

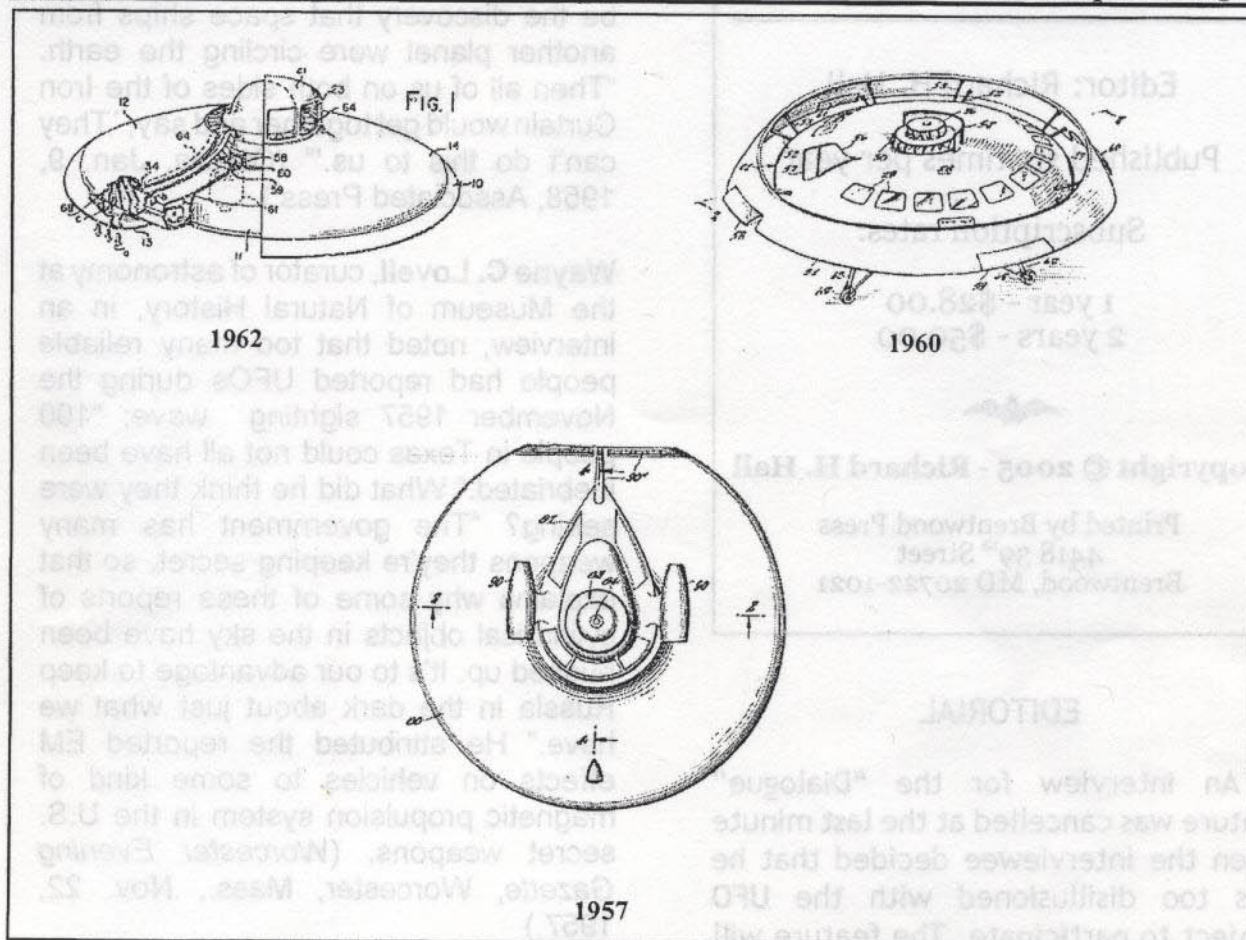
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EDITORIAL

An interview for the "Dialogue" feature was cancelled at the last minute when the interviewee decided that he was too disillusioned with the UFO subject to participate. The feature will be resumed in future issues as time and opportunity permits.

The decision followed a discussion we had about the very disappointing Feb. 24, 2005, ABC-TV "Peter Jennings Reports" 2-hour documentary on UFOs and ET life. The program turned out not to be what the producers had told many of us that it would be.

My review of it will appear in the next issue of the *Journal for Scientific Exploration*. □

NOTABLE QUOTES & OPINIONS

Nobel prize winner **Lester B. Pearson**, former Canadian foreign secretary, said that the best hope for world peace might be the discovery that space ships from another planet were circling the earth. "Then all of us on both sides of the Iron Curtain would get together and say, 'They can't do this to us.'" (Ottawa, Jan. 9, 1958, Associated Press.)

Wayne C. Lovell, curator of astronomy at the Museum of Natural History, in an interview, noted that too many reliable people had reported UFOs during the November 1957 sighting wave; "100 people in Texas could not all have been inebriated." What did he think they were seeing? "The government has many weapons they're keeping secret, so that explains why some of these reports of cylindrical objects in the sky have been hushed up. It's to our advantage to keep Russia in the dark about just what we have." He attributed the reported EM effects on vehicles to some kind of magnetic propulsion system in the U.S. secret weapons. (*Worcester Evening Gazette*, Worcester, Mass., Nov. 22, 1957.)

World War I flying ace **Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker**, president of Eastern Airlines, predicted in a talk to aviation executives in 1956 that interplanetary travel might be commonplace within 50 years. He suggested that atomic-powered transports would travel at speeds of more than 2,500 m.p.h., with greatly increased payloads and ranges, and spaceships would reach up to 5,000 m.p.h. carrying as many as 2,000 passengers. (Miami, Fla., Associated Press, Nov. 16, 1956.) □

THE 1952 SIGHTING WAVE, RADAR-VISUAL SIGHTINGS ESTABLISH UFOs AS A SERIOUS MYSTERY: Part 1, The Build-Up

The summer 1952 UFO sighting wave was one of the largest of all time, and arguably the most significant of all time in terms of the credible reports and hardcore scientific data obtained. Electromagnetic (EM) effects and physical trace evidence were more prominent in other waves, but 1952 (and 1953) featured recurring radar detection of UFOs, often from both ground and airborne radar, visual sightings by jet interceptor pilots sent up to pursue the mysterious objects, and cat-and-mouse chases in which the UFOs seemed to toy with the interceptors.

While driving through Utah in July a Navy chief (later warrant officer) saw a formation of unidentified flat circular objects maneuvering in the sky, stopped and took color motion picture film of them. The objects defied conventional explanation when analyzed by the top Air Force and Navy photogrammetric laboratories.

Further, Air Force investigators who plotted the sightings noticed that they were concentrated around strategic military bases, and this clearly posed a threat to national security since their origin was unknown. Senior generals in the Air Force concluded that UFOs were interplanetary in origin, and broadly hinted this belief in LIFE magazine.

In 1953 the relatively new Central Intelligence Agency convened a high-level panel of scientists to review the data, and Major Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.) wrote his most famous book *Flying Saucers From Outer Space* based largely on Air Force Intelligence reports given to him by the Air Force.

What happened next constitutes one of the major unanswered questions of UFO history. The very compelling evidence obtained during this wave led the top officers in the Air Force Project

Sign UFO investigation to send a Top Secret "Estimate of the Situation" report to headquarters concluding that "flying saucers" were interplanetary. Why was the strong evidence obtained in 1952 rejected and its significance denied after 1953?

This series will continue regular installments of the Chronology of UFO History, report and discuss significant cases and background information, and include an extensive bibliography. What happened in 1952 in terms of radar-visual evidence and in 1953 in terms of government and military politics richly deserves careful and thorough review by historians and scientists.

Early 1952 UFO Sighting Chronology (Based on Air Force intelligence reports and other sources as cited.)

Jan. 20, Fairchild AFB, Wash. Two Air Force master sergeants, intelligence specialists, reported a bluish-white spherical object with a long blue tail that flew beneath a solid overcast.

Jan. 21, Mitchel AFB, N.Y. A Navy torpedo bomber pilot chased a dome-shaped circular white object that
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1952 Sighting Wave, Continued

accelerated and pulled away from him.

Jan. 22, North Alaska radar outpost. Ground radar and three airborne radar sets on F-94 interceptors tracked a distinct unexplainable target.

Jan. 29, Wonsan, Korea. Two separate B-29 bomber crews reported observing or being paced by bright unidentified orange circular objects.

Jan. 29, Washington, D.C. Brig. Gen. W.M. Garland and his staff at the Directorate of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, were briefed on the status of Project Grudge UFO study.

Feb. 21, Washington, D.C. Sen. Richard B. Russell, Armed Services Committee, letter to Secretary of Air Force requesting an official report on recent UFO sightings "by combat airmen in the Far East."

Mar. 3. Dr. Walther Riedel, formerly a German rocket scientist at Peenemunde, said: "I'm convinced saucers have an out-of-world basis." (*Life* magazine, Apr. 7, 1952.)

Mar. 10, Oakland, Calif. An engineering metals inspector watched two dark wing- (or hemisphere-) shaped objects pass overhead, swaying back and forth like a pendulum. (NICAP report.)

March. Project Grudge was upgraded to a separate organization, the Aerial Phenomena Group, and the name was changed to Project Blue Book. According to Ruppelt this change was made "because of the steadily increasing

"General Garland advised that he is considering making arrangements for a guided missile to be fired at one of the objects, and of having camera equipped all-weather interceptors stand by to intercept and photograph them." - Internal Air Force memorandum, 28 Feb. 1952.

number of reports we [the Air Force] were receiving. ..." (Ruppelt, p. 131.)

Apr. 7. *Life* magazine published an article, "Have We Visitors From Space?" When newsmen began asking him whether the article was Air Force inspired, Ruppelt replied that they had furnished *Life* with some raw data. "My answer was purposely weasel worded," he said, "because I knew that the Air Force had unofficially inspired the *Life* article... [and also knew that the strongly implied answer that UFOs were interplanetary] was the personal opinion of several very high-ranking officers in the Pentagon -- so high that their personal opinion was almost policy." (Ruppelt, p. 132.)

May 1, Tucson, Ariz. Two shiny discs overtook a B-36 bomber as it passed over Davis-Monthan AFB in the morning, slowed and positioned themselves near the plane. One moved close alongside and was observed from the waist blister by the crew members. Witnesses on the ground also saw the objects, which were about 20-25 feet in diameter. After several minutes the objects "departed at extremely high speed in a southerly direction."

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1952 Sighting Wave, Continued

May 1, George AFB, Calif. An Air Force officer and a group of airmen in a separate location at 10:50 a.m. observed a formation of five white disc-shaped objects, three in front and two behind. The trailing objects darted around in zig-zag motions. Suddenly the objects switched to a tight V-formation, made an almost 90-degree turn and sped away over the mountains.

May, Alexandria, Va. A top official of the Central Intelligence Agency and his guests at a lawn party about 10:00 p.m. Saw a luminous object approaching. It stopped and quickly went into a steep vertical climb, stopped and leveled off again. The official and his guests then saw the object dive down, level off, and streak away to the east. (Ruppelt, pp. 135-36.)

May 8, Washington, D.C. Secretary of the Air Force Thomas K. Finletter was briefed for an hour about the Project Blue Book UFO study. "He listened intently and asked several questions about specific sightings when the briefing was finished." (Ruppelt, p. 138.)

May 10, Ellenton, S.C. Employees of DuPont Corporation at the Savannah River Plant, Atomic Energy Commission, saw four disc-shaped objects approach, then two other discs pass high overhead from different directions at about 10:45 p.m. They were luminous yellow-gold color, traveling at a high rate of speed. One disc approached at such a low altitude that it had to rise up to pass over some tall tanks at the facility. One witness reported that "the objects were weaving from left to right" while continuing on a steady course. (FBI report.)

"In May 1952, Project Blue Book received 79 UFO reports compared to 99 in April. It looked as if we'd passed the peak and were now on the downhill side. The 178 reports of the past two months...had piled up a sizable backlog....During June we planned to clear out the backlog, and then we could relax. But never underestimate the power of a UFO. In June the big flap hit...." - Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, pp. 138-39.

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See also 1952 cases and documents on the following web sites:

www.nicap.org
www.project1947.org
www.bluebookarchive.org
www.cufon.org

(Next issue: Part 2, The Flap Begins.)

U.S. PATENTS FOR DISC AIRCRAFT: A HISTORICAL SURVEY

Looking very much like the real thing, some obviously inspired by UFO sightings, dozens of patents have been filed in the U.S. Patent Office for disc-shaped, essentially wingless, aircraft designs some dating to before World War II.

A fascinating web site as of this writing contains 39 pages of the patents and links to related web sites. (see www.rexresearch.com/wingless/wingless.htm).

One patent that we know was inspired by 1940s "flying saucer" reports was taken out by Alfred C. Loedding, a

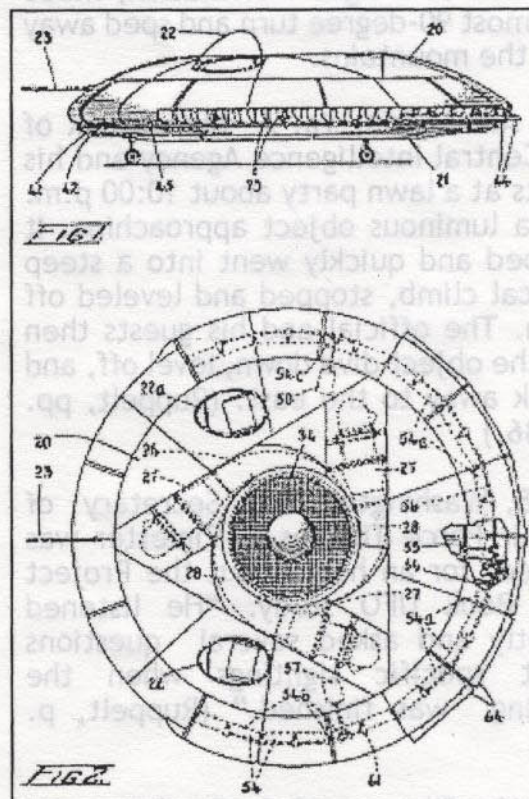


Loedding disc aircraft concept

prominent T-2 intelligence officer on the Air Force Project SIGN UFO study whose name appears on numerous documents in the official files. As depicted in the patent, it looks for all the world like an inverted plate. (Patent #2,619,302, 11-25-52 "Low Aspect Ratio Aircraft.")¹

Also represented are patents for the notorious "AVRO saucer" which in 1955 the Air Force claimed was scheduled to be a supersonic aircraft, but which in reality was an unsuccessful prototype that never flew except as a "ground cushion" machine barely inches off the ground. (Patents #3,020,003 and 3,018,068, 1962, by John C.M. Frost, et al.)

¹ See Michael D. Hall and Wendy A. Connors, *Alfred Loedding & The Great Flying Saucer Wave of 1947* (Albuquerque, NM: Rose Press, 1998)..



Frost disc aircraft patent

One of the earlier patents on record was filed Nov. 18, 1947, a few months after the summer 1947 UFO sighting wave, by Charles H. Zimmerman. The drawing shows a perfect double convex disc with a prominent fin on one end. (Patent #2,431,293, "Airplane of Low Aspect Ratio.")

Zimmerman, an engineer with the National Advisory Committee for

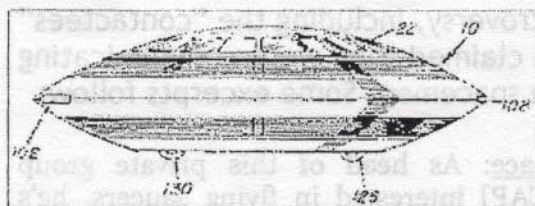
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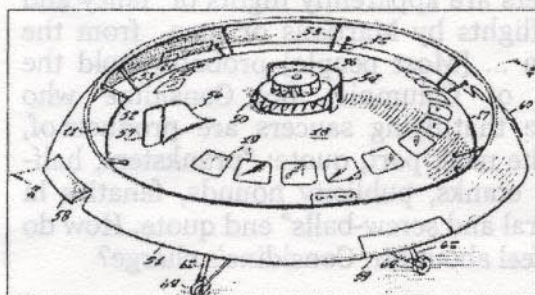
Aeronautics (predecessor of NASA), had designed the propellor-driven V-173 "Flying Flapjack" in the 1930s (patented in 1938) as a pioneering near-Vertical Takeoff and Landing plane intended for aircraft carrier use.

The test model first flew in 1942. Contrary to the myth prevailing in some revisionist history circles that Kenneth Arnold in July 1947 saw a formation of then-secret Navy aircraft over Mt. Rainier, Washington, the XF5U military version of the aircraft never flew. The experimental aircraft continued to have unresolved technical problems, notably excessive vibration levels, and the project was cancelled on March 17, 1947.

Many of the patent drawings eerily resemble reported UFOs, but is it a case of life imitating art, or vice versa? Most

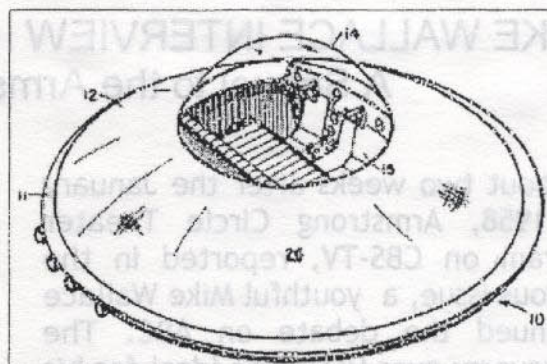


Grayson patent 1960



Mellen patent 1960

likely the "cultural penetration" of the flying saucer or disc craft concept via



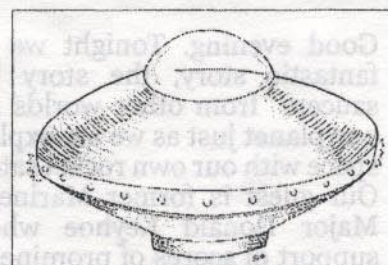
Patent #3,395,876, Aug. 6, 1968;

Jacob B. Green

television and movies inspired creative designers to go to their drawing boards and contemplate the aerodynamic features of discs. The Grayson and Mellen patent drawings shown here, both from 1960, mimic numerous typical UFO sightings. What motivated the designers to adopt this configuration is unknown.

And the 1968 Jacob Green patent drawing is a dead ringer for the classic disc with dome "flying saucer" reported from all over the world for decades. The discoidal shape is one of the most commonly reported UFO types, and rows of square windows like those on the Mellen patent drawing have been reported in hundreds of cases.

The 1970 Norway illustration, taken from *The UFO Evidence, Vol. II* (Hall, Scarecrow Press, 2001) is an artist's conception based on a UFO sighting. The object in this case emitted brilliant light that blinded the driver of the car, descended and hovered, and finally shot straight up out of sight. □



1970 UFO in Norway

MIKE WALLACE INTERVIEW OF MAJ. DONALD E. KEYHOE: A Sequel to the Armstrong Circle Theater

About two weeks after the January 23, 1958, Armstrong Circle Theater program on CBS-TV, reported in the previous issue, a youthful Mike Wallace continued the debate on ABC. The controversy over UFOs was ideal for his tough interviewing style.

Major Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.), Director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) was his guest on March 8, 1958. Wallace opened the program in this manner:¹

Good evening. Tonight we go after a fantastic story, the story that flying saucers from other worlds are visiting our planet just as we are exploring outer space with our own rocket satellites [sic]. Our guest is former Marine Air Corps Major Donald Keyhoe who has the support of scores of prominent business men, military men and some scientists in his campaign to prove that flying saucers exist. If you're curious to know why Major Keyhoe charges that the United States Air Force is deliberately deluding us, when it calls saucer stories the "bunk," if you want to hear his own evidence that the saucers are real and his reaction to the claim of two Americans who say they've spoken with men from Venus, we'll go after those stories in just a moment. My name is Mike Wallace, the cigarette is Parliament.

Wallace no doubt was taking advantage of the publicity generated by the Armstrong Circle Theater broadcast during which Major Keyhoe had been cut off the air when he deviated from



Mike Wallace in 1950s

the script insisted upon by the Air Force. Wallace covered all aspects of the controversy, including the "contactees" who claimed they were communicating with spacemen. Some excerpts follow:

Wallace: As head of this private group [NICAP] interested in flying saucers, he's repeatedly attacked the United States Air Force and others for claiming that flying saucers are apparently flights of fancy and not flights by Martians or men from the moon ... [Most people] probably hold the view of Columnist Bob Considine who wrote that flying saucers are products of, for the most part, quote: "pranksters, half-wits, cranks, publicity hounds, fanatics in general and screw-balls" end quote. How do you feel about Mr. Considine's charge?

Keyhoe: Well, I know where he got the story, he got it from Colonel Watson out at the Air Technical Intelligence Center in Dayton, in fact, the colonel went even a little farther and he said "Behind every sighting

¹ 15-page transcript on file in the Donald E. Keyhoe Archives.

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Mike Wallace Interview, Continued

was an idiot, a crackpot or a religious fanatic." That included a lot of high-ranking Air Force pilots, incidentally...[some interjections by Wallace such as "Uhm..."] that show in the transcript are removed here] and many airline captains, people who are qualified to see these things. He's just following out an Air Force policy.

Wallace: Well now, you're not suggesting that Bob Considine is in the pay of the Air Force, he...

Keyhoe: No, I'm not.

Wallace: ... with a considerable reputation.

Keyhoe: I mean the colonel, no I have only respect for Bob Considine.

Wallace: In spite of the fact that he suggests the pranks -- pranksters, half-wits and screwballs are responsible for the stories about flying saucers?

Keyhoe: Well, I wish I could show him at any time a list of about 800 witnesses, some of the big names in aviation including up to the rank of colonel in the Air Force. They're still flying and they're still carrying passengers. They've never been grounded. They're still guiding airliners in, the radar men are, night after night in bad weather. If they're screwballs and incompetents, why are they still on the job?

...
Wallace: You make the charge that the United States Government is withholding from the people of the United States certain very important information, why, what could their motive be for withholding that kind of information from us?

Keyhoe: Well, I'll answer that but I would also like to show you some proof that they are withholding. The reason that was given to me when they were working with me back in 1952 and 1953 was, first, that they were

afraid of hysteria. Remember the Orson Welles show back -- way -- many years back when he scared people to the hills with a --

Wallace: I do.

Keyhoe: ... the idea of invading Martians. Then they were also afraid that it would upset organized religion. That was a smaller factor but there was some fear of it. Later they were also afraid that these accidents when interceptors had chased these things and had been lost or had crashed might be considered proof of hostility. Now I would never have put my name on anything if it were a matter of personal opinion. I've talked to and read the reports of hundreds of pilots and radar men, and guided missile trackers who've seen these things and some of them are very important names.

Now the Air Force says they have this down to 1.9 percent [unexplained] but you lose the word "current" in there.... We are currently explaining [Project Blue Book] Special Report 14 which is their Bible on this. In the back it has a table showing 3,201 cases they examined, 19 and a half percent were unsolved and they admit they still aren't solved. If you add up what they've had since then, it makes over 12 percent of the reports and those are mostly from the best possible sources.

Wallace: [After some further discussion about percentages and citing Dr. Donald Menzel's skeptical position] But again, let's get back to the point, the most important point, Major Keyhoe, and that is, why will the Air Force -- why will the United States Government withhold information from United States citizens? -- for what reason?

Keyhoe: Because they're treating them like children the way they did with the H-bomb at first, and the way they were doing -- they've been doing with other things. Now I'm not attacking the United States Air Force, I'm

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Mike Wallace Interview, Continued

attacking a small group in there that has been persistently keeping this from the public just as they've kept other things. For a long time you couldn't even mention the idea that we could be hit by missiles from submarines, from the Gulf and from both coasts very easily. I knew that years and years ago, and tried to get it out, but at the time was discouraged about it. [Reviews what happened on the Armstrong Circle Theater broadcast and Air Force denials.] ...

Wallace: All right Major, about George Udensky [Adamski], -- and Howard Menger; both men claimed to have talked with men from Venus, Menger claims that he's even taken a ride in the flying saucer. Do you believe it?

Keyhoe: No.

Wallace: Do you think they are hoaxsters?

Keyhoe: We do not accept any reports of these so-called contactees without more evidence. We've asked them to submit their claims and take a lie detector test--we don't throw them out, we simply say we'll give you a fair chance. I think that's the least important part of the picture. The most important part is the weight of evidence from hundreds of competent people -- now, I'd like to name a few. Capt. Richard Case, American Airlines; C.S. Chiles, Eastern Airlines; Capt. T. Kravitz, TWA; Robert Adickes, TWA; Col. Donald J. Blakeslee, U.S. Air Force, a wing commander -- I could go down the list of people who know what they're doing, and they're still on duty, they're still flying.

Wallace: Major Keyhoe, what would you like to see done about flying saucers that is not currently being done? What steps would you like to see taken?

Keyhoe: I think the American people should write to their Congressmen and insist that

open hearings be held by the Senate Subcommittee on Government Operations, which has been looking into this for 6 months.

Wallace: An Air Force spokesman told us this last week, he said "Members of the Senate subcommittee have talked with us already and they have shown no interest in conducting any hearings on this issue."

Keyhoe: I talked with the chief investigator within the last 2 weeks, I gave him a lot of information, and I gave him data on one case where an airliner was sent to chase one of these things, and the passengers kept in ignorance of it, at that time. It involves two government agencies besides the Air Force which have refused to release the report, and I'll say this, if you were to get it -- if the committee were to get [garbled transcript] it would be a big revelation because the Air Force is simply treating the American people like children. They don't trust them with the facts.

Wallace: You know, here is an interesting -- I think an interesting question, Major. The United States and Russia started sending up satellites into the sky and we may be hitting the moon with a rocket soon, possibly Mars; do you believe that creatures from outer space have space stations on Mars? What's going to happen when we start firing rockets at the moon or at Mars?

Keyhoe: That question has already been brought up. We expect to have a base on the moon within the next 5 years. It's possible that there is a base there--I don't say there is any proof of it...

Wallace: ...is it possible that we're going to start an interplanetary war when we start sending our rockets to the moon and to Mars?

Keyhoe: In 1955 General Douglas MacArthur said the next war would be an interplanetary
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Mike Wallace Interview, Continued

war and we'd have to unite against people from other planets.

Wallace: One last question. Major Keyhoe, have you ever seen a flying saucer?

Keyhoe: I've seen them tracked on radar, but I take the word of about 800 of the best witnesses in the country and abroad.

Wallace: But you yourself, have never seen a flying saucer?

Keyhoe: I've just been a reporter, and a careful one.

Wallace: Thank you very much Major Donald Keyhoe. As you've just heard, the flying saucer controversy is deadlocked in contradictory statements and interpretation of facts. As for Major Donald Keyhoe himself, like most of us he's never seen a flying saucer. Which may just make him like a mystic who's never seen a ghost. But one must give him credit – he has much faith. In a moment, I'll bring you a rundown on next week's guest....□

AIR FORCE OFFICERS SUPPORT NICAP

In a 1961 letter to NICAP, Maj. Edwin A. Jerome, USAF (Ret.), a former command pilot, stated: "I suggest we are several centuries behind the intellects of other planets The national policy should be to educate the public to the real possibility of the existence of the UFO."

Writing from the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, in 1968, Maj. John R. King told NICAP that he had recently given a talk on UFOs to a group of Air Force officers. "I was

Gen. Douglas MacArthur Statement

Both in 1955 to an Italian official and again in 1962 in his farewell address to the West Point cadets, MacArthur talked about the possibility of interplanetary war. On May 12, 1962, at West Point he said:

You now face a new world, a world of change. The thrust into outer space of the satellite, spheres and missiles marks a beginning of another epoch in the long story of mankind....in the three or more billion years of development of the human race, there has never been a greater, a more abrupt or staggering evolution.

We deal now, not with things of this world alone, but with the illimitable distances and as yet unfathomed mysteries of the universe. We are reaching out for a new and boundless frontier. We speak in strange terms of [new sources of energy and] of ultimate conflict between a united human race and the sinister forces of some other planetary galaxy; of such dreams and fantasies as to make life the most exciting of all times. - *National Observer*, reprinted in the *Washington Post*, June 20, 1962

pleasantly surprised to see the positive response of the audience, including public disclosure by two officers in the audience of sightings with which they had personal involvement and knowledge. Another officer approached me privately and told me of a sighting which he had witnessed, after I had pledged to keep his identity confidential. ... Don't become discouraged. There are many of us in the Air Force who are with you, but you recognize our problem. We work quietly, but, I hope, with some effect. Best of luck to you. □

GEN. GARLAND SECRET MEMO Atomic Energy Connection Noted

On January 3, 1952, Brig. Gen. W.M. Garland in the Air Force Directorate of Intelligence sent a SECRET memorandum to General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence, titled "Contemplated Action to Determine the Nature and Origin of the Phenomena Connected with the Reports of Unusual Flying Objects."

The 4-point memo began: "1. The continued reports of unusual flying objects requires positive action to determine the nature and origin of this phenomena [sic]." Point 2 speculated that the reported sightings might be related to aeronautical developments in Germany and the U.S.S.R. Then in Point 3:

"In view of the above facts and the persistent reports of unusual flying objects over parts of the United States, particularly the east and west coast and in the vicinity of the atomic energy production and testing facilities, it is apparent that positive action must be taken to determine the nature of the objects and, if possible, their origin. ...It is believed possible that the Soviets may have developed the [late World War II] German aircraft designs at an accelerated rate in order to have a suitable carrier for the delivery of weapons of mass destruction [thus posing a serious threat to the U.S.]"

Point 4 concluded: "In view of the facts outlined above, it is considered mandatory that the Air Force take positive action at once to definitely

determine the nature and, if possible, the origin of the reported unusual flying objects." A 3-part plan is proposed: (1) Require Air Technical Intelligence Center to establish teams to work with Air Defense Command teams "for the purpose of taking radar scope photographs and visual photographs of the phenomena." (2) Select sites for these teams based on reported concentrations of sightings, namely Seattle, Albuquerque, and New York-Philadelphia areas. (3) Begin the program immediately "during early January 1952." (Credit: Loren E. Gross, *The Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse, UFOs: A History*; 1952 January-May, Supplemental Notes pp. 3-4.)

Editorial comment: The "nuclear connection" with UFOs has recently been the subject of concentrated study. See www.nicap.org, Nuclear Connection Project. Also during the 1950s several sources told NICAP of a secret Air Force project to use specially equipped F-94 interceptors to photograph UFOs; and a NASA scientist while applying for a job at the National Bureau of Standards learned of a classified project there to analyze radarscope photographs of UFOs. □

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