[redacted]

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
18 Apr 61

2. LOCATION
Eagle River, Wisconsin

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 1100
GMT 18/1800Z Apr 61

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS Physical Specimen
☐ Yes (Pancake)
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
5 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
One

9. COURSE
Object landed.

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Object shaped like 2 soup bowls togather, as a round saucer configuration. Aprox 30 ft in diameterand 12 ft. thick at center tapering to 1 ft at rim. Brighter than chrome. Exhaust pipes 6" - 8" in diameter spaced 1 ft apart around rim. Landed and encounter with space people ensued. Object caused severe air turbulance when departing. Sounded like snow tires on pavement at high speed only louder. Jet like sound. Landed outside observers window.

PANCAKE IN PHYSICAL SPECIMEN FILE

11. COMMENTS
Case received wide publicity through news media and saucer fans. Investigated by Air Force at scene and in the opinion of the investigators the witness was found to be a balanced person of good mental health and that he actually believes that the sequence of events really happened. However the inconsistancies coupled with lack of supporting evidence tend to indicate that the witness suffered an hallucination followed with delusion.

12. CONCLUSIONS
- ☐ Was Balloon
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- ☐ Possibly Balloon
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- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

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UFO Sighting, Eagle River, Wisconsin, 18 April 1961 2 June 1961

SAFOI-3C (Major Coleman)

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5 June 61

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Robert J. Friend Major
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UFO SIGHTING EAGLE RIVER
Wisconsin
27 April 1961

We are at the [redacted] farm residence about 12 miles east of Eagle River where another saucer sighting was reported Thursday, April 27. The first person to witness the second sighting is [redacted]. Is that correct?

Yes, Sir.

And how old are you?

Seventeen, Sir.

Can you tell us what you saw?

At first I didn't realize it was a flying saucer or an unidentified object. I thought it was a plane. I was just looking at the moon.

What time of day was this?

This was about 25 or 20 till seven, and I noticed it had a funny shape to it.

Was that during the evening?

Yes, during the evening, and I told [redacted] and he looked. He didn't believe me at first and he wasn't going to look. I told him to look. I jumped out of the car to look and he looked too. Then he ran in the house and told his mother and brother and sister.

When [redacted] reported this sighting to you, [redacted] what was your first reaction?

Well, we were sitting in the car at first and when he first said "[redacted], you want to see a flying saucer?" and I said "You're crazy" and he says "I ain't kidding you [redacted]." I jumped out of the car and looked and sure enough. I couln't believe my own eyes, but there it was right before me.

Can you describe what it looked like?

Oh, it was a big discular object probably between 40-50 feet in diameter and around 15 feet high, I would say. And it was like if you would put two pie plates together--that is roughly what it looked like. It had more of a rounded top.

What direction did it seem to be flying in?

It was flying from north to south.

Can you tell me how high it was--any way of estimating that?

Oh, I would say probably 4 or 5 thousand feet high.

Are you familiar with other type of flying object; helicopters, satellites? You have seen all of these in the air before?

Yes, I have seen them.

And this object definitely was not an object of this type?

No it wasn't, Sir.

What did you do then after you and Tom had gotten out of the car and were watching this object? Then you called your family out, is that correct?

That is true. We watched it for a short period of time, and I ran into the house and said "Ma, you want to see a flying saucer?" She just sort of snickered at me: she thought I was joking. I says "I'm not kidding, Ma." I says "Come to the window." She came over by the window and looked out and she agreed.

Well, was it a joke, Mrs. [redacted]

No, it wasn't a joke. I saw it in the sky just as plainly as the boys described it.

Could you describe it in your own words for us?

Well, in my own words, I would say that it was--the first words I said were that it was as [redacted]n had seen it in Eagle River.

He is the plumber in Eagle River who reported that he even visited with the inhabitants of the saucer?

That is right.

Are you familiar with [redacted]? Have you known him before?

No, I have never known him.

I see. When [redacted] first reported that he had seen a flying saucer, that he had talked with the inhabitants, what was your reaction when you heard that story?

Well, I didn't believe it.

How about now.

Well I believe it moreso, yes, of course.

When did you see this flying object, [redacted]

I was just in the house, and [redacted] came in and told us to look out of the window. It was maybe about 20 till seven when I looked out the window.

And what did you see?

Well, it seemed to me just like the guy in Eagle River described it.--Like two bowls or pie plates put together. It seemed to me the same on the top as it was on the bottom.

Could you tell how fast it was going? How long did you sight it in the sky?

Well, I saw it for maybe two or three minutes. That's all.

Brent, have any military authorities or governmental agencies questioned you about this sighting?

No, they haven't.

There has been no attempt made to get in touch with you?

No, Sir.

Are any of you people familiar with Judge [redacted], the judge in Eagle River? [redacted] how well do you know him? Have you ever heard him speak on the subject of flying saucers?

No, I have never heard him speak on the subject of flying saucers.

I understand that there is an agency or a society within Eagle River which concerns itself with the study of unidentified flying objects. Are any of you people familiar with this organization, or members of it perhaps?

No, we aren't.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN
UFO SIGHTING
APRIL 18, 1961

At about 11:00 a.m. on April 18, [redacted] was having a late breakfast in his home. (See picture) When he heard a noise which he described as a car going around a curve in a great hurry, a screeching like that or something like a jet. [redacted] said it was actually like a jet, it was Judge [redacted] (see later) who stated that [redacted] had told him that it had sounded like a screeching motor car. The consensus seems to be the sound it made while coming down was in [redacted]'s words "like a jet." Apparently he told [redacted] that on its way down it sounded like "knobby tires on a wet pavement." He looked out the window and saw descending a bright, chromium-colored, disk-shaped, object which he described as two soup bowls, one overturned on the other. [redacted] stated he was not frightened by the apparition, but went out immediately because of his curiosity. When he got there, the hatch, or hatchway, was already open. [redacted] stated that the hatchway operated something like a trunk of a car that it hinged from on top and the lower lip would coincide with the equator of the ship. He stated that when closed it was completely imperceptible, and that he would have sworn there was no possible opening there. The space ship as drawn by him is enclosed. When he came out, an occupant of said vehicle was leaning out of the hatch and making motions with his hands suggesting that he needed water or some other liquid. That is, he made [redacted] drinking motions. [redacted] was handed down a "thermos jug-like bottle" (see drawing) which he says was quite unlike any jug he has ever seen here. "A beautiful thing", he said.

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COPY OF COMPLAINT TO VILAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

April 21, 1961, 6:00 PM

Location: [redacted]

Officers: Stan Kukkrich and Erv Bueschel

Subject claims saucer landed in his drive. Made sign language to the 3 occupants of saucer. Wanted water in jug. Subject went into house after water and gave it to occupants. (3). Saw one of them cooking "pancakes". Subject made eating motion and was given 4 of the cakes.

Saucer supposed to be 30' diameter and 12 ' high. Hatch was approximately 5 to 6 ' above ground.

Officers looked over area but found no evidence of landing. Inspected one cake. It was approximately 1/8" thick and 2" or 3" in diameter with tiny holes entirely thru it. It was palateable and Officer Bueschel remarked it smelled like pumpernickle.

When I [redacted] remarked to [redacted] I would like to write answers to questions on my pad he said he wouldn't tell me about the incident.

Investigation and interrogation lasted about 1½ hours.

Signed [redacted]

Three reports indicating sightings in this area was received by the Sheriff's office after the intial sighting.

He took it to the basement where he has a pump and filled it with water, carried it out to the craft, and handed it up to the chap. In doing so, he had to get up on tiptoe and put one hand against the craft, he says, and effected the transfer of the jug. He described the interior as essentially black, and said he saw three control panels, and noted that there were two other men inside. The men he described as extremely clean-shaven, he said very smooth-faced, but dark and short, about 5 feet, he estimates. He said they looked like Italians. Their dress was also black, a "knitted jersey" was as close as he could come to it, and he insisted that they had turtle-neck sweater-type apparel. From his account, it seemed to me that it was more like the stereotyped picture one gets of Italian sports car racers, or at any rate, of the sporty set. There was no communication except by sign language between them, and as he backed away from the craft, he said he saw the interior dimly lighted, and that it was extremely beautiful. He said he would love to have a room painted in the same way. He noticed that one of the men was apparently cooking something, and in his attempt to communicate by sign language indicating that they now had water, he made motions with his mouth that they could now drink, but apparently this sign language was misinterpreted as indicating that he wanted some of the stuff they were cooking, and whereupon they handed him three or four of these little pancake-like cakes, and as soon as the transfer was effected, the hatch swung down, closed with a click, and he says then that the thing was imperceptible, he could not tell where the hatch had been. And immediately the craft, he stated, rose up like an elevator without any apparent acceleration, except, of course, at the very beginning. And when it arrived at a height of some 20 feet, it

tilted 45° and took off toward the south and disappeared in "a matter of seconds", or "two seconds", as he also said. As it took off, there was a considerable blast from the rear without smoke, however, which did shake his little pine tree, bending it severely although it came back to normal shortly thereafter. We examined the tree; there were some broken branches on it, but he stated that that was not caused by the ship but had been caused by a snowplow some weeks previous.

After we had taken a number of pictures, and went over numerous points with [redacted] we invited him to dinner and headed into town, in the meantime renting a car from a garage so that we could look up the other people in the case. We had a rather lengthy dinner in which I attempted to draw him out on various topics. People passed the table frequently and he was greeted as though he were a very respected member of the community. I excused myself and went into the bar to strike up a conversation with people there, and both in that encounter and in many other casual conversations, it appeared that the town by and large believed him, although there were some rather voluble skeptics. I was advised to talk with his neighbor, a man named [redacted], who I was told could tell me quite a bit about [redacted], but since our time was extremely limited, I did not get to do this. Mr. [redacted] talked with Judge [redacted] and experienced great difficulty in being admitted to the house. Apparently the Judge thought he was from the Air Force and the Air Force appears to be strictly persona non grata among the flying saucer people around there. The Judge admitted membership in NICAP and his library had one long shelf devoted entirely to flying saucer books and other shelves were devoted to topics with are generally regarded

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gesture of salute and appreciation which gesture was returned by [redacted]. The weather was clear and the sun was shining brightly on the metallic surface. As far as noise was concerned, he stated that there was a continuous whining sound in the interior of the cabin and that the take-off did not involve any particular noise.

The only serious technical flaw in the story is the disappearance of the craft in "two seconds", or even "a few seconds." The rest of the story did not contain any outrages to physical concepts.

Mr. [redacted] appeared quite sincere to me, did not appear to be the perpetrator of a hoax, but to attempt to determine whether he had a physical experience or a mental aberration places the matter in the realm of psychology.

As far as town reaction is concerned, it was evidently quite a high spot of conversation in the pre-tourist season for some time. The town certainly had something to talk about, the local bakery had a white-washed sign on its windows stating "Spaceship Cakes", and a local service station had a sign stating "Spaceships Serviced Here."

It was established that [redacted]s not a reader of books, and probably did not have any preconceived notions as to UFO's, except that we do not know what previous contact he had with the Judge and how much the Judge may have told him of the flying saucer game. The Judge did say that when he talked with [redacted], who had asked for an appointment late in the evening, he had shown him numerous pictures of flying saucers in various books but in each case [redacted] said, "No, it wasn't like that, it was like this", and so on. There is some connection between a soup toureen that the Judge has in his home and the jug that was supposedly handed down. At least insofar as the

as lunatic fringe items, though I myself do not necessarily regard them as such. I later had an opportunity to talk with the Judge in [redacted] presence and by that time, the Judge was quite voluble and went into great detail as to his initial encounter with [redacted] and the types of questions he had asked [redacted]. The Judge posed as an initial skeptic, but it is apparent that in this questioning of [redacted] he undoubtedly introduced many details into the story which were later incorporated bodily by [redacted] as gospel.

As far as technical details, as regards propulsion systems, trajectories, and the like, it was futile to attempt to pursue the matter further. [redacted] is an itinerant plumber and chicken farmer. He lives alone, his wife works in Chicago and apparently has been for the past two years. He would seem a fit subject, if regarded by a psychologist, as one to whom a mental aberration might occur. The Judge stated, in fact, that he at first thought that [redacted] had become "shack happy", but that after sufficient questioning he, the Judge, and been convinced that the sighting was valid.

In talking with [redacted] one did not get the impression that he was an Adamski type. He answered questions directly, did not contradict himself, insisted on the facts being exactly as he stated and he refused to accept embellishments or modifications. He stated he was sure that we wouldn't believe him but that he didn't care whether he was believed. He stated simply this happened and that was that. The duration of the entire episode was about five minutes. He stated also that at no time was he frightened, and at no time did the men appear in any way to threaten him. As they left, the man to whom he had handed the jug placed his hand on his forehead in a

handles and general overall contours are concerned, although the drawing that [redacted] made of the jug does not by any means bear a one-to-one correspondence with the soup toureen.

In view of the fact that it is not our practice to investigate cases in which there is only one observer (since such cases are 'a priori' suspect of mental aberration), this case should not be given too much weight and certainly one cannot expect any sort of a definite solution. From the appearance of the man, his habits of life and his evident loneliness, it would appear to me that the situation was ripe for suggestibility and a mental aberration. The presence of the NICAP Judge in the picture probably accounts in large part for the embellishment of the story and the publicity it has attained.

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Dr. J. Allen Hynek

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DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

June 8, 1961

Colonel Philip G. Evans
Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

Attn: AFCIN-4E

Dear Colonel Evans:

We have completed our examination of the material submitted with your letter of May 5. Microscopic analysis shows the presence of fat, starch, buckwheat hulls, wheat bran, and soybean hulls. The material appears to be a portion of an ordinary pancake made predominantly of buckwheat. Bacteriological examination and measurement of radioactivity gave results which are consistent with the view that the article is an ordinary pancake of terrestrial origin.

Remainder of the cake is being returned, herewith.

Sincerely yours,

M. L. Yakowitz

M. L. Yakowitz
Assistant to the Director
Division of Administrative Review
Bureau of Enforcement

Enclosure
Pkg (remnants of cake)

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676TH RADAR SQUADRON (SAGE) (ADC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ANTIGO AIR FORCE STATION
ANTIGO, WISCONSIN

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 676-CCR

1 May 1961

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: AFCIN-4E (AERIAL Phenomena

Submitted herewith in compliance with telephonic instructions is a report covering the UFO incident at Eagle River, Wisconsin, 18 April 1961.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Billy J. Corbin

BILLY J. CORBIN
Capt., USAF
Administrative Officer

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SUMMARY

At 1130, 25 April 1961 Major Friend received telephone call from Captain Williamson, Duluth Air Defense Sector. Captain Williamson's call was to report an incident concerning an alleged flying saucer landing in Eagle River, Wisconsin on 18 April 1961. Mr. [redacted] of Eagle River told Judge [redacted] Sr.; District Attorney, [redacted] and [redacted] newspaper editor, all of Eagle River, that a flying saucer had landed on his property on 18 April 1961. Three persons dressed in two-piece black suits, 5 feet tall, and weighing approximately 125 pounds had disembarked from the space craft through a hatch door and indicated to Mr. [redacted] that they desired water. Mr. [redacted] provided the water and was rewarded with 3 cakes. The cakes were 2" by 3 1/2", flat, and perforated with holes the size of a pencil (cross-section). The ship that supposedly landed before noon was made of chrome, appeared brighter than silver and was described by Mr. [redacted] as being 12' thick and 30' in diameter. Exhaust pipes 6 or 7" in diameter protruded from this craft.

Major Friend made telephone contact with Judge [redacted] The judge, who has handled a great number of mental cases (volunteered information), indicated that he believes Mr. [redacted]'s story. The judge stated that the cakes were still fresh one week after the incident. Two of the cakes are still in the possession of Mr. [redacted] One cake was forwarded to Major Donald E. Keyhoe by Judge [redacted]

ACTIONS

1. Contacted Major William Coleman, SAFOI-3c, and informed him of the incident and of the actions taken by ATIC.

2. Informed Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Project Consultant, and requested that he proceed to Eagle River and investigate the incident. Dr. Hynek is located at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, and therefore relatively close to Eagle River, Wisconsin.

3. Attempts to contact Mr [redacted] are ~~shall~~ being continued.

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1. Description of the Object.

a. Shape - Like two (2) soup bowls placed together. Round, saucer configuration.

b. Size - Approximately 30 feet diameter and 12 feet thick at center, tapering to approximately a foot at rim..

c. Color - Brighter than chrome.

d. Number - One.

e. Formation, if more than one - N/A.

f. Any descernable features and details - Exhaust pipes 6" to 8" in diameter, spaced about one (1) foot apart around rim. Some straight, some slightly curved. Appeared to be moving inperceptibly. Inside of exhaust pipes dark.

g. Tail, trail, or exhaust - None. Caused severe air turbulence when it departed. Tree (see sketch) was severely bent by wind, but observer felt none.

h. Sound - Sounded like snow tires on pavement at high speed, only extremely loud. Jet like sound. Diminished upon landing and replaced by electrical generator whine.

i. Other pertinent or unusual features - See narrative account at end of summary.

2. Description of course of object.

a. What first called the attention of the observer to the object - The sound and the actual appearance of a flying saucer directly outside the observers window.

b. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance - Lifted to height of 30 feet, tilted. Departed at 180° azimuth at 45 degree climb.

c. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object when first observed - About 25 feet off the ground and approximately 30 feet away from the house.

d. Description of flight path and manuevers of object - Descended vertically when first observed, landed, and departed in manuever described in (3) above.

e. How did the object disappear? In about two seconds time to the South. See (3) above.

f. How long was the object visible? Approximately five minutes.

3. Manner of Observation - Ground visual.

a. Statement as to optical aids - None.

b. If the sighting is made while airborne, give type of aircraft,

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PREPARING INDIVIDUAL Major Frank L Hardcastle	DATE OF REPORT 1 May 1961	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE Mr [redacted]	EVALUATION See Report	SRI NO. ACTIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON *(Date)*

REFERENCES *(BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)*

See below

SUBJECT *(Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)*

Unidentified Flying Object

SUMMARY *(Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)*

5 INCLS

1. Box, containing sample of pancake.
2. Map of Eagle River, Wisconsin area.
3. Drawing of observer house and landing site.
4. Copy of Sheriff's report.
5. Vilas County Newspaper report.

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a. Existence of physical evidence, such as materials or photographs. Pancakes. See sample enclosed and narrative summary following.

12. Upon request of Hq 30th Air Division, the undersigned conducted an inquiry into a reported landing of a UFO near Eagle River, Wisconsin. Following is a recount of the experience as related by Joe Simonton.

13. About 1100 AM, 18 April 1961 the observer was standing in his kitchen when he heard an intense whining sound, something like snow tires on dry pavement or like jet bombers which frequently overfly his house, but much louder. Simultaneously, he looked West out of his kitchen window and saw a huge saucer lowering to the ground. It was intensely bright, like chrome, only brighter. He was not frightened and proceeded immediately out his back door and around the corner of the house. (See sketch attached). By this time the intense sound had diminished entirely and he was standing about 10 or 15 feet away from the UFO. The UFO appeared to be on the ground, but since the ground was not disturbed after departure, he assumed it must have been hovering just off the ground.

14. A hatch opened like a trunk lid. The hatch was about 3 feet by 6 feet and opened upward from the rim of the UFO. A man was standing in the doorway. He was about 5 feet tall, 120 or 125 pounds, dressed in a black skull cap, a heavy black turtle neck sweater with ½" white band around the base of the sweater, and black tight fitting trousers with white stripes down each side. The material seemed to be jersey about ½" thick. The man appeared to have Italian features, smooth shaven. He could not see his shoes because they were inside the rim of the UFO. He claimed he could not see very well inside, however he observed what appeared to be three control panels, each about two foot high and four feet long. One man, dressed like the man at the door (less white stripes) was seated at the center panel with his back to the hatch. A third man, dressed the same, was standing to the right of the hatch and appeared to be cooking over a flameless grill. None of the men were armed. The grill was about 30" long, 18" wide and 4" thick. There was no flame or smell. He appeared to be turning cakes or something with a cooking tool. There was a metal band about ¼" to 2" wide, about 3 feet above deck level and apparently suspended somehow around each man at the control panel and the cooking grill. From the waist of each man were two short connecting cables to the band. There was a right waistcable and a left waistcable. The cables were about clothesline rope size and black in color. The inside of the UFO was dark, with slight indirect lighting which had no discernable color. The inside equipment was wrought iron black, except for controls on the control panels which appeared silver or aluminum in color. There was no luminous colors like a lighted panel.

15. The man at the hatch held a thermos like jug in his hand, which looked to be about 1 to 2 gallon capacity, and of the same bright chrome material as the UFO. The same metal material was used inside the jug instead of glass. The top was connected to the jug by a thin, black cord of indescribable material. There was an ear shapped handle on each side of the jug. He took the jug, went to the pump in his basement and filled the jug with water. He returned to the UFO and handed it to the man in the open hatch. In so doing, he balanced himself by placing his hand on the UFO. He said it felt smooth and cold, like ordinary metal. The man in the hatch in turn handed him 4 pancakes which he accepted. These cakes were warm. A sample of one is attached to this report. Then, the man in the hatch gave him a salute and he returned the salute. He stepped back to the corner of the house and the hatch was closed manually by the man who reached up and appeared to activate a release.

COPY OF COMPLAINT TO VILAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

April 21, 1961, 6:00 PM

Location: [redacted]

Officers: Stan Kukerich and Erv Bueschel

Subject claims saucer landed in his drive. Made sign language to the 3 occupants of saucer. Wanted water in jug. Subject went into house after water and gave it to occupants. (3). Saw one of them cooking "pancakes". Subject made eating motion and was given 4 of the cakes.

Saucer supposed to be 30' diameter and 12 ' high. Hatch was approximately 5 to 6 ' above ground.

Officers looked over area but found no evidence of landing. Inspected one cake. It was approximately 1/8" thick and 2" or 3" in diameter with tiny holes entirely thru it. It was palateable and Officer Bueschel remarked it smelled like pumpernickle.

When I (Kukerich) remarked to [redacted] I would like to write answers to questions on my pad he said he wouldn't tell me about the incident.

Investigation and interrogation lasted about 1½ hours.

Signed (Stan Kukerich)

Three reports indicating sightings in this area was received by the Sheriff's office after the intial sighting.

When the hatch was closed, its outline could not be discerned. The intense whining sound returned, the UFO lifted to about 25 or 30 feet and departed to the South. It disappeared in about 2 seconds. The observer said he withheld telling anyone until 20 April when he told Mrs [redacted] of Eagle River, Wisconsin.

16. The disposition of the four pancakes received from the alleged UFO occupants is as follows:

a. One cake to [redacted], who in turn sent the exhibit to NICAP, Washington, D. C.

b. One-half cake to Dr J. A. Hynek, Dearborn University, Evanston, Illinois.

c. One-half cake to writer of this report (exhibit attached).

d. One-half cake to a Mr [redacted] lv, Los Angeles 4, California.

e. Remaining one and one-half cakes, less a sample nibble by Joe Simonton, in his possession.

17. Judg[redacted] was telephonically questioned in connection with the sighting and his reaction was biased. He claimed that proper government action was slow and that he had sent the cake to the National Investigating Committee for Aerial Phenomena. Further inquiry locally concerning Judge [redacted]r bore out that he is a member of the NICAP, quite avid, if not rabid, in his interest in aerial phenomena, and considered by some to be somewhat of a "character". No pre-connection or collusion was apparent between Judge [redacted] and [redacted], however the writer did not pursue this avenue of investigation.

18. Mrs [redacted] was interviewed because [redacted] said she was the first person he told on 20 April 1961. Mrs [redacted] said she laughed at first and [redacted] laughed too, although he explained his laughter by saying that she was making him laugh. He allegedly tasted a piece of the pancake and said it tasted like "cardboard!" Mrs [redacted]n does not know whether to believe the story or not. Mrs [redacted] disbelieves him although she attests to his reliability and sincereity. One discrepancy in the story occurred in that Mrs [redacted] said [redacted] told her the inside was bright like chrome, whereas [redacted] told the writer the inside was wrought iron black.

19. A thorough investigation would be required to ascertain complete background data on [redacted] and his associates. It is interesting to note however, that the Sheriff's office received a number of reported sightings after the incident of [redacted] and, on 30 April 1961, the writer received a call from the Eagle River Sheriff's office that [redacted]n claimed his chickens were dying and he wanted to see the investigating officer again. This request was answered by stating the information would be included in the report.

20. In the opinion of the writer, the observer is a balanced person who tells his story with just about the right amount of disbelief a person would be expected to have under similiar circumstances. He appears to believe himself. There are some illogical factors. For example, the change in stories concerning the inside of the UFO. Also, he seemed on occasion to get mixed up as to whether there were three or four pancakes. There were four.

His recounting of rather exacting measurements in view of the fact that he said he couldn't see very well inside the UFO, appear to be inconsistent. The manual closing of the hatch appeared somewhat incongrous to the writer for a space vehicle. One thing must be admitted, the existence of the "pancakes" rules out a dream, hallucanations, temporary insanity, delirium tremens, etc.

identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station - N/A.

4. Time and Date of Sighting - 1700 Zulu, 18 April 1961.

a. Light conditions - Daytime, sunny.

5. Location of Observer - See Map attached. Lat 89 15' West 45 51' North.

6. Identifying Information on Observer:-

a. Civilian - [redacted] Eagle River, Wisdonsin. Occupation - Plumber and part time chicken farmer. Reliable, according to townspeople. Sheriffs office claims no record of false stories, alarms, etc. Appeared coherent, logical and sincere. Age 60. Married, 2nd marriage, wife residing in Chicago, Illinois, no children. Observer claims no record of mental illness, head surgery, excessive use of alcohol, use of narcotics of other drugs.

7. Weather and winds Aloft.

a. Observer's account of weather conditions - Mild, sunny, light clouds.

b. Report from nearest AWS or U.S. Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots.

ALT	AZ	KNOTS	ALT	AZ	KNOTS	ALT	AZ	KNOTS
5,000	300	10	20,000	340	30	60,000	270	14
10,000	160	5	30,000	340	50			
15,000	340	15	50,000	270	20			

c. Ceiling - Unlimited.

d. Visibility - Unlimited.

e. Amount of cloud cover - Slight.

f. Thunderstorm in area and quadrant in which located - None.

g. Temperature - 50's.

8. Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorlogical, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting - None.

9. Interception or identification action taken - None.

10. Location, approximate altitude, and general direction of flight of any air traffic or balloon releases in the area which could possibley account for the sighting. None known.

11. Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sighting. Commander, 676th Radar Squadron, Antigo AFS, Wisonnsin. See statement following narrative summary for analysis of preparing officer.

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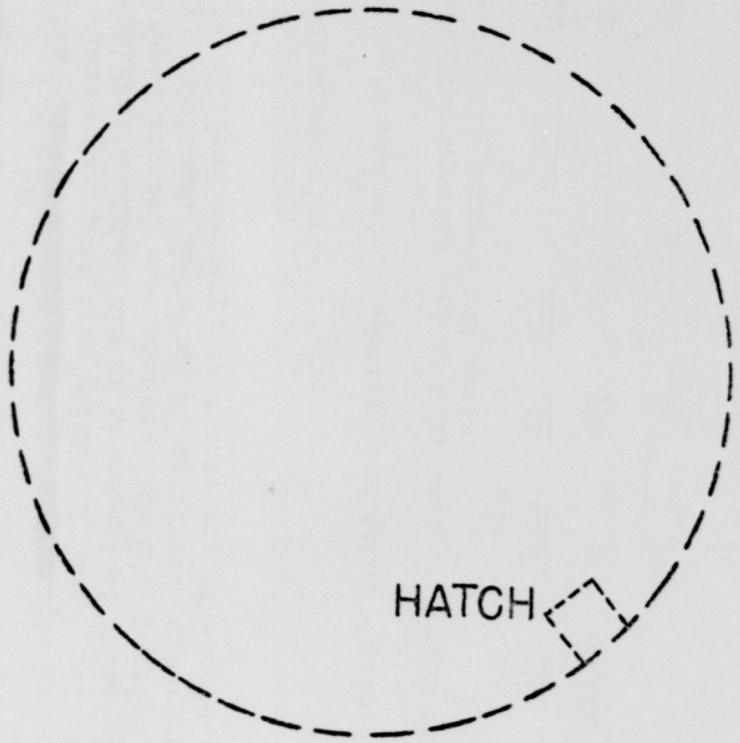

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LARGE TREE

GARAGE

KITCHEN WINDOW

TREE

HOUSE

1/8" = 1'

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He took it to the basement where he has a pump and filled it with water, carried it out to the craft, and handed it up to the chap. In doing so, he had to get up on tiptoe and put one hand against the craft, he says, and effected the transfer of the jug. He described the interior as essentially black, and said he saw three control panels, and noted that there were two other men inside. The men he described as extremely clean-shaven, he said very smooth-faced, but dark and short, about 5 feet, he estimates. He said they looked like Italians. Their dress was also black, a "knitted jersey" was as close as he could come to it, and he insisted that they had turtle-neck sweater-type apparel. From his account, it seemed to me that it was more like the stereotyped picture one gets of Italian sports car racers, or at any rate, of the sporty set. There was no communication except by sign language between them, and as he backed away from the craft, he said he saw the interior dimly lighted, and that it was extremely beautiful. He said he would love to have a room painted in the same way. He noticed that one of the men was apparently cooking something, and in his attempt to communicate by sign language indicating that they now had water, he made motions with his mouth that they could now drink, but apparently this sign language was misinterpreted as indicating that he wanted some of the stuff they were cooking, and whereupon they handed him three or four of these little pancake-like cakes, and as soon as the transfer was effected, the hatch swung down, closed with a click, and he says then that the thing was imperceptible, he could not tell where the hatch had been. And immediately the craft, he stated, rose up like an elevator without any apparent acceleration, except, of course, at the very beginning. And when it arrived at a height of some 20 feet, it

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN
UFO SIGHTING
APRIL 18, 1961

At about 11:00 a.m. on April 18, [redacted] was having a late breakfast in his home. (See picture) When he heard a noise which he described as a car going around a curve in a great hurry, a screeching like that or something like a jet. [redacted] said it was actually like a jet, it was Judge [redacted] (see later) who stated that [redacted] had told him that it had sounded like a screeching motor car. The consensus seems to be the sound it made while coming down was in [redacted] words "like a jet." Apparently he told [redacted] that on its way down it sounded like "knobby tires on a wet pavement." He looked out the window and saw descending a bright, chromium-colored, disk-shaped, object which he described as two soup bowls, one overturned on the other. [redacted] stated he was not frightened by the apparition, but went out immediately because of his curiosity. When he got there, the hatch, or hatchway, was already open. [redacted] stated that the hatchway operated something like a trunk of a car that it hinged from on top and the lower lip would coincide with the equator of the ship. He stated that when closed it was completely imperceptible, and that he would have sworn there was no possible opening there. The space ship as drawn by him is enclosed. When he came out, an occupant of said vehicle was leaning out of the hatch and making motions with his hands suggesting that he needed water or some other liquid. That is, he made drinking motions. Simonton was handed down a "thermos jug-like bottle" (see drawing) which he says was quite unlike any jug he has ever seen here. "A beautiful thing", he said.

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as lunatic fringe items, though I myself do not necessarily regard them as such. I later had an opportunity to talk with the Judge in [redacted] presence and by that time, the Judge was quite voluble and went into great detail as to his initial encounter with [redacted] and the types of questions he had asked [redacted] The Judge posed as an initial skeptic, but it is apparent that in this questioning of [redacted] he undoubtedly introduced many details into the story which were later incorporated bodily by [redacted] as gospel.

As far as technical details, as regards propulsion systems, trajectories, and the like, it was futile to attempt to pursue the matter further. [redacted] is an itinerant plumber and chicken farmer. He lives alone, his wife works in Chicago and apparently has been for the past two years. He would seem a fit subject, if regarded by a psychologist, as one to whom a mental aberration might occur. The Judge stated, in fact, that he at first thought that [redacted] had become "shack happy", but that after sufficient questioning he, the Judge, and been convinced that the sighting was valid.

In talking with [redacted] one did not get the impression that he was an Adamski type. He answered questions directly, did not contradict himself, insisted on the facts being exactly as he stated and he refused to accept embellishments or modifications. He stated he was sure that we wouldn't believe him but that he didn't care whether he was believed. He stated simply this happened and that was that. The duration of the entire episode was about five minutes. He stated also that at no time was he frightened, and at no time did the men appear in any way to threaten him. As they left, the man to whom he had handed the jug placed his hand on his forehead in a

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tilted 45° and took off toward the south and disappeared in "a matter of seconds", or "two seconds", as he also said. As it took off, there was a considerable blast from the rear without smoke, however, which did shake his little pine tree, bending it severely although it came back to normal shortly thereafter. We examined the tree; there were some broken branches on it, but he stated that that was not caused by the ship but had been caused by a snowplow some weeks previous.

After we had taken a number of pictures, and went over numerous points with [redacted], we invited him to dinner and headed into town, in the meantime renting a car from a garage so that we could look up the other people in the case. We had a rather lengthy dinner in which I attempted to draw him out on various topics. People passed the table frequently and he was greeted as though he were a very respected member of the community. I excused myself and went into the bar to strike up a conversation with people there, and both in that encounter and in many other casual conversations, it appeared that the town by and large believed him, although there were some rather voluble skeptics. I was advised to talk with his neighbor, a man named [redacted], who I was told could tell me quite a bit about [redacted], but since our time was extremely limited, I did not get to do this. Mr. [redacted] talked with Judge [redacted] and experienced great difficulty in being admitted to the house. Apparently the Judge thought he was from the Air Force and the Air Force appears to be strictly persona non grata among the flying saucer people around there. The Judge admitted membership in NICAP and his library had one long shelf devoted entirely to flying saucer books and other shelves were devoted to topics with are generally regarded

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gesture of salute and appreciation which gesture was returned by [redacted]. The weather was clear and the sun was shining brightly on the metallic surface. As far as noise was concerned, he stated that there was a continuous whining sound in the interior of the cabin and that the take-off did not involve any particular noise.

The only serious technical flaw in the story is the disappearance of the craft in "two seconds", or even "a few seconds." The rest of the story did not contain any outrages to physical concepts.

Mr. [redacted] appeared quite sincere to me, did not appear to be the perpetrator of a hoax, but to attempt to determine whether he had a physical experience or a mental aberration places the matter in the realm of psychology.

As far as town reaction is concerned, it was evidently quite a high spot of conversation in the pre-tourist season for some time. The town certainly had something to talk about, the local bakery had a white-washed sign on its windows stating "Spaceship Cakes", and a local service station had a sign stating "Spaceships Serviced Here."

It was established that [redacted] is not a reader of books, and probably did not have any preconceived notions as to UFO's, except that we do not know what previous contact he had with the Judge and how much the Judge may have told him of the flying saucer game. The Judge did say that when he talked with [redacted], who had asked for an appointment late in the evening, he had shown him numerous pictures of flying saucers in various books but in each case [redacted] said, "No, it wasn't like that, it was like this", and so on. There is some connection between a soup toureen that the Judge has in his home and the jug that was supposedly handed down. At least insofar as the

handles and general overall contours are concerned, although the drawing that [redacted] made of the jug does not by any means bear a one-to-one correspondence with the soup toureen.

In view of the fact that it is not our practice to investigate cases in which there is only one observer (since such cases are 'a priori' suspect of mental aberration), this case should not be given too much weight and certainly one cannot expect any sort of a definite solution. From the appearance of the man, his habits of life and his evident loneliness, it would appear to me that the situation was ripe for suggestibility and a mental aberration. The presence of the NICAP Judge in the picture probably accounts in large part for the embellishment of the story and the publicity it has attained.

It would be the advice and opinion of your consultant that the Air Force in discussing this case should hold fast to the advisability of the general custom of not considering seriously any sighting or report from a single individual, and to state that this case was investigated solely because of its possible nuisance value and because there will undoubtedly be an attempt made to jockey this incident into a full-fledged production. The Judge already intends to have public meetings in which [redacted] will describe this thing and answer questions and this, of course, means undoubtedly there will be public lectures with paid admission. There seems to be some indication that since Eagle River is a tourist town, that "[redacted]'s place" will be a tourist attraction this summer, and the like.

[redacted] has already received many letters which he kindly allowed me to read. The general tenor was that he had been a privileged individual to have had this experience and that he should be very careful of the Air Force in divulging any information or particularly of giving them

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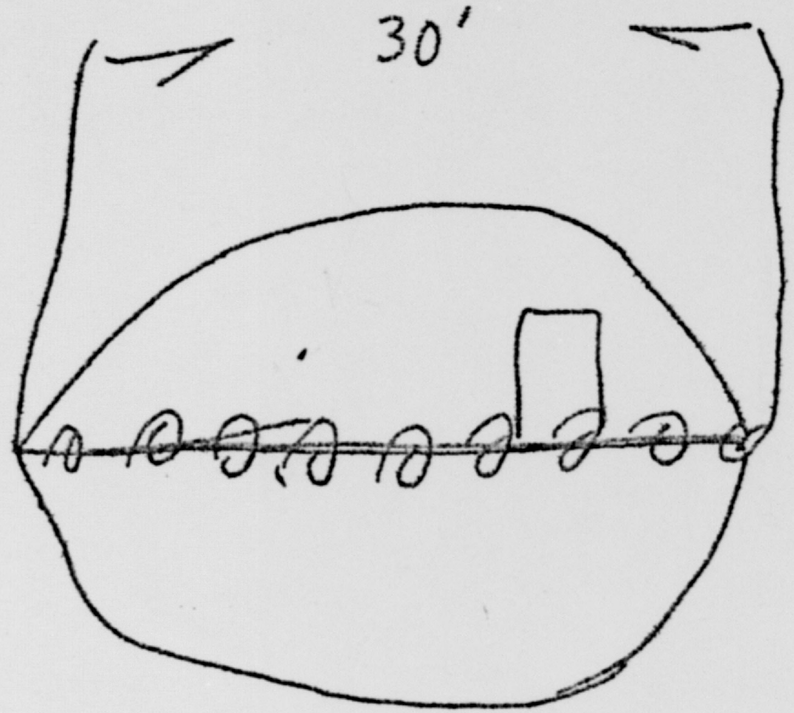

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any material evidence. He was warned that the Air Force would attempt to hush him up and that if he gave the Air Force any material evidence he would never get it back. I was questioned a number of times on my feelings toward NICAP and Major Keyhoe, and I of course stated that I thought that NICAP was attempting to do a serious job and that they had a lot of interested and sincere members who were trying to do the best they could. In no case, of course, did I attempt to say anything that could later be turned against us as are the unsympathetic toward the efforts of NICAP.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek

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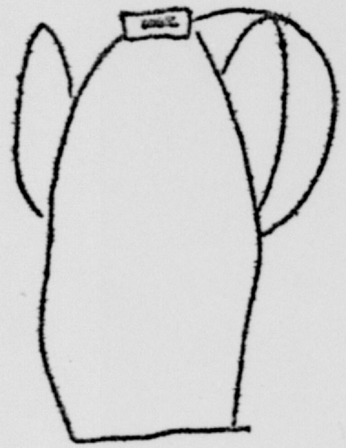
TRACING OF MR. [redacted] DRAWING OF THE JUG







DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

June 8, 1961

Colonel Philip G. Evans
Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

Attn: AFCIN-4E

Dear Colonel Evans:

We have completed our examination of the material submitted with your letter of May 5. Microscopic analysis shows the presence of fat, starch, buckwheat hulls, wheat bran, and soybean hulls. The material appears to be a portion of an ordinary pancake made predominantly of buckwheat. Bacteriological examination and measurement of radioactivity gave results which are consistent with the view that the article is an ordinary pancake of terrestrial origin.

Remainder of the cake is being returned, herewith.

Sincerely yours,

M. L. Yakowitz

M. L. Yakowitz
Assistant to the Director
Division of Administrative Review
Bureau of Enforcement

Enclosure
Pkg (remnants of cake)

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Request for Analysis

Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare
Food and Drug Administration
330 Independence Avenue, S. W.
Washington, D. C.

1. Mr. [redacted] who resides near Eagle River, Wisconsin, related to U. S. Air Force investigators that at 1100 a.m., 18 April 1961, he witnessed the landing of a space craft and had contact with the occupants. The witness further reported that the occupants rewarded him with four cakes for providing them with water. This case has received wide publicity by television, radio, and the press.

2. Mr. [redacted] gave pieces of the cakes to representatives of a number of private organizations and institutions and was told by them that he would be advised of the results of their analysis. It is requested that your agency analyze the sample of a cake (Attachment #1) which accompanies this letter and provide this office with a copy of your report.

3. Mr. [redacted] is a well-respected individual in his community and his honesty was vouched for by the local judge and district attorney.

4. For your information a copy of the report of the incident is attached (Attachment #2). The expression "NICAP" in the report stands for the National Investigation Committee of Aerial Phenomena, a private UFO organization.

5. ATIC will advise your agency of any further developments on this case.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

2 Atchs
1. Sample of cake.
2. Rpt of incident.

COORDINATION: AFCIN-4E Robert J. Friend Major DATE 4 May '61
Maj Robert J. Friend

AERONAUTICAL SYSTEMS DIVISION
~~WRIGHT AIR DEVELOPMENT CENTER~~
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

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~~DIRECTORATE OF LABORATORIES~~ Physics LABORATORY
Materials Central

EVALUATION REPORT

Analysis of Foreign Materials

REPORT NR: ASRC P61-13 (WWRCP)
DATE: 10 May 1961
PROJECT NR: 921Y
TYPE EVALUATION:
MANUFACTURER:
SPEC NR:
SUBMITTED BY: AFCIN4E (T/Sgt Bolieu)
ITEM SERIAL NR:

I. PURPOSE:

To identify the foreign material.

II. FACTUAL DATA:

1. The sample was assigned Physics Laboratory Number 7003.
2. Positive chemical tests were obtained for:
   a. starch
   b. reducing sugar
   c. sodium chloride
3. Negative results were obtained for proteins.
4. Infrared absorption analysis showed the presence of a hydrogenated oil.

III. CONCLUSIONS:

Chemical analysis indicates that the material was prepared from a low protein flour with small quantities of sugar and salt and cooked in a hydrogenated oil.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS:

None, data merely submitted.

PREPARED BY:

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May 19, 1961

Major Robert J. Friend
Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is, I'm afraid, a rather rough report of our venture to Eagle River, Wisconsin. However, it contains all the material that is appropriate.

I am dubbing two tapes for you and will send them on next week.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek

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Report of the investigation of the sighting at Eagle River, Wisconsin, purported to have been made on April 18, 1961, by Mr. [redacted]. (Investigated by Dr. J. A. Hynek, Mr. [redacted] Mr [redacted] summarized by J. A. Hynek.)

Chronological Events:

Major Friend called me at approximately 10:45 am, April 26, to say that he had just been in touch with Judge [redacted], Sr. at Eagle River, and that the Judge stated that he had sent some material to Donald Keyhoe and NICAP. Major Friend felt it would be advisable to learn more what the actual situation was before NICAP built a big story out of this. In view of the fact that we had been strongly urging immediate capability on the part of the Air Force to investigate cases before they went sour, Hynek decided to fly up and investigate personally. He took with him Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted], graduate students in Astronomy at Northwestern University. A Bonanza single engine plane was hired from Pewaukee airport. Take-off at approximately 3:40 pm, arrival in Eagle River about 5:45 pm. Obtained a taxi and went into town to make phone calls. Contacted Mr. [redacted], brother of the Editor of the News Review of the Vilas County. Mr. [redacted] attempted to call Mr. [redacted], the principal in the case, but couldn't get through so offered to take us out to his farm (chicken ranch), about 4 miles out of town, Route 1. [redacted] was not present on our arrival, so we took the opportunity of taking pictures, while Satran pointed out to us the alleged landing place of the space craft, etc. This was about 6:30 pm and there was sufficient light to take pictures. Pictures enclosed. Polaroid pictures were taken by Hynek and black and white 35 millimeter by [redacted]. We learned shortly that [redacted] was in the neighborhood and so dashed off to see him. Attempted to rent a car from the people he was visiting, but

When he came out, an occupant of said vehicle, was leaning out of the hatch, and making motions with his hands suggesting that he needed water or some other liquid. That is, he made drinking motions. [redacted] was handed down a "thermos jug-like bottle" (see drawing) which he says was quite unlike any jug he has ever seen here. "A beautiful thing", he said. He took it to the basement where he has apump and filled it with water, carried it out to the craft, and handed it up to the chap. In doing so, he had to get up on tiptoe and put one hand against the craft, he says, and effected the transfer of the jug. He described the interior as essentially black, and said he saw three control panels, and noted that there were two other men inside. The men he described as extremely clean-shaven, he said very smooth-faced, but dark and short, about 5 feet, he estimates. He said they looked like Italians. Their dress was also black, a "knitted jersey" was as close as he could come to it, and he insisted that they had turtle-neck sweater-type apparel. From his account, it seemed to me that it was more like the stereotyped picture one gets of Italian sports car racers, or at any rate, of the sporty set. There was no communication except by sign language between them, and as he backed away from the craft, he said he saw the interior dimly lighted, and that it was extremely beautiful. He said he would love to have a room painted in the same way. He noticed that one of the men was apparently cooking something, and in his attempt to communicate by sign language indicating that they now had water, he made motions with his mouth that they could now drink, but apparently this sign language was misinterpreted as indicating that he wanted some of the stuff they were cooking, and whereupon they handed him three or four of these little pancake-like cakes, and as soon as the transfer was effected, the hatch swung down, closed with a click, and

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met with most uncooperative attitude on part of husband of woman [redacted] had been visiting. People did offer to take us back to [redacted]'s place.

Weller rode back with [redacted], results: [redacted] said he was damn sick and tired of being pestered by news men, assured Weller that this whole thing was not a hoax or a joke, (wouldn't take two weeks out from his work to perpetrate a hoax, now would he?). Weller reports [redacted] sounded sincere.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch [redacted] went through the recital, probably for the n-th time, of the happening. Once and for all, the story of what he said happened follows:

X At about 11:00 am on April 18, [redacted] was having a late breakfast in his home. (See picture) When he heard a noise which he described as a car going around a curve in a great hurry, a screeching like that or something like a jet. [redacted] said it was actually like a jet, it was Judge [redacted] (see later) who stated that [redacted] had told him that it had sounded like a screeching motor car. The consensus seems to be the sound it made while coming down was in [redacted] words "like a jet". Apparently he told [redacted] that on its way down it sounded like "knobby tires on a wet pavement". He looked out the window and saw decending a bright, chromium-colored, disk-shaped, object which he described as two soup bowls, one overturned on the other. [redacted] stated he was not frightened by the apparition, but went out immediately because of his curiosity. When he got there, the hatch, or hatchway, was already open. [redacted] stated that the hatchway operated something like a trunk of a car that it hinged from on top and the lower lip would coincide with the equator of the ship. He stated that when closed it was completely imperceptible, and that he would have sworn there was no possible opening there. The space ship as drawn by him is enclosed.

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his library had one long shelf devoted entirely to flying saucer books and other shelves were devoted to topics which are generally regarded as lunatic fringe items, though I myself do not necessarily regard them as such. I later had an opportunity to talk with the Judge in [redacted] presence and by that time, the Judge was quite voluble and went into great detail as to his initial encounter with [redacted] and the types of questions he had asked Simonton. The Judge posed as an initial skeptic, but it is apparent that in this questioning of [redacted] he undoubtedly introduced many details into the story which were later incorporated bodily by [redacted] as gospel.

As far as technical details, as regards propulsion systems, trajectories, and the like, it was futile to attempt to pursue the matter further. [redacted] is an itinerant plumber and chicken farmer. He lives alone, his wife works in Chicago and apparently has been for the past two years. He would seem a fit subject, if regarded by a psychologist, as one to whom a mental aberration might occur. The Judge stated, in fact, that he at first thought that [redacted] had become "shack happy", but that after sufficient questioning he, the Judge, had been convinced that the sighting was valid.

In talking with [redacted] one did not get the impression that he was an Adamski type. He answered questions directly, did not contradict himself, insisted on the facts being exactly as he stated and he refused to accept embellishments or modifications. He stated he was sure that we wouldn't believe him but that he didn't care whether he was believed. He stated simply this happened and that was that. The duration of the entire episode was about five minutes. He stated also that at no time was he frightened, and at no time did the men appear in any way to threaten him. As they left, the man to whom he had handed the jug placed his hand on his forehead in a gesture of salute

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he says then that the thing was imperceptible, he could not tell where the hatch had been. And immediately the craft, he stated, rose up like an elevator without any apparent acceleration, except, of course, at the very beginning. And when it had arrived at a height of some 20 feet, it tilted 45° and took off toward the south and disappeared in "a matter of seconds", or "two seconds", as he also said. As it took off, there was a considerable blast from the rear without smoke, however, which did shake his little pine tree, bending it severely although it came back to normal shortly thereafter. We examined the tree; there were some broken branches on it, but he stated that that was not caused by the ship but had been caused by a snowplow some weeks previous.

After we had taken a number of pictures, and went over numerous points with [redacted] we invited him to dinner and headed into town, in the meantime renting a car from a garage so that we could look up the other people in the case. We had a rather lengthy dinner in which I attempted to draw him out on various topics. People passed the table frequently and he was greeted as though he were a very respected member of the community. I excused myself and went into the bar to strike up a conversation with people there, and both in that encounter and in many other casual conversations, it appeared that the town by and large believed him, although there were some rather voluble skeptics. I was advised to talk with his neighbor, a man named [redacted] who I was told could tell me quite a bit about [redacted] but since our time was extremely limited, I did not get to do this. Mr. [redacted] talked with Judge [redacted] and experienced great difficulty in being admitted to the house. Apparently the Judge thought he was from the Air Force and the Air Force appears to be strictly persona non grata among the flying saucer people around there. The Judge admitted membership in NICAP and

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In view of the fact that it is not our practice to investigate cases in which there is only one observer (since such cases are 'a priori' suspect of mental aberration), this case should not be given too much weight and certainly one cannot expect any sort of a definite solution. From the appearance of the man, his habits of life and his evident lonliness, it would appear to me that the situation was ripe for suggestibility and a mental aberration. The presence of the NICAP Judge in the picture probably accounts in large part for the embellishment of the story and the publicity it has attained.

It would be the advice and opinion of your consultant that the Air Force in discussing this case should hold fast to the advisability of the general custom of not considering seriously any sighting or report from a single individual, and to state that this case was investigated solely because of its possible nuisance value and because there will undoubtedly be an attempt made to jockey this incident into a full-fledged production. The Judge already intends to have public meetings in which [redacted] will describe this thing and answer questions and this, of course, means undoubtedly there will be public lectures with paid admission. There seems to be some indication that since Eagle River is a tourist town, that "[redacted]s place" will be a tourist attraction this summer, and the like.

[redacted] has already received many letters which he kindly allowed me to read. The general tenor was that he had been a very privileged individual to have had this experience and that he should be very careful of the Air Force in divulging any information or particularly of giving them any material evidence. He was warned that the Air Force would attempt to hush him up and that if he gave the Air Force any material evidence he would never get it back. I was questioned a number of times on my feelings toward NICAP and Major Keyhoe, and I of course stated that I thought that NICAP was attempting to do a serious

and appreciation which gesture was returned by [redacted]. The weather was clear and the sun was shining brightly on the metallic surface. As far as noise was concerned, he stated that there was a continuous whining sound in the interior of the cabin and that the take-off did not involve any particular noise.

The only serious technical flaw in the story is the disappearance of the craft in "two seconds", or even "a few seconds". The rest of the story did not contain any outrages to physical concepts.

Mr. [redacted] appeared quite sincere to me, did not appear to be the perpetrator of a hoax, but to attempt to determine whether he had a physical experience or a mental aberration places the matter in the realm of psychology.

As far as town reaction is concerned, it was evidently quite a high spot of conversation in the pre-tourist season for some time. The town certainly had something to talk about, the local bakery had a white-washed sign on its windows stating "Spaceship Cakes", and a local service station had a sign stating "Spaceships Serviced Here".

It was established that [redacted] is not a reader of books, and probably did not have any preconcieved notions as to UFO's, except that we do not know what previous contact he had with the Judge and how much the Judge may have told him of the flying saucer game. The Judge did say that when he talked with [redacted], who had asked for an appointment late in the evening, he had shown him numerous pictures of flying saucers in various books but in each case Joe said, "No, it wasn't like that, it was like this", and so on. There is some connection between a soup toureen that the Judge has in his home and the jug that was supposedly handed down. At least insofar as the handles and general overall contours are concerned, although the drawing that [redacted] made of the jug does not by any means bear a one-to-one correspondence with the soup toureen.

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AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, Eagle River, Wisconsin, 18 April 1961 2 June 1961

TO: SAFOI-3C (Major Coleman)

1. Mr. [redacted], who resides near Eagle River, Wisconsin, related to U.S. Air Force investigators that at 1100 on 18 April 1961, he witnessed the landing of a space craft and had contact with the occupants. The witness further reported that the occupants rewarded him with four (4) cakes for providing them with water. This alleged sighting received wide play by television, radio and the Press.

2. This case was brought to the attention of the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center on 26 April 1961 by the Duluth Air Defense Sector, The Project Consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, was requested to investigate the reported sighting due his relative nearness to the scene of the incident. Investigation of this case was also independently conducted by personnel of the 676th Radar Squadron, Antigo AF Station, Antigo, Wisconsin. Copies of these reports of investigation are attachments 1 and 2 to this correspondence.

3. Mr. [redacted] reported that on 18 April 1961 at 1100 hours he was standing in his kitchen when he heard an intense whining sound, as if a jet were flying over his house, but much louder. He looked out of his kitchen window to the west and saw a hugh saucer lowering to the ground. It was reported to be intensely bright and appeared chrome like. The witness said he was not frightened and went out of doors until he was standing about 10 or 15 feet away from the UFO. He reported the object appeared to be on the ground,,but due to the lack of disturbance after its departure he assumes it was hovering.

4. A hatch was reported to have opened and a man appeared in the doorway. The occupant was described as being about five feet tall, 120 - 125 pounds, dressed in a black skull cap, a heavy black turtle neck sweater with a $\frac{1}{2}$" white band around the base, and black tight fitting trousers with white stripes down each side. The man had Italian features and was smooth shaven. Mr. [redacted] said he could not see into the UFO very well. However, he observed what appeared to be three control panels, each about two feet high and four feet long. The witness reported that there were two other occupants, dressed the same as the man at the door. One of the other men appeared to be preparing food over a flameless grill.

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job and that they had a lot of interested and sincere members who were trying to do the best they could. In no case, of course, did I attempt to say anything that could later be turned against us as are the unsympathetic toward the efforts of NICAP. Likewise this holds for my two colleagues who did a very fine job in interrogation and without whom I could not have completed this little job in the hours we had allocated. We left Eagle River about midnight or shortly thereafter and arrived back in Chicago and in Evanston about 3:00 am.

10. It is the decision of ATIC not to pursue further the circumstances surrounding the Eagle River, Wisconsin, sighting due to the fact that there is no evidence which indicates that the security of the United States was threatened and due to the possibility of causing Mr. [redacted]on embarrassment which might prove injurious to his mental health.

11. The above summary of the Eagle River, Wisconsin, UFO sighting, and the ATIC analysis, is forwarded to your office for passing to SAFLL in anticipation of possible congressional inquiries concerning this much publicized sighting.

for Major USAF

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
and Components

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1. Rpt of Investigation (Dr. Hynek), w/Atchs.
2. Rpt of Investigation (676th Radar Sq), w/Atchs.
3. ASD Lab Rpt.

5. The man at the hatch held a thermos-like jug in his hand which was made of the same bright material as the UFO. Though there was no conversation between him and the occupants of the UFO, he, [redacted] stated that he was aware that the men wanted the jug filled with water. After filling the jug and returning it to the man in the hatch he was given the four cakes which he reported were warm to the touch. Simonton then reported that he stepped back and exchanged salutes with the occupant of the UFO. The hatch was closed and the UFO, with the same whining sound, took off and disappeared in approximately two seconds.

6. The witness reported that the space craft was about 12 feet high and 30 feet in diameter with exhaust pipes 6 or 7 inches in diameter protruding from the edge. When the hatch was closed its outline could not be discerned.

7. It is the opinion of the investigators that Mr. [redacted] is a balanced person of good mental health and that he actually believes that the alleged contact was a real experience. However, there are inconsistences in the story which tend to indicate that this was a hallucination followed by delusion.

8. The witness, Mr. [redacted] gave both Dr. Hynek and the 676th Radar Squadron investigator samples of the cakes. These samples of the cakes were submitted to the Aeronautical Systems Division of the Air Force Systems Command and the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for analysis. The ASD conclusion is that the cakes were prepared from a low protein flour with small quantities of sugar and salt and cooked in a hydrogenated oil (Attachment #3). The report from the Food and Drug Administration has not as yet reached ATIC.

9. This case was discussed with a psychologist of the Aeronautical Systems Division who has clinical experience and it is his opinion that the witness suffered a hallucination and subsequent delusion concerning his experience. The psychologist pointed out that cases of this type could be injurious to the mental health of the individual if they became upset due to the experience. He pointed out that if cases of this type are to be pursued, in an attempt to make the witness aware that his experience was not real, that a professional should undertake the job because of the possible danger of injuring the witness' mental health. It was pointed out that experiences of this type, hallucinations followed by delusion, are not at all uncommon and especially in rural communities. Many persons who experience these hallucinations understand them or do not make public their experiences. These hallucinations may be a "one-time" experience brought on by circumstances which may never again be presented to the individual. The psychologist pointed out that many deluded individuals who, due to the fact that they are adjusted to their communities and their communities to them, are not hospitalized for treatment for they are better off without the added concern over their mental condition.

FACTS BEHIND THE "PANCAKE" STORY

Several members have inquired about NICAP's analysis of the so-called "spaceman pancakes" case publicized in April. Since we have been publicly accused of failing to investigate, here are the facts:

According to Joe Simonton, a plumber in Eagle River, Wisc., a spacecraft landed in his yard on April 18, and the crew exchanged three pancakes for a jug of water. One cake was sent to NICAP by County Judge Frank W. Carter of Eagle River. Without consulting us, Judge Carter told the press NICAP would analyze and publicly report on the cake.

On receipt, we first sent the cake to Prof. C.A. Maney, NICAP Board Member, for analysis by his colleague, chemistry professor Nathan Meltz. As Prof. Meltz was ill (he has since died) Prof. Maney returned the cake to NICAP. It was then sent to a New York laboratory chemist, Alexander D. Mebane, a NICAP adviser and an officer of Civilian Saucer Intelligence, N.Y. Mebane began preliminary tests of the fat content, taking IR and UV spectra, which indicated a common type of hydrogenated-oil shortening, melting at body temperature. Two factors delayed further tests. The cost of a chromatographic analysis would be $100; an isotope examination, taking four to five weeks, would cost $180. Second, Mr. Mebane was occupied with other problems which added to the delay.

At this time, NICAP's financial crisis was building up rapidly. Simultaneously, we were working hard for Congressional hearings. After Judge Carter's unapproved press statement about NICAP, scores of newspapers, radio and TV stations asked for our analysis -- a few obviously planning either tongue-in-cheek stories or open ridicule. We stated the analysis was incomplete, that we had no evidence to prove or disprove Mr. Simonton's claim, that we would publicly report any conclusion we reached, but that more urgent matters now took precedence over this contact report.

In May, Judge Carter inquired about news reports that NICAP was returning the cake unanalyzed. The Judge stated that, in one way, he would not blame us, since he too had been plagued by many phone calls. NICAP told Judge Carter the news reports were in error, that the analysis was being made. Since then, he has publicly accused us of evading the analysis, and has cooperated in open attacks on NICAP.

With NICAP short of financial security, we do not feel justified now in spending $300 or more on additional pancake analyses, when more urgent projects require funds. We might be flooded with requests to analyze all sorts of alleged UFO "items." However, we shall make public whatever final conclusions Mr. Mebane can draw without these expensive tests, and if any remnants remain after testing they will be returned to Judge Carter.

SPACE PANCAKE ANALYSIS IS NEGATIVE: We now have the results of the U.S. Air Force's analysis of one of the famous Eagle River space pancakes. In a personal interview with Major William Coleman, we were told that the pancake consisted of fat, starch, buckwheat hulls, soy bean hulls, wheat bran, and other common substances. The bacteriological and radiation readings were normal. The Air Force's conclusion, therefore, was that it is "an ordinary pancake of terrestrial origin." - Incidentally, Major Coleman is the new Pentagon spokesman on UFO's. Anyone meeting him or corresponding with him will agree with us that he is a far better public information officer than Lt. Col. Tacker, whom he recently replaced. Coleman seems to have a genuine desire to bring about the release of more detailed saucer information by the Government. We may have more to say about this in future issues of SAUCER NEWS.

New York's Civilian Saucer Intelligence (C.S.I.) has also received the results of the pancake analysis made at their expense by Isotopes, Inc., of Westwood, New Jersey. This civilian analysis agrees with the Air Force's, in that nothing was found to confirm the notion that the pancake is of extraterrestrial origin. Thus it appears that this bit of "physical evidence," about which we yelled so loudly in recent issues of SAUCER NEWS, is of no significance after all. However, the fact that the story now turns out to be a probable hoax, does not in the least excuse NICAP's a priori attitude in refusing to investigate it. Physical evidence in regard to UFO sightings is so extremely rare that each instance deserves a complete and unbiased investigation before any conclusions are reached.

It is interesting to note that J[redacted]n, the Eagle River man who is responsible for the pancake story, has had another sighting. The second sighting is much less spectacular than the first one, and it is backed up by a neighbor who was a witness. [redacted]n is now giving lectures, and is still receiving a large amount of mail because of the publicity his landing story received.

Source: Flying Saucer Review (Jul-Aug 1963)

Joe Simonton

Sir,—The Editor has stated on numerous occasions that he will publish any well-documented exposure of a fraudulent contact claim. In this respect it is most interesting, albeit puzzling, to note that he has completely ignored the admission of hoax regarding Joe Simonton's Eagle River, Wisconsin, claim, which was given considerable publicity in these pages.

Surely he could not have missed an article published in the September, 1961, *A.P.R.O. Bulletin*, revealing the affair to be a publicity stunt arranged by local businessmen. According to an A.P.R.O. correspondent living in the area, several Eagle River residents made Simonton drunk and then hypnotised him, forcing him to repeat the story 29 times while in this condition.

It would be most interesting to know just why the Editor, who condemns science for its alleged closed mind, should choose to ignore this information. Is it because he himself is not open minded and chooses only to believe that which supports his own theories?—Jerome Clark, P.O. Box 123, Canby, Minnesota, U.S.A.

(This is the first time this allegation has been brought to the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW's attention; otherwise it would have been printed before. The publication of this letter will answer the questions raised in the last paragraph.—Editor.)

RECENT NEWS STORIES

SAUCER LANDING IN WISCONSIN: In a widely-publicized incident last April 16th, a chicken farmer living near Eagle River, Wisconsin, claimed that a saucer with three men aboard landed in his yard. The farmer, named Joseph Simonton, said that he was attracted to the yard at about 11 a.m. when he heard a strange noise outside the farmhouse. The saucer, gleaming silver "brighter than chrome," had already landed when he arrived outside. It was about 30 feet in diameter and 12 feet thick, according to Simonton. There was a hatch about five feet from the ground. As the hatch opened up, he could see three men inside the machine. One of them, dressed in a black two-piece suit, held up a jug, which appeared to be made of the same material as the space ship. The man in black motioned to indicate he would like the jug to be filled with water. Simonton took the jug and hurried into the house to comply. He then brought it back to the saucer occupants. The farmer says that the space men were about 5 feet tall and weighed about 125 pounds. He described them as smooth-shaven, and they "appeared to resemble people of Italian descent." Simonton does not recall hearing them speak to each other or to him.

At this point Simonton was able to see the interior of the saucer. He says that it looked black inside, - "the color of wrought-iron." He could see several instrument panels and hear a slow whining sound, like the hum of a generator. One of the men inside the ship was frying food on a flameless grill of some sort. Simonton motioned to indicate an interest in the food. The man, - dressed in black like the others, but with a narrow red trim along his trousers, - handed him three small pancakes from the grill. A short while later, the hatch snapped shut and the ship took off rapidly to the south, with a blast of air that bowed nearby pine trees. Said Simonton, "When it took off, it went up slow and even for about 15 feet, and then in two seconds it was so far away that I couldn't see it." Among other details the farmer recalls: The saucer never actually touched the ground, but seemed to hover slightly above it at all times. The entire sighting lasted about five minutes.

The local sheriff sent two deputies to the Simonton farm soon afterwards. They said that they could find no evidence of the saucer visitation, but that the farmer seemed to be sincere and sober. Air Force investigators also visited the area. A local man interested in saucers, Judge Frank W. Carter, sent one of the pancakes to NICAP in Washington for analysis. No official word has been received from that organization as to the outcome, but rumor has it that nothing unusual was found. Simonton claims that several chickens on his farm died shortly after the saucer landing, and that many others are ailing. He asked the sheriff to get the Air Force to make a return visit to investigate this, but nothing was done.- As often happens in such cases, several less spectacular sightings were made in the Eagle River area during the week following the landing. In one of these, an unidentified flying object, "definitely not a jet," was seen streaking across the sky east of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. It was described as a silver circular object, 30 to 40 feet in diameter.

SOURCE : FLYING SAUCER NEWS - FEB 62

The Eagle River Incident

A NEW CONTACT CLAIM

ALTHOUGH landing and contact claims have to be treated with suspicion, to ignore them completely might be as unwise as to accept them without reserve. The following account is taken from two issues of the *Milwaukee Journal* of April 23 and 24, 1961. Credit to our reader, A. Heuell.

Mr. Joseph Simonton, aged 60, is a chicken farmer who lives four miles from Eagle River, Wisconsin, U.S.A. He claims that on Tuesday April 18 at approximately 7.1 a.m. he was attracted to his yard by a noise outside and he saw a saucer-shaped object gleaming silver—"brighter than chrome"—which had "landed," though Mr. Simonton later said that he thought the saucer was hovering close to the ground without actually having touched down. The object was about 12 feet from top to bottom and about 30 feet in diameter.

Mr. Simonton went on to say that a hatch opened about five feet from the ground and he could see three men in the machine. One of the men was dressed in a black two-piece suit and he held up a jug which seemed to be made from the same material as the saucer. The man motioned as though to indicate that he wanted water. Simonton took the jug and hurried back to the house to comply with the unspoken request, and returned it to the visitors. He judged that the men were about 5 feet in height and weighed about 125 pounds. He said they were smooth shaved and appeared to resemble Italians.

He did not recall hearing the men speak either to each other or to him. When he looked into the interior of the space-ship it appeared black, "the colour of wrought iron." He said he could see several instrument panels and he could hear a slow whining sound, like the hum of a generator. He added that "it appeared one of the men in the ship was frying food on a flameless grill of some sort."

Offered cakes

Simonton then described how he made a motion to indicate interest in the food that was being prepared and one of the men, also dressed in black but with a narrow red trim along the trousers, handed him three of the small cakes. Later, Mr. Simonton handed one of these cakes to a local official, Judge Carter who had in turn sent it for analysis to Major Donald E. Keyhoe, Director of the National Investigating Committee on Aerial Phenomena, in Washington. Simonton said the cake that he ate tasted like cardboard. The cakes were described as about three inches in diameter and perforated with small holes.

The whole visit did not seem more than five minutes. He said that the large hatch snapped shut and that it must have been machined so smoothly he could scarcely detect where the hatch was when it was closed. The ship took off rapidly to the south and caused a blast of air that bowed some near-by pine trees. Mr. Simonton recalls that along the edge of the saucer he noticed

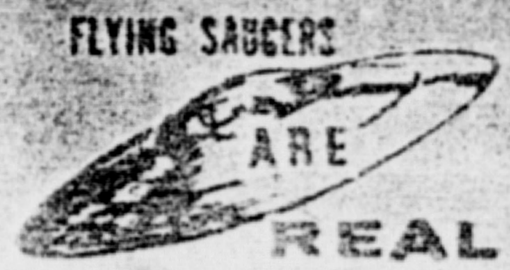
exhaust pipes six or seven inches in diameter.

"When it took off, it really went," he said. "It went up, slow and even, about 15 feet, and then in two seconds it was so far away I couldn't see it."

Sheriff Schroeder, who has known Simonton for fourteen years, sent two deputies to the scene after the incident had been reported. They could not, however, find any corroborative evidence. Sheriff Schroeder affirmed that Mr. Simonton obviously believed the truth of what he was saying and that he talked most sensibly about the whole incident. The Editor of the *Vilas County Review* remarked that "if you took a vote round here, most people would say Simonton's story is authentic. On the other hand, a number of people had telephoned to ridicule the whole story.

A remarkable story

At the moment of going to press, we do not know what the result of the analysis of the cake disclosed, but, apart from this piece of evidence, there is only the farmer's word in support of the whole remarkable story. If it were a hoax, it would seem to be peculiarly motiveless: as the visitors did not speak, there can be no question of any "philosophy" mongering and as far as we can gather from the newspaper reports there was no attempt to cash in on the incident. Although the sceptics may claim that Mr. Simonton must have read about the other



Hampshire Sighting

A firm disbeliever in flying saucers and space craft, Mr. H. G. Hoyle of 27 Dartmouth Road, Copnor, watched from Rowlands Castle on the night of March 2, 1961, from 9.15 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. a brightly lit object travelling across the sky. The spectacle caused Mr. Hoyle to change his mind about Unidentified Flying Objects. Here is Mr. Hoyle's description of what he saw:

"We were visiting a friend, Mr. Roger Smith, a farmer, and we were driving past Forestside when we first saw it. At first I could not believe my eyes. But then I saw that it was really there. The object was between the horizon and the visible star line. It was at a great height and very bright and large. It appeared to be travelling quite slowly and we had it in view for about 25 minutes as it travelled in a north-westerly direction."

Mr. Hoyle is convinced that he did not mistake the object for either a balloon or the planet Venus. He said it was travelling too slowly to be an aircraft and as there were no clouds it could not have been a reflection. Mr. Roger Smith added that he saw projections or beams of light coming from beneath the object.

Corroboration would appear to come from Miss Barbara Bowyer of 4 New Parade, Portchester who, on the same night and almost at the same time saw, with witnesses, a white top-shaped object travelling in the sky from east to west (i.e., in the opposite direction to earth-made satellites) for about twenty minutes. The object was seen from Hambledon, at the rear of Portsdown Hill. It was also seen on the following night, March 3, but this time it was yellowish in colour.

(Credit to Mr. E. Sears of Fareham, Hants.).

Courtesy of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW

Christmas Greetings

Year after Year, Wisconsin's

VILAS, the Headwaters County, is located at the top of Wisconsin, the outstanding vacation area of the middle west. With 1,000 named waters, there are more lakes in Vilas than in any other Wisconsin county.

Among these are two of the world's longest chains of inland lakes. The Eagle Chain is the world's longest, while the Cisco Chain, bordering Wisconsin and Michigan, is the third longest.

Fishing is of course one of the county's major attractions. There are many fine trout streams including the Elvoy, Blackjack, Deerskin, Mishonagon, Plum, and Tamarack. Strictly trout lakes have recently been added to Vilas County's sports scene by the state conservation department. Weber Lake was the first in the state to be stocked as a rainbow trout water after having been cleared of all former fish habitat. Pauto Lake is the second in the county to become a rainbow water. One of the first in the state to be "made over" for speckled brook trout is Otto Mielke Lake.

Walleyes get the attention of many anglers and are probably the most popular other than the many pan fish found in many of the lakes and flowages. To help maintain the walleye supply a great part of the fingerlings raised in two conservation department rearing ponds are put back into Vilas County lakes. One of these is the 23-acre Presque Isle Rearing Pond near the village of Presque Isle. The other is Tamarack Pond, 19-acres in the Town of Conover. Two small walleye rearing ponds benefiting the lakes in their individual townships are maintained by the Towns of Plum Lake and St. Germain.

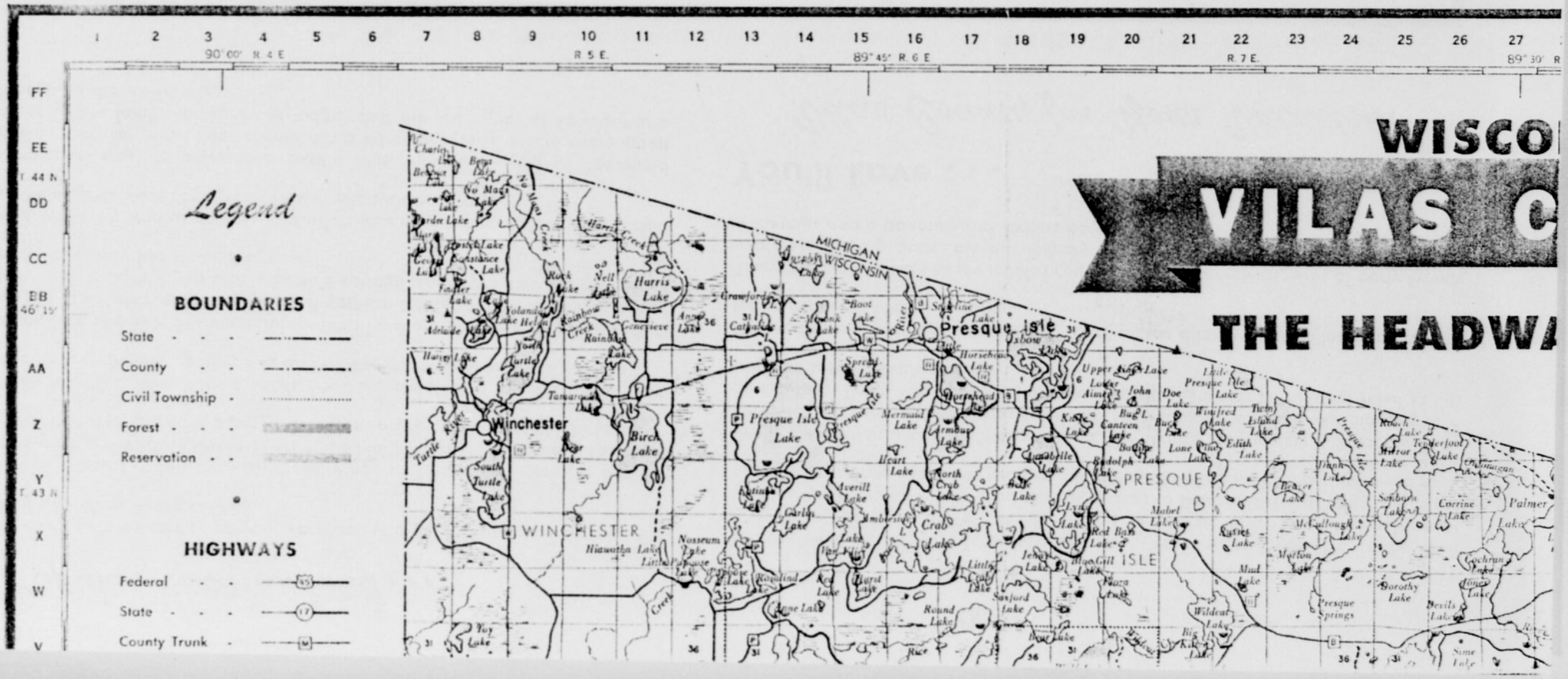
The musky is king of course, in this world's greatest concentration of musky waters. Thousands of these largest and sportiest of fresh water game fish are landed each season.

Any lover of any type of water sport will find unequalled opportunities in Vilas county to enjoy it. These vast stretches of waterways lend themselves to sailboating, speed boating, canoeing or outboard motoring.

The mighty Wisconsin river has its source in Vilas county, in Lac Vieux Desert. The river winds through the forested areas of this vast county offering the best in river fishing.

Along the edges of these vast lakes one finds thousands of white sand beaches. There vacationists enjoy swimming in the clean, clear waters of these woodland lakes. The beaches are uncrowded, many of them secluded. Many of them have special diving equipment for the more experienced swimmers. The shores are sandy, gently sloping and free from sharp drop-offs, perfectly safe for children.

Water is purest at its source, and Vilas county has three watersheds, with waters flowing into the Mississippi, Lake Superior and Lake Michigan. From this highland area, water is furnished for the entire Middle West.



Most Popular Vacationland...

When you come to Vilas county on your vacation, you get the purest water and the purest air of any place in the country.

In addition to its great waterways, Vilas county has vast woodland areas. It has the largest state park in the world within its area, the Northern Highland Forest. The huge Nicolet National Forest provides a playground for vacationists in its 850,000 acres.

You can ride for miles down Vilas county's fine hard-surfaced roads. You'll see deer, rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, porcupines and all the harmless wildlife of the forest.

Set along the lake shores in this beautiful forested land are innumerable resorts offering every type of vacation accommodation. If you are looking for an overnight cabin, Vilas county has the best. If you seek a humble cottage where you can live the life of a pioneer, Vilas county has that cottage.

Should you, however, want a cottage that offers you everything you are accustomed to in your own home, Vilas county can furnish just such a cottage.

Many vacationists want to enjoy their leisure time without thinking of household responsibilities, and for these Vilas county offers informal resorts, where every guest is a member of the family, or luxurious lodges that are the equal of famous-name hotels throughout the world.

This region is almost 2,000 feet above sea level. Vacationists notice at once the lift it gives them. The thin, dry air sets the blood to racing, flushing out the poisons of fatigue, bringing new vitality from the sun and air to tired cells. The friendly sun is not obscured by smoke or dust, so you get your full quota of ultra-violet and infra-red rays.

While the altitude stimulates, it also relaxes. The change from exacting, indoor work to healthful, outdoor activity releases tension. The magic of sun and sky makes you a new person. Those with hay fever, asthma, and sinus troubles find instant relief in this woodland, high-altitude country.

Come in spring, summer, fall or winter. Each season offers you unlimited opportunities for enjoyable outdoor recreation.

There are many places to see in Vilas county: Indian reservations, sites of early French explorers trading posts, the old Military highway, the unshattered solitude of the wilderness and a panorama of endless beauty.

You'll Love . . .

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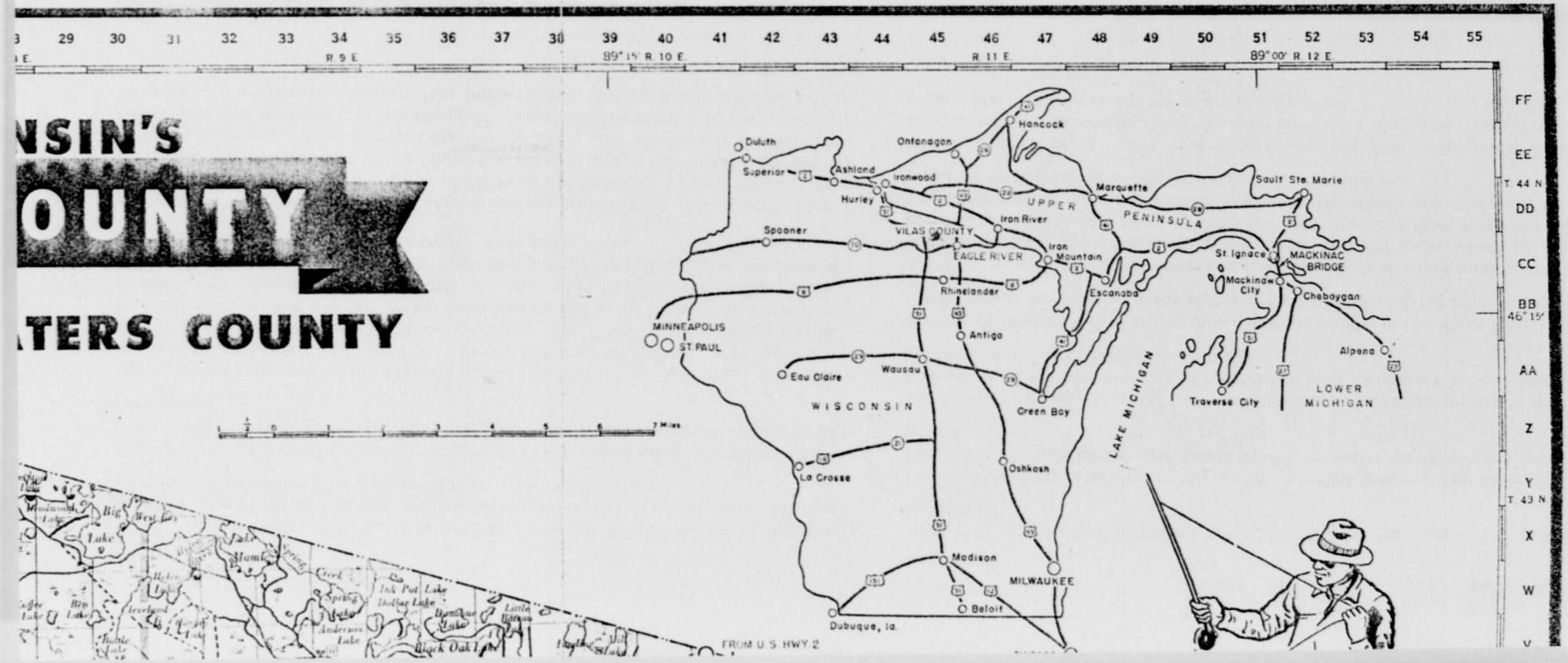

VILAS COUNTY

News-Review

HURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1961 — TWO SECTIONS—20 PAGES — EAGLE RIVER REVIEW—Estalished 1885

Got 'Cakes' from Saucer Men Is Claim of Joe Simonton



Here's the "pancake from outer space" that caused nationwide publicity for ... United Press International and leading ...

Report Stirs State, Then Much of U.S.

By a STAFF WRITER

The alleged landing and contact between three men in a "flying sauer" and Joe Simonton, 54 year old Eagle River plumber, has rocketed to first statewide, and then nationwide attention since it broke to the public, shortly after noon Saturday.

Many residents of this community are surprised and almost bewildered by the tremendous interest in the report which was wired from the News-Review office Saturday morning to the Milwaukee Journal.

Simonton claims he received several small pancake shaped pieces of food from the visitors from outer space. He turned over one of the cakes—about three inches in diameter and perforated with many small holes, to Judge Frank Carter, who said he sent them to a Washington, D. C. organization investigating "unidentified flying objects."

The national press services became interested in the story, picked it up and received confirmation from Washington that the "cakes" had been received there—but a lab report based on an analysis of the cakes would be unavailable until Friday, April 28, or as late as Monday of next week.

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MEANWHILE the story simmers, and the question rages—what is behind the incredible report from Joe Simonton?

The claimed landing of the "flying saucer" was said to have occurred about 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 18—but Simonton said he was reluctant to spread the

Vilas County

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FINE ROADS

A network of hard surfaced Federal, State and County highways, with main entries on U. S. 45 and 51.

BUS LINES

Greyhound and Green Bay-Wausau Bus Lines with connections from principal points.

RAILROADS

Chicago & North Western and the Milwaukee Road with overnight and day trains to Woodruff and Eagle River, Conover and Land O'Lakes.

AIRLINES

North Central with daily planes from principal points to Rhinelander and Land O'Lakes Municipal Airports.

PRIVATE PLANES

Excellent airports for the private plane at Eagle River, Land O'Lakes, Manitowish Waters, Boulder Junction, Arbor Vitae, and Phelps.

Information

For the complete Vilas County vacation story in beautiful book form, write Vilas County Clerk, Dept. S, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

For information on accommodations, write direct to the area giving vacation dates, also number in your party.

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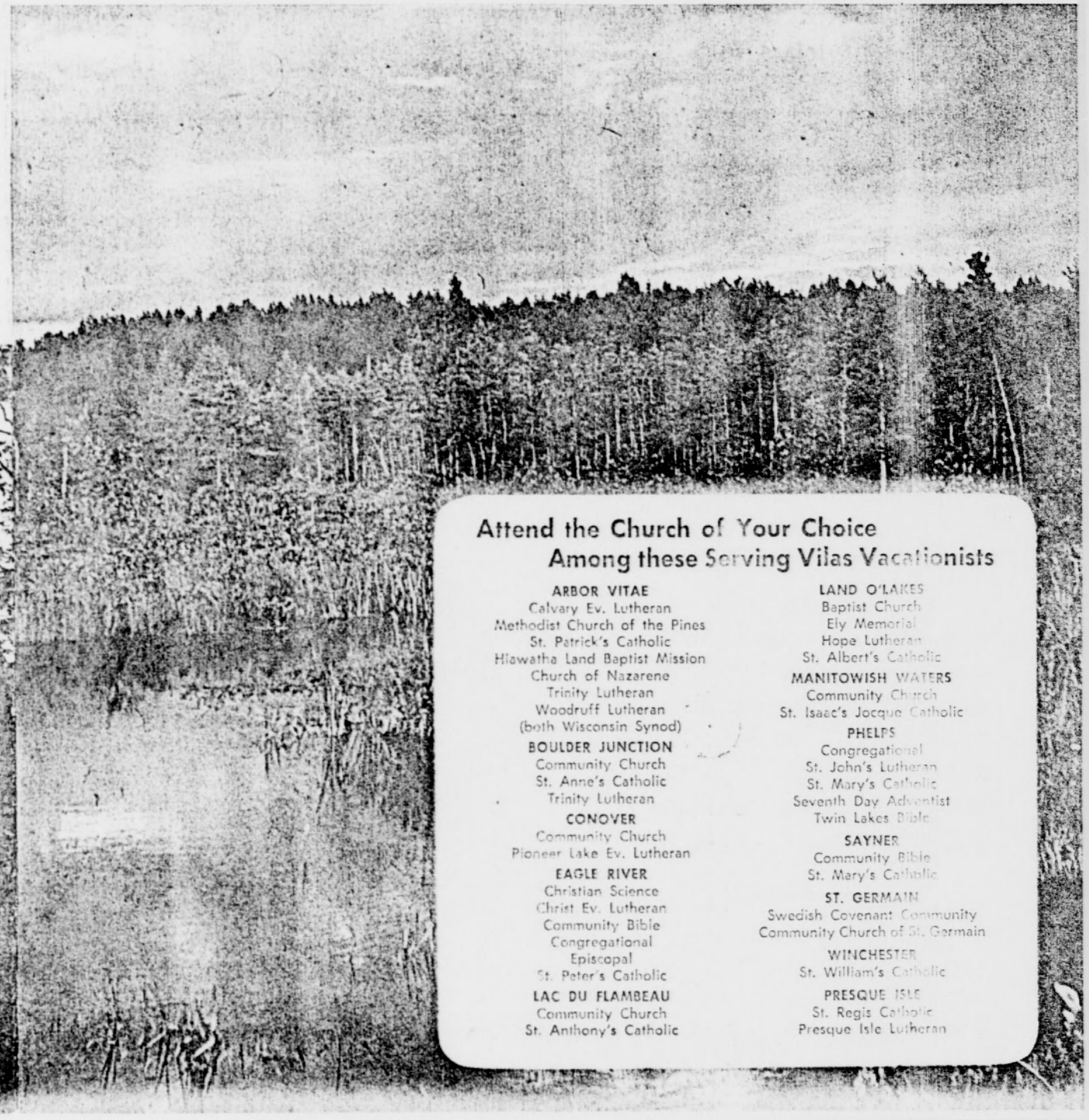

Attend the Church of Your Choice Among these Serving Vilas Vacationists

ARBOR VITAE
Calvary Ev. Lutheran
Methodist Church of the Pines
St. Patrick's Catholic
Hiawatha Land Baptist Mission
Church of Nazarene
Trinity Lutheran
Woodruff Lutheran
(both Wisconsin Synod)

BOULDER JUNCTION
Community Church
St. Anne's Catholic
Trinity Lutheran

CONOVER
Community Church
Pioneer Lake Ev. Lutheran

EAGLE RIVER
Christian Science
Christ Ev. Lutheran
Community Bible
Congregational
Episcopal
St. Peter's Catholic

LAC DU FLAMBEAU
Community Church
St. Anthony's Catholic

LAND O'LAKES
Baptist Church
Ely Memorial
Hope Lutheran
St. Albert's Catholic

MANITOWISH WATERS
Community Church
St. Isaac's Jocque Catholic

PHELPS
Congregational
St. John's Lutheran
St. Mary's Catholic
Seventh Day Adventist
Twin Lakes Bible

SAYNER
Community Bible
St. Mary's Catholic

ST. GERMAIN
Swedish Covenant Community
Community Church of St. Germain

WINCHESTER
St. William's Catholic

PRESQUE ISLE
St. Regis Catholic
Presque Isle Lutheran

VILAS COUNTY
PARK COMMISSION
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POINTS OF SCENIC and HISTORIC INTEREST

Time on your hands? How about a scouting trip — a little beach combing — taking a peek at that lake you never knew was there — following that firelane trail cutting through the wilderness — checking on the eagles in their nest and the new dam building projects of the beavers?

There is just no end to the fascinating things nature has in store for you in this wonderful land of lakes, forests and streams. Whether you like to hike the trails or take it easy and drive over the miles of auto trails and firelanes through the woods — either way you will find exciting rewards in store for you.

• The Vilas County Park Commission system of public lands, waysides, parks and canoe routes brings to the vacationer greater enjoyment of scenic beauty and historic lore. State and federal agencies and private individuals have made lakes and streams accessible to you and recreational areas have been established.

• The beauties of Vilas County lie open before you. There are 240 public boat landings — points of public access — on good fishing lakes and streams so everyone can enjoy boating and fishing anytime. Public camp sites have been established on 17 of the larger lakes by the State Conservation Department and the U. S. Forest Service. Camping enthusiasts can enjoy living out of doors on our crystal clear lakes. There are many picnic areas and waysides with tables along the highways.

• Historic markers tell the history of the area: Lac du Flambeau has a marker at the site of the capitol of the Chippewa nation in the 18th century — On Upper Trout Lake a marker commemorates the first aerial flight in connection with forest fire control — At the Wisconsin River bridge on U.S. 45 near Land O' Lakes is related the history of the "hardest working river in the world." Lac Vieux Desert is the source of the Wisconsin River. Here Father Menard visited in 1661 — a marker tells of the first church service, early trading post activity, the military road built during civil war days and early logging operations. An echo of old lumbering days will be found at the few remaining sawmills, and you can still see fine stands of trees that escaped the lusty cry of "timber." Cathedral Point at Trout Lake Conservation Headquarters has a stand of Norway Pine well over 100 years old and 100 feet tall. Remains of old log dams will be found along the rivers and streams.

• New forest plantations of the state conservation department, the U.S. Forest Service, paper companies and individuals stand in testimony of new forestry practice. The Trees for Tomorrow Camp at Eagle River, operated by paper companies and public utilities and dedicated to promoting improved forestry practice serves as an instruction and clearing house center on forest management. Location of plantations can be pinpointed by contracting local rangers. Millions of seedlings are raised annually at conservation headquarters at Trout Lake — an interesting sight for you to see.

• A drive to the fish hatchery at Woodruff will unfold many details on fish propagation and rearing. There are several fish rearing ponds in operation in the county — a muskie pond on the Little Tamarack in Conover — pike rearing ponds at Presque Isle, St. Germain and Plum Lake — also hatcheries at Lac du Flambeau and Sayner.

Carnival of Winter Sports

★ HOCKEY GAMES — Senior U.S. Hockey Games played each weekend in our indoor arena.

★ PUBLIC SKATING — Community skating every Thursday and Sunday night at the indoor arena.

★ ICE FISHING — Fun galore at the hundreds of ice fishing lakes in Vilas County.

★ SEE THE BEAUTIFUL ICE SCULPTURING.



• Vilas County, tucked away in the "high country" of Wisconsin's Northern Highland State Forest at an altitude of 1,860 feet above sea level, is certain to become one of the Midwest's leading winter playgrounds. In a long established resort area, it boasts excellent accommodations in the ski lodges, inns, resorts and motels. This lakeland region is one of America's finest vacation areas — and now it is the home of the Midwest's newest major ski area.

• SUNSHINE and SNOW. The average snowfall is near 8 feet, with the average daytime temperature 22 degrees above zero. This Lakeland region, long famous for its fabulous sunshine and climate can offer the skier deep and long lasting powder snow and unequalled sunshine, all under a sparkling winter sky. Nowhere else in the Midwest does as much snow fall and remain in the original state . . . dry, powdery and sparkling. This area is known as the Northern Highlands of Wisconsin. To skiers, these facts guarantee that when the last precious inches of base snow on other ski areas trickle down the slopes in spring freshlets or melt away under a February sun, skiing in Vilas County will be possible, for this is "high country" in the deep North Woods. Spring is a long time "a-comin," up here.

• DINING FACILITIES. Modern kitchens under competent supervision are located in the shelter houses. Here you can enjoy a morning or afternoon snack, or complete luncheons at noon.

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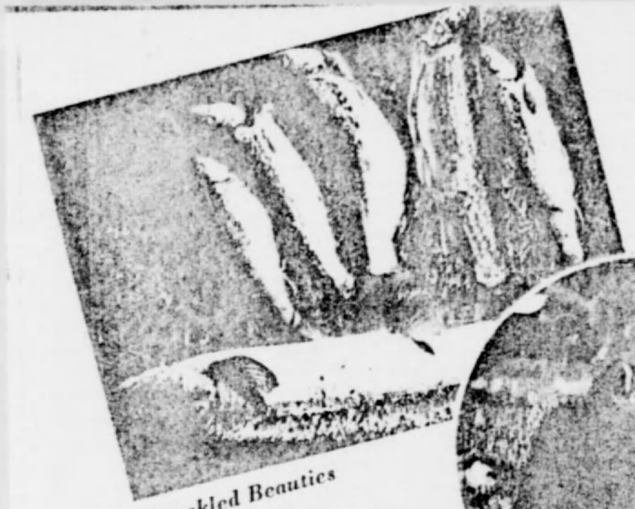


Speckled Beauties



Baby Fox

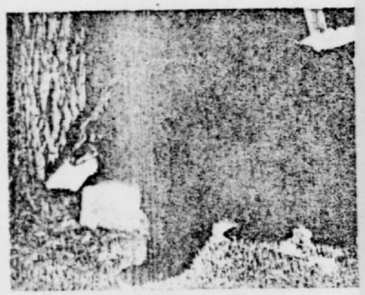


A record breaking muskie any season — 53 lbs., 12 oz., 57½ in. long —caught by Myrl McFaul, Conover. Proof Vilas County IS the world's muskie center.



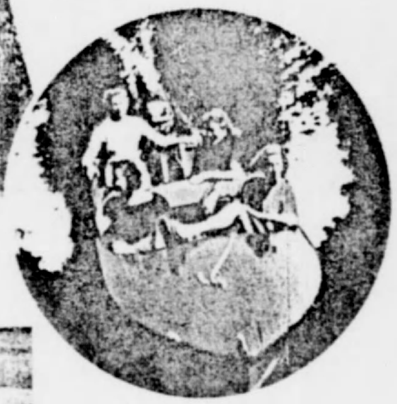
Partridge







Colorful Fall



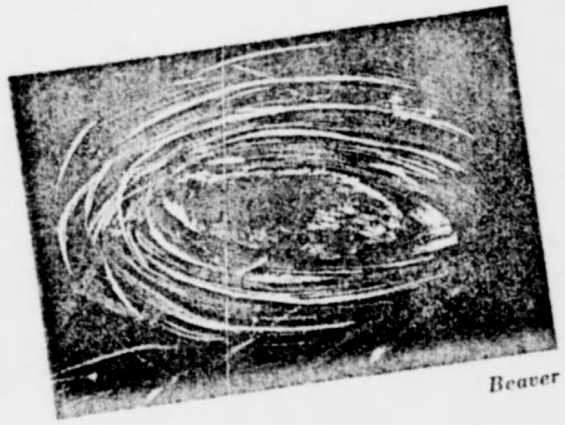




Berry Picking



Family Fun



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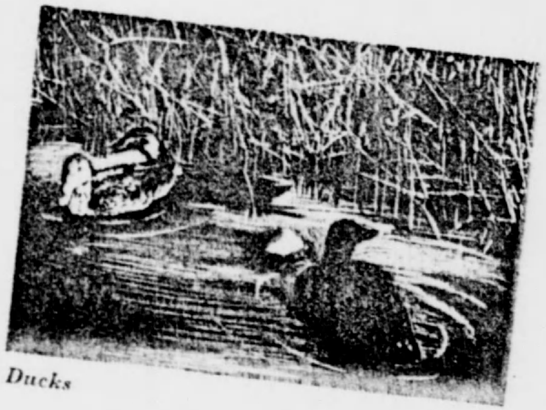

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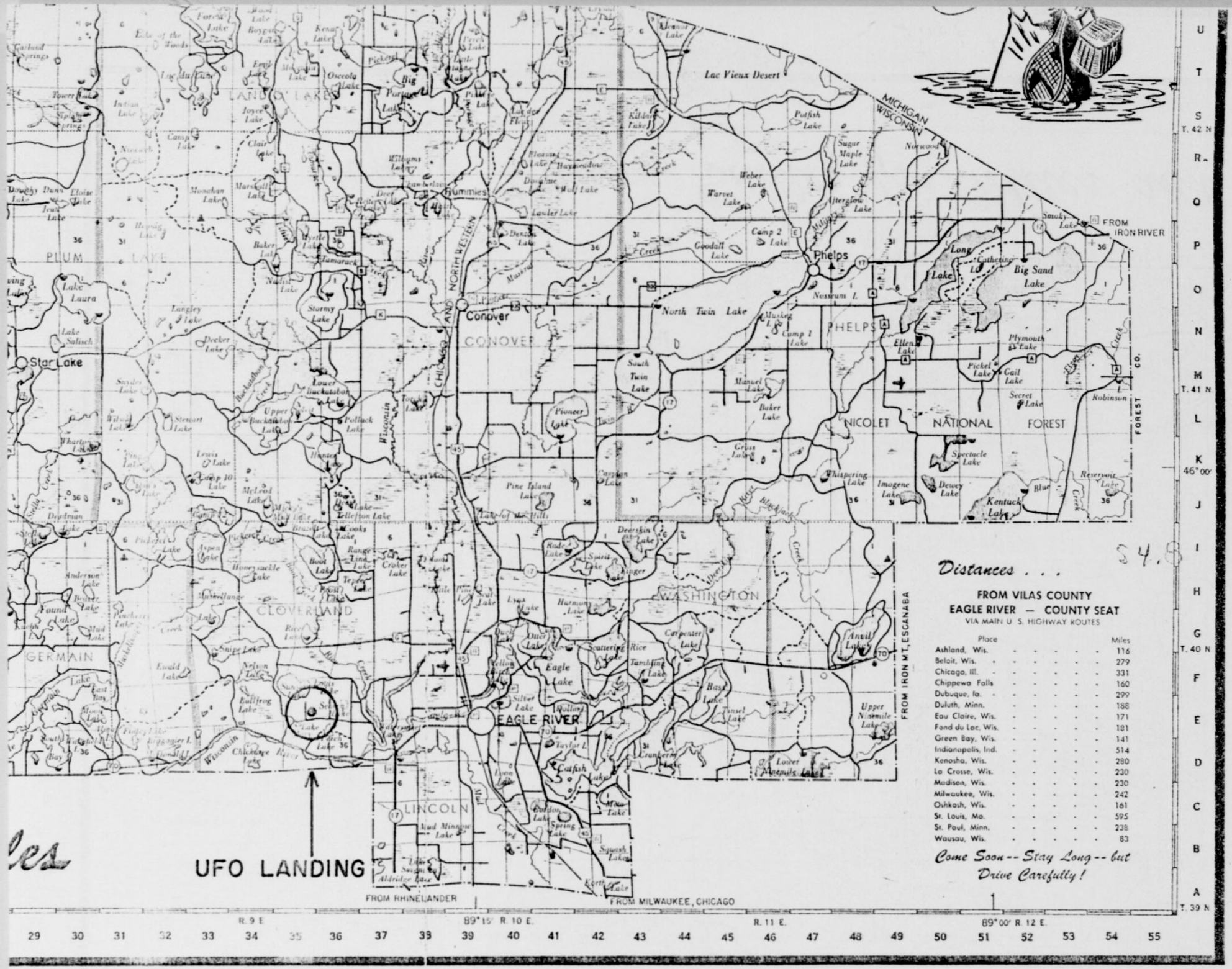

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Public Camp Sites - - - - ●
Public Picnic Parks - - - - ▫
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Where Nature Smiles for Miles and M

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beginning Saturday of last week—and still continuing. It is held by Joe Simonton, 54, of Eagle River, who alleges it was given to him by three men who landed in his yard in a flying saucer. The novel and incredible story was given wide play by the Associated P[illegible] United Press International, and leading television stations and metropolitan newspapers. One of the pancakes has been sent by Judge Frank W. Carter to Donald E. Keyhoe, director of the National Investigating Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Washington, D. C. Keyhoe is [illegible]

word, realizing some would claim his experience was preposterous.

He said he was attracted to his yard when he heard a noise outside, and the saucer—gleaming silver "brighter than chrome" had landed in his yard. He said it was about 12 feet from top to bottom and 30 feet in diameter.

Simonton said a hatch opened about five feet from the ground, and he could see three men in the machine. He said one of the men, dressed in a black two piece suit, held up a jug, which appeared to be of the same material as the space ship, and motioned to indicate he would like water. Simonton said he took the jug, hurried to the house to comply, and brought it back to the men. He judged they were about five feet in height, and weighed about 125 pounds. He said they were smooth shaved and appeared to resemble those of Italian descent.

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HE DOES NOT recall hearing them speak to each other, or to him. Simonton said he looked into the interior of the space ship and that it was the color of black wrought iron. He said he could see several instrument panels and he could hear a slow whining sound, like the hum of a generator.

"It appeared one of the men in the ship was frying food on a flameless grill," and Simonton said he motioned to indicate an interest in their food. He said one of the men, dressed in black, but with a narrow red trim along the trouser, handed him three of the small cakes, which he has shown to authorities in Eagle River.

Simonton said the visit did not seem more than five minutes. He said the large hatch snapped shut—and that it was machined so smoothly you could scarcely detect where the hatch was, when it was closed.

He said the ship took off rapidly, to the south, and that there was a blast of air which bowed nearby pine trees.

He said it climbed at a 45 degree angle and disappeared in a couple seconds.

He recalls that along the edge of the saucer he noted exhaust pipes about 6 or 7 inches in diameter.

Simonton has lived at that location about four miles west of Eagle River for about 30 years.

Kirkpatrick

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12 June 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY DIVISION (Major Godwin),
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

SUBJECT: Reply to Congressman Reuss in Behalf of Constituent - Mr. [redacted]

1. Before providing the draft of a suggested reply to Congressman Reuss, it is appropriate that I discuss the background of this case.

2. Two independent investigations of the Eagle Rock, Wisconsin case were made. The first was conducted by the U. S. Air Force special consultant on matters of this type, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Northwestern University, internationally known astrophysicist. The second by personnel of the 676th Radar Sqdn, Antigo AF Station, Antigo, Wisconsin.

3. The general description given in the inclosed newspaper article coincides with the statements given by the witness ([redacted]). Two pieces of the cake were given to the investigators. One of the pieces of cake was submitted to the Aeronautical Systems Division, Materials Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio for analysis. The second piece of cake was submitted to the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The analysis by the ASD Materials Laboratory indicates that the cakes were made from a low protein flour, sugar, salt and cooked in a hydrogenated oil. A report from the Food and Drug Administration has not yet been received.

4. This case was discussed with a psychologist of the Aeronautical Systems Division who has clinical experience and it is his opinion that the witness suffered a hallucination and subsequent delusion concerning his experience. The psychologist pointed out that cases of this type could be injurious to the mental health of the individual if they became upset due to the experience. He pointed out that if cases of this type are to be pursued, in an attempt to make the witness aware that his experience was not real, that a professional should undertake the job because of the possible danger of injuring the witness' mental health. It was pointed out that experiences of this type - hallucinations followed by delusions - are not at all uncommon and especially in rural communities. Usually, most persons who experience these hallucinations understand them or do not make

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The results of these tests indicate that the material was prepared from a low protein starch (flour), reducing sugar, Sodium chloride (table salt), and was cooked in a hydrogenated oil. The second piece of cake was sent to the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, for analysis. This report has not been received.

"The cake was the only evidence available and there was only the one witness. No definite solution can be reached and none can be expected.

"I trust this information is helpful. Should you require further assistance or wish to see the investigation file on this case, please let me know."

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN
Major, USAF
UFO Project Officer
Public Information Division
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public their experiences. These hallucinations may be a "one-time" experience brought on by circumstances which may never again be presented to the individual. The psychologist pointed out that many deluded individuals who, due to the fact that they are adjusted to their communities and their communities to them, are not hospitalized for treatment because they are better off without the added concern over their mental condition.

5. There was a great deal of publicity in the Wisconsin regional area on this sighting. Perhaps there would have been a great deal more if many of the national aerospace writers/reporters had not been either in New York City for the annual Aviation Writer's Association meeting or at the Air Force Missile Test Center for the Mercury-Redstone manned launch.

6. In view of the fact that it is not generally a practice to investigate cases in which there is one one observer (such cases are 'a priori' suspect of mental aberration), this case should not be given too much weight and certainly we cannot expect any sort of definite solution. From the appearance of Mr [redacted], his habits of life and his evident loneliness, it appears to our investigator that the situation was ripe for suggestibility and a mental aberration. The presence of the local county judge in the picture (acted as a self-appointed spokesman for [redacted] whenever the opportunity presented itself) probably accounts in large part for the embellishment of the story. The Judge admitted membership in NICAP and his library at home contained numerous books, articles, etc. on the subject of flying saucers. The Judge intends to have public meetings (there has been one we know of) in which [redacted] will (has) describe this thing and answer questions. We have learned that Eagle Rock is considered a tourist town and that [redacted] place will probably be a tourist attraction this Summer.

7. The following is a proposed draft of reply to Congressman Reuss:

"This is in reply to your recent inquiry in behalf of Mr. [redacted], Milwaukee, Wisconsin, concerning unidentified flying objects (UFO).

"The Air Force investigated the Eagle Rock, Wisconsin, case involving a Mr. [redacted] The investigative team was headed by a special consultant to the Air Force, an internationally known and respected astrophysicist.

"The Air Force was able to obtain two pieces of the cake. The Aeronautical Systems Division Materials Laboratory at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, ran a complete analysis of one of the cakes.

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~~XXXXX~~ OSD 5244

JUN 15 1961

Dear Mr. [redacted]

This is in reply to your letter to Brigadier General C. R. Roderick, Office of the Secretary of Defense, in behalf of Mr. [redacted] concerning a recent unidentified flying object (UFO) Report.

The Eagle Rock, Wisconsin, case involving a Mr. [redacted] was carefully investigated by the Air Force. The investigative team was headed by a special consultant to the Air Force, an internationally known and respected astrophysicist. During the course of the investigation the Air Force was able to obtain two pieces of the cake referred to in the newspaper article. The Aeronautical Systems Division Materials Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, ran a complete analysis of one of the cakes. The results of these tests indicate that the cake was prepared from flour, reducing sugar and table salt, and was cooked in a hydrogenated oil. The second piece of cake was sent to the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, for analysis. This report has not been received to date.

The cake was the only evidence available in the case and there was only one witness involved. No evidence was developed during the course of the investigation that proved or tended to prove that the object described by Mr. [redacted] actually landed as indicated in the newspaper article.

A group of scientists, military and civilian, have been retained by the Air Force for the specific purpose of investigating UFO Reports to see if they offer any threat to the security of the United States. After 14 years of investigation, involving more than 7000 sightings, the Air Force has no evidence to substantiate claims that UFOs are objects from other planets directed by intelligent beings. A summation of all the facts derived from these investigations and the official position of the Air Force is contained in the inclosed summary sheet.

I hope the above information will be useful. If we can do anything further to assist you, please let me know.

MR:
8 Jun - OSD RS to SAFLL w/cy ltr fr Rep and const
9 Jun - Rec in SAFLL fwded to SAFOI w/ss 13 Jun
12 Jun - Memo prepd/fwded/Maj Coleman; 14 Jun - Fin'l ltr

Sincerely,

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Inclosure : Fact Sheet

prepd/fwded based on memo
Honorable Henry S. Reuss

House of Representatives

GEORGE M. MOONEY
Colonel, USAF
Congressional Inquiry Division
Directorate of Legislative Liaison

C O P Y

Beloit, Wis.
July 28, 1961

Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sirs;

Re: Information concerning UFO problem

Recently I have been reading various articles concerning the reported sighting in and around Eagle River, Wis., most important of which, suposedly, is the actual contact which [redacted] made. It was my understanding also that the Air Force was conducting an analysis of certain evidence that they received from Mr[redacted] I would like to know the conclusions which the Air Force has come to concerning this case, and also the chemical content of the displayed evidence.

I would also like the have the names of any persons reporting UFO's in or around Beloit, Wisconsin.

Approximately what percent of the total reported sightings are still classified as unknown after processing.

About how many reports coming from Wisconsin are still unknown.

What conclusions ~~have~~ the Air Force drawn about the UFO problem.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely Yours.

[redacted]

P.S. Please send reply to [redacted]
[redacted]
Beloit, Wisc.

TO: SAFOI-3C (Major Coleman)

Attached is a copy of a letter from Mr. [redacted] requesting information on the Eagle River, Wisconsin, incident of 18 April 1961. Comments by this office on the questions raised are as follows:

a. The conclusions reached by FTD concerning this incident were reported to your office by letter on 6 June 1961. In addition to the ASD analysis, which was included in the above referenced letter, an analysis was also made by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. This analysis is attached for your information.

Boston

6 June 1961

Dear [redacted]:

I have your letter of June 1st in hand.

The Eagle Rock, Wisconsin "saucer" landing was investigated by a highly qualified team from the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center. This team included Dr. J. Allen Hynek, internationally known astrophysicist.

We obtained two pieces of the so called "space cake" and had two separate laboratories make a specific analysis of these cakes. These analyses revealed that the cake was made from known carbohydrates (flour), table salt, table sugar, non-hydrogenated fat and milk products.

I hope this information will be helpful.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [redacted]
Kennan, Wisconsin

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Wright-Patterson AFB.
Dayton, Ohio

Cake From Flying Saucer

Plumber Relates Strange Visit

EAGLE RIVER, Wis. (AP) — A 55-year-old plumber of Eagle River told Vilas County authorities Sunday that a flying saucer carrying three men landed on his rural property last Tuesday morning.

Not only that, said Joe Simonton, the trio obtained a jug of water, gave him three small cakes and then took off without speaking a word. Simonton told his story to District Attorney Calvin Burton, county Judge Frank Carter Sr., and Dan Satran, co-editor of the Vilas County News at Eagle River. Simonton turned over one of the cakes to Judge Carter, who was reported to have sent it somewhere for analysis.

Satran said Simonton related this account:

The saucer landed on his property near Eagle River shortly before noon Tuesday. It was a gleaming silver "brighter than chrome" and appeared to hover over the ground instead of landing. It was about 12 feet from top to bottom and about 30 feet in diameter.

According to Simonton, a hatch opened and one man got out, dressed in a black 2-piece suit. He held up a jug and indicated he wanted it filled with water. Two other men were inside the ship and Simonton could see an instrument panel. The smooth shaven men were about five feet tall and weighed around 125 pounds each.

Simonton filled the jug at his house and gave it to the men who remained outside the ship. One of the others handed him the 3 cakes — each about an eighth-inch thick and about 3 or 4 inches in diameter.

The man returned inside the ship and the craft took off, disappearing in a few minutes. It had exhaust pipes, 6 or 7 inches in diameter, protruding from the saucer.

Burton said Simonton sounded sincere, had a good reputation in Eagle River and told a straight forward story. Simonton said he was reluctant to talk about the incident earlier because some people might think it preposterous. Satran said he and Burton handled the cakes, which apthey may have been several days old.

Judge Carter's family said he left for a trip to his cottage and would not be back until today. They said he had sent the cake someplace but they did not know where.

'Cakes Were Just Like Cardboard'

EAGLE RIVER, Wis. —(UPI)— "Just like cardboard," was Joe Simonton's answer Monday when asked about the taste of three cakes he said were left with him by the silent occupants of a flying saucer that landed in his back yard.

The three pancake-like discs are being analyzed in Washington by the National Committee for the Investigation of Aerial Phenomena. The committee expected to have a report ready by Friday or Monday.

Simonton, 55, said he filled a water jug for the "officer in charge" of the saucer last Tuesday, and received the cakes in return. He said he kept quiet about the visit until Saturday, however, because of possible skeptical reactions.

He said the cakes appeared to have the consistency of foam rubber. Another man who tried them said they tasted like corn meal.

He brought them to Vilas County Court Judge Frank Garter, known as a saucer enthusiast, and Carter sent them to Washington.



31 August 1961

[redacted]
Office of County Judge
Vilas County
Eagle River, Wisconsin

Dear Judge [redacted]:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 28. I have been travelling and only now have had a chance to get back to my mail.

As far as the chemical analysis of the pancake is concerned, I don't believe it really proves much one way or the other. The universe after all is made up of identical chemical elements, and in about the same proportions no matter where you go in space. Consequently, it is logical to suppose that if beings from some hypothetical planet "X" wanted to make something that looked like pancakes, they would probably use materials that are very similar to those we have here on earth. After all, organic material is organic material and carbon is carbon, etc.

I think you understand my stand in this entire UFO situation. As a scientist I am interested solely in evidence that can stand the usual scientific scrutiny. It seems to me that the main job of citizens interested in these matters is to sift out the welter of reports and see if there is any residue of cold, uncontestable facts. So far this does not seem to be the case, at least in my opinion. As an astronomer I should be delighted to have definite proof of life elsewhere in the universe. But my standards of proof are rather high. If they weren't, I couldn't call myself a scientist.

I am happy to note in your letter a real attitude of honest scepticism. This is always a very healthy sign. No matter what area we deal with, actual truth will not be hampered by honest, unbiased scepticism. Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek

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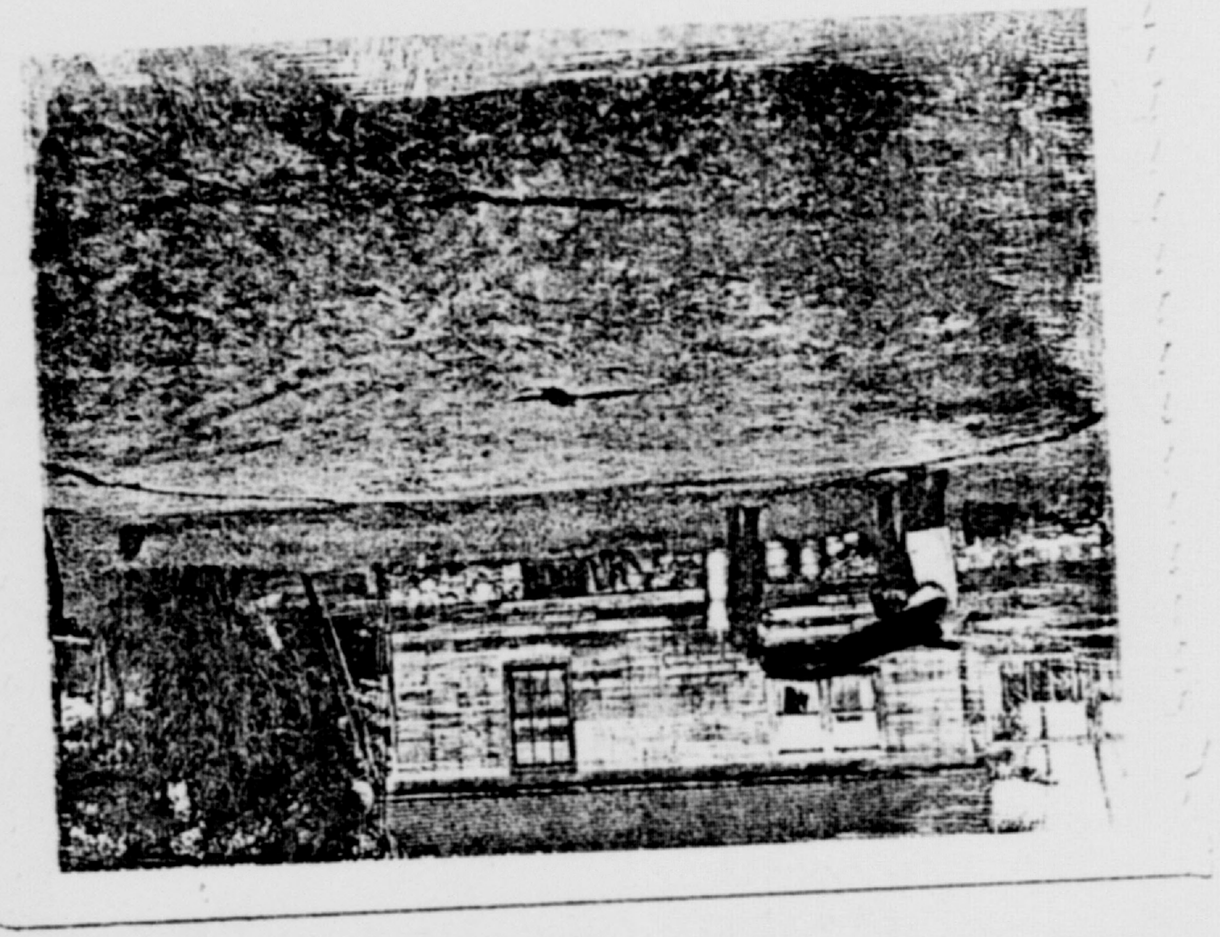

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only witness of crop
said to have landed
on his property —
April 18, 1961
Taken Apr. 26, 1961

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Circular area stated
to be approximate size
of craft (event of
Apr. 18, 1961) and
exact landing spot



Walt Wells
and [redacted] —
astronomy graduate
students — investigating
area of "Landay".



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Mr. [redacted]
only witness to event -
describing how
space craft looked.

Walt Weller
and [redacted]

Letter

22 May 1961

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter addressed to the Secretary of the Air Force has been referred to this office.

The Air Force investigated the Eagle River incident and was able to obtain two pieces of the small cake mentioned in your letter. The cake was analyzed in the Materials Laboratory at the Air Force Wright Air Development Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. This analysis produced the following findings:

> The cake contained known carbohydrates (flour); table sugar; table salt; non-hydrogenated fat; and ordinary milk products.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, astrophysicist from Northwestern University and special consultant to the Air Force on unidentified flying objects was sent to investigate this particular incident as soon as the Air Force was informed.

I hope this provides the information you wished.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]
Manitowoc, Wisconsin

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Manitowoc, Wis.
May 10, 1961

Secretary of the United States
Air Force Connally

Dear Sir:

We residents of the state of Wisconsin, having read at great length of the recent "Flying Saucer" landing near Eagle River, Wisconsin, have been much disturbed to hear that the concrete evidence which was offered in this incident (namely, three small cakes) was disregarded and not analyzed, and that no further information was forthcoming.

We do not believe that the handling of this incident was in the so-called "American tradition". We would appreciate your communicating to us any further information about this incident.

We are loyal, tax paying, law abiding, American citizens who are anxious to have your honest answer.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

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17 MAY 1961

1 - 14 MAY 1961 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
May	Wantagh, New York	[redacted]	Aircraft
1	Atsugi NAS, Japan	Military	Astro (METEOR)
1	South Hadley, Massachusetts	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
2	Pacific Ocean	USN	Insufficient Data
2	34N 174W (Pacific)	USN	Satellite
3	Silver Grove, Kentucky	[redacted]	Other (UNRELIABLE WITNESS)
4	Meridan & Jackson, Mississippi	Military	Satellite
4	100 Mi N Wake Island	Military	Satellite
5	Okinawa & Vicinity	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
5	16.05S 171.30W (Samoa)	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
7	Kettering, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
9	Tyndall AFB, Florida	[redacted]	Aircraft
10	22.22N 124.00E (Far East)	USN	Insufficient Data
10	Silver Grove, Kentucky	[redacted]	Astro (STARS)
10	Ft Bliss, Texas	Military	Astro (ALTAIR)
10	Juneau, Alaska	[redacted]	Satellite
11	Centerville, Ohio	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
11	Indian Springs, Nevada	Military (VIS & RADAR)	Aircraft
11	37.42N 00.42E (Mediterranean Sea)	USN	Insufficient Data
11	41.50N 33.36W (Atlantic)	USN	Satellite (ECHO I)
11	Silver Grove, Kentucky	[redacted]	Astro (PROCYON)
12	40 Mi E of Peck, Michigan	Trans-Canada A/L	Insufficient Data
12	Dallas, Texas	[redacted]	Other (BIRDS)
13	Atmore, Alabama	[redacted]	Aircraft
13	04.14N 106.18E (East Indies)	Military	Insufficient Data
13	Charleston, West Virginia	[redacted]	Balloon
13	Silver Grove, Kentucky	[redacted]	Astro (STARS)
14	14.10N 95.10W (Atlantic)	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
14	S Hadley Falls, Massachusetts	[redacted]	Satellite (ECHO I)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
4	Oil City, Pennsylvania	Newsclipping	
5	Athal, Massachusetts	Newsclipping	
7	Gundagai, Australia	Newsclipping	
9	Warsaw	Flying Saucer Story	
10	Syracuse, New York	Newsclipping	
11	Lake Worth, Florida	Newsclipping	
13	Sudan, Africa	Newsclipping	