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Dear Mrs Lorenzen:

As usual, I enjoyed your July Bulletin, and the comments on the various sightings and saucer-seers. From all reports, the saucer sightings appear apt to keep you going for quite a while--and it is evident that you already have your hands full.

Not much has popped up in the Miami area lately, but enclosed is one clipping you may not have, and I think the following will interest you.

On page 5 of the July bulletin, you have listed a sighting of a sphere-like object with a Saturn-like ring around the bottom, and from your comment that this is a new type of sighting, I assume you have not heard of the two sightings, I'll describe below for you, which I have taken from my records.

#### SIGHTING BY MARINE JET PILOT

On Thursday, March 25, 1954, Captain Dan C. Holland, U.S. Marine jet fighter pilot, 33 years old, 5196 E. fifth St., Hialeah, Fla, was flying a jet fighter in a formation with 2 other jets. In a phone conversation he described the experience as follows. "Our formation was flying at 20,000 ft., crossing the beach going Eastward at Fort Lauderdale (Fla). We had started a turn to the West thru North, when I saw what looked like a falling star dropping vertically from above us. It was broad daylight- 3:20 P.M. I moved out of the way- thought the thing was going to hit us, and called to the others to look. They never did see it, though. It startled me by suddenly stopping 3 or 4 thousand feet above us. It looked like a gleaming white ball with a gold ring around the lower 1/3 of the ball, and it was about 2 times the size of our jets. Then the thing accelerated faster than anything I've seen before and disappeared to the East at an amazing speed in about 15 seconds. We were doing over 400 and it made us look slow. I always thought anyone who said he saw a flying saucer should have his head examined, but I'm damned convinced now that saucers exist!"

Note:- Capt Holland is a decorated vet of World War II and Korea, has won six battle stars and 2 distinguished flying service crosses. Wonder if the AF will say he has had a hallucination!

5 to 10 civilians phoned Holland to tell him they too had seen something in that area that day, and a former commander (during the war) of the C.A.P. described to me an object he watched on that day. (Flat bottom, round top--going above supersonic speed SW to NE )

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