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Evidence on Desert Floor Supports Officer's Story

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SOCORRO, N.M., April 27. It's a good place for a ing saucer. Right on the ge of White Sands Mis- e Range on the wide en New Mexico desert, st 30 miles northwest of e site of the world's first omic blast.

Socorro policemen Lonnie Za- ra says he saw it, and police d military men seem inclined to lieve him.

Zamora is a "very reliable wit- ss," Army Capt. Richard T. lder, uprange commander of hite Sands' Stallion Range, said. lder, whose headquarters is ar this central New Mexico wn, was called in by local po- e after Zamora reported seeing object Friday.

DEPUTY SHERIFF James ckie said he believes "it's mething out of the ordinary, mething very few have ever en."

"I was scared," Zamora said:



SOCORRO POLICEMAN Lonnie Zamora tells how he spotted an egg-shaped flying object near Socorro, N.M. Zamora said the unusual machine rose off the ground and flew slowly away as he watched. With Zamora is Sgt. David Moddy, assistant to UFO (unidentified flying objects) investigator Maj. William Connor of Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. Zamora is described as a "reliable witness." (UPI Telephoto.)

Battling Babe Hospitalized After Brawl

A woman was taken to Thomason General Hospital late yesterday minus half an inch of her index finger, after another woman bit it off. The fight was in a bar in the 800 block of South Stanton street, over a shuffleboard game played by the women and their husbands.

Vice-Chairman Of UF Named



Slayer Hits Head On Wall

Lawyers Want More Examinations For Insanity

United Press International

DALLAS, April 27. — Jack Ruby, still sore from a headfirst dash into his cell wall in an apparent suicide attempt, was expected back in court today to ask for more mental tests.

RUBY, AWAITING death in the electric hair for the murder of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, was not seriously hurt in the incident early yesterday morning.

He was expected to appear with his lawyers this morning before Dist. Judge Joe B. Brown, who presided over his trial, to argue that mental tests given him before the trial did not go deep enough. His attorneys, headed by lawyer-physician Dr. Hubert Winston Smith, filed a request for the tests last week. They said they want more tests, including the use of hypnotism and truth serum (sodium pentathol).

SHERIFF BILL DECKER said Ruby was talking to S. J. Bowl-

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UFO Sighting, Socorro, New Mexico, 24 Apr 64 — 13 May 64

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1. The following is a resume on the unidentified flying object sighted by Mr Lonnie Zamora, of Socorro, New Mexico.

a. At approximately 1745, 24 Apr 64, while giving chase to a car in Socorro, Mr Lonnie Zamora heard what he believed to be a roar and saw a flame in the sky to the southwest, approximately one half mile away. Mr Zamora, ~~who is~~ a policeman for the Socorro Police Department, believed that a dynamite shack in the area had blown up and decided to go to the shack and not pursue the speeding automobile.

b. Mr Zamora claims that the flame was bluish and sort of orange in color. However, he could not tell the size of the flame which was slowly descending. The flame was of a narrow type and streamed down into sort of a funnel shape. At this time he was still driving his car and did not pay too much attention.

c. Mr Zamora traveled slowly on the gravel road westward toward the object. He noted nothing for a while and he went slowly looking for the shack; he could not recall exactly where the shack was located. He suddenly noted to the south of his position a shiny object which was off the road. At first glance it appeared as a car upside down. He thought some kids might have turned it over. At this point he saw two people in white coveralls, quite close to the object. One of these persons seemed to stop and look straight at him and seemed startled. At this point Mr Zamora was traveling with the idea of helping them. The object was like aluminum-white, smooth, but not like chrome. Object was oval shape and at first glance appeared to look like an overturned white automobile. The only time that Mr Zamora saw the two people in white coveralls was when he stopped, probably two seconds or so. The two persons appeared to be normal in shape. At this point Mr Zamora proceeded towards the object and radioed the sheriff's office at Socorro of a possible accident. He informed the Socorro office that he would be busy and out of his car, checking the object.

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LBJ Seeks Billions For Appalachia

Emergency Program Goes to Congress After Johnson Trip

United Press International

WASHINGTON, April 27. —President Johnson sends to Congress today his emergency program for helping the poverty-stricken Appalachia region.

A PRICE TAG of $3 billion to $4 billion has been put on the program, but the White House said the total outlay could not be calculated accurately. It would cost $220 million in the coming fiscal year.

Johnson, who made a five-state tour of the Appalachian area Friday, worked over the weekend with aides on the "must" legislation he planned to send to the Senate and House.

THE PRESIDENT told his news conference Saturday that his proposals would call for improved highways and communications, better flood control, better use of the region's coal, timber and land, and development of human resources.

Johnson said his tour also sug-

Soviets Battle to Save Fabled Ancient Samarkand

United Press International

MOSCOW, April 27. — Soviet engineers today expressed confidence of winning a "battle of nature" to save the fabled ancient city of Samarkind from a threatened flood by millions of tons of water.

Waters of the Zeravshan River strained against a natural dam caused by a massive landslide in the central Asian region. Collapse of the 800-foot-high barrier would send the water down the valley across the ring cotton and grape area where 500,000 people live.

MOSCOW RADIO said this morning, however, that engineers had nearly finished a "bypass canal" around the dam, slowing the rise in pressure.

Dynamite is being put in toplace and the charges will be detonated Wednesday, forcing the river into a new bed and allowing the accumulated water to run off harmlessly, the radio said.

At that time, it said, "the danger of floods will be completely eliminated."

REPORTS FROM the dam said the water had been rising 15 inches an hour and had formed a 100-foot deep lake in three days. But Moscow radio said this morning the rate of increase had



SOVIET OFFICIALS hurriedly evacuated villagers near a bulging, earth slide-formed lake which threatened to flood an Uzbekistan valley and overflow into the legendary golden city of Samarkand (shaded area in UPI newsmap.). TASS, the Soviet news agency, said the quake cut nearby Darnvorz Mountain in two, dropping a mass of rock as high as an 80 story building into a nearby river. (UPI Telephoto.)

Lynda's Engagement

Alamogordo Daily News

Mystifying Flying Object Is Sighted

Unusual Marks Found

The man in the street was mystified and the military and other authorities were "investigating" today following reports of the landing of an unidentified flying object at the outskirts of Socorro Friday afternoon and the sighting of two strange persons who left odd, pug-shaped marks instead of footprints.

Socorro City Officer Lonnie Zamora told of seeing the egg-shaped vehicle, roughly the size of an automobile, after he had noted a flash in the southwest sky about 5 p.m. Friday while on routine patrol.

He said he drove to the area, where he got within about 100 feet of the strange craft, saw two 'men' adjacent to it wearing white suits, who jumped in and roared away when they noticed Zamora.

State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez, formerly stationed at Tularosa, was summoned to the scene by Zamora via radio and said he arrived at the site within three minutes after receiving the call. He said dry grass at the obvious point of landing still was smouldering, apparently from a jet-like blast on take-off, and that mesquite bushes in the vicinity were singed.

Craft Zoomed Away

Zamora said the craft headed due west at an altitude of about 20 feet for nearly a mile, then increased speed rapidly and vanished straight up.

Spokesmen for military installations in the area said they could account for no unusual manifestation from any testing going on at their bases, but said the reports were being investigated.

A party from Stallion Site on White Sands Missile Range visited the landing site Saturday morning, took soil samples, and submitted a report to higher authorities.

The Holloman UFO officer said he had made a report on the sighting to higher echelons, but neither White Sands nor Holloman would comment other than to state that obvious physical evidence at the site indicated some unusual occurrence.

Area Sighting Of Flash

A report to State Police here Saturday at 10 a.m. by a motorist on Highway 70 said a "bright object" had been seen to go down in the vicinity of Round Mountain east of Tularosa, but no particular search of the area was made. It was not known if the occurrence here

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Policeman Recalls Night Which Changed His Life

By JAKE BOOHER
Associated Press Writer

Socorro, N.M. Socorro Po
man Lonnie Zamora now w
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One year ago Saturday Zam
investigated what sounded
two explosions in the hills s
of Socorro, towards the end
an afternoon-evening shift.

What he found kept him aw
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Socorro To Use Flying Object As Tourist Catch

Associated Press Writer

SOCORRO (AP) — One year to Saturday, Socorro police-man Lonnie Zamora reported seeing an unidentified flying object on a lonely hill just south of Socorro.

Among results were an Air Force investigation, subsequent sightings almost daily in various parts of the country, and the declaration by an official of the International Lunar Society that earth again had been visited from another world.

For Zamora, however, the past year can be summarized in one sentence:

"If I can just forget about it, maybe it will go away."

The 31-year-old father of three explains that he had to request that his working hours be changed, has answered about 1,000 letters of 2,000 received, he doesn't know and has had to the term "flying saucer" enough to last a lifetime.

He appealed to the Socorro weekly newspaper last month to publish an article clarifying his [illegible] observation. "I don't know what it would look like," he says.

Zamora asked to be transferred to a 10 p.m.-6 a.m. work shift, he said, "Because at night I couldn't sleep—I would come home from work and sit up for hours thinking about it.

More Frightening

"It was more frightening than anything that could happen," the officer said. "You get into combat battle and you're scared. But once it's over, it's over. But this you can't forget."

Now, Zamora said he tries to keep someone with him while on duty. He recalls that he has just let his partner out of the patrol car for dinner when he gave chase to a speeding car. Then he heard what sounded like [illegible] and gave up the [illegible]

the officer of six years experience said.

"If I had run down there I could have seen a lot more," he said, "but I took my time.

"Then a big noise started and it (the UFO) came up and hovered there. I could hear a 'bing, bing, bing.'

Called For Help

"I didn't know whether to shoot, start running or call to for help.

"I crouched down behind the car."

Zamora said he called for help and State Police Sgt. S. Chavez arrived on the scene with two [illegible]

By [illegible] off to [illegible] (Chavez) had just [illegible] tion he would have seen it," Zamora said.

"I wanted to keep it to myself," Zamora said, "but [illegible] made me report it. But if anything like this should ever happen again, I'll know what to do."

That evening the FBI, Air Force and other police officers were on the scene.

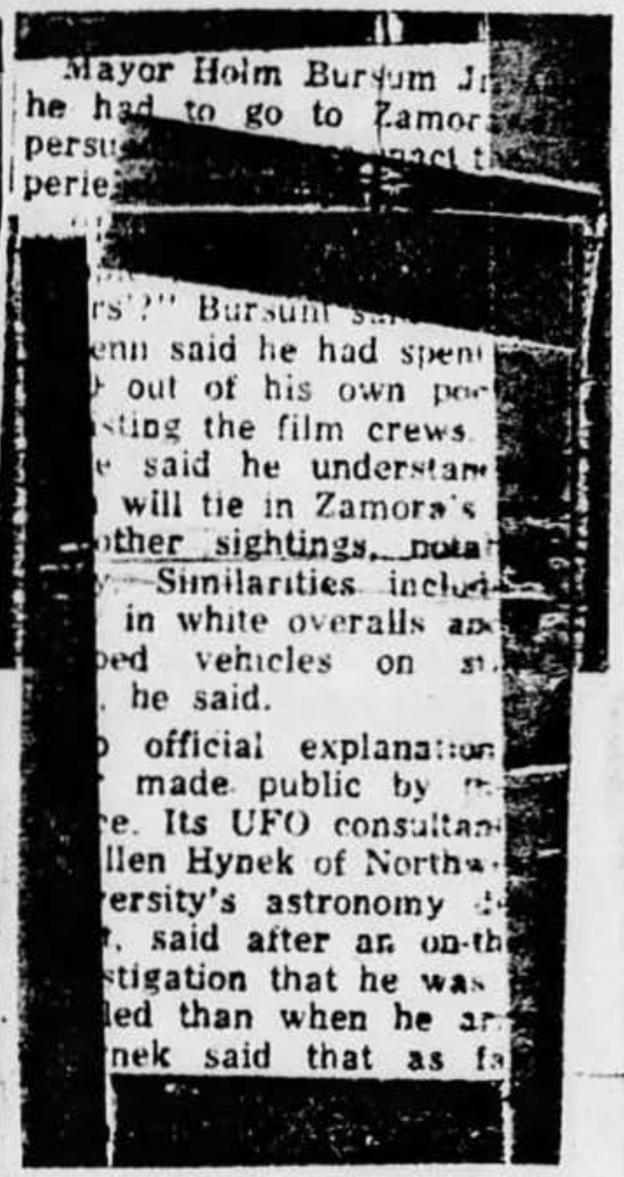
"I thought at first that it was some kind of Air Force plane," he said, "because the Air Force took charge of everything and was so busy. Now I don't know what it was."

Claim To Fame

But regardless of how much Zamora wants to forget, [illegible] identity [illegible] as a tourist attraction, City Clerk Ray Senn said.

The road to the site, almost impassible last year, has been graded. Posters are being planned by the chamber of commerce for placement within Socorro businesses to alert tourists to the town's claim to fame.

A portion of a movie on UFO's was filmed earlier this year at Socorro. Much of the town's hope for additional tourist dollars is based on this film, which [illegible] Films Studio of Holly-



Mayor Holm Bursum Jr. [illegible] he had to go to Zamora [illegible] persuade [illegible] experience [illegible]

[illegible]rs'?" Bursum said. [illegible]enn said he had spent [illegible] out of his own pocket [illegible]sting the film crews. [illegible]e said he understands [illegible] will tie in Zamora's [illegible]other sightings, notably [illegible]. Similarities include [illegible] in white overalls and [illegible]ped vehicles on [illegible], he said.

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Radar Tie-In Sought To UFO Report

DAYTON JOURNAL HERALD APRIL 30, 1964

SOCORRO, N.M. (AP) — One of the things that bothers the scientist investigating New Mexico's unidentified flying object reports for the Air Force is the lack of mention of radar contacts.

"It's my understanding New Mexico is infested with radar equipment," said Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern university, an astronomer who is a special consultant to the Air Force. "I'm going to check to see if there have been radar contacts that might tie into these reports."

Dr. Hynek visited yesterday the secluded hill where Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora reported seeing an egg-shaped object fly away from a draw last Friday evening. Other reports have followed.

The Socorro report and another at La Madera in northern New Mexico were similar in that state and military authorities confirmed a scorched area where the object was supposed to have landed, and wedge-shaped impressions that appeared to have been left by some type of landing gear.

Dr. Hynek would not offer an opinion on just what Zamora did see.

He said he had investigated many such sightings but "This is one of the clearest, no that's not the right word; just say it is one of the soundest, best substantiated reports as far as it goes.

"Usually one finds many contradictions or omissions in these reports," Dr. Hynek said. "But Mr. Zamora's story is simply told, certainly told without any intent to perpetuate a hoax."

Dayton Daily News

Sergeant Probing Saucer Report

27 Apr 64

A Wright-Patterson AFB investigator is on a team probing the sighting of a flying saucer in Socorro, N.M., it was reported today.

T/Sgt. David Moody, a WPAFB expert in unidentified flying objects, found no evidence of radio-active material in the desert where the strange object was seen Friday night by Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora.

POLICE AND military men seem inclined to believe Zamora.

"Zamora is a very reliable witness," said Army Capt. Richard T. Yolder, uprange commander of The White Sands Stallion range, whose headquarters is near the central New Mexico town.

The policeman spotted an egg-shaped object on the desert about a mile south of Socorro.

THERE WERE no signs of life around it; but when he approached it, the object rose and flew slowly away until it faded from sight, he reported.

Sgt. Moody and other Air Force investigators found a bush, which supposedly was burned by exhaust from the saucer, and evidence of four depressions in the ground.

ZAMORA SAID the machine was supported by four girder-like legs.

Nearby Air Force bases reported they had no objects in the air that are similar to the machine Zamora saw.

Government agencies are continuing their investigation, Holder said.

Six Cars Derail; Rip Mile of Track

COLUMBUS, O., Apr. 27—(AP)—Six cars of a Pennsylvania railroad freight train derailed at the Orange Rd. crossing on the Delaware-Franklin county line early today, tearing up about a mile of track.

There were no injuries. Cause of the accident was not known immediately. The Ohio Highway patrol said at least one crossing probably would remain closed most of the day.

ASTRONOMER TO NEW MEXICO

Flying Objects Area Probed

SOCORRO, N.M.—(AP)—An astronomer from the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University was here today to examine the secluded hill where a Socorro policeman reports seeing a mysterious, eggshaped flying object.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the special unidentified flying object consultant to the Air Force, was sent to New Mexico after a rash of reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects in the state.

He planned to visit the place where officer Lonnie Zamora said he spotted the object Friday.

Zamora said the object was a brilliant white with a red marking on it . . . an upside down V with lines across the top, through the middle and at the bottom.

He said that from a distance there appeared to be two figures in white coveralls outside the object. It flew off with a roar when he approached, he said.

Since Zamora's sighting, at least six reports have been made to authorities, including one from a youth who said he fired several shots at something about 100 feet in the air near Moriarty.

T. Sgt. David Moody of the Aerial Phenomena Branch at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, is in New Mexico to assist Hynek, a Wright-Patterson spokesman said.

Hynek said his investigation in Socorro will determine whether he will visit Espanola, where a state police captain, Martin Vigil, found the ground still smouldering 20 hours after a reported sighting.

Authorities found scorched grass and four wedge-shaped indentations in the ground at the Socorro site and near Espanola.

(In Washington, the Air Force said its investigation of the reported sighting is "routine" and it will release the results of the investigation when it is completed.)

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SOCORRO NEW MEXICO
24 APR 1964

'Talked With Occupants'

Man Here Claims He Saw Saucers 5 Times

By MARTIN PASKIND

"I don't know why they picked me," said Apolinar A. Villa Jr. "I'm just an ordinary working man — just a mechanic.

"They said there was a purpose. What it is, I don't know."

Five times in about five years, says "Paul" Villa, he has seen flying saucers. Twice, he has talked to their occupants.

And once, he says, he returned from his encounter with a roll of film. If Villa is the victim of fantasy, it's fantasy in Kodacolor.

Villa, 47, lives with his son and daughter-in-law in a trailer behind 601 Niagara NE. Born in Tijeras, he attended Longfellow Elementary School and Lincoln Junior High School.

Quit School

He quit during his first year at Albuquerque High School. Since then, he served in the Army Air Force. A mechanic, Villa works for N. C. Ribble and Co. here.

"The pictures are authentic. They're the real thing," he says. "There are a lot of things I can't say — because so help me God, I don't think anybody would believe it. But the pictures are the real thing."

Villa who is not surprised at recent saucer sightings, took his pictures with a Japanese camera the last time he saw the saucers, he said. Last June 16, he said, he spent from 2:30 to 4 in the afternoon with the people — men and women — borne by the space machine.

The saucer's occupants, said Villa, were not superhuman. But they were superior to our species in physical qualities, and in quality of knowledge.

Expect Volcanic Activity

Saucer crewmembers, he said, expect a large-scale renewal of volcanic activity along the volcano rim just west of here. And they expect it soon.

This year, they expect catastrophic war between Russia and China — a war that will involve many Asian nations.

Why hasn't Villa sought a place of safety? "We can't get away from what God has decreed for us," he said.

Villa's said his first saucer sighting came on the West Coast, when he conversed with the occupant of a small saucer.

Twice, the devices hovered over his home, then at 4187 Edith NE. The second time, the home was burned, Villa said. The burning was for disciplinary reasons.

Sighting Near Lindrith

Once Villa sighted a saucer near Lindrith. This was the largest—about 900 feet in diameter.

The saucer he viewed near Peralta was about 160 feet across, Villa said.

From it stepped a number of people from the far-distant galaxy of Coma Berenices, imaginably far distant from here.

In the meeting, and in telepathic contacts before and since, Villa said he acquired fragments of the starmen's knowledge.

It was his effort to convert parts of this knowledge to his own profit, says Villa, that resulted in a stream of ill fortune. His home burned—totally and without insurance. He shot himself in the arm. He went through bankruptcy.

Friendly People

"They seemed to have known me for a long time," said Villa. "There were lots of things they had answers for. They were a very friendly sort of people."

Friendliness notwithstanding, they left Villa in no doubt about what would happen should he persist in efforts to duplicate their devices.

Villa said the starmen are interested in New Mexico because of a magnetic fault in Farmington—their ships travel "magnetic lines."

"They put a lot of stress on New Mexico and parts of Arizona and Utah," he said. "They mentioned something about volcanoes."

Clothed in tight-fitting one-piece uniform, the starmen made an attractive crew. And what did they think of us?

"Their opinion is not that we're bad or good," Villa said. Nor will they attempt to save the human race from itself.

"They know that there is a super intelligence that governs all the universe and everything in it," he said.

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SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO
24 Apr 64

Air Force UFO Expert to Check 'Saucer' Reports

SOCORRO (AP) — Dr. J. Allen Hynek, special unidentified flying object consultant for the Air Force, arrived in Socorro Tuesday night to begin his investigation of a Socorro policeman's report that he saw a mysterious flying object last Friday.

Dr. Hynek said he hoped to talk to the policeman, Lonnie Zamora, and then visit the site where Zamora says he saw the object this morning.

Dr. Hynek, of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University, said he would decide whether to visit Espanola, where another object was reportedly spotted over the weekend, after his investigation of the Socorro incident.

He said he had not been advised by the Air Force if his presence here indicates that the government has eliminated the possibility of U. S. aircraft having caused the reports.

Capt. Hector Quintanilla, chief of the Aerial Phenomena Branch at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, said T. Sgt. David Moody of the office already was in New Mexico and would assist Dr. Hynek in the investigation.

Fired at Object

The most recent report of the objects came early Tuesday morning from State Policeman Tommy Richardson of the US-66 community of Moriarty.

He said he had a call from Don Adams of Edgewood, near Moriarty, who told of seeing an object about 100 feet off the ground. He said it appeared to be a fluorescent or green-colored glowing object.

Adams told the officer he drove his car under the object and his car stalled. The youth reported he then got out and fired six shots at the object, reloaded and fired again.

The report was another in a series which have kept New Mexico and military authorities busy since Zamora's original report Friday. The reports, until Tuesday, had come from points following a line from south of Truth or Consequences to an area near Espanola.

Space Beings Hinted

At Tucson, the director of the Aerial Phenomena Re-

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Expert to Check 'Saucer' Reports

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search Organization said she believes intelligent beings from another planet made several landings in New Mexico in the past few days.

"We are convinced the Socorro policeman saw what he said he saw," Coral Lorenzon, the director, said after her return from investigating the reported landing of a UFO near Socorro.

Mrs. Lorenzon said the sighting of an object northwest of Espanola early Sunday was similar to the one described at Socorro. She said she is investigating the other reported sightings during the past few days.

The organization was formed by Mrs. Lorenzon in 1952 and she says it now has nearly 800 members around the world. She says there are some 6-12 landing incidences a year and she believes they are made by beings from another planet.

A sea water desalting plant sent from San Diego to Guantanamo Bay will produce 750,000 gallons of fresh water daily.

Couple Reports Sighting Objects

An Albuquerque couple, Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Green, 1805 Walter SE, told the Journal Tuesday night that two unidentified flying objects, traveling near the speed of jet planes, crossed US-85 in front of the truck they were riding in.

Green, a driver for Apache Lumber Co., said he had been to Socorro to deliver a load of lumber. He had started back to Albuquerque and was about 17 miles north of Socorro at 6:30 p.m. when he sighted the two objects one about 200 yards behind the other.

They came from the west, to his left, he said, and remained in sight for possibly two minutes, moving east, before disappearing over the horizon. Green described them as egg-shaped, about half as large as jet plancs, shining brightly when the sun hit them but showing no visible smoke ejection.

Mrs. Green said she was frightened and got beneath the dashboard of the truck after sighting the objects.

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Believes Intelligent Beings on UFOs Sighted in State

TUCSON, Ariz., April 28 (UPI)—A Tucson woman who does research in unidentified flying objects believes intelligent beings from another planet have made several landings in New Mexico in the past few days.

Mrs. Coral Lorenzon, director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, just returned from investigating the reported landing of an unidentified object in Socorro, N. M., last Friday.

"We are convinced the Socorro policeman saw what he said he saw," said Mrs. Lorenzon, who has investigated many such incidences.

City Officer Lonnie Zamora said he saw an egg-shaped object about the size of a large automobile land with a roar and a burst of blue flame. Then the object flew off.

Mrs. Lorenzon said other sightings have been reported in New Mexico in the past few days and she is investigating them.

The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization was formed by Mrs. Lorenzon in 1952. She said it now has nearly 800 members around the world.

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discovered were "paw prints, like a mountain lion's," as well as "landing gear marks."

Photos Mailed

The associate director of Interplanetary Intelligence of Unidentified Flying Objects said from his Oklahoma City office that pictures of an UFO sighted in 1956 by a shipboard radio officer were being mailed to Zamora.

The photos were taken by T. Fogl aboard the USS Ramsey off the California coast. The UFO officer, Hayden Hews, said the object was "almost identical" in size, coloring, marking, characteristics and landing gears to the thing reported by Zamora.

"Either it was an awful good coincidence or it is the same object," Hews said.

Zamora, when contacted at his home early today, said he had not yet received the photographs.

Meanwhile, military officials at Kirtland and Holloman Air Force bases and White Sands Missile Range continued efforts to investigate the sightings . . . with no end in sight.

By United Press International

A rash of unidentified flying object sightings had New Mexico State Police, local law enforcement agencies and military installations in a dither today.

No less than six "authentic" spottings have been reported since Friday when Socorro Policeman Lonnie Zamora sighted an egg-shaped object which roared off the ground, leaving deep impressions and burned patches.

Fired 12 Shots

Dom Adams of Edgewood told State Police he fired 12 22-calibre pistol shots at an "oblong thing" early today. He told of hitting the UFO six times and hearing the bullets bounce from it.

As he paused to reload, the man said, the object moved silently northward. He was unable to determine whether shots 7 to 12 struck the thing. He described it as being a light green color, about 25 or 30 feet long, and silent. He said it hovered about 100 feet directly over his head.

Edgewood is about 30 miles east of Albuquerque.

A few hours earlier, a motorist in the Las Vegas area reported seeing a ball of fire which apparently landed near a radio station. Employes of the station said the man asked that his name be withheld because he was afraid of being laughed at.

Police also received similar reports Sunday from a Santa Fe man . . . Orlando Gallegos . . . who told of seeing an egg-shaped metal object near La Madera, about 50 miles north of Santa Fe. He told of seeing flames spurt from numerous jets around the bottom of the object as it took off.

State Police Capt. Martin Vigil, who checked out the incident, said "There was definitely something there."

Other reports came from an Albuquerque motorist who saw a "silver looking" object near Truth or Consequences, two men driving in the La Madera area and a Socorro teen-ager.

In both the Socorro and La Madera reports, burned land was found at the sites. Also

d. Mr Zamora stopped his car while he was still talking on the radio and started to get out. He finished his conversation with the sheriff's office and proceeded towards where the object was. He then heard a roar, a very loud roar but not like a jet, which was of low frequency and then rose in frequency and very very loud. At the same time that the roar was heard he saw a flame. The flame was under the object. Object started to go straight up, slowly. Object rose slowly and flame was coming from the bottom. The color was light blue and sort of orange, but he saw no smoke. However, there was dust in the immediate area. As soon as Mr Zamora saw the flame and heard the roar he turned and ran away from the object. He bumped his leg on the back fender of his auto, lost his glasses, fell to the ground, got up and proceeded away from the object for at least another 50 feet. He fell to the ground and covered himself like an ostrich, expecting the object to blow up. The roar lasted for a few seconds.

e. When there was complete silence, he lifted his head and saw the object going away from him. The object appeared to go straight up to an altitude of 15 feet and proceed slowly towards the dynamite shack where it cleared the shack by what appeared to be three feet. Object traveled six miles in three minutes.

f. Mr Zamora went back to his car and asked the radio operator at the station to look out the window and see if he could spot the object. The radio operator failed to spot the object because he was facing North and could not see the object from this angle.

g. Mr Zamora claims that the object had no flame whatsoever as it was flying over the ground and he could see no smoke.

h. After the object had left the area, Sgt Chaves, of the New Mexico State Patrol, arrived at the scene. Sgt Chaves claims that Mr Zamora was perspiring and very white, very pale. Sgt Chaves and Mr Zamora saw a burning brush and proceeded to the spot where the object had first been seen.

i. Mr Zamora claims that the object had two legs slanted outwards, towards the ground and he also claims that he distinctly heard two or three loud thumps, like someone possibly shutting or opening a door.

2. It is my belief that Mr Zamora is telling the truth and that hee did in fact see a man made object which probably belongs to one of the services. There is no indication that this vehicle which Mr Zamora saw came from outer space, nov or ever.

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'Flying Bathtub' Seen by Motorist

SOCORRO, April 27 (AP) — Socorro police were called to the scene last night where an officer reported seeing a strange flying object and later a motorist reported a silvery object in the air near Caballo Reservoir.

Officer Bill Pyland said a girl, who didn't give her name reported a fire in the hilly area one mile southwest of Socorro.

Officer Lonnie Zamora, while patrolling in his car Friday, said he saw an egg-shaped object land in a draw. When he approached, he said, the object flew away with a roar.

Pyland said the girl, about 18, said she was from 300 to 500 feet from the fire and she thought there was something in the flames.

Pyland said men searched the area described by the girl but found nothing. He said officers would visit the area in daylight, noting it would be difficult to find any exact spot at night in the brushy desert terrain surrounding Socorro.

Representatives of the military and other officers who visited the spot where Zamora saw the object land found burned brush and scorched earth. They also found four impressions in the earth, apparently left by landing gear.

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Officer Lonnie Zamora

Heights Resident Saw 'Object' Here

A Vermont NE resident today told The Tribune she and a friend saw a strange silvery object flying over the State Fairgrounds last Thursday afternoon.

The resident, who asked that her name not be published, said the object was definitely not an airplane. She and her friend were in a car traveling south on San Pedro between 3:30 and 4 p.m. when they saw the UFO.

She said that the object was more or less egg shaped, similar to the description given by Socorro Officer Lonnie Zamora of an object he saw land near Soccorro.

The motorist, who identified himself to Pyland as George Mitropolis of Albuquerque, said that while driving north from El Paso he saw a "silver looking object go up, over a mountain, and down" out of sight.

Mitropolis said there was another car ahead of him when he first saw the object. "I caught up with them (the other car) and stopped them because I wanted to know if they had seen it too. There were two young men but they denied seeing anything."

He said he first reported it to Truth or Consequences officers, "but they just got a laugh out of it and told me to tell it to Socorro police because they had reported something like it."

Mitropolis said he felt better when he learned in Socorro that others had seen a similar object.

"No, I hadn't read about the other one before," he said.

He said he was near the junction of U. S. 85 and New Mexico 180 and the object appeared to be about a quarter of a mile to the east. He said it looked like "an upside down bathtub" about 30 feet in diameter. It had no lights.

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Girl Says She Was Burned While Watching UFO Here

By JERRY SMOTHERS

Concern over unidentified flying objects continued at a high pitch here today.

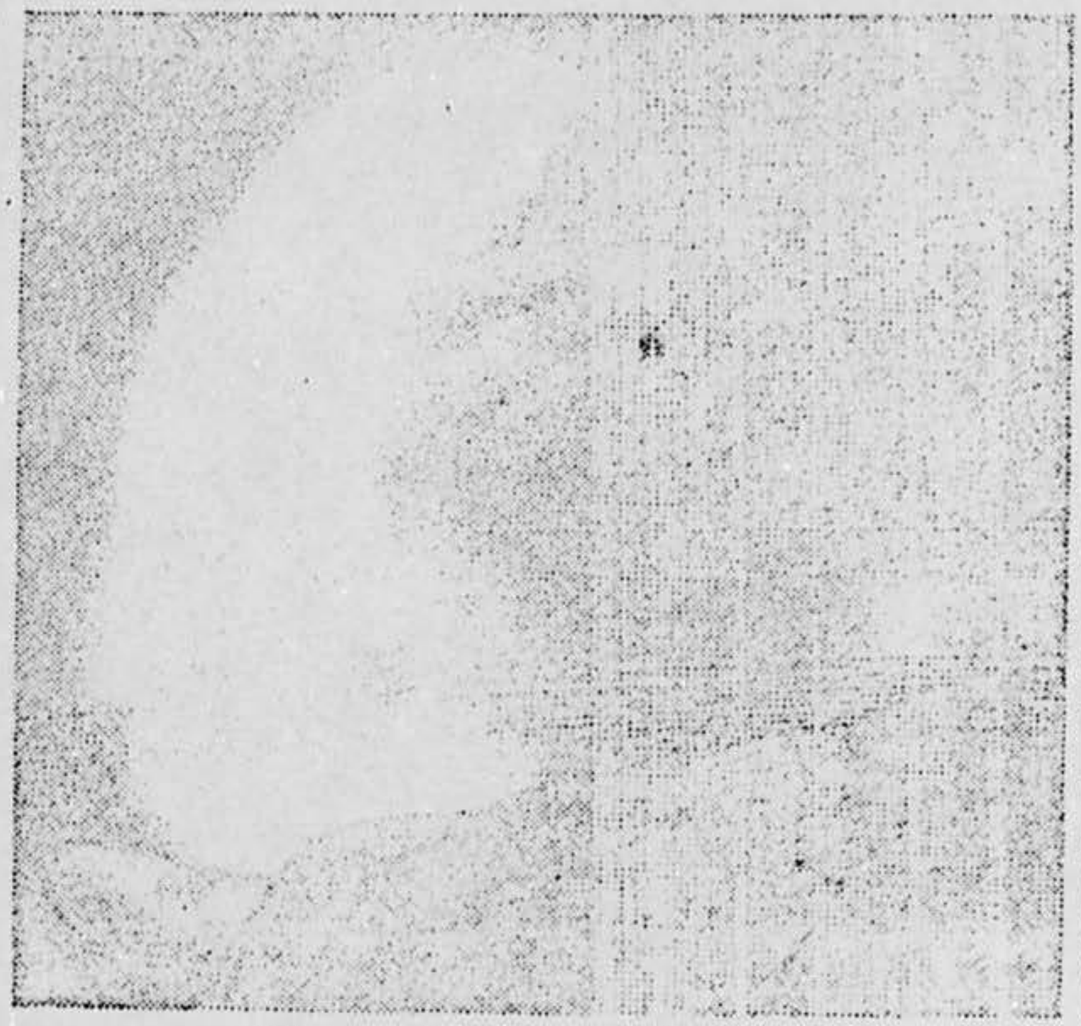
Latest incidents include:

—A report from a 10-year-old girl that she was burned while watching a strange egg-shaped thing in the sky yesterday afternoon.

—A report from a truck driver and his wife that they saw two mysterious objects in the sky between here and Socorro.

The rash of incidents started Friday when a policeman saw a UFO take off south of Socorro. UFO experts from different parts of the country are in New Mexico to investigate.

Suffering eye, nose and face burns yesterday afternoon was Sharon Stull, one of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Stull of 1409 Wilmoore SE.



Sharon Stull in Bed Today

On Lowell School Ground

She said she gazed at a UFO for five or 10 minutes shortly before 12:30 p.m. on the Lowell School ground at 409 Ross SE after returning there from lunch at home.

After 1 p.m., while in class, she noticed burning sensations about the eyes and face. She and her mother believe her burns were inflicted by the thing in the sky.

Sharon said she was not facing the sun while watching the thing, slightly smaller than an airplane and having no windows, speed across the sky and disappear in the distance. Her mother said the child has never had a sunburn and couldn't have gotten it in the few minutes she was outside.

Her sister, Robin, 8, says she, too, saw the thing, but paid little attention to it and didn't continue to watch it. Sharon said two other children also glanced at it briefly.

Sharon was treated by a doctor at Bataan Hospital last night and was kept in bed at home today with her blinds drawn to protect her inflamed eyes and eyelids.

Complains of Pains

Part of her face and nose appeared to be puffy and red. She continued to complain of burning pains.

Police interviewed her at length about the incident and had her draw the silvery object.

Sharon's doctor said his diagnosis is conjunctivitis (membrane inflammation) of both eyes and first - degree sunburn under the eyes and on the nose, adding:

"The sun exposure she had yesterday would usually be considered insufficient to cause the burns and inflammation. It appears to be the type of burns and inflammation caused by longer exposure to the sun."

He said he believes there is no permanent eye damage.

Mrs. Stull was extremely concerned and frightened over the incident today. She also kept Robin home from school.

"I'm just scared to death," Mrs. Stull said.

Truck driver Napoleon Green, 37, and his wife, 35, of 1305 Walter SE, said they sighted two UFO's traveling at about the speed of jet planes at 5:30 p.m. yesterday as they were driving toward Albuquerque on U. S. 85, 17 miles north of Socorro.

Shine Brightly

"I wasn't going to report it because I didn't want to believe my eyes," Mr. Green said today. He said his wife dived beneath the truck's dashboard after seeing the egg-shaped things, about half the size of jet planes and shining brightly in the setting sun.

Green said he saw them possibly two minutes before they disappeared over the eastern horizon.

Federal Aviation Agency officials said they have seen nothing unusual in the sky or on their radar screens. Airplanes appear only as small dots on the screens and it is unlikely a UFO could be distinguished from an airplane on radar.

One official said it would be possible in some areas to track a UFO to see where it goes, if they received a report from a responsible agency immediately after a sighting. Radar sightings have to be in a direct line and can be blocked by mountains, making low - altitude radar tracking difficult sometimes, he advised.

The Weather Bureau, FAA and Kirtland AF Base said there were no balloons or other strange - appearing objects in the sky here, to their knowledge, at the time Sharon saw what she did.

Pentagon Interested — Albuquerque Tribune — Sat., April 25

Socorro Officer Saw Two Men Step Out of Big UFO

SOCORRO, April 25 (AP) — A report by a Socorro policeman that he saw an egg-shaped flying object land near here yesterday has the FBI and military authorities interested.

Officer Lonnie Zamora said he not only saw the object but also saw two occupants who alighted after it landed about one mile mile southwest of Socorro in a draw.

State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez said he received a call from the Pentagon and the caller indicated the site would be inspected by someone from Washington.

As Officer Zamora tells his experience:

While in his patrol car about 5:50 p.m. yesterday he heard what he thought was an explosion in the area where a dynamite shack is located. He drove to within 150 yards of the draw where he spotted what appeared to be an overturned car. Moving closer he saw two figures moving about outside the vehicle.

One looked directly at him. As Zamora moved closer he lost sight of the object behind a hill.

He continued driving to the draw and parked. He walked to within 200 feet of the object and again heard a roar. Taking cover behind his car Zamora saw the object of brilliant white metal, rise and hover about 20 feet off the ground. It then flew off to the west, rising gradually.

"I was scared," said Azmora, when he heard the deep roar. "I thought it was going to blow up."

Zamora said he called Sgt. Chavez on his car radio. Chavez joined him and both approached the site of the apparent landing. They found scorched ground and burned weeds.

They also found four 4-5-inch depressions in the ground which apparently had supported a heavy object.

Chavez said the impressions were irregularly spaced with the distance between them varying from about nine feet to 15 feet. He estimated the length of the object at about 15 feet from the position of what apparently were landing gear legs.

Zamora said men who identified themselves as from Army intelligence at White Sands Missile Range took samples of the soil.

"Something definitely landed there," Chavez said.

Zamora was described as a man not given to imagining things.

Besides the landing gear marks, Zamora said he found what appeared to be two round prints like heel marks. Another man who visited the site described the marks as looking like mountain lion pad marks.

An FBI agent visited the spot this morning.

UFO Witness Sighs at Reports

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produce the situation described in the report," Holder said.

Zamora said the craft cleared a dynamite shack by only a couple of feet as it departed. He lost sight of it within a matter of minutes, he claimed.

He noticed the object after he investigated a cloud of smoke about a mile south of Socorro. He was aware of the dynamite shack in the vicinity and thought at first it exploded, he said.

The craft was in a draw not visible from main roads. He first saw it from about 200 yards and thought it was an overturned car. He said he saw what appeared to be a pair of white coveralls, but whether anything was in them he did not know.

Within 100 Feet

He eventually got within about 100 feet, and it was then Zamora said he noticed it was something out of the ordinary.

"It had red lettering of some kind on the sides," Zamora said. He said the object was on the ground, supported by four girder-like legs.

At the site, four five to six inch depressions were found as well as a couple of round tracks about four inches in diameter which officers theorized might have been made by occupants of the craft. They even went so far as to estimate by the depression that the tracks were made by a being of approximately 120-160 pounds.

On the spot where the object supposedly sat was a once-green bush, most of it burned bare by exhaust heat. Zamora said it was still smoking several minutes after the craft's departure.

Leslie J. Lorenzen, a member of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, drove to Socorro from Tucson to take samples of the soil and indicated the story was credible to him.

"Reliable people are seeing incredible things," Lorenzen said. "Similar things have happened all over the world and certain details correlate."

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SCENE OF MYSTERY: Lonnie Zamora, left, Socorro policeman, shows Air Force investigators where he saw a mysterious flying object — at rest and in flight — Friday evening. In center, holding Geiger counter, is Maj. William Conner, officer assigned to unidentified flying object investigations at Kirtland Air Force Base, and at right is Sgt. David Moody of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, who maintains voluminous files of reported unidentified flying objects. Small bush in foreground, according to Zamora, was defoliated and partially blackened by exhaust fumes from the strange object. (Journal photo by Ray Cary)

Won't Tell Soul Next Time

UFO Witness Sighs At Reports of What He Supposedly Said

By CHARLES RICHARDS

SOCORRO (UPI) — A policeman who gained sudden national attention Friday after he saw an egg-shaped flying object near Socorro said Sunday his experience had taught him something.

Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora said he would turn around and run, just like he did Friday evening, but next time he'd never mention it to a soul.

"There have been so many phone calls," he sighed. And most of Sunday he spent shaking his head over some of the reports of what he supposedly said about the incident.

"Maybe you'd better ask some of these other guys," Zamora told reporters. "I'm the only one who saw it, but they seem to know more about it than I do."

Denies Seeing Creatures

Zamora denied he had seen any little creatures around the object and said the unusual machine rose off the ground and flew slowly away in a southwesterly direction until it faded out of sight. It never got more than about 20 feet off the ground while he was watching it, Zamora said, contrary to reports the object had zoomed up and away from him at a high rate of speed.

Two investigating officers from Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque said reports a man from the Pentagon would come to Socorro also were false.

Termed 'Fantastic'

Capt. Richard T. Holder, a White Sands Missile Range commander, termed the incident "fantastic" but referred to Zamora as a reliable witness. "Neither White Sands nor Holloman Air Force Base has anything which would

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UFO Sighting Re-Enacted; No Help to Scientist

SOCORRO (AP) — An Air Force consultant on unidentified flying objects had Policeman Lonnie Zamora reenact in detail Wednesday the sighting of a UFO in Socorro last Friday.

The consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, said after the re-enactment that he could draw no conclusions on what Zamora saw and was "more puzzled than I was when I arrived here."

Dr. Hynek returned to Albuquerque Wednesday afternoon and departed for the east by plane.

Zamora reported seeing an egg-shaped object fly away from a draw last Friday evening. Other reports have followed.

After the re-enactment, however, Dr. Hynek said he was puzzled that there was no evidence at the Socorro site of ignition of a thrust unit powerful enough to lift a vehicle the size Zamora reported.

Dr. Hynek said he was also puzzled by lack of radar contacts with objects that have been reported.

"It's my understanding New Mexico is infested with radar equipment," he said. "I'm going to check to see if there have been radar contacts that might tie into these reports."

"Usually one finds many contradictions or omissions in these reports," Dr. Hynek said. "But Mr. Zamora's story is simply told, certainly told without any intent to perpetrate a hoax. The story of course was told by a man who obviously was frightened badly by what he did see. He certainly must have seen something."

Zamora's reliability as a witness was supported by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz of the University of New Mexico who has an international reputation in running down reports on fireballs and meteorites.

"I would first point out that we are not personally involved in the investigation of these unidentified flying objects," Dr. LaPaz said. "But I do want to say that I have had contacts with Mr. Zamora in my work and he is a thoroughly dependable observer.

Dr. Hynek said he found little at the Socorro site.

"The area certainly has been thoroughly messed up by the tourists. There's nothing to see there now."

He said soil samples had been taken to "see if there are any particles in the ashes or at the site that might be foreign to this area."

Dr. Hynek said that a report that the Air Force had asked Zamora not to discuss the markings was false.

"No one in the Air Force even suggested that nothing should be said about the markings," he said.

Dr. Hynek also was asking universities in the state if they knew of any geophysical group work in the state.

"These people often have some strange type of vehicles and aircraft they use in these rugged areas when taking radioactive samples," he said.

A 10-year-old Albuquerque girl was treated Tuesday night for what her mother told police were "infra-red" burns received when she looked up at a "flying saucer."

Hynek said he went to the girl's home Wednesday. He said she appeared to be suffering from sunburn or a skin infection.

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Is This the Answer?

U. S. Government aircraft flying at low levels along US-66 and US-70-80 taking photographs with powerful electronic flash equipment during the last week, may be part of the answer to the rash of "flying saucers" seen in New Mexico.

The jet airplanes were taking the photos during both day and night times from Albuquerque west to Kingman, Ariz., and from Deming west to Casa Grande, Ariz., up until Sunday, according to a Kirtland AF Base spokesman.

Saturday night one of the Kirtland - based jets flew over Albuquerque with two bright "strobe" (electronic flash) units flashing on and off every second and lighting up a large area below it each time with a white, almost bluish light.

The "saucer" sightings began Friday when a Socorro policeman said he saw an egg-shaped object a short distance from the town. Since then several reports have been forwarded to police and military authorities.

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Flying Object Expert Checks Socorro Scene

Astronomer Takes Photos At UFO Site

(Compiled from Press Dispatches)

SOCORRO, April 29 — The Air Force's chief consultant on unidentified flying objects today checked out the scene where a Socorro policeman said he saw a strange "object" last Friday.



Hynek

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Northwestern University astronomer, completed his investigation shortly before noon after taking numerous photographs and soil samples. Dr. Hynek returned to Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque and indicated he will comment on his findings later in the day.

Hynek and Patrolman Lonnie Zamora went over the place where Zamora said he saw a mysterious flying object Friday inch by inch.

To Analyze Soil

Dr. Hynek told Radio Station KSRC in Socorro that an analysis of the soil and stones at the spot where the craft was supposed to have landed will be made and the results of the analysis would be made public.

When asked if he thought the craft was from outer space Dr. Hynek said, "You know about as much about it as I do."

Dr. Hynek said he had no knowledge of any objects, such as have been reported sighted by numerous persons over New Mexico since Friday being tracked on any radar sets in the area.

Witnesses to the craft seen by Zamora said it was marked with a red inverted V with a line, or several lines, horizontally through the V. Dr. Hynek said he had no knowledge of any such markings on Air Force craft or on instruments being tested at nearby White Sands Missile Range.

Zamora said that from a distance there appeared to be two figures in white coveralls outside the object. It flew off with a roar when he approached, he said.

Six Reports

Since Zamora's sighting at least six reports have been made to authorities including one from a youth who said he fired several shots at something about 100 feet in the air near Moriarty.

T. Sgt. David Moody of the aerial phenomena branch at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, is in New Mexico to assist Dr. Hynek.

Dr. Hynek said his investigation will determine whether he would visit Espanola,

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where State Police Capt. Martin Vigil found the ground still smouldering 20 hours after a reported sighting.

Authorities found scorched grass and four wedge-shaped indentations in the ground at the Socorro site and near Espanola.

Dr. Hynek hoped to finish his investigation today.

He said he has found most people honest and sincere in reporting flying objects. Many common things, however, are often responsible for such reports, he said.

"Meteors, flocks of birds, weather balloons, even the moon can lead to these reports," Dr. Hynek said. "In such cases the reports often come from entirely honest people who see something that puzzles them."

'Routine' Inquiry

Dr. Hynek said he had not been told by the government whether sending him to New Mexico indicates that the Air Force has eliminated the possibility that the report by Zamora was caused by a U.S. aircraft.

In Washington, the Air Force said yesterday that its investigation of the reported sighting was "routine." It said it will release the results of its investigation when it is completed.

Hynek said he had never found any evidence that beings from another planet had visited earth.

Mrs. Coral Lorenzon of Tucson, director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, said yesterday after spending the weekend in Socorro she was "convinced the Socorro policeman saw what he said he saw.

She said she believed intelligent beings from another planet have made several landings in New Mexico in the past few days.

The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization was formed by Mrs. Lorenzon in 1952, she said, and it now has nearly 800 members around the world.

Meanwhile, at Las Cruces a State Policeman and four employes of the port of entry station on Interstate 10 south of the city reported sighting a luminous object last night moving in a jerky motion and changing directions.

State Policeman Paul Arteche of Anthony answered the call from the port of entry, and, on his way to the station also sighted the object. He said it was moving northwest. The pilot of a private airplane made a similar report about the same time, between 10 and 10:30.

State Police Capt. Archie White said in Las Cruces that as far as he was concerned it might have been a satellite.

Reports From Hobbs

Hobbs Police received two reports, one from a group of children and another from two adults about 12 blocks from where the children said they saw a white round object hover over the city and then move off to the northeast. The two adults reported the same sighting at the same time.

The Federal Aviation Agency office said a silver twin-engine airplane was flying over the city about the same time but was flying to the southwest.

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Soccoro . . . El Defensor – Chieftain (newspaper of the town) . . . ~~April 28~~ and 30 . . . published on Tuesdays and Thursdays, carried these details of the Zamora sighting (April 24, 1964). They were on top of this story almost immediately and the following is briefly what was reported.

He first saw the object from 150 yards. As he drove towards the top of the Mesa, Zamora said one of two persons at the UFO whose back was to him, turned his head and looked straight at him. The two persons appeared to be dressed in white coveralls, and at that distance, Zamora said they appeared to be approximately as tall as a 12-13 year old boy. He did not take notice of headgear worn by the two short "men."

Zamora continued driving up the hill to get a closer look. When he stopped the car on top of the Mesa and directly opposite the place where the UFO had landed, he saw it again; but the persons were not to be seen. He started towards the UFO on foot. Then he heard the roar or blast that had brought him to the scene. He saw flames, and dust was flying around the object. Thinking that the object was about to explode, he threw himself to the ground and covered his head and face. He was a mere 50 feet from the UFO at the time.

When no explosion occurred, he raised his head and saw the object rise straight up 20 feet. As it rose, the roar changed to a whine and quieted.

The object maintained this altitude and moved in a straight line for about 2 miles. Then the UFO gained altitude very rapidly, and soon became a speck in the sky, and disappeared. Four depressions were found where the object had been. They were 12 in. by 6 in. The two legs were probably 2-1/2 ft. long. On the west side, it was 12 feet between landing holes; on the east, the distance was 15 feet. The width was 9 or more feet. Two round impressions were 4 and 5 inches in diameter respectively.

The newspaper carried a picture taken at the site on the very next day (April 25). Thereafter, the evidence was practically destroyed by the curious, who came in great numbers.

The Lorenzens of APRO were there soon after and reported their findings in Fate Magazine, July, 1964. Pictures of the impressions were taken and shown in Fate.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who visited the site with Zamora said "It's a real pity, but no one's fault, that other witnesses did not see the object land or take off. A movie of this would have been priceless. I feel in my own mind that hoax is ruled out . . ."

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NIGHT LEAD UFOS
SOCORRO, N.M., APRIL 29 (AP)--ONE OF THE THINGS THAT BOTHERS THE SCIENTIST INVESTIGATING NEW MEXICO'S UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORTS FOR THE AIR FORCE IS THE LACK OF MENTION OF RADAR CONTACTS.

"IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING NEW MEXICO IS INFESTED WITH RADAR EQUIPMENT," SAID DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK OF NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, AN ASTRONOMER WHO IS A SPECIAL CONSULTANT TO THE AIR FORCE. "I'M GOING TO CHECK TO SEE IF THERE HAVE BEEN RADAR CONTACTS THAT MIGHT TIE INTO THESE REPORTS."

DR. HYNEK VISITED TODAY THE SECLUDED HILL WHERE SOCORRO POLICEMAN LONNIE ZAMORA REPORTED SEEING AN EGG-SHAPED OBJECT FLY AWAY FROM A DRAW LAST FRIDAY EVENING. OTTHER REPORTS HAVE FOLLOWED. THE SOCORRO REPORT AND ANOTHER AT LA MADERA IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO WERE SIMILAR IN THAT STATE AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES CONFIRMED A SCORCHED AREA WHERE THE OBJE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE LANDED, AND WEDGE-SHAPED IMPRESSIONS THAT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT BY SOME TYPE OF LANDING GEAR.

HE WOULD NOT OFFER AN OPINION ON JUST WHAT ZAMORA DID SEE.

HE SAID HE HAD INVESTIGATED MANY SUCH SIGHTINGS BUT "THIS IS ONE OF THE CLEAREST, NO THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT WORD; JUST SAY IT IS ONE OF THE SOUNDEST, BEST SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS AS FAR AS IT GOES.

"USUALLY ONE FINDS MANY CONTRADICITIONS OR OMISSIONS IN THESE REPORTS," DR. HYNEK SAID. "BUT MR. ZAMORA'S STORY IS SIMPLY TOLD, CERTAINLY TOLD WITHOUT ANY INTENT TO PERPETUATE A HOAX. THE STORY OF COURSE WAS TOLD BY A MAN WHO OBVIOUSLY WAS FRIGHTENED BADLY BY WHAT HE DID SEE. HE CERTAINLY MUST HAVE SEEN SOMETHING."

ZAMORA'S RELIABILITY AS A WITNESS WAS SUPPORTED BY DR. LINCOLN LAPAZ (CAL L-P) OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO WHO HAS AN INTERNATIONA REPUTATION IN RUNNING DOWN REPORTS ON FIREBALLS AND METEORITES.

"I WOULD FIRST POINT OUT THAT WE ARE NOT PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THESE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS," DR. LAPAZ SAID TODAY. "BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT I HAVE HAD CONTACTS WITH MR. ZAMORA FOR 16 YEARS IN MY WORK AND HE IS A THOROUGHLY DEPENDABLE OBSERVER."

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DR. HYNEK SAID HE FOUND LITTLE AT THE SOCORRO SITE.

"THE AREA CERTAINLY HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY MESSED UP BY THE TOURISTS. THERE'S NOTHING TO SEE THERE NOW."

HE SAID SOIL SAMPLES HAD BEEN TAKEN TO "SEE IF THERE ARE ANY PARTICLES IN THE ASHES OR AT THE SITE THAT MIGHT BE FOREIGN TO THIS AREA."

DR. HYNEK ALSO WAS INTERESTED IN THE WEDGE-SHAPED IMPRESSIONS.

"FROM THE OBSERVATIONS BY ZAMORA AND OTHER AUTHORITIES THE IMPRESSIONS APPARENTLY WERE FRESH," HE SAID. "I JUST WISH WE HAD A PICTURE OF THEM. BUT WITH ALL THE PEOPLE TRAMPING AROUND THERE, THERE ISN'T ANYTHING TO SEE NOW."

HE SAID THE LACK OF RADAR CONTACT REPORTS BOTHERED HIM.

"SO OFTEN WE HAVE SUCH A CONTACT AND THEN CAN TRACE THE OBJECT TO SOME NATURAL PHENOMENA OR AIRCRAFT," HE SAID.

THE SCIENTIST ALSO DISCUSSED THE MARKINGS THAT ZAMORA SAID HE SAW ON THE SIDE OF THE OBJECT, A RED, INVERTED V WITH BARS THROUGH IT.

"LISTENING TO HIS (ZAMORA'S) DESCRIPTION, THE FIRST THING THAT CAME TO MY MIND WAS A CATTLE BRAND TYPE OF MARKING. I WISH WE HAD A PICTURE OF IT. IT DOES NOT RING A BELL AS TO ANY KIND OF INSIGNIA THAT I AM FAMILIAR WITH."

DR. HYNEK SAID THAT A REPORT THAT THE AIR FORCE HAD ASKED ZAMORA NOT TO DISCUSS THE MARKINGS WAS FALSE.

"NO ONE IN THE AIR FORCE EVEN SUGGESTED THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE SAID ABOUT THE MARKINGS," HE SAID.

DR. HYNEK ALSO WAS ASKING UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE IF THEY KNEW OF ANY GEOPHYSICAL GROUP WORK IN THE STATE.

"THESE PEOPLE OFTEN HAVE SOME STRANGE TYPE OF VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT THEY USE IN THESE RUGGED AREAS WHEN TAKING RADIOACTIVE SAMPLES," HE SAI

DR. HYNEK SAID AN APPOINTMENT TOMORROW IN BOSTON WOULD KEEP HIM FROM VISITING THE SITE NEAR LA MADERA NORTHWEST OF ESPANOLA WHERE A SANTA FE RESIDENT REPORTED SEEING A SIMILAR CRAFT AND WHERE THE SCORCHED GROUND AND OTHER REMAINS WERE SIMILAR TO THE SOCORRO SIGHTING.

HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT ON OTHER PARTS OF ZAMORA'S REPORT INCLUDING THAT OF SEEING WHAT APPEARED TO BE TWO FIGURES IN WHITE COVER ALLS OUTSIDE THE CRAFT.

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'Flying Saucer' Reports Spread In New Mexico

SANTA FE (UPI) — New Mexico's perennial addiction to flying saucers has taken hold of the state again with more "objects" reported to police over the weekend.

The latest, which brought out the Air Force and the FBI, was spotted early Sunday morning at La Madera, about 50 miles north of Santa Fe. State Police Captain Martin Vigil said, "there was definitely something there."

Orlando Gallegos of Santa Fe told State Police he got within 200 feet of a huge metal object that looked like an egg-shaped butane tank. He said flames spurted silently from numerous jets around the bottom of the object. It was as long as a telephone pole and about 14 feet in circumference, he told police.

Gallegos' report came on the heels of a similar report from a Socorro policeman, Lonnie Zamora, who said he spotted an object near Socorro Friday night. Zamora, in clearing up false reports Sunday, said the object rose about 20 feet off the ground and slowly flew away.

Similar reports came from a Socorro teenager, an Albuquerque motorist, and two men driving in the La Madera area Saturday night. The Albuquerque motorist, George Mitropolis, said he saw a "silver looking" object. It disappeared over a mountain in the Caballo Reservoir area.

In both the Socorro and the La Madera reports the ground in the areas where the objects were reported to have landed was scorched and burned. Also found were "paw prints, like a mountain lion's," as well as "landing gear marks" — four impressions in the dirt.

Until the recent spottings, the last unidentified flying object was spotted in New Mexico near Gallup late last year by several motorists. A campus policeman at the University of New Mexico also spotted the Gallup object flying in the western sky at the same time."

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