

CORNING, CALIF. (AP) -- TWO POLICE OFFICERS AND A BOWLING ALLEY OWNER SAY THEY SAW AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT ABOUT DAYBREAK JULY 4 IN THIS QUIET SACRAMENTO VALLEY OLIVE GROVE COMMUNITY.

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"I WAS KIND OF SKEPTICAL ABOUT THESE FLYING SAUCERS, BUT YOU COULDN'T CONVINC ME OTHERWISE NOW," OFFICER JIM OVERTON, 31, CORNING, SAID THURSDAY NIGHT. "I KNOW WHAT I SAW."

HIS WORDS ARE SUPPORTED BY OFFICER FRANK RAKES, A 23-YEAR-OLD FORMER CORNING PATROLMAN NOW AT NEARBY ORLAND, AND BY JAY MUNGER, 46, THE BOWLING ALLEY OWNER.

THE THREE MEN SAID THEY WERE CHATTING OVER COFFEE CUPS IN MUNGER'S ALL NIGHT ESTABLISHMENT WHEN--AS MUNGER PUTS IT--"I NOTICED SOMETHING IN THE AIR OVER THE FREEWAY (INTERSTATE 5) ABOUT TWO BLOCKS SOUTH."

"AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS AN AIRPLANE," MUNGER SAID. "I SET MY COFFEE CUP DOWN ON THE COUNTER AND LOOKED UP AGAIN. IT WAS NO AIRPLANE."

MUNGER SAID THE TRIO ALMOST BANGED THEIR HEADS TOGETHER GETTING OUT THE DOOR. THE OBJECT "WAS SHAPED LIKE A BIG CIGAR," HE SAID, "ALUMINUM IN COLOR."

OFFICER RAKES PICKED UP THE STORY FROM THERE, SAYING IT HAD "THE BRIGHTEST LIGHT I'VE EVER SEEN." HE SAID "THERE WAS NO SOUND COMING FROM IT ALL." THE TOWN WAS STILL ASLEEP, HE RELATED, SO "WE WOULD HAVE HEARD IT IF IT HAD MADE ANY NOISE."

THE MEN AGREED THE UFO WAS ABOUT A QUARTER MILE AWAY, AT A HEIGHT BETWEEN 300 AND 500 FEET. THEY SAID IT DISAPPEARED AFTER THREE OR FOUR MINUTES, AFTER WHICH THEY RUSHED INSIDE AND DREW ROUGH SKETCHES OF THE OBJECT.

"IT HAD A HUGE WHITE LIGHT ON THE TOP, VERY BRIGHT," OVERTON STATED. "DOWN AT THE BOTTOM IT HAD A SMALLER, NOT SO BRIGHT, LIGHT. AROUND THE CENTER OF THIS OBJECT THERE WAS A BAND, EITHER PAINT OR A DIFFERENT KIND OF METAL. IT LOOKED LIKE A NEUTRAL GRAY EXCEPT IT WAS DARKER. "IT SUDDENLY BEGAN TO MOVE WITH THE MOST TERRIFIC BURST OF SPEED I'VE EVER SEEN."

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1447 Riviera Drive
Redding, Cal. 96001
January 14, 1970

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Dr. J. Allen Hynek
Director, Dept. of Astronomy
Northwestern University

Dear Dr. Hynek,

I spent a pleasant Sunday-last checking out the July 4, 1967 Corning UFO sightings by a businessman and two police officers.

Officer Jim Overton is now with the Douglas County, Oregon Sheriffs Dept. and Mr. Jay Munger sold his bowling alley two years ago. He is now in the Bay Area but his ex-wife balked at giving me his address. Officer Frank Rakes is still (rather now) with the Orland PD ten miles south of Corning. He is the only one of the original trio I talked to.

The local paper ran extensive coverage of the sighting for two days but did not add materially to the AP wire, except to be redundant and to vouch for the qualifications of the observers. The paper did have a drawing made by Jay Munger which I'll enclose.

The following items of interest to me resulted from my talk with Officer Rakes. They are in the order they happened to turn up on my scratchpad.

1. It was not on the Red Bluff radar, as far as Rakes knew, but that (military) station has been touchy since they leaked classified information after the 1960 Scott-Carson thing. *-ed, mine*
I have known two GI's stationed there who told me the radar data is normally filtered through a computer which screens out anything but blips from incoming missiles from the north, ~~(normally.)~~

2. The lights did not pulsate or vary at any time. They were like floodlights, not spotlights, and were a constant white.

3. It could not possibly have been early 4th of July fireworks.

4. It could not have been a Vandenberg AFB ICBM. Rakes has observed one (as have I) There's no comparison. The exact time the report was called in was ~~at~~ 5:10 AM PDST if you'd like to check this out. The ICBM's we've observed were both at a true bearing of about 210° and moved slightly to the ~~left~~ *right*. This ~~was~~ *UFO* was first at a bearing of about 250° ~~at first~~ *flight* and moved relative ly to the left. There was no afterglow to the UFO.

(I forgot to ask if there was a delay between sighting and call in)

1947 Riverside Drive
Redding, Cal. 96001
January 14, 1968

Dr. J. Allen Frank
Director, Dept. of Astronomy
Northwestern University

Dear Dr. Frank,

I spent a pleasant Sunday-morning checking out the July 6,
1967 Gamma UTO sightings by a businessman and two police
officers.

Officer Jim Overton is now with the Douglas County, Oregon
Sheriff's Dept. and Mr. Jay Hunter sold his house along two
years ago. He is now in the Bay Area but his ex-wife called
at giving me his address. Officer Frank Baker is still (rather
now) with the Oregon ID ten miles south of Corvallis. He is the
only one of the original trio I talked to.

The local paper ran extensive coverage of the sighting for
two days but did not add material to the AF file, except to be
repeated and to quote for the confirmation of the observers.

The paper did have a drawing made by Jay Hunter which I'll
enclose.

The following items of interest to me resulted from my
talk with Officer Baker. They are in the order they happened
to turn up on my notebook.

1. It was not on the Red Bluff radar, as far as Baker knew,
but that (military) station has been roughly since they lacked
classified information after the 1960 Scott-Caron sighting.
I have known two SA's stationed there who told me the radar data
is normally filtered through a computer which screens out anything
but blips from incoming missiles from the north (normally).

2. The lights did not pulsate or vary at any time. They
were like floodlights, not spotlights, and were a constant white.

3. It could not possibly have been early AM of July fireworks.

4. It could not have been a Vandenberg TB JOHN. Baker
has observed one (as have I). There's no comparison. The exact
time the report was called in was 7:10 AM EST it would like
to check this out. The JOHN's were observed were both at a
true bearing of about 310° and moved slightly to the left. This
was first at a bearing of about 300° at least and moved rela-
tively to the left. There was no attempt to the UTO.

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5. (I forgot to ask Rakes what the apparent size was compared to an object held at arms-length. I also forgot to ask if it ascended as it departed; a hand gesture he made would indicate it departed horizontally.)

Rakes has an unlisted phone.

so I can't check this now

6. No other creature was stirring nearby, and cars on the freeway are not visible from the bowling alley. So none were known to stop. The phone call ending "Oh hell, you'd never believe it anyway" was taken later as a recorded message. Perhaps a local advertisement could bring forth that witness. (An ad might bring forth witnesses of many descriptions.)

7. It was stationary for a few moments; long enough to go outside and watch it. Then it took off due south or perhaps slightly southwest with no gradual acceleration. All of a sudden it shot south faster than a jet.

8. I (Murph) was in the position of the observers today --Sunday-- and can see no possibility of reflection or refraction. Officer Rakes vision is perfect.

9. Several 'official' investigators questioned Rakes, but none were in uniform or admitted AF affiliation.

I also talked at length with Officer Murphy (no relation) He was on the switchboard the night the call came in and wrote it up. (Copy enclosed) Officer Murphy was most co-operative and said he would inform me immediately of any significant UFO sightings in the area. But he did seem relatively uninformed about UFO's. He told me, though, of one UFO seen by two truck drivers that I had not heard of.

Officer Murphy said he has pulled 28 months of night duty recently and -alone and with others- has seen "Bright Lights" go up the Sacramento River. He no longer reports them, due to ridicule (or humor.) He showed me two examples on the blotter. eg: once he and another officer answered a call about a 'light' east of Corning. They saw the light but on the way had a flat tire. Shot out tires became an in-joke.

Please don't publicize the intimacies of my conversation with Officer Murphy.

Keep up the good work.

Very truly yours.

William M. Murphy
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My wife advises "disregard my spelling."

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5. (I forgot to ask him what the apparent size was compared to an object held at arms-length. I also forgot to ask if it ascended as it departed; a hand gesture he made would indicate it departed horizontally.)

6. He did not observe any striking features, and came on the way to the visible from the building alley. He came from the north. The exact date of the sighting was never determined. The sighting was taken down as recorded in the log. The sighting was taken down as recorded in the log. (The sighting data is not available at this time.)

7. It was a transient for a few moments; four months ago he was seen and was in the south or perhaps slightly westward of the main observation point. It was seen in the south or perhaps slightly westward of the main observation point. It was seen in the south or perhaps slightly westward of the main observation point.

8. (I don't know) was in the position of the observer body. The sighting was taken down as recorded in the log. The sighting was taken down as recorded in the log.

9. Several sightings were reported. The sightings were reported. The sightings were reported.

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11. Officer [Name] was in the position of the observer body. The sightings were reported. The sightings were reported.

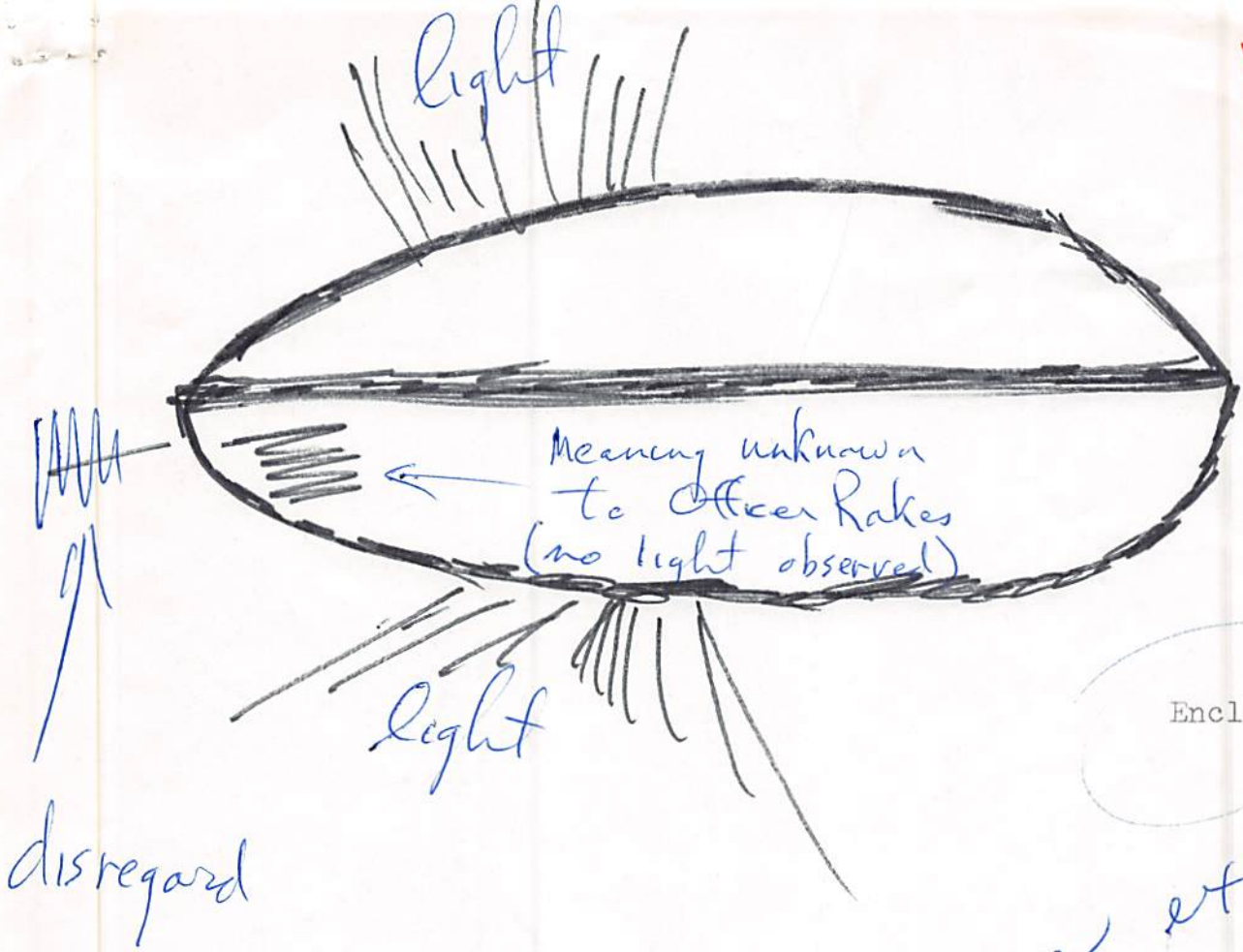
12. Please don't disclose the intricacies of my conversation with Officer [Name].

Keep your work.

Very truly yours,

William J. [Name]

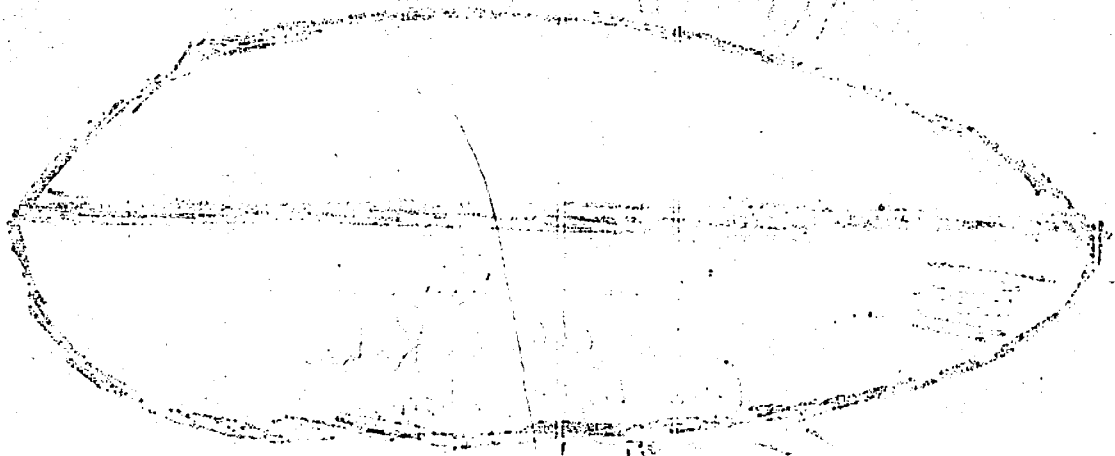
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tracing except for blue ink

Copy of drawing by
 Mr Jay Manger, approximately
 to scale as the paper
 printed it. It could have
 been in pencil and blown-
 up by the printer



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Copy of drawing of

the head of the salmon
as shown in the paper
attached to it. It could have

been in dorsal view
up to the dorsal

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A COPY

Complaint # 29 7-4-67

Over interstate 5 5:10 AM

Suspicious (this was checked out of a list of about
20 catagories.) *wm*

Details: Unidentified Flying Object

Officer Overton, Frank Rakes, and Jay Munger observed a flying saucer 500 feet off the ground flying in a southerly direction. Ship was round and had two lights, one on the top, and one on the bottom at the front of the ship. Both lights were white in color. The ship seemed to have a band around the middle, or was painted a dark color. There was no sound coming from it and the speed was terrific.

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