence later in the fall and press then-Secretary of State [Mike Pompeo](#) to turn it over does the Trump administration finally provide the report to a few Senate offices. The *New York Times* and NBC News first report on details of the unclassified NAS study, titled “An Assessment of Illness in U.S. Government Employees and Their Families at Overseas Embassies,” in early December. (Ana Swanson and Edward Wong, “[Report Points to Microwave ‘Attack’ As Likely Source of Mystery Illnesses That Hit Diplomats and Spies.](#)” *New York Times*, December 5, 2020)
- 2020, August 4** — Deputy Secretary of Defense [David L. Norquist](#) approves the establishment of an Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) Task Force. The Department of the Navy, under the oversight of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, will lead the effort. The Department of Defense says it is establishing the UAPTF to improve its understanding of the nature and origins of UAPs. Its mission is to detect, analyze, and catalog UAPs that could potentially pose a threat to US national security. Its mandate includes examinations of incursions that are initially reported as UAPs when the observer cannot immediately identify what he or she is seeing. The UAP Task Force is run by Naval officer [John F. “Jay” Stratton](#), who forms multiple productive relationships within the intelligence community as well as the Pentagon. (Wikipedia, “[All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office](#)”; US Department of Defense, “[Establishment of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force.](#)” August 14, 2020; David Leonard, “[What Does the Pentagon’s New UFO Task Force Mean? Experts Weigh In.](#)” Space.com, August 17, 2020; Covert, xxix; Clark IV 3)
- 2020, August 20** — Admiral [Charles A. Richard](#), commander of the US Strategic Command, receives a classified briefing on UAP. (John Greenewald, “[STRATCOM Reports Reveal Previously Unknown Effort Investigating UAP; Pentagon Quickly Denies and Explains As ‘Simple Error.’](#)” The Black Vault, December 13, 2022)
- 2020, August 30** — 6:45 p.m. An American Airlines pilot reports that a man flying in a jet pack has passed by them about 90 feet away at their altitude of 3,000 feet coming into Los Angeles International Airport in California. About 10 minutes later, a Jet Blue Airways pilot spots the flying man. (“[FBI Investigating Pilot’s Report of ‘Guy in Jetpack’ Flying 3,000 Feet in Air near Planes at LAX.](#)” KTTV-TV, Los Angeles, August 31, 2020; Tyler Rogoway, “[Airline Pilots Landing at LAX Report a Guy in Jetpack Flying Alongside Them.](#)” TheDrive: The War Zone, September 1, 2020; John Greenewald, “[Jetpack Man Sighting over Los Angeles International Airport \(LAX\), August 30, 2020.](#)” The Black Vault, February 15, 2021)
- 2020, September 1** — The US Navy’s Naval Intelligence Activity office establishes a charter for an Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon Task Force to “develop and execute plans to collect, exploit, and analyze operational and scientific and technical data” on UAP that pose a threat to US national security. Leadership is designated by the Director of Naval Intelligence Activity [Scott W. Bray](#), and reporting lines include regular updates to the Under Secretary of the Navy and the Deputy Secretary of Defense. The task force is also instructed to support an Executive Steering Committee (EXCOM), further indicating its embeddedness in senior Pentagon structures. (John Greenewald, “[FOIA Release Reveals Secret Charter behind Creation of Pentagon’s UAP Task Force.](#)” The Black Vault, April 23, 2025)
- 2020, September 1** — 10:13 p.m. A B737 is approaching the runway at Leeds Airport, England, at 1,800 feet. Both pilot and First Officer suddenly see a bright light and an object that appears to be headed toward the aircraft, almost head on, slightly up and to the left. It appears without warning and gives them no time to act. After landing, the crew informs Air Traffic Control, who tells them that the West Yorkshire police helicopter had earlier seen “lanterns” in the area, but neither crew member thought that matched what they saw. The UK Airprox Board

concludes that a “definite high risk of collision had existed.” (UK Airprox Board, “[Monthly Meeting October 2020](#)”; “UKAB ‘Unknown Object’ Log 2017–2020,” *Fortean Times* 406 (June 2021): 43)

2020, September 14 — The US Navy’s UAP Task Force briefs NASA officials on UAPs, using a set of slides put together by Task Force head [Jay Stratton](#). International Space Station (ISS) Program Manager [Joel Montalbano](#), Director of the Export Control and Interagency Liaison Division [Margaret Kieffer](#), former Associate Administrator for Legislative Affairs [Suzanne Gillen](#), and former Acting Associate Administrator for the Office of International and Interagency Relations [Mike Gold](#) all attend the briefing. (John Greenewald, “[Heavily Redacted UAP Briefing between UAP Task Force and NASA Released](#),” The Black Vault, October 10, 2024)

2020, September 14 — Japanese Defense Minister [Taro Kono](#) announces at a press conference that members of the Self-Defense Forces must make a visual recording of any unexplained aerial phenomena they encounter and that the footage must be analyzed to the fullest extent. The military is also being tasked with looking into reports of UFO sightings from the public. The issue is brought up when Kono meets with US Defense Secretary [Mark Esper](#) in Guam in late August for a regularly scheduled talk on regional security issues. (“[Japanese Defense Ministry Unveils Protocol for Encountering UFOs](#),” *Japan Times*, September 14, 2020; “[Japan’s Defense Ministry Launches Protocol for UFO Sightings](#),” *The Diplomat*, September 18, 2020; “[Japan Orders Military Pilots to Report UFO Sightings](#),” Deutsche Welle, September 28, 2020)

2020, September 29 — An official with the US Department of Defense’s Office of the Inspector General initiates contact with key players in the Office of Naval Intelligence and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security. The purpose is to gather points of contact and arrange briefings on the DoD’s efforts related to UAPs. The OIG is particularly interested in the classified annex of the Senate Armed Services Committee Report on the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2020, which deals with “Advanced Operational Capabilities Collection, Exploitation, and Research.” (John Greenewald, “[The DoD Inspector General’s Evaluation of the DoD’s Actions Regarding Unidentified Aerial Phenomena](#),” The Black Vault, October 30, 2024)

2020, October 1 — [Matthew C. Cummings](#), the deputy director for technical collection at the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, confirms his willingness to support a briefing on UAPs, noting that the Navy typically takes the lead on briefing program activities and status. “I’m happy to fill in any gaps from the OSD level,” he adds, indicating a collaborative effort across departments. Discussions quickly move to logistics, with emails exchanged about scheduling and the security clearances required for attendees. An email from October 7 highlights the need for participants to have IC blue badges, a requirement reflecting the high level of classified information that will be discussed. (John Greenewald, “[The DoD Inspector General’s Evaluation of the DoD’s Actions Regarding Unidentified Aerial Phenomena](#),” The Black Vault, October 30, 2024)

2020, October 14 — 1:45 p.m. A China Airlines crew member reports what appears to be someone in a jet pack flying at about 6,500 feet roughly seven miles northwest of Los Angeles International Airport, California. The air traffic controller alerts another pilot who is preparing to land, and the Federal Aviation Administration alerts local law enforcement and the FBI. However, it’s more likely that the pilots were seeing a battery-powered electric drone fitted with a mannequin. Jet packs would take up too much fuel to get to those altitudes. (“[A Man Flying in a Jetpack Has Been Spotted Again in the Skies over Los Angeles](#),” CNN, October 14, 2020; “[This Jetpack Maker Isn’t So Sure That’s What’s Been Spotted over the L.A. Skies](#),” NBC News, October 15, 2020; John Greenewald, “[Jetpack Man Sighting over Los Angeles International Airport \(LAX\), October 15, 2020](#),” The Black Vault, March 8, 2021)

2020, October 15 — 10:00 a.m. The Office of Naval Intelligence and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security hold a briefing in a secure conference room at the Pentagon for the Department of Defense’s Office of Inspector General on how the agencies are handling UAP reports. Apparently a 25-minute video presentation made by Navy UAP Task Force head [Jay Stratton](#) is used for the briefing. (John Greenewald, “[Navy Denies Release of Classified UAP Briefing Video Unearthed by The Black Vault](#),” The Black Vault, May 4, 2023; John Greenewald, “[The DoD Inspector General’s Evaluation of the DoD’s Actions Regarding Unidentified Aerial Phenomena](#),” The Black Vault, October 30, 2024)

2020, November — An official from the National Security Council suddenly falls ill with symptoms similar to those previously experienced by diplomats in Havana, Cuba. It takes place on the Ellipse in Washington, D.C., close to the White House. (“[US Investigating Possible Mysterious Directed Energy Attack near White House](#),” CNN, April 29, 2021)

2020, November — The extensive case files of the Center for UFO Studies (including files originating from the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York, and [J. Allen Hynek](#)’s

Project Blue Book copies) are transferred from Chicago, Illinois, to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where a digitization project begins that will ultimately make them widely available, headed by CUFO board member [David Marler](#). (“[David Marler: CUFO Digitization Project 2021](#),” Project 1947)

2020, November 23 — 4:00 p.m. A US Air Force reconnaissance platform records infrared (FLIR) footage that appears to show a disc-shaped object moving through clouds over the Hindu Kush range near the Afghanistan–Pakistan frontier. It executes a sudden heat plume without any visible heat plume. The three short videos are released to the public on June 17, 2025, by journalists Jeremy Corbell and George Knapp on their *Weaponized* podcast, who note that the documentation they have seen indicates the US Department of Defense has labeled the object as UAP. (Christopher Sharp, “[Newly Released Footage Shows ‘Disc’-Shaped UFO Making Abrupt Turn over Hindu Kush Mountains](#),” *Liberation Times*, June 17, 2025; Andreas Müller, “[Neue US-Militär-UFO-Videos gelehrt](#),” *grenzWissenschaft-aktuell.de*, June 18, 2025)

2020, December — The CIA re-launches its task force on Havana Syndrome and expands its efforts under new Director [William J. Burns](#), who has vowed during his confirmation hearings to review the evidence on the attacks on CIA personnel overseas, which have long been publicly reported. (“[CIA Launches Task Force to Probe Invisible Attacks on US Diplomats and Spies As One Victim Finds Some Relief](#),” CNN, February 24, 2021)

2020, December 27 — President [Donald Trump](#) signs a \$2.3 trillion government funding bill—the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021—containing a number of long-anticipated provisions, including an Intelligence Authorization Act for 2021. The latter contains a subheading labeled “Advanced Aerial Threats,” which requires the Director of National Intelligence ([Avril Haynes](#) under the Biden administration) to consult with the Secretary of Defense ([Lloyd Austin](#) under the Biden Administration) to submit a report on “unidentified aerial phenomena (also known as ‘anomalous aerial vehicles’), including observed airborne objects that have not been identified” and the potential threats they pose. The premise behind the provision is that the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence was concerned that the US government has no coordinated or comprehensive process for collecting and assessing intelligence data about unidentified aerial phenomena. It demands a detailed analysis of UAP data to be delivered to the Joint Armed Services Committee by the end of June 2021. It also calls for a streamlined reporting structure under the aegis of a named official. The director of the US Navy’s UAP Task Force, Brennan McKernan, leads this new Pentagon-wide project. (Helen Lin, “[Sci-Fi Stimulus Secrets: Why Did UFOs Appear in the December 2020 COVID-19 Relief Package?](#)” Reference, July 2, 2021)

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2021 — US military personnel in the Western United States view equidistant oblong lights flying at a relatively constant pace at 20,000–40,000 feet near restricted airspace. They are also picked up by an infrared sensor. AARO determines that the objects are commercial aircraft up to 300 nautical miles away from the sensor. (All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, “[Case: ‘Western United States,’](#)” December 2023)

2021, January — Ash Ellis, who runs the online site UFO Identified, compiles a breakdown of 484 sightings reported in the UK during 2020. The majority (396) are made in England. There is a sharp increase in March and April due to the launch of SpaceX satellite trains. The most likely time to see a UFO is between 9 and 10 p.m. on a Sunday, and the shapes vary from star-like, triangular, oval, disc-shaped, and cylindrical to unknown. There were only three CE-3s and one abduction report. (Ash Ellis, “[The UK UFO Report 2020](#),” UFO Identified)

2021, January 1 — Using Freedom of Information requests, UK reporter Dean Kirby analyzes 128 separate calls to 16 police forces since 2016 that mention UFOs. Several are obvious UAVs, including one reported by a caller to police in Bangor, Northern Ireland, who described a flying object that appeared to have solar panels. But the true figure could be much higher, with more than 30 police forces including Police Scotland saying they have no easy way of counting the calls and three saying they would each have to search through more than 700 records where the letters UFO were used. (Dean Kirby, “[In One of the Strangest Years of Our Lives, Reports of UFO Sightings Have Reached New Heights in Lockdown](#),” News UK, January 1, 2021)

2021, January 5 — 5:30 p.m. An observer in Weston, Connecticut, sees a bright white teardrop-shaped object with a neon-green interior crossing a road low in the sky. Its movement is “similar to a shooting star, but the object was much bigger” and traveling too low. (National UFO Reporting Center, “[NUFORC UFO Sighting 161470](#),” January 19, 2021; Rich Kirby, “[UFO Sightings in Connecticut: Here Are the Latest Reports](#),” Patch Media, Danbury, Conn., April 4, 2021)

- 2021, January 5** — 10:00 p.m. An observer in Bristol, Connecticut, sees about 13–15 large and dull lights in the sky. Some 10–12 of them are white and flying extremely fast in sync with each other, making swirly shapes. These lights disappear and reappear occasionally. Surrounding the white lights are three stationary black, dim lights in a triangular shape. The formation lasts more than 20 minutes, passes over the entire neighborhood, and is reminiscent of a light show. (National UFO Reporting Center, “[NUFORC UFO Sighting 161498](#),” January 19, 2021; Rich Kirby, “[UFO Sightings in Connecticut: Here Are the Latest Reports](#),” Patch Media, Danbury, Conn., April 4, 2021)
- 2021, January 6** — 5:45 p.m. A resident of Naugatuck, Connecticut, notices a bright, slightly bluish “ball of light with rope-like appendages hanging” from it. The sphere is followed a short time later by an exceptionally large and loud helicopter. (Rich Kirby, “[UFO Sightings in Connecticut: Here Are the Latest Reports](#),” Patch Media, Danbury, Conn., April 4, 2021)
- 2021, January 15** — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has conducted a two-year “epidemiologic investigation” of the mysterious medical incidents suffered by US personnel in Cuba but cannot determine the nature of the injuries nor the cause, according to its 18-page report. “The evaluations conducted thus far have not identified a mechanism of injury, process of exposure, effective treatment, or mitigating factor for the unexplained cluster of symptoms experienced by those stationed in Havana, Cuba,” concluded the CDC study. Titled “Cuba Unexplained Events Investigation—Final Report,” the CDC study was completed more than a year ago. But its existence was revealed only after a more recent evaluation by the National Academy of Sciences, which references the CDC report leaked to the press in December. (Dan Vergano, “[Medical Records Can’t Explain ‘Havana Syndrome,’ a Buried CDC Report Says](#),” BuzzFeed News, January 15, 2021; “[CDC Report on the ‘Havana Syndrome’: Medical Mystery Remains Unsolved](#),” National Security Archive, February 2, 2021)
- 2021, February 7** — The British UFO Research Association reports that it received 583 reports in 2020, which is 40% less than in 2019. However, the number of high-strangeness reports doubled (37). (“[An Overview of Sightings, Photographs, and High Strangeness Reports in 2020 and Looking Ahead to 2021](#),” BUFORA, February 7, 2021)
- 2021, February 9** — 10:30 p.m. An unidentified drone with a green light on its underbody is spotted from the corner of East Ajo Way and South Palo Verde Road in Tucson, Arizona, directly adjacent to a fuel terminal just west of Davis-Monthan AFB. It flies into controlled airspace surrounding the base and Tucson International Airport after the Tucson Police Department and US Customs and Border Protection helicopters began to pursue it. The law enforcement helicopters follow the drone northwest out of the city for nearly 45 minutes before losing it in the clouds around 14,000 feet. The CBP is operating an Airbus AS350, while Tucson police are flying a Bell 206B-3 Jet Ranger. The CBP pilot says that the drone is highly modified and able to outperform any other he has seen previously, flying circles around both helicopters at speeds well in excess of 100 mph. (Brett Tingley, “[Police Helicopter Crew Says Mysterious Craft They Chased Was ‘Not Like Any Other’ Drone](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, June 22, 2021; Tim McMillan, Micah Hanks, and Christopher Plain, “[Incursions at the Border: Homeland Security Agents Tell of Encounters with Unidentified Aerial Phenomena](#),” The DeBrief, May 27, 2022)
- 2021, February 14** — Early morning. Scottish explorer Ashley Cowie photographs a ball of light that hovers above the rock formation known as the Temple of the Moon, an indigenous burial spot close to the summit of La Pena de Juaica, Colombia. More sightings follow, along with better quality images. In June, he obtains five clear photos of anomalous lights from his base at Palo Verde. The folklore of the local Muisca Indians refers to the Juaica lights as “glowing horsemen,” “golden balls,” “searchlights,” and “the charm.” In Muisca tradition, they are male and female spirits who combine as airborne lovers to produce rain. The earliest recorded mention of the phenomenon occurs in a Spanish document dating from 1606. (“[Project Juaica](#)”; “[June 2021 UAP Report](#),” UAP Colombia, July 7, 2021; David Clarke, “Spooklights: A Survey of Transient Luminous Phenomena,” *Fortean Times* 422 (September 2022): 40)
- 2021, February 16** — [Larry Maguire](#), Member of Parliament for Brandon–Souris, Manitoba, and one other Conservative MP are briefed on UAP by [Luis Elizondo](#). (“[Former Pentagon Officials Briefed Canadian MPs on UFOs, MP and Researcher Say](#),” CTV News, May 17, 2022)
- 2021, February 17** — [Tom DeLonge](#)’s To the Stars Academy files a report to the US Securities and Exchange Commission, saying that it is restructuring its operations to “scale back its initiatives in science and commercialization.” This is given as justification for dropping advisors [Luis Elizondo](#), Stephen Justice, and [Christopher Mellon](#). (US Securities and Exchange Commission, “[Form 1-U, To the Stars Academy of Arts and Sciences](#),” February 17, 2021; Nigel Watson, “M Is for Mantis and Missile,” *Fortean Times* 404 (April 2021): 22)
- 2021, February 21** — 12:19 p.m. An American Airlines Airbus A320 pilot reports a long, cylindrical object like a cruise missile pass above his location west of Clayton, New Mexico. The FAA has no reports of objects on air traffic controller radar screens. (“[Intercept: American Airlines Flight 2292 Reports Close Encounter with Unknown](#)”

[Flying Object](#),” Deep Black Horizon, February 21, 2021; Tyler Rogoway, “[FAA Releases Statement on Airliner’s Encounter with Unknown Object over New Mexico](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, February 24, 2021; John Greenewald, “[American Airlines Flight 2292 UFO Encounter, February 21, 2021](#),” The Black Vault, December 18, 2024)

- 2021**, February 26 — The automated station to detect luminous phenomena (the Blue Box) in Hessdalen, Norway, is transferred from Østfold University College to Visit Hessdalen AS, a private organization. A group of volunteers takes over the project on December 21, 2021. (Erling Strand, “[Project Hessdalen, Part 3: From 26 February 2021 to ???](#)” Society for UAP Studies, January 11, 2024)
- 2021**, March 12 — The US State Department names a senior official to lead the agency’s response to the Havana Syndrome attacks. [Pamela L. Spratlen](#), a career foreign service officer, will serve as the senior advisor to the Health Incident Response Task Force, which was created in 2018 to coordinate the response to the spate of incidents. (“[State Department Names Senior Official to Lead Response to Mysterious ‘Havana Syndrome’ Attacks](#),” CNN, March 12, 2021)
- 2021**, March 19 — Former Director of National Intelligence [John Ratcliffe](#) states in a Fox News interview that the Department of Defense has had a UAP task force in place for a few years and that there are many sightings that have never been made public: “When we talk about sightings, we’re talking about objects that have been seen by Navy or Air Force pilots or have been picked up by satellite imagery, that, frankly, engage in actions that are difficult to explain, that movements that are hard to replicate, that we don’t have the technology for or traveling at speeds that, you know, exceed the sound barrier without a sonic boom. There are instances where we don’t have good explanations for some of the things that we’ve seen.” (“[2021-03-19: Interview with Former DNI on the UAP Observations, Detections, and Upcoming UAP Report](#),” eventimus YouTube channel, March 20, 2021; Clark IV 1312–1313)
- 2021**, March 24 — The To the Stars Academy lets the US Securities and Exchange Commission know that [Harold Puthoff](#) has transitioned from his role as a director to serve on the company’s scientific advisory board. (US Securities and Exchange Commission, “[Form 1-U, To the Stars Academy of Arts and Sciences](#),” March 24, 2021)
- 2021**, March 24 — 7:30 p.m. A witness in Moosup, Connecticut, watches six fireballs that move “with intent and intelligence. Two of them appear to be floating; the one on the left moves from left to right and the other from top to bottom, while the other spheres stay in one place. The maneuvers continue for 5 minutes before it dissipates. (Rich Kirby, “[UFO Sightings in Connecticut: Here Are the Latest Reports](#),” Patch Media, Danbury, Conn., April 4, 2021)
- 2021**, March 25 — [Bryan Bender](#) of Politico writes, quoting unnamed “multiple current and former government officials,” that the US Air Force and “spy agencies” are “blocking or simply ignoring the effort to catalogue what they have on ‘unidentified aerial phenomena.’” (Bryan Bender, “[Military and Spy Agencies Accused of Stiff-Arming Investigators on UFO Sightings](#),” Politico, March 25, 2021)
- 2021**, March 25 — Pilots in a pair of F-35s flying in the vicinity of Casa Grande, Arizona, view a “large white...UAS” at 24,000 feet. “The object, which appeared to be stationary, was described as a small [General Aviation] aircraft or a very large UAS.” (Joseph Trevithick and Tyler Rogoway, “[Pilots Are Seeing Some Very Strange Things in Arizona’s Military Training Ranges](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, August 2, 2023)
- 2021**, March 29 — [Chris Rutkowski](#)’s annual review of UFO sightings in Canada shows there was a 46% rise in reports in 2020; 30% of the 1,243 sights were in Ontario and 24% from Quebec. 13% remain unexplained. (Chris Rutkowski, “[The 2020 Canadian UFO Survey](#),” Ufology Research, March 29, 2021)
- 2021**, March 29 — Two pilots flying F-35s in the vicinity of Buckeye, Arizona, observe about “3 to 4 UAS off [the] right side while e[ast] bound at 17,000 feet.” (Joseph Trevithick and Tyler Rogoway, “[Pilots Are Seeing Some Very Strange Things in Arizona’s Military Training Ranges](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, August 2, 2023)
- 2021**, April — [David Grusch](#) meets with Sen. [Harry Reid](#) (D-Nev.) and presents him with a proposal for continuing the work of the UAP Task Force with a successor agency. (Mike Colangelo, “[New Statement from David Grusch](#),” X post, January 15, 2024)
- 2021**, April 1 — 6:35 a.m. An employee at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California, is driving on West Perimeter Drive at the facility and notices a “possible drone” with red and white lights hovering 50–75 feet off the ground in the buffer zone. He notifies the Central Alarm Station, but no security camera footage can corroborate the sighting. (Micah Hanks, “[U.S. Department of Energy UAP Documents Reveal Puzzling Aerial Incursions near American Nuclear Sites](#),” The Debrief, September 29, 2023)
- 2021**, April 6 — The Federal Aviation Administration ends its requirement for a special waiver to fly drones at night. Drone pilots will still need to have anti-collision lights on their drones and must be tested to understand how

flying a drone at night presents unique challenges. ([“How to Legally Fly Your Drone at Night under the FAA’s New Rules,”](#) Drone Pilot Ground School, December 17, 2024)

2021, April 13 — According to the National UFO Reporting Center, there was an increase of some 1,000 sightings in the United States during 2020, reaching a peak of 7,200 reports. ([“UFO Sightings in US Rose Sharply during the Pandemic, Data Reveals,”](#) WION, April 13, 2021)

2021, April 15 — Tyler Rogoway of The War Zone summarizes the defense implications of drone and UAP interference with military aircraft, ships, and weapons systems, concluding that “at least one of our adversaries, and possibly two, have played our own cultural norms against us and have executed what may be among the most successful and ingenious intelligence-gathering plays of all time. Meanwhile, it seems that the DoD is either incapable of identifying and evaluating what should no longer be considered an emerging threat—swarming drones and radar target balloons—or they are playing along by acting like they do not know, which could be the case for a number of reasons.” (Tyler Rogoway, [“Adversary Drones Are Spying on the U.S. and the Pentagon Acts Like They’re UFOs,”](#) The Drive: The War Zone, April 15, 2021)

2021, April 19–26 — The US Navy kicks off a secretive experiment to launch a missile at a surface target using information from a combination of manned and unmanned aircraft and surface vessels to test their direct attack and electronic warfare capabilities. (Joseph Trevithick, [“Huge Navy Unmanned-Focused Experiment Underway Featuring Live Missile Shoot and ‘Super Swarms,’”](#) The Drive: The War Zone, April 20, 2021)

2021, April 20 — 8:20 p.m. Some 50 witnesses see a group of lights maneuvering above the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Camp Wilson in Twentynine Palms, California, for 70 minutes. The object, captured on iPhones and infrared, is described as a silent, triangular-shaped craft, estimated to be between half the size of a football field and a three-bedroom, two-story house. The video is released in May 2023 by journalists [Jeremy Corbell](#) and [George Knapp](#), who claim there is a search and reconnaissance effort related to the event that lasts approximately 3 hours. However, because the Weapons and Tactical Instructor Course 2-21, involving deployment of numerous aircraft and ground troops, is underway at the same location, [John Greenewald](#) strongly suspects that the sighting is linked to the training exercise. (John Greenewald, [“The ‘Mojave Triangle UAP’: A Closer Look,”](#) The Black Vault, May 24, 2023; John Greenewald, [“The ‘Mojave Triangle UAP’: The FOIA’d Documents, Photos, and Video,”](#) The Black Vault, July 6, 2023)

2021, April 26 — Former Sen. [Harry Reid](#) again claims in a letter to journalist [Gadi Schwartz](#) at NBC News that [Luis Elizondo](#) did indeed lead the AATIP program. The claim remains in dispute by the Pentagon. (John Greenewald, [“The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project,”](#) The Black Vault, January 21, 2023)

2021, April 26 — The Department of Defense’s Office of the Inspector General and the Office of Legislative Affairs and Communication discuss a “roll out confirmation” of unidentified aerial phenomena at their weekly meeting. Another “roll out confirmation” is scheduled for May 3–5. (John Greenewald, [“The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project,”](#) The Black Vault, January 21, 2023)

2021, May — During a briefing prior to a planned US Air Force exercise, USAF personnel observe a slide presentation that explains what to do if they encounter a UAP. They are clearly instructed to complete the Air Force reporting form, which features shapes of several different types of UAP they could encounter (plasma-like balls, tic-tacs, discs). It also features specific questions, such as whether the UAP interferes with their radar operation. This is all new, the officer points out to researcher [Robert Powell](#), something that would not have occurred 18 months previous. He finds the stigma associated with this subject in the Air Force has significantly changed. (Robert Powell, [“Opinion: When It Comes to the USAF and UAP, the Tide May Finally Be Turning,”](#) The Debrief, February 7, 2022)

2021, May 3 — [Luis Elizondo](#), a former counterintelligence specialist with the Department of Defense, files a 64-page complaint with the department’s inspector general claiming that he has been subject to a coordinated campaign to discredit him for speaking out on UAP, including accusing a top official of threatening to tell people he is “crazy.” (Bryan Bender, [“Ex-Official Who Revealed UFO Project Accuses Pentagon of ‘Disinformation’ Campaign,”](#) Politico, May 26, 2021; John Greenewald, [“The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project,”](#) The Black Vault, January 21, 2023)

2021, May 3 — Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations–Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight, Randolph Stone issues a memorandum beginning the Department of Defense’s Office of the Inspector General’s Evaluation of the DoD’s Actions Regarding the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena. The evaluation continues through 2023. (John Greenewald, [“The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project,”](#) The Black Vault, January 21, 2023; John Greenewald, [“DoD’s Office of the Inspector General’s Evaluation on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Still Underway,”](#) The Black Vault, May 11, 2023; John Greenewald, [“The DoD Inspector](#)

[General's Evaluation of the DoD's Actions Regarding Unidentified Aerial Phenomena](#),” The Black Vault, October 30, 2024)

- 2021**, May 6 — The US National Reconnaissance Office’s highly classified “Sentient” detection system tracks a lozenge-shaped UFO that does not correspond to any known aircraft. The location where this object is detected remains unknown, but one redacted PowerPoint presentation released by the NRO links past US Navy sightings and describes that this newly detected object has a “rough similarity to the previously reported ‘tic-tac’ shape,” likely referring to the 2004 USS *Nimitz* encounter. The presentation also indicates that the object was, “likely not a sensor artifact or focal plane anomaly (although more in-depth imagery analysis is warranted).” To reinforce that a sensor artifact anomaly was not likely, a second sighting of the UAP is detected by at least one other sensor 15 seconds later. (John Greenewald, [“Highly Classified NRO System Detects Possible ‘Tic-Tac’ Object in 2021,”](#) The Black Vault, February 27, 2023)
- 2021**, May 10 — The Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence request a briefing from the Department of Defense’s Office of the Inspector General on the UAP issue. (John Greenewald, [“The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project,”](#) The Black Vault, January 21, 2023)
- 2021**, May 17 — The US Navy’s UAP Task Force holds a briefing on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena for the House Permanent Select Committee on intelligence. (John Greenewald, [“U.S. Navy Releases UAP Briefing Documents,”](#) The Black Vault, November 5, 2024)
- 2021**, May 18 — A redacted article in the DIA’s *Defense Intelligence Digest* suggests that whatever causes Havana Syndrome affects the levels of butyrylcholinesterase (BChE) in the blood. (John Greenewald, [“FOIA Request Sheds Light on DIA’s Records Pertaining to ‘Havana Syndrome,’”](#) The Black Vault, February 23, 2024)
- 2021**, May 18 — Former President [Barack Obama](#) admits on *The Late Late Show with James Corden* that “When I came into office, I asked ... is there a lab somewhere where we’re keeping the alien specimens and spaceship? And you know, they did a little bit of research and the answer was no. But what is true, and I’m actually being serious here, is that there are, there’s footage and records of objects in the skies, that we don’t know exactly what they are, we can’t explain how they moved, their trajectory. They did not have an easily explainable pattern.” ([“Reggie Watts to Barack Obama: What’s w/ Dem Aliens?”](#) The Late Late Show with James Corden YouTube channel, May 18, 2021; [“Barack Obama Talks about UFOs Again on Late Night Television,”](#) WIAT, Birmingham, Alabama, May 19, 2021; [“Barack Obama on UFOs: We Don’t Know Exactly What They Are,”](#) CNN, May 19, 2021)
- 2021**, May 19 — The Department of Defense, Office of the Inspector General, initiates contact with [Luis Elizondo](#) with the intent to interview him about UAP matters, specifically Elizondo’s complaint alleging misconduct, coordinated misinformation, and whistleblower retaliation by Department of Defense officials, including the former Director of Defense Intelligence for Intelligence and Security [Garry Reid](#), Public Affairs Officer [Susan Gough](#), and former Director for Defense Intelligence, Collection and Special Programs [Neill T. Tipton](#). According to his complaint, these actions not only misrepresent his work within the DoD but also seek to undermine his credibility following his departure from government service. The conversation unfolds in the days and weeks to come. (*New York Post*, [“Luis Elizondo IG Complaint Redacted,”](#) [shared files in Dropbox]; John Greenewald, [“The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project,”](#) The Black Vault, January 21, 2023; [“DoD Inspector General Releases Transcript of Luis Elizondo Interview and Much More,”](#) The Black Vault, February 9, 2023; [“DoD’s Inspector General Office Releases Emails About UAP, Their UAP Evaluation Effort, Luis Elizondo, and More,”](#) The Black Vault, February 8, 2024; [“DoD’s Inspector General Office Releases Additional Records Pertaining to Luis Elizondo’s OIG Complaint,”](#) The Black Vault, March 17, 2025; John Greenewald, [“The DoD Inspector General Complaint of Luis Elizondo: A Document Archive,”](#) The Black Vault, March 18, 2025)
- 2021**, May 20 — In response to a question by [Guy Black](#), Minister of State for Defence [Annabel Goldie](#) tells the House of Lords that the UK government had no role in the United States UAP Task Force. (Isaac Koi, [“UFOs in Parliament \(UK\),”](#) Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 2021**, June — [Harjit Sajjan](#), the Canadian Minister of Defence, receives a briefing on Defence research, recent sightings, and historical information on UAP. (Tristin Hopper, [“First Reading: Canadian Military Suddenly Takes Notice of UFOs,”](#) *National Post* (Canada), May 10, 2022; Keith Basterfield, [“The Canadian Government’s Interest in UAP between 2021 and 2024,”](#) Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 16, 2024)
- 2021**, June 4 — According to Chen Li, a member of the Chinese Air Force’s Early Warning Academy in Wuhan, China, the Chinese armed forces have a task force on UAPs that uses artificial intelligence (AI) to analyze its data. Human analysts have been overwhelmed by increasing number of military and civilian sightings. The Chinese military uses a three-tier reporting system to gather and analyze UAP reports, and it assigns a “threat index” to

each object “based on the observed behaviors, frequencies, aerodynamic design, radioactivity, possible make and materials,” and other pertinent information. A radar specialist is Xian says that the increasing use of drones is partially responsible for the increase in reports, as well as increased US military activities in the South China Sea. (Stephen Chen, “[China Military Uses AI to Track Rapidly Increasing UFOs](#),” *South China Morning Post* (Hong Kong), June 4, 2021; Tim McMillan and M. J. Banias, “[China Confirms It Has Its Own UFO Task Force](#),” *The Debrief*, June 4, 2021; Clark IV 1313, 1329)

- 2021, June 7** — 2:32 p.m. The pilot of a Cessna C82R Skylane light aircraft observes a “25 foot long black triangular” object around 500 feet below them and to the right as they fly at around 6,000 feet near Los Angeles International Airport, California. The crew notifies the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Office. (Joseph Trevithick and Tyler Rogoway, “[Multiple UAPs Reported on FAA’s Internal Hotline in Just a Week](#),” *The Drive: The War Zone*, July 14, 2023)
- 2021, June 8** — 10:01 p.m. The crew of a Gulfstream IV business jet cruising at 45,000 feet around 33 miles southwest of Grand Canyon Airport, Arizona, observes a “glowing white cylindrical object” off the right side of the aircraft. It is paralleling their flight path at the same speed and approximately 3,000 feet above them. The pilot takes photos and videos of the object. (Joseph Trevithick and Tyler Rogoway, “[Multiple UAPs Reported on FAA’s Internal Hotline in Just a Week](#),” *The Drive: The War Zone*, July 14, 2023)
- 2021, June 12** — Officials from the Department of Defense’s Office of the Inspector General interview [David Grusch](#) to determine whether he can provide background information that might be relevant to their soon-to-be-released evaluation of UAP activity. Grusch serves as the National Reconnaissance Office liaison to the UAP Task Force. He critiques existing UAP analysis methods and proposes a new approach with a new office, which he suggests might be called the Office of Strategic Anomaly Resolution. He suggests that the OIG talk to a certain Air Force contact (redacted) regarding “potential recovered UAP materials.” Grusch provides a PowerPoint presentation on how such an office might operate. ([[Interview with Major David Grusch on June 12, 2021](#)]; John Greenwald, “[DoD Inspector General Releases Details of Interview with UFO Whistleblower David Grusch](#),” *The Black Vault*, January 12, 2024; “[DoD Inspector General Releases Details of Interview with UFO Whistleblower David Grusch](#),” *The Black Vault Originals YouTube channel*, January 25, 2024)
- 2021, June 12** — 5:10 p.m. The crew of an Envoy Air Embraer E170 airliner see a “white and diamond shaped” object traveling fast while they are flying southwest at around 20,000 feet and some 46 miles northeast of Palm Beach International Airport in Florida. The crew sees the UAP “pass underneath” them at around 19,500 feet. The “unknown phenomenon was smaller than their aircraft.” They notify the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office. (Joseph Trevithick and Tyler Rogoway, “[Multiple UAPs Reported on FAA’s Internal Hotline in Just a Week](#),” *The Drive: The War Zone*, July 14, 2023)
- 2021, June 17** — FAA Order JO 7110.65Z, “Air Traffic Control,” takes effect, requiring air traffic control personnel to report UFO sightings to a data collection center such as the National UFO Reporting Center or local law enforcement. (Federal Aviation Administration, [Order JO7110.65Z](#), June 17, 2021; Micah Hanks, “[The FAA Finally Admits It Documents Reports of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena](#),” *The Debrief*, August 13, 2021)
- 2021, June 22** — Night. Many people watch a dark triangular shape in the clouds near the Panorama Hotel in Shanghai, China. A video showing the object circulates widely, but the shape is shown to be the result of laser lights reflecting on clouds. (“[Investigating Triangular Shaped UFO Spotted in Shanghai, China r/UFOs](#),” *Burbex: Beijing Urban Exploration YouTube channel*, June 24, 2021; Phillip Maciak, “[We Are Not Alone: Phillip Maciak on His Summer Obsessing over UFO Videos](#),” *Literary Hub*, May 17, 2023)
- 2021, June 25** — The US Office of the Director of National Intelligence releases a summary 6-page report on UAP, largely centering on evidence gathered in the last 20 years by the US Navy and its UAP Task Force. It claims that 143 of the 144 reports are unidentified, though none of the data is provided. (The full report, available only to those with proper security clearances, is released in a redacted version in March 2022.) The report comes to no conclusion about what the UAP reports represent, based on a lack of evidence, though in a limited number of incidents, UAP reportedly appear to exhibit unusual flight characteristics, including high velocity, breaking the sound barrier without producing a sonic boom, high maneuverability not able to be replicated otherwise, long duration flight, and an ability to submerge into the water. Some of the UAP appear to move with no discernable means of propulsion, and it is noted that the alleged high speeds and maneuvers would normally destroy any existing aircraft. These observations could be the result of sensor errors, spoofing, or observer misperception, and require additional rigorous analysis. The report indicates that, in some cases, instruments have recorded physical objects and are not false readings, because targets have been detected by different sensor mechanisms in addition to visual observation. The report also states that “UAP probably lack a single explanation,” and proposes five possible categories of explanation: airborne clutter, natural atmospheric phenomena, US government or industry development technology, foreign craft, and an “other” category. The report raises concerns that UAP could be a

safety issue with regard to potential collisions with US aircraft, and that they could pose a security threat if UAP are foreign craft gathering information about the US. It mentions that the Federal Aviation Administration “continuously monitors its systems for anomalies, generating additional information that may be of use to the UAPTF. The FAA is able to isolate data of interest to the UAPTF and make it available.” The report indicates that investigation of the topic will continue, including development of reporting protocols. The report states that, of the sightings reported, all except one (confirmed as a weather balloon) lack sufficient information to attribute a specific explanation or explanations. (Wikipedia, “[UFO Report \(U.S. Intelligence\)](#)”; Julian E. Barnes and Helene Cooper, “[US Finds No Evidence of Alien Technology in Flying Objects, But Can’t Rule It Out, Either](#),” *New York Times*, June 3, 2021; Andrew Desiderio, “[‘We’ve Got to Get an Answer’: UFOs Catch Congress’ Interest](#),” *Politico*, June 23, 2021; Office of the Director of National Intelligence, [Preliminary Assessment: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena](#) [6-page summary report], June 25, 2021; Office of the Director of National Intelligence, [Preliminary Assessment: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena](#) [redacted full report], June 25, 2021; “[US Report on Pentagon-Documented UFOs Leaves Sightings Unexplained](#),” ABC News (Australia), June 25, 2021; “[Pentagon Won’t Rule Out Aliens in Long-Awaited Report](#),” BBC News, June 25, 2021; Micah Hanks, “[The FAA Finally Admits It Documents Reports of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena](#),” *The Debrief*, August 13, 2021; David Clarke, “Beyond Blue Book: The Pentagon UFO Report in Context,” *Fortean Times* 409 (September 2021): 48–51; John Greenewald, “[June 2021 Classified UAP/UFO Report Given to Congress Partially Released](#),” *The Black Vault*, March 23, 2022; Micah Hanks, “[Analysis: Newly Released Version of Once-Classified Report Presents New Clues about the U.S. Government’s UAP Investigations](#),” *The Debrief*, March 24, 2022; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, “[On the 2021 UAPTF Classified Report](#),” Academia.edu, 2022; Adam Goldsack, “[UAPTF Report: Why Are Those Unknown UAP Shapes Classified?](#)” UAP Media UK, March 26, 2022; Covert, xxix–xxx; Powell, *Scientist*, 132, 147; Clark IV 3)

- 2021**, June 30 — In the UK House of Lords, [Aamer Sarfraz](#) asks whether the UK government has assessed the US National Intelligence report on UAP and whether the Ministry of Defence will publish a summary of the UFO data it holds. Minister of State for Defence [Annabel Goldie](#) responds that the ministry has “no opinion on the existence of extraterrestrial life and we no longer investigate reports of sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena” because in more than 50 years no military threat to the UK had been detected. She adds, “I simply say to the noble Lord that I seek to reassure him that, as I have indicated, we deal with actual threats substantiated by evidence.” (David Clarke, “[Lost and Found](#),” David’s Substack, October 11, 2023; Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 2021**, June 30 — The Pew Research Center reports on the results of its survey of US adults regarding extraterrestrial life and UFOs. 65% say that intelligent life exists on other planets, while 51% think that UFOs reported by the military are either definitely or probably evidence of intelligent life beyond Earth. Most Americans (87%) say that UFOs are either no threat or only a minor threat to national security. (Courtney Kennedy and Arnold Lau, “[Most Americans Believe in Intelligent Life beyond Earth; Few See UFOs as a Major National Security Threat](#),” Pew Research Center, June 30, 2021)
- 2021**, July 12 — As part of the Department of Defense Inspector General’s “Evaluation of the DoD’s Actions Regarding Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena,” [David Grusch](#) is interviewed and provides an Air Force point of contact regarding potential recovered UAP material. Grusch believes that his interview is leaked beyond the IG office and as a result, he suffers months of retaliation and reprisals related to these disclosures. ([[FOIA document release](#)], January 12, 2024; “[David Grusch Timeline](#),” Papoose Lake Institute; Clark IV 705)
- 2021**, July 13 — 1:25 a.m. Ashley Cowie takes a long exposure photograph of a formation of flashing red lights moving in an arc beyond the ridge of the mountain La Pena de Juaica in Colombia. Another set of images taken in March 2022 shows a gaseous, shape-changing blob of light that takes on a vaguely anthropomorphic form. (David Clarke, “Spooklights: A Survey of Transient Luminous Phenomena,” *Fortean Times* 422 (September 2022): 40–41)
- 2021**, July 13 — In an email to senior DoD officials, Director for Defense Intelligence, Collection and Special Programs [Neill T. Tipton](#) describes a high-level UAP briefing to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and Senate Armed Services Committee, noting that 28 senators attended—an unusually high turnout that was “nearly unprecedented for an engagement like this”—and that “continued very high interest from the Senate” was evident. He confirms his direct participation in the briefing, alongside representatives from ODNI, the Navy, the Air Force, and NORAD. (John Greenewald, “[The Pentagon Says AATIP Wasn’t about UFOs—But the Man Slated to Take It Over Ended Up Designing the Government’s UAP Strategy](#),” *The Black Vault*, April 2, 2025)
- 2021**, July 16 — [Matthew Szydagis](#), a physicist at the University at Albany, and colleagues conduct a week-long instrumented field expedition by the UAPx group to study unidentified anomalous phenomena on Catalina Island,

California. The group records one anomaly on July 16 that resists a prosaic explanation. Their paper, initially available on ArXiv in December 2023, reviews both the hardware and software techniques used and contains a frank discussion of the successes and failures, with a section about how to apply lessons learned to future expeditions. Both observable-light and infrared cameras are deployed, as well as sensors for other (non-EM) emissions. A pixel-subtraction method is augmented with other similarly simple methods to provide initial identification of objects in the sky and/or the sea crossing the cameras' fields of view. (Matthew Szydagis, et al., "[Initial Results from the First Field Expedition of UAPx to Study Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena](#)," *Progress in Aerospace Sciences*, May 16, 2025, [ArXiv preprint](#); "[UAlbany Professors Studying UFOs Find Unidentified Object](#)," WTEN, Albany, New York, June 18, 2025)

- 2021**, July 20 — Reports surface of American diplomatic officials coming down with Havana Syndrome in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. ("[American Personnel in Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan Reported As among 'Havana Syndrome' Victims](#)," bne IntelliNews, July 21, 2021)
- 2021**, July 21 — According to a Gallup poll, 41% of Americans think that at least some UFOs are alien spacecraft, up 8% from a similar question in 2019. Only 50% consider all sightings to be explainable, down 10% from 2019. (Lydia Saad, "[Do Americans Believe in UFOs?](#)" Gallup News, August 20, 2021)
- 2021**, July 26 — The Galileo Project, headed by a multi-institutional team of scientists led by [Avi Loeb](#) of the Department of Astronomy at Harvard University, announces that it will investigate evidence that could represent defunct or still-active "extraterrestrial technological civilizations," or ETCs. The project, which includes [Luis Elizondo](#), [Christopher Mellon](#), [Nick Pope](#), and [Michael Shermer](#), will analyze data from astronomical surveys and telescope observations, and design new algorithms using artificial intelligence, in order to identify potential interstellar travelers, alien-built satellites, and UAPs. Ufologist [Jacques Vallée](#) joins the project in January 2022. (Mindy Weisberger, "[Harvard-Led Team to Search Cosmos for Extraterrestrial Space Tech and UFOs](#)," Live Science, July 26, 2021; Robert Sheaffer, "[Galileos Galore: Now Including Dr. Jacques Vallée!](#)" Bad UFOs, January 25, 2022)
- 2021**, July 28 — A man in a jetpack is seen at an altitude 5,000 feet by pilots near Los Angeles International Airport. (John Greenewald, "[Jetpack Man Sighting over Los Angeles International Airport \(LAX\), July 28, 2021](#)," The Black Vault, May 2, 2023)
- 2021**, July 30 — 11:00 p.m. A bright green fireball illuminates the night sky over Izmir, Turkey. The visual part of the event lasts several seconds before the object disintegrates. Several residents report a sonic boom. According to Hassan Ali Dar, deputy director of the Astronomical Observatory of Aegean University, the object is part of the Perseid meteor shower. (Teo Blašković, "[Very Bright Fireball over Izmir, Sonic Boom Reported, Turkey](#)," The Watchers, August 2, 2021)
- 2021**, August — Reports of Havana Syndrome come to light among more than 20 US diplomats in Vienna, Austria, since January. The numbers are greater here than in any city outside Havana, Cuba. The CIA removes its station chief in Vienna for not adequately responding to the outbreak. ("['Havana Syndrome'-Like Mystery Illness Affects Vienna US Diplomats](#)," BBC News, July 17, 2021; "[CIA 'Removes Vienna Boss' over Havana Syndrome Outbreak](#)," BBC News, September 24, 2021)
- 2021**, August 29 — In a breakthrough interview on CBS-TV's *60 Minutes*, US Navy pilots line up to recount their experiences with UFOs on the eastern coast. It happens so frequently that the encounters became commonplace, [Ryan Graves](#), a retired navy pilot, tells the show. "Every day," Graves says. "Every day for at least a couple years." (Bill Whitaker, "[UFOs Regularly Spotted in Restricted US Airspace](#)," CBS News, August 29, 2021)
- 2021**, September 5 — Australian journalist [Ross Coulthart](#) releases a documentary, *The UFO Phenomenon*, which recounts the history of the Australian government's involvement with UFOs. ("[The UFO Phenomenon: Full Documentary 2021](#)," 7NEWS Spotlight YouTube channel, September 5, 2021)
- 2021**, September 8 — A resident of Oxford, Connecticut, sees three bright but silent objects hovering for about 30–40 seconds right before an intense light appears that seems to be "scanning from front to back." Something or someone is silently lowered out of one of the lights into a field across the street, then quickly drawn back up. Shortly afterward, the lights flash and disappear, but the witness can still see light trails left behind. (Rich Kirby, "[Are UFOs over Connecticut Growing Bolder? \(We May Never Know\)](#)," Patch Media, Brookfield, Conn., January 1, 2022)
- 2021**, September 15 — 4:03 p.m. One adult and two children witness a hovering metallic object in the Century City area of Los Angeles, California. After watching it for a few seconds, the adult takes a video as the object slowly moves toward the east. ("[Video Taken of Hovering Bright, Metallic, Flashing Object](#)," UFOs Northwest, October 12, 2021)

- 2021**, September 28 — An F-35 pilot watches an unknown object while flying southwest at 32,000 feet above Gila Bend, Arizona. (Joseph Trevithick and Tyler Rogoway, [“Pilots Are Seeing Some Very Strange Things in Arizona’s Military Training Ranges,”](#) The Drive: The War Zone, August 2, 2023)
- 2021**, October — *Skinwalkers at the Pentagon*, by James T. Lacatski, [Colm Kelleher](#), and [George Knapp](#) is published. It explains the nature and leadership of the Defense Intelligence Agency’s Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program (AAWSAP), the amount of money it had at its disposal, and its scope, which encompassed both UFO performance and the effects of UFOs on humans. (Covert, xxviii–xxix)
- 2021**, October — US diplomats in Bogota, Colombia, and Berlin, Germany, are being affected by Havana Syndrome. (“[Havana Syndrome: Berlin Police Probe Cases at US Embassy](#),” BBC News, October 9, 2021; “[Havana Syndrome Reported at US Embassy in Colombia](#),” BBC News, October 13, 2021)
- 2021**, October 8 — The Helping American Victims Afflicted by Neurological Attacks (HAVANA) Act is signed by President [Joe Biden](#). It authorizes the CIA Director and the Secretary of State to provide financial support for personnel suffering brain injuries. However, while funding for it has not yet passed, it has been included in drafts of a Defense Department appropriations bill. (“[Biden Signs Legislation to Compensate Victims of Mysterious ‘Havana Syndrome,’](#)” *New York Times*, October 8, 2021)
- 2021**, October 9 — 1:23 p.m. Witnesses watch a small, rounded, silver-metallic object at high altitude (perhaps above 15,000 feet) for 5 minutes during the Wings Over Houston Air Show at Ellington Air Force Base near Houston, Texas. The object leaves no trail as it alternately maneuvers and hovers. One of them takes a photograph. The MUFON investigator suspects the object might be a US Army Long Endurance Multi Intelligence Vehicle, a hybrid blimp, making an appearance at the air show. (Mutual UFO Network, “MUFON 118675”; National UFO Reporting Center, “[NUFORC UFO Sighting 164979](#)” and “[NUFORC UFO Sighting 164980](#)”; Kevin D. Randle, “[Coast to Coast: The National Defense Authorization Act and Two Interesting Sightings](#),” A Different Perspective, December 11, 2021)
- 2021**, October 19 — The Department of Defense, Office of the Inspector General meets with [Neill T. Tipton](#), director for defense intelligence, collection, and special programs, in regard to its actions regarding UAP. (John Greenewald, “[The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project](#),” The Black Vault, January 21, 2023)
- 2021**, October 25 — 8:30 a.m. A witness in Bootle, Merseyside, UK, takes a video that seems to show a comet-like UFO passing through the sky. Ufologist [Jenny Randles](#) identifies it as an Emirates Airbus 380 with the low sun illuminating its trail. (Jenny Randles, “Liverpool Echoes,” *Fortean Times* 413 (Christmas 2021): 29)
- 2021**, November — Optical engineer Vincent Costes takes over from Roger Baldacchino as manager of Groupe d’Études et d’Informations sur les Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non-identifiés, the official French UFO agency in Toulouse, France. (“[Un nouveau responsable au GEIPAN à partir de novembre 2021](#),” GEIPAN, November 3, 2021)
- 2021**, November — [David Grusch](#) begins his role as IMA to the Commander, 318 Cyber Operations Group, Detachment 3, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. The mission of the 318th Group is an information warfare group, training and integrating advanced tactics, technologies, and tools arming America’s warfighters with decisive information warfare combat power. Shortly afterward, he also begins serving as senior geospatial-intelligence capabilities integration officer for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, which involves liaison with the UAP Task Force. (“[David Grusch Timeline](#),” Papoose Lake Institute)
- 2021**, November 4 — Sen. [Kirsten Gillibrand](#) (D-N.Y.) introduces an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act that would establish an “Anomaly Surveillance and Resolution Office” to replace the UAP Task Force in the Navy’s Office of Naval Intelligence. (Bryan Bender, “[‘This Is Urgent’: Bipartisan Proposal for UFO Office Pushes New Boundaries](#),” Politico, November 17, 2021)
- 2021**, November 6 — 8:55 a.m. A witness in Marietta, Georgia, photographs a white, cigar-shaped object moving in a westerly direction. (“[Strange Cigar-Shaped Object Seen and Photographed](#),” UFOs Northwest, November 23, 2021)
- 2021**, November 8 — Night. A couple from Hubbard, Ohio, see a triangular-shaped object with a bright yellow light on top and two sets of three white lights along the side, just above the treetops. It appears to be football-field sized and is hovering about 100 feet above the highway. As they approach, it swiftly moves to the left and flies over some trees. Their car begins to act funny and the check-engine light comes on, indicating reduced engine power and traction control. (Kevin D. Randle, “[Coast to Coast AM: EM Effects and Current UFO Sightings](#),” A Different Perspective, December 17, 2021)
- 2021**, November 11 — 5:13 a.m. A resident of Woodbury, Connecticut, sees a “bright orange glowing object” that resembles an “intense sunrise.” The fireball moves behind a hill and the sky returns to its normal nighttime color.

(Rich Kirby, "[Are UFOs over Connecticut Growing Bolder? \(We May Never Know\)](#)," Patch Media, Brookfield, Conn., January 1, 2022)

- 2021**, November 11 — 11:10 a.m. A witness sees nine white orbs flying in formation and mimicking a flyby of F-16s during the Leavenworth, Kansas, Annual Veterans Day Parade. Prior to the F-16 flyby, the witness sees the orbs forming and reforming into various groups. At times they disappear and reappear at an incredible speed. One of the orbs is in an "overwatch" position, while at least six are in a "three-by-two formation." After passing the flyby, they form a four-point formation then disappear to the west at great speed. A photo is taken showing the orbs and the F-16s. ("[9 White Orbs Seen at F16 Airshow](#)," UFOs Northwest, November 19, 2021)
- 2021**, November 19 — The governmental Centro de Identificación Aerospacial in Argentina issues an annual report on its investigation into 45 UFO cases analyzed during the previous year, plus occasional investigations on older events. CIAE investigates only those UFO sightings supported by evidence (photography, video, or material). All of them are technically explained, the distribution of causes being birds & bugs (40%), balloons and airborne objects (18%), optical artifacts (11%), astronomical (11%), astronautical (11%), aircraft (7%), or ground facilities (2%). (Rubén E. Lianza, "[Informe de Resolución de Casos Recibidos en 2021](#)," CIAE, November 19, 2021)
- 2021**, November 22 — Morning. A joiner working on a wastewater plant in Dalmamock, East Glasgow, Scotland, sees two objects, one bright white and the other dark, hovering side by side and moving slightly up and down as a police helicopter arrives to investigate them. The witness takes clear video footage of the objects and the helicopter. After he stops filming, the objects climb vertically upward and disappear. Possible drones. (Jenny Randles, "May Day! May Day!" *Fortean Times* 419 (June 2022): 27)
- 2021**, November 23 — US Deputy Secretary of Defense [Kathleen Hicks](#) establishes the Airborne Object Identification and Management Synchronization Group (AOIMSG) to synchronize the detection and identification of UAPs. It replaces the Navy's UAP Task Force and is to be overseen and directed by the Airborne Object Identification and Management Executive Council (AOIMEXEC), led by Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security [Ronald Moultrie](#). In a memo, Defense Department official [Neill T. Tipton](#) states that his team is "already working implementation direction." (Wikipedia, "[All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office](#)"; Kathleen Hicks, "[Establishment of the Airborne Object Identification and Management Synchronization Group](#)," November 23, 2021; "[Ex-Officials Express Deep Concerns over New Pentagon UFO Unit](#)," The Hill, December 1, 2021; John Greenewald, "[DoD Refuses to Release Key Documents on UFO Office; Cites National Security Risk](#)," The Black Vault, September 21, 2022; Covert 8; Clark IV 3–4; John Greenewald, "[The Pentagon Says AATIP Wasn't about UFOs—But the Man Slated to Take It Over Ended Up Designing the Government's UAP Strategy](#)," The Black Vault, April 2, 2025)
- 2021**, December — A US pilot observes an unusual flashing light that appears to be inconsistent with normal aircraft. "Unidentified flying object observed from [the] ground with very sporadic flight pattern. Flashing beacon South of [the shore] estimated altitude 3,000-4,000 ft MSL. Object has disappeared twice and reappeared," the brief report states. "Flight pattern [is] too erratic and beyond capabilities of traditional aircraft. Beacon was flashing white. No red/green position lights," the report concludes. (Micah Hanks, "[Pilot UFO Sightings Collected by NASA Reveal Serious Safety Concerns over Objects in US Airspace](#)," The Debrief, August 29, 2023)
- 2021**, December 3 — 6:00 p.m. A woman driving in downtown Green Bay, Wisconsin, in foggy conditions, spots five lights moving in different directions. The lights merge into one. Three other oval, blue-purple lights also fly through the clouds. She then sees green lights moving very quickly. The sighting lasts 45 minutes and she takes several photos. ("[Groups of Multicolored Lights Move Rapidly on Foggy Night](#)," UFOs Northwest, December 4, 2021)
- 2021**, December 9 — The US Defense Department establishes a specialized task force, the Airborne Object Identification and Management Synchronization Group, to investigate and manage UAP sightings and encounters. The group's primary function is to coordinate and synchronize efforts across various military and governmental departments to gather, analyze, and share information regarding UFOs. (John Greenewald, "[Department of Defense Releases AOIMSG—Related Documents](#)," The Black Vault, May 16, 2023)
- 2021**, December 10 — Before 12:00 midnight. Many people in Flawil, St. Gallen, Switzerland, watch a wide bluish light in the sky. Evelyn Zuberbühler-Ehmann snaps a photo that seems to be a reflection, perhaps of a fire below. The light is also seen in Herisau. ("[Militär, Brand oder UFO: Mysteriöses Licht sorgt weiter für Diskussionen](#)," Radio FM1Today, St. Gallen, Switzerland, December 14, 2021)
- 2021**, December 15 — A new camera system goes into operation at the University of Würzburg, Germany, designed to detect UAP using artificial intelligence. Professor for Space Technology [Hakan Kayal](#) has set up SkyCAM-5 on the roof of a university building on the Hubland campus. "When the camera detects known objects, it recognizes them with a Convolutional Neural Network, classifies them and stores the corresponding video sequences in a

database,” Kayal explains. (“[UAP: SkyCAM Searches the Sky](#),” Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg, December 20, 2021)

- 2021**, December 21 — Italian psychologist and criminologist Giulio Perrotta publishes his research on interviews with alien abductees, showing that females more often report abductions than males, they are more common in central and northern Italy, and abductees are almost always predisposed to believe in paranormal phenomena. (Giulio Perrotta, “[Clinical Evidence in the Phenomenon of Alien Abduction](#),” *Annals of Psychiatry and Treatment* 5 (December 2021): 107–115)
- 2021**, December 27 — President [Joe Biden](#) signs into law the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2022. It includes an amendment, “Establishment of Office to Address Unidentified Aerial Phenomena” introduced by Sen. [Kirsten Gillibrand](#) (D-N.Y.), that requires the Defense Department to coordinate with other federal agencies to collect, analyze, and report on UAP cases, including those with “adverse physiological effects.” It funds a new office, the Airborne Object Identification and Management Synchronization Group, to replace the UAP Task Force program coordinated by the US Office of Naval Intelligence. The new office will serve as a “centralized repository” for such information and will coordinate with US allies to “better assess the nature and extent” of UAP incidents. It requires the office to set up a rapid response team to conduct field investigations and submit an annual report to Congress. (“[Sen. Gillibrand Introduces Amendment to Defense Bill Establishing Office to Study UFOs](#),” WTI-TV, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 9, 2021; Kevin D. Randle, “[Coast to Coast AM: Official Study of UFOs and a UFO Picture](#),” A Different Perspective, November 27, 2021; Douglas Dean Johnson, “[Congress Tells Pentagon and Intelligence Community: UFOs Are Serious Business!](#)” Mirador, December 7, 2021; “[Biden Signs \\$770 Billion Defense Bill](#),” *New York Times*, December 27, 2021; Covert 8–11)

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- 2022** — Academics [Michael C. Cifone](#) and [Michael D. Silberstein](#), both with specialties in the philosophy of science, found the Society for UAP Studies, a professional society based in Los Angeles, California, that aims to bring rigorous scholarly engagement to the UFO field. (“[Society for UAP Studies](#)” website; Clark IV 1199)
- 2022** — Ukrainian ufologists [Igor Kalytyuk](#) and Alina Mykolyshyn publish a well-documented, 275-page UFO investigator’s field manual in Russian, *How to Identify UFOs: How to Investigate UAP*, a handbook they have been working on for 9 years. (Igor Kalytyuk and Alina Mykolyshyn, [[How to Identify UFOs: How to Investigate UAP](#)], 2022)
- 2022–2023** — Three separate instrumented reports of UAP exhibiting unusual “atmospheric wakes” take place in three US military operations in the Middle East and the Mediterranean Sea. AARO determines that the wake effects are caused by camera or infrared sensor artifacts. (All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, “[Case: ‘Atmospheric Wakes.’](#)” December 2023)
- 2022** — MUFON pays Washington, D.C., lobbying firm A10 Associates \$80,000 to lobby Congress on the UAP issue. The firm takes some credit for nudging Congress toward the creation of AARO and public hearings. [Ron James](#), MUFON director of media relations, claims the organization has had at least 100 meetings with legislative staff in which they share data and reports. He admits that MUFON has pushed for AARO to change its historical review of UAP back to 1945 so that the Trinity case could be included. (A10 Associates, “[National Security, UAPs, and the AARO](#)”; Nigel Watson, “Educating Congress,” *Fortean Times* 433 (July 2023): 30)
- 2022**, January — Ash Ellis of UFO Identified issues a summary report on 413 UFO sightings made in the UK 2021. The majority originate in England. (Ash Ellis, “[The UK UFO Report 2021](#),” UFO Identified)
- 2022**, January 17 — A military-style drone circles the Forsmark Nuclear Power Plant in Forsmark, Sweden, operating even though there is a high wind. Similar drones with large wings are reported over the Ringhals and Oskarshamn nuclear power plants. The previous week, drones are seen circling the Parliament buildings and the Royal Palace in Stockholm, as well as the Kiruna and Luleå airports. A police helicopter is seen pursuing a drone flying above it at a height of 3,280 feet to the west of Stockholm, but authorities do not manage to down any of these. All the drones seem to be larger and have greater endurance than commercial models. (“[Sweden Drones: Sightings Reported over Nuclear Plants and Palace](#),” BBC News, January 18, 2022; “Drone Swarms,” *Fortean Times* 416 (March 2022): 18)
- 2022**, January 19 — The CIA announces it has ruled out a sustained global campaign by a hostile power aimed at hundreds of US diplomats and spies as the cause of Havana Syndrome symptoms. In about two dozen cases, the agency cannot rule out foreign involvement, including many of the cases that originated at the US Embassy in Havana, Cuba, beginning in 2016. Another group of cases is considered unresolved. But in hundreds of other

cases of possible symptoms, the agency has found plausible alternative explanations. ("[CIA Says 'Havana Syndrome' Not Result of Sustained Campaign by Hostile Power](#)," NBC News, January 19, 2022)

2022, January 31 — 11:00 a.m. An unnamed 93-year-old woman is walking along Robert Street in Milford Haven, Wales, when she sees a huge, round, shimmering object dipping in and out of the Milford Haven Waterway. It emits a cloud-like smoke from one side, then from the other side. Then the smoke shoots out of both sides simultaneously, going about 2 feet high. Then the object shoots off into the sky. ("[93-year-old among First to Spot Possible UFO in Pembrokeshire](#)," *Pembrokeshire Herald*, February 4, 2022)

2022, February — David Grusch retains the Compass Rose legal group in response to government attempts to revoke his security clearance. He retains them through June 9, 2023. ("[David Grusch Timeline](#)," Papoose Lake Institute)

2022, Early February — Night. Isabella Cooper is out for a walk with her father Justin on the Milford Haven side of the Cleddau Estuary. She takes a photo of a blue object several hundred feet in the air above the Valero Pembroke oil refinery. ("[Photographer Snaps Possible UFO Sighting in Pembrokeshire Skies](#)," *Pembrokeshire Western Telegraph*, February 8, 2022)

2022, February 2 — An intelligence panel investigating the cause of Havana Syndrome says that some of the episodes could plausibly have been caused by "pulsed electromagnetic energy" emitted by an external source, according to a partially declassified intelligence report. A panel of intelligence community experts drew up the report after analyzing over 1,000 documents and interviewing affected individuals. They determine the symptoms associated with the illness to be "genuine and compelling," and note that while some cases can be attributed to known psychological or medical factors, others remain unexplained. The authors sought to determine the feasibility of five potential causal mechanisms, including "acoustic signals, chemical and biological agents, ionizing radiation, natural and environmental factors, and radiofrequency and other electromagnetic energy." They assessed the potential of each of these mechanisms to account for cases that cannot be easily explained by other means. More specifically, they looked at cases involving a combination of four particularly puzzling "core characteristics." These include "the acute onset of... sound or pressure in only one ear or on one side of the head," as well as vertigo, "a strong sense of locality or directionality," and an absence of any obvious environmental or medical causes for such symptoms. Ruling out the possibility that Havana syndrome could represent an underlying brain disorder, the authors state that "the combination of the four core characteristics is distinctly unusual and unreported elsewhere in the medical literature, and so far have not been associated with a specific neurological abnormality." On the other hand, they conclude that "pulsed electromagnetic energy, particularly in the radiofrequency range, plausibly explains the core characteristics," although they do concede that such a theory is riddled with "information gaps." Addressing the possibility that Havana syndrome could therefore be caused by a nefarious device, they go on to explain that devices do "exist that could generate the required stimulus, are concealable, and have moderate power requirements" that could produce the observed symptoms. ("[Havana Syndrome Could Be Caused by Pulsed Energy Devices, Intelligence Report Says](#)," IFLScience, February 3, 2022; "[US Intelligence Community Report Says 'Pulsed Electromagnetic Energy' Could Cause Havana Syndrome](#)," CNN, February 3, 2022; Office of the Director of National Intelligence, [[IC Experts Panel on Havana Syndrome executive summary](#)], declassified February 1, 2022; David Hambling, "Finger on the Pulse?" *Fortean Times* 426 (Christmas 2022): 14)

2022, February 22 — Members of the Pentagon's UAP Task Force, led by USAF Maj. Gen. [Daniel L. Simpson](#), US National Intelligence Manager for Aviation brief 10 Canadian military defense officials, including personnel from the Royal Canadian Air Force and Canadian Forces Intelligence Command. ("[Members of Pentagon's UFO Task Force Briefed Canadian Military Officials This Year](#)," CTV News, November 15, 2022)

2022, March 1 — The pilots of two F-35s observe a blue-green object while southbound at 36,000 feet near Glendale, Arizona. (Joseph Trevithick and Tyler Rogoway, "[Pilots Are Seeing Some Very Strange Things in Arizona's Military Training Ranges](#)," *The Drive: The War Zone*, August 2, 2023)

2022, March 1 — Night. Many witnesses in Ireland contact the media to report a V-shaped object the size of a B-52 moving silently (except for a low buzz or hum) overhead. In Sligo, Leitrim, and Donegal, dozens of people report the object, saying it is low and bright. (Jenny Randles, "The Return of the Silent Vulcan," *Fortean Times* 418 (May 2022): 27)

2022, March 2 — National Resources Canada staff appear before a meeting of the House of Commons Standing Committee on National Resources on the Supplementary Estimates. MP [Larry Maguire](#) asks a question on incident reporting of drones and UAP, in or near Canadian nuclear facilities. (Keith Basterfield, "[The Canadian Government's Interest in UAP between 2021 and 2024](#)," Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 16, 2024)

- 2022**, March 3 — 6:45 a.m. A witness in Fox Creek, Alberta, watches an object that seems to have a spiral of light surrounding it. It travels slowly northeast until the spiral vanishes and the light goes out. Possible missile launch. (Chris Rutkowski, "[Some Interesting UFO Sightings Reported in 2022](#)," Ufology Research, February 6, 2023)
- 2022**, March 10 — Evening. Christos Tarsinos and his 15-year-old son watch an object with six white lights move from a nearby hill to the road in front of them, above their car, then back up into the hills. The sighting took place near the Church of St. John on the road to Lygourio, Greece. Tarsinos calls the police, who began watching the lights along with many other villagers and the mayor. ("[Mass UFO Sighting in Greece](#)," Ghost Theory, December 25, 2022)
- 2022**, March 14 — National Resources Canada responds to the Standing Committee on Natural Resources's question of March 2. This response is signed off by the Director General, Directorate of Security and Safeguards, who says that the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, Canada's independent nuclear regulator, has advised "there has been no reported drone intrusion or attempted intrusion at Canadian high-security nuclear facilities." (Keith Basterfield, "[The Canadian Government's Interest in UAP between 2021 and 2024](#)," Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 16, 2024)
- 2022**, March 25 — The Defense Intelligence Agency releases Defense Intelligence Reference Documents on 37 of the 38 projects that its Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program (AAWSAP) has produced as part of its Project Physics under the direction of [Hal Puthoff](#). The topics range from "Pulsed High-Power Microwave Source Technology" to "Invisibility Cloaking" and "Antigravity for Aerospace Applications." (John Greenwald, "[The Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program \(AAWSAP\) Documentation](#)," The Black Vault, March 31, 2022)
- 2022**, April 12 — 9:30 a.m. NASA Administrator [Bill Nelson](#) holds a meeting on UAP in his office, set to last for 90 minutes. The details of the meeting are unknown. (John Greenwald, "[The Black Vault's AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project](#)," The Black Vault, January 21, 2023)
- 2022**, April 22 — An F-345 pilot sees "8 silver UAS between 16,000 and 20,000 feet" in the vicinity of Glendale, Arizona. (Joseph Trevithick and Tyler Rogoway, "[Pilots Are Seeing Some Very Strange Things in Arizona's Military Training Ranges](#)," The Drive: The War Zone, August 2, 2023)
- 2022**, April 22 — 8:52 p.m. The pilot of an Embraer Phenom business jet flying at 45,000 feet above Kessel, West Virginia, notices a light 10,000 feet above him. It changes to a string of lights. As he passes underneath, he notices the object's lights go out and the aircraft's avionics system fails. Other pilots can see the light as well. Probable Starlink satellite deployment. (John Greenwald, "[FAA Confirmed UFO Sighting April 22, 2022, by LXJ359 over Kessel, West Virginia](#)," The Black Vault, May 19, 2022; Groupe d'Études d'Information sur les Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non-identifiés, "[Note d'enquête: Observations liées a Falcon 9](#)," July 4, 2022)
- 2022**, May — During a routine training flight, a US pilot instructor is forced to take evasive action to avoid a midair collision with an unknown object. "While we were clearing the area for a maneuver I spotted the unidentified object as we were quickly approaching it," the pilot's report states. The object reportedly appears very suddenly and appears to be hovering without showing any signs of movement. "I immediately took the controls and took evasive action in order to avoid a midair collision," the pilot states in the report. "Initially, I mistook the object for something of the light weight [sic] category or a drone, since it did not resemble an airplane or a helicopter." "As we passed the object I was able to get a [decent] look at the object and could not identify what [it] could possibly be. I then resumed the training flight in a safe direction away from this encounter." (Micah Hanks, "[Pilot UFO Sightings Collected by NASA Reveal Serious Safety Concerns over Objects in US Airspace](#)," The Debrief, August 29, 2023)
- 2022**, May — A survey of more than 1,400 American research university professors reveals that while few consider it likely that the UFO phenomenon has an extraterrestrial explanation, 37% consider it "very important" or "absolutely essential" for more academic research on the subject. (Marissa E. Yingling, Charlton W. Yingling, and Bethany A. Bell, "[Faculty Perceptions of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena](#)," *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, June 13, 2023; Eghigian, *After*, p. 313)
- 2022**, May 12 — Department of Defense officials choose Deputy Director of Intelligence and physicist [Sean Kirkpatrick](#) to head the Airborne Object Identification and Management Synchronization Group (AOIMSG). (Douglas Dean Johnson, "[Scientist and Intelligence Officer Sean Kirkpatrick Picked to Head the New Pentagon-IC Office Empowered by Congress to Study Unidentified Aerial Phenomena](#)," *Mirador*, May 12, 2022; Jane Edwards, "[Sean Kirkpatrick Named Director of DOD All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office](#)," *Executive.Gov*, July 21, 2022)

- 2022**, May 12 — [Larry Maguire](#), Member of Parliament for Brandon–Souris, Manitoba, calls for the Canadian Parliament to engage on the topic of UFOs in a “serious and thoughtful manner” and make information available openly and transparently. (Larry Maguire, “[UAPs Are Real, and Canada Should Take Them Seriously](#),” The Line, May 12, 2022)
- 2022**, May 14 — A US military Reaper drone takes a 7-second video and six images of a cigar-shaped object north of Baghdad, Iraq, in an active combat zone. (John Greenewald, “[The ‘Baghdad Phantom UAP’ Imagery Published by Jeremy Corbell and George Knapp](#),” The Black Vault, March 7, 2023)
- 2022**, May 17 — 9:00 a.m. The House Intelligence Committee’s Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence, and Counterproliferation Subcommittee holds hearings on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, as directed by the National Defense Authorization Act, which calls on the military to provide an annual report and semiannual briefings on the topic to Congress. The hearing features [Ronald Moultrie](#), under secretary of defense for intelligence and security, who is involved with the newly created Airborne Object Identification and Management Synchronization Group (AOIMSG), and [Scott W. Bray](#), deputy director of naval intelligence. Bray testifies that their database of reports of UFOs now includes about 400 incidents, up from 143 assessed in a report released in 2021. He cites improved sensors, an increase in drones and other non-military unmanned aerial systems, and aerial clutter such as Mylar balloons as causes for the uptick. Incidents in the 2021 report date as far back as 2004 and are based on both sensor data and observations by military aviators. Bray says that “Navy and air force crews now have step-by-step procedures for reporting UAPs on their kneeboard, in the cockpit.” In a back-and-forth with Rep. [Brad Wenstrup](#) (R-Ohio), Bray agrees that standardizing the civilian reporting process will be useful. While the military database does include some civilian reports, the vast majority have come from within. Rep. [Adam Schiff](#) (D-Calif.), the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, pushes for the Pentagon and the public to understand that UAPs are becoming a national security concern. At the hearing, officials play a declassified video clip showing a mysterious UAP that zipped by a pilot’s aircraft in a US Navy training yard. It appears to be a spherical object traveling at extremely high speeds. Bray says that he does not have an explanation for what this specific object is. Bray and Moultrie both say they will commit to declassifying more information when possible and when it does not pose a national security risk, adding the task force will operate with more transparency than past Pentagon programs. (“[Unidentified Aerial Phenomena](#),” transcript of a hearing by the House Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence, and Counterproliferation, May 17, 2022; “[Watch: Congressional Hearing on UFOs!: Live](#),” CNET Highlights YouTube channel, May 17, 2022; Christopher Dean Hopkins, “[The Military’s UFO Database Now Has Info from About 400 Reported Incidents](#),” National Public Radio, May 17, 2022; Brad Dress, “[UFOs Pose ‘Potential National Security Threat,’ Lawmakers Warn](#),” The Hill, May 17, 2022; Luis Martinez, “[Pentagon Now Reports about 400 UFO Encounters](#),” ABC News, May 17, 2022; Coulthart 2023, pp. 331–333)
- 2022**, May 25 — National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency [David Grusch](#) submits a complaint of reprisal to the Department of Defense Inspector General about adverse security clearance actions and other reprisals related to his confidential briefing of UAP-related classified information to the IG. He requests permission to communicate classified specifics of his previous UAP information to the Senate and House Select Committees on Intelligence. (Irvin Charles McCullough III and Andrew P. Bakaj to the Intelligence Community Inspector General, “[Disclosure of Urgent Concern\(s\): Complaint of Reprisal](#),” May 25, 2022; (“[David Grusch Timeline](#),” Papoose Lake Institute; Clark IV 705)
- 2022**, May 27 — The Center for UFO Studies launches its first Facebook page. (CUFOS, [Facebook page](#))
- 2022**, May 31 — [Larry Maguire](#), Member of Parliament for Brandon–Souris, Manitoba, meets with future US whistleblower [David Grusch](#) about UFOs, with Maguire asking him 14 detailed questions about UAP-related issues. Grusch’s responses touched on US–Canadian collaboration on UAP investigations, NORAD’s involvement, and theories about UAP activity near nuclear facilities. Notably, Grusch mentions the existence of compelling UAP footage held by the US government, which he suggests could help acclimate the public to the reality of the phenomena. (John Greenewald, “[Newly Released Documents Reveal Private Meeting between Canadian MP and UFO Whistleblower](#),” The Black Vault, January 7, 2025)
- 2022**, June 2–3 — [David Grusch](#) introduces himself to [Jeremy Corbell](#) and [George Knapp](#) at the Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies conference in Huntsville, Alabama. (“[David Grusch Timeline](#),” Papoose Lake Institute)
- 2022**, June 6 — [John Hannaford](#), Deputy Minister of Natural Resources Canada, and [Kathleen Heppell-Masys](#), Director General for the Directorate of Security and Safeguards of the Canada Nuclear Safety Commission, write to MP [Larry Maguire](#) in two separate letters as a follow-up to his question in Parliament about UAP sightings near Canadian nuclear facilities. Both deny any such incidents. (Keith Basterfield, “[The Canadian Government’s](#)

[Interest in UAP between 2021 and 2024.](#)” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, May 16, 2024)

- 2022**, June 9 — NASA announces that it is commissioning a study team to examine UAP reports from a scientific perspective for nine months. The study will focus on identifying available data, how best to collect future data, and how NASA can use that data to move the scientific understanding of UAPs forward. It will be led by astrophysicist and cosmologist [David Spergel](#), president of the Simons Foundation in New York City and previously the chair of the astrophysics department at Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey. [Daniel Evans](#), the assistant deputy associate administrator for research at NASA’s Science Mission Directorate, will serve as the NASA official responsible for orchestrating the study. The agency hopes to gather data on “events in the sky that cannot be identified as aircraft or known natural phenomena—from a scientific perspective.” A first step for the team will be to attempt to establish which UAPs are natural phenomena. Swiss-American astrophysicist [Thomas Zurbuchen](#) gives an “Update and Discussion with NASA Science Mission Directorate” presentation at the joint Aeronautics and Space Engineering Board and Space Studies Board meeting at the National Academy of Sciences. Information about UAP is included, particularly about NASA commissioning an independent study on UAP. (Katie Hunt and Ashley Strickland, “[NASA Is Assembling a Team to Gather Data on Unidentifiable Events in the Sky](#),” CNN, June 9, 2022; “[UAP: NASA Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Independent Study](#),” NASA Science; John Greenewald, “[Dr. Tomas Zurbuchen/NASA Slides Relating to UAP/UFO Program, June 2022](#),” The Black Vault, June 11, 2022)
- 2022**, June 21 — [George Knapp](#) with KLAS-TV in Las Vegas publishes the identity of one of the scientists working with the UAP Task Force. Now a disbanded effort to pave the way for the Airborne Object Identification and Management Synchronization Group (AOIMSG), [Travis Taylor](#) is said to have been the “chief scientist.” Taylor played a role in “analyzing the 144 incidents, including dozens of bizarre objects that buzzed multiple Navy ships in 2019.” (John Greenewald, “[Pentagon Releases Details about Dr. Travis Taylor’s UAP Task Force Involvement](#),” The Black Vault, June 29, 2022)
- 2022**, June 22 — 4:00 a.m. Philosophy instructor Carlos Paz Morales is driving north from Cafayate to Salta, Argentina, when a light comes flooding in through the rear window of his truck. He pulls onto the shoulder of the road near a rock formation known as El Sapo. He gets out and sees a large, white object in the hills not far away. It is cigar-shaped and moves from left to right in a zig-zag pattern. For the next 5 minutes he watches the object and takes some photos with his cellphone, then it vanishes in an instant. (“[Argentina: Teacher from Salta Claims Seeing UFO on the Way to Cafayate](#),” Inexplicata: The Journal of Hispanic Ufology, June 24, 2022)
- 2022**, June 23 —The US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence approves the Fiscal Year 2023 Intelligence Authorization Act (S. 4503), which contains 31 pages of revamped and expanded UAP requirements, including provisions crafted to elicit fuller cooperation by the Director of National Intelligence and all intelligence agencies, and creation of a “secure system” to encourage current or past government and contractor employees with UFO data to channel that information to the central UAP office, and ultimately to Congress, without incurring legal jeopardy or risking job reprisals. The bill would also order both a government-wide search for UAP-related Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs), and a comprehensive study of intelligence agency UFO involvement going back to 1947, the latter to be conducted by the Government Accountability Office. (“Sec. 1683. Establishment of Aerospace-Undersea Phenomena Joint Program Office,” [S. 4503](#), July 12, 2022, pp. 87–117; Douglas Dean Johnson, “[Congressional Intelligence and Armed Services Committees Advance Measures to Probe for Possible Hidden UFO Data](#),” Mirador, July 14, 2022)
- 2022**, July 6 — 5:06 p.m. A witness in Spruce Grove, Alberta, is followed by a black, triangular object that buzzes him then flies away. Later, pieces of what appears to be molten metal are found on the ground where he had been standing. (Chris Rutkowski, “[Some Interesting UFO Sightings Reported in 2022](#),” Ufology Research, February 6, 2023)
- 2022**, July 7 — [John](#) and [Gerald Tedesco](#), of Harvard’s Galileo Project, begin a year-long instrumented field study at Robert Moses State Park on Long Island, New York, to observe and record light phenomena of an unknown nature. The team deploys a 3cm X-band radar operating in two scan geometries, as well as multispectral electro-optical devices. On numerous occasions they observe a light phenomenon that “most often presented itself as a spheroid under a luminous state, while under decreased luminosity, it seemed to display a polyhedral appearance morphologically. Fewer sightings appeared as ovaloid and cylindroid.” The lights appear consistently from July 7, 2022, through March 30, 2023, and display fluctuating states of albedo, glinting, rotation, variations in spectral range, and “change in state from luminous to illuminous.” At times it demonstrates swarm-like behavior that cannot be verified by Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast data. (John Joseph Tedesco and Gerald Thomas Tedesco, “[Eye on the Sky: A UAP Research and Field Study off New York’s Long Island Coast](#),” *Open*

Journal of Applied Sciences 14, no. 8 (August 2024): 2267–2295; Baptiste Friscourt, “[Engineers Claim to Have Recorded UAP in New Paper](#),” Sentinel News Substack, August 28, 2024)

- 2022**, July 12 — A video taken by an MQ-9 Reaper drone above Deir ez-Zor, Syria, shows a silver ball crossing the sensor’s field of view. AARO’s [Sean Kirkpatrick](#) gives this as an example of a sighting with limited data (only one source of instrumentation) that AARO is still assessing. He adds that it does not exhibit any anomalous behavior. An independent analysis of the video by [Nathan Patin](#) and Logan Williams confirms that the object is most likely a balloon. Relying on structures that appeared in the video, the pair were able to use Google Earth measurements to produce an estimate for the size of the small, metallic sphere as approximately 1.5 feet in diameter or smaller. Patin and Williams propose that while the object appears to be moving in the video, it is possible that it is actually remaining stationary and that the apparent motion is the result of parallax. (John Greenewald, “[DoD Releases New UFO/UAP Video from an Undisclosed Location—July 12, 2022](#),” The Black Vault, April 19, 2023; Nathan Patin and Logan Williams, “[Isn’t That a Balloon? Deflating a DoD UFO Video](#),” Bellingcat, October 24, 2023; Micah Hanks, “[Has the Mystery behind One of the U.S. Military’s UAP Videos Been Solved?](#)” The Debrief, October 26, 2023)
- 2022**, July 13 — The US House of Representatives votes on its own version of the 2023 Intelligence Authorization Act, which includes a provision to create a secure government system for reporting UFOs and to compel current and former officials to reveal what they might know about the mysterious phenomena by promising to protect them from reprisal. (Bryan Bender and Lawrence Ukenye, “[House Votes to Make It Easier to Report UFOs](#),” Politico, July 13, 2022)
- 2022**, July 15 — Under Secretary of Defense [Ronald Moultrie](#) informs the Department of Defense of the renaming and expansion of the scope of the Airborne Object Identification and Management Group (AOIMSG) to the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO), due to the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2022 and appoints [Sean M. Kirkpatrick](#), most recently the chief scientist at the Defense Intelligence Agency’s Missile and Space Intelligence Center, as the director of AARO. (John Greenewald, “[DoD Announces the Establishment of the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office](#),” The Black Vault, July 20, 2022; Ronald S. Moultrie, “[Establishment, Resourcing, and Leadership of the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office](#),” memorandum to senior Pentagon leadership, July 20, 2022; Keith Basterfield, “[Establishment of the US Department of Defence All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, July 27, 2022; Covert, xxx; Clark IV 1, 4)
- 2022**, July 20 — The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence approves its explanatory Committee Report on S 4503. The report contains a short section in which the committee rebukes the Department of Defense for the pace at which the Department has implemented the requirements of the December 2021 Gillibrand-Rubio-Gallego UAP law. The House Intelligence Committee approves the FY 2023 Intelligence Authorization Act, which includes language about unidentified aerospace–undersea phenomena. (Douglas Dean Johnson, “[Congressional Intelligence and Armed Services Committees Advance Measures to Probe for Possible Hidden UFO Data](#),” Mirador, July 14, 2022; US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, “[Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023: Report Together with Additional Views to Accompany S. 4503](#),” July 20, 2022; John Greenewald, “[Unidentified Aerospace–Undersea Phenomena Section in Approved Fiscal Year 2023 Intelligence Authorization Act](#),” The Black Vault, July 20, 2022)
- 2022**, July 22 — The Intelligence Community Inspector General finds [David Grusch](#)’s complaint of harassment “credible and urgent.” Grusch leaves his role as National Geospatial Agency representative to the UAP Task Force. (“[David Grusch Timeline](#),” Papoose Lake Institute; Clark IV 705)
- 2022**, July 22 — 10:25 p.m. A married couple resting in their outdoor garden in Calangianus, Sardinia, Italy, notice a silent, illuminated object moving south to north above their house. It is oblong with sharp edges. The interior seems to have a sparkling light like a disco strobe. They see two luminous points on it that at first seem to flicker, but when they look at it through binoculars, the lights seem to be rotating. The object’s speed is constant and similar to that of an airliner. A photograph accompanies the report, but there is no mention of one being taken. (Stefano Innocenti, “[Ancora Ufo della Sardegna: Interessante Avvistamento nella Provincia di Sassari](#),” *Il Faro* (Fiumicino, Italy), July 30, 2022)
- 2022**, July 31 — Just before 12:00 midnight. A bizarre metal orb emblazoned with a secret code and perhaps containing “valuable information inside” falls from the sky onto a tree in Veracruz, Mexico, creating a firestorm of intrigue on social media and in local media. Meteorologist Isidro Cano Luna calls on the Mexican Navy to study the object. (Jason Koebler, “[Mysterious Metallic Orb Falls on Mexico, May Contain ‘Valuable Information,’ Meteorologist Says](#),” Vice, August 1, 2022)

- 2022, August** — Researchers B. E. Zhilyaev, V. N. Petukhov, and V. M. Reshetnyk of the Main Astronomical Observatory of NAS of Ukraine announce they have undertaken a study of UAPs reported in the country. The team says it employs a pair of meteor stations located in Kyiv and in Vinarivka village, each fitted with video cameras observing the daytime sky. The researchers say they have created “a special observation technique” they use “for detecting and evaluating UAP characteristics.” Based on the events they have observed, they break down their observations of UAP into two primary categories, which they call “Cosmics” (nocturnal lights) and “Phantoms” (dark objects). (Micah Hanks, [“Cosmics and Phantoms: Ukrainian Independent Study Reveals Observations of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena,”](#) The DeBrief, August 26, 2022)
- 2022, August 3** — 10:45 a.m. A witness is driving down his driveway in a rural area of Oxford, Connecticut, when he sees a “bipedal creature about 4 feet tall” run out of the woods to his left, move across the driveway about 30 feet in front of him, and take off into the woods. The creature is brown, skinny, with no fur or hair, and looks like it is not even touching the ground. (Rich Kirby, [“Why Has There Been an Increase in UFO Sightings in CT?”](#) Patch Media, Across Connecticut, January 2, 2023)
- 2022, August 6–September 23** — Pilots of commercial airliners report sightings of multiple UFOs moving in a circular path like a “racetrack.” Ben Hansen collects raw footage and air traffic control recordings documenting several of these events. ([“‘Racetrack’ UAPs’ Reported by Dozens of Pilots and Commercial Flights,”](#) Hypocenter 101 YouTube channel, October 6, 2022; Patrick Reilly, [“Several Recent UFO Sightings Reported by Pilots over the Pacific Ocean,”](#) *New York Post*, October 20, 2022)
- 2022, August 10** — 4:30 a.m. A witness in Vicksburg, Michigan, takes several photos of a cylindrical light in the sky. Others also report the object. (Chelsea Rose, [“Unidentified Flying Object Seen in Vicksburg: Can You Explain It?”](#) WITL-FM, Lansing, Michigan, August 11, 2022)
- 2022, August 12** — 12:55 a.m. The pilot of a commercial airliner flying north near Wilmington, North Carolina, observes 2 or 3 objects making regular pulses of light for 8–10 seconds each. He watches them for 35 minutes, during which time he manages to take several videos of them with his cellphone. As a former military pilot, he states that the objects are flying too high for most commercial aircraft and they do not appear to be military. Skeptic Mick West suggests that this may be a Starlink satellite deployment. (David Hookstead, [“Pilot Films Alleged UFO Encounter Lasting More Than 30 Minutes,”](#) OutKick, August 22, 2022; Mick West, [“MUFON Report 124374,”](#) Metabunk, August 19, 2022; Mick West, [“Why ‘Racetrack’ UFOs Are Mostly Starlink Flares,”](#) Mick West YouTube channel, October 23, 2022)
- 2022, August 14** — 8:00 p.m. Martha Santana takes some cellphone footage of a strange glowing object, sometimes round, other times conical, that maneuvers for several minutes in Mañongo, Venezuela. It moves up and down, then hovers, increasing in brightness at each end. (Jackson Camargo, [“OVNI brillante é filmado na Venezuela,”](#) Portal Fenomenum, September 5, 2022)
- 2022, August 23** — 9:00–11:00 p.m. A man driving on US Highway 23 north of Circleville, Ohio, observes a number of strange lights that appear to descend, hit the ground, and rise back up. At least six people report the lights over a two-hour period. ([“UFOs Spotted in Circleville,”](#) *Circleville (Ohio) Herald*, August 26, 2022)
- 2022, August 28** — A witness in Louisville, Kentucky, notices a hexagon-shaped object hovering some 300 feet above his house. He is nearly directly underneath it as it slowly drifts off to the northeast. It has a round bottom and yellowish, reddish, and orange lights, as well as four dim white lights, all steady, in a hexagon shape on its underside. He can only hear a slight humming sound. It is about 60–80 feet in diameter. (Kevin D. Randle, [“Coast-to-Coast AM: The Lubbock Lights,”](#) A Different Perspective, February 23, 2023)
- 2022, August 29** — 10:36 p.m. The two-man crew of a commercial airliner flying to St. Louis, Missouri, is at 38,000 feet about 15 miles west of Haubstadt, Indiana, when they see a rectangular object hovering at 48,000–50,000 feet some 15 miles away. It looks like a “floating skyscraper” with many green and white lights. (Fran Ridge, [“Floating Skyscraper,”](#) nicap.org; Kevin D. Randle, [“MADAR and Motherships,”](#) A Different Perspective, April 4, 2025)
- 2022, September 1** — NASA astronomers report that the James Webb Space Telescope has taken the first photograph of an exoplanet, one that is circling the small star HIP 65426. (Alfredo Carpineti, [“JWST Snaps Its First Image of an Exoplanet—And It’s a Very Weird World,”](#) IFLScience, September 1, 2022)
- 2022, September 1** — Night. Gus McGiven and Kyle Gomez are walking in the Cat Hollow Park area of Brushy Creek, Texas, when they spot a circular formation of five white lights. Emily White also records a video clip of the silent formation in the same area. ([“Witnesses, Drone Expert React to Mysterious Lights Captured in Texas Sky,”](#) KTBC-TV, Austin, Texas, September 2, 2022)
- 2022, September 7** — The UAP Task Force responds to a request by the Black Vault for information on all UFO videos in the possession of the US Navy, claiming that “the requested videos contain sensitive information pertaining to

Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) and are classified and are exempt from disclosure in their entirety.” (John Greenewald, “[U.S. Navy Says All UAP/UFO Videos Are Classified and Exempt from Release](#),” The Black Vault, September 8, 2022)

- 2022**, September 10 — 8:00 p.m. Witnesses sailing on the Fraser River near Vancouver, British Columbia, see a large, disc-shaped object, with a mirror-like finish on its underside, hovering above their sailboat. (Chris Rutkowski, “[Some Interesting UFO Sightings Reported in 2022](#),” Ufology Research, February 6, 2023)
- 2022**, September 24 — 7:00 p.m. Witnesses driving at Sainte-Martine, Quebec, watch a group of bright lights hovering above trees along the horizon. (“[UFO Ste-Martine](#),” OVNI-Expert; Chris Rutkowski, “[Some Interesting UFO Sightings Reported in 2022](#),” Ufology Research, February 6, 2023)
- 2022**, September 27 — 5:25 a.m. Multiple flashing dim lights are reported near Liberal, Kansas, by a Gulfstream IV twinjet pilot and other aircraft for 35 minutes. The original pilot describes them “on the ground, seemingly everywhere.” However, it appears the pilot is at about 35,000 feet, and at one point seems to say that the lights have followed him and pace the aircraft for at least 50 miles. (John Greenewald, “[FAA Confirms ‘UAP’ Seen by Numerous Pilots over Kansas, September 27, 2022](#),” The Black Vault, November 25, 2022)
- 2022**, October 7 — 10:30 p.m. An aircraft reports a UFO 5.7 miles south of La Crosse (Wis.) Regional Airport flying at 1,500 feet. The airport’s air traffic control also sees the object, which has alternating green, red, and blue lights and appears to “look like a jellyfish.” It is traveling westbound and shows up as a strong radar target. (John Greenewald, “[FAA Confirms ‘Jellyfish’-Like ‘Large Unknown Object’ over Minneapolis, Minnesota—October 7, 2022](#),” The Black Vault, December 20, 2022)
- 2022**, October 9 — 6:00 p.m. A MADAR surveillance node in Newington, Connecticut, alerts its manager, who goes outside for a look. At first the only thing that he sees is a few airplanes flying by, but as he looks through his binoculars at one of the planes, he spots a small, round, black object descending from the clouds above the airplane and moving back up. It repeats this maneuver twice. (Rich Kirby, “[Why Has There Been an Increase in UFO Sightings in CT?](#)” Patch Media, Across Connecticut, January 2, 2023)
- 2022**, October 13 — A doorbell camera in Raytown, Missouri, captures a slowly moving image of an apparently structured object that sometimes seems translucent and at other times reflects light (possibly an effect of rotation). (“[‘Mind-Blowing’ UFO Footage Captured by Doorbell Camera](#),” WBZ-AM, Boston, Massachusetts, October 18, 2022)
- 2022**, October 18 — *Moment of Contact*, a documentary film on the Varginha incident of 1996 directed by [James Fox](#), is released online. It brings testimony from new witnesses. (Internet Movie Database, “[Moment of Contact](#)”; Clark IV 1403)
- 2022**, October 19 — The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics establishes three committees to study the technology of UAPs, to study how UAP incursions affect pilot and passenger safety, and to coordinate with government agencies and international researchers also focused on the topic. (“[‘New Territory’: America’s Top Aerospace Sleuths Join UFO Hunt](#),” Politico, October 19, 2022)
- 2022**, October 21 — NASA selects 16 individuals to participate in its independent study team on UAP that will establish the groundwork for a scientific study of UAP reports over the next 9 months. The team will identify how data gathered by civilian government entities, commercial data, and data from other sources can potentially be analyzed to shed light on UAPs. It will then recommend a roadmap for potential data analysis by the agency. The study will focus solely on unclassified data and release a full report on its findings in mid-2023. The NASA official responsible for orchestrating the study is [Daniel Evans](#), assistant deputy associate administrator for research at NASA’s Science Mission Directorate. Included on the team are oceanographer [Paula Bontempi](#), journalist [Nadia Drake](#), astrobiologist [David Grinspoon](#), former astronaut [Scott Kelly](#), and astronomer [Matt Mountain](#). (John Greenewald, “[NASA Announces Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Study Team Members](#),” The Black Vault, October 21, 2022)
- 2022**, October 22 — 10:30 p.m. As a Brazilian airliner, Azul Flight 4517, is passing over Santa Catarina state, Brazil, the pilots see an odd light that “appears and disappears” several times. No other aircraft are in the vicinity. They report it to Salgado Filho Porto Alegre International Airport. Other commercial airliners confirm the sighting, including LATAM Airlines Brasil Flight 3406, which reports a light just to the south of Porto Alegre, and Azul Flight 4657, which from its position near Belo Horizonte observes three lights at a high altitude spinning in a spiral. (“[Pilotos relatam a aparição de OVNI’s em Porto Alegre: Veja video](#),” Olhar Digital, November 6, 2022; “[OVNI’s? Pilotos relatam luzes estranhas no céu de Porto Alegre](#),” Olhar Digital YouTube channel, November 7, 2022; Clark IV 1314)
- 2022**, October 31 — 11:34 p.m. The pilots of another Azul airliner report odd lights blinking on and off again near the coast as they are passing above Rondinha, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. (Clark IV 1314–1315)

- 2022**, November 4 — Night. Pilots and flight attendants of Azul Flight 4248 see several lights moving quickly and changing colors over Lagoa dos Patos, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. The landing is delayed, and when the plane lands the pilot apologizes to the passengers, saying he had to report the sighting before landing. [Carlos Fernando Jung](#) of the Heller and Jung Space Observatory in Taquara, Rio Grande do Sul, finds an unidentified object near Lagoa dos Patos on photographic plates taken at the time. (“[Exercício de guerra e novas informações de Última Hora sobre OVNIs no Rio Grande do Sul](#),” Galeria do Meteorito YouTube channel, November 11, 2022; Clark IV 1315, 1317–1318)
- 2022**, November 7 — 11:30 p.m. Pilots of Azul Flight 4248 and Gol Linhas Aéreas Inteligentes Flight 2007 report 4–6 unknown flashing lights to Salgado Filho Porto Alegre International Airport. They appear to be over the ocean near Tôrres, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. (Clark IV 1315)
- 2022**, November 8 — 11:00 p.m. Four different airline pilots observe lights in the sky above Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. Air traffic controllers ask each of them to take videos of the movements the lights are making. The video taken by the pilot and co-pilot of Gol Flight 1228 shows a strange light at around 33,000 feet. Astrophotographer Gabriel Zapparoli takes videos of lights over the ocean near Tôrres, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. (“[Observação de OVNIs em direção ao mar de Torres/RS | 08 de Novembro de 2022 as 23h](#),” Gabriel Zapparoli YouTube channel, November 9, 2022; Clark IV 1315–1317)
- 2022**, November 9 — UAPx, a private group that specializes in investigating UAP and “providing direct access to the general public of reviewed and analyzed data” presents a private briefing on UFOs to the House Armed Services Committee’s Intelligence and Special Operations Subcommittee. The group was co-founded by [Kevin Day](#), a retired US Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer who was on board the [USS Princeton](#) during the November 2004 “tic-tac” encounter. Although Day has since moved on to the other endeavors, the group continues to be led by its other co-founder and president, [Gary Voorhis](#). Some of the remaining team members of UAPx include [Kevin H. Knuth](#), a former NASA research scientist and physicist who is currently an associate professor in the Department of Physics at the University at Albany (SUNY); [Matthew Szydagis](#), a physicist and associate professor at the University at Albany Department of Physics pursuing experimental particle astrophysics; and [Cecilia Levy](#), an assistant professor in the Department of Physics at the University of Albany, who like the rest of UAPx, believes UAP should not be a taboo topic, but rather, receive serious scientific investigation. (John Greenewald, “[Exclusive: UAPx Offers Sneak Peek at Their UAP Briefing Given to Congressional Committee](#),” The Black Vault, November 11, 2022)
- 2022**, November 10 — 8:48 p.m. The pilot of a Piper PA-28 Cherokee aircraft reports an object with a bright rotating white light about the size of a Cessna C172 Skyhawk moving swiftly at 4,000 feet about 11.5 miles southwest of La Grange, Texas. He estimates the object to be 1–2 miles away to the southwest. Possible fireball meteor. (John Greenewald, “[‘Very Bright...Rotating White Light’ UFO over Texas Described by Pilot in FAA ATC Recordings](#),” The Black Vault, January 3, 2023)
- 2022**, November 11 — 12:42 p.m. The pilot of a commercial airliner flying over Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, spots a drone flying uncomfortably close to his aircraft. The flight is at 9,000 feet and the crew watches as the drone flies within 200–300 feet off the left wingtip. (Chris Rutkowski, “[A Curious Collection of Canadian CADORS Cases](#),” Ufology Research, December 1, 2022)
- 2022**, November 12 — 3:21 a.m. Pilots of a Boeing 777 cargo plane flying over Kenabeek, Ontario, see lights flying eastward at the same speed as their aircraft. (Chris Rutkowski, “[A Curious Collection of Canadian CADORS Cases](#),” Ufology Research, December 1, 2022)
- 2022**, November 13 — 3:21 a.m. An Aerologic Boeing 777 cargo plane flying from Chicago to Frankfurt, Germany, reports seeing lights that are moving eastward over Kenabeek, Ontario, at the same speed as the aircraft. ([CADORS Report 2022O2794](#); Chris Rutkowski, “[A Curious Collection of Canadian CADORS Cases](#),” Ufology Research, December 1, 2022)
- 2022**, November 14 — 6:49 p.m. An Italian Air Force soldier and her daughter are just outside the Castel di Leva area in Rome, Italy, when they notice two stars clearly visible near the planet Jupiter. They are stationary. She takes two photos with her cellphone, and when she looks up again the lights have faded. She takes more photos, including Jupiter as a point of reference. After a few seconds, the lights have disappeared. After returning home, he enhances the photos on her computer and finds that the two lights appear to be on a single, black, conical or disc-shaped object. The next day, she returns to the site and, using triangulation incorporating the focal length of the cellphone, she estimates that the object was 750 feet high, 65 feet in diameter, and less than a quarter-mile away. The Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici studies the photos and suggests that the object was actually two balloons with LED lights inside. (Stefano Innocenti, “[Due luci vicino give a Roma nel 2022: Per ora sono due Ufo](#),” *Il Faro* (Fiumicino, Italy), April 2, 2024)

- 2022**, November 18 — [David Marler](#) establishes the National UFO Historical Record Center in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, “dedicated to the preservation and centralization of UFO/UAP information in the United States.” Its mission is to collect, preserve, and provide historical UFO materials to the general public and interested parties. Marler is the executive director, along with a team of UFO historians and archivists that includes [Jan Aldrich](#), [Rod Dyke](#), [Barry Greenwood](#), [Mark Rodeghier](#), and [Rob Swiatek](#). Marler’s home already houses one of the largest private collections of UFO records in the country. Since the early 1990s, he has acquired thousands of civilian documents, audio recordings, videotapes of reported UFO sightings, and hundreds of declassified government documents. NUFOHRC currently houses the archives of the Center for UFO Studies, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, and numerous cases and documents from the collections of more than 70 other individuals in the US and overseas. The group is working to acquire a building that can hold a library, workspace, and a public museum. (Micah Hanks, “[Nation’s Largest Center for Historical Records on UFOs to Be Established in New Mexico](#),” The Debrief, November 18, 2022; “[National UFO Record Archive Planned for NM](#),” KOB-TV, Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 26, 2022; ; Ryan Boetel, “[Rio Rancho Man Spent Decades Building Collection of UFO Items, But He’s Not Trying to Make Anyone Believe](#),” *Albuquerque (N.Mex.) Journal*, December 4, 2022; Clark IV 781)
- 2022**, December — [David Grusch](#) provides Congress with hours of recorded classified information transcribed into hundreds of pages that include specific data about the UAP materials recovery program at the Top Secret Sensitive Compartmented Information level. (“[UFO Pentagon Whistleblower David Grusch and His Classified Congressional Testimony](#),” The Good Trouble Show with Matt Ford YouTube channel, June 14, 2023, “[David Grusch Timeline](#),” Papoose Lake Institute)
- 2022**, December 9 — 9:40 p.m. A witness in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, sees a silent, triangle-shaped object with three dim orange lights moving slowly near the Limerick Generating Station on the Schuylkill River. The object heads south, then turns west at the plant. (“[Witness Report Claims UFO near Pennsylvania Nuclear Power Plant](#),” NorthCentralPA.com, January 27, 2023)
- 2022**, December 13 — The pilot of an F-35 out of Luke AFB flying in the eastern end of a section of restricted airspace above the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range in southwest Arizona observes four small objects slowly moving eastbound at 20,000 feet. The pilot takes evasive action. About one hour later, a second F-35 pilot has two separate encounters, the first with a single object and the second with eight small objects, above the same space. (Joseph Trevithick and Tyler Rogoway, “[Pilots Are Seeing Some Very Strange Things in Arizona’s Military Training Ranges](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, August 2, 2023)
- 2022**, December 14 — The pilot of an F-35 on a training sortie in the southeastern portion of the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range in southwest Arizona sees a “small black, and metallic object” after detecting it on radar. (Joseph Trevithick and Tyler Rogoway, “[Pilots Are Seeing Some Very Strange Things in Arizona’s Military Training Ranges](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, August 2, 2023)
- 2022**, December 15 — The pilots of two F-35s detect a UFO, possibly through radar alone, while flying at 16,000 feet through the Gladden and Sells Military Operations Areas, respectively, in Arizona. (Joseph Trevithick and Tyler Rogoway, “[Pilots Are Seeing Some Very Strange Things in Arizona’s Military Training Ranges](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, August 2, 2023)
- 2022**, December 16 — Under Secretary of Defense [Ronald Moultrie](#) and AARO director [Sean M. Kirkpatrick](#) conduct a press briefing on the Pentagon’s UAP study (an unadvertised, invitation-only, one-hour event), revealing that the office has received hundreds of new reports that do not necessarily represent an increase since May 2022. AARO has “not seen anything that would lead us to believe that any of the objects that we have seen are of alien origin,” Moultrie states. “If we find something like that, we will look at it and analyze it and take the appropriate actions.” openly refers to the range of phenomena being studied by the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office for the first time publicly as “unidentified anomalous phenomena,” rather than unidentified *aerial* phenomena as has been seen prevalently in recent years. Moultrie also states that AARO presently has not come across any credible data indicating transmedium capabilities displayed by UAP. He also says that many of these cases are not considered dangerous and may end up being “things like balloons and things like UAVs that are operated for purposes other than surveillance or intelligence collection.” (Transcript, “[USD\(I&S\) Ronald Moultrie and Dr. Sean Kirkpatrick Media Roundtable on the All-domain Anomaly Research Office](#),” US Department of Defense, December 16, 2022; Howard Altman, “[Pentagon’s New UFO Office: No Aliens But Many Threat Concerns](#),” The Drive: War Zone, December 16, 2022; Oren Lieberman, “[Pentagon Offers Few Answers in UFO Investigation But Has Received Several Hundred More Reports](#),” CNN, December 16, 2022; John Greenewald, “[‘Media Roundtable’ Transcript about the Pentagon’s UFO Office, AARO—December 16, 2022](#),” The Black Vault, December 17, 2022)

2022, December 23 — President [Joe Biden](#) signs a defense appropriations bill that includes funding for the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (extending its authority to examine cases back to 1945) and protection for whistleblowers reporting UAP information. It also calls for any non-disclosure agreements related to UAP in past or existing DOD, DHS, and other programs to be shared with AARO leadership. (Micah Hanks, “[\\$858 Billion Defense Bill Signed into Law by Biden Includes ‘Unprecedented’ Legislation on ‘Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena.’](#)” The Debrief, December 24, 2022)

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2023, January 5 — The pilot of a 56th Fighter Wing F-35 conducting a training sortie in the Gladden Military Operations Area in Arizona makes radar contact with a UFO at 18,700 feet. (Joseph Trevithick and Tyler Rogoway, “[Pilots Are Seeing Some Very Strange Things in Arizona’s Military Training Ranges.](#)” The Drive: The War Zone, August 2, 2023)

2023, January 12 — The Office of the Director of National Intelligence releases its second UAP report to the general public. It was originally due on October 31, 2022, but has been delayed. Among the most notable takeaways in the report, its authors tell us that “In addition to the 144 UAP reports covered during the 17 years of UAP reporting included in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) preliminary assessment, there have been 247 new reports and another 119 that were either since discovered or reported after the preliminary assessment’s time period. This totals 510 UAP reports as of 30 August 2022. Additional information is provided in the classified version of this report,” the authors state.” 510 total UAP reports, which includes 26 characterized as Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) or UAS-like entities, 163 characterized as balloon or balloon-like entities, and 6 attributed to clutter.” That leaves a grand total of 171 reports that remain “uncharacterized and unattributed,” and which “appear to have demonstrated unusual flight characteristics or performance capabilities and require further analysis.” Page 6 of the unclassified report features a short section addressing flight safety and health issues associated with UAP; although there have been no confirmed health issues, the report hints there may have been suspected issues. (John Greenewald, “[U.S. Government Releases 2nd UAP/UFO Report to the Public.](#)” The Black Vault, January 12, 2023; Micah Hanks, “[The 2022 Annual Report on UAP: Four Significant Takeaways You Probably Missed.](#)” The DeBrief, January 19, 2023; Clark IV 12)

2023, January 15 — Footage that shows an object with an apparent atmospheric wake or cavitation trailing it is taken on infrared film by an MQ-9 Reaper drone in an undisclosed location in South Asia. AARO’s [Sean M. Kirkpatrick](#) says that the object at first appeared anomalous, but after further study, AARO identifies it as a commercial aircraft and the cavitation is a sensor artifact resulting from video compression. (John Greenewald, “[DoD Releases New UFO/UAP Videos They Believe They Identified—South Asia—01/15/2023.](#)” The Black Vault, April 19, 2023)

2023, January 19 — An F-16 Viper fighter jet flying in the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range in Arizona collides in mid-air with an “orange-white UAS.” The supposed drone strikes the fighter’s canopy. (Joseph Trevithick and Tyler Rogoway, “[Pilots Are Seeing Some Very Strange Things in Arizona’s Military Training Ranges.](#)” The Drive: The War Zone, August 2, 2023)

2023, January 19 — Enigma Labs provides NASA with a presentation on UAP, with apparent USAF participation. (John Greenewald, “[The Black Vault’s AAWSAP/AATIP and Post 2017 UAP/UFO Timeline Project.](#)” The Black Vault, January 21, 2023)

2023, January 20 — An F-35 flying out of Luke AFB is conducting a training sortie in restricted airspace above the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range in Arizona. It has three encounters with small unknown objects. The first is detected at 20,000 feet in the northeastern section of the Sells Military Operations Area traveling eastbound at 100 knots. The second is detected at 33,000 feet traveling westbound at 0.75 Mach. The third is detected at 26,000 feet, traveling eastbound at approximately 100 knots. (Joseph Trevithick and Tyler Rogoway, “[Pilots Are Seeing Some Very Strange Things in Arizona’s Military Training Ranges.](#)” The Drive: The War Zone, August 2, 2023)

2023, January 26 — A US Air Force pilot on a sortie out of Eglin AFB, southwest of Valparaiso, Florida, gains a radar lock on four objects in a diamond formation over the Gulf of Mexico. Upon approach, the pilot sees the lead object, which is roughly pear-shaped and the size of an Apollo spacecraft, and obtains a “screen capture” of it. Flying at 16,000 feet, it seems to be composed of gunmetal-gray segmented panels with an orange-reddish illuminated section in the lower center. The other objects, detected only on radar, are at altitudes of 17,000–18,000 feet. Upon approaching within 4,000 feet of the first object, the pilot’s radar, video, infrared, and other aircraft security features malfunction; a declassified report indicates that a circuit breaker was triggered. An unreleased video apparently exists because a still photo showing the object is apparently a still frame from a

video, and a drawing of the object is released in March 2024. The pilot contacts Rep. [Matt Gaetz](#) (R-Fla.) about the incident. Gaetz is later briefed on the incident at Eglin. A report on the incident is eventually sent on to AARO, which evaluates the UAP in April with “moderate confidence” as a commercial helium balloon used for lighting. However, a senior-level aerospace engineer doubts the explanation and suspects that the UAP demonstrates some characteristics of plasma actuator technology. (Christopher Saul, “[Members of Congress Lambast Eglin General over UFO Information](#),” Niceville (Fla.) *Mid Bay News*, July 21, 2023; Christopher Sharp, “[U.S. Air Force Reports Mysterious Gulf of Mexico Incident to Pentagon’s UFO Office](#),” *Liberation Times*, September 20, 2023; Keith Basterfield, “[What Do We Know about the Early 2023 Gulf of Mexico UAP Encounter?](#)” *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, September 24, 2023; Rob Coppinger, “Eglin and the UFOs,” *Combat Aircraft Journal* 24, no. 11 (November 2023): 84–87; John Greenewald, “[Air Force Releases Details about 2023 UAP Sighting First Brought to Light by Congressman Matt Gaetz](#),” *The Black Vault*, March 6, 2024; Joseph Trevithick, “[Air Force Pilot’s Bizarre Encounter with Capsule-Like Craft off Florida Declassified](#),” *The War Zone*, March 6, 2024; “[\(U\) Case: ‘Eglin UAP’](#),” All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, cleared April 18, 2024; Howard Altman, “[Eglin AFB Pilot Likely Saw a Lighting Balloon, Not a UFO Pentagon Concludes](#),” *The War Zone*, April 24, 2024; Kevin D. Randle, “[AARO Pilot’s Sighting Report](#),” *A Different Perspective*, May 6, 2024; Micah Hanks, “[This Well-Known UFO Debunker Is Skeptical of the DoD’s Recent Investigations into Aerial Mysteries: Here’s Why](#),” *The Debrief*, May 7, 2024; Condorman, “[A Deep Dive into the Gulf of Mexico UFO Encounter](#),” *Liberation Times*, June 7, 2024)

2023, January 29 — 11:15 p.m. A Canadian North air crew from Fort McMurray watches two unidentified yellow lights maneuvering east of the airfield at Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. The lights then shift to 10 nautical miles northwest of the city. The air traffic controller can see nothing and has no radar targets. (“[Canadian North Crew Reports ‘Lights in Sky’ over Yellowknife](#),” *Cabin Radio*, February 11, 2023; [CADORS Report](#), no. 2023C0560, February 17, 2023)

2023, February — Early morning. Pilots in two different aircraft observe a fast-moving, elongated white object in an undisclosed location in the US. The incident report states that the pilot “observed [the] unexplained phenomenon at my 2 o’clock at what appeared to be near my altitude or above. I am not sure the distance. At first I thought it to be a reflection in my windscreen, but after moving my head around and point of view, the object stayed steady.” “The object appeared rectangular or oblong and milky white,” the pilot states. “My First Officer (FO) returned from the forward [lavatory] and observed the object moving briskly southbound with me after I asked him ‘what is that’. It moved at steady speed southbound and disappeared.” “I regret not taking a video, but was taken by what I was seeing,” the pilot adds about the fleeting encounter. Within minutes, the pilot receives radio communication from a nearby ARTCC asking “if anyone had seen the light or object.” “Another flight captained by a friend also witnessed the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP), along with numerous other aircraft,” the pilot writes. “I have never witnessed anything like it in almost 30 years of flying.” (Micah Hanks, “[Pilot UFO Sightings Collected by NASA Reveal Serious Safety Concerns over Objects in US Airspace](#),” *The Debrief*, August 29, 2023)

2023, February 1 — Eight or nine UAP are detected over the Arctic Circle, and NORAD fighter jets are scrambled in an unsuccessful attempt to intercept them. The objects maneuver away at high speed. (Ross Coulthart, “[UAP Spotted over Arctic Circle Days before Chinese Spy Balloon](#),” *NewsNation*, November 2, 2023)

2023, February 1 — 9:30 p.m. Clark Watson observes, from his hotel room in Wyong, New South Wales, a white, blinking light move in from the direction of the ocean. It is joined by a second light and both dart around in the sky and move over the town at a high speed. The lights come in over Tuggerah Lake at around 1,500 feet, then swoop as low as 200–300 feet and move directly above his hotel. He records their movements with a 3-minute mobile phone video, which shows several indistinct, flickering lights moving around in the sky. At one point, the two lights maneuver around a third, solid, unmoving white light before heading back the way they had come. About one hour later, Watson sees a huge triangle with dim lights on its corners move in from over the ocean. It hovers at 400 feet. (“[‘Giant Triangle’: Aussie’s ‘Mind-Blowing’ UFO Encounter](#),” *news.com.au*, September 1, 2024)

2023, February 2 — 12:28 p.m. A metallic, reflective, rotating sphere is observed above Pesaro, Marche, Italy, moving to the east at an estimated altitude of 3,900 feet. The Italian Air Force report says the object does not correspond to any known flights or balloon launches. (Stato Maggiore dell’Aeronautica, Reparto Generale Sicurezza, [Avvistamenti Oggetti Volanti non Identificati, Anno 2023](#) (2024), p. 2)

2023, February 4 — The US Air Force shoots down a Chinese-operated high-altitude balloon over US territorial waters off the coast of South Carolina on the orders of US President [Joe Biden](#). Debris from the wreckage is recovered and sent to the FBI Laboratory in Quantico, Virginia, for analysis. The balloon was first spotted in US airspace

above the Aleutian Islands on January 28. The American and Canadian militaries announce that the balloon is for surveillance, while the Chinese government maintains it is a civilian (mainly meteorological) airship that has been blown off course. The US says that the balloon is capable of geolocating electronic communications and carries intelligence surveillance equipment inconsistent with that of a weather balloon. It adds that similar Chinese spy balloons have flown over more than 40 nations. Analysts say that its flight path and structural characteristics are unlike those of a typical weather balloon. American officials later disclose that they have been tracking the Chinese balloon since it was launched from Hainan. Its original destinations were likely Guam and Hawaii, but prevailing winds blew it off course and across North America. The balloon is able to communicate with Beijing using a US internet service provider. (Wikipedia, "[2023 Chinese balloon incident](#)"; Joseph Trevithick, "[Our First Look at Chinese Spy Balloon Debris Being Recovered](#)," The Drive: The War Zone, February 7, 2023; Alexandra Hutzler, "[US Tracked Chinese Balloon from Launch, May Have Accidentally Drifted: Official](#)," ABC News, February 15, 2023; Ron Drost, "[The Chinese Balloon and Reflections from a MUFON Field Investigator as an Eyewitness](#)," *MUFON Journal*, no. 660 (April 2023): 17; Debbie Ziegelmeier, "[My Personal Encounter with the Chinese Spy Balloon](#)," *MUFON Journal*, no. 660 (April 2023): 18, 22; Coulthart 2023, pp. 303–304; Courtney Kube and Carol E. Lee, "[U.S. Intelligence Officials Determined the Chinese Spy Balloon Used a U.S. Internet Provider to Communicate](#)," NBC News, December 28, 2023; Tom Blackwell, "[‘Things Got Really Crazy’: The Shocking Untold Story of the Chinese Spy Balloon](#)," *National Post* (Canada), January 6, 2025; John Greenewald, "[FAA Emails Shed Light on UAP Tracking Amid Chinese Balloon Scare](#)," The Black Vault, January 10, 2025)

2023, February 6 — [Chris Rutkowski](#) releases the Ufology Research report on 768 Canadian UFO sightings of 2022, an increase of about 6% over 2021. He notes that one person in Quebec had reported nearly 40 separate sightings, which may account for the higher number. About 8% of the Canadian reports for 2022 are classified as unexplained, while 14% are explained. Another 44% match the description of a conventional object and therefore have a probable explanation, while 34% lack sufficient evidence. Around the same time, UFO Sverige releases a summary report on the 241 cases the Swedish group received in 2022. Most are IFOs (86) or Insufficient information (62). Only one report, from Onsala, Sweden, on April 2, 2022, could be considered genuinely unexplained, in which a couple observed two flying triangles with lights on the bottom, flying silently west, much faster than an aircraft. (Chris Rutkowski, "[The 2022 Canadian UFO Survey](#)," Ufology Research, February 6, 2023; Chris Rutkowski, "[‘Closer Eye to the Skies’: Researcher Sees Uptick in Sightings of UFOs](#)," Canadian Press, February 16, 2023; UFO-Sverige, "[Rapportstatistik 2022](#)")

2023, February 10 — Another high-altitude object is shot down in the vicinity of Deadhorse, Alaska, over the Beaufort Sea, by an F-22 Raptor fighter that takes off from Elmendorf Air Force Base. It uses an AIM-9X Sidewinder heat-seeking missile to shoot it down. The Department of Defense says it is the size of a small car and flying northeast at approximately 40,000 feet, posing a risk to civilian flights. The pilots say the object looks metallic and breaks into pieces. They lose sight of the material as it falls into the clouds. Recovery efforts by the Alaska National Guard flying Chinooks and Black Hawks over the sea ice fail to turn up any debris. (Wikipedia, "[2023 Alaska high-altitude object](#)"; Howard Altman and Joseph Trevithick, "[F-22 Shoots Down ‘Object’ Flying High over Alaskan Waters \(Updated\)](#)," The Drive: The War Zone, February 10, 2023; Katie Rogers, "[Inside the Hunt for U.F.O.s at the End of the World](#)," *New York Times*, February 20, 2023; Seth H. Feinstein, "[Sleight of Hand: An Analysis to Identify the Three Objects Shot Down in February](#)," *MUFON Journal*, no. 660 (April 2023): 10–12; Coulthart 2023, pp. 304–305; "[Read ‘Secret’ Memo for Trudeau on Unidentified Object Shot Down over Yukon](#)," CTV News, September 5, 2023; Howard Altman and Tyler Rogoway, "[Secret Memo Raises More Questions about UFO Shootdowns over Alaska, Canada](#)," The Drive: The War Zone, September 6, 2023; Powell, *Scientist*, 115; Geoff Cruikshank, "[Deadhorse UFO Incident: NORAD Logs Reveal Insights into Potential Defense Systems](#)," *Liberation Times*, October 7, 2024)

2023, February 11 — On previous orders of Canadian Prime Minister [Justin Trudeau](#), a "small, cylindrical object" flying at 40,000 feet is shot down over the Yukon Territory for violating Canadian air space. Both Canadian and US aircraft are scrambled, and a US F-22 jet fighter makes the kill with an AIM-9X missile. (Wikipedia, "[2023 Yukon high-altitude object](#)"; Stetson Payne, "[F-22 Shoots Down Another Object, This Time over Canada \(Updated\)](#)," The Drive: The War Zone, February 11, 2023; Coulthart 2023, p. 306; Howard Altman and Tyler Rogoway, "[Secret Memo Raises More Questions about UFO Shootdowns over Alaska, Canada](#)," The Drive: The War Zone, September 6, 2023; Powell, *Scientist*, 115; "[Image Released of Mysterious Object Shot Down over Yukon in 2023](#)," CTV News, September 24, 2024; Joseph Trevithick, "[First Look at Mystery Object Shot Down over Canada by F-22 Raptor Last Year](#)," The War Zone, September 24, 2024; Condorman, "[An Analysis of the Yukon UFO Incident](#)," *Liberation Times*, October 12, 2024; Chrissy Newton, "[Canadian Lawmaker Calls for](#)

[Increased Transparency after Images Surface of UAP Shot Down over Yukon Territory.](#)” The Debrief, October 18, 2024)

- 2023**, February 11 — R. Chase Cockrell, Linda Murphy, and [Mark Rodeghier](#) publish a study showing that there was no significant increase in the number of UFO reports in 2020, as compared to 2019. They suggest that the COVID-19 pandemic, during which many people were staying at home and experiencing more anxiety and stress, did not result in an increase of reported UFOs, especially when the number of sightings involving Starlink satellite launches were factored out. (R. Chase Cockrell, Linda Murphy, and Mark Rodeghier, “[Social Factors and UFO Reports: Was the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic Associated with an Increase in UFO Reporting?](#)” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 36, no. 4 (2023): 641–656)
- 2023**, February 12 — 4:00 a.m. At least three different commercial flights over Quebec report “seeing very strange lights in the sky, high above the flight paths” that are “moving in a rapid and irregular way.” A crew member on a cargo flight from Chicago to Luxembourg reports to air traffic controllers that “It looks like it’s more than one and sort of circling.” ([CADORS Report](#), no. 2023Q0623, February 21, 2023)
- 2023**, February 12 — The US Air Force and National Guard shoot down a third small object above Lake Huron within the maritime territory of Michigan. It is octagonal with strings hanging down from it and is first detected on February 11 flying across northern Montana, Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan at 20,000 feet. Airspace is temporarily closed in the Lake Huron area where the object is shot down, falling into Canadian waters. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police suspend a search for the object due to weather on February 16, but some debris (“both material and a [weather-monitoring] module”) is recovered in early March on the shore of Lake Huron. (Wikipedia, “[2023 Lake Huron high-altitude object](#)”; Julian E. Barnes, Helene Cooper, and Edward Wong, “[What’s Going On Up There? Theories But No Answers in Shootdowns of Mystery Craft](#),” *New York Times*, February 14, 2023; Howard Altman and Tyler Rogoway, “[F-16 Shoots Down ‘Octagonal Object’ over Lake Huron \(Updated\)](#),” *The Drive: The War Zone*, February 12, 2023; Thomas Newdick, “[Listen to F-16 Pilots Intercept the Octagon Object over Lake Huron](#),” *The Drive: The War Zone*, February 13, 2023; Coulthart 2023, pp. 306–314; Powell, *Scientist*, 115; “[Police in Canada Collected Wreckage after Object Shot Down over Lake Huron](#),” CTV News, November 15, 2024; Joseph Trevithick, “[Details about Search for Mystery Object Shot Down over Lake Huron Disclosed](#),” *The War Zone*, November 15, 2024)
- 2023**, February 13 — 2:20 a.m. The pilot of an Emergency Medical Services helicopter flying above Olathe, Kansas, sees 15 unlit flying objects “closely following each other” at an altitude between 15,000 and 20,000 feet that can only be seen through night vision goggles. (Dustin Slaughter, “[As Congress Introduces New UAP Reporting Legislation for Pilots, FAA Reports Continue to Detail Flight Safety Incidents Posed by UAP](#),” *The UAP Register*, February 10, 2024)
- 2023**, February 13 — President [Joe Biden](#), through his National Security Advisor [Jake Sullivan](#), directs an interagency team to study the “broader policy implications for detection, analysis, and disposition” of UAP that “pose either safety or security risks.” (The White House, “[Press Briefing by Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre and National Security Council Coordinator for Strategic Communications John Kirby, February 13, 2023](#)”)
- 2023**, February 14 — 2:00 a.m. The Atlanta, Georgia, Air Traffic Control Center is notified by three commercial flights of targets detected by all three aircraft’s Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance Systems (TCAS). The targets that are detected by two Southwest Airlines pilots and one Spirit Airlines pilot are reported between the southeast and southwest arrival corridors of Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. There is no mention of any visual contact made by any of the pilots. The mysterious targets are “not able to be verified” by the Atlanta Air Route Traffic Control Center. (Dustin Slaughter, “[As Congress Introduces New UAP Reporting Legislation for Pilots, FAA Reports Continue to Detail Flight Safety Incidents Posed by UAP](#),” *The UAP Register*, February 10, 2024)
- 2023**, February 14 — The US government announces that the three high-altitude objects that were shot down are likely private enterprises with no relation to China. Further analysis and debris collection are suspended on February 17, and the Pentagon announces it has no plans to release any images of the high-altitude objects it shot down. One US intelligence official reveals that the objects all behaved like balloons and that RF and VHF signals were also detected from the objects during daylight hours, which is consistent with transmissions from small payloads carried by some hobbyist balloons. (Tyler Rogoway, “[Why Wreckage of the Three Shot Down Objects Is So Hard to Find](#),” *The Drive: The War Zone*, February 15, 2023; Katie Rogers, “[Inside the Hunt for U.F.O.s at the End of the World](#),” *New York Times*, February 20, 2023; Tim McMillan, “[Pentagon: No Plans to Release Images of Unidentified Objects from Recent Shootdowns](#),” *The Debrief*, February 24, 2023; Nigel Watson, “Bizarre Balloony,” *Fortean Times* 430 (April 2023): 28–29)
- 2023**, February 14 — Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence [Christopher Mellon](#) releases a statement on the recent shootdowns that points out that the extent of UAP activity over US airspace is a national security concern and “the biggest story mainstream news organizations have ever failed to cover.” Many of the

UAP encountered by Navy pilots “appeared to exhibit performance characteristics that are far more impressive and concerning than any of the objects recently downed by the U.S. Air Force.” He criticizes the US Air Force, which “has far more aircraft and sensor systems than the Navy as well as the responsibility for supporting NORAD,” for failing to report UAP and remains notably unhelpful, if not hostile, to inquiries on the subject.” (Christopher Mellon, [“Statement for the Press and Public Regarding Recent UAP Shoot-downs.”](#) christophermellon.net, February 14, 2023)

2023, February 14 — An object is detected floating over southeast Romania at an altitude of 36,000 feet. The Romanian Air Force quickly scrambles two MiG 21 Lancer jets to the scene, but they are unable to find the object. Later, Moldova closes its airspace for more than three hours due to an “object similar to a weather balloon” detected near the Ukrainian border. (“[Moldova Briefly Closed Its Airspace, Raising Tensions in a Country Shaken by the War.](#)” *New York Times*, February 14, 2023; James Felton, [“Romania Sends Jets to Deal with Mysterious Object Floating in Its Airspace.”](#) IFLScience, February 15, 2023)

2023, February 15 — 7:15 p.m. A weapons system platform on the littoral combat ship [USS Jackson](#) between San Clemente Island, California, and San Diego captures on video four Tic Tac-shaped UFOs. The objects are self-illuminated. One is seen emerging from the ocean and going directly into flight. The objects leave the area in an apparently coordinated, synchronous, and instantaneous departure. (George Knapp, [“Navy Crew Reports Dramatic Encounter Eerily Similar to Iconic ‘Tic Tac’ Incident.”](#) KLAS-TV, Las Vegas, Nev., April 8, 2025; Christopher Sharp, [“Military Footage Reveals ‘Tic Tac’ UFOs Witnessed by Warship Crew by Coast of San Diego.”](#) Liberation Times, April 8, 2025; [“Navy Crew Sees UFO off SoCal Coast.”](#) KTTV, Los Angeles, April 15, 2025)

2023, February 21 — US Reps. [Matt Gaetz](#) (R-Fla.), [Tim Burchett](#) (R-Tenn.), and [Anna Paulina Luna](#) (R-Fla.) meet with USAF Brig. Gen. [Jeffrey T. Geraghty](#) at Eglin Air Force Base to talk about intelligence collection threats. When they switch the topic to UAPs, Geraghty cannot brief them because Burchett and Luna lack the proper clearances. (Christopher Saul, [“Members of Congress Lambaste Eglin General over UFO Information.”](#) *Mid Bay News* (Niceville, Florida), July 21, 2023)

2023, February 28 — Former Navy pilot [Ryan Graves](#) says that stray research balloons are not the real UAP problem and launches a new group, Americans for Safe Aerospace, that will support pilots and other aerospace professionals who are reporting UAP. (“[Americans for Safe Aerospace](#)” website; Ryan Graves, [“We Have a Real UFO Problem. And It’s Not Balloons.”](#) Politico: Magazine, February 28, 2023)

2023, March 1 — The Office of the Chief Science Advisor of Canada announces that it has launched a study, called Sky Canada Project, to examine how UFO reports are gathered in the country and recommend improvements, if necessary. The project plans to collect information this winter and spring before preparing an internal draft report in the fall, and a final public report in the winter or spring of 2024. The last time the Canadian government was involved with UFO reports was in 1995 when the National Research Council of Canada stopped collecting reports. (“[Document Reveals First Known Canadian UFO Study in Nearly 30 Years Now Underway.](#)” CTVNews, March 1, 2023; [“Canadian Government’s Top Science Advisor Provides Update on Official UFO Study.”](#) CTVNews, March 1, 2024)

2023, March 1 — [Eamonn J. Ansbro](#) of the Kingsland Observatory in Boyle, County Roscommon, Ireland, says the facility has recorded about 40 instances of “balls of light” in the vicinity of Lough Key since the year 2000. The observatory’s camera tracking system has recorded them numerous times, but the images are usually fuzzy. He speculates that this is “because we are dealing with a ... new space-time situation within the objects as they are casting their light. The whole time dilation is different ... that’s why we get the fuzzy images.” (“[UFO Hotspot Ireland Identified As Astronomer Says 40 Incidents Reported at Observatory.](#)” Galway (Ireland) Beo, February 28, 2023)

2023, March 1 — Seven US intelligence agencies release a report, following an extensive investigation, stating that they can find no evidence supporting the use of a directed weapon by a foreign adversary in the Havana syndrome cases. Nor can they find a pattern or common set of conditions that link individual cases. One official says that analysts spent months churning data, looking for patterns and inventing new analytic methodologies, only to come up with no single plausible explanation. (Shane Harris and John Hudson, [“‘Havana Syndrome’ Not Caused by Energy Weapon or Foreign Adversary, Intelligence Review Finds.”](#) *Washington Post*, March 1, 2023)

2023, March 4 — 8:00 p.m. Billy Hallmon and his family observe a boomerang-shaped object at the Marfa Lights Viewing Area near Alpine, Texas, in addition to a traditional ghost light earlier, just after dark. The object is the size of a jumbo jet and is bounded by rows of steady white lights with a pulsing red light in the center. They watch it for several minutes as it slowly disappears to the west-northwest about 30 miles beyond Marfa. (Billy Hallmon, [“Marfa Lights and UFOs: We Saw Them Both.”](#) Medium, March 12, 2023)

- 2023**, March 7 — Harvard Astronomer [Avi Loeb](#) and AARO Director [Sean M. Kirkpatrick](#) publish a paper in which they speculate that if there are any extraterrestrial space probes in the earth's atmosphere, they likely do not contain any biological entities and are more likely piloted by artificial intelligence. (Abraham (Avi) Loeb and Sean M. Kirkpatrick, "[Physical Constraints on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena](#)," Harvard and Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, March 7, 2023)
- 2023**, March 8 — Maj. Gen. [David W. Abba](#), director of the Department of Defense Special Access Program, issues a memorandum for the record that grants AARO access to any UAP-related information at all levels of classification, regardless of special access requirements or what department of the government it originated with. (David W. Abba, "[Authorization to Provide Information to Personnel Representing the All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office \(AARO\)](#)," CAPCO-23-003, March 8, 2023)
- 2023**, March 14 — Abductee author [Whitley Strieber](#) publishes *Them*, which offers further details on his and others' encounters with strange, apparently UFO-related entities. (Whitley Strieber, *Them*, Walker and Collier, 2023; Clark IV 1239)
- 2023**, March 21 — A Scientific Coalition of UAP Studies paper by Larry J. Hancock, Ian M. Porritt, and others suggests that the reported UFO activities at US nuclear facilities from 1945 to 1975 "were not random, but rather focused and indicative of intelligent activity." Moderately elevated UAP activity is associated with bases where atomic weapons are operationally deployed (Air Force and Navy). Distinctive patterns of UAP activity are noted in conjunction with the deployment of Inter-Continental Ballistic Missiles, and other individual and distinctive patterns of UAP incident reports are noted for different types of atomic weapons complex sites. (Larry J. Hancock, Ian M. Porritt, et al., "[UAP Pattern Recognition Study 1945–1975 US Military Atomic Warfare Complex](#)," Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies, March 21, 2023)
- 2023**, March 22 — [Larry Maguire](#), Member of Parliament for Brandon–Souris, Manitoba, writes a letter to Canadian Defence Minister [Anita Anand](#) suggesting that the country has participated in a secret multi-nation program with the US, UK, Australia, and New Zealand that is devoted to "the recovery and exploitation" of material from UFOs. Citing meetings with unnamed American officials, Maguire suggests Defence Research and Development Canada "is in possession of recovered UAP material" and that it is "essential" that Canada's chief science advisor be informed of the program. ("[Manitoba MP Suggests Canada, Allies Aware of 'Recovered UAP' or UFO Materials in Note to Defence Minister](#)," CBC News, June 25, 2023)
- 2023**, March 26 — After 11:00 p.m. Several residents of Castrop-Rauxel, North Rhine–Westphalia, Germany, observe a point of light against the clouds. A cellphone video taken of the phenomenon seems to show another sphere leaving a trail of light in the air and through the clouds. The duration of 3 hours hints at a searchlight, with the video an artifact of the camera. (Andreas Müller, "[Kurioses Lichterschauspiel am Himmel über Castrop-Rauxel](#)," grenzWissenschaft-aktuell.de, April 3, 2023)
- 2023**, March 28 — The US Navy denies a FOIA request by The Black Vault to provide financial records for its UAP Task Force, a group that was replaced in 2021 by the forerunner of AARO. The Navy claims exemptions on the basis of national security and because some existing records are only in draft form. (John Greenewald, "[UAP Task Force Budget Details Denied](#)," The Black Vault, March 28, 2023)
- 2023**, March 28 — During a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing, Sen. [Kirsten Gillibrand](#) (D-N.Y.) questions senior Pentagon officials, including Secretary of Defense [Lloyd Austin](#), about the budget request for the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office—specifically why it appears to be underfunded for the second year in a row. Austin pledges to fully fund the office in the future and says the Pentagon has requested \$11 million for its research in the fiscal year 2024 budget, although this figure is disputed at another point in the hearing. (Zamone Perez, "[Congress Calls for More Funding of Pentagon UFO Office](#)," Observation Post: Military Times, March 31, 2023)
- 2023**, April — Morning. A pilot flying an air carrier out of an undisclosed airfield in New York State encounters a dark-colored object potentially "as large as a small business-type jet aircraft" that is also detected on the radar of the nearest air traffic control center. "During climb out on departure," a portion of the pilot's report reads, "we encountered an unidentified flying object or phenomena of some sort," which reportedly occurs between the MSLIN and STOMP FIX geographical positions. "The object was brought to our attention by ATC when they advised us of a primary radar target that was at our 9 o'clock position within a half-mile distance," the pilot states in the report. "The close proximity of the traffic advisory raised our attention to the threat." The pilot states that the object is observed close to the 8 o'clock position on the captain's side of the aircraft flying at the same altitude of 25,000 feet above mean sea level at the time the first visual contact is made. The object or aircraft seems to maintain its track, moving to the 7 o'clock position relative to the reporter's aircraft, at which time it is no longer deemed a potential threat. The object, which cannot be identified by the pilot, is described as potentially being

- some kind of large unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) or possibly “a single ship military fighter/trainer aircraft,” which the pilot judges to have been traveling at least 200 knots. (Micah Hanks, [“Pilot UFO Sightings Collected by NASA Reveal Serious Safety Concerns over Objects in US Airspace,”](#) The Debrief, August 29, 2023)
- 2023, April 4?** — A UAP (possible balloon) is spotted near the Leningradskaya AES, a nuclear plant in Sosnovy Bor, west of Saint Petersburg, Russia. The object is said to be moving “at the speed of wind”—although another estimate gives 124 mph—at an altitude of 33,000 feet. The alert triggers a “special response status” by the Russian military. (*Tass*, April 5, 2023; [“UFO Spotted Flying near Russian Nuclear Plant Spooks Local Authorities,”](#) *Newsweek*, April 6, 2023)
- 2023, April 4–6** — The Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review issues clearance for [David Grusch](#) to share his testimony and documents with journalists [Leslie Kean](#) and [Ralph Blumenthal](#). ([“David Grusch Timeline,”](#) Papoose Lake Institute; Clark IV 704, 705)
- 2023, April 5** — Ash Ellis’s “UK UFO Report 2022” suggests there were 497 sightings in total for the UK in 2022, with the vast majority (411) reported from England. This is an increase of 20% over the previous year’s total of 413. (Ash Ellis, [“UK UFO Report 2022,”](#) April 2023)
- 2023, April 7** — [David Grusch](#) leaves government service in order, he says, to advance government accountability through public awareness. ([“David Grusch Timeline,”](#) Papoose Lake Institute; Clark IV 704)
- 2023, April 17** — 4:30 a.m. Frontier Airlines flight FFT1164 notifies an Air Traffic Control Center near Fort Bragg, North Carolina, that two bright lights in their vicinity are turning on and off at an altitude of 35,000 feet. The ATC confirms two primary targets at that location as the tracks appear and disappear on the scope. Suddenly, the two targets reappear two miles south of the position before disappearing completely. The encounter lasts approximately 25 minutes. (Dustin Slaughter, [“As Congress Introduces New UAP Reporting Legislation for Pilots, FAA Reports Continue to Detail Flight Safety Incidents Posed by UAP,”](#) The UAP Register, February 10, 2024)
- 2023, April 19** — [Sean Kirkpatrick](#), director of the US All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, testifies before a subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee on the progress his group has made in investigating UAP. By now it has logged some 650 incidents, with half of them prioritized for further study. However, only 20–30 cases are halfway through a rigorous identification process, and only a handful are closed. He cautions that many will probably be regarded as lacking sufficient evidence and, despite speculation in his recent article with Avi Loeb, he has not yet found any evidence of extraterrestrial technology. Kirkpatrick shares AARO data collected about the most common characteristics of the UAPs sighted, statistical patterns that the US military has declined to share in the past. UAPs, he says, are “mostly round, mostly one to four meters, white, silver, translucent metallic.” They are observed “at between 10,000 to 30,000 feet with apparent velocities from stationary to Mach 2 (about 1,535mph). No thermal exhausts usually detected. We get intermittent radar returns. We get intermittent radio returns and we get their thermal signatures. That’s what we’re looking for. And trying to understand what that is.” Although he says that there is “no credible” evidence to indicate UAP are extraterrestrial, that may just be an indication that the group is employing cautious, objective methodology to assess cases. Kirkpatrick gives some hints that his group is experiencing pushback by other US intelligence agencies as well as administrative obstacles. The open hearing is preceded by a closed-door hearing by the Senate committee. ([“Sen. Gillibrand Chairs the SASC Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities Hearing,”](#) U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand YouTube channel, April 19, 2023; John Greenwald, [“Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena \(UAP\) Public Hearing, in Full, April 19, 2023,”](#) The Black Vault, April 20, 2023; Sean Kirkpatrick, [“Statement for the Record, Senate Armed Services Committee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, April 19, 2023,”](#); Connor O’Brien, [“UFO Sightings Are Up, But No Proof of Aliens Yet, Pentagon Official Says,”](#) Politico, April 19, 2023; Howard Altman, [“Pentagon UFO Czar Says Nothing Indicates Objects Are ET, Some May Be Chinese,”](#) The Drive: The War Zone, April 19, 2023; Tim McMillan, [“Here Are the Major Takeaways You Missed from the Recent Senate Hearing on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena,”](#) The Debrief, April 26, 2023; Powell, *Scientist*, 151)
- 2023, April 20** — German professor of space technology [Hakan Kayal](#) launches a series of summer-semester lectures at the Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg on “Fundamentals and Methods of UAP Research.” Kayal has founded the Interdisciplinary Research Centre for Extraterrestrial Studies (IFEX) at the University of Würzburg, a cross-institutional scientific institution of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science. ([“First Lecture on Sky Phenomena,”](#) Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg, March 10, 2023)
- 2023, April 26** — 1:22 a.m. A US Customs and Border Protection Aircraft records infrared video of a potential UAP over Puerto Rico’s Rafael Hernández Airport in Aguadilla. The video appears to show an object traveling at high speed, splitting into two objects, and entering and exiting the water. However, AARO and its scientific and intelligence consultants determine that two distinct objects (likely a pair of balloons or sky lanterns) are airborne in proximity to each other over the airport, rather than one object splitting into two. The illusion of splitting is due

to the changing angle of sensor view allowing only intermittent views of both objects. The perception of high speed is attributed to motion parallax, and a reconstruction of the event confirms that the objects are traveling at wind speed (8 mph) in a straight line over land, slowly descending to an altitude of 656 feet but never entering the water. (Micah Hanks, [“‘We Do Have Some Very Anomalous Objects,’ New Director of Pentagon’s UAP Investigations Tells Lawmakers,”](#) The Debrief, November 19, 2024)

- 2023,** April 26 — 9:00 a.m. A witness is driving east on Killam Drive near the Wheeler Boulevard overpass in Moncton, New Brunswick, when he sees a white object with two windows hovering about 500 feet above the Moncton Coliseum. It fades out of sight or into the clouds by the time he reaches Millennium Drive. He estimates it is 70 feet wide with extensions that might be wings. (Bob Spearing, [“Were MUFON Cases #130602 & 130105 a Stealth B-21 Raider?”](#) Mutual UFO Network news, November 13, 2023)
- 2023,** May — The Turin, Italy-based UFO Phenomena International Annual Review (UPIAR) publishes *The Reliability of UFO Witness Testimony*, edited by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Richard W. Heiden, which covers UFO case studies, psychological perspectives, empirical research, and epistemological issues. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, [The Reliability of UFO Witness Testimony](#), May 2023; Nigel Watson, “Reliable Witnesses: A Guide to the Evidence: [Part One](#) and [Two](#),” Magonia, July 2023)
- 2023,** May 9 — A US military source at an undisclosed station in the Middle East takes infrared video footage lasting 8 minutes and 15 seconds that depicts an apparent thermal contrast within the sensor’s field of view. The area of apparent contrast exhibits characteristics that may be consistent with the presence of a physical object. However, due to the absence of corroborating telemetry or multi-modal sensor data, AARO cannot determine whether the observed signature represents a sensor artifact or a thermal emission or reflection from a physical source. All telemetry data from the filming platform has been censored with black bars. This renders the footage completely unusable for any further analysis or evaluation of what is shown on it. ([“Unresolved UAP Report: Middle East 2023,”](#) Defense Visual Information Distribution Service,” May 9, 2025)
- 2023,** May 13 — Galileo Project scientists publish an article in the *Journal of Astronomical Instrumentation* that outlines a plan to detect UAP using ground-based cameras, radar, radio spectrum analyzers, microphones, and environmental sensors. (Wesley Andrés Watters, et al., [“The Scientific Investigation of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena \(UAP\) Using Multimodal Ground-Based Observatories,”](#) *Journal of Astronomical Instrumentation*, May 13, 2023)
- 2023,** May 14 — 9:58 p.m. A whitish, fluorescent, cylindrical object is seen above Torricella in Sabina, Italy, floating slowly from west to east. The Italian Air Force cannot match it to any known flight. (Stato Maggiore dell’Aeronautica, Reparto Generale Sicurezza, [Avvistamenti Oggetti Volanti non Identificati, Anno 2023](#) (2024), p. 3)
- 2023,** May 19 — The Joint Staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff disseminates to all unified military commands worldwide a set of uniform procedures to be followed for gathering data and reporting on contemporary military encounters with UAP. It includes a standard reporting template that seeks specific categories of information, including “anomalous characteristics/behaviors” and “UAP effects on equipment.” An introductory paragraph states: “The potentially ubiquitous presence of UAP defines the national security implications of those anomalies, which range from operational hazards and threats to technological and intelligence surprise to adversaries’ strategic miscalculations.” Reports on UAP incidents are to be transmitted upwards within 96 hours, but any “UAP engagement reports” within 12 hours. The reports are ultimately forwarded to AARO. (John Greenewald, [“UAP Reporting and Material Disposition Procedures Released,”](#) The Black Vault, March 19, 2024; Douglas Dean Johnson, [“FOIA Release: Joint Chiefs Issue Worldwide UAP Reporting Requirements \(May 19, 2023\),”](#) Mirador, March 26, 2024; Clark IV 4–5, 12)
- 2023,** May 20 — At least 18 flights are suspended at Gaziantep Oğuzeli International Airport in Gaziantep, Turkey, after a commercial aircraft reports an alleged UFO on its radar at 9,000 feet. Air traffic control is also said to have detected the target. Flights resume 12 hours later. ([“Report: Turkish Airport Suspends Flights for 12 Hours Following ‘UFO Sighting,’”](#) *New Straits Times* (Malaysia), May 20, 2023)
- 2023,** May 20 — 9:22 p.m. Airport cameras in Cairns, Queensland, record a rare occurrence of a green bolide that gives off a brilliant flash of light that can be seen for miles and a loud bang that stuns local residents. (Harry Baker, [“Rare Green Fireball Explodes over Australia, Creating Bright Flash Visible for Hundreds of Miles,”](#) Space.com, May 25, 2023)
- 2023,** May 22 — Some 19% of 1,460 respondents to a survey of academics report that they or someone they know have witnessed unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP) and 37% report some degree of interest in conducting research into UAP. Marissa Yingling and Charlton Yingling from the University of Louisville, and Bethany A. Bell from the University of Virginia surveyed professors, associate professors, and assistant professors from 144 US

universities across 14 academic disciplines in 2022. The survey was sent to 39,984 academics and the response rate was 4%. (Marissa E. Yingling, Charlton W. Yingling, and Bethany A. Bell, "[Faculty Perceptions of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena](#)," *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications* 10 (May 23, 2023).

- 2023,** May 22 — 9:30 a.m. After China Airlines Flight CI152 reports a suspected drone-like object about 1,000 feet above a runway at Taoyuan International Airport, Taiwan, the airport suspends takeoffs and landings for about 40 minutes. ("['Unidentified Flying Object' Forces Closure of Taiwan Taoyuan Airport](#)," *Taiwan News*, May 22, 2023)
- 2023,** May 23 — Through a FOIA request, the Australian government releases 10 pages of documents prepared by Air Marshall [Robert Chipman](#), that are related to parliamentary questions by Senator [Peter Whish-Wilson](#), stating that the Ministry for Defence has no plans to replicate the work of America's AARO in investigating UAP, and that the Royal Australian Air Force stopped investigating sightings in 1996. (Robert Chipman, "[Unidentified Aerial Phenomena / Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," May 23, 2023; Dan Holmes, "[Defence Drops 10-Page UFO Dossier](#)," *The Mandarin*, April 8, 2024)
- 2023,** May 24 — AARO Director [Sean Kirkpatrick](#) holds a forum on UAP for the Five Eyes intelligence alliance comprising Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK, and the US. The discussions center around sharing data on UAP. It is uncertain whether Australia is represented at the meeting, and the names of attendees are redacted from the records for national security reasons. (Keith Basterfield, "[The 'Five Eyes' and UAP](#)," *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, June 21, 2023; Keith Basterfield, "[Australia Did Attend the May 2023 AARO UAP Five Eyes Forum](#)," *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, December 27, 2023; Keith Basterfield, "[Did Australia Actually Attend the May 2023 Five Eyes Briefing on UAP?](#)" *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, February 21, 2024; Keith Basterfield, "[An Australian Intelligence Agency and AARO](#)," *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, February 23, 2024; "[E.T. Call NDHQ: Canadian Forces Loses Interest in UFOs?](#)" *Ottawa (Ont.) Citizen*, April 16, 2024; John Greenewald, "[FOIA Release Sheds Light on Five Eyes Alliance UAP Research Collaboration](#)," *The Black Vault*, June 18, 2024; Christopher Sharp, "[Pentagon Confirms Ongoing Collaboration with Five Eyes Allies on UAP Investigations](#)," *Liberation Times*, June 26, 2024; Christopher Sharp, "[UK Government Confirms Two Officials Attended UFO Meeting with International Allies in 2023](#)," *Liberation Times*, August 4, 2024)
- 2023,** May 28 — Fred Pallesen becomes the leader at Project Hessdalen in Norway, which is now a nonprofit organization with teams monitoring the Blue Box. ("[Team Briefing EOY 2023](#)," Project Hessdalen YouTube channel, November 26, 2023; Erling Strand, "[Project Hessdalen, Part 3: From 26 February 2021 to ???](#)" *Society for UAP Studies*, January 11, 2024)
- 2023,** May 29 — 7:53 p.m. A Morningstar Aircraft is flying above Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, when the flight crew observes an object about 6 feet in height with a white dome and a red device underneath it. It is less than half a mile from the airplane. (Chris Rutkowski, "[Mining the Transport Canada Incident Reports for UFOs](#)," *Ufology Research*, July 25, 2023)
- 2023,** May 31 — 10:30 a.m. Members of a NASA independent study team hold a public briefing on its efforts to categorize and evaluate data related to UAP in a meeting that includes participation from Department of Defense and Federal Aviation Administration officials. During opening statements, [Daniel Evans](#), assistant deputy associate administrator for research with NASA's Science Mission Directorate, expresses concern that several of the study members have been subjected to online abuse for serving on the panel. AARO Director [Sean Kirkpatrick](#) adds that he and members of his team have experienced similar issues. Team leader [David Spergel](#) makes the point repeatedly that their efforts have been hampered by data that has not been collected by properly calibrated instrumentation and that eyewitness testimony alone is insufficient for analysis. Kirkpatrick offers an update on AARO's findings, which now encompass some 800 cases due to recently acquired FAA information. He notes that only a small number (perhaps 2–5%) demonstrate any anomalous characteristics, and he makes several recommendations for UAP studies that NASA could address. Kirkpatrick also reveals that AARO has developed "purpose-built" sensors to investigate key areas of UAP activity and improve the data that can be collected. [Michael Freie](#), technical advisor at the FAA's Air Traffic Surveillance Services Office, speaks about his agency's surveillance systems and the 3–5 UAP reports per month that it collects. [Paula Bontempi](#), dean of the Graduate School of Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island, speaks about NASA's focus on transparency and the availability of information the agency produces, adding that NASA's experience with long-term missions makes it well-equipped to study UAP. [David Grinspoon](#), senior scientist at the Planetary Science Institute, addresses the potential relevance of several existing NASA efforts to the study of UAP, despite there being no evidence study members have found that could link such aerial phenomena with extraterrestrial technologies. [Joshua Semeter](#), director of the Center for Space Physics at Boston University, notes that cases involving infrared and other sensory detections of UAP collected with advanced tracking systems in use by the US military allow for

direct calculations of parameters that include altitude and velocity. Based on such information, Semeter says that the object in the 2016 “Go Fast” video footage is not moving as quickly as the footage seems to convey, a conclusion consistent with a previous analysis that concludes the parallax effect could account for the apparent speed of the object. Offering reflections from his experience in space, former astronaut [Scott Kelly](#) notes that the space environment is “conducive to optical illusions,” adding a few of his own observations that initially caused him to consider whether he had been observing UFOs. [Mike Gold](#), former NASA associate administrator for space policy and partnerships, recommends a permanent office within NASA to collect and archive UAP information. Asked if there is any evidence that NASA has come across indicating that UAPs may result from non-human intelligence, [Anamaria Berea](#), associate professor of computational and data science at George Mason University, responds that it was “not a question you can answer very quickly with yes or no.” A public report detailing the findings of NASA’s UAP study is expected to be made available by the end of July. (Micah Hanks, “[NASA Study Team on Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena Calls for Better Data, Ending Harassment and Stigmas](#),” The Debrief, May 31, 2023; John Greenewald, “[NASA’s Public UAP Meeting Held May 31, 2023](#),” The Black Vault, June 1, 2023; Howard Altman, “[Pentagon Now Actively Hunting for UFOs with Purpose-Built Sensors](#),” TheDrive: TheWarZone, June 1, 2023; Brent Tingley, “[UFOs Worth Investigating Despite Lack of ‘Real Evidence,’ Former Astronaut Scott Kelly Says](#),” Space.com, June 2, 2023; Rich Barlow, “[Is the Government Concealing UFO Craft and Dead Extraterrestrials?](#)” *BU Today*, June 22, 2023)

- 2023, June 3** — Frank Kimbler and Chuck Zukowski find, with a metal detector, several small pieces of metal at the site of the Roswell debris field near Corona, New Mexico. Testing by a metallurgical lab in Denver, Colorado, finds that the metal is a non-registered aluminum alloy in the 6000 series. (Chuck Zukowski, “[More Metal Found at the Famed Roswell Debris Site, As Recent As June 3rd, 2023!](#)” UFOnut, June 16, 2023; Chuck Zukowski, “[Press Release: Piece of Metal Found at the 1947 Roswell Debris Site on 06/03/23, Is Aluminum Alloy!](#)” UFOnut, June 23, 2023; Chuck Zukowski, “[Anomalous Metal Alloy Found at 1947 Roswell Crash Debris Site!](#)” UFOnut, August 4, 2023)
- 2023, June 3** — 10:00 a.m. Four witnesses in a parking lot across from the Meijer’s grocery store in Bad Axe, Michigan, hear a loud noise and see two military airplanes flying together. They appear to be interested in a white, metallic disc that overtakes the jets, hovers, spins, and outmaneuvers them. The jets apparently shoot some type of flares at it. The witnesses describe the maneuvers as a dogfight. After three attempts, the jets move away. The disc silently shoots off in the opposite direction. (“[Fighter Jets Circle UAP in Michigan on June 3](#),” National UFO Reporting Center, June 6, 2023; Mark Birdsall, “[Something Happened in the Skies over Bad Axe on June 3—But What?](#)” *Huron (Mich.) Daily Tribune*, June 16, 2023)
- 2023, June 3** — Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence [Christopher Mellon](#) writes that he has referred to AARO four witnesses who claim to have knowledge of a secret government program “involving the analysis and exploitation of materials recovered from off-world craft.” He says that AARO did not find any “verifiable information to substantiate” these claims, and insists that it is time for disclosure. (Christopher Mellon, “[If the Government Has UFO Crash Materials, It’s Time to Reveal Them](#),” Politico Magazine, June 3, 2023)
- 2023, June 4–16** — The Mountain West Resident Agency and other stakeholders collaborate with the US Army to detect and potentially visually corroborate UAP observations during a military exercise at Dugway Proving Ground in Utah. A monthly working group is proposed to plan for additional exercises later in the year. (John Greenewald, “[Lake Erie, Saudi Arabia, and Dugway: Army Records Trace UAP Surveillance Footprint](#),” The Black Vault, April 22, 2025)
- 2023, June 5** — Journalists [Leslie Kean](#) and [Ralph Blumenthal](#) release a report on former Air Force officer [David Grusch](#)’s claims that the US intelligence community has recovered both intact and partially intact versions of vehicles “of exotic origin (non-human intelligence, whether extraterrestrial or unknown origin)” for several decades. His assessment is “based on the vehicle morphologies and material science testing and the possession of unique atomic arrangements and radiological signatures.” Grusch has not seen any of this material, thus his allegations only concern secondhand information relayed to him from other sources. He also hints that there has been a terrestrial arms race “for the past 80 years focused on reverse engineering technologies of unknown origin.” At the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Grusch served as a senior intelligence capabilities integration officer, cleared at the Top Secret/Secret Compartmented Information level, and was the agency’s senior technical advisor for Unidentified Aerial Phenomena analysis/Trans-Medium issues. From 2016 to 2021, he served with the National Reconnaissance Office as senior intelligence officer and led the production of the NRO director’s daily briefing. Grusch was a GS-15 civilian, the military equivalent of a colonel. Grusch has prepared many briefs on UAP for Congress while in government and helped draft the language on UAP for the FY2023 National Defense Authorization Act, spearheaded by Senators [Kirsten Gillibrand](#) (D-N.Y.) and [Marco](#)

[Rubio](#) (R-Fla.) and signed into law by President [Joe Biden](#) in December 2022. The provision states that any person with relevant UAP information can inform Congress without retaliation, regardless of any previous non-disclosure agreements. Although Grusch's background supports the knowledge he claims to have, his revelations are treated with some degree of skepticism by ufologists and the media, the key point being that he has publicly offered no documentation or tangible evidence to support his claims. In an interview with NewsNation, Grusch adds the claim that the US government also has alien bodies in its possession. (Leslie Kean and Ralph Blumenthal, "[Intelligence Officials Say U.S. Has Retrieved Craft of Non-Human Origin](#)," *The Debrief*, June 5, 2023; "[Military Whistleblower Claims US Has UFO Retrieval Program | Elizabeth Vargas Reports](#)," NewsNation YouTube channel, June 6, 2023; Marina Koren, "[Why Everyone Is Suddenly Talking about Aliens](#)," *The Atlantic*, June 7, 2023; John Greenewald, "[Exploring the 'UFO Whistleblower' Story](#)," *The Black Vault Originals* YouTube channel, June 7, 2023; Kevin D. Randle, "[David D. Grusch and the Latest Crash Retrieval Story](#)," *A Different Perspective*, June 8, 2023; Nigel Watson, "Full Disclosure...by Christmas," *Fortean Times* 434 (August 2023): 28–29; Clark IV 704–705)

- 2023**, June 8 — Rep. [James Comer](#) (R-Ky.) announces that the House Oversight Committee will hold a hearing on [David Grusch](#)'s claims of retrieved non-human technology. ("[House of Representatives to Hold Hearing on Whistleblower's UFO Claims](#)," *The Guardian*, June 8, 2023)
- 2023**, June 8 — The All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) makes the first of repeated attempts to contact [David Grusch](#) through "known associates," urging them to have him contact the agency. (John Greenewald, "[FOIA Documents Reveal AARO's Authorized and Repeated Attempts to Engage with David Grusch](#)," *The Black Vault*, April 18, 2024)
- 2023**, June 9 — The FAA Reauthorization Bill is introduced by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. It includes language that will task the Federal Aviation Administration with tracking objects deemed to be a risk resulting from airborne debris. (Micah Hanks, "[New Bill Directs FAA to Track Airborne Objects That May Pose Collision Threat to Aviators](#)," *The Debrief*, June 14, 2023)
- 2023**, June 11 — [David Grusch](#) is interviewed publicly for the first time on NewsNation with [Ross Coulthart](#). ("[We Are Not Alone: The UFO Whistleblower Speaks: NewsNation / Need to Know, Aired 06/11/23](#)," Stellar Productions YouTube channel, July 20, 2023)
- 2023**, June 12–16 — The Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies presents three papers on UAP at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Aviation Forum in San Diego, California. (Kevin Wright, "[SCU Papers Presented at AIAA 2023 Aviation Forum Now Available to the Public](#)," Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies, August 11, 2023)
- 2023**, June 14 — The US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence unanimously approves, in a closed-door session, legislation containing language that appears intended to dig out any UAP-associated technology that is or ever was controlled by the federal government. The provisions are part of the FY 2024 Intelligence Authorization Act (S. 2103). The language requires "any person currently or formerly under contract with the Federal Government that has in their possession material or information provided by or derived from the Federal Government relating to unidentified anomalous phenomena that formerly or currently is protected by any form of special access or restricted access" to notify the director of AARO within 60 days of enactment, and to provide within 6 months "a comprehensive list of all non-earth origin or exotic unidentified anomalous phenomena material" possessed and to make it available to the AARO director for "assessment, analysis, and inspection." (Douglas Dean Johnson, "[Senate Intelligence Bill Gives Holders of 'Non-Earth Origin or Exotic UAP Material' Six Months to Make It Available to AARO](#)," *Mirador*, June 24, 2023)
- 2023**, June 14–28 — Harvard University Astronomer [Avi Loeb](#)'s Galileo Project Expedition to the Pacific Ocean off Manus Island, Papua New Guinea, to find debris from the 2014 interstellar meteor CNEOS 2014-01-08 (or IM1) turns up more than 50 odd, sub-millimeter-sized spherules on the ocean floor. The composition analysis implies 84% iron, 8% silicon, 4% magnesium, and 2% titanium, plus trace elements. They show evidence for a rapid heating event consistent with a meteoritic fall. A preliminary analysis also indicates an age of 14 billion years ago for two of the spherules. Some scientists respond with skepticism. [Matthew Genge](#), a planetary scientist at Imperial College London who specializes in meteorites, said that connecting the spheres with the 2014 fireball—or any meteorite fragments with any other meteor—is impossible. "Meteorite ablation debris has been found, but not from an instrumentally observed fireball," he writes. "There never has been a micrometeorite derived from a specific fireball event, and never will be, since it is an impossibility." However, University of Chicago astronomer [Patricio A. Gallardo](#) thinks the debris is coal ash, others blame industrial pollutants, while planetary and space scientist [Monica Grady](#) suspects the spherules might be from nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands. In 2024, Loeb claims that some the spherules contain three times as much beryllium, lanthanum, and uranium as standard carbonaceous chondrites. (Wikipedia, "[CNEOS 2014-01-08](#)"; Becky Ferreira, "[Scientists Are Hunting for Alien Objects in the Ocean, and They've Just Found Something](#)," *Vice: Motherboard*, June 21, 2023; Avi Loeb, "[Summary of the](#)

[Successful Interstellar Expedition](#),” Medium: Avi Loeb, July 3, 2023; Brett Tingley, “[Interstellar Meteor Fragments Found? Harvard Astronomer’s Claim Sparks Debate, Criticism](#),” Space.com, July 20, 2023; Ethan Siegel, “[Harvard Astronomer’s ‘Alien Spherules’ Are Industrial Pollutants](#),” Big Think, November 14, 2023; Katherine Fidler, “[Shocking New Twist in Harvard UFO Hunter’s Search for Aliens](#),” *Metro* (UK), November 15, 2023; Avi Loeb, “[New Knowledge Must Be Learned, Not Preached](#),” Medium: Avi Loeb, November 16, 2023; “[Harvard Scientist Presents New Evidence That Samples Are Alien Spacecraft](#),” Yahoo! News, February 6, 2024; Avi Loeb, “[Chemical Composition of Unfamiliar Origin from the Pacific Ocean Site of the IM1 Meteor](#),” Medium: Avi Loeb, March 8, 2024; Avi Loeb, et al., “[Chemical Classification of Spherules Recovered from the Pacific Ocean Site of the CNEOS 2014-01-08 \(IM1\) Bolide](#),” *Chemical Geology* (revised, September 17, 2024); Avi Loeb, “[How the Light Gets In: The Interstellar Expedition Paper Was Accepted for Publication in the Prestigious Journal ‘Chemical Geology’](#),” Medium: Avi Loeb, September 17, 2024; Avi Loeb, “[Morphology of Fragments Recovered from the Crash Site of the Interstellar Meteor IM1](#),” Medium, January 13, 2025)

2023, June 16 — The French Aeronautical and Astronautical Association’s UAP technical committee, “Sigma 2,” holds its first international conference in Paris on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena. Designed to give an overview of ongoing scientific research, the day-long event centers around optical observables, the different ways and methods to record UAP, and specific optical signatures that can be used to help identify them. Speakers include [Alain Juillet](#), former senior economic intelligence officer to the French Prime Minister; [Beatriz Villarroel](#), astronomer at the Nordic Institute for Theoretical Physics in Stockholm, Sweden; [Massimo Teodorani](#), an astrophysicist collaborating with the Society for UAP Studies; and [Jacques Vallée](#), who talks about the estimation of optical power output by UAP. (Baptiste Friscourt, “[Astronomers, Scientists, and Experts Convene in Paris, France, to Study Aerial Mysteries](#),” *The Debrief*, June 21, 2023)

2023, June 26 — Sen. [Marco Rubio](#) (R-Fla.), vice chair of the Select Committee on Intelligence, states that “There are people who have come forward to share information [on UAP] with our committee over the last couple of years. I would imagine some of them are potentially some of the same people perhaps [[Grusch](#) is] referring to.” Rep. [Mike Gallagher](#) (R-Wis.) adds that “all sorts of [UFO whistleblowers] are coming out of the woodwork.” (Aleks Phillips, “[Marco Rubio Claims Top US Officials Coming Forward with UFO Claims](#),” *Newsweek*, June 27, 2023; Mark von Rennenkampff, “[‘True’ or ‘Crazy’? UFO Whistleblowers Coming ‘Out of the Woodwork’](#),” *The Hill*, July 7, 2023)

2023, June 26 — AARO extends an interview invitation directly to [David Grusch](#), but he declines. (John Greenewald, “[FOIA Documents Reveal AARO’s Authorized and Repeated Attempts to Engage with David Grusch](#),” *The Black Vault*, April 18, 2024)

2023, June 27 — 7:50 p.m. Seven mystery drones fly above the Koh Nhek district, Mondulkuri province, Cambodia, appearing as fuzzy white lights in videos shot by local troops. The same type of drone was seen one week earlier. The Cambodian Border Troops initially think they are of Vietnamese origin, but the Vietnam government denies any involvement. Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen orders a detachment of 500 troops equipped with 200 anti-aircraft weapons to the border and offers a \$20,000 bounty to any military unit that shoots one down. (“[Video: Unidentified Drones Spotted Flying over Cambodian Territory](#),” *Khmer Times* (Phnom Penh), June 28, 2023; “[PM Promises \\$20,000 Bounty for Military Unit Who Shoot Down ‘Mystery Drones’](#),” *Khmer Times* (Phnom Penh), June 28, 2023)

2023, June 29 — Researcher Chuck Zukowski finds more small metallic fragments at the Roswell debris field near Corona, New Mexico. Tests at a metallurgical lab in Denver, Colorado, under a Scanning Electron Microscope show that this debris is a 3000 series aluminum alloy. (Chuck Zukowski, “[More Debris Found on 06/29/23 at Roswell’s 1947 Crash Site!](#)” *UFOnut*, July 3, 2023; Chuck Zukowski, “[Anomalous Metal Alloy Found at 1947 Roswell Crash Debris Site!](#)” *UFOnut*, August 4, 2023)

2023, July 6 — A Redfield and Wilton Strategies poll of US eligible voters finds that 57% of the respondents believe that the US government has more information on UFOs and alien life than it publicly shares, with 21% not sharing that opinion and 22% uncertain. (“[UFO Suspicions High as Ex-intelligence Officer’s Claims to Be Investigated](#),” *Newsweek*, July 10, 2023)

2023, July 11–12 — A high-level Department of Defense official is struck by Havana Syndrome during the NATO Summit in Vilnius, Lithuania. (Scott Pelley, et al., “[Russian Nexus Revealed during 60 Minutes Havana Syndrome Investigation into Potential Attacks on U.S. Officials](#),” CBS News, March 31, 2024)

2023, July 11–August — Villagers in the indigenous Ikitu village of San Antonio de Pintujacu, in the Alto Nanay district of Peru, claim that 7-foot-tall green entities with large heads and yellowish eyes are attacking them each night, causing injuries. They are impervious to bullets and move by floating. Representatives from the police and Peruvian Navy visit the area to assess the situation. (Sam Allcock, “[Peruvian Villagers Report Attacks by 7ft](#)

- [Armoured Aliens Resembling Green Goblin from Spider-Man](#),” Z News Service, August 7, 2023; “Peru vs. Aliens,” *Fortean Times* 436 (October 2023): 4–5; “[Peruvian Alien Encounter of June 2023](#),” Fiction, 2024)
- 2023**, July 13 — Sen. [Chuck Schumer](#) (D-N.Y.), along with a bipartisan group of five other senators, introduces the UAP Disclosure Act that would establish an independent, nine-member agency to collect, review, and declassify UAP records. The law would mandate that all government UFO documents “carry a presumption of immediate [public] disclosure.” Following a recommendation from the review board, the legislation establishes the President as the “sole and nondelegable authority to disclose” UFO-related records to the public. A provision in the amendment declares that “any and all recovered [UFOs] and biological evidence of non-human intelligence that may be controlled by private persons or entities” shall be transferred to the US government “in the interests of the public good.” The legislation also refers to “non-human intelligence” two dozen times and defines “legacy programs” as UAP crash retrieval and reverse-engineering efforts. (Micah Hanks, “[The ‘UAP Disclosure Act of 2023’: What We Know about Chuck Schumer and the Senate’s New Push for UAP Transparency](#),” The Debrief, July 14, 2023; Andrew Stuttaford, “[UFOs and Eminent Domain](#),” *National Review*, July 16, 2023; Marik von Rennenkampff, “[‘Non-Human Intelligence’: Schumer Proposes Stunning New UFO Legislation](#),” The Hill, July 18, 2023; Dustin Slaughter, “[UAP Disclosure Act Challenges Department of Energy Secrecy](#),” The UAP Register, September 18, 2023)
- 2023**, July 13 — The US House approves its version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) with only one minor UAP provision. (Douglas Dean Johnson, “[Congress Update: U.S. Senate Passes Multiple UAP/UFO Measures](#),” @ddeanjohnson X thread, July 27, 2023; Douglas Dean Johnson, “[UAP-Related Provisions Currently under Consideration in Congress](#),” Mirador, September 3, 2023)
- 2023**, July 14 — Australian astro-photographer Ari Rex captures an odd oblong light on a time-lapse image near Gundaroo, New South Wales. However, he later determines that “the mysterious object is actually the fumes from the Chandrayaan-3 rocket launched by India to explore the Moon.” (Georgia Curry, “[Canberra Astro-Photographer Captures Incredible Image in Our Night Sky](#),” *Canberra Weekly*, August 2, 2023; James Coleman, “[Canberra Astro-Photographer ‘99.99% Sure’ UFO Mystery Is Solved](#),” Riotact, August 8, 2023)
- 2023**, July 17 — Agents from the Army Field Office Southwest Asia in Saudi Arabia conduct a meeting to express concern that US military personnel stationed in the region have experienced delayed or incomplete reporting of UAV or UAP sightings near a sensitive location, prompting efforts to streamline the reporting process. (John Greenewald, “[Lake Erie, Saudi Arabia, and Dugway: Army Records Trace UAP Surveillance Footprint](#),” The Black Vault, April 22, 2025)
- 2023**, July 25 — The RAND Corporation issues a 62-page report titled *Not the X-Files: Mapping Public Reports of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Across America*, in which it presents a “geographic analysis of 101,151 public reports of UAP sightings in 12,783 US Census Bureau” designated places based on National UFO Research Center cases. The authors find that the reports tend to cluster within 19 miles of military operations areas where the Air Force or Navy engages in combat maneuvers, air intercepts, and low-altitude tactics. (Marek N. Posard, Ashley Gromis, and Mary Lee, [Not the X-Files: Mapping Public Reports of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena across America](#), RAND Research Report RRA2475-1, July 25, 2023)
- 2023**, July 26 — Enigma Labs releases an augmented reality [UFO-related app](#), a camera lens tool that identifies known objects in the sky, both in the air and in space. The app taps into satellite telemetry published by governments and private space companies, and it calculates where these objects are and their positions relative to the observer. It is designed for the iPad. (“[Shazam for the Skies](#),” Enigma Labs, July 26, 2023)
- 2023**, July 26 — 10:00 a.m. The House Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs holds a hearing on UFOs titled “Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena: Implications on National Security, Public Safety, and Government Transparency.” The hearing has been spearheaded by Reps. [Tim Burchett](#) (R-Tenn.) and [Anna Paulina Luna](#) (R-Fla.). Three witnesses testify: whistleblower [David Grusch](#), who served for 14 years as an intelligence officer in the Air Force and National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, and fighter pilots [Ryan Graves](#) and [David Fravor](#). Grusch says that he “was informed in the course of my official duties of a multi-decade UAP crash retrieval and reverse engineering program to which I was denied access” and that he believes that the US government is in possession of UAP based on his interviews with 40 witnesses over four years. He claims in response to congressional questions that the US has also retrieved “nonhuman” biological matter from the pilots of the crafts and that this “was the assessment of people with direct knowledge on the [UAP] program I talked to, that are currently still on the program.” When asked by Rep. Burchett if Grusch has “personal knowledge of people who’ve been harmed or injured in efforts to cover up or conceal” the government’s possession of “extraterrestrial technology,” Grusch says yes but that he is not able to provide details except within a (sensitive compartmented information facility (SCIF). Asked by Rep. [Jared Moskowitz](#) (D-Fla.) how such a program is funded, Grusch claims that the effort is “above congressional oversight” and bankrolled by a “misappropriation of

funds.” Asked by Rep. [Eric Burlison](#) (R-Mo.) to substantiate the crashed UAPs claim, the former intelligence official said he could not divulge specific details, once again claiming the information was too sensitive to share with the public. Rep. [Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez](#) (D-N.Y.) asks the three witnesses, “If you were me, where would you look?” regarding answers to UAP questions and evidence to validate his claims. Grusch replies, “I’d be happy to give you that in a closed environment. I can tell you specifically.” Grusch also testifies that he has been the subject of retaliation for his decision to go public with his claims, adding that he is aware of “active planned reprisal” coming from leadership “at my previous organization” amounting to “administrative terrorism.” Graves, a former Navy pilot, tells the panel that military pilots do not feel adequately briefed on UAPs, which he said leaves them unprepared to respond to UAP encounters. He also testifies that UAP stigma silences pilots who fear “professional repercussions,” which he says is “compounded by recent government claims questioning the credibility of eyewitness testimony.” Graves was an F-18 pilot stationed in Virginia Beach in 2014 when his squadron first began detecting unknown objects. He describes them as “dark grey or black cubes ... inside of a clear sphere, where the apex or tips of the cubes were touching the inside of that sphere.” He adds, “If everyone could see the sensor and video data I witnessed, our national conversation would change.” Fravor, a former Navy commander, says he and three fellow military pilots spotted a white Tic-Tac-shaped object on November 14, 2004, hovering below their jets and just above the Pacific Ocean off California before it rapidly climbed about 12,000 feet into the air. Fravor tells the committee that the technology he and his team encountered defies logical explanation. “The technology that we faced is far superior to anything that we had,” Fravor testifies. “And there’s nothing we can do about it, nothing.” Lawmakers on the committee, baffled by some of the testimony, repeatedly noted that UAP sightings are an issue of bipartisan concern and raise national security questions. Burchett states, “We’re going to uncover the cover-up, and I hope this is just the beginning of many more hearings and many more people coming forward about this.” (“[Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs Hearing](#),” GOP Oversight YouTube channel, July 26, 2023; John Greenewald, “[July 26, 2023, House UAP Hearing Archive—Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena: Implications on National Security, Public Safety, and Government Transparency](#),” The Black Vault, July 26, 2023; Tyler Rogoway, “[Skeptics and Believers Alike Should Support a Congressional UFO Investigation](#),” The Drive: The War Zone, July 26, 2023; Micah Hanks, “[Whistleblowers Testify under Oath Regarding ‘Craft of Non-Human Origin’ and Military Encounters with UAP](#),” The Debrief, July 26, 2023; “[UFO Hearings: Whistleblower David Grusch Says ‘Non-Human Biologics’ Found at Alleged Crash Sites—As It Happened](#),” *The Guardian* (UK), July 26, 2023; Michael Mitsanas, “[Here Are the 5 Most Memorable Moments from Congress’ UFO Hearing](#),” NBC News, July 26, 2023; Graig Graziosi, “[Congressman Asks UFO Whistleblower If Anyone Has Been ‘Murdered’ to Maintain Alleged Coverup](#),” *The Independent* (UK), July 27, 2023; Stefan Becket, “[UFO Hearing Key Takeaways: What a Whistleblower Told Congress about UAPs](#),” CBS News, July 28, 2023; Adam Frank, “[Here’s What a Scientist Makes of Congress’ UFO Hearing](#),” Big Think, August 2, 2023; Tim Gallaudet, “[UFOs Are the Story of the Century: Wake Up, America!](#)” The Hill, August 2, 2023; Nick Robertson, “[Bipartisan House Group Pushes for Select Committee, Classified Hearings into UFOs](#),” The Hill, August 17, 2023; Art Levine, “[UFO Tales and Witness Credibility Falling Apart after Congressional Hearings](#),” *Washington Examiner*, September 8, 2023; Alan Hawgood, “[Behind the Scenes of a UFO Whistleblower’s Odd Visit to Capitol Hill](#),” *Washington Post*, October 5, 2023; Nigel Watson, “UFOs over the Capitol,” *Fortean Times* 436 (October 2023): 28–31; Matt Laslo, “[100 of 100 US Senators on UFO Whistleblower David Grusch](#),” Ask a Pol, December 31, 2023; Covert, xviii–xx; Clark IV 705, 1280)

2023, July 27 — AARO Director [Sean M. Kirkpatrick](#) issues a statement on LinkedIn disputing several claims made during the previous day’s hearing portraying AARO and its employees as uncooperative. Without specifically naming [Grusch](#), Kirkpatrick seemingly conveys doubt over the former intelligence officer-turned-whistleblower’s claims of reprisals and extrajudicial violence, suggesting David Grusch has refused to speak with AARO investigators. The same day, AARO makes further attempts to contact Grusch through an “associate” who is meeting with him the following day. (Tim McMillan and Micah Hanks, “[Director of Pentagon’s UAP Investigations Challenges Claims Made in Recent UAP Hearing](#),” The Debrief, July 28, 2023; John Greenewald, “[FOIA Documents Reveal AARO’s Authorized and Repeated Attempts to Engage with David Grusch](#),” The Black Vault, April 18, 2024)

2023, July 27 — The US Senate passes a National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), 86-11, that contains multiple and far-reaching provisions related to UAP. The Senate has added the entire Intelligence Authorization Act (IAA) to the FY 2024 NDAA, including UAP-related provisions approved on June 22 by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (with some revisions). After approving the final NDAA-IAA package under the bill number H.R. 2670, the Senate sends it to a conference committee with the House of Representatives. Included in the Senate-passed package is the UAP Disclosure Act, legislation proposed by Sens. [Chuck Schumer](#) (D-N.Y.) and [Mike](#)

[Rounds](#) (R-S.Dak.) that would establish an agency to gather UAP records from throughout the government with a “presumption of immediate disclosure,” but with such delays and exceptions as a presidentially appointed review board and the President would determine. The Schumer-Rounds legislation also states, “The Federal Government shall exercise eminent domain [ownership] over any and all recovered technologies of unknown origin and biological evidence of non-human intelligence that may be controlled by private persons or entities.” The Senate-passed NDAA-IAA also contains two overlapping versions of a proposal by Sens. [Kirstin Gillibrand](#) (D-N.Y.) and [Marco Rubio](#) (R-Fla.). These provisions seek to identify any UAP-related technology or information that may be hidden in government-linked programs that have not been properly reported to Congress. These provisions also would cut off funding for non-reported UAP-related programs. The Senate-passed bill also carries an increase of \$27 million for the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO), although the total authorized funding level remains classified. Gillibrand sponsored this funding boost in the Armed Services Committee. The Intelligence Authorization Act part of the package contains new protections for whistleblowers from the Intelligence Community. The new provisions were modified shortly before final action by the Senate. A provision in the Armed Services Committee report on the NDAA requires an evaluation of NORAD “aerospace warning and control mission and procedures” by the Government Accountability Office, an arm of Congress. Once a House-Senate conference committee produces a final agreed-on version of the NDAA-IAA, after many weeks, it must receive final approval from the House and then the Senate, before being sent to the President. (Douglas Dean Johnson, “[Senate Intelligence Bill Gives Holders of ‘Non-Earth Origin or Exotic UAP Material’ Six Months to Make It Available to AARO.](#)” *Mirador*, June 24, 2023; Douglas Dean Johnson, “[Senate Armed Services Committee Orders Review of NORAD Procedures.](#)” @ddeanjohnson tweet, July 17, 2023; Marik von Rennenkampff, “[‘Non-Human Intelligence’: Schumer Proposes Stunning New UFO Legislation.](#)” *The Hill*, July 18, 2023; Douglas Dean Johnson, “[Congress Update: U.S. Senate Passes Multiple UAP/UFO Measures.](#)” @ddeanjohnson X thread, July 27, 2023; Douglas Dean Johnson, “[UAP-Related Provisions Currently under Consideration in Congress.](#)” *Mirador*, September 3, 2023; Dustin Slaughter, “[UAP Disclosure Act Challenges Department of Energy Secrecy.](#)” *The UAP Register*, September 18, 2023)

2023, July 28 — Portuguese MEP [Francisco Guerreiro](#) poses a question in the European Parliament on whether the European Commission, the European Defence Agency, or the European Union Aviation Safety Agency have any protocols for collecting UAP reports. (“[European Reports and Protocols on Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena.](#)” European Parliament, Parliamentary Question E-002375/2023, July 28, 2023)

2023, July 28 — Early evening. Two people walking along a river trail in Greene County, Pennsylvania, observe two beachball-sized balls of light about 20 feet apart flying in a diagonal formation. The spheres blink orange and white and are estimated as moving through the sky at less than 200 feet altitude. The silent objects move steadily off in the direction of Fredericktown. (Stan Gordon, “[A Weekend Surge of UFO/UAP Sightings and Other Anomalies in Southwest Pennsylvania \(July 28–30, 2023\).](#)” Stan Gordon’s UFO Anomalies Zone, August 4, 2023)

2023, July 29 — Sunset. A witness near Scottdale, Pennsylvania, observes in the northern sky a round object that is bright white and possibly bluish in color. The object seems to be slowly moving south. It is about the size of the star Vega and at approximately 60° altitude. While under observation, it emits a white puff ring extending 10–20 times diameter outwards and has a width of about 3–7 times the diameter of the object that looks similar to smoke or a contrail. The witness goes into the house to obtain a pair of high-quality binoculars. Through the binoculars he can clearly see the ring. He also notices several smaller bright objects near the spherical object that seem to be quickly moving around it. The witness also observes a smaller, less luminous, object that is red in color. This object is about half the apparent size of the original sphere. That red object is moving directly downward and possibly falling. (Stan Gordon, “[A Weekend Surge of UFO/UAP Sightings and Other Anomalies in Southwest Pennsylvania \(July 28–30, 2023\).](#)” Stan Gordon’s UFO Anomalies Zone, August 4, 2023)

2023, July 29 — 10:13 p.m. A witness near Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, sees a massive triangular object perhaps 300 feet in length emitting a bright, greenish-orange glow. At the bottom of the object is a large, round, non-blinking green light. A smaller round, white light is on each corner of the triangle. It initially hovers, then suddenly vanishes and reappears in a slightly forward location. An electric hum seems to emanate from it. At 10:18, the object shoots off toward the southwest. Shortly afterward, three military jets approach the area, then turn toward the direction where the object has vanished. (Stan Gordon, “[A Weekend Surge of UFO/UAP Sightings and Other Anomalies in Southwest Pennsylvania \(July 28–30, 2023\).](#)” Stan Gordon’s UFO Anomalies Zone, August 4, 2023)

- 2023**, August 8 — 7:30 p.m. Indian Police Service Investigator Syed Abdul Kader takes a video of a bright object moving erratically near the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant, Tamil Nadu, India. (“[Zig-Zagging UFO Spotted Hovering above a Nuclear Power Plant](#),” Metro (UK), March 29, 2024)
- 2023**, August 15 — The US Department of Defense Office of Inspector General releases a classified report on its “Evaluation of the DoD’s Actions Regarding Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP).” It releases an unclassified summary on January 24, 2024. By the end of January 2024, only one of the 11 recommendations specified has been implemented. (“[Evaluation of the DoD’s Actions Regarding Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena \(DODIG-2023-109\)](#),” Department of Defense Office of Inspector General, August 15, 2023; “[Unclassified Summary of Report No. DODIG-2023-109, ‘Evaluation of the DoD’s Actions Regarding Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena,’ August 15, 2023](#),” Department of Defense Office of Inspector General, January 24, 2024; Christopher Sharp, “[Department of Defense’s Alarming Inaction: Only One of Eleven UFO Recommendations Implemented, Posing Risk to National Security](#),” Liberation Times, January 29, 2024)
- 2023**, August 15 — The Sol Foundation, a think tank that will research the philosophical, policy, and scientific implications of UAP, is launched in Palo Alto, California, led by academics [Garry Nolan](#) and [Peter Skafish](#). (“[Sol Foundation Launches to Research Unidentified Aerial Phenomena](#),” Sol Foundation, August 15, 2023; Clark IV 1210)
- 2023**, August 21 — US Rep. [Tim Burchett](#) (R-Tenn.), after forming an informal congressional UAP caucus, sends a letter to [Thomas Monheim](#), inspector general of the intelligence community, asking for details about a crash/retrieval program. (“[Rep. Burchett Launches UAP Caucus, Leads Letter to Intelligence Community Inspector General about UAP Retrieval Programs](#),” Congressman Tim Burchett, August 22, 2023)
- 2023**, August 31 — The All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) launches a website that will include updates on AARO’s unclassified work and a secure portal for reporting UAP sightings. Deputy Defense Secretary [Kathleen Hicks](#) takes direct oversight of the AARO agency. (“[All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office](#)” website; “[Hicks Takes Direct Oversight of Pentagon’s UAP Office; New Reporting Website to be Launched](#),” DefenseScoop, August 30, 2023; Micah Hanks, “[The All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office Has Finally Launched Its Official Website: Here’s What’s Missing](#),” The Debrief, August 31, 2023)
- 2023**, September — The total number of nuclear warheads in the United States is 3,748. (Thomas Newdick, “[Current American Nuclear Warhead Inventory Numbers Revealed](#),” The Warzone, July 22, 2024)
- 2023**, September — The Mountain West Resident Agency meets with US Army personnel at Dugway Proving Ground in Utah and discusses its long-term involvement in UAP monitoring, stating that it has been tracking UAPs since an undisclosed earlier date and has improved its detection capabilities. The unit monitors local airspace primarily for safety, but “due to increased UAP sightings by [redacted] team has taken on the mission of supporting UAP identification efforts.” The radars employed can estimate the direction and velocity of observed items but cannot determine altitude or precise flight characteristics. The Army notes that “a large amount of ‘airborne’ debris” has been discovered by an office or agency that remains redacted; further characterization of that debris remains classified. (John Greenewald, “[Lake Erie, Saudi Arabia, and Dugway: Army Records Trace UAP Surveillance Footprint](#),” The Black Vault, April 22, 2025)
- 2023**, September 3 — 9:00 p.m. A woman is walking her dog a few blocks from the Susquehanna River in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Her dog, which is deaf, looks up into the sky and she sees a bright flash of light similar to a starburst. Hovering about 300 feet above her building is a massive, solid black, triangular object with rounded corners. The surface of the object has a flat-matte black color. It has no individual lights, but it has two circular protuberances on the back section that are possible vents, which have an orange color that she assumes is metal cooling down from an intense heat. Other indentations or protrusions are visible on the underside. She detects a barely audible humming sound, then a click as the object begins to move slowly away. Suddenly it takes off in a blur of speed and disappears. (Stan Gordon, “[Solid Black Triangular UFO/UAP Hovers Low over Pennsylvania Building](#),” Stan Gordon’s UFO Anomalies Zone, October 9, 2023)
- 2023**, September 12 — Journalist [Jaime Maussan](#) unveils two allegedly “nonhuman beings” to Mexico’s Congress of the Union during a public hearing on UFOs. Maussan claims that these are mummified corpses found in a diatom mine in the city of Cusco, Peru, near Nazca, and are believed to be more than 1,000 years old. Maussan claims that scientists at the National Autonomous University of Mexico have concluded that the corpses are not “part of our terrestrial evolution” and that almost a third of their DNA is of “unknown origin.” However, [Julieta Fierro](#), physics researcher at UNAM, states that the university does not endorse such claims and that Maussan’s data “made no sense.” Peruvian officials claim they are modern dolls assembled from paper, glue, metal, and human and animal bones, but reveal little else about their provenance. (Mick West, “[Hoax? Three Fingered Nazca Mummy](#),” Metabunk, June 21, 2017; “[Three-Fingered ‘Alien Bodies’ Unveiled in Mexico](#),” London Metro,

September 13, 2023; Anna Lagos, [“No, This Is Not an Alien: Here’s Why,”](#) *Wired*, September 14, 2023; Aja Romano, [“The True Story of the Fake Unboxed Aliens Is Wilder Than Actual Aliens,”](#) *Vox*, September 16, 2023; [“La Histórica Audencia Pública de los Fenómenos Anómalos no Identificados,”](#) Maussan TV YouTube channel, September 19, 2023; Kevin D. Randle, [“Jaime Maussan and the Latest Round of Alien Creatures,”](#) *A Different Perspective*, September 28, 2023; “Mexico’s Ancient Aliens,” *Fortean Times* 437 (November 2023): 15; [“They’re Not Aliens: That’s the Verdict from Peru Officials Who Seized 2 Doll-Like Figures,”](#) *Associated Press*, January 12, 2024)

- 2023**, September 13 — Andre de Guerin watches a large black triangle, perhaps 130 feet long, hovering above the east coast of the Channel Island of Guernsey about one-half mile away. He takes a distant photograph of the object with his mobile phone. ([“‘Large Triangle’ in the Sky Remains a Mystery,”](#) *Guernsey Press*, October 27, 2023)
- 2023**, September 14 — 10:00 a.m. NASA releases a report by its independent UAP study team one hour before a media briefing on the topic. It calls for better data about mysterious aerial phenomena and reveals the American space agency’s appointment of a NASA Director of UAP Research, later disclosed to be meteorologist [Mark McInerney](#). Offering guidance on what kinds of information would be most useful in helping determine the nature and origin of UAP, the team’s report does not provide findings related to past UAP sightings. The report’s authors emphasize the importance of detecting UAP “with multiple, well-calibrated sensors,” adding that the space agency “could potentially leverage its considerable expertise in this domain to utilize multispectral or hyperspectral data as part of a rigorous data acquisition campaign.” During the briefing, NASA administrator [Bill Nelson](#) says that “We will use NASA’s expertise to work with other agencies to analyze UAP,” adding that the agency “will use AI and machine learning to search the skies for anomalies, as we have been searching the heavens.” Nelson also emphasizes the purpose of the UAP Independent Study Team to help shift the UAP dialogue “from sensationalism to science, and to make sure that whatever we find, or whatever we recommend, to make sure that information is shared around the world.” Team leader [David Spergel](#) summarizes the study team’s approach, emphasizing that they are not focusing on repeating the work of the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, but instead applying scientific methodology toward how reports of UAP can be better evaluated. ([NASA Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena Independent Study Team Report](#), September 14, 2023; Micah Hanks, [“NASA’s UAP Independent Study Team Publishes Its Findings, As the Agency Appoints a New Director of UAP Research,”](#) *The Debrief*, September 14, 2023; Matt Berg and Olivia Alafritz, [“NASA Names Its New UFO Boss: After Initially Saying It Wouldn’t,”](#) *Politico*, September 14, 2023; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, [“UFOs and NASA: There Is No Reliable Data, But We Still Want to Investigate Them,”](#) *academia.edu*, September 15, 2023; Keith Basterfield, [“NASA’s UAP Independent Study Team Produces Its Report,”](#) *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research*, September 17, 2023; Kevin D. Randle, [“The NASA Report: A Personal Commentary,”](#) *A Different Perspective*, September 17, 2023; Chris Rutkowski, [“Darn That NASA!”](#) *Ufology Research*, September 21, 2023; John Greenewald, [“Just Released Memorandum of Agreement Sheds Light on NASA’s Liaison Role in DoD’s UFO Office AARO,”](#) *The Black Vault*, September 29, 2023; David Clarke, [“Take Me to Your Leaders,”](#) *Fortean Times* 440 (January 2023): 40–42)
- 2023**, September 15 — In a response to a letter from Rep. [Tim Burchett](#) (R-Tenn.), Inspector General of the Intelligence Community [Thomas Monheim](#) admits that his office “has not conducted any audit, inspection, evaluation, or review of alleged UAP programs” within its area of authority. (Nick Robertson, [“GOP Rep Renews UFO ‘Cover-Up’ Claim after Intel Watchdog Response,”](#) *The Hill*, September 15, 2023; Stephanie Whiteside, [“Intelligence Community Has Not Investigated Alleged UFO Programs,”](#) *NewsNation*, September 20, 2023)
- 2023**, September 20 — The Department of Defense confirms that the US Air Force has submitted to AARO a report about an incident from Eglin AFB in Florida involving a large UFO earlier in 2023. The incident centered around a USAF pilot whose radar and FLIR systems suddenly malfunctioned as his aircraft approached a UAP over the Gulf of Mexico. (Christopher Sharp, [“U.S. Air Force Reports Mysterious Gulf of Mexico Incident to Pentagon’s UFO Office,”](#) *Liberation Times*, September 20, 2023)
- 2023**, September 21 — 9:00 a.m. NASA briefs the US House Committee on Oversight and Accountability on the report by its Independent Study Team on UAP. (US House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, [“Full Committee Member Briefing Notice,”](#) September 18, 2023)
- 2023**, September 21 — In a meeting, Army Counterintelligence special agents from the Great Lakes Field Office in Ann Arbor, Michigan, hear of heightened UAP activity over Lake Erie. The agents request to be notified of any new reports and plan a follow-up with Army pilots in the area. (John Greenewald, [“Lake Erie, Saudi Arabia, and Dugway: Army Records Trace UAP Surveillance Footprint,”](#) *The Black Vault*, April 22, 2025)
- 2023**, September 28 — US Deputy Secretary of Defense [Kathleen Hicks](#) sends an urgent request to [Richard Revesz](#), an administrator in the Office of Management and Budget, to process a proposed information collection initiative titled “AARO Contact Form for Authorized Reporting.” The collection initiative is critical for creating a pathway