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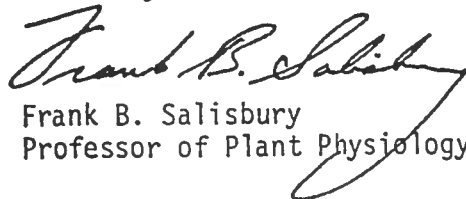
Edgar W. Smith  
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Dear Mr. Smith:

Many thanks for your interesting letter telling me about your UFO sightings. They basically look like good sightings although at this stage of the game it would be difficult to do much investigating, considering alternative possibilities, etc. I will send Xerox copies of your letter, along with copies of mine, to two international organizations that collect this kind of information: The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) in Tucson, Arizona, and The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) near Washington, D. C. Perhaps when the features of your story are compared (one of these days by computer) with other stories, interesting and important similarities may emerge.

Thanks again for your letter. Incidentally I have written a book about the UFO sightings in eastern Utah, as well as some of my own thoughts about these matters. I will enclose a flier prepared by the publisher in case you might be interested in seeing the book.

Sincerely,

  
Frank B. Salisbury  
Professor of Plant Physiology

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Salmon, Idaho,  
December 4th, 1974.

Dr. Frank B. Salisbury,  
Professor of Plant Physiology,  
Utah State University,  
Logan, Utah.

Dear Doctor,

I read a news item in the local daily press telling of your interest in the so-called UFOs or flying saucers. I had the experience of seeing some UFOs. At two different times in the same locality.

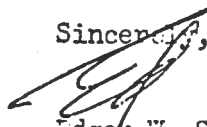
I saw these objects in July 1962 at a point near Ellis, Idaho, where the Salmon river and Pahsimeroi river join. At the Lemhi-Custer county line or boundary. There were three of them on the second sighting, one large, evidently a mother ship and two smaller ones leading the larger ship. I will attempt to draw a semblance of the shape of these objects but as I am not much of a "drawer", it may be a feeble attempt.

They were moving from west to east across the sky in front of me and I am not able to estimate their speed or distance from me. The large one and one of the smaller ones had the shape of a "squatty turnip" and the third was perfectly spherical. The smaller ones would move out away from the larger ship as though they were patrolling in advance and then move back in formation. This maneuver was so swift I am not completely sure it was executed as it was almost too fast for the eye to follow. The spherical ship moved in this blinding fast manner. They did not seem to be silver colored, rather a neutral shade of some kind.

The first time I saw a UFO it was at a distance, disappearing over a mountain and that one was silver colored. I did not get as clear a look as I did the later sightings.

I have only told my immediate family about seeing those and a very close friend that is a pilot and owns his plane, flying that area frequently. He has never seen any thing on his flights through there. I did write the Federal Bureau of Investigation about this sighting as I am a former policeman and worked a great deal with the Bureau, but they made no investigation. Any one that reports a sighting is treated as a mildly harmless lunatic, so I did not report it otherwise.

Sincerely,



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