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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 August 65 03/0440Z | 2. LOCATION Cocca, Florida |
| 3. SOURCE Civilian | 10. CONCLUSION LIGHTS/INVERSION EFFECTS UNIDENTIFIED MIRAGE |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Five Objects | Local investigators regard the lights as reflections from the inversion in the area. |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 Minutes | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Four police officers observed five lights, orange or white or nick green at various times. Round, four in diamond shape and one off to side. No trail. Possible hiss to objects. Attention attracted by report to police department that there were flying saucers in the area. All objects overhead and slightly to the South. WX included inversion in area and high thin stratus clouds. Lights moved around in same area. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual | |
| 7. COURSE Stationary | |
| 8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |

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Operator: --Mr Edward Schild?

Answer: They're both not here. One works days and one works, mignight shift

Operator: I see. Which one works the midnight shift?

Answer: Mr. Moore. He'll be in at 12:00

Operator: At what time? 12:00?

Answer: Between 11:30 and 12:00

Operator: What time do you have there now in Cocoa, sir?

Answer: It's 12 minutes past 10:00.

Q (Telephone rings)

Voice in Answer: Hello

Operator: Mr. Moore? Mr Schild?

Answer: He's at work right now.

Operator: He's at work already?

Answer: Yes, ma'm. Want to leave a message.

H: That would be a good idea. S Could you ask as soon as he gets to work -- he's apparently not there yet -- to call --

Operator: Do you want me to try the other number and leave word there?

H: Yes, he should be there any time now.

Operator: All right, sir.

H: Mr. Moore we'll talk with first.

O: All right

H: You get to work early.

M: Hello

Operator: Mr. Moore?

M: Yes

Operator: Go ahead

Attached is what might be called a "working" copy of the tape. I left some blanks where it wasn't clear to me.

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H: Hello, Mr. Moore. This is Professor Hynek at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

M: Yes, sir

H: I'm consultant for the Air Force on the matter of Unidentified Flying Objects. And it has been a long while since we have been through these reports, but the report originally made from the Patrick Air Force Base, went to the Pentagon, then it went to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and finally I got it.

M: I see

H: We are still trying to track down -- around the 4th of August there were an awful lot of sightings all over the country

M: Yes, sir. I understand that.

H: We are still trying to pin down what some of these were. A great many of them were stars and balloons. But some of these are very puzzling, and the one that you and ~~Mxxx~~ Mr Schilde

M: Mr Schild

H: Schild, is it? That's right. And Mr. Ivy and Mr Scott reported. I'm not sure they were the same thing, either. But you and Schild were together, I believe. And Ivy and Scott were.

M: That's right.

H: It's a very puzzling thing. I wonder if you wouldn't mind to gab a bit -- I would like to ask a few questions.

M: All right

H: If you want the spelling of my name -- it's H Y N E K. And the initials are J A

M: I'd like to. H y n e k J A Northwestern

H: From time to time the Air Force over the past number of years

has asked me to work with them on these things as an astronomer.

M: Is this on tape?

H: No, not on tape. This is for my own information and for the Air Force. The report I have here is identifying information and observers names with ~~xxxx~~ Edward Schild~~s~~, Charles Mobre, James Ivy and B G Scott. These four men are all officers of the Cocoa Florida
/Police Department and may be contacted at the Police ~~Department~~
Headquarters Building ~~xxx~~ 225 Willard Avenue, Cocoa Florida.

M: It's changed -- 300 Brunson Boulevard

H: Now, then let me begin by asking if you have had any thoughts on this subject since -- it's been a number of months now -- is it still puzzling, or do you have a fair idea of what it was you saw?

M: Oh, yes, in my mind I can still see it. It was my first experience I can think back ~~xxx~~ right now and I know definitely what we observed -- at least what I observed -- was fascinating to me and it'll stay ~~ix~~ with me the rest of my life. And it was the first time for me. I've heard stories and read, and so forth, some of them, but I never went overboard. You know? 'Till that particular night.

H: Well, you're the kind of observer I like to talk to because I don't like to talk to people who are firm believers in flying saucers, ~~s~~ or something like that. But we get -- and I've been consultant/^{now}for the Air Force ~~xxx~~ ^{more than}for/fifteen years because this stuff all started way back, you know, just before 1950. And most of the things that we get we can explain very easily as balloons or stars or this and that. But there are each year a number of cases that are really puzzling, and yours is certainly one of them.

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So, in other words, you still don't know what it might have been that you saw. Is that right?

M: No, but I am almost 100 per cent sure that it wasn't a balloon or anything that the Air Force is and other sightings they might say. Well, I seen a picture one time of a test flight of ~~xxxxxxx~~ a Boeing aircraft. Behind it was -- when the ~~xxx~~ picture was developed -- it looked like a flying saucer, and they ~~xxxx~~ ^{passed it} (?) off to be a flaw in the emulsion (?) on the paper, and I said: "Well, O K. To me it looks like a flying saucer -- the picture itself." But the Air Force likes to pass it off as being a balloon, or reflection of light, or something like that. Well, that's all well and good, but -- well -- I haven't even given it a second thought. For the first two or three weeks we were questioned about it. We had local people asking us about it, and so on and so on. And after that, well, I said, they can pass it off as ~~xxxxxxx~~ to whatever it is that they want it to be, but we know what we did see.

H: Well, now, this is the point. Even though I am the consultant for the Air Force, I am not the one ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{that's} responsible for what they say.

M: Right, right.

H: I am a scientist in my own right. And I am puzzled about what it was you saw, and I certainly would like to know. Now, I would like to check whether some facts here are correct. You say that the objects were observed for about 15 minutes, it says here. Is that right?

M: That's about right. In this diamond formation. Then I seen one

M: (continued) in flight and it cast like an orange light as it was moving. And it took a fixed position in the sky. And then I went down to where Ed was standing and we looked through binoculars.

A man and his wife -- they had binoculars. I looked at the diamond formation through the binoculars and they told me if you watched it closely you would see it move. One moved out ~~xx~~ of the formation, and then it came back again. We watched that for a long while. Then I said that maybe the one that moved was the one that I saw in flight and then it came back. And so we just kept watching and watching and then at 12 o'clock we had to pick up our relief and

H: What was the night like? Was it clear?

M: Oh, yes, it was very clear.

H: And how did these objects differ. Were they brighter, fainter, ~~xxxxxxx~~ different color, or what?

M: Well the light -- looking through the darkness -- it cast off like a gleam, white, and orange white --

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they like green and white

H: Did you look at the sky also?

M: Oh, yes, to compare.

H: To compare - exactly what I want. How did they compare?

M: Like a group of stars (?) the same white. I kept looking/and then I switched back to the formation. And the formation was different - casting off these lights, you know. Then I looked back at the stars

H: ^{Lets go back.} It gets more interesting all the time. Lets go back to when you first - how did you first sight the thing?

M: O K, now. I was out on a call. It was approximately 11: 25, when sandwiches were served, and I came back to the car. I heard Ed say that he was in contact with X 320 on the radio in the car. When I got to the car I heard the radio and I said: "Ed, what have you got?" He said: ^{I got} ~~he had~~ a guy ^{who's seeing a} ~~whxxxxxxxa~~ flying saucer. And with that I looked up, ~~you know unconsciously~~ ! and I said: "Hey, Ed, I see it, too!" You know - I was scared and I had the mike in my hand, looking up and watching this thing fly -- moving like crazy!

H: What direction were you facing?

M: I was facing east.

H: And it was moving west.

M: It was moving west.

H: West. It couldn't have been a satellite because satellites don't move that way.

M: I see. Then he said: "No fooling." and I said: "Yeah." ^{I can see it} And then ~~as~~ I was ^{cruising} ~~moving~~ a little - you know, ^{just} about 25 miles an hour, when I looked up, you know, just finished a call. And then I got under

a street light and that blocked my view. Then I ~~came~~ drove out
 of Cambridge Drive, and I drove on Picks Boulevard, - I still
 faced east, ~~and I tried to spot it again.~~ and I tried to spot it again. I
 looked up - and said "Look, Ed, it's standing still."

H: How much of an arc had it moved through? How much of the sky -
 how low down in the sky was it when you first saw it?

M: Well, it was low enough to really distinguish it, ~~it~~ from the
 stars, you know, and everything else in the sky moving. It was low
 enough in the sky for me --

H: You mean, you didn't have to look very far up, then?

M: No. No. And that fascinated me.

H: And you saw it coming toward you then?

M: Well, it was going - I was travelling east, and it was going back
 toward the west. It was like going over my head. ~~It~~ And then
 I followed it and then it got ~~to~~ behind a street light and I got
 like past the street light and I ~~couldn't~~ couldn't see it any
 more. And then I ^{come} ~~got~~ around and ~~was~~ ^{got} on Picks Boulevard --
 also facing east. And then I got out of Picks Boulevard and I
 stood there - mike in my hand - and I'm looking up and I told Ed
 "It took a fixed position - the guy's standing still." ~~It~~

"Come on down here," he said, "I'll show you something --
 a diamond formation." And I looked up and said: "Where --
 Then he said: "Well, come on down" he said, "I'm down here with
 a binoculars." And I said, "Well, o.k." And I shot down Indian
 River Drive and ^P Dicks Boulevard and got out and he give me the
 binoculars. And I looked up, and even without the binoculars you
 could see the formation. And he said: "That one moved and it came

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18 August 1965

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: ETWE/Lt Wenzel/494-4131

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: FTD (TDEW-UFO)
Wright-Patterson AFB
Ohio 45433

1. Identifying Information on Observers:

a. Names: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

b. All four men are officers of the Cocoa, Florida Police Department and may be contacted at the police headquarters building, 225 Willard Avenue, Cocoa, Florida.

2. Description of the Objects:

a. Shape: Round.

b. Size: Approximately the size of a pea held in the hand at arm's length.

c. Color: Orange, or white, or green at various times throughout the period of observation.

d. Number: Five (5).

e. Formation: Four (4) objects in a diamond-shaped configuration, with one (1) object located to the west of the diamond.

f. Any discernible features or details: None.

g. Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.

h. Sound: Possible hiss.

i. Pertinent or unusual features: None.

3. Description of Course of Objects:

a. Observers' attention was attracted to the objects by a report to the Cocoa, Florida Police Department that there were "flying saucers" in the sky.

back." ~~xxxxxx~~ And I said: "Well, I wonder if it is the one I see in ~~zk~~ flight. "

H: When you saw the stationary one, can you be sure it was the same thing you saw moving?

M: Yeah -- it was the same reflection of light.

H: I see. It was different from a star.

M: Oh, definitely.

H: O.K. Now, this diamond formation - you said it was nearly overhead. How far from overhead was it? Was it to the north, to the south, or --

M: It was directly - from where we were standing - ~~xxxxxx~~ it was practically directly overhead.

H: Directly overhead.

M: Yeah - I had to lean back/^{like}with the binoculars and look up. And the one that was off in the west - I leaned on a fellow's back ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ - he bent over and I used his back for a tripod to keep it steady, you know. And it was casting off those lights - along with the diamond formation - they were casting off the same lights. The stars stayed white.

H: Let me ask you this: If you had held your hand outstretched, if you could have held it - excuse me just a second - sorry, there was an interruption - someone said there was another phone call but I'll get that later.

M: I'm getting hoarse. I got myself a strep ~~xxxxxx~~ throat coming on, I think

H: You shouldn't - you go on duty pretty soon, don't you?

M: Twelve ~~zk~~ o'clock.

H: You'd better go home.

M: Yeah, I am. I'll ~~get~~ take a couple of aspirins.

H: Yeah. This is very interesting. There are a couple of other little points that I would like/^{very much}to know. The size of this diamond formation. I was just about ~~to~~ ~~to~~ say that if you held your hands - you know - stretched your arm out and open/^{ed}your hand, would your thumb alone have covered the diamond formation?

M: No - (rest inaudible)

H: It was larger than ~~xxxxxxxxxxxixxxxxxxxix~~ a finger, then, larger than ^{your} a thumb?

M: I don't think it covered

H: Your hand would have?

M: Yeah, my hand would have.

H: ^{I see.} /O. K. ~~That~~ That's good to know. Now, were all the lights in the diamond formation the same brightness, or were some brighter?

M: No, they were about the same.

H: About the same, yes. And the light that seemed to move from it -- how many times the size of the diamond formation did it get away? About/^{the}one diamond,^{or}/two diamonds?

M: Well, you see, I didn't see one move from it.

H: Oh, you didn't? It was

M; No, to me it was the diamond formation. And that was the one that was off in the west/^{that had}taken a fixed position that I had seen

in ~~flight~~

MH: How far west/ from the thing was it?

M: Pretty far - pretty far over.

H: Roughly speaking, - and this is rather important - was it directly west, or a little to the north of west or south of west, or how?

M: It was northwest.

H: Northwest. And about how far up from the horizon - half-way, quarter-way toward the top? You know, how far up would you have to stretch your arm?

M: Three-quarters of the way.

H: Three-quarters. So it was pretty high.

M: Yes, it was.

H: Yes, I see. ^{is the sort of} Then this thing that the Air Force always tried to say

M: Yeah.
 H: In your own mind, how did that light differ from a bright star?

M: It seems to me that a star stays bright and makes ~~xxxxxxx~~ twinkles just a little bit you know/ But that object was casting off the different lights.

I could definitely distinguish - it would be white, and then the greenish tint, and then the orange. And then it would go back to white again like, and then it would go green, then back to white, and then orange. You know.

H: And there were stars near that were not doing that?

M: That's right.

H: And how much brighter ~~wxxxxthexbrightr~~ than the brightest stars ~~wxxx~~ around it were ? Would you say twice as ~~wixxy~~ bright, nearly as bright, much brighter, or what?

M: When it was white, I think it was a little bright.

H: A little brighter than a star. Yes. The diamond formation itself didn't move?

M: I didn't see. But Ed said he noticed one move away from the formation and then back again (H: I see) And that's what I

kept trying to see. And then he said he would come on at 12:00 o'clock and pick up the guys to go to work, see. And then I said: "O.K."

H: And then ~~did~~ you looked up at the sky a few nights after that also to --

M: I did. Just trying to see if I could spt that diamond formation, you know. And I couldn't do it.

H: You couldn't. Well, that was very, very interesting. And I don't know what it was either. Let me see ~~if~~ if there are a few other things --

M: Would you like to talk to Charles?[?]

H: Yes, that might be very interesting.
nice

M: And this is Mr

H: Hynek

M: Of Northwestern University. You say where?

H: Evanston, Illinois - that's near Chicago

M: O.K. Mr Hynek. I'm going to see if I can contact Ed for you[?]

~~Mr~~ Hey, Ed. Come here a minute. This is ~~Mr~~ Hynek of Northwestern University. He would like to ~~know if you would like~~ talk to you about
Professor
Officer

E: Professor.. (Introduced himself) & Schilds (?)

H: I had better explain what I am about here. I'm a professor of astronomy, but the Air Force occasionally calls me in as an astronomer to consult with them on some of the odd sightings that are reported. Around the 4th of August we had quite a few, from your area and especially from the west, in Texas and in Oklahoma. You may have heard of them. I am slowly working through some of the ^{ose} cases and trying to come to some conclusion as to what the things might have been. And your sighting - yours and Moore's -

interests me very, very much, because I can't exactly ~~fix~~ figure out that they were stars. This diamond formation that you saw -- how did it differ from the stars in the general area.

S: Well, you could see that it was lower. I mean - it stood out like something that would be a mile high as opposed to something that was ^{say} 20 miles high. You could see that it was definitely lower and that it wasn't a star. The color was different, the brightness - it was brighter, much brighter. You could see it wasn't a star. There were many, many, many stars in the sky.

H: This is a point that I am very much interested in getting down, because I know the Air Force will ~~say~~ say: "Well, it was stars they saw." And I want to be able to say - well, how do you ^{ie} explain this then, you know. I asked the same thing of Charlie Moore - if you held your thumb straight out in front of you as far as you can and had held this up over the diamond formation -- would the thumb have ~~xxxx~~ covered the thing, or not quite, or --

S: Oh, no. I would say the thumb might cover two of them. You know, one directly above the other. But the others would be - you would have to face your thumb in the other direction (H: I get you) to get them all. If I recall correctly, ~~xxxxxx~~ they were quite a bit apart.

H: You've given me something new that I didn't get from Mr Moore. The impression that they were lower down than the sky, so to speak.

S: Yes.

H: Now, were they all of exactly the same brightness?

S: Well, I would say ^y yes, they were, except that the intensity of the light seemed to change. I mean it would get brighter, then a little duller on all, not together, but individually.

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H: I see, they were of variable intensity, but not ~~on~~ together.

S: Yes, that's right

H: I see. What was the ~~xxx~~ condition of the sky? Were there any clouds at all?

S: No, sir, it was very clear.

H: Very clear, yes. Compared to the brightest star -- there were some bright stars at that season -- the star Arturus
or
which is in the northwest which is a very bright thing ~~and~~ there's
in the northeast -- did you make a comparison
of colors with the stars at that time?

S: Yes, sir. I'd say that these appeared to be as bright as any in the sky, ~~may~~ be even a little brighter.

S: OK go on - he cut in on us.

H: Mr Moore said something about having seen a light travelling across the sky. Did you see any motion any place?

S: Yes, I did.

H: But not the diamond formation?

S: Yes, one from the diamond formation - left the diamond formation.

H: Was it the fifth one?

S: No, it was the fourth one. It was the one that - you see, the diamond shape would be the long points of the diamond were facing toward the west (H: I see) And the short points were facing north and south. And the most westerly light of the diamond left the diamond and went out to the western section of our town here. Quite a distance ~~xxxxxxx~~ to where the one that Mr Moore saw. You see, there were five in the sky. But there were only four in the diamond shape. And the most westerly one in the diamond shape went out to the western section of the town at a high rate

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of speed. It looked like just a flash. And it stayed out there next to this other one for oh, maybe, thirty seconds or so, and then it came back and resumed its position in the diamond.

H: I'm ~~be damned~~ damned. This is important: How many degrees per second did it go, that is how fast did it travel? Faster than a jet, for instance?

S: X Oh, yes, sir. It looked to me like a meteor. It was a streak. But then, it stopped, and it stayed out there, and then streaked back.

H: Good heavens. Then you could watch it as it streaked? x

S: Yes, I was looking through binoculars.

H: As it approached the west, did it stop abruptly, ^{or} did it slow down,

S: No, it slowed down.

H: It slowed down, and then stopped.

S: Yes, ~~xxxxxxx~~ the area that it travelled as I was looking at it would be in the field of vision would be three or four feet as far as the field of vision was concerned, if you understand what I mean.

H: No, I'm not quite sure. You were looking through binoculars (S: Yes, sir) And it went so fast that you couldn't follow it with binoculars (~~xxxxxxx~~)

S: No, sir. I had to pick it up again, and as I picked it up it was slowing down, and then it stopped. (H: I see) And then I kept looking at it and it was fairly close to these other objects and then it came back and resumed its position.

H: Did it get as close to the other w objects as it was to the others of the diamond formation.

S: Well, I looked at it for just about a half an hour, and when I left it was still there.

H: It was still there.

S: Yes, sir. I had to go to the station at 12:00. I picked it up at 11:30 - got a call on it, and when I came into the station at 12:00 it was still there.

H: Did you ever investigate the people who called in?

S: Yes, sir. I spoke to them since then and I had spoken to them before that about other things, of course.

H: What sort of people are they, if I may ask?

S: Well, it's difficult to say. I would say that the husband - he's a barber - I don't think he would be really a dependable person but his wife I think would be

H: Well, O K, I get the message. It is very difficult to find people who ~~can~~ can intelligently describe something like this, because, well - they are not used to it for one thing. Now, let me see if there is anything -- did you have any feeling - well, it's probably funny for me to say so -- but I think if I were watching something like that I might feel a little frightened or wondering if someone was up there & watching me, or something.

S: This is what I had. I was amazed more than anything, but I did have that feeling.

H: I'm a little surprised that you didn't get more people to watch it with you.

S: Oh, there was about five or six people where I was.

H: Oh, there were.

S: Yes, sir.

H: Do you have the names of any of them

S: No, I just have the man and wife They live right there on that corner, and I live with another man and woman who stopped in a car and they saw it. I have no idea who they are.

H: This is very interesting, Of course, from one case one can not tell much but in examining a number of these cases around that time, I am trying to find out whether the same sort of things were seen, you see, in different parts of the country. Actually, this all seemed to start on July 31st, and there were sightings - lots of reports on August 1, 2, 3, and 4, and then by August 5 it pretty much backed down. But during those few nights there were an awful lot of reports even from some SAC bases out west. And this is why this was

S: This was the night that they did have a shot at the Cape, and now -- this was a night shot they were having then. We are having a shot Saturday, but of course, that's going to be a day shot. I don't know whether that has anything to do with it, or not. I thought at first that it was something from the Cape - I mean, some kind of system that they might have put in the air, you know.

H: Yes. Let me ask this: -- a thing I have frequently asked people. If you had some ~~magic~~ magic way let's say of putting something up in the sky that would most closely resemble what you saw, what object or objects would you pick? to put up there that would look something like this?

S: This to me looked like the end of a flare? Do you know what type of flare I mean? The flare that's used in the railroad? Yes, the railroad type flare. This is how it looked if you were looking directly at the flame of the flare. This is the way it would look. Not the longation, just the flame.

H: In this same report ~~xxxxxx~~ from the Co Tribune, I seem to have a thing that says: "The Air Force today the mysterious colored lights observed by four policemen were reflections from the ground."

S: Yes, sir. That's what they said.

H: Well, now, it's hard for me to believe that reflections could look like that. Reflections are generally diffuse. Of course, I am asking a leading question here. I shouldn't ask the question this way. But the impression I have gotten from what you are saying is that the -- well, let me put it this way. Let us suppose that we werelooking at ^{some} a street light at a considerable distance. How would the light you saw differ from the street lights?

S: Well, ~~xxxx~~ Street lights I believe now on a clear night you could see that the street light was round, that it was of a fixed intensity. This was not round. It was

like a free burning light, like a match light, not a manufactured light, but a regular burning. And the intensity part (?) I think that's what gave the impression of different colors to me.

H: In other words, it gave you the impression that the light was coming from it.

S: That's right. Un huh.

H: Up to this time we have all had the impression that these lights were points like stars

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This facility is approximately 20 miles from the site of observation, but is the closest weather station.

At 0455Z, 4 Aug 65:
Winds - 3 knots at 190 degrees
Ceiling - unlimited, at least 30,000 ft
Visibility - 10 miles
Cloud Cover - 6/10 thin clouds
Thunderstorms - None

8. Additional Information:

Officers J [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], also of the Cocoa Police Department, reported that they saw "a yellow light with a bright ring around it." The time of the observation was approximately 0430Z, 4 Aug 65. The period of observation was "several minutes" after which the object disappeared. The object "bobbed back and forth" and appeared to be approximately as big as a 50 cent piece held at arm's length. The two observers were in a police patrol vehicle in front of the police headquarters building in Cocoa, Fla. The object was "directly overhead - perhaps to the East."

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Police Aid Testimony**Colorful Objects
Seen in Cocoa Sky**

By SANDERS LAMONT
Herald Brevard Bureau

COCOA — Multi-colored objects hovering in the sky over this city — about 15 miles from Cape Kennedy — were reported Wednesday by eight persons, six of them policemen.

Cocoa Police Dispatcher Earl Whitley said he received a call early Wednesday from an Indian River Dr. family reporting objects in the sky above Byrd Plaza, a shopping center on U.S. 1 north of town.

Patrolman Ed Schild went to check the report and told Whitley, "They certainly are there."

He also said a group of four in a diamond-shaped formation were above the shopping center, and one object left the group and went at a "very fast rate" toward a single object that was hovering over Clear Lake Road.

Whitley said he was skeptical and had Officer Charlie Moore check the report.

"I asked if he could see the objects and he said, 'Yes,'" Whitley said. "I asked him what they looked like and he said, 'I can't tell.'"

Then Officer Jack Langs'or

and James Ivy also reported seeing the objects — this time above the police station.

About an hour and a half later Police Lts. James C. Wade and Gene Powers also said they saw an object sitting above the station. They said it was yellow and orange.

Whitley quoted Wade as saying, "If I hadn't seen it, I never would have believed it."

The unidentified object reported above Byrd Plaza stayed in the same place about 15 minutes. Whitley said, "I missed out," he admitted, "I looked like the devil but never did see anything."

The Air Force Air Defense Command radar station at nearby Patrick Air Force Base reported no unusual sightings during the night.

The unidentified flying objects descriptions were similar to those of phoenomena reported during the last few days in the Midwest and Southwest.



Listening in To 'Visitors'

By SANDERS LaMONT
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DID YOU HAPPEN to see the multi-colored objects in the sky over Cocoa Tuesday and Wednesday nights?

Before you scoff at the idea, remember that several reputable citizens, including members of Cocoa's Police Department, did see "something" up there in the air above Byrd Plaza and above Clear Lake Road.

Consider for a minute that you are a person from another solar system exploring the surface of the earth, trying to figure out if it is safe to land. The following is a rough translation (you realize there is a lot lost in the translation) of the spacemen's conversation:

SPACEMAN X: "What do you see down there, commander?"

SPACEMAN Z: "Nothing much. It's too dark to be sure. Let's fly over to where that square place is all lit up. It looks like some kind of landing area. Maybe we'll see some earthlings."

(So they fly over to Byrd Plaza and hover above the earth, trying to understand what they see.)

SPACEMAN X: "I think I see some of the earth creatures. They seem to be about 10 feet long and roll around on four wheels. There's quite a lot of them at the spaceport."

SPACEMAN Z: "Yeah, but what are those funny looking things they keep sending into the building that looks like the terminal? Notice how they don't have wheels at all."

SPACEMAN X: "Must be some sort of machine the earthlings have to do their work for them. Notice how the earth-people on wheels seem to follow the paths (streets) in an orderly manner. That's very intelligent. But their machines just seem to wander about aimlessly. They must not have them perfected."

SPACEMAN Z: "Yes, it is strange. But look at that separate building at the intersection. There is a sign on it that says 'Service Station,' whatever that means. The earthlings seem to be getting something for their machines."

SPACEMAN X: "Maybe that is their restaurant. My, they certainly are primitive."

SPACEMAN Z: "Wait a minute. It looks like the earthlings are all lining up for something at the junction (of U.S. 1 and Dixon Blvd.)"

SPACEMAN X: "Must be something important. Look, that must be the boss of the earthmen coming down the path with the metal rails. All the earthlings seem to be paying it homage. That must be the real leader of the pack. We'd better get right home and report this to the Imperial Wizard . . ."

So the truth is finally out. Human beings exist only to serve automobiles, and the Florida East Coast freight trains rule the world.

It's a good thing the spacemen did not hover above the intersection of SR 520 and SR 3. They would probably report there is a war going on and "earthlings" keep running into each other, trying to beat their brains out.

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ONE FINAL note about the multi-colored objects. The Air Force tells us the were no more than reflected lights from the earth's surface, caused by a peculiar atmospheric condition. It's a shame. It would have made a wonderful story to tell the grandchildren someday.